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“The Blessing of Liberty”

By Pastor Loescher

Liberty, what the framers of our Declaration of Independence penned as an unalienable right, clearly is not a right enjoyed by much of the world. Yet it is a right that many see us enjoy and they fight for it. Witness the words of the leader of a resistance group in Iran, “What the Iranian people are yearning for... is an Iran which...is free, democratic and where the ballot box speaks.”

God has been so gracious to our nation as to bless us with freedom these past 238 years. How many nations in the history of the world can claim that kind of long lasting freedom for its citizens? Give thanks to God this 4th of July. He has established and maintained this government. Also, this 4th of July, pray earnestly for God to continue to grant us this unprecedented favor for as long as the earth endures. The fact that God has established other nations on the earth where the people have no say and little rights ought to be a reminder that God may not bless us with this right indefinitely.

Is the idea that God may not bless us with liberty indefinitely an unsettling thought? Let it be a thought that brings to mind the often quoted words written by the Apostle Paul to the Philippian congregation, “I can do all things through him who gives me strength” (Philippians 4:12). Paul was speaking of the strength of God to live under any circumstances. That strength comes from faith that knows that there is one circumstance that will never change. We will always be loved by God. As Paul wrote to the Romans, “Nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord” (Romans 8:38). God’s love gives a freedom that is truly unalienable, that is, it cannot be taken away.

For some, love is only an idea or a feeling. It doesn’t necessarily come with any valuable blessing. The dying soldier passes on a letter for his wife telling her that he loves her. That is a beautiful and lasting sentiment, but he will never be able to show that love to her again. God’s love brings with it concrete eternal blessings not just

sentiments. God’s love includes freedoms that will never be taken away.

While earthly freedoms are not guaranteed, freedom from sin is. The blood of Jesus made full payment. When Jesus paid the price for sin on the cross, no sin remained. Sinfulness of the whole human race was eradicated. Each actual sin of every human being was cleared from the record. “God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself” (2 Corinthians 5:19). Believe that and you know that you are free for real and forever from all sin.

While earthly freedoms are not guaranteed, freedom from death is. Jesus said it this way, “Whoever lives and believes in me will never die” (John 11:26). Jesus speaks of the right to live in peace and freedom with him forever. A dictator may take away our freedom for a time here on earth, but he will never take our freedom with Jesus. Even the tyrant called death who comes to us all only brings us over to eternal life in our Father’s home.

While earthly freedoms are not guaranteed, freedom from Satan is. When Adam and Eve ate from the tree God told them not to eat from, they gave up all rights. The actual unalienable right of liberty given by the Creator to the human race was lost that day. Satan became our master. But God’s love would not allow that freedom to be lost forever. That is why he sent the great freedom fighter, his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus went to battle and won us back from Satan. Because Jesus paid for our sins and bore our guilt, we have been released from Satan’s clutches and his accusations. Free indeed!

This 4th of July thank God for the freedom we enjoy. Pray that it continue. Along with the celebration of our temporary freedom, give thanks and enjoy the comfort of our eternal freedoms in Christ.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SENIORS

Junier Ehlke...7/9/1922...92 yrs. old
Carl Schramm...7/11/1922...92 yrs. old
Hilmer Groth...7/17/1929...85 yrs. old
Marcella Schultz...7.24/1928...86 yrs. old



JULY 2014 GREETERS

July 6, 2014 7:45 Diane Hafemeister
Sue Daley
9:30 Clif & Doris Koeller

July 13, 2014 7:45 LaVerne Groth
9:30 Tim & Rachel Gustafson

July 20, 2014 7:45 Ross & Colleen Lemke
9:30 Karl & Trisha Lickteig

July 27, 2014 7:45 John & Nelda Clemens
9:30 Lora DuFore and family

WELS MUSICIAN

Stephen Bautista will be here for a service/concert in the woods on Saturday, August 9th in the 5:00 pm service.

SAVE THE DATE

MISSION FESTIVAL SERVICE IN THE WOODS
Sunday, August 24th. There is only a 9:30 service on that day. The church band Koine' will be participating in the service.

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. This session will resume in fall.

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. We will continue again in fall.

FRIDAY MORNING DROP-OFF BIBLE CLASS will resume again in fall.

SCHOOL YEAR BOOKS AND SCHOOLPAK The student yearbooks are here and available for pick-up in the church Narthex before or after church service. Reminder: Please remember to place your orders with SchoolPak by July 24th.

KML TUITION ASSISTANCE David's Star provides a small amount of tuition assistance to those who may need financial assistance with KML tuition. If you are interested in applying, please contact Paul Steinbrenner at 262.389.1289 or 262.421.8058 for an application. Deadline for application submission is the end of July

COUNCIL CAPSULE SUMMARY OF THE JUNE 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

David's Star Church Council Meeting Capsule

June 17, 2014

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Brian Lee, Dennis Bell, Mike Willis, Tim Gustafson, Keith Rusch, Andy Loeffler, Dan Bolha

Absent: Pastor Loescher, Jim Korthals, Kurt Henning, Randy Matter

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 13, 2014.

Committee Reports Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming:

Outgoing: Polzin, Dennis & Victoria; Daniel, Dale, Dennis II, Rebecca, Cody
Released from membership
Schowalter, Cindy
Transfer to Shepherd of the Hills, West Bend, WI
Smith, Holly
Transfer to St Luke's, Watertown, WI
Wentland (nee Moldenhauer), Jessica;
Alexander
Transfer to St Peter, Chaseburg, WI

Pastors' Report

Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919
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Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019
woldt@nconnect.net

Clif Koeller served as our district convention delegate. The officers of the district were reelected. Information was shared about the various ministry activities in the district and around the synod. The Lord continues to do amazing work through the gospel! The delegates heard the financial information we received from Pastor Hein last meeting. There were no pressing issues for the delegates to consider. Pastor Loescher will return from vacation next Monday. Pastor Woldt will be absent from the congregational meeting on June 29 due to a nephew's wedding on June 28 near Danbury, WI.

President's Report

Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419
brianandpam1@att.net

Brandon Lehman has agreed to replace Andrew Loescher as Evangelism chairman until the next annual voters meeting. The Jackson Fire Department wants to continue to use the house for training. Tests are being run for lead and asbestos. These results will determine how the material needs to be disposed. Current plans are to have the house down and

basement filled prior to the beginning of the school year. Patrick Steele has agreed to chair the congregational meeting. Council members should be prepared to present their reports.

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

There was nothing new to report.

Board for Elementary Education
Mike Willis, mike.willis@sial.com
Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 338-3992
tgustafson@davidstar.org

New smart boards will be installed in the classrooms during the summer. All teachers and staff will now be using Google Apps for email, file storage, etc. The Germantown school board voted down using parent contracts and will provide busing for the next school year. Mr. Gustafson was evaluated by the teachers as part of the WELS Principal Performance Assessment. He scored either Exceptional or Strong in all categories. The parent group held a brat fry which raised over \$800. They are also looking for new classroom representatives for next year. The accreditation process is underway. Sheila Krause has accepted a call to KMLHS.

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

The board is currently reviewing the delinquent list. The OWLS are hosting a bus trip to the Brewers game on July 23.

Evangelism Committee
Brandon Lehman, Telephone #262.894.6110
Brandon.m.Lehman@gmail.com

There was nothing new to report.

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

One of the envelopes to be eliminated, *Let Our Light Shine*, mistakenly showed up in the latest shipment of offering envelopes. Contact was made with the company, and the envelope will be eliminated from future shipments. The past four years we have had a fall stewardship Bible class under the heading "Christ's Love, Our Calling." This effort was provided by the WELS, and the final installment was given last September. The committee has proposed a 3 week stewardship Bible class for this fall, and is looking for feedback from the church council. The council supported it.

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

The Sunday Bible classes have been completed. Vacation Bible Camp is currently under way.

Treasurer's Report

Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585

rmattercpa@gmail.com

The printed report for May was presented. It indicated an operating fund deficit in the amount of \$37,374.16. Year to date expenses are about 4% under budget. Year to date offerings are about 16% behind budget.

Congregational Meeting Discussion/Date – The meeting is set for June 29 after the 9:30 am service. Power Point can be used as a means of presentation if desired. There was a discussion about content and presentation for the meeting.

Vice President Report

(Dan Bolha, Telephone # 677-3485 dbolha@ymail.com)

There are currently 38 people signed up for the OWLS trip to the Brewers game on July 23. That is a large enough group that a larger bus is needed. Koine will be participating in the August Mission Festival worship service.

A motion was made and carried to accept the reports.

Old Business

Presentation by Circuit Pastor Robert Hein – It was decided that we will not increase our financial commitment to the WELS beyond what was budgeted. Pastor Woldt will forward that decision to Pastor Hein.

Congregational Meeting on June 29 – There was a discussion regarding the status of the church pictorial directory. Dave Zarling will be checking on the status of the pictorial directory. Each committee chairman is encouraged to make a presentation at the congregational meeting.

New Business

Evangelism Chairman – A motion was made and carried to accept Brandon Lehman as the appointed chairman of the evangelism committee until the next annual voters meeting in January.

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, July 15, 2013 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.



Parish Nurse News

Recognize the signs of a stroke F.A. S. T. and call 9-1-1 right away.

Recently, a health education mailing came to the house from one of our local health care systems bringing attention to the need for rapid response to the signs of a stroke. Did you receive one in the mail box too? Let's review...

Face Drooping Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile.

Arm Weakness Is one arm weak, numb or does it drift downward? Ask the person to raise both arms.

Speech Difficulty Is the person unable to speak or is the speech slurred or hard to understand? Ask them to repeat a simple sentence. Do they repeat it correctly?

Time to Call 9-1-1 If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and note the time the symptoms began.

Recognizing symptoms and acting **FAST** to get medical attention can save a life and limit disabilities. Every minute counts, so call 9-1-1 right away so you can get to the hospital early enough to benefit from medical advances such as clot-busting medication, advanced imaging and high-tech instruments that can remove a clot.

Did you know that 80% of strokes are preventable? Some stroke risk factors are beyond your control, such as age, gender and family health history. Talk to your doctor about your risk factors. You can limit your risk by limiting alcohol use, exercising regularly, stop smoking (it doubles your risk) and watch how much and what you eat, limiting salt and fat.

Source: American Heart Association and American Stroke Association. Visit froedtert.com/stroke to learn more.

The ***New Beginnings – Home for Mother's*** Baby Bottle Program is coming to a close. More families participated than ever before! Thanks for your prayers and support! Have you forgotten to bring your baby bottle back to church? Feel free to drop it off in the church/school office or give it to Sue. Thanks again!

We are blessed to be a blessing,

Sue Bolha, RN
David's Star Parish Nurse
parishnurse@davidssstar.org
262-677-3485



Milwaukee Brewer's Baseball Anyone?

FELLOWSHIP AND A GAME, WEDNESDAY JULY 23RD

About 10:00 we'll gather for a tailgate party in the south parking lot here at DS, at 11:00 we'll enjoy burgers, brats and hotdogs with all the fix-ins provided. Around noon we'll board a Lamers Coach for a comfortable air conditioned ride to the stadium. On the way down we'll share some giveaways before getting dropped off at the door. Then at 1:10 we'll enjoy the Brewers game against the Cincinnati Reds. Our seating will be on the second (Loge) level, between home plate and the Brewer's dugout (in the shade). On the way back there will be a light snack before arriving at DS around 5:30. The price is \$40 per person. Come see who's on the list and join in the fun and fellowship. Reserve your spot now on the sign-up sheet in the gathering space or contact Dan Bolha @ 262-677-3485 with any questions you may have.



RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

- Home visits by the teachers will be from August 1 – 15th. They will be calling you to set up a time.
- All required registration forms will be given to you by your child's Teacher and or mailed to you. If you need an extra form you may go to our David's Star web site:
www.DavidsStar.org/school
- **Registration dates will be on Sunday, August 10 after the 7:45 and 9:30 worship services until noon and Monday, August 11 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the school gym. Payments of at least 10% must be made at this time. (School Pak Orders will be available for pick-up at registration)**

SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

On Monday, August 25th we will begin our 172th school year with a church service at 8:45 a.m. Parents are welcomed 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 25th)

(3K – 8:30-11:30 Tuesday, August 26th)

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 _____

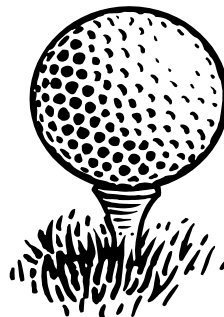
Email Address _____

**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**



15th ANNUAL THUNDERBOLT OPEN Saturday, September 6, 2014

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
NEW BLEACHERS FOR THE GYMNASIUM AT DAVID'S STAR
LUTHERAN SCHOOL.**