



## ***"The Real Problem - The Only Solution"***

*By Pastor Michael Woldt*

Even though the election is more than a year away, presidential candidates are in the news every day. Those who would be the commander-in-chief are busy crafting their public image and identifying the key issues the next president will need to address. The list of challenges is long and diverse. Economy. Crime. Healthcare. Immigration. Reproductive rights. Terrorism. Taxes. Religious freedom. Judicial activism. Adherence to the constitution. The role of unions. Entitlement programs. Social security. Etc. Etc.

As Christians consider the troubling issues we face in America, they might put social or moral concerns at the top of their list. The lack of protection for unborn life. The legalization of physician assisted suicide. The redefinition of marriage. Diminished respect for the elderly. The breakup of the family structure. However, while it may be true that society is drifting further and further away from adherence to the laws of God revealed by the human conscience and written in the Bible, the troubles we see are only symptoms of the real problem: sin!

What was true at the time of Noah remains true today. *"The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time"* (Genesis 6:5) The tragic reality is that sin does more than corrupt a nation as a whole. Sin destroys individual lives and ultimately leads to separation from God and all his blessings eternally in hell.

There is only one solution for the problem of sin. No, not a new president. The solution for the problem of sin is and always has been Jesus. Only Jesus could live a perfect life, free from sin. Only Jesus could give his life to

ransom us from the devil's captivity. Only Jesus could rise from the grave by his own power, to assure us that we too will enjoy life with God forever. Jesus is the solution to our real problem.

Maybe we Christians have another issue that we fail to see as we are busy pointing out how evil the rest of the world is. Could it be that we have become victims of spiritual apathy? Could it be that we have become a little too much like the Pharisees of Jesus' day who believed that they didn't really need Jesus because their sins weren't a real problem. The Pharisees looked down their noses at how the "sinners" in their society lived, failing to recognize that their own self-righteous attitudes were offensive to God. When Jesus came, many of the Pharisees rejected his message because they thought they could save themselves.

Spiritual apathy attacks us when we become content with life apart from Jesus. Wealth, good health and personal security can lull us into believing that we don't have any problems we can't handle. Worshipping Jesus becomes an afterthought, because we lose sight of the real problem of sin and its consequences in our lives and for our eternity.

While presidential candidates continue to debate about the issues facing our country today, let's never forget about the real problem we all have ... and the only solution for that problem: Jesus. God keep us from ever becoming apathetic about the Savior who gave his very life for us! Praise the Lord ... now and always!

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**SENIORS**

Walter Gutermann...8/8/1934...81 yrs. old  
 Anita Eulert...8/9/1919...96 yrs. old  
 Fritz Mahnke...8/18/1934...81 yrs. old  
 Lillian Hollmann...8.25/1931...84 yrs. old



**AUGUST 2015  
 GREETERS**

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| August 2, 2015; | 7:45 | Dave & Von Martin        |
|                 | 9:30 | Clif & Doris Koeller     |
| August 9, 2015  | 7:45 | LaVerne Groth            |
|                 | 9:30 | Doris Beine & girls      |
| August 16       | 7:45 | Mike & Deb Boeldt        |
|                 | 9:30 | Paul & Sharon Weis       |
| August 23       | 7:45 | Steve & Kathy Bintz      |
|                 | 9:30 | Paul & Beth Steinbrenner |
| August 30       | 9:30 | Dan & Sue Bolha          |

**WOMEN NURTURING WOMEN  
 THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

We 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. We will resume our study in fall. 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 262.677.0919 or [kurt.loescher@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.loescher@gmail.com).

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets in the multi-purpose room of school at 10:00am. Classes will resume on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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**SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS** On Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> we will begin our 173<sup>rd</sup> school year with a church service at 8:45 a.m. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The students should go to their respective classrooms when they come to school. School will begin at 8:30 a.m. and close at 3:30 p.m.  
**(4K - 8:30-11:30 Monday, August 31st) (3K - 8:30-11:30 Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>)**

**KETTLE KLOMP** On Saturday morning August 15th the 4th Annual **Kettle Klomp 5K Race and 2 Mile Walk** will take place at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School (KML). Runners and walkers of all ages of all ages are invited. **Register [www.KettleKlomp.com](http://www.KettleKlomp.com)**. Everyone registered will receive a Kettle Klomp t-shirt. 100% of proceeds go directly to KML. The church/group with the most participants will also receive an award! Pre-registration is only \$10 for youth, \$15 for adults, and \$50 per family (up to 6). Register the morning of Saturday August 15th for an additional \$5. The race/walk starts at 8am. If your business would like information on becoming a sponsor of the race/walk, please contact Belinda at [262-424-5055](tel:262-424-5055) or Phil at [262-844-9642](tel:262-844-9642) or [KettleKlomp@gmail.com](mailto:KettleKlomp@gmail.com) by August 1st.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** We are thankful for the eight people who plan to teach Children's Bible Study on Sunday mornings from 9 to 10. We are looking for seven more, so we can share the teaching responsibilities in each room with two teachers taking turns on alternate dates. **Please consider using your time and talents** with 3K, grades 1&2, grades 3&4, grades 5&6, or teens. Please contact either Pastor or Doris Koeller (262-677-3457).

**SAVE THE DATE MISSION FESTIVAL SERVICE IN  
THE WOODS**

(Weather permitting) Sunday, August 30th.

There is only a 9:30 service on that day. President Mark Zarling from Martin Luther College, our WELS college of ministry, will be preaching for this service. A fellowship meal will follow. In case of inclement weather the service and meal will be held in the school gym.

**OUR SCHOOL'S AFTER-SCHOOL CHILDCARE  
PROGRAM**

is looking to add additional part-time staff. This person would concentrate their time and attention with our youngest students (3 -5 year olds). Hours and days are flexible. Our after-school childcare operates from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. when school is in session. If you have questions or are interested, please contact Eunice Washburn, [262.677.3492](tel:262.677.3492).

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Our **Women's Advent by Candlelight** will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 4pm in the school gym. Susan Ann will be presenting her program and CD, "The Perfect Gift". Please save the date and invite your neighbors, fellow workers and friends to hear this special Christmas message. Registration forms will be available in September. If you have any questions, please call Lynne Tews, [262.377.2051](tel:262.377.2051).

## COUNCIL CAPSULE SUMMARY OF THE JULY 2015 COUNCIL MEETING

### David's Star Church Council Minutes

July 14, 2015

Members in attendance: Pastor Loescher, Pastor Woldt, Brian Lee, Dennis Bell, Glen Miller, Andy Loeffler, Randy Matter, Tim Gustafson, Jim Korthals, Keith Rusch

Absent: Kurt Henning, Mike Willis, Ryan Shelvik

The meeting was called to order by Brian Lee. 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 June 16, 2015.

### Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

#### Incoming:

**Outgoing:** Behm, Jennifer  
*Released from membership*  
Goll, Megan  
*Released from membership*  
Shelvik, Ryan & Christie  
*Transfer to St. Matthew's,*  
*Port Washington, WI*  
Zachow, Jonathan  
*Released from membership*

### Pastors' Report

**Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919**

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**Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019**

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A funeral will be held in church on Wednesday for Gary Leicht, a former David's Star member and a WELS member in Kingman, AZ at the time of this death. Outside the congregation, Pastor Loescher has been coordinating arrangements for monthly WELS services at Lighthouse of West Bend Assisted Living. Pastor Loescher also serves on the program committee for the Kettle Moraine Pastoral Conference. Pastor Woldt is on the synod convention ballot for a second term as chairman of the governing board of Martin Luther College, our WELS college of ministry. Pastor Woldt will be absent from the August council meeting due to a commitment related to his service on the MLC governing board.

### President's Report

**Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419**

**[brianandpam1@att.net](mailto:brianandpam1@att.net)**

A letter was sent out to the congregation last month pointing out our financial situation. As of this time I have only received feedback from a few members. The council will need to continue to discuss how the situation will be addressed if the path we are on continues. One of the responses suggested that the council look into creating an endowment fund. After some discussion Brian volunteered to investigate how to set up an endowment fund, and the council can discuss this further in the next meeting.

### Board for

**Buildings and Grounds**

**Kurt Henning 262.677.2797**

**[klhrconst@gmail.com](mailto:klhrconst@gmail.com)**

Nothing new to report.

### Board for Elementary Education

**Mike Willis, [mike.willis@sial.com](mailto:mike.willis@sial.com)**

**Principal Tim Gustafson**

**Telephone #262. 707.2382**

A copy of the minutes from the last meeting of the Board of Elementary Education was presented. The Fast Direct student management system is in the process of being set up for the beginning of the next school year. A lot of the student registration process can then be done online. The security camera fund currently has \$2000 in it. There were a lot of positive responses to the end of the school year survey.

### Board of Elders

**Dennis Bell, 262.677.2248**

**[dandmbell55@yahoo.com](mailto:dandmbell55@yahoo.com)**

The OWLs group helped with VBS this year. The OWLs Brewers game is on August 19.

### Evangelism Committee

**Nelson Erdman**

**[theerdmans@hotmail.com](mailto:theerdmans@hotmail.com)**

Ryan has transferred to St. Matthew's, Port Washington. Nelson Erdman has agreed to be the chairman of the committee until the next election at the annual meeting in January. This was moved to new business.

### Stewardship Committee

**Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143**

**[korthalj@wls.wels.net](mailto:korthalj@wls.wels.net)**

A handout from WELS entitled One in Christ – Moving Forward in Ministry was presented. It is a campaign to collect a special offering in November to eliminate the remaining \$4.7 million in synod debt. Professor Korthals offered to develop a short series of Bible classes based on

the Joyful Generosity workshop. These Bible classes can coincide with this debt retirement campaign.

**Spiritual Growth Committee**  
**Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319**  
**[2046home@gmail.com](mailto:2046home@gmail.com)**

The committee is organizing Bible classes for the fall.

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.412.6643**  
**[rmattercpa@gmail.com](mailto:rmattercpa@gmail.com)**

The printed report for May was presented. The YTD operating fund balance was a deficit in the amount of \$155,538.80. The YTD offerings to our WELS missions was \$41,014.66 which was 99.0% of budget. The YTD offerings to the KMLHS operating fund was \$25,324.77 which was 106.24% of budget and KML Joyful Noise was \$4,369.50 which was 113.05% of budget.

A motion was made and carried to accept the reports.

#### **Old Business**

**Church Wish List** – The wish list committee developed a form that the boards and committees can now use to submit potential wish list items for approval by church council. Wish list items costing more than \$15,000 must also be approved by resolution of the congregation. A copy of the wish list form was distributed and discussed.

#### **New Business**

**Evangelism Committee Chairman** – A motion was made and seconded to accept Nelson Erdman as chairman of the Evangelism Committee to finish this year's term until the annual voters meeting in January. The motion carried.

**Marriage Policy** – A document from WELS was presented which contained a proposed statement on marriage and marriage policies for congregations. It said, "Since our synod's teaching on marriage and its practices regarding marriage are clear and consistent, congregations would do well to adopt a written policy that articulates our long held doctrine as well as how that doctrine is applied to our congregations. The synod produced a marriage policy and has encouraged congregations to adopt this policy. After consultation with the synod's legal counsel, a document was crafted as a sample of such a statement that can be adopted by congregations." The council members will review the proposed marriage policy and will discuss it at the next meeting. Once a marriage policy has been approved by the council, it will be presented to the voters for adoption.

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, August 11, 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  
[keith\\_rusch@yahoo.com](mailto:keith_rusch@yahoo.com).



## **PARISH NURSE NEWS**

### **Back to School Transitions**

It's hard to believe that summer is winding down, our school staff are starting the home visits, registration begins and families are thinking about the new school year!

I found an article online about "Back to School Transitions: Tips for Parents" that I think you'll find worth reading if you're one of our school families! Ted Feinberg, EdD, NCSP, & Katherine C. Cowan, National Association of School Psychologists say that "Getting a new school year off to a good start can influence children's attitude, confidence, and performance both socially and academically. The transition from August to September can be difficult for both children and parents. Even children who are eager to return to class must adjust to the greater levels of activity, structure, and, for some, pressures associated with school life. The degree of adjustment depends on the child, but parents can help their children (and the rest of the family) manage the increased pace of life by planning ahead, being realistic, and maintaining a positive attitude". [Click here](#) to read more! What caught my eye was the encouragement to schedule doctor and dental checkups! Your child will benefit if you can identify and begin addressing a potential issue before school starts. Schools appreciate the efforts of parents to remedy problems as soon as they are recognized!

On another train of thought, we want to thank those who participated in the Baby Bottle Fund Raiser for New Beginnings – Home for Mothers. A record \$1454.78 was donated! Thanks to those who contribute regularly during the year as well! Please keep this vital ministry, the Moms and the babies in your prayers!

One last bit of information...I saw that the Jackson Police Department has a collection box in the police department lobby to dispose of unwanted or expired prescription and OTC non-liquid medications! A convenient way to keep these materials out of our landfills and water treatment systems. And also a way to keep them out of the hands of those who would abuse them!

Blessings to you in Christ,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse  
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## Living a Stewardship Lifestyle

When we discuss stewardship, we may immediately start to think of giving our time and money. Stewardship certainly involves giving and serving, but, even more, our stewardship is incorporated into a way of life. It does not consist of just isolated events. When God's Word and love fill our hearts and minds, our stewardship becomes a lifestyle. As a lifestyle, it defines who we are and what we do. It is our vocation. With transformed hearts, we express our faith in the way we live our lives. Through faith, God provides motivation and power to live the Christian life in a growing awareness of redeeming grace.

In defining stewardship, the Rev. W.H. Greever once wrote, "Christian stewardship is the practice of the Christian religion. It is neither a department of life nor a sphere of activity. It is the Christian conception of life as a whole, manifested in attitudes and actions." Our faithful stewardship, as it reflects God's love, becomes our approach to life. It is more being than doing. Our deeds of stewardship such as using time wisely or helping the needy arise out of being stewards. Stewards are who we are. Stewardship is a whole life response to God out of gratitude and thanksgiving for all of his love, goodness, and mercy. Theologian T.A. Kantonen wrote, "The life of stewardship is nothing less than 'total devotion' to the Christ who is known as a real, living personal presence in the hearts of believers, a genuine loyalty that is expressed not in mere opinion or sentiment but in character and conduct."

It does not take talented people to be faithful stewards, but it takes all there is of us. It takes our total commitment. Stewardship is our response to God's abundant grace in all aspects of life. This faithful stewardship is only possible when we acknowledge our sinfulness and our forgiveness through faith in Christ. God gives us faith so he can use us to carry out his plan, which is to save all people. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we acknowledge God in all things and in all places. As faithful stewards, we know that all we have belongs to him so we can give generously of our time, talents, and money.

The Stewardship Committee

**Save the Date**  
Saturday, November 14, 2015



### David's Star Women's Retreat

Keynote Speaker: Sarah Owens  
Deaconess with WELS Institutional  
Ministries

We will also host a  
Baby Shower

for New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers

follow this link to see what they need

<http://www.homeformothers.com/material-donations.html>