



David's Star
Evangelical Lutheran Church

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“Signs of Greatness”

by Pastor Woldt

“What a great church!” We’d love first time visitors and long term members alike to share that evaluation of David’s Star. But what are the signs of greatness when it comes to a Christian church? I suppose the answer will depend on whom you ask.

Many people form their judgments about churches based on external appearances. Some see large so-called “mega” churches popping up over the landscape with large, attractive parking lots and inviting glass atriums leading into an auditorium filled with comfortable seats equipped with cup holder and say, “Now that’s a great church.” Others prefer colorful stained glass, lofty ceilings and ornate altars. “Now that’s a great church.”

Others form their judgments about a church based on the worship style that predominates in the congregation. Some will go away from a worship experience led by a master musician on a powerful pipe organ and say, “Now that’s a great church.” Others are drawn in by skilled vocalist performing newer Christian songs for the assembly, accompanied by amped guitars, a digital keyboard and a full set of drums supporting the beat. “Now that’s a great church.”

While initial impressions are often formed by appearance or worship styles, lasting impressions are usually formed by personal interactions with the people of the congregation, the members of the church itself. Do the people at the church genuinely care about others, or are they only concerned about themselves? If people worship at a place where they encounter other people of God who show themselves to be loving and welcoming, chances are they will come to the conclusion, “Now that is a great church” even when the external appearances and

dominant worship style don’t line up with their own personal preferences.

So what really makes a church great? For the purposes of this article, let’s assume that we are talking about churches that have and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in Scripture. (By the way, the proclamation of that truth should never be taken for granted. It is a special blessing we enjoy in our fellowship of believers.) If the doctrine is the same, what really sets a church apart as great? Maybe we should listen to Jesus’ answer.

Jesus had a surprising answer when his disciples asked him, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3,4).

According to Jesus, a great church will be filled with humble people. Humble people recognize their sin and need for a Savior. Humble people don’t have a feeling of entitlement and a need to be served. Humble people look for opportunities to serve others, and rejoice when they have an opportunity to share the love and forgiveness of Christ. True humility is worked in the heart by the Holy Spirit as we reflect on Jesus’ work for us, and receive his forgiveness ourselves regularly through Word and sacrament.

Is David’s Star a great church? I suppose it depends on whom you ask. But let’s keep working to make David’s Star greater and greater in the eyes of the Savior. Let’s each grow in our personal humility and genuine love. In doing so, we will bring Jesus the praise and honor he deserves and desires! Let your light shine!

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Happy Birthday Seniors!!

Loretta Stauske...94 yrs. old...6/1/1919
 Anna Hardt...90 yrs. old...6/10/1923
 Wilmer Ehlke...84 yrs. old... 6/14/1929
 Laverne Groth ...84 yrs. old...6/17/1929
 Myron Phillips...80 yrs. old...6/17/1933
 Wayne Bublitz...82 yrs. old...6/30/1931
 Philip Haase...81 yrs. old 6/30/1932
 Ethel Miller...89 yrs. old...6/30/1924



JUNE 2013 GREETERS

June 2nd 9:30 David & Emily Zarling and family
 June 9th 7:45 Joel & Linda Pless
 9:30 Tom and Jane Neuman
 June 16th 7:45 John & Melanie Giddings
 9:30 Marilyn Davies and
 Lorriane McCauley
 June 23rd 7:45 Jim & Jean Korthals
 9:30 Keith & Kelly Schopp
 June 30th 7:45
 9:30 Myron and Delores Philipps

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 nick name because he was such an encourager. Our small group home bible studies are also intended for the encouragement of one another. The groups are getting a restart in November, and it is never too late 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.



New to Our Offering Envelopes

You will notice two changes in your offering envelope packets that begin on June 3. The third line of the regular Sunday offering envelope will now read "Let Our Light Shine" instead of "Our Foundation Building Appeal." "Let Our Light Shine" is the new debt reduction effort that gets under way this month. It has a new name but the purpose is the same. "Let Our Light Shine" will reduce our debt on the gathering space, classroom expansion, and school renovation completed in 2009.

Beginning June 3, you will also find a monthly envelope for "Let Our Light Shine." You can use this envelope to make your monthly gift or an occasional gift or special offering to help retire our debt.

You might wonder about envelopes in our offering envelope packets with similar sounding fund names--the "Building and Improvement Fund" and the "David's Star Restricted Building Fund." Gifts to the "Building and Improvement Fund" are used for large, ongoing maintenance projects for existing buildings on our campus. The "David's Star Restricted Building Fund" is used to hold gifts for the new "Let Our Light Shine" debt reduction campaign and the former "Our Foundation Building Appeal." Currently, all gifts designated for the "David's Star Restricted Building Fund" are used for debt reduction.

Debt retirement and campus improvement—two different envelopes for two separate funds but with a related purpose. Both funds support stewardship of our physical facilities which we use to support our ministry for today and tomorrow. Both give us opportunities to glorify God as we provide places and resources for proclaiming the Good News of Jesus.

The Stewardship Committee

**David's Star Church
Council Meeting Capsule
May 14, 2013**

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

Absent: Andy Loeffler.

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 April 9, 2013.

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

Incoming: Wagie, John & Beth
Transfer from Our Savior, Grafton, WI

Outgoing: None

**Pastors' Report
Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919
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Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019
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We are thankful for the members who took time to attend the "Let Our Light Shine" Bible studies during the month of April. However, a significant number of our members did not participate in this program. Materials were mailed out, and the committee will make decisions on follow up phone calls as commitments come in. Please keep the graduates of Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in your prayers. Many of them will be receiving their first calls into the public ministry. David's Star members Phil Loescher and Ben Rusch will be graduating from the Martin Luther College pre-seminary program. The Southeast Wisconsin District Conference will be held on June 11th and 12th at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

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

Technology Committee – Barry Washburn has requested a resignation from our Technology Committee. Mark Oestreich has agreed to take over. This will be covered under new business.

Decorating Committee – Mel Heckendorf has agreed to head up this committee. This will be covered under new business.

Teacherage – There was little response received at our recent voters meeting regarding these facilities. It is apparent that it is time to demolish the building. This will be covered under new business. We should have an alternate plan in place relative to storage space. Council also discussed having items removed from the storage shed by the cemetery. On June 4th, Tim and his staff will be going through the shed to determine the feasibility of disposing of specific items in the shed.

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

Arbor Night was May 13th. Church woods seating was set up, and leaves were also blown and vacuumed. Bark was spread at the new playground area and the old area. Snow plow damage to the grass in the cemetery area was repaired. Special thanks to Liesener Soils for the topsoil and use of their equipment, and Randy Vogel of Spring Valley for providing the grass seed. Also thanks to Matt and Bob Hartwig (Arborscape) for use of their equipment and Shawn Maney for use of his tractor in the woods. Special thanks to all who helped on Arbor Day. Pastor Woldt's microwave was replaced, and Pastor Loescher's sewage ejector in the basement was replaced.

Kurt inquired whether approval from Council was required to cut down trees. This will be covered under new business.

**Board for Elementary Education
Bob Heider, Telephone #262.644.1726
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Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 262.338.3992
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On May 4th, the playground equipment was installed. Thanks to the Parents Group and Golf Committee. The hot lunch program continues to be a topic of interest to the School Board. The volume of usage is substantially down this year about 35 percent. Plans for Early Childhood continues to develop and is moving forward.

On June 2nd, graduation will take place in the woods. Tim Gustafson will be recognized for his 30th anniversary. We will also recognize Lynne Tews' retirement and Anna Potter's departure.

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

Lutheran Ceili Orchestra led by Joey Schumann will be available for Mission Festival. We will be enlisting their musical offering for this worship.

Kris Eggers has been appointed the Worship Music Coordinator. She will be active in better organization of our music gifts and the need to get more people with musical gifts involved. The acquisition of new choir and worship music will be addressed.

Bill Truebenbach asked to be relieved of his Elder duties based on how busy he has become with Jesus Care Ministries. Bill asked that he be replaced by the next quarterly voters meeting scheduled for July 11th.

Evangelism Committee
David Zarling, Telephone # 414.839.0094
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We continue to move forward with pictorial directory. We will work towards obtaining a final draft soon.

Informational TV is up and running, Thanks to technology committee for their work.

We are working for Miller Monument to determine which signs need to be replaced. We need a bigger sign on Spring Valley Road, and also on Western Avenue. We will make this known as a special project, and we will look for donors for this project. We could also use funds from our Building and Improvement Fund.

Our new member welcome is June 30th.

We are still looking at using the Maney farm for our Living Nativity.

Stewardship Committee
Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143
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We are in the planning stage with American Church in developing our envelope packet for 2014. We have received samples of envelopes from competing companies. The quality of these envelopes are not as good.

Spiritual Growth Committee
Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319
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The committee will meet on May 13th to finalize plans to move the library. Church and school secretaries, as well as Tim, are on board with the preliminary plans.

Treasurer's Report
Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585
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The April 30,, 2013 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 4/30/13 in the amount of (\$38,130), representing an increase in our deficit during the month in the amount of \$35,073. Operating

fund receipts for the month were \$59,678 which is a 73.8% of our budget.

Our health insurance claim with the IRS has been settled, and we should be receiving \$12,500 soon.

Vice Presidents Report
Dan Bolha, Telephone #262.677.3485
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Dan reported that we have started the process of beginning a chapter of the OWLS for seniors here at David's Star. An initial meeting for the chapter will take place on July 15th at 6:30.

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

Anna Potter resignation – Anna Potter has resigned effective with the end of the school year due to her father's failing health. Tim and the School Board are determining the skill set that would be needed to replace Anna. There was discussion regarding the possibility of making a one year call for a replacement due to our declining enrollment. Further discussion will need to occur to determine our needs.

A motion was made and carried to hold a special meeting on May 29th at 7PM to address the vacancy due to the resignation of Anna Potter.

Teacherage – As our teacherage is in poor shape and it appears that demolition may be the best alternative, a motion was made and carried to present to the voters at our quarterly meeting a recommendation to allow Council to determine the most appropriate method of disposal of the teacherage.

Barry Washburn resignation – A motion was made and carried to accept Barry Washburn's resignation as Chairman of our Technology Committee with our thanks for his service.

Mark Oestreich appointment – A motion was made and carried to appoint Mark Oestreich as the Chairman of our Technology Committee.

Tree Cutting - A motion was made and carried to direct the Building and Grounds Committee to begin removing dying trees from our property.

Mel Heckondorf appointment – A motion was made and carried to appoint Mel Heckondorf as Chairman of the Interior Planning Committee.

Items for Voters (for the July 18th Voters Meeting)

Election to replace Bill Truebenbach on Board of Elders
Teacherage Disposal

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, July 18, 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.

COME AND WORSHIP THE LORD!

Join Us For Worship At

David's Star Lutheran Church
Saturday, June 8, 5:00 PM
(Church Woods)
Sunday, June 9, 7:45 and 9:30 AM

With Musical Guest
Stephen Bautista

WELS Member and Christian Recording Artist

Learn More About Stephen
Visit the website below to find out more about Stephen, listen to some of his music, and grab a free download of some of his songs.

www.stephenbautistamusic.com/go





Parish Nurse News

New Beginnings – Home for Mothers

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 in 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

Baby Bottle Program Update

In case you haven't heard, on Mother's Day our youth at David's Star helped to hand out baby bottles after services, giving us a chance to support a great ministry with our loose change, cash or even a check! Although more bottles went out this year than ever before, there are still a few left in the Gathering Space in the white porcelain baby bath basin. There is also information about the ministry. You are welcome to take a bottle and fill it with your gift. We hope to collect them the weekend of Father's Day in that same bath basin or in the Health Office till the end of June! *Thank you for supporting this vital ministry!*

Did You Know?

As shocking as this may sound, eating five or more serving's of fruit per day could actually cause weight gain! That's because you need to keep in mind your **overall daily intake of calories**. For example, if you are adding fruit to a meal to act as your dessert instead of cookies, that's a great choice: You'll naturally decrease your daily calorie intake. If, however, you are adding lots of fruit **in addition to** an existing daily dose of high-calorie foods (and you continue to eat the cookies for dessert) now you have simply added more calories to your meal.

By all means add more fruit to your diet to benefit from the nutrients and fiber, but let the fruit serve as a **replacement** to higher calorie foods instead of adding more calories to your day.

If you can't see yourself substituting fruit for sugary desserts at every meal, set a goal for replacing sweets with fruit once a day or for several meals per week. The strawberries at the Pig have been wonderful this spring! Much better than cookies!

Source: Health24 and Better Health Newsletter

Washington County Albrecht Free Clinic

In February, our own Ann Thompson, Medical Assistant and volunteer at the Albrecht Clinic came to our Parish Nurse Meeting and talked about her work there! Many of our older members are familiar with Dr. Albrecht (he very well may have delivered some of us!) It was said that if a patient of his was unable to pay for the costs of services or medications, he would trade for a dozen eggs or help with chores around his home! With the Elder's and Pastor's blessing the Parish Nurses are going to give David's Star a chance to support the efforts that he began many years ago for the people of Washington County.