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## ***“Giving up for Lent”*** by Pastor Kurt Loescher

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I am mechanically inclined just enough to think that I can fix most things. Truth be told, I should leave many things alone rather than making them worse. I usually get to the point much sooner than I used to of accepting that I cannot fix this thing. I replaced the spark plug, cleaned the fuel filter, changed the gas. Still I pull and pull on the cord and the engine doesn't start. I give up. It's time to let someone who really knows what they are doing fix it.

In the season of Lent, some people want to gain a closer walk with God. They truly want their lives and relationship with God to improve. They want to demonstrate their turning away from sinful pleasures by giving up some earthly pleasure. If they just give up coffee for Lent or eating meat on Friday maybe they will gain a closer connection with the Lord.

It is true that fasting, or giving up a luxury for a time can give us a way to focus more on the most important things as Jesus encouraged in Matthew 6, “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.” But the reason that kind of fasting is valuable is that it gives God more opportunity to do the job of drawing us closer to him. Not the other way around.

Go ahead and give something up for Lent if by doing so you give yourself more thought to God's Word and time for the Holy Spirit's powerful working in your hearts. Above all the helpful things you do for Lent, the most important activity you can do in Lent is nothing. That's right, stop trying to fix your relationship with God or anyone else for that matter. Know when you can't fix things and just give up. Take it to the one who can fix it. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Now, here is where we often make a critical mistake. We take our broken lives to the Lord in prayer, but we don't let it go and we don't listen to God's eternal solutions. It's like taking a lawn mower that won't start into the shop to let the experts fix it. You take it in, they write up a ticket for you, but then you put the mower right back in your truck again and

take it back home with you. And you wonder why it won't start the next time you want to mow the lawn. You took it in to get it fixed, didn't you? Yeah, but you didn't leave it there.

Give it up. Let God fix it. Is your sin causing you stress and making your family life miserable? Confess it to the Lord, and seek his grace. Go to his Holy Word where you will find his limitless forgiveness through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. That is what Lent is all about--Jesus fixing all our sorrows and sins. Then let the Holy Spirit strengthen you through that same Word. Remain in his Word and he will remain in you. Let him teach you to love your family and friends. Let him show you kindness and patience. Let him create in you honesty and integrity that carries over to all our doings and life. Let him do it because you can't.

The season of Lent is a time for restoration not a time to put out more and more effort that results in frustration. The Lord can do this. Confess your sins to him. Seek his mercy in his Holy Word in our homes and of course in our church. Then grow in his mercy. Let the expert teach you a thing or two.

One small engines guy once gave me a wonderful bit of advice. He said whether it needs it or not just replace the spark plug every year. They are inexpensive and you'll be surprised how easily your engine will start. Listen to the expert on our relationship with God and everyone else, too. Renew your heart every day with confession and God's marvelous love. Hear his Word and let him teach you. Take his Word to heart and let him reach you. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled” (Matthew 5:6).



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
SENIORS**

*Donna Gutermann (3/18)*

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**MARCH 2017 GREETERS**

- March 5, 2017 7:45: Jean Hall  
10:15: Cory & Jessica Schumacher
- March 12, 2017 7:45: LaVern Oehler & Christine Dahl  
10:15: Brian & Pam Lee
- March 19, 2017 7:45: No one assigned.  
10:15: John & Ruthanne Geldon.
- March 26, 2017 7:45: Dave & Jeanie Martin  
10:15: Dennis & Marlene Bell

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**BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Digging Into The Passion History** Each Sunday we will review the portion of the Passion History read in the Midweek Lenten Service. The Passion readings will lead us primarily into the Gospel of Matthew, but we will also look at the parallel accounts offered by the other Evangelists, Mark, Luke and John. Pastor Wolft will lead this Bible Study in the church. **Giving Up Sin For Lent** Can that even be done? Can we totally give up sinning? We will see the nature of sin and understand the critical nature of repentance as we go deep into the Scriptures to see ourselves and our gracious Father who always waits patiently for our return. Pastor Loescher will conduct this Lenten Bible Study in the multipurpose room during the Sundays of Lent.

**WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY (WNW)** We will be meeting the first and third Thursday mornings of each month at 9:30 in the multi-purpose room. Please bring your bible and a notebook.

**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.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the multi-purpose room.

**THE "LITTLE ONES"** will meet on April 1st at 9:30 am in the church gathering space. We meet on the first Saturday of the month throughout the school year. This program is designed to be a Christ-centered, nurturing and encouragement group for young children and their mothers, fathers, grandparents, or caregivers. Children from infancy to preschool are welcome to attend with a parent/grandparent or caregiver. Please contact Jessica Schumacher at [262.339.0976](tel:262.339.0976) or [jc.schumacher@gmail.com](mailto:jc.schumacher@gmail.com).

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**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, April 16, 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 electric griddles. We are also in need of four 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!

**EASTER EGG HUNT Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am.** Join us in our Church/School. Hear the Easter Story told using special Easter Eggs. Kids ages 0-12 hunt for candy-filled eggs. Great family fun! Refreshments provided.

**ATTENTION WELS NURSES** You are invited to the 2017 WELSNA Spring Conference "Christian Nurses Ministering to Those Who Struggle" on April 21st & 22nd at the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry in Waukesha. For more details or to register, go to [www.welsnurses.net](http://www.welsnurses.net), the WELSNA Facebook page or the poster located outside the health office. Our own Teresa Ahrens will be the keynote on Friday night! Online registration began March 1st. Interested in carpooling...call Sue Bolha @ 677-3485.

**COUNCIL CAPSULE  
HIGHLIGHTS OF  
THE FEBRUARY 2017 COUNCIL MEETING**

**David's Star Church Council Highlights**  
*February 14, 2017*

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Pastor Loescher, Mark Ahrens, Todd Backus, Josh Boeldt, Nelson Erdmann, Tim Gustafson, Kurt Henning, Jon Kruse, Paul Steinbrenner  
Absent: Dennis Bell, Mike Willis, David Zarling

The meeting was called to order by Paul Steinbrenner at 7:01 pm. 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 10, 2017.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)**

**Incoming:** Loescher, Andrew & Amy; Lydia, Adeline  
*Transfer from Living Promise,  
Morristown, TN*

Farrington, Bryan & Amanda; Courtney,  
Tyler & Jenna

*Transfer from Redeemer, Cedarburg WI*

**Outgoing:** Bublitz, Caleb & Victoria; Delany  
*Transfer to St. John's, Lannon, WI*  
Knight, Thomas (Wil)  
*Transfer to Calvary, Thiensville, WI*  
Nunez, David  
*Released from membership*  
Laurie Heckendorf  
*Transfer to Pilgrim, Menomonee Falls, WI*

**Pastors' Report**

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**Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019**

**[woldtma@hotmail.com](mailto:woldtma@hotmail.com)**

Pastor Woldt recently served on an Ad Hoc committee to study the feasibility of a dormitory for international students at KML. Pastor Loescher served KML by serving on the accreditation team. Lent starts March 1 with Ash Wednesday. We will once again participate in a Lenten preaching rotation with Redeemer, Cedarburg and St. Lucas, Kewaskum. Pastor Woldt will serve as a delegate to the WELS Convention in Watertown, WI this summer. We thank you for your continued prayers and support. We are going to host a screening of Return to Grace on March 30<sup>th</sup> (tentative date).

**President's report**

(Paul Steinbrenner,  
Cell Phone # 389-1289,  
[pstein@howardcompany.com](mailto:pstein@howardcompany.com))

No report.

**Board for Buildings and Grounds**

**Kurt Henning**

**[klhrconst@gmail.com](mailto:klhrconst@gmail.com)**

Budgeted \$20,000 for cleaning of the school, but we are typically billed \$18,750. This will be discussed by K. Henning with the Hartwig's and reported back next month. Church woods talk to have a forester to come in, by DNR, there are ash borers and beetles currently in the woods. What should be done with the canopies? Consultant cost of \$750-800, to include a tree inventory. What is the wood worth if taken out (thinned) in 2018? There is a memorial set up to care for the woods.

A motion was made and seconded to approve up to \$800 for a forest consultant, monies to be taken from Church Woods fund. Motion carried.

Snow blowers will be kept in outdoor storage units that were recently purchased. It was noticed there was some tearing on the roof around the heating units that will be repaired. Special thanks to Roger and Jeff.

**Board for Elementary Education**

**Mike Willis, [mike.willis@sial.com](mailto:mike.willis@sial.com)**

**Principal Tim Gustafson**

**[tgustafson@davidstar.org](mailto:tgustafson@davidstar.org)**

No written report. 3K-5K registration has occurred (3K-5, 4K-10, 5K-10). Recommendation coming in the future to pay C. Loeffler for 12 months vs. 10 months  $\frac{3}{4}$  time. She will be attending classes for Synodical certification.

**Board of Elders**

**Dennis Bell**

**[dandmbell55@yahoo.com](mailto:dandmbell55@yahoo.com)**

Pastor Woldt presented a document outlining the areas that the Pastors are planning to focus on in 2017 which included areas for the Elders can assist.

Roger informed us about a notice that will be in the bulletin on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> requesting volunteers to serve as Sextons and Ushers for worship services. Roger will also address each service emphasizing the critical need.

A discussion around the consideration of whether the time was right to add an additional Pastor. Both Pastors felt that if we desire to continue the current level of ministry, additional staff was not needed. If an additional need was identified, help would be required.

Discussion about the need, logistics and cost of a Grief Support Group for our members was covered. More information is being collected.

It was moved and passed to recommend to the Council that we remove the front pew, on both sides of the aisle and replace them in the future with flexible seating or chairs.

It was moved and passed to recommend to Council that David's Star support the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation with a \$1,000 gift to the Reformation District Service Fund.

We realigned the duties of the board members:

- Paul Schreck-  
Church Office and Senior Ministry
- Roger Tews- Worship and Ushering
- Terry Hansen-  
Secretary and Technology Liaison
- Jim Siebers- Fellowship, Decorating, Ladies Aid
- Jim Abitz – Parish Nurses, Family Ministry
- Rod Hendrix – Care for Called Workers

Starting to work on non-attending members with transfers. Starting a grief support group. Looking for a member facilitator for the support group.

**Evangelism Committee**  
**Nelson Erdman**  
**theerdmans@hotmail.com**

Lent/Easter mailer is being worked on and will be in-home late February. Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for April 8th. About 5,000 cards will be sent out with the theme "Repent" for the mailer. We discussed a Fellowship directory/album and street signage. K. Henning to discuss with Wally regarding the signage.

**Stewardship Committee**  
**David Zarling**  
**david.zarling@gmail.com**

No report.

**Spiritual Growth Committee**  
**Jon Kruse**  
**krusejon@hotmail.com**

No written report. A thank you card from Mrs. Koeller was passed around.

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Josh Boeldt**  
**joshua.boeldt@gmail.com**

See written report. Typographical correction, change overall fund balance from "December" to "January" on

page one. Amend report to account for \$11,000 discrepancy in January.

**February 14, 2017**  
**2017 January Operating Budget Financial Update**

Thanks be to God! The total offerings for January were \$58,423, which is about 15% lower than the budgeted offerings. A designated offering of over \$11,000 that was budgeted for, will not be received and was removed from the budget for January and the 2017 budget year. The total income for the month was about 10% lower than budgeted for. The actual expenses for January were 5% lower than the budgeted amount. Looking at the chart below, the actual net profit for the month was \$4,045 smaller than the anticipated budgeted net profit for the month. The overall fund balance at the end of December shows a deficit of \$12,619.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenue	\$73,737	\$82,312	(\$8,575)
Expenses	\$93,273	\$97,803	(\$4,530)
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$19,536)	(\$15,491)	(\$4,045)

**2017 January Ministries Beyond our Congregation Financial Update**

The remittances in January for the WELS mission were 14% higher than budgeted for, while the KMLHS operating mission remittances were about 73% of the amount budgeted for. The KML Joyful Noise remittances were just 2% higher than budgeted for. The total amount remitted for all missions was about 5% lower than the amount budgeted.

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Wisc Ev Lutheran Synod	\$7,374	\$6,462	\$912
KMLHS Operating Fund	\$3,053	\$4,187	(\$1,134)
KMLHS Joyful Noise	\$487	\$475	\$12

## 2017 January Building Fund Update

The mortgage loan balance as of January 31, 2017 is \$1,259,630. The council's objective is to maintain a \$100,000 cushion in the building fund debt account—our balance at 1/31/17 was \$92,509. This balance is down about 3.5% from December.

Josh Boeldt, Treasurer

### A motion was made and carried to accept the reports.

#### Old Business

175 Anniversary Planning (Pastor Woldt)—The committee met and a theme “God’s love from one generation to the next”, with sub-themes of Remember, Rejoice, and Reach out. Target debt retirement for offerings.

#### New Business

Recommendation to remove front pew in church/  
replace with flexible seating—

A motion was made and seconded to remove the first pew from each side of the sanctuary, and have Elders to develop an appropriate plan for seating with chairs. There was discussion on the topic. A letter was received from a member of the congregation and discussed. The pews would kept in the storage unit. There are some padded folding chairs available as needed for additional seating. Motion carried.

Recommendation to commit \$1000 to SEW District Reformation Service—

A motion was made and seconded to commit \$1000 to the SEW District Reformation Service from the Elders budget. There was discussion on the topic. Motion carried.

Recommendation to have Ad Hoc committee for a photo fellowship directory—

A motion was made and seconded to have P. Steinbrenner develop an Ad Hoc committee to work on a pictorial directory for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October of 2018. There was discussion on the topic. Motion carried.

#### Items for Annual 2018 Voters' Meeting (TBD)

Next month's Council Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday March 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting @ 8:34 pm. Motion carried.

Pastor Woldt closed with the Blessing.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Ahrens



## Parish Nurse News

### *Breast Cancer and Screening What you need to know...*

Dear friends in Christ,

I recently had the opportunity to spend time in St. Joseph's Breast Imaging Department and noticed a brochure available for patients to read! Your hospital will have something similar! Here is some of the information I thought you might find of interest!

**Can it happen to you?** An estimated 246,660 cases of invasive breast cancer are diagnosed among women in the United States each year; about 1 in 8 U.S. will develop this disease during her lifetime.

**Risk factors?** Getting older, first menstrual period before age 12, starting menopause after age 55, having your first child after age 30, never giving birth, not breast feeding, a personal history of breast cancer or some noncancerous breast diseases, family history of breast cancer, being overweight after menopause, long-term use of HRT (estrogen and progesterone combined), changes in the breast cancer-related genes, drinking more than one alcoholic drink a day, and not getting any regular exercise.

**“When should I start getting a mammogram and how often?”** Your age and different risk factors will determine when and how often you should have a mammogram. Talk to your health care provider to determine when you should start!

The brochure offers much more information and the kind nurses at St. Joseph's gave me a bunch of them when they found out I am from David's Star! They are on the window sill outside the health office. Feel free to take one or ask me any questions you may have! Make that appointment if you haven't had a mammogram in a while! Early detection is so much easier to treat!

On a personal note...Many thanks to all of you who have kept me in prayer, sent cards and offered support in a variety of ways! Your kindness and reminders of God's loving care of me has been a comfort. It is a privilege to be a part of this body of Christ!

Your humble sister in Christ,

Sue Bolha

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# 5|150 Wellness Circle Program



LENT 2017

Lenten Service Times are 3:45  
and 7:00 PM

Our first 5/150 Wellness circle program concluded the end of November. We had 5- 7 participants plus the instructor at each meeting and everyone found the sessions to be very interesting. The support that the group gave to the individuals was extremely important. We learned about our strengths and weaknesses and each of us took some skills and knowledge back to our homes to help us improve our health whether it was on improving our intake of fruits and vegetables or increasing our time to exercise each week. We have started another group that meets on Wednesdays at 5:15PM or 5:30PM. We thought this would be a great time for anyone coming to the Lenten services. If you come to the 3:45PM service you can eat the Lenten meal and then come to the meeting. If you come to the 7PM service you can grab supper and then come to the meeting (you can even eat during the meeting if your schedule doesn't let you come early to eat in the gym.)

The program consists of an informational meeting and 8 sessions to help you meet the 5/150 goal as a circle.

The David's Star Wellness Circle will begin meeting in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom from 5:15-6:15pm or 5:30-6:30pm depending on the group's needs. For more information please contact:

RSVP to Pam Lee RN  
262.377.9419 or [brianandpam1@att.net](mailto:brianandpam1@att.net)

### What happens at support group meetings?

1. Each session will explore a topic related to fruit & vegetable intake and exercise;
2. Participants are asked to set weekly goals (and track progress) based on the topics to help them improve their fruit & vegetable intake and exercise habits;
3. Barriers and successes are discussed within the group with the purpose of supporting each other and identifying areas to improve.

### March 1 ~~Loescher (Ash Wednesday)~~

Repent: Turn to Jesus and Not to Yourself  
Luke 18:9-14

### March 8

#### Pastor Henning (St. Lucas, Kewaskum)

Repent: Turn to Jesus; Do Not Turn Away  
Matthew 27:1-5

### March 15

#### Pastor Woldt (David's Star, Jackson)

Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Holds the Key to Heaven  
Luke 23:35-43

### March 22

#### Pastor Rohrback (Redeemer, Cedarburg)

Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Longs to Forgive You  
Luke 23:32-34

### March 29

#### Pastor Hoogervorst (St. Lucas, Kewaskum)

Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Changes Your Life  
Luke 7:44-50

### April 5

#### Pastor Loescher (David's Star, Jackson)

Repent: Turn to Jesus When You Face Temptations  
Mark 14:32-38

### LENTEN MEALS 2017 SCHEDULE

- ~~March 1: Ladies' Aid will serve German potato salad and ham.~~
- **March 8:** Oasis Bible Study will serve spaghetti and lettuce salad.
- **March 15:** Dartball Team and Children's Bible Study Teachers will serve "build- your- own" hot dogs and a variety of salads.
- **March 22:** Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study will serve barbecue on bun.
- **March 29:** David's Star OWLS will serve chili.
- **April 5:** Adult Choir and Adult Handbells, menu to be decided.

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** We will be serving a meal between our five remaining mid-week Lenten services. The meal will be offered between 4:45 and 6:30 PM in the gym. Eight organizations or committees at David's Star are willing to serve a meal for this fellowship opportunity. **Everyone is invited to help** with donations of food and/or serving. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering space. Thank you.



## The Comforter Ministry

Doesn't it seem as though everyone you talk to these days knows someone who has cancer?

On hearing the news, what runs through your mind?

The Comforter Ministry offers a comforting, compassionate and spiritual response when faced with these thoughts and decisions through the sending of quilts and journals to *women* who have been diagnosed with any type of cancer.

Stop by the display in the Narthex to view the quilt and journal Sue Bolha received through this ministry. You can also pick up information on how you can request a comforter and journal to be sent to a special woman diagnosed with cancer.

Information will also be available on how you can make and donate a quilt to this ministry.

Questions?

Contact Sue Bolha 262-677-3485

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or Jeanie Martin 414-801-8406

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**Sacred Concert –**

Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 PM PAC Auditorium

**Spring Break –**

No School - Monday, March 27 - Friday, March 31

**Annual Charity Dinner Auction –**

Saturday, April 1, at Florian Park, Germantown