



# thegoodnews

David's Star  
Evangelical Lutheran Church

2740 David's Star Dr.  
Jackson, WI 53037

(262) 677-2412  
www.davidstar.org

## ***Shine the Light on the Mystery of Christ***

*by Pastor Loescher*

**January 2019**

**Volume XXI, Number 5**

Not many things in this world are literally invisible—right in front of you but you can't see it. There are plenty of creatures like bacteria that are so small you can't see them, but they are still visible. I recently saw a documentary on a crustacean, a shrimp like creature, in the deep ocean that has its own invisibility cloak. Predators can't see it. Light won't reflect off from it, so it can't be seen. I wonder how many people realize that the reason we can see things is because the light reflects off from the object that we are looking at. So if an object can keep the light from reflecting off from it, it becomes invisible.

Is that why Jesus is invisible to so many? He is right in front of them. So many even sing about him at Christmas time. There have been movies about him. Churches in every community in our land claim his name when they call themselves Christian churches. Why don't people see him as their Savior and Lord? Could it be that the light isn't shining very well or at all from the churches? The light of the Gospel must shine so people can see who he is.

For that to happen, churches and Christians in general must stop trying to be accepted by the world. When we try to adopt the love that the world espouses, we prop up the very sins and selfish natures that the Lord Jesus died for. When Jesus lived this earthly life, he, in thought, word and action, rejected the evil life styles and attitudes that the world says we must accept. He lived only and always according to his Father's perfect will. Jesus, whose life was polar-opposite of the world, said, "The world hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil" (John 7:7). So if we try to be accepted by the world, we live opposite of Jesus and cast only darkness on the one we claim to represent. We speak his name and even read from the Bible, yet make Jesus invisible. If we try to be accepted by the world, we testify that we have no need of being saved from it. We have no salvation, no light in us.

For Jesus to be seen, we must remain true to God's Holy Word with no concern for the reaction of evil around us. As Jesus was hated by evil because he exposed them, so we will not be accepted by them when we shine the light of the truth. However, we shine the truth for a far greater

purpose than simply proclaiming that we are right and they are wrong. We shine it that they, too, may see Jesus and be saved from their sins. That is the only way. They must see the truth that their deeds, as good as they may seem, are vile and condemning. They must see "salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). They must know Jesus as more than a law-giver; "that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them." (2 Corinthians 5:15). Faithfully shine the light of the Gospel though some will cling to their self-righteous, bitter hearts and hate us and our message. Others, by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, will be saved.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14). Epiphany is all about shining the light so others can see Jesus, reveal what would otherwise remain invisible to them—impossible for them to see. You are that light. By God's Spirit working in you to live and to act according to his purpose (Philippians 2:13), shine with power and great joy.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS

Helen Kannenberg (1/1)  
Delores Heimerl (1/8)  
Dietrich Schnappup (1/29)



## 3K & 4K PRESCHOOL AND 5K KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DAYS FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

Listed below are the registration days for each of our classes. Invitations will be going out in the mail at the end of December. Parents are asked to stay to fill out the registration forms in the concessions area while your child is in the classroom. Please enter through the south doors off Spring Valley Road. R.S.V.P to: school@davidsstar.org or call 262.677.2412

### 3K: Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM -10:00 AM

Children must be 3 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Children will be able to attend an abbreviated preschool day. Our 3K Preschool program is 2 days/week on Tuesday and Thursday. Child care will be available when they are not in class.

### 4K: Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM -10:00 AM

Children must be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Children will be able to attend an abbreviated 4K Preschool day. Our 4K Preschool program is 3 days/week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Child care will be available when they are not in class.

### 5K: Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM -11:30 AM

Children must be 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Children will be able to attend an abbreviated Kindergarten day. Our 5K Kindergarten program is 5 full days/week.

## LIVING NATIVITY THANK YOU!

I thank our God and Savior that he has blessed our congregation with servants who love to proclaim the message of a Savior. With your help we proclaimed the Christmas Gospel to about 470 people over the two nights. Many were familiar faces and others new faces. No one knows how and when the Spirit comes and goes. We only know that we have spoken the message of forgiveness of sins through Jesus and eternal life in his name. May the name of the Lord be praised. - Pastor Loescher

## ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HELPER NEEDED!

Looking for one additional communion set up volunteer for 2-3 services in 2019. Super easy, minimal time commitment, couples or families with older children are also welcome to volunteer together! Exact dates do not get assigned until later in the year, and are negotiable. Contact Leah Wank [leahpwank@gmail.com](mailto:leahpwank@gmail.com) or 414-614-0453 for information.

## ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS

Adult Instruction begins on Wednesday, **January 16, 2019** from 7 – 8 PM in the Atrium. The first 7 weeks will be held on Wednesday evenings, and the last 8 weeks will be held on Monday evenings. 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 might consider joining that person in the class. You may RSVP by calling the church office 677-2412 or Pastor Loescher 677-0919.

## COUNCIL CAPSULE - HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

### Presidents Report (Paul Steinbrenner)

Photo directory expected to arrive 12-20-2018. Group getting ready to place labels on them and place in Narthex. There will be made available December 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Buildings and Grounds (Glenn Miller)

Continuing to take care of things around campus.

### Board of Education (Jason Walz)

Safety Grant Update

- a. New Items- 10 new solid core doors with Quick Action Locks, 3M shatter resistant film for the west and south school entrances, 12 new cameras for the interior
- b. 3 Hours of combined training in Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and Trauma Informed Care/Trauma Sensitive Schools (TIC/TSS). This must be completed by the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Scheduled for Monday, February 4 from Noon-3pm.
- c. 10% of the staff will be sent to a DOJ approved 12-hour Adolescent Mental Health 1 training program. This must be completed by August 31, 2020. There are several staff members that plan to attend: Mrs. Loeffler, Mr. Watts, Mr. Gustafson, and Mrs. Bolha.
- d. Establish a School Safety Intervention Team (SSIT) according to the DOJ's standardized guidelines. This must be in place no later than August 31, 2019. This would include the staff members that attended the Mental Health Training and a member of the Sheriff's office.
- e. We must have a written visitor protocol and an updated Emergency Response Plan. These must be approved by the School Board by January 1, 2019.
- f. All entrances to the school must be locked.
- g. A designated staff member is present to visually screen everyone entering the school through an unlocked point of access whenever an exterior entrance is unlocked prior to, during, or immediately after the regular school day.

“Visual screening” is defined as a staff member stationed at each unlocked entrance who actively monitors ingress and egress through the unlocked exterior door(s).

### **Board of Elders (Dan Bolha)**

We have two of our elders coming up for reelection. Both Jim Siebers and Roger Tews have agreed to be placed on the ballot as incumbents. Replacing The Hymnals - Sufficient donations have been received to replace all of the hymnals. 102 have been received and have been placed in the pews, beginning with; the front row moving towards the rear. Another 132 have been ordered to finish out the pews on the ground floor of the sanctuary. Once received we will review the old hymnals to see exactly how many are still in good shape (approximately enough to take care of about 30% to 40% of the balcony) and we can order the difference to complete the balcony pews.

### **Evangelism Committee (Andrew Loescher)**

Living nativity was held this past weekend. Many new people attended. They handed out Christmas Service invitations. Many people volunteered both nights. Social media has been progressing. Looking to make website more user friendly and volunteers are getting additional content. Looking to use money on Facebook to reach local people. Looking for additional/new volunteers for prospect management (contact new members and guests and make process) and for other areas. Next mailing is next year for the 3-5K registration.

### **Spiritual Growth (Jon Kruse)**

One of the pastors will lead a Sunday Bible study in the new year. Jesus and Me program will need approximately \$250. Jennifer Mueller is working on this program and it is working out well.

### **Treasurer Report (Joshua Boeldt)**

#### *November Operating Budget*

Thanks be to the Lord! The total offerings for November were \$83,885, which is about 2.5% lower than the budgeted offerings. The total income for the month was 3.5% lower than budgeted and is about 1.4% lower than the budget for the year to date. The actual expenses for November were about 1% higher than the budgeted amount and are nearly the same as the budget for the year to date. The overall fund balance at the end of November shows a deficit of \$69,748.

#### *November Ministries Beyond our Congregation*

The remittances in November for the WELS mission were 30% lower than budgeted for, while the KMLHS operating mission remittances were 39% lower than budget. The KML Joyful Noise remittances were 23% lower than the amount budgeted for. The Multi Language Publication remittances were about 1/3 of the budgeted amount. The total amount remitted for all missions was about 32% lower than the amount budgeted for November, and is 9.1% lower year to date.

### *November Building Fund*

The mortgage loan balance at the end of November is \$954,502. The council's objective is to maintain a \$100,000 cushion in the building fund debt account—our balance at 11/30/18 was \$94,916. This balance is down about 5% from last month.

### **Old Business**

-A motion was made and seconded for a Council recommendation to voters to allocate \$5,000 of the 2018 Gift Trust Fund dollars to the KMLHS “Blessed Beyond Belief” Capital Campaign. Motion carried.

-Bookkeeper position—one candidate interviewed and withdrew. Time involved is 6-8 hours per week at \$13/hour as a non-called worker. Thanks to Bob Heider for his work.

-Elections for Council and Boards—A total of 2 positions (BOE and Building and Grounds) will be needed to be filled by new individuals. Anyone who has names for the open positions get names to Paul Steinbrenner and the pastors.

-Informational meeting—Will be held on Sunday between services. Agenda to include: financial reports from Treasurer, narration from Stewardship Chair, church woods update, school accreditation in 2019.

### **New Business**

Date for Annual Meeting (Thursday, January 17th 2019 at 7 pm)

School Tuition Recommendation for 2019 – 2020 school year- A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the voters a \$50 annual increase for all students, 3K \$950, member 4K-8<sup>th</sup> \$1,400, non-member 5K-8<sup>th</sup> grade \$4,200.

Items for 2019 Annual Voters' Meeting Scheduled for 1/17/2019 @ 7:00 PM in MPR.

1. DS WELS Ministerial Student Assistance Funding update
2. Church Woods thinning (informational only)
3. KML Blessed Beyond Belief campaign (recommendation made in December)
4. School tuition increase
5. Voting on filling positions

Next Council Meeting: (7pm; January 8, 2018)



### **PARISH NURSE NEWS**

<https://wels.net> offers free subscriptions to a variety of WELS resources!

WELS publications are received by over 24,000 subscribers each day. Find out what you've been missing out on. Subscribe to a WELS publication today!

I went online the other day to check my WELS subscriptions, as it had been awhile! I scrolled to the very bottom of the WELS homepage and found the link to Subscriptions. Clicked on Subscriptions and there it was! There are 17 different Subscriptions for you to choose from!

I made sure I was signed up for the Daily Devotions, the

WELS Nurses Association newsletter, His Hands newsletter from Special Ministries and found something else that was of interest to me recently! They offer a subscription to a [Weekly Military Devotion!](#) So I signed up and sure enough, it came this morning! And although I am not active or retired military or do not have family serving in the military I thought the devotion, written by Pastor Paul Ziemer, WELS National Civilian Chaplain and Liaison to the Military to be excellent!

Find out what you've been missing out on. [Subscribe to a WELS publication today!](#)

Together in Christ,  
Sue Bolha RN, 677-3485  
[parishnurse@davidstar.org](mailto:parishnurse@davidstar.org)



### 2019 SCHEDULE

January 27<sup>th</sup>; February 24<sup>th</sup>; March 24<sup>th</sup>; April 28<sup>th</sup>;  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>; July 28<sup>th</sup>; August 25<sup>th</sup>; September 22<sup>nd</sup>;  
October 27<sup>th</sup>; November 24<sup>th</sup>

Screenings take place in the nurses office located off of the gathering space, east of the elevator, between services.

### 2019 Men of His Word Conference

Is your house built on the rock or on the sand? Will your house survive the torrential storms of life or will it wash away when the waves of life come crashing in? The world attacks our Christian values from every direction daily. To counter these attacks, the MOHW Conference provides opportunities and resources for men to grow spiritually, using God's Word to empower and equip men to carry out their God-given mission in their homes, churches, communities and the world. This year's theme is "BUILT ON THE ROCK."

Whether you attend for the keynote speaker (*Jeremy Mattek, Christian Life Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran in Greenville, WI, and a contributor for Time of Grace Ministries*), the relevant, thought-provoking breakout sessions (*20 to choose from*), or the worship experience with 600 other men (*with Koine', the worship band*), God's Word will speak to you.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual MOHW Conference will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on **Saturday, February 9, 2019**. Additional details and online registration are available at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org) for the first 650 men. Adult registration fee is \$50 and youth registration fee is \$25 – These rates increase to \$60 for adults and \$30 for youth after Jan 27<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for a day of fellowship in God's Word that you will not soon forget!

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Morning Star will host Financial Peace University classes beginning **January 13** at 6 p.m. The class will run for nine weeks. This class is intended to help anyone who follows the plan get control over their money by getting out of debt and saving money. Couples should take the class together. If you have teenagers, bring them along. **Register for the class at <https://fpu.com/1072186>. Please register by January 3 so that the class materials will arrive at your home in time for the first lesson.** The cost for the class materials is \$109. Contact Phil Potratz from Morning Star at [Philip.potratz@gmail.com](mailto:Philip.potratz@gmail.com) with questions.

### THANK YOU

Thank you for the donations of food and desserts for the three Advent meals. We also greatly appreciate the efforts of those who set up, prepared, and served the meals. It was a wonderful opportunity for Christian fellowship during the Advent season.