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“Jesus who came and conquered will come again.”

By Pastor Loescher

The inquisitive mind of the catechism student asked, “Pastor, I don’t get why wars are a sign of Jesus’ coming since there have always been wars.” What a good observation that causes us all to pause and notice! The world’s struggles and our personal struggles are not worse or different from what happened to Jesus himself when he walked the earth and talked of such signs.

Wars continue as do the rumors of wars. Sabers are rattling in the Ukraine, North Korea, and the Middle East. Untold pain and blood shed results, hideous crimes against the human souls of those caught in the conflict. Even so, as Jesus walked into Jerusalem for the last time, he wept over the impending doom of Jerusalem. The efficient war machine of Rome would bring her down, starving her inhabitants leaving no survivors and no stone on top of another. Even as Jerusalem was toppled never to really rise again to its former self, God’s Church grew and spread throughout the earth. Nothing has changed. The Lord is still wise and powerful to use the evil of this world against itself and in favor of the eternal welfare of his Church.

Yes, the love of most is growing cold. It seems hatred for all that is godly drives people to devalue human life and care only for themselves. But it has always been that way. Look as Jesus walked through Jerusalem and taught in her streets during his last days on earth. You can hear the cold hearted calculations of those who were supposed to be godly. The high priest said of Jesus, “It is expedient that one man die for the people.” Their power over the people diminished as Jesus taught the people to trust God for forgiveness rather than their faltering spiritual leadership. So they plotted to kill a man whose only crime was that he made them look deeply into the dark, foul sin of their own hearts. Nothing has changed. The ultimate result of hateful loveless acts is always the same. Their hatred delivered Jesus over to Pilate who unjustly condemned him to the cross where Jesus died for the sins of the world. It always results in the blessing of God’s children.

Certainly persecution of God’s children is alive and well, and even on the rise in many places of our

world just as Jesus said it would be. In Nigeria militant Muslims are attacking Christian villages. Over 500 people have been killed in the last few weeks. India remains a country where the majority violently attack and desecrate Christians. Even in our nation, the home of the free, some would make it a crime to maintain a moral community of believers. God preserve us from such a development. It would certainly appear as bad as it has ever been, perhaps worse, but listen to the blood thirsty cries of the crowds in ancient Palestine. “Crucify him! Crucify him!” But the crucifixion they thirsted for redeemed them from their hate. What divine, powerful irony! Now as then, the death of Jesus, which we treasure as our redemption, is the redemption of our enemies. Persecution cannot harm us just as crucifixion could not keep

Jesus in the grave. It does however point us to the fact that Jesus is coming again. With such hope we might also see it as an opportunity to witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ.

The world is still the same, the signs that Jesus will come again are the same signs today as they were 2000 years ago. They tell us that every day is one day closer to his coming again, and every fearful sign only serves to focus God’s children on that final Day. All the strife, turmoil and oppression only proves to us that this world will not remain forever. It will end and until then we have work to do. Let’s not forget the greatest sign of the last Day. This gospel of forgiveness through Jesus Christ will be spread throughout the earth. As Jesus reached out to the thief on the cross in his dying moments, he calls on us to reach out that all may know his love.

Let this Lenten season be a time to remember the passion of our Lord so we may see it as an encouraging motivation to continue in the life he has given us. Just as he used strife and evil to accomplish the goal of his love, the saving of the world from sin, he will use the harshest of circumstances in our lives to accomplish his loving purpose. In this life may he use us, our struggles, our pain, our joys and triumphs to shine his light of salvation for all to see.

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MARCH 2014 GREETERS



March 2, 2014; 7:45 - Ralph & Elaine Gerner
March 2, 2014; 10:15 – Dennis & Marlene Bell

March 9, 2014; 7:45 - Mike & Deb Boeldt
March 9, 2014; 10:15 – Todd & Deb Weyker

March 16, 2014; 7:45 - Dave & Nicole Miller
March 16, 2014; 10:15 - Bob & Lisa Heider

March 23, 2014; 7:45 – Mark & Teresa Ahrens
March 23, 2014; 10:15 - Brian & Pam Lee

March 30, 2014; 7:45 – Joel & Linda Pless
March 30, 2014; 10:15 – Chuck & Sue Rusch

BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS

WOMEN NURTURING WOMEN THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will meet in the multi-purpose room located behind the concession area. We will 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.

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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets in the multi-purpose room of school at 10:00am. Currently we are studying 2 Corinthians.

FRIDAY MORNING DROP-OFF BIBLE CLASS

All are welcome to this informal, start off your day Bible Study at 8:15am. When you come to David's Star to drop off your children on Friday mornings, stay a few minutes longer and discuss the truths of the Holy Scriptures and pray with other parents. Bring a bible. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea or bring your own.

COUNCIL CAPSULE SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

David's Star Church Council Meeting Capsule February 11, 2014

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Pastor Loescher, Tim Gustafson, Brian Lee, Keith Rusch, Mike Willis, Dennis Bell, Andy Loeffler, Dan Bolha, Randy Matter, Andrew Loescher, Jim Korthals.

Absent: Kurt Henning

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 January 14, 2014.

Committee Reports Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: None

Outgoing: None

Pastors' Report Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919 kloescher@davidstar.org & Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019 woldt@nconnect.net

Thank you for all the prayers and words of support upon the death of Pastor Woldt's father. Please encourage fellow members to take and use copies of the "Come Follow Me" DVD available in the gathering space. Keep the members of St. Paul's, Slinger in your prayers as they deal with the sudden loss of their pastor, David Hein. A Lenten preaching rotation has been set for midweek services. Congregations in that rotation include Morning Star, Redeemer, Cedarburg and St. Lucas, Kewaskum. In this extended period before Lent, which begins on March 5, please pray that the Light of the Gospel may continue to shine here at David's Star and through us to the world.

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

Teacherage/Parish Center – There is nothing new to report. We are still targeting an early 2014 tear-down.

Subpoena – There is nothing new to report. Our legal counsel is still advising us to be patient, and let the system work.

By-laws – A motion will be brought up at the January voters meeting and approved. It is time to set a date for the first congregational meeting and establish a framework for conducting the meeting. There was some discussion about possible changes to how the annual meetings might be conducted in the future. The topic will be discussed again in the next council meeting.

Thank You - Thank you to Kevin Behm, Dave Zarling, and Bob Heider for their years of faithful service as members of the council. Another thank you to Keith Rusch, Andrew Loescher, and Mike Willis for accepting the challenge of filling these gentlemen's shoes.

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

Kurt provided a written report to Council. Some minor plumbing problems due to the extreme cold were taken care of. The to-do lists for the parsonages are being reviewed. Thank you to Liesener's and Spring Valley Turf Products for providing for our winter needs of snowplowing and salt. Brian added that an HVAC technician looked at a problem with the centralized box of the HVAC system. The box will need to be replaced. The control board of the Carrier unit on the roof of the 5-6th grade room was malfunctioning. That control board is under recall and will be replaced.

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

The reaccreditation process will be the biggest task over the next several months. The process ends on 6/30/15. It entails appointing a chairman and committee members, doing self-study, and getting visiting teams out in late winter and early spring of 2015. The board is looking for funding for 3 smart boards. Historically that funding came from the golf committee or parents group. Joe DuFore is leading the technology committee and is putting together a technology plan. Mike Kempfert is taking the financial secretary position of the board. The board is recommending that the Board for Buildings and Grounds upgrade the bathrooms near the gymnasium sometime before the next school year begins.

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

Clif Koeller reported that the next Ladies Aid event would be a trip to the Wisconsin Museum of Art. They also plan to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat in April. The Lenten meals are all covered by volunteer groups with the Ladies Aid covering Ash Wednesday. Pastor Woldt reported that this year's rotation of pastors preaching for Lent would include Morning Star, Redeemer, and St. Lucas. Terry Hansen reported that the new screen had been delivered and was used for the WELS connection over the past weekend. Pastor Loescher reported that the "Men of His Word" retreat is being held in the Oshkosh area this Saturday.

Evangelism Committee

(Andrew Loescher, andrewloescher@yahoo.com)

A transition meeting with David Zarling and Pastor Loescher was held. The committee will be planning the Easter Egg Hunt, and it will also look at some possible changes to the friendship register. At a follow up meeting with the Cedarburg outreach committee, Redeemer expressed some interest in doing the living nativity again next year. The new member welcome took place on January 26. New families, our new student teacher and our EFT seminary student attended.

Stewardship Committee

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A few problems were reported with the printed offering envelopes. In a couple of cases some printing was missing. However, the problem does not appear to be widespread. Jim presented a list of the various offering envelope categories and how many envelopes in each category. If the council would like to recommend any changes to the offering envelopes, it needs to be done before the April order. The committee will be tracking down the information about the Simply Giving program.

Spiritual Growth Committee

Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319

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VBS is scheduled for June 16-20. Pastor Woltdt will be presenting the "Come Follow Me" Bible study from this coming Sunday through Easter. The committee is looking at following that with a marriage workshop through the WLCFS.

Treasurer's Report

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The printed January 31, 2014 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance in the amount of \$37,331.41. It represents a decrease in our operating fund balance of \$11,967.91. The gift to KML that was approved in the voters meeting was sent in January. Additional time was spent fixing problems that were encountered with the software used for accounting.

Vice Presidents Report

Dan Bolha, Telephone #262.677.3485

On Thursday at 6:30 PM a sheriff's deputy will be presenting information in church about dealing with the active shooter. On February 26 at 10:00 am WELS President Schroeder will be doing a presentation about the synod. Although it is a presentation for the OWLS, any of our members are invited to attend.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

No New business

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, March 11, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.**

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

Respectively submitted,

Keith Rusch, Recording Secretary

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Parish Nurse News

ALL ABOUT SHINGLES

Shingles, also known as herpes zoster, is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox and one out of every three people in the U.S. will suffer from this condition. Once a person has chickenpox, the virus will continue to remain within the body in an inactive state, but then it has the ability to reactivate later on in life. There are multiple signs and symptoms a person may experience if they are suffering from shingles. Initially, a painful rash will usually develop on one side of the body or face. There will often be pain, itching, or tingling that will develop prior to where the rash appears. It is also important to note that this rash will occur in a single strip around either the left or right side of the body. Other symptoms of shingles can include a fever, headache, chills, upset stomach, and it can also affect the eyes and cause loss of vision. What should one do if they have shingles? Make sure to keep the rash covered, do not touch or scratch the rash, and wash your hands often to prevent the spread of the varicella zoster virus. The way in which to prevent yourself from acquiring shingles is to get vaccinated and know that there are treatment plans out there if you do in fact have shingles. If you think you may have some of the symptoms of shingles, see your doctor and remember this: "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7.

Resources: Center for Disease Control / Shingles homepage
Ashley Stafford – WLC Senior Nursing Student – Community Health

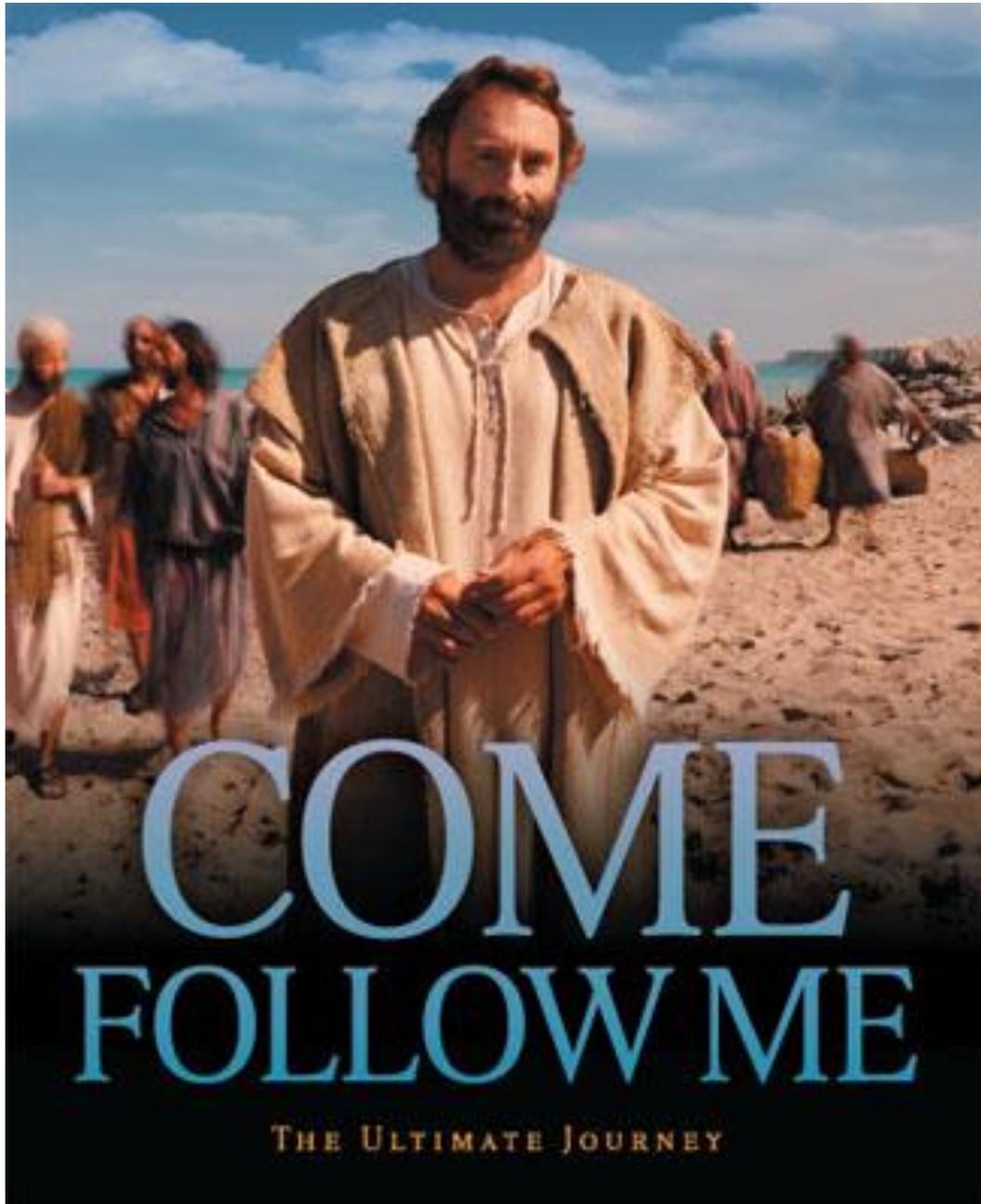
Together in Christ,

Sue Bolha RN

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If you saw the Boetcher-Trinklein production *Way to Emmaus*, you won't want to miss this one. *Come Follow Me* tells the account of Jesus and his disciples from Maundy Thursday's Last Supper through the betrayal, trial, sacrifice, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus. But this production underlines the growth of Peter as a follower of Jesus as much as it tells of the pure grace of God in Jesus our Savior.

This film will be the topic of our Sunday morning bible study from February 16th through April 6th. We will view the movie and focus our study of Scripture using scenes and thoughts from the film. Each participant will receive two DVD's of the movie; one for personal use and one to share.

Please join us between services on Sundays thru April 6th.



*Mid-Week
Lenten
Services*

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Ash Wednesday/March 5
Pastor Michael Woldt
The Garden of Promise
Genesis 3:15

March 12
Pastor Mark Rohrback, Redeemer
The Garden of Proclamation
Mark 4:26-29

March 19
Pastor Timothy Henning, St. Lucas
The Garden of Repentance
Luke 13:1-9

March 26
Pastor Kurt Loescher
The Garden of Passion
Luke 22:39-44

April 2
Pastor Timothy Wahl, Morning Star
The Garden of Peace
John 19:38-42

April 9
Pastor Michael Woldt
The Garden of Paradise
Revelation 22:1-6

Lenten Suppers 2014

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 5 Ladies' Aid will serve potato salad, ham, and hot dogs.

March 12 Women's Bible Study will serve sloppy joes.

March 19 David's Star OWLS will serve chili.

March 26 The David's Star Dartball team, Spiritual Growth Committee, and the teachers for Children's Bible Study will serve shredded chicken sandwiches and a variety of salads.

April 2 The Adult Choir and Adult Handbells will serve a variety of casseroles, and baked potatoes with toppings.

April 9 The Barnabas Bible Study groups will serve spaghetti and tossed salad.