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“The Lord is With You -- Always!”

by Pastor Michael Woldt

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Do you ever feel all alone? Do you ever feel like you are waging a losing battle against the world around you? Do you ever get depressed watching the news and wonder if you are the only one who can clearly see how foolish the ways of the world are when it comes to issues of morality, gender and privacy? Do you ever feel like you are the only one in your family who understands the value of regular worship and attendance at the Sacrament? Do you ever feel like you are the only one at your workplace or in your dorm who accepts what the Bible says and confesses Jesus as your Savior? If you answered "yes", you can begin to identify with the prophet Elijah.

Elijah, a prophet of the Lord, felt alone on Mt. Carmel as he faced 450 prophets of the false god Baal. Even after the Lord clearly demonstrated that he alone was God, Elijah was still forced to flee for his life. The wicked, idol-worshipping Jezebel had placed a bounty on his head. Elijah was ready to give up the fight. He felt like all was lost. Then the Lord came to Elijah in a quiet whisper and reminded Elijah that the prophet still had work to do. The Lord also reminded Elijah that he was not alone. Not only was the Lord with Elijah, there were still 7000 believers in the nation of Israel who had not given themselves over to honoring Baal. (You can read about this portion of Elijah's life in 1 Kings, chapters 18 through 20).

Elijah's experience teaches us that, while we may feel alone, we are really never alone. The Lord is always with us, as he was with Elijah. Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus

told his disciples that they had work to do in this sinful world, but that commission came with a promise. *"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18 - 20).*

Jesus continues to keep his promise. Jesus is with you, even when it seems like you are facing the world alone. Jesus is with you, even when your family and friends seem to be deserting you for believing the truths of the Christian faith and putting them into practice. Jesus is with you, even when you have to bear a cross for following him.

And, like Elijah, you aren't the only believer left on the face of the earth. The next time you feel alone, thank God for those members of your family who still share the same faith as you. Thank God for other Christians at the workplace and in the dorm, even though they may seem to be few. And don't forget to thank God for the fellowship we enjoy at a congregation like David's Star, where every week we have the opportunity to encourage each other in our walk with Jesus our Savior.

Don't let the devil convince you that you stand by yourself, hopeless and helpless in a world full of sin. You are not alone. The Lord is with you - always! And so are your brothers and sisters in Christ!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS

- Anna Hardt (6/10)*
- Wilmer Ehlke (6/14)*
- LaVerne Groth (6/17)*
- Myron Philipps (6/17)*
- Richard Kinzel (6/26)*
- Wayne Bublitz (6/30)*

JUNE 2016 GREETERS

June 5, 2016 9:30: John & Ruthanne Geldon

June 12, 2016

- 7:45: Andy & Colleen Loeffler
- 9:30: Brian & Pam Lee

June 19, 2016 7:45: Jim & Jean Korthals
9:30:

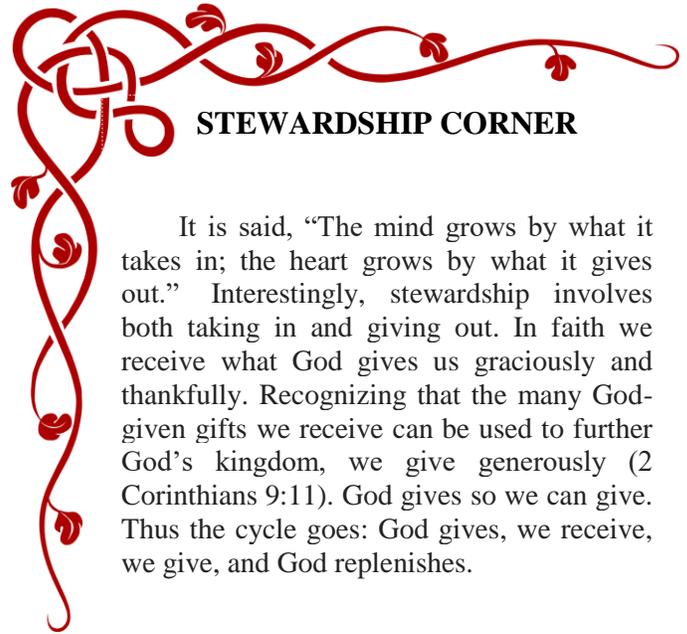
June 26, 2016 7:45: Jean Hall
9:30: Rick & Rachel Kwiecinski

BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS

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.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS will resume in fall.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will re-start in fall.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

It is said, "The mind grows by what it takes in; the heart grows by what it gives out." Interestingly, stewardship involves both taking in and giving out. In faith we receive what God gives us graciously and thankfully. Recognizing that the many God-given gifts we receive can be used to further God's kingdom, we give generously (2 Corinthians 9:11). God gives so we can give. Thus the cycle goes: God gives, we receive, we give, and God replenishes.

**SENIOR PLANS FOR CLASS OF 2016
KETTLE MORAINNE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

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| Kari Beine | Iowa State University
Chemical Engineering |
| Taylor Brazell | UW-Whitewater
Marketing |
| William Campbell | UW-Washington County
Undecided |
| Caleb Gustafson | Martin Luther College
Pastoral Ministry |
| Victoria Heckendorf | Waukesha County Technical
College
Surgical Technology |
| Elizabeth Heider | UW-Madison
Undecided |
| Molly Sanford | Wisconsin Lutheran College
Early Childhood Ed. or
Psychology |
| Zachary Strupp | Undecided
CNC |
| Evan Willis | UW-Madison
Engineering |
| Amber Wolfgram | UW-Washington County
Undecided |

COUNCIL CAPSULE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

David's Star Church Council Highlights

May 11, 2016

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Josh Boeldt, , Glen Miller, Tim Gustafson, David Zarling, Brian Lee, Pastor Loescher

Absent: Keith Rusch, Jon Kruse, Kurt Henning Mike Willis

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 12, 2016.

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: Foat, Randy and Rebecca

Transfer from Siloah, Milwaukee, WI

Outgoing: Brown, John & Laura; Kristian, Theodore, KarLeigh

Transfer to Crown of Life, Hubertus, WI

Pastors' Report

Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919

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Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019

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The SE Wisconsin District Convention will be held June 14th and 15th at Wisconsin Lutheran College. We need to designate a congregational delegate to serve at the convention. Pastor Woldt received a notice that he may be called for jury duty at the Washington County circuit court during the month of July. We'd like to add our thanks to the many people who participate in keeping the ground of our campus looking good ... not only on Arbor Night, but throughout the year. Please remember the new member welcome on Sunday, May 22nd, and also the farewell luncheon for the Giddings, and to mark the retirement of Jean Korthals on Sunday, June 5th, following the graduation service. Lord willing, the service will be in woods, but the luncheon will be served in the gymnasium. Sign up sheets in the gathering space.

Brian Lee

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The Endowment Committee continues to work on developing a communication plan. A special Thanks goes out to all those that helped with Arbor night it was a great success. A special thanks to the Ladies once again providing a meal after the event.

**Board for
Buildings and Grounds**

Kurt Henning

klhrconst@gmail.com

No Report.

Board for Elementary Education

Mike Willis, mike.willis@sial.com

Principal Tim Gustafson

tgustafson@davidstar.org

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Tim informed the board that he received a call to St. John's in Burlington, WI. They have asked me to be the principal which means 75% of my time will be on administrative duties and 25% teaching. That is all I know at this time. Please keep him in your prayers as he considers his calls.

Board of Elders

Dennis Bell

dandmbell55@yahoo.com

Board is meeting a conducting business as usual. Dennis agreed to attend the SE Wisconsin District Convention in June with both Pastors.

Evangelism Committee

Nelson Erdman

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A new member welcome is set for Sunday May 22nd after second service with a cook-out. Early Summer mailer featuring Morning Bible Camp and School Registration will be mailed late May/Early June. Summer postcard is being planned for completion Mid-June. Summer Worship in the woods with music from Tom Miller is scheduled for July 23rd.

Stewardship Committee

David Zarling

david.zarling@gmail.com

David is reviewing offering envelopes for future printing and distribution.

Spiritual Growth Committee
Jon Kruse
krusejon@hotmail.com

No Report.

Treasurer's Report

(Josh Boeldt, joshua.boeldt@gmail.com)

The printed report for April was presented. The total offerings for April were \$72,734 nearly \$7,000 over budget, continuing with the pattern for the year of actual offerings being around 10% over budgeted offerings. Expenses were 4% higher than budgeted, but the whole year as a whole, they are on budget. We need to keep a watch on the Building Fund balance as it dipped just below \$80,000. This fund is in place to prevent drawing from the operating budget during months where offering did not meet payment requirements. Missions are on tract.

A motion was made and carried to accept the reports.

Old Business

Exploration of Endowment Fund at David's Star
– Meeting will be set up to meet with

New Business

Voters Meeting – June 12 between services was set for the voter's meeting to consider the calls of Colleen Loeffler and Lora Du Fore

Congregational Delegate for the District Convention - Dennis Bell agreed to represent David's Star.

Next month's meeting is Sunday , June 12, 2015 after Late Service.

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

Brian Lee - President

DAVID'S STAR OWLS

Come Enjoy The Brewers Game

Your DS OWLS group is hosting their 3rd Annual Brewers Game Outing on Thursday, August 11. Please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Here is the schedule for the day:

10:00 AM	Fellowship (In the DS concession area, lower level of the school)
10:45 AM	Tailgate Meal at DS (provided in the cost per person)
12:00 PM	Coach bus to the Ballgame (provided in the cost per person)
01:10 PM	Brewers vs. the Braves, with group seating in section 215 in the shade (provided in the cost per person)
05:30 PM	Return to David's Star (provided in the cost per person)

Cost Per Person:

Non-Member of the DS OWLS
\$37 - before June 15
Non-Member of the DS OWLS
\$43 - after June 15
Member of the DS OWLS
\$35

Please make your check out to the DS OWLS

You can give the check to Dan Bolha

Or

Mail your check to:

David's Star OWLS
c/o Dan Bolha
N161W18841 Jared Drive
Jackson, WI 53037

Thank you, hope you can join us for the day!

Dan Bolha, DS OWLS President

**2016 April Operating Budget Financial Update
May 10, 2016**

Praise the Lord, He has done marvelous things! The total offerings for April were \$72,734, nearly \$7,000 over budget, continuing with the pattern for the year of actual offerings being around 10% more than budgeted offerings. The actual expenses for April were about 4% higher than budgeted, but for the year as a whole, they are very similar to the budget. As can be seen on the chart below, the actual overall change was about \$2,667 better than the anticipated budgeted change for the month. The overall fund balance at the end of April shows a deficit of \$19,080.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenue	\$72,734	\$65,878	\$6,856
Expenses	\$100,275	\$96,086	\$4,189
Change	(\$27,541)	(\$30,208)	\$2,667

**2016 April Ministries Beyond our Congregation
Financial Update**

In April, our remittances for the WELS mission were about 15% lower than budgeted for, while the KMLHS operating mission remittances were about 15% higher than budgeted for. The KML Joyful Noise amount was lower than anticipated this month, and the total amounts remitted for all missions are down about 7% from the budget figure for the year to date.

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Wisc Ev Lutheran Synod	\$5,883	\$6,952	(\$1,069)
KMLHS Operating Fund	\$4,058	\$3,501	\$557
KMLHS Joyful Noise	\$571	\$945	(\$374)

2016 April Building Fund Update

The mortgage loan balance as of April 30, 2016 is \$1,343,707.70. The council's objective is to maintain a \$100,000 cushion in the building fund debt account—our balance at 4/30/16 was \$83,133. With the next mortgage payment going out in mid-May, this fund balance will be under \$80,000. We pray that God will continue to bless our congregation so that we can replenish these funds.

Josh Boeldt, Treasurer

CALL NEWS

Members of David's Star,

Over the last couple of weeks, I have appreciated your comments when you have talked to me and shared your feelings about my Call to St. John's Burlington; as well as, my ministry at David's Star. I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and comments while I was considering both calls. Throughout this Call process, I prayerfully considered where the Lord would like me to serve Him. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I have decided to return the call to St. John's and continue my ministry at David's Star. I look forward to continuing my work at David's Star and ask for your prayers as I serve this congregation.

Mr. Gustafson

THE THUNDERBOLT OPEN GOLF OUTING will be held Saturday, Sept. 10th at West Bend Lakes. There will be a 1:00 shot gun start. The cost is \$75 a person and this includes golf, the cart, dinner and lots of fun. This will be the final year for a number of our committee members. We are in need of new members to help continue this tradition at David's Star. If interested contact Glenn Rusch at 262.208.6471. We would like you to join our group this year so we can instruct you on how we are currently doing things.