



David's Star
Evangelical Lutheran Church

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“Enjoy Spring! Enjoy Easter!”

By Pastor Woldt

Spring is here! That's what the calendar says anyway. Spring holds out the promise of better days to come. We know that warmer weather will arrive. It always does. We just don't know exactly when.

The message of Easter holds a wonderful promise too! Jesus said, “Because I live, you also will live” (John 14:19). Yet sometimes, because we live in a sin-filled world, it seems as though the Easter promise will never be kept. Global troubles and personal heartaches often combine to crowd Easter joy out of our hearts. We watch our loved ones die, but we never see them come back to life. We fall into the devil's trap called despair. We wonder whether our personal day of resurrection will ever come!

Listen carefully to the words of our Lord once again this Easter season. You will discover anew that the Easter promise of eternal life is far more certain than the eventual coming of spring. The apostle Paul put it this way in his great resurrection chapter: “But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him” (1 Corinthians 15:20ff).

We don't have to wait for the benefits of Easter. As believers, we know that the promise of Easter has already been kept.

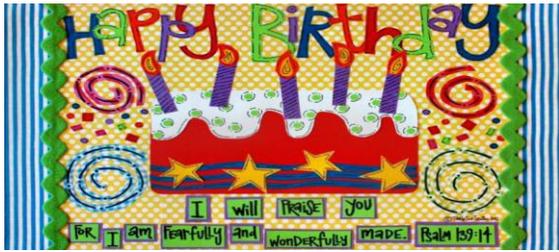
We enjoy Easter peace right now. Easter frees us from having to worry about sin, death and all the other troubles of this life. Easter proclaims that we have a living Savior who cares deeply about every detail of our lives. Easter assures us that we will spend eternity in the presence of Jesus.

Someday, our Easter joy will be complete. The apostle Paul gives us a glimpse of our future. “Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:51-57)

Enjoy the warmth of spring! Enjoy Easter even more!

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SENIORS

Betty Vogel...4/3/1927...88 yrs. old
 Chrysta Schmelzer...4/15/1927...88 yrs. old
 Larry Klein...4/29/1928...87 yrs. old
 Evelyn Guhl...4/30/1931...84 yrs. old



APRIL 2015 GREETERS

April 5, 2015; 7:45 Christine Dahle/LaVerne Oehler
 10:15 John & Ruthanne Geldon

April 12, 2015; 7:45 Joel & Linda Pless
 10:15 Frank & Barb Dohrwardt

April 19, 2015; 7:45 LaVerne Groth
 10:15 Tom & Jane Neuman

April 26, 2015; 7:45 Kathleen & Bonnie Bublitz
 10:15 Joel Hinz family

WOMEN NURTURING WOMEN THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will meet in the multi-purpose room located behind the concession area. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings of each month at 9:30. It is always uplifting and encouraging to be in God's Word together. We hope you can come. God's Word gives us great joy, strength and comfort, for every day. With questions call Beth Steinbrenner at 262.685.7420 or e-mail me at pbandkids@yahoo.com. Our focus will be on Psalm 23, John 10 and a book titled "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23." Bring your bibles and hymnals for our opening study. Hope to see you there!

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

at Jimmy's in Jackson meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:00 am. This group meets year-round.

BARNABAS

is the name of our small group bible studies. We took that name from an early disciple who was given that nickname because he was such an encourager. Our small group home bible studies are also intended for the encouragement of one another. The groups are on-going, but anytime is a good time to get involved in a group. Call or email Pastor Loescher if you'd like to get involved 677.0919 or kurt.loescher@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets in the multi-purpose room of school at 10:00am.

FRIDAY MORNING DROP-OFF BIBLE CLASS

When you come to David's Star to drop off your children on Friday Mornings, stay a few minutes longer and discuss the truths of the Holy Scriptures and pray with other parents. Come in your work clothes, work-out clothes, even your pj's if you have to. No make-up? Unshaven? Uncombed hair? It's all good. You're dropping off your children, there are no high expectations. There will be the Holy Word of God and good encouragement to start off your day. If you have a toddler at your side, no problem—bring him or her along. We are all parents, we can cope with children in the room. This informal, start off your day Bible study is from 8:30 to 8:50. Bring a bible, your own coffee, tea or whatever you drink to start your day.

COACHING

Our school's athletic program is looking for coaching help this spring and for next school year. While this volunteer opportunity can be time consuming, it also is a rewarding experience and a great service to our students. For this spring, Mr. Giddings is looking for a head softball (coed 6-8 slow pitch) coach, assistant softball and track coaches. If you would like your name to be considered (or to recommend someone else) please contact Mr. Giddings (jgiddings@davidsstar.org or 677-2412) as soon as possible. For next year, the areas of greatest need are soccer, cheerleading and a couple of additional basketball coaches, but we would welcome help in other areas as well. We look for head coaches who are adult members of David's Star in good standing who have some knowledge of the sport, but more importantly a willingness to be a Christian role model for our students.

LWMS SPRING RALLY

ALL WOMEN OF DAVID'S STAR are invited to the Lutheran Womens Missionary Society (LWMS) Spring Rally at Morning Star, Saturday, April 25 from 8 AM to noon. Our speaker will be Pastor Tim Gerbing speaking on mission work in Cameroon. The Rally begins with a breakfast and devotion. Please join us for a morning of Christian fellowship and support of our missions. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Ebeling, [262-677-3957](tel:262-677-3957) or Linda Klein, [262-388-2926](tel:262-388-2926)

COUNCIL CAPSULE SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 2015 COUNCIL MEETING

**David's Star Church
Council Meeting Capsule
March 10, 2015**

Members in attendance: Pastor Loescher, Pastor Woldt, Glenn Miller, Dennis Bell, Kurt Henning, Tim Gustafson, Keith Rusch, Andy Loeffler, Jim Korthals, Randy Matter, Ryan Shelvik

Absent: Brian Lee, Mike Willis

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Miller. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Woldt. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on February 10, 2015.

Committee Reports

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming:

Outgoing: Schultz, Andrew & Lindsay

Release from membership

Pastors' Report

Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919

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Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019

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19 young people will be confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran faith on March 29th. Please welcome these young people as communicant members of our congregation. Pastor Woldt will be traveling to San Antonio, TX with his wife Betsy to conduct workshops at a retreat for pastors and their wives during the week after Easter. Please encourage your family and friends to take advantage of all the worship opportunities we have in the season of Lent and Holy Week.

President's Report

Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419

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Nothing new to report.

**Board for
Buildings and Grounds
Kurt Henning 262.677.2797
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Some of the floors were replaced in the parsonages. Some tree branches were brushing against the school buses, so some tree trimming was done on David's Star Drive. Seal coating the blacktop on David's Star Drive will need to be done sometime this year..

Board for Elementary Education

Mike Willis, mike.willis@sial.com

Principal Tim Gustafson

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The accreditation process is finishing up. Suggestions from the accreditation process included painting a crosswalk to the outdoor basketball court, putting up the bright yellow and black school signs on David's Star Drive, and converting outlets near drinking fountains to GFI outlets. Kurt can check whether or not the outlets are GFI protected or not. The second grade room has a student teacher from MLC. There were also 3 EFE students from MLC.

Board of Elders

Dennis Bell, 262.677.2248

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Nothing new to report.

Evangelism Committee

Ryan Shelvik

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The committee is looking at ways to improve the new member welcome, and also look into a 3K-4K welcome. The Easter Egg Hunt is being planned.

Stewardship Committee

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Nothing new to report.

Spiritual Growth Committee

Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319

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Nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report

Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.412.6643

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The printed report for February was presented. The YTD operating fund balance was a deficit in the amount of \$80,944.79. The YTD offerings to our WELS missions was \$10,902 which was 87.62% of budget. The YTD offerings to the KMLHS operating fund was \$6,255.73 which was 90.27% of budget and KML Joyful Noise was \$1,215.50 which was 118.47% of budget.

A motion was made and carried to accept the reports.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Extended Learning Center – A member has volunteered to fund the position of the extending learning teacher for the next school year. There was a discussion about making a recommendation for a special voters meeting to adjust the 2015 budget and extend a call for the extending learning teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. However the Board of Education has not had a chance to discuss this yet because their March meeting is later in the month of March. It was decided to table this until next month so that the Board of Education can review this and make a recommendation to the council.

Leadership Planning Retreat Review – The list of each committee’s goals was reviewed and discussed. There was also discussion about creating and managing a “wish list” of items and programs which are not funded by our current budget.

Next month’s meeting is **Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. The meeting was closed with a blessing.

Respectively submitted,

Keith Rusch, Recording Secretary
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PARISH NURSE NEWS

Porn Is Pandemic By Caleb Schultz



I moved to Atlanta just after Dr. Kent Brantly was brought to Emory University Hospital. Of all the places to bring a man with Ebola, they chose MY CITY, even as Americans were thinking: “Keep Ebola as far away as possible!” Since then, only one person in the United States has died from Ebola, and it wasn’t Dr. Brantly. By percentages, we’re doing well: we have a better chance of dying by shark attack while being struck by lightning than from Ebola.

Now look at percentages for a far worse disease, one that many people are not trying to cure but are actually *trying to contract*. 50% of Christian men and 20% of Christian women say they are addicted to pornography.^[1] And that’s just those who acknowledge that pornography is sinful and admit they have a problem.

If those numbers are accurate, then we might conservatively estimate that 35% of the people who read this article struggle with pornography. Those 35% live with an illness that slowly kills the soul by attacking their relationship with God.

Maybe you live with this disease, and with its accompanying darkness, guilt, and frustration. Maybe you know that place all too well. In that place it can feel like no one, not even God, could love you. Even though you know Jesus died for your sins, you feel unworthy of that forgiveness. Friend, you’re absolutely right.

But even when you feel like God shouldn’t love you because of what *you* have done, remember what *he* has done. Remember what that One – who knows everything about you – did for you and for every person trapped by pornography.

“We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)

““He himself bore our sins’ in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; ‘by his wounds you have been healed.’” (1 Peter 2:24)

Like Ebola, porn can be deadly, but not to your body. Pornography attacks your soul. A person infected with Ebola needs help, and so do you. A great place to start healing is at a website called “Conquerors through Christ.” (www.conquerorsthroughchrist.net) Go there! Begin to leave that awful, dark place you know all too well. It won’t be easy, but Dr. Jesus and his medicine of forgiveness are working for you.

A perfect cure for Ebola is not yet known, but your perfect Savior gave you his perfection in exchange for all your sexual sins, including pornography. Because he suffered the shame of the cross, God sees you as pure and perfect, without wrinkle or stain or any other blemish (Ephesians 5:27).

The Conquerors through Christ team is praying for you. Ask trusted friends to pray for you. May God protect you from temptation and remind you that, in Christ, you are alive, free, and victorious.

Caleb Schultz is serving his vicar year at Faith Lutheran Church, Sharpsburg, Ga.

^[1]<http://www.covenanteyes.com/pornstats/> Accessed 10/28/14

Together in Christ,
Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse
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Bring Riches with You

There once was a rich man who was near death. He was very sad because he had worked so hard for his money and he wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven. So he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him.

An angel hears his plea and appears to him. "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you." The man begs the angel to speak to God to see if he might bend the rules.

The man continues to pray that his wealth could follow him. The angel reappears and informs the man that God has decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man finds his largest suitcase and fills it with pure gold bars and places it beside his bed.

Soon afterward the man dies and shows up at the gates of heaven to greet St. Peter. St. Peter seeing the suitcase says, "Hold on, you can't bring that in here!"

But the man explains to St. Peter that he has permission and asks him to verify his story with the Lord. Sure enough, St. Peter checks and comes back saying, "You're right. You are allowed one carry-on bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through."

St. Peter opens the suitcase to inspect the worldly items the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaims, "You brought pavement?!"

As funny as it may sound to us, what we call valuable now in this world, isn't the most important thing in the world to come. In the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, we are told: "The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass" (Revelation 21:21). Gold may have great value now, but in heaven it is pictured as pavement.

But there is something and someone that is important both here and in heaven – Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Also in Revelation 21 the Apostle John writes, "I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp" (verses 22-23).

Jesus is the most valuable item in this world and in the next. We hear of his glory on Easter Sunday as he rose from the dead and we shall see that glory with our own eyes in heaven. There we will experience the richness of God's love forever. Nothing compares with that. Jesus gives us real, lasting riches – the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life. And these riches are even more valuable when we share them.

The Stewardship Committee

Understanding Estate Planning

On Wednesday Morning, April 22 at 11:10AM, the David's Star OWLS invite you to attend and listen to Sara Snyder present Estate Planning 101. Sara is an experienced Attorney at Law and member of David's Star. Topics will include Health Care Powers of Attorney, Financial Powers of Attorney, End of life planning, Wills, and Revocable Trusts. Learn about probate administration and how and when we can plan to avoid probate. There will also be time for questions and answers during and following the presentation.

You are also invited to attend our David's Star Wednesday morning Bible Class (led by one of our Pastors) at 10AM, prior to Sara's presentation. Both will be held in the school's Multipurpose Room located across from the gym. To assist in sharing a small monetary gift with Sara for her presentation, we ask you to consider donating \$3 to our OWLS group. Thank you, we hope you'll join us!

CALL NEWS

Dear Members of David's Star,

I have recently received a divine call from Huron Valley Lutheran High School to teach upper level math and serve as a coach. Receiving this call gives me the opportunity to consider my talents and these two ministry opportunities, but more importantly to humbly look to the Lord in prayer and ask that he guide me down the path where I may best use my abilities to serve him. Over the next few weeks as I receive more information and deliberate these two calls, please keep me and my family in your prayers and I would certainly welcome your thoughts as well.

In Christ, John Giddings

36th ANNUAL WELS REGIONAL HANDBELL FESTIVAL

NEXT WEEKEND (APRIL 12TH) we will be taking a door offering for our Jr. Handbell Choir who will be participating in the **36th ANNUAL WELS REGIONAL HANDBELL FESTIVAL**. The Festival Concert 'Celebrate Christ with Ringing' is Sunday, April 19th at 2:00 PM in the gymnasium of Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Numerous handbell choirs from throughout the WELS Southeastern region will join in jubilant praise to God! Monies received will help defray expenses for the choir. Wisconsin Lutheran High School is located at 330 N. Glenview Avenue in Milwaukee. If you wish you may put an envelope in the offering basket marked "Handbell Festival".