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“A Bit of Encouragement”

by Pastor Loescher

“I saw this and thought of you.” If someone says that to you, you may have one or more initial reactions. You may be touched that the person thought of you at all. You may also wonder if the thought was a positive or negative thought. Now you are curious and want to see what this is that caused this person to think of you.

How many times have you worshiped, listened to a sermon and thought of someone you wish could have heard that sermon or sung that hymn with you? How many times have you appreciated the silent prayer section of the Prayer of the Church because that worship caused you to think of someone you wanted to pray for? When the Gospel touches our hearts and refreshes our spirits we often think of those whose spirits need lifting, correcting, or encouraging. Through the Gospel the Holy Spirit encourages us so we cling to Jesus and so we can encourage one another. But not all of us are gifted to give encouragement and we struggle to find the words to say. That's why we like it when a sermon hits home and we can take a copy to share.

In the past year the elders have been keeping in touch with members who are struggling or staying away from worship with pieces that we will call “bits of encouragement”. They each touch on different topics that can be difficulties in a Christian's life and encourage with the Holy Scriptures in a brief bit of encouragement. There is also a blank area where you can sign your name and add a short personal note. We have decided to make some of these available to the whole congregation so that you would have something that you might use to

encourage someone who is hurting or falling away. These pieces will appear soon on the communication center in the gathering space. Please feel free to use as many as you like.

One of the bits of encouragement is called “Cold and Distant?” It challenges the reader to consider whether it is their relationship with the Lord that is becoming cold and distant rather than the church. Another is called “High Life” that follows the encouragement of Ecclesiastes identifying the high life that many of us strive after as a failing pleasure and God as our only lasting treasure. Another is called “What Are you Looking For” which targets worship and explains that many may come to worship and get nothing out of it because they go into it not knowing what they are looking for. It encourages people to find the treasure of God's love for them in the liturgy. Still others are “When Worship Hurts”, “The Live-in Question”, and “I No Longer Believe”. If you don't find one that covers what you need to communicate to someone, let one of the pastors know. We will make one.

Finally, you will see a tri-fold brochure entitled, “The Joy of our Fellowship”. This piece is based on Hebrews 10:25, “Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” It highlights our worship, our common bond of love, and the strength we find in Jesus. Watch for these bits of encouragement in the coming month. We pray that they will be an aid to you in encouraging those you love and pray for.

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Happy Birthday Seniors!!

Helen Kannenberg...1/1/1921...93 yrs. old
Delores Heimerl...1/8/1925...89 yrs. old

JANUARY 2014 GREETERS



January 5, 2014; 7:45 - Rick and Nancy Ebeling
January 5, 2014; 10:15 - Tony and Lynn Gromacki

January 12, 2014; 7:45 - Ralph, Debbie, and Ashley
Herther
January 12, 2014; 10:15 - Dave and Dawn Doering family

January 19, 2014; 7:45 - LaVerne Groth
January 19, 2014; 10:15 - Dan & Elaine Schubert

January 26, 2014; 7:45 - Diane Hafemeister and Susan
Daley
January 26, 2014; 10:15 - Frank and Barb Dohwardt.

BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS

Pastor Woldt will be in the church with
THE MESSAGE OF ECCLESIASTES
reminds us of that no true and lasting joy can be found
apart from God.

WOMEN NURTURING WOMEN THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will meet in the multi-purpose room located behind
the concession area. We will 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

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

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.

COUNCIL CAPSULE SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 2013 COUNCIL MEETING

**David's Star Church
Council Meeting Capsule
December 10, 2013**

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Pastor Loescher, Tim Gustafson, Brian Lee, Kevin Behm, Bob Heider, Dennis Bell, Andy Loeffler, Dan Bolha, Randy Matter, David Zarling

Absent: Jim Korthals, Kurt Henning

The meeting was called to order by Brian Lee. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Loescher. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on November 12, 2013 with the revision that under the Board of Elders report that the portion of the report that reads "After some discussion of findings **form** the elders solicitation of our congregation..." should read "After some discussion of findings **from** the elders solicitation of our congregation..."

**Committee Reports
Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)**

Incoming: Abitz, James & Kristine
Transfer from Calvary, Thiensville, WI
Thiessen, Gary; Alec, Austin
*Transfer from Good Shepherd,
West Bend, WI*

Outgoing: Haase, Phil
Transfer to St. Paul's, Cudahy, WI

Pastors' Report
Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919
kloescher@davidstar.org &
Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019
woldt@nconnect.net

No report.

President's Report
Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419
brianandpam1@att.net

Teacherage/Parish Center – There is nothing new to report We are still targeting an early 2014 tear-down.
Subpoena – There is nothing new to report on this subject either. As reported earlier, David's Star was served a subpoena by the law firm representing West Shore Pipe Line Company. There has been no activity since the last Council meeting. Our legal counsel is still advising us to be patient, and let the system work.

By-laws – Two discussion sessions were held - one on November 14th and the other on December 1st. In total, less than ten non-council members attended these sessions. I personally have not received any input from members of the congregation. The feedback that we received from the one session where members attended has been positive. Paper copies of the bylaws highlighting the changes will remain available in the narthex for anyone wanting a copy.
Nominating Committee – Kevin Behm will be heading up the Nominating Committee. Below is a list of upcoming vacancies. Please assist Kevin and his team in finding members willing to fill these positions:

Evangelism Committee Chairman – 2 candidates needed
Board of Education Chairman – 2 candidates needed
Secretary – 2 candidates needed
Building & Grounds Committee – Dale Behm position – 2 candidates needed
Building & Grounds Committee – John Wagie position – 1 candidate needed; John will be running for re-election.
Board of Elders – Paul Weis position – 1 candidate needed; Paul will be running for re-election
Board of Elders – Paul Steinbrenner – 1 candidate needed; Paul will be running for re-election

**Board for
Buildings and Grounds**
Kurt Henning 262.677.2797
klhhrconst@gmail.com

No report.

Board for Elementary Education
Bob Heider, Telephone #262.644.1726
bhheider@charter.net
Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 262.338.3992
tgustafson@davidstar.org

Bob reported that, in light of the bylaw changes presently being made, the Board is reviewing the Education Manual. He also reported that there have been changes to the hot lunch program throughout the year. At the start of the year, we had been doing one day of hot lunch via Pizza Hut, Subway, etc. A second day was added each week when Doman's had been preparing a hot lunch. This second day has, however, discontinued. We are now looking at offering a second day of hot lunch per week starting in January, and this will be provided by Aldo's in Germantown.

The Board has been discussing tuition, and their recommendation is to hold tuition at the same rate for the upcoming school year.

Board of Elders
Dennis Bell, 262.677.2248
dandmbell55@yahoo.com

Terry Hansen brought in a floor-raising type of projector screen as an example of what we could use to replace our current one that is in disrepair. He will contact the elders via email when he is successful in finding a suitable replacement. Target cost is around \$500. We are seeking council approval for the expenditure. This will be covered under new business.

Clif Koeller reported that the OWLS group is having a general business meeting on February 26th.

Pastor Loescher presented a finished brochure on the "Joys of our Fellowship". The elders will use it as a mailing/handout for visiting members to discuss worship habits.

Pastor Woldt informed us that the Synod is planning the next hymnal revision and they have asked us to submit a weekly report on how we are using the current supplement.

Evangelism Committee
David Zarling, Telephone # 414.839.0094
david.zarling@gmail.com

The committee's main focus has been discussing a new-member welcome which will be on January 19, 2014 after the late service. Lifetouch has all of the items that they need to complete our church pictorial directory, and we should have proofs by mid-January. The Board has been busy preparing for the Living Nativity.

Stewardship Committee
Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143
korthalj@wls.wels.net

No report.

Spiritual Growth Committee
Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319
2046home@gmail.com

Andy reported that they are in the process of setting up the next set of Bible studies.

Treasurer's Report
Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585
matters@nconnect.net

The November 30, 2013 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 11/30/13 in the amount of (\$9,887), representing an increase in our deficit during the month in the amount of \$7,399. Operating fund receipts for the month were \$72,751 which is 86% of our budget. \$10,704 was given in support of our Restricted Building Fund in November.

Randy also reported that we are considering changing our payroll service at the first of the year, in light of several problems encountered with their service throughout the last year.

Vice Presidents Report
Dan Bolha, Telephone #262.677.3485

Dan reported that the OWLS group will meet on February 26th. President Schroeder will speak at 10AM with a business meeting and light lunch to follow.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports except those items that needed separate action under old or new business.

Old Business
None.

New Business

Parsonage Allowance – A motion was made that the amounts shown below are hereby designated under Internal Revenue Code Section 107 as a parsonage allowance for the calendar year 2014 for the Ministers of the Gospel indicated. Should any of the Ministers of the Gospel named have the use of a church-owned home, they will have the tax-free use of the home for the calendar year 2014:

Rev. Michael Woldt	\$7,500
Rev. Kurt Loescher	\$8,500
Rev. Martin Janke	entire salary
Mr. Tim Gustafson	\$20,000
Mr. John Giddings	\$25,000
Mr. Tom Neuman	\$20,000
Mr. Randall Watts	\$30,000

The above motion was seconded and carried.

Ministry Budget for 2014 – A preliminary handout was distributed to Council for their review. After discussion regarding the detail, the decision was made to have Randy make revisions based on Council discussion and email the revised budget data to Council members for their final approval.

Additional discussion occurred pertaining to the purchase of new banquet tables and chair carts as there is a need for these.

New Projector Screen – A motion was made upon the Board of Elders' recommendation that we proceed to purchase a replacement projector screen for the sanctuary in an amount not to exceed \$600.00. The motion was seconded and carried.

Items for Annual Voters Meeting (7PM, January 16, 2014)
Proposed Bylaw Changes.

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, January 14, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 7:00 PM.**

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer.
Respectively submitted,

Kevin A. Behm, Recording Secretary
kevinbehm@att.net



Parish Nurse News

Happy & Healthy New Year!

Connection between marital status and physical/emotional health?

Studies, according to WebMD and Focus on the Family, consistently point to an association between marital status and health. Specifically, happily married couples are more likely to live longer and are less likely to die from heart disease or stroke. The studies further reveal that happily married people are typically in better overall health than those who are divorced, widowed, never married, or living together. Conversely, studies of stressful marriages reveal a greater risk of heart disease and diminished mental health.

The following reasons for why a healthy marriage helps to boost individual's health are given: Safer behavior with regard to risk taking and substance abuse increases when couples marry. A spouse's emotional support helps you recover faster from illnesses and better helps a person to cope with a chronic disease. And couples have a significant vested interest in watching out for one another; encouraging healthier choices and behavior.

But no matter what your marital status or level of health and fitness, Scripture tells us in Ecclesiastes 2:24-25 that only in God does life have meaning and true pleasure. Without Him nothing satisfies, but with Him we find satisfaction and enjoyment. Colossians 3:15-17 tells us, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...and whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Married or not, may the peace of Christ rule in your hearts this New Year!

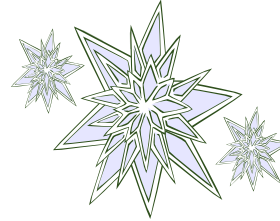
Together in Christ,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

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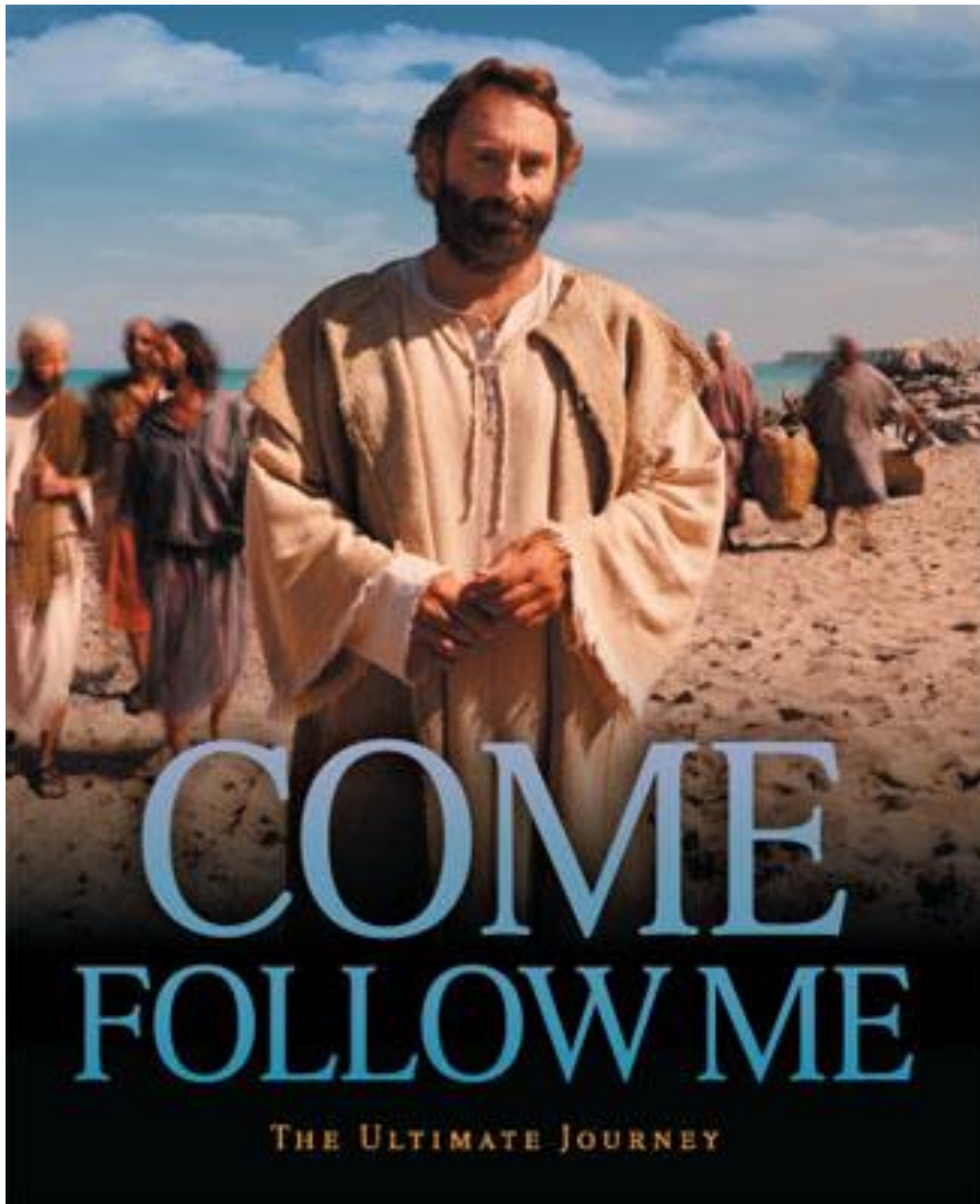
David's Star "OWLS Nest Update"!

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ADULT BIBLE INSTRUCTION CLASS

is scheduled to begin on January 13th. We had a one week delay because of the severely cold weather last week. So if you'd like to still attend, it will be held every Monday for approximately fifteen weeks, meeting for an hour and a half from 6:30-8:00pm. This is our *New Life In Christ* Class that covers the basic teachings of the Bible as presented in Martin Luther's Small Catechism. It is intended for members to brush up on the teachings of Scripture and our Lutheran Church. It is also intended for those who are interested in joining the church. Upon completion of this course, if the attendee agrees with the teachings that were presented, he or she may choose to join our congregation and fellowship. Members who know of someone who may be interested may pick up an invitation to offer, and might consider joining that person in the class. You may RSVP by calling the church office 677.2412 or Pastor Loescher 677.0919.



If you saw the Boetcher-Trinklein production *Way to Emmaus*, you won't want to miss this one. *Come Follow Me* tells the account of Jesus and his disciples from Maundy Thursday's Last Supper through the betrayal, trial, sacrifice, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus. But this production underlines the growth of Peter as a follower of Jesus as much as it tells of the pure grace of God in Jesus our Savior.

This film will be the topic of our Sunday morning bible study from February 16th through April 6th. We will view the movie and focus our study of Scripture using scenes and thoughts from the film. Each participant will receive two DVD's of the movie; one for personal use and one to share.

Please join us between services on Sundays February 16th-April 6th.