



“A Mother after God’s Own Heart”

by Pastor Loescher

Mother’s Day has become the day to honor mothers for all they have done for us. And we should honor our mothers not just for what they have done, but because of what they are--the mother whom the Lord has chosen to give us birth. She is far more than the biological source of our lives. She stands in God’s place to give us instruction. We do well to follow the instruction that our mothers give. Do you want to give honor and joy to your mother this Mother’s Day? Follow the instruction of Solomon in Proverbs. In more than one place the Lord through his king Solomon shows how best to honor our mothers.

Start by not being a fool. A fool is one who wastes his life on pleasures that tear down and infect our hearts with attitudes that bring only sinful, selfish grief. For a mother to remember the baby she joyfully brought into the world grow into a fool who only wants to please himself with destructive habits brings her great heartache that no Mother’s Day card will soothe. The only way to soothe such pain is to turn in repentance to the Lord who gave you to her. Seek his forgiveness and strength and he will give it to you. Seeing a child turn to the Lord in repentance and thanksgiving will bring happiness to a godly mother greater than the day you were born.

“But I’m a good child, aren’t I mommy?” Are you the child who always goes to church and loves and tends to your mother, giving her the honor and respect the Lord expects us to give? Be careful first of all that we don’t carry that badge around too proudly. Such an air about us can also bring grief to a mother’s heart, especially if it causes grief in the family. And then thank God for your mother. She gave you the necessary instruction to live a life of faith. The faith you have from the Holy Spirit the Lord

has directed mothers and fathers to pass on to their children.

But who is equal to such a task? It is hard enough to potty train. It is hard enough to make sure they get their homework done. It is hard enough to keep groceries in the house get meals on the table. It is hard enough to make sure the calendar is up to date and get them where they need to be on time. It is hard enough to train them to be polite. It is hard enough to shield them from the horrible influences of the world especially when adults in their lives promote those influences. How can a mother be the spiritual pillar for her children, too? Stay healthy, spiritually health! Stay in the Word of the Lord. Let him feed you, strengthen you, guide you, forgive you. Hear him speak his words of forgiveness and compassion even when you fail at being the mother you know you are supposed to be. When we stay strong in God’s grace and truth, he will guide us to model his love and forgiveness to our children. Children truly honor their mother when they honor God for reflecting his love in her heart. They honor her when they see her as a mother after God’s own heart. May the Lord give you a happy Mother’s Day!

“Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

Buy the truth and do not sell it—wisdom, instruction and insight as well.

The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.

May your father and mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!”

Proverbs 23:22-25

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Happy Birthday Seniors!!

Eleanor Gronemeyer...5/8/1924...89 yrs. old
 Janet Kannenberg...5/19/1933...80yrs. old
 Roger Liesener...5/19/1925...88 yrs. old
 Ruth Laverenz...5/26/1927...86 yrs. old
 Donald Herther...5/28/1927...86 yrs. old
 Lorain Kison...5/29/1919...94 yrs. old
 Alvin Laverenz...5/31/1926...87 yrs. old
 Rudy Zarling...5/31/1931...82 yrs. old



MAY 2013 GREETERS

May 5, 2013 7:45 - Cory and Jessica Schumacher
 10:15 - Pat and Lynet Steele

May 12, 2013 7:45 - Andy and Colleen Loeffler
 10:15 - Jason & Heidi Walz and girls

May 19, 2013 7:45 - Mike and Deb Boeldt
 10:15 - Kevin & Jolie Abitz & family

May 26, 2013 7:45 - Mr. and Mrs. John Clemens
 10:15 - Brian & Pam Lee & Hannah

BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS

BIBLE CLASSES

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 as Prof. Bill Tackmier continues to lead this Bible class.

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 Capsule
April 9, 2013**

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

Absent: David Zarling, Kurt Henning.

The meeting was called to order by Brian Lee. 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 March 12, 2013.

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

Incoming: Davison, Brian & Stacey; Oliver, Tyson
Transfer from St. Marcus Milwaukee, 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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Pastors attended a pastors' conference hosted by Zion, Allenton. Our first year seminary EFT student will be preaching his first sermon at David's Star on the weekend of May 11 & 12th. Bible information classes are nearing an end and could result. Lord willing, in adding a few new members to David's Star. The "Let Our Light Shine" Bible studies have begun, and we are grateful for the members who have signed up to attend this class. Pray for the Lord's blessing on this ministry effort.

**President's Report
Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419
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Constitution and Bylaws – The progress is slow and the pace will be picking up. The intent is to have items to review by the July voters meeting.

Easter Breakfast – Thanks to everyone involved in putting on the Easter Breakfast. Special thanks to out to the Bintz

family. I can only imagine how much effort that family puts into this great event.

Easter Egg Hunt – I was not able to participate this year but have heard it wasn't a smashing event, and all the eggs survived. All kidding aside, thanks everyone. What a wonderful outreach effort.

Let Our Light Shine – Pam and I attended the Bible study between services on Sunday. I hope everyone has an opportunity to attend one of these sessions. Please take time out of your busy schedule.

Teacherage – I toured the building on two occasions with two different architects. Both of their replies were that any addition to or modifications needed to facilitate childcare, wouldn't be cost effective. The items needed to get the facility up to code and meet ADA requirements would be costly.

Bringing the house back to a livable structure to facilitate a family or students would be possible. However, it would be questionable if the investment would be worthwhile. A conversation needs to be had in regards to: having tenants, using the space for something other than the intended future use (childcare), where any required funds would come from, and if the funds are available, what else could the money be used for.

A rough estimate of 15 to 20 thousand dollars would be needed to replace the roof and windows if needed, as well as needing to return the bathroom and kitchen to a reasonable condition.

Any and all input would be welcome. A report on this issue is slated for the July voters meeting.

Decorating Committee – Mel Heckendorf has agreed to head a committee that can be called on to make recommendations to Council in regards to building finishes, enhancements, and decorations. This committee will work with groups and individuals wishing to make special gifts for items to make sure they are in line with the master plan for the facility. I have to thank the Ladies Aid for their patience in regards to the large delays in accepting the gracious offer of providing shades for the east windows in the narthex. This was the opportune time to establish a committee to make future offers of this nature move quickly.

**Board for
Buildings and Grounds
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None.

Board for Elementary Education
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Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 262.338.3992
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The Parents Group is planning on building the playground equipment on Saturday April 27th.

There has been a drop off in the utilization of our hot lunch program for the school. This will be looked at further.

Planning for the Early Childhood programs continues Kurt Henning is looking at remodeling the old IMC space.

The Board of Education is planning on reviewing their manual over the next couple of months.

Board of Elders
Dennis Bell, 262.677.2248
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A recommendation by the Elders was provided to the technology committee to help provide them direction and thank them for their work. The need to keep the tech committee focused on a feasibility study for properly equipping the church with audio/visual needs is a priority.

Kris Eggers has been appointed the Worship Music Coordinator.

Pastor Loescher and Bill Truebenbach will continue to work with Chris Feldschneider towards the goal of establishing a special needs parent support group.

Dennis shared that he was asked by a member of our congregation if consideration was being given to adding a contemporary service. Music worship style will continue to be looked at, discussed and considered.

Evangelism Committee
David Zarling, Telephone # 414.839.0094
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Pastor Loescher gave a report. The new member welcome is June 30th. The committee is looking at a new site on Highway 60 for the Living Nativity. Pastor Loescher also shared with Council the results of the percept study that the committee received in conjunction with the join outreach effort with Redeemer, Cedarburg and Trinity, Pleasant Valley Road.

Stewardship Committee
Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143
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Arrangements have been made with American Church to produce a monthly envelope for the "Let Our Light Shine" debt retirement effort. A copy of the new envelope was forwarded to Council.

In addition to the new envelope, the "Let Our Light Shine" title will replace the current debt retirement line on the weekly and special envelopes. A few other title updates are being made on other envelopes.

If all goes according to plan, the new envelope and the changes will be implemented in the June packet of offering envelopes.

The June newsletter will include a reminder/update on the various special offering envelopes, including "Let Our Light Shine", Building Improvement Fund, and the Restricted Building Fund. Hopefully, this will allow people to direct their offerings properly and minimize any confusion that might presently exist.

Spiritual Growth Committee
Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319
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Andy is coordinating with Kurt on the movement of the IMC materials.

Treasurer's Report
Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585
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The March 31, 2013 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 3/31/13 in the amount of (\$3,058), representing a reduction to our deficit during the month in the amount of \$31,867. Operating fund receipts for the month were \$119,418 which is a 130.6% of our budget. There were five Sundays in March, as well as Easter. YTD operating fund receipts are \$274,934, compared to \$238,491 last year.

Vice Presidents Report
Dan Bolha, Telephone #262.677.3485
dbolha@ymail.com

No report.

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" – This was covered under the President's report.

New Business

Bleachers – The Parents Group and Golf Committee have received bids, and offered to purchase new bleachers for the gymnasium. Mr. Giddings researched the intended purchase. Mr. Gustafson recommended to Council that we purchase the bleachers at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, with the costs to be covered by the Parents Group and the Golf Committee. Motion was made and carried to recommend to voters this purchase.

KML General Board Meeting Update – At the April 8th meeting, there was discussion regarding the reduction in faculty due to the projected enrollment drop next school year. As Dan Sievert is retiring and not being replaced, there was the thought of reducing the faculty by another



Parish Nurse News

Change for Life Program

New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers

So you want to know...What is this Change for Life program? This year, as in years past, the Parish Nurses are sponsoring an effort created by Christian Life Resources to help support its ministry for single mothers, *New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers*. The program uses baby bottles and promotional materials to raise money for moms and babies. Anyone can participate – from our youngest school children to the oldest adult!

Why should we participate in the Change for Life Program? The *Change for Life* program is a fun way to bring our congregation together and support a great ministry! Every coin donated goes directly to the moms and babies at *New Beginnings*. We can help provide a safe place to call home, staffing, day-to-day essentials, Christian love and encouragement.

OK, I want to help! Now, what's the next step? Your parish nurses have received a big box of baby bottles and promotional materials. On the weekend of *Mother's Day* our youth group and/or the parish nurses will be handing out baby bottles to all who wish to participate. Then we are encouraged to fill the baby bottles with coins, currency or a check! Then, the weekend of *Fathers Day* is when we ask that you return the baby bottles! If you won't be around over Mother's Day and want to participate, more empty bottles can be found in the antique white baby bath basin in the gathering space. (Kam Bolha tells us that she used to bathe little Danny in that bath basin!). We'll collect the filled baby bottles in that same bath basin over Father's Day or in the Health Office for a few weeks after that. Want to learn more about New Beginnings? www.HelpNewBeginnings.com or www.HomeForMothers.com

"Dear Children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

1 John 3:18

Thank you for supporting this vital ministry!

Wisconsin Lutheran College Nursing Program is offering a 4 day "Heroes for Health" summer camp for 7th, 8th and 9th grade in the fall middle school students over July 22nd -25th. They teach the students CPR, First Aid and give them the opportunity to step into the shoes of a nurse for a week. We also coordinate off-site experiences for the campers to see nurses in action. Want more information? Ask Sue!

Together in Christ, Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse
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member. However, the Board decided not to reduce faculty any further. By not replacing textbooks and utilizing international student income previously not recognized, they could reduce the projected budget shortfall. As there is still a \$34,000 deficit in the operating budget, encouragement is going out to KML federation members to support the effort to overcome this deficit.

Locking School Doors – The entrance to the school near the parish center is being left unlocked at times. Please pay special attention to this when leaving the school building.

Storage Shed – With the delivery of the playground equipment, it was noticed that there is an accumulation of chairs, desks, and lockers in the storage shed. Council recommended that the Board of Education and teachers examine these items and provide a recommendation regarding their disposal.

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

Bleacher purchase recommendation.

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, April 11, 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

DID YOU KNOW.....that 10 women currently take turns setting up and cleaning up the coffee and tea area on Sundays?

Many thanks to these ladies who give of their time for this service.

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Did you know that the treats served on Sundays are all donated?

IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE MANY who enjoy this wonderful fellowship time each Sunday, will you consider adding your name to the treat sign-up sheet? (located by the coffee)

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DID YOU KNOW that all the coffee, tea and creamers are donated by members? Donations of these items are always welcome.



COME AND WORSHIP THE LORD!

Join Us For Worship At

David's Star Lutheran Church
Saturday, June 8, 5:00 PM
Sunday, June 9, 7:45 and 10:15 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

You can also find him on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/stephenbautistamusic

Quarterly Voters Meeting

April 11, 2013

David's Star Ev. Lutheran Church,
Jackson, WI 8:00 pm

The meeting was opened with devotion by Pastor Loescher.

The meeting was called to order by temporary congregational meeting chairman Patrick Steele.

A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the January annual voters meeting.

The agenda was adopted by the voters.

Membership Report (since January Meeting)

Incoming: Davison, Brian & Stacey; Oliver, Tyson
Transfer from St. Marcus, Milwaukee, WI
Reich, Deanna
Transfer from Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI

Outgoing: Metzger, Teresa
Transfer to Star of Bethlehem, New Berlin, WI
Tavich, Vanessa; Jonah, Ian MacFayden
Transfer to Bethlehem, Menomonee Falls, WI

The following members were released from membership:

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

Signing of Constitution by new voters

Scott Steele signed the constitution. A motion was made and carried to accept Scott Steele as a voting member.

Pastors' report (Pastor Loescher, 677-0919, kloescher@davidstar.org and Pastor Woldt, 377-1019, woldt@nconnect.net)

Most of the pastors work is reflected in the reports of the committees and boards. The pastors reported that they enjoyed the interaction they had with members and visitors during the Easter holiday services. They

would also like to thank members who are active here at David's Star.

They attended a pastoral conference recently in which church and state matters were discussed. They are separate kingdoms but they do overlap at times.

Plans for summer vacation are being set up. Pastor Jim Behringer will be our guest speaker for our Mission Festival the last Sunday in August.

President's report

(**Brian Lee, Brian.Lee@jci.com)**

There is an intent to have items to review relative to our revised constitution and bylaws for the July voters meeting. Thanks to the Bintz family for organizing our Easter Breakfast. The Easter Egg Hunt this year was a successful outreach effort. Please take time out of your busy schedule to attend the "Let Our Light Shine" Bible studies. Mel Heckendorf has agreed to head the decorating committee.

Treasurer's report

(**Randy Matter, 376-1585, matters@nconnect.net)**

Randy highlighted the March 31 financial report. There is an ending deficit balance in the operating fund of \$ 3,058. Operating fund receipts in the amount of \$274,934 for the YTD are 112.2% of budget. March offerings were particularly high due to the fact that there were five Sundays in March, as well as Easter. YTD Let our Light Shine receipts total \$54,430.

Board of Elders

(**Dennis Bell, 677-2248, dandmbell@yahoo.com)**

The board welcomed the new members of David Krause, Terry Hansen, and Chairman Dennis Bell. The NIV 1984 Bible is no longer legal for use in printing in the worship folders. The NIV 1984 could be read in church, but not printed. It was recommended that the pastors use the NIV 2011 both in the pulpit and in our worship folders. Kris Eggers has been appointed the Worship Music Coordinator.

There was discussion among voters regarding an inquiry on whether consideration was being given to adding a contemporary service. Music worship style will continuously be under consideration and discussion.

Board for Elementary Education

(**Bob Heider, 644-1726, bhheider@charter.net)**

The preliminary registration for next year's 3K through 5K programs went very well last month. We currently have 9 students registered for our fall 3K program, 10 students for our 4K program, and 13 students for our 5K program.

Lynne Tews has faithfully served the congregation and school in various capacities during the past 30 years,

first as a secretarial volunteer and then as the School Secretary. Her hard work and commitment has truly benefitted the school in countless ways. THANK YOU Lynne for everything you have done. Lynne will be retiring as of June 15th, 2013. We were blessed with several very qualified applicants for her position, and, in the end, Crissy Nader has been hired to be the new school secretary starting in June.

Spiritual Growth Committee (Andy Loeffler)
677-2319 (2046home@gmail.com)

As the early childhood program is expanding into the IMC space, the church library is being relocated. Spiritual growth activities are running smoothly due to the efforts of many.

Evangelism Committee

(David Zarling, 674-1094, david.zarling@gmail.com)

The new member intergration committee is led by Troy Schmeling. Kristina Schmeling is our new member biographer. The new member welcome event will take place on Sunday June 30th. The Easter Egg Hunts was held on March 23rd with 100 children in attendance and 37 volunteers. Thanks to Nelson Erdman with his work on the marketing committee. Thanks to Connie Enevold for managing our website. Over 1500 Spring Events postcards were mailed to the surrounding area. We have had 265 non WELS visitors through 3/31/13. There were 1767 new visitors to the website through 3/31/13. We have 292 Facebook followers, as well. A David's Star member is helping with the design portion of the pictorial directory. Future focus of the committee includes increasing the capacity of the Evangelism Committee to carry out its full mandate.

Pastor Loescher reported to the voters information pertaining to the Cedarburg Outreach Group.

Stewardship Committee

(Jim Korthals, 242-8143, korthalsj@wls.wels.net)

"Let Our Light Shine" is our new debt reduction effort. It is scheduled to begin officially in June. In connection with that campaign, the third line of the weekly offering envelope will be updated. That line presently reads "Our Foundation – Building Appeal" and will be changed to the "Let Our Light Shine" designation. There will also be a monthly "Let Our Light Shine" offering envelope for those who prefer to support this debt reduction on a monthly basis. You will see both of these changes in the offering envelopes beginning in June.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

(Kurt Henning, 677-2797, klhrconst@gmail.com)

Kurt reported on the three projects being worked on. The IMC is being turned into a classroom, and is being funded by the Child Care fund. The bleachers are being

replaced, pending voter approval. The new playground equipment is being installed on April 27th.

Arbor Night is scheduled for May 13th. May 20th will be a backup date. The grounds are wet, and there is a lot of damage. We plan on cutting down trees.

Cemetery Committee (Wally Miller)

No report.

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School (Joel Pless)

There was a very well-attended meeting on Monday. KML is facing a drop in enrollment from 425 to around 380 students due to demographics. Talks of cutting a teacher were not passed. The budget, however, was passed with a \$145,000 deficit – \$100,000 can be covered with short-term fixes. \$45,000 is presently unfunded. We kindly ask that you support our Lutheran high school during this difficult time.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

Old Business

None.

New Business

New Bleachers – The Church Council recommends that we authorize the installation of new bleachers in our gymnasium at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, with the funds coming from the Gold Outing Committee and also from the David's Star Parents Group. A motion was made and carried to authorize this purchase.

"Let Our Light Shine" Update – Pastor Woldt reported that the Bible studies are ongoing. They had some good discussion as to where our debt is at, and what we might do if we had additional funds if this debt was retired.

Discussion : Initial Reaction to evaluation of the "Parish Center" - Brian reported that Council is looking for input regarding the Parish Center. Discussion followed, and many felt that it may be time to consider demolishing the center due to the extensive costs to do any sort of remodeling.

Announcements

Next voters meeting: July 11, 2013 at 7pm.

Reminder: Dan Bolha is serving as our delegate at the WELS Convention this summer.

Please sign up for a "Let Our Light Shine" Bible study if you have not already done so.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Meeting closed with a closing prayer and benediction by Pastor Loescher.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin A. Behm, Recording Secretary

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