



“From Madness to Gladness”

by Pastor Kurt Loescher

Have you filled out your NCAA brackets? As of this writing the brackets haven't been posted yet, but that doesn't have to stop you from the bracketology. You could spend hours on hours on blogs and websites crunching numbers and prognosticating which teams will end up where. People actually do this for a living. They are paid good money to guess at who will be number one, two, three, etc. That's madness in my humble estimation. But the madness on top of that is that there are thousands who buy it. The pride in the hearts of fans, the screaming hope in their sports psyche that their team will win it all this year drives them to know everything they can. They want to know what the experts think about their team's chances.

Here's madness on a different level: The cost of all NCAA championships from all three divisions last year was \$90,000,000. I know, that's an average 5 year contract of just one professional superstar athlete. Need I say more to underscore the reality of the madness in sports? People eagerly pay for the rush of the possibility of their favorite team winning it all. Most of them pay for the agonizing crash of their emotions onto the hard floor of reality when their team loses. And they pay the same if not more the next year—most of them for the same agonizing outcome. The money we spend on sports is staggering. The National Football League revenue alone averages over \$10,000,000,000 per year. That's madness. All that for the love of a game that accomplishes little when all is said and done; all that for the hope of a victory at one moment in time and bragging rights until the next time your team loses. With the proverb of Jesus in mind, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be

also,” we have to accept that sports is this world's secular religion.

How blessed we are to be able to break away from all that with our soul's focus on the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no madness in the study of the Holy Scriptures. There is no guess work in determining who will win out at the end of all things. Jesus wins every time. Jesus won our salvation on the cross once and for all. Jesus wins over all those who would tempt us away from his gracious presence. And we will have eternal victory in heaven. That's gladness.

Any amount of money spent on the eternal salvation of only one soul is money spent on a lasting joy in the presence of God that doesn't last only until the next time Jesus loses. He never loses. He has won the lasting victory that we rightfully boast about and celebrate through this holy season and especially Easter morning. Any money spent in giving honor and glory to God in worship and praise is not foolishly spent. He has never and will never let us down. He gives us a new day every morning and full forgiveness every evening. He has given us new life in Jesus for all eternity.

Finally, look at the staggering expense to make this victory a reality. So overwhelming we might think it foolish only because we do not possess in ourselves the love necessary to make that sacrifice. God's love doesn't look at it that way. God paid dearly for our victory over our enemies: sin, death and Satan. It wasn't billions or even trillions of dollars, it was so much more. He paid the holy precious blood of his One and Only Son. That's not madness; that is our gladness. God bless every effort and every offering given to praise his holy name this holy season.

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MARCH 2013 GREETERS

- March 3, 2013 7:45 Alex and Sandy Gaeth
10:15 Bob & Rachel Fuller
- March 10, 2013 7:45 Jody and Amy Hansen
10:15 Mark & Terry Brazell
- March 17, 2013 7:45 Ben and Krista Traucht
10:15 Bob & Katie Campbell
- March 24, 2013 7:45 Ralph and Elaine Gerner
10:15 Paul & Beth Steinbrenner
- March 31, 2013 7:45 Dave & Von Martin
10:15 Dennis & Marlene Bell



HOLY WEEK CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

- Maundy Thursday**
March 28, 2013
3:45 & 7:00 pm
- Good Friday Services**
March 29, 2013
1:30 PM - Service of the Word
7:00 PM - Tenebrae Service
- Easter Eve Service**
March 30, 2013
7:00 pm
- Easter Dawn Service**
March 31, 2013
6:00 am
- Easter Festival Services**
March 31, 2013
7:45 and 10:15 am
- Easter Breakfast serving from
7:00 - 10:00 am (School gym)

BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS

BIBLE CLASSES CONTINUING IN MARCH

As the world becomes more and more evil in these last days, we Christians can feel that we are in a situation similar to the Prophet Daniel's. Daniel was forced to live his entire life in Babylon because his native country of Israel was destroyed by the Babylonians. But rather than giving up in despair, Daniel used his position in life to witness to the Babylonians about his God. The LORD used Daniel as his mouthpiece to declare that, while arrogant men think they're in control, it is always the LORD whose purposes win out in the end. Most importantly, God used Daniel to proclaim that all God's purposes culminate in the coming of the Messiah. Please join us for this twelve week Bible class led by Prof. Bill Tackmier in church

To the Ends of the World... Till Our Savior Returns... The historical journeys of the Apostle Paul. An examination of the times, the places and the eternal message of Christ's Salvation as see through Paul's travels. This is a six week Bible study, led by Dr. Patrick Steele, that will be taken from a historical and theological perspective on the time and cultures Paul encountered and the message that he shared. This class will meet in the multi-purpose room of school.

CHILDREN AND TEEN BIBLE STUDIES Join us from 9:10 to 10:00AM, as we look at God's Word together. K3 will have an overview of the Bible. K4/K5 to 8th grade will study the Ten Commandments. Teens will discuss various topics.

ALL WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION are invited to Women's Thursday Bible Study. Please bring your Bibles and we will discuss our topic for the coming year. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings of each month at 9:30 in the multi-purpose room. We hope to see you there.

WEBS-WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY All women of the congregation are invited to join us on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month in the atrium (upstairs). Please call Colleen Loeffler, 677-2319 with any questions.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meeting at 10:00 am in the multi-purpose room in school.

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.



David's Star Church Council Meeting Minutes
/ Capsule
February 12, 2013

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

Absent: Brian Lee, Kurt Henning.

The meeting was called to order by Dan Bolha. 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 January 15, 2013.

Committee Reports
Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: None

Outgoing: Tevich, Vanessa; Jonah, Ian McFayden
Transfer to Bethlehem, Menomonee Falls, WI

The following were released from membership (no participation or contact)

Chmielewski, Daniel Patrick
Eilers, Eric Mark
Eilers, Jenine Marie
Johnson, Sherry
Kison, Debra A.
Pleugers, John Evan
Pleugers, Charles
Rolli, Chuck & Brenda
Staehler, Adam Robert
Staehler, Debra Kaye
Staehler, Ryan Patrick
Thoreaux, Mary Elaine

Pastors' Report

Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919
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Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019
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Thanks to all the council members for being willing to serve the Lord in leadership positions of this congregation. We are grateful for all the initiatives you are pursuing to strengthen our own members in worship and faith, to keep our facilities in shape, and to reach out with the gospel of Jesus Christ to more and more people. Please pray for the Lord's blessings this Lenten season as we proclaim our crucified and risen Savior.

President's Report

Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419
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Brian reported via written communication that he is unable to attend the meeting due to the fact that he is travelling for work. Dan Bolha will be chairing the meeting.

Jody Hansen has offered to assist in determining what can and should be done with the old teacherage building. Brian will be making this one of primary focus for this year.

Brian met with Patrick Steele who will be working on assembling a document to be used as a starting point for discussion. He will also be getting input from Dan Bolha and Rod Kison.

Board for
Buildings and Grounds

Brian Heckendorf, brian.heckendorf@gmail.com
No report.

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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Tim and his staff are having ongoing discussions about formalizing details relative to the early childhood programs. Mike Willis will be the Board of Education liaison to Tim and his staff on this issue.

Registration for preschool 3K through 5K will be held on March 7th and 8th

We have received four applications for the school secretary position. Tim and Bob will be conducting interviews and making a recommendation.

The Golf Committee and Parents Group have a goal in this new year to replace the bleachers in the gymnasium. The Board of Education approved placing calls to Eunice Washburn to teach all-day kindergarten and to Kathy Bintz to teach 3K and 4K preschool as a half-time position.

Board of Elders

Bill Truebenbach, Telephone #262.677.3052
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The Board welcomed new members of David Krause, Terry Hansen, and Chairman Dennis Bell. The elders were assigned to overseeing the following areas of ministry: Bill Truebenbach – Church Office, Teen Ministry, Terry Hansen – Technology, Care for Called Workers, David Krause – Worship & Ushering, Clif Koeller – Fellowship, Decorating, Ladies Aid, Dave Martin – Senior Ministry, Parish Nurses, Paul Steinbrenner – Family Ministry, Young Adult Ministry.

Sue Bolha has been approached by Wisconsin Lutheran College to be shadowed as a parish nurse for 32 hours by a WLC nursing student. The elders support this effort and remain thankful for all of our parish nurses.

A list of members to be recommended for release from membership was presented and acted on by the Board.

A Worship Music Coordinator description has been created. The Board of Education will need to endorse the proposal including providing release time for one of our qualified teachers to assume this role.

The Board has been discussing the need for an integrated audio/visual system in church.

Pastor Woldt will be asking pastor Jim Behringer, who heads up our Synod Commission on Special Ministries, to be our Mission Festival guest preacher this year.

Evangelism Committee

David Zarling, Telephone # 414.839.0094

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Plans are underway for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Nelson has been working on creating materials relative to our Early Childhood programs. Doris Beine will be assisting with the design of the pictorial directory. The Committee is looking at revamping our website, and also doing a road signage update.

Pastor Loesch also provided an update on continuing discussions with Redeemer, Cedarburg relative to cooperative evangelism.

Stewardship Committee

Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143

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As reported at the last Council meeting, American Church, our offering envelope supplier, made some major errors in the envelopes for the period beginning on 3 February 2013. This was the second consecutive problem with the envelopes. The most recent issues were of a more serious nature, and made the initial printing and mailing unacceptable. The company was never able to track down the cause of either problem. They have, however, taken a number of steps to try to prevent a third such episode. A group of customer service and other representatives of the company will review each printing of our envelopes before they are mailed out. To say the least, the company was embarrassed by the problem itself, and by their inability to ascertain the cause.

Undoubtedly, the company absorbed a substantial expense connected with their mistakes. The second printing and the associated mailing costs were done at company expense. I have not heard of any difficulties connected with the second mailing.

Spiritual Growth Committee

Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319

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With the repurposing of the IMC relative to our early childhood programs, it will be necessary to relocate the church library. We will be streamlining the materials to include strictly items of a spiritual nature, and will no longer be including secular materials.

Treasurer's Report

Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585

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The January 31, 2013 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 1/31/13 in the amount of (\$38,255). Operating fund receipts for the month were \$71,833 which is a 97% of our budget, and compares to \$75,274 received last year.

Randy also distributed to Council a scholarship endowment funds report as of December 31, 2012 for their review.

Vice Presidents Report

Dan Bolha, Telephone #262.677.3485

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Work has been completed on the painting to be placed in our narthex. The painting is of Jesus and little children.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports except those items that needed separate action under old or new business.

Old Business

Future of "Parish Center" – As reported under the President's report, Brian will be working with Jody Hansen on this project.

New Business

Church Records Retention – Randy came forward to Council with a proposal relative to the retention and destruction of our church financial records. A motion was made, as follows:

Resolved that the following guidelines be used for proper retention and destruction of church financial records:

Permanently retained:

Monthly and year-end financial reports

Congregation annual report

General checking bank account bank statements January through December

Restricted Building Fund bank account bank statements January through December

Payroll bank account bank statements January through December

Destroyed after four full years:

Accounts receivable – copy of deposit records
Accounts payable – vouchers and paid invoices
Journal entry reports
School registration records
Vanco donation/payment reports January through December
Offering reports January through December

Other:

Offering envelopes – destroyed every other year after April 15th. For example, 2011 records will be burned after April 15, 2013.

The current year's records will be retained in the church financial office until such time as they are reviewed by the audit committee of the congregation. Afterwards, they will be boxed and stored in locked cabinets on church property. Records are to be destroyed either by shredding or burning under reasonable security precautions.

After discussion, the motion was approved to proceed with this retention program.

Debt Reduction Campaign – Pastor Woltd provided an informational handout relative to the debt reduction committee's plans.

Les Kehl Request – A letter was distributed to Council from former principal of David's Star Les Kehl. He is looking forward to his 90th birthday on May 16th, and is seeking approval from Council to perform a concert on May 18th at David's Star. A motion was made and carried to grant this request.

Handbook Review – Randy distributed a draft of the staff handbook for Council to review. Appropriate changes were made. A motion was made and carried to adopt this handbook, as revised. Randy will distribute a copy to staff members to sign acknowledging receipt of the handbook.

Coat Rack Donation – Discussion occurred relative to a donation of \$1,000 designated for a coat rack in the new narthex area. This information will be forwarded to Mel Heckendorf to determine the status of purchasing the new coat rack.

Items for Voters (for the April 11th Voters Meeting)

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 8:00 P.M.**

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

Kevin A. Behm, Recording Secretary
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Parish Nurse News

*Pressure perfect –
6 things that can help lower your
blood pressure without
medication*

1. **Aim for at least 30 minutes of daily exercise.** Regular activity can help reduce mildly elevated blood pressure 5 to 10 points.
2. **Eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables.** They're packed with potassium, a mineral that can help control blood pressure.
3. **Drink two 8-oz. glasses of low- or nonfat milk every day.** The calcium in milk and other dairy products may help control blood pressure.
4. **Take the salt shaker off the table.** Experts now encourage us to limit dietary sodium intake to less than 1,500 mg per day. One tsp. = 2,300!
5. **Step on the scale.** If you're over weight, losing as little as 10 pounds may help.
6. **Avoid tobacco products of all kinds, and if you drink alcohol,** limit it to two drinks per day for men, and one drink for women.

Sources: AHA; National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Hate the thought of taking blood pressure medication for the rest of your life? Keep these things in mind and perhaps you can keep your blood pressure within normal range. Normal blood pressure is less than 120/80mm Hg. Get yours checked regularly. If you're already taking medication for high blood pressure, **don't stop!** The parish nurses offer a blood pressure check on the 4th Sunday of the month between Sunday services in the Health Office. Feel free to stop in!

Did you know??? A [recent study by Dr. Frank Lin](#) shows that only 14% of people who could benefit from hearing aids actually have them. And according to the [ASHA-AARP National Hearing Health Poll](#) of 2300 adults aged 50+, over 75% of respondents say that hearing health is important to them, yet half reported having a hearing *loss for which they had not sought help*. Source: HearingHealthMatters.org. **Interesting!**

Together in Christ,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse
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REGISTRATION FOR 3K, 4K, AND 5K FULL DAY

David's Star Lutheran School will be starting a 3K program for the 2013-2014 school year. Our 3K program will meet 2 days/week on Tuesday and Thursday. We will also be expanding our 5K program to a full day, five (5) days/week.

Listed below are the registration days for each of our classes. Invitations will be going out in the mail at the end of February. Please contact the school office, 262-677-2412, if you do not receive an invitation. 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 of Spring Valley Road.

3K Preschool Friday, March 8

8:30-10:00am

Children must be 3 years old by September 1st. Children will be able to attend an abbreviated preschool day. Our 3K Preschool Program is 2 days/week on Tuesday and Thursday at a cost of \$850/student.

Child care will be available when they are not in class.

4K Kindergarten Thursday, March 7

8:30-10:00am

Children must be 4 years old by September 1st. Children will be able to attend an abbreviated kindergarten day.

Our 4K Kindergarten Program is 3 days/week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at a cost of \$1200/student.

Child care will be available when they are not in class.

5K Kindergarten Friday, March 8

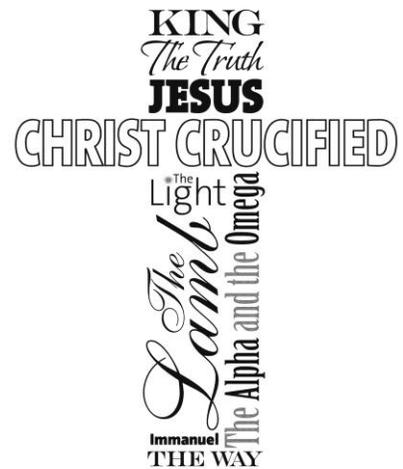
8:30-11:30am

Children must be 5 years old by September 1st. Children will be able to attend an abbreviated kindergarten day.

Our 5K Kindergarten Program is 5 full days/week at a cost of \$1200/student.

Child care will be available when they are not in class.

**DAVID'S STAR
LENTEN SCHEDULE
2013**



Names of Wondrous Love

March 6

“King”

Pastor Charles Raasch

March 13

“Christ Crucified”

Pastor Kurt Loescher

March 20

“The Way”

Pastor Tim Henning

A light supper will be served between our mid-week Lenten Services. The meal will be offered between 4:45 and 6:30 pm in the gym. Please join us for food and fellowship.

March 6; Dartball teams will serve mandarin chicken salad and other salads.

March 13; The Barnabas Bible Study groups will serve chili and hot dogs.

March 20; The Adult Choirs and Adult Handbell Choir will serve a variety of casseroles, and baked potatoes with toppings.



CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Members of David's Star: I have received your call to teach 5K Kindergarten full time here at David's Star. After prayerful deliberation, I have been led by the Holy Spirit to accept the call to be your full-time 5K Kindergarten teacher. I ask for your prayers and support as I begin my new ministry as your full-time 5K Kindergarten teacher.

In His Service, (Signed) Mrs. Eunice Washburn

Dear Members of David's Star, Jesus tells His disciples in Mark, "Let the little children come to Me." In John, Jesus tells Peter, "Feed My lambs". With these words, Jesus shows all of us how important children and their education are to Him. He truly wants these precious little souls to know of His great love for them. What an awesome responsibility that is for parents and those who teach their children! It is, therefore, with great humbleness that I accept your call to teach 3K Preschool and 4K Kindergarten. I ask that you keep me and the wonderful ministry of spreading God's love to His precious lambs in your prayers.

In Christ's service, (signed) Mrs. Kathryn Bintz

EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 23

11:00 am

Come and join us for this annual tradition in our church woods. Hear the Easter Story told by using special Easter Eggs, along with plenty of candy-filled eggs. Kids 0-12. Great Family Fun!



EUROPEAN TRIP OPPORTUNITY

You are invited to join a 10 day tour to Germany which emphasizes the places of the Lutheran Reformation as well as highlights of Germany. The tour begins Sept 2 and will be hosted by retired pastor, Eugene Kock, who has led many tours. Some of the places that will be visited in respect to the Reformation will be: Wittenberg, Worms, Wartburg, Eisleben, Erfurt and Eisenach. Places and things of interest in Germany will be: Berlin, Munich, Rothenburg, Salzburg, Neuschwanstein, Rhine River, and much more. For details contact by email pastorkock@yahoo.com, or phone 608-318-1079.

EASTER BREAKFAST

The Easter Breakfast Committee is looking for five helpers to come to David's Star kitchen at 5:30 AM on Easter morning, March 31, to help make scrambled eggs. No experience is necessary. We will provide on-the-job training. We also need a clean-up crew of five to replace the egg scramblers at 7:45 AM. In addition, we are looking for six large nescos and four waffle irons. We are also in need of three volunteers to make cheesy potato casserole at your home and bring it to church Sunday morning. The recipe and food stuffs will be provided. Please contact Steve or Kathy Bintz at 262-677-0810 if you are able to help in one of these areas. Your help is greatly appreciated with this fellowship gathering!



Does your child's scrapbook stop after their first year?
Have a pile of pictures you've been waiting to scrap?
Are you planning a spring break trip that you want to preserve in a special way?

THEN PLAN TO ATTEND DAVID STAR'S FIRST ANNUAL

12 Hour Crop!
Saturday, April 13th, 2013
10 am – 10 pm

Bring your scrapbooking supplies for a day of fellowship and fun!

A \$10 suggested donation covers 12 hours of uninterrupted scrapbooking fun including:

- ✂ **Sub lunch, pizza dinner, snacks and beverages**
- ✂ **Make and Takes**
 - A page or card all designed for you- you just make it with the supplies provided and take it home!
- ✂ **Swap Table**
 - Have a half sheet of stickers, unused paper, or other unwanted materials? Bring them to the swap table- you may find a new treasure!
- ✂ **Inspiration Station**
 - Bring your completed books for others to browse through and gain inspiration from!
- ✂ **Door prize drawings on the hour**

To register, or if you are interested in helping with the event, contact Krista Kuber at 262-384-0102 , krista@accordmfg.com, or visit the Scrapbook Crop Event on the David's Star Facebook page.