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“No One Can Take Our Freedom”

by Pastor Loescher

It's Independence Day! Break out the grills, stand proud as the flag passes by, cheer the Harley riders decked out in red, white, and blue, and be awed by the bombs bursting in air at the fireworks displays. Celebrate the founding of a governmental system that has guarded our liberties for 237 years. Join with the millions of people who are dedicated to maintaining the liberties with which the Lord has blessed us, independent of tyranny from those who would suppress our core values, our way of life, our faith in the Holy Scriptures.

This Independence Day there is a lot of scary rhetoric in our nation. It's difficult to believe much of it unless a person takes the time to do his own personal fact checking. Truths of the Holy Scriptures are being called hate speech by groups who are no longer on the fringe of society but have made their way to the mainstream, supported by powerful politicians. Powerful government agencies seem to have been used to suppress conservative values. Abuse of power seems to be threatening the independence we are celebrating this month. And people are asking, “What should the church do?” “What if the government should someday suppress our faith?”

Whoa! Hold on there! No one can suppress our faith! Governments have tried many times and have failed. Oh, they wreak havoc. They threaten imprisonment, financial doom, and even death, but they are the grass that withers and falls. God's Word stands forever. Consider these words from a disciple of the Apostles in the first century written to a government official. The government official, named Diognetus, was seeking understanding of why this Christian “sect” was thriving in spite of persecution. The unnamed disciple writes,

“[Christians] love all men, and are persecuted by all. They are poor, yet make many rich; they are in lack of all things, and yet abound in all; they are dishonored, and yet in their very dishonor are glorified. They are evil spoken of, and yet are justified; they are reviled, and bless; they are insulted, and repay the insult with honor; they do good, yet are punished as evil doers. When punished, they rejoice as if quickened into life; they are assailed by the Jews as foreigners, and are persecuted by the Greeks; yet those who hate them are unable to assign any reason for their hatred.”

^[1]Schaff, Philip: *The Ante-Nicene Fathers*. electronic ed. Garland, TX: Galaxie Software, 2000

Christians have always trusted the Lord who establishes every governmental power. They have always defended themselves with the most powerful weapon yet unknown by fallen man, the Holy Word of God. They have always enjoyed their liberties as a right from God that cannot be taken away because they are spiritual freedoms from sin, death and Satan. No governmental power can ever inflict the tyranny of sin upon us, or subject us to eternal death, or assign the power back to Satan that Jesus stripped from him.

So enjoy this Independence Day. As a citizen of this fair land defend our liberties with the civil rights that we have. But as a church, should any government present or future strip us of civil liberties and threaten, we will not take up arms as a Christian militia. We will simply arm ourselves with the weapon the Lord has given his Church, the Holy Word of God. By that Word we will stand for eternity even as nations rise and fall.

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Happy Birthday Seniors!!

Junier Ehlke ... 7/9/1922 ...91 yrs. old
Carl Schramm ... 7/11/1922 ...91 yrs. old
Hilmer Groth...7/17/1929...84 yrs. old
Marcella Schultz...7/24/1928...85 yrs. old



**JULY 2013
GREETERS**

July 7; 7:45 - Ray and Linda Liesener
9:30 - Tanya & Jay Anderson

July 14; 7:45 -
9:30 - Tim and Rachel Gustafson

July 21; 7:45 - Ross and Colleen Lemke
9:30 - Dennis & Marlene Bell

July 28; 7:45 - Steve Bintz family
9:30 - Frank & Barb Dohrwardt

BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS

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.

Stewardship Corner

Remembering that God owns everything prompts a remarkable shift in our view of stewardship. Usually when we think of stewardship we define it as our giving to God or to the church something that belongs to us. However, stewardship is just the reverse because it is our freely using, enjoying, and giving what already belongs to God. The Lord made that clear when he had the psalmist write:

9 I have no need of a bull from your stall
or of goats from your pens,
10 for every animal of the forest is mine,
and the cattle on a thousand hills.
11 I know every bird in the mountains,
and the insects in the fields are mine.
12 If I were hungry I would not tell you,
for the world is mine, and all that is in it.
(Psalm 50:9-12).

The air we breathe, the water we drink, the land on which we live are all gifts from God. All we have is from God because of his love for us. During these summer months as we enjoy the beauty and the blessings of God's creation, take time to thank and praise the Lord for his goodness.

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Dear Members of David's Star,

Recently you extended me a call to serve as the 5th grade teacher of David's Star Lutheran School. After much prayerful consideration the Lord has led me to accept this call. I am humbly grateful for the opportunity to serve in this way. I truly appreciate all of the prayers and encouragement I have received during my deliberation, and ask for your continued prayers and support as I begin working in this important ministry. I am excited to start and I consider it a great blessing to be able to serve in a congregation that I already felt home in!

In His Service
Lora Du Fore

**David's Star Church
Council Meeting Capsule
June 11, 2013**

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

Absent: Pastor Loescher, Kurt Henning.

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 May 14, 2013 with the following corrections: 1. Outgoing membership, add Megan Herther transfer to Morning Star, Jackson, WI. 2. Revise the date indicated for the next voters meeting to be July 11th, 2013, not July 18th, 2013, as originally recorded.

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

Incoming: Lindstadt, Brenda
Confirmation
Schleicher, Mary
Adult confirmation
Shlefke, Jennifer
Adult confirmation
Zajkowski, Ed & Sue
Profession of faith

Outgoing: Liesener, Jordan
Transfer to Our Savior, Grafton
Truebenbach, William & Mary
Transfer to Morning Star, Jackson, WI

Pastors' Report
Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919
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Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019
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Pastor Loescher is taking a few days of vacation this week. Pastor Woldt is taking his summer vacation in August prior to Mission Festival. The SEW District Conference is taking place right now. Council will be updated on any important synod trends. Beginning in July, the WELS administrative offices will be relocated to a site in the town of Pewaukee (Waukesha mailing address). The 2929

Mayfair Road property has been sold. Please note the date for the next voters meeting.

President's Report
Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419
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Graduation – Congratulations to all the eighth graders. May God bless and watch over them as they take the next steps in life.

Congratulations – Congratulations to Tim Gustafson, Anna Potter, and Lynne Tews. Thank you for your many years of service.

Teacherage – Brian has been contacted by the a member of the Ozaukee County Rescue Team. They inquired as to whether we might allow them to use the teacherage for training exercises prior to its demolition.

Tax Credits – Brian also reported that tax credits for private school tuition is being discussed by the government, and this may be an issue down the road. This will be monitored and studied for future decisions.

**Board for
Buildings and Grounds**
Kurt Henning 262.677.2797
klhrconst@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

Hot Lunch Program – A decision has been made to have cold lunch four days a week with Subway, Pizza Hut, etc. being offered the fifth day of the week. In fall, we will reevaluate other options.

Tuition Assistance – Under current policy, tuition assistance is only available for students in grades Kindergarten through eighth grade. We will be reviewing to determine if something should be done for our preschool students.

Nelson Erdman – Thanks to Nelson for the work he performed in creating mailings and materials addressing what our school has to offer.

IMC – Tim reported that the framework of the IMC has been completed to turn it into a classroom. Dave Krause is currently working on the electrical. Drywall and painting will then need to be completed.

Old Bleachers – Tim reported that the old bleachers were removed last Monday night from the gymnasium. New bleachers will be installed the first or second week of August.

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

Dave Martin shared with the Elders the good progress that has been made in the organization of OWLS, the senior ministry program. They will have their first meeting in July. Colleen Lemke has stepped down as the volunteer who has been entering the weekly friendship register attendance information into the Shepherd's Staff program. We thank her, and will be looking for a replacement volunteer. The musical gifts provided by Stephen Bautista this weekend was fantastic. A \$300 donation was provided to Stephen for his services Paul Weiss has agreed to step into the position vacated by Bill Truebenbach on the Elders until the position can be filled at the next quarterly voters meeting.

Evangelism Committee
David Zarling, Telephone # 414.839.0094
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The new member welcome is scheduled for June 30th. We received a letter regarding the booth at the Washington County Fair. They are looking for assistance to help out at the booth during the fair.

Stewardship Committee
Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143
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Christ's Love, Our Calling has been the theme for our synod's four-part stewardship program. Each year focuses on a different area of stewardship. Year one focused on our use of time. Year two focused on our use of spiritual gifts. Year three focused on our use of our treasures. Our focus for the fourth and final year of this series is our use of God's truth. The title for this year's emphasis is Love Speaks. Our goal is to encourage God's people to respond to the love of Christ by boldly and courageously speaking God's truth and witnessing their faith. The series is based on Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 4:13: "It is written: 'I believed, therefore I have spoken.' With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak." All of the sermons and services, lessons and Bible studies will help encourage people in their sharing of God's Word in their everyday lives. The sermon series will begin the week of Sunday September 1 and run through the week of Sunday September 22 (four weeks). The Bible class series will begin on Sunday September 8 and run through Sunday September 22 (three weeks).

Council then discussed the usage of our "David's Star Restricted Building Fund" envelopes as a question had arisen regarding its redundancy with our "Let Our Light Shine" envelopes. If we eliminated these envelopes, we could save a small amount on printing. The usage of this envelope will be studied and we will discuss at the next Council meeting.

Spiritual Growth Committee
Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319
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The church library has been moved to the atrium area. Vacation Bible School is coming up, and Doris Koeller will be organizing this program.

Treasurer's Report
Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585
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The May 31, 2013 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 5/31/13 in the amount of (\$50,999), representing an increase in our deficit during the month in the amount of \$12,869. Operating fund receipts for the month were \$63,453 which is a 87% of our budget. Randy also reported that our Restricted Building Fund envelope receipts were up for the month of May with \$27,894 received during the month. This will allow us to make an additional payment toward our principal balance, as well as restore our \$100,000 cushion balance that we maintain for this fund.

Vice Presidents Report
Dan Bolha, Telephone #262.677.3485
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Dan reported that a few events for the OWLs group are being planned for this year. He also reported that planning for Mission Festival has also begun.

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

Board of Elders Vacancy – A motion was made and carried to appoint Paul Weiss as a temporary elder to replace Bill Truebenbach until the next voters meeting.

Call Meeting – There was discussion regarding selecting a date to reconvene the call meeting to fill our fifth grade teaching position. It was decided to schedule this for Monday June 17th at 7PM.

Blinds – The Interior Planning committee recommended to Council that we install tinting instead of shades to filter the glare in our new narthex. After discussion among Council, a motion was made and carried to allow the Interior Decorating Committee to move forward with purchasing the tinting at a cost not to exceed \$1,800, with \$1,000 coming from the Ladies Aid and up to \$800 coming from the Building and Improvement Fund.

Items for Voters (for the July 11th voters meeting)

Recommendation regarding teacherage/parish center.
Election to fill elder vacancy

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 8:00 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.

Call Meeting May 29, 2013

David's Star Ev. Lutheran Church, Jackson, WI
7:00 pm

The meeting was opened with devotion.

The meeting was called to order by temporary congregational meeting chairman Rod Kison.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the vacancy in our school faculty with the resignation of Anna Potter.

New voting members were asked to come forward to sign the constitution. Brian Davison signed the constitution. A motion was made and carried to accept him as a voting member.

Chairman of the Board of Education, Bob Heider, addressed the voters regarding the Board's recommendation: "place a permanent call for a full-time teacher to replace Anna Potter".

He presented the reasons for why it was important to proceed with this recommendation:

Anna was the only female teacher in the upper grades, and it is important to have a female teacher in order to teach physical education, serve as a role model, and be available for social issues for female students in that age range.

Although we presently have declining enrollment, steps are being made with the additional early childhood programs to attract nonmembers to David's Star. Having just expanded our early childhood program, not maintaining one teacher per grade would be counterproductive to that goal.

Cross-training has occurred in upper grades to free up administrative time for the principal.

We need the ability to provide direct individualized attention which is easier to accomplish when you don't have multiple grades in one classroom.

There was discussion regarding whether the call should be a permanent or a one-year call.

A motion was made and carried to place a permanent call for a full-time teacher to replace Anna Potter.

A call list of candidates was distributed by Pastor Woldt on behalf of the district president. A motion was made and carried to support the call list.

A vote was taken via ballot to select a candidate from the call list. Mary Pasbrig received greater than 50 percent of the votes. A motion was made and seconded to extend a call to Mary Pasbrig to be our fifth grade teacher.

Ballots and call list sheets were destroyed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin A. Behm, Recording Secretary
(kevinbehm@att.net)



Parish Nurse News

New Beginnings – Home for Mothers

Baby Bottle Program Update

As of today, close to 50 families have returned their Baby Bottles in support of New Beginnings – Home for Mothers. Thank you for your contribution! Have you forgotten to bring in your bottle but still want to participate? You can bring your bottle and place it in the Health Office for Sue to pick up. Bless you!

Our Journey of Grief

Back in April I shared some information I learned at a WLIM workshop that I had attended on how we as a congregation can respond to fellow members who are experiencing life-changing challenges. Those challenges in our own lives can take many different forms and how each of us travels through the valley of the shadow of death is unique. I promised to purchase several suggested resources from the workshop for the book shelves in the Health Office that may be borrowed in time of need.

I made the trip to NPH and this is a sample of what is available:

- *“With Tears In Our Eyes” - God’s comfort as I grieve the death of my loved one by Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf*
- *“Prayers for Those Who Grieve” - A beautifully illustrated collection of prayers and Scripture passages that visit the raw emotions of deep grief by Jill Kelly*
- *“Grieving God’s Way” – The Path to Lasting Hope and Healing. A 90-Day Devotional written by Margaret Brownlee after having lost a child.*
- *“Blessings & Prayers for Those With Cancer” - a devotional companion by Karen Boerger and Annetta Dellinger*
- *“Blessings & Prayers for Caregivers” – a devotional companion by Karen Boerger and Annetta Dellinger*

Do you know someone who is traveling through the valley of the shadow of death? Pick up a copy from NPH as a gift or let your loved one borrow one of the resources from the Health Office. There are other resources available in the Health Office that draw us back into God’s Word. Can’t find what you’re looking for? Ask Sue...A simple gift of one of these devotionals can show that you care!

Albrecht Free Clinic – Donations Collected of Over-the-Counter Health Related Items

The clinic now serves 1,200 residents of Washington County who are uninsured or underinsured with free medical care, giving hope to many! Numerous area health care professionals volunteer their time! With the Elder’s and Pastor’s blessing the Parish Nurses are giving the people of David’s Star a chance to support the efforts that Dr. Albrecht began years ago. Starting in August, we’ll be collecting donations of over-the-counter health related type items (Tylenol, cough syrup, etc.) A more comprehensive wish-list will be made available mid-July and we’ll offer a spot to collect our contributions! Stay tuned!

Together in Christ,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

parishnurse@davidstar.org 677-3485



David’s Star OWLS (ORGANIZATION WELS SENIORS)

Just a reminder that a "New area OWLS Chapter is forming @ David’s Star! “OWLS” is a national organization for WELS/ELS members single or married who are 55 and over or whose spouse is of that age. People not yet 55 but retired are also welcome! Our purpose is to gather for fun, fellowship, service and spiritual growth as WELS/ELS Lutheran Seniors. Our first event has been scheduled for Monday, July 15th from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the air-conditioned Multipurpose Room at David's Star Lutheran Church. We have invited Mrs. Amy Taglienti RN to speak to us about "Caring for Your Aging Parents or Spouse!" It is said that all of us are either caregiver’s now, will be caregiver’s in the future or will need the help of a caregiver ourselves! Come join us for a lighthearted evening as we learn about God's plan for us as we care for the ones we love! We’ll also hear about the OWLS organization and our wish to form an OWLS Chapter at David’s Star. Have a question? Call Dan Bolha @ 262-677-3485. No RSVP is needed.

In Christ,
Dan Bolha
David's Star

THUNDERBOLT OPEN REGISTRATION FORM

- Please send one check per FOURSOME or for as many golfers as you are registering.
- \$75/person for golf/cart/dinner package (Golf only not an option)
- Full payment must accompany registration for it to be recorded.
- Please add all email addresses so that this information can be sent to you every year.

1st Golfer's Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone # _____

2nd Golfer's Name _____

Email Address _____

3rd Golfer's Name _____

Email Address _____

4th Golfer's Name _____

Email Address _____

**DINNER RESERVATIONS
\$15.00 PER PERSON**

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING ONLY THE DINNER:

SEND YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:
DAVID'S STAR

SEND THE REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO:
**GLENN RUSCH
1157 SPRING VALLEY ROAD
JACKSON, WI 53037**



14th ANNUAL THUNDERBOLT OPEN Saturday, September 7, 2013

Time: 12:00pm Registration
1:00pm Shotgun Start - Scramble Format
6:00pm Dinner (approximately)

Place: West Bend Lakes / Hwy. 33 in West Bend

Cost: \$75.00 Golf/Cart/Dinner Package
\$15.00 Dinner Only

Deadline: Limited to the first 144 paid golfers. On a first come basis!

- Free Soda & Beer after golf
- Prizes and Silent Auction to follow
- All golfers must be 16 years old or older.
- Golf cart rental is mandatory and included in the cost.
- In case of rain, rain checks will be given for golf only.
- Dinner will be held rain or shine!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A DOOR PRIZE, PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

GLENN RUSCH	262-208-6471	RANDY ESENBERG	262-677-2713
TERRY KOTH	262-677-4247	JON KRUSE	920-740-5468
KURT LIESENER	262-677-4360	KURT HENNING	262-677-2797
SHANNON LEITZKE	262-677-2944		

THE MONEY DONATED LAST YEAR CONTRIBUTED IN PURCHASING THE NEW PLAYGROUND AT THE SCHOOL AND THIS YEAR THE MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS PURCHASING NEW BLEACHERS FOR THE GYMNASIUM AT DAVID'S STAR LUTHERAN SCHOOL!