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"Give Mom High Honor"

By Pastor Loescher

There was a video that hit social networks lately honoring motherhood. It showed video conference interviews for the toughest job in the world. It didn't identify the job but gave many of the requirements for the job like: Be available every day twenty-four hours a day. Never have a chance to sit down and take a break. If you get a lunch break it is only after your associate (child) has eaten lunch. Who would ever take that job? Mom. I have to say that it was a pretty cool video that honored our mothers.

In that light I'd like to bring to mind a few other compliments that the Lord himself gives to mothers. To start with, the Lord praises the comfort that a child can get only from her mother. This may be the highest praise God gives motherhood, for in Isaiah where the Lord wants to assure his faithful of the comfort that he will give them, he uses a mother's comfort to describe his own. What higher praise than to have the Lord himself use you to compare his own greatness.

"For this is what the LORD says, "I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem"" (Isaiah 66:12-13). High praise indeed!

The Lord also included the teaching of the mother of king Lemuel in his inspired Scripture. What a mother can teach her children is priceless. So often mothers feel their words fall unheard and unheeded. Here are the words of mother warning her son. They are so honored by the Lord that they have been inscribed in his Holy Word that will endure forever:

Listen, my son! Listen, son of my womb!
Listen, my son, the answer to my prayers! Do not spend your strength on women, your vigor on those who ruin kings. It is not for kings, Lemuel—it is not for kings to drink wine, not

for rulers to crave beer, lest they drink and forget what has been decreed, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights. Let beer be for those who are perishing, wine for those who are in anguish! Let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more. Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy (Proverbs 31: 2-9).

Finally, the honor that the Lord affords motherhood he consequently demands of those who come from her womb. And if the Lord is going to give such honor to a mother's comfort, nurture and instruction, would we not also give honor to our own mothers? Hear this collage of tribute blessed by the Lord in his Holy Word: Solomon calls a mother's teaching a garland to grace your head a chain to adorn your neck. Solomon further gives high praise to a mother's discipline in Proverbs 29 crediting to her discipline the honorable life of young men.

As the people of the Lord were crossing over the Jordan River to possess the promised land, one of the things the Levites were to cry out to them is that those who dishonor their mothers will be cursed. That is how highly motherhood is esteemed by God and how valuable her training is to her children.

No question from God's Holy Word that mothers are to be highly prized and her gifts and training greatly honored. Perhaps the highest tribute you can give your mother this Mother's Day wouldn't be to compare her job to any other job in the world to show how tough it is, but to remind her of the Lord's generous comparisons honoring all her faithful physical and spiritual nurturing. And pray for her that she may see the power of God who has loved and nurtured her, giving her strength for the task ahead.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SENIORS

Eleanor Gronemeyer...90 yrs. old 5/8/1924
Janet Kannenberg...81 yrs. old 5/19/1933
Ruth Laverenz...87 yrs. old 5/26/1927
Donald Herther...87 yrs. old...5/28/1927
Lorain Kison...95 yrs. old...5/29/1919
Alvin Laverenz...88 yrs. old...5/31/1926
Rudolph Zarling...83 yrs. old...5/31/1931



MAY 2014 GREETERS

May 4 7:45; David & Sheila Krause
10:15; Joel & Carrie Hinz

May 11 7:45; Steve & Kathy Bintz
10:15; Bob & Katie Campell

May 18 7:45; Dave & Von Martin
10:15; Paul & Beth Steinbrenner

May 25 7:45; Andy & Colleen Loeffler
9:30; Frank & Barb Dohrwardt

BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS

Pastor Woldt will be doing a **“Digging Deeper”** class in church. We will take a closer look at the assigned readings of the day.

Sarah Reik, Christian Therapist from WLCFS, will lead a **Marriage Enrichment** presentation between Sunday church services, 4/27-5/18. The topics will be new each week:

- Avoiding emotional explosions
- Avoiding problems can hurt your marriage
- The importance of communicating clearly
- The importance of forgiveness

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.

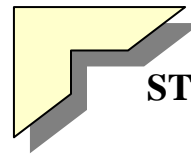
BARNABAS

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 Ephesians.

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.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

COUNCIL CAPSULE SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

David's Star Church Council Meeting Capsule

April 15, 2014

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Pastor Loescher, Tim Gustafson, Keith Rusch, Kurt Henning, Andy Loeffler, Dan Bolha, Randy Matter, Andrew Loescher, Jim Korthals.

Absent: Brian Lee, Dennis Bell, Mike Willis

The meeting was called to order by Dan Bolha. 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 March 11, 2014.

Committee Reports Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

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Incoming: Bublitz, Tori
From Faith, Sussex

Outgoing: Lamm, Natalie
Transfer to Grace, Milwaukee
French, Eric
Transfer to St. Jacobi, Milwaukee

Pastors' Report

Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919
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Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019
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Pastor & Betsy Woldt will be going to San Antonio, TX at the end of the month to be workshop presenters at a retreat for pastors who graduated from the seminary in 1988 and 1989 and their spouses. First year seminary EFT student Luther Zuberbier will be preaching on the weekend of April 26 and 27.

President's Report

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There is nothing new to report.

**Board for
Buildings and Grounds
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Arbor night has been set for May 6, with a rain date of May 7. A follow up work night is scheduled for May 14.

Board for Elementary Education
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Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 338-3992
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They are looking at possible improvements to the hot lunch program. Smart boards and some Chromebooks will be ordered soon. They are looking at a school pack company that will package up the required school supplies based on the list provided by David's Star school, and then either ship it to your home or to the school. It might be an option that some parents might be interested in.

Board of Elders
Dennis Bell, 262.677.2248
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Dennis provided a written report. Pastor Woldt reported that three members are using the Members Assistance Program. Dave Krause may attend the WELS worship conference this year. Paul Steinbrenner has a list of potential members who may be willing to help in talking to our called workers. Its function would be similar to that of a Called Worker Care Committee. Terry Hansen will check with the Tech Committee to find out the status of streaming church services. Kris Eggers submitted a letter of thanks for the board's support. She also made a request to replace one of the handbell tables. Steve Bautista will participate in the services on the second Sunday in August in the woods.

Evangelism Committee

Andrew Loescher, andrewloescher@yahoo.com

There were 77 parents and children at the Easter Egg hunt. There were 4 possible prospects for follow-up. It was held in the church woods. Mailings were sent to 4934 homes in the Jackson/Cedarburg area. Redeemer, Cedarburg's egg hunt was included in the mailing. 7th and 8th graders filled over 2500 eggs. 1000 of them were used by Redeemer who will be reimbursing us for them. The committee is looking into a new design for the friendship register. Redeemer, Cedarburg invited us to participate in their monthly outreach activities. Narthex TV remote access is going to be restored so they can be utilized for things such as new member bios, etc.

Stewardship Committee

Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143
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The approved changes to the offering envelopes were submitted to American Church, Inc. In addition, an OWLS envelope has been added for the second week of June and December. They say the changes will be effective in the June mailing of offering envelopes. More information will go out in the June newsletter and an insert in mid to late May. Information about electronic giving is currently being gathered.

Spiritual Growth Committee
Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319
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The next session runs from April 27 to May 18. Pastor Woldt will lead a Bible study in church, digging deeper into the sermon text. Sarah Reik from WLCFS will present a marriage enrichment workshop in the multi-purpose room.

Treasurer's Report
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The printed report for March was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance in the amount of \$9,310.73. It represents a decrease in our operating fund balance of \$6,389.54. A one page summary financial report for the first quarter was presented and will be made available at church.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

Congregational Meeting Discussion/Date – tabled until next meeting

New Business

Campus Security – A theft of about \$600 dollars from the church office was reported to the Sheriff's department who did an investigation. A safe should be purchased for the school office so that money and any other valuables can be made secure. There was a discussion for other possible changes. Further action was tabled until next meeting.

Issues with the lift in School – There are periodic failures with the handicap access lift in school. The company that does repairs has mentioned that it may need replacement. It was agreed that we should get a second opinion about the lift regarding repairs versus possible replacement.

Church Investment Account – Donated stocks and bonds are put into our church's investment account at BMO Harris bank. The name of the treasurer that is authorized to sell those stocks and bonds needs to be updated. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the council president and treasurer to access the church investment account. It will allow them to accept/buy/sell donated securities that are in that account. Motion was carried.

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, May 13, 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

"Change for Life" Baby Bottle Program

In honor of our Christian mothers and fathers, given to us by a gracious God, the parish nurses at David's Star will sponsor another ***"Change for Life"*** baby bottle program! On May 11th, Mother's Day, baby bottles will be available in the new Gathering Space for you to take home and fill with your loose change, cash or even a check that will go to support ***"New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers"***, a ministry sponsored by Christian Life Resources. The mission of ***"New Beginnings"*** is to help a single mother with God's Word to grow spiritually, make God pleasing decisions, be a responsible citizen in society, and be a competent and loving Christian parent.

New Beginnings offers the single mother a chance at independence by living in her own apartment, while she also becomes part of a larger family. The apartments are furnished and equipped with a kitchen, bathroom, living room, and bedroom. Mothers take turns in preparing a daily meal, eaten together in the Commons. This family setting offers an opportunity for discussion and sharing problems with other mothers. Guidance by the staff and outside sources help the mothers adjust and grow in the many skills needed to transition into a healthy thriving home of their own. Won't you please prayerfully consider participating in this opportunity? Last year David's Star contributed just over \$700! The baby bottles will be collected on Father's Day but if you forget... just bring them the next time you come to the white baby bath basin in the Gathering Space. Or the Health Office is fine too. Thank-you for generously supporting this Ministry!

HEROES FOR HEALTH - a nursing camp for middle school students, sponsored by the Wisconsin Lutheran College Nursing Program. It starts on July 21st-July 24th from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$100. The program is designed to introduce students to the joys and challenges of a career in professional nursing, all in the context of Christian service. **Register early! Enrollment is limited. Deadline to register is June 13th.** The enrollment form can be found on the school bulletin board for you to copy and take home. Maybe several students want to enroll, letting parents carpool down to WLC?!

Sneezing and sniffing lately? Allergy season is right around the corner. Feel free to take home a timely information sheet from the FDA about seasonal allergies that is on the window ledge outside of the Health Office!

Happy Mother's Day, Mom! It is such a comfort to know that you are enjoying heaven. Thanks to our loving Lord and Savior, I'll join you some day!

Sue Bolha RN, David's Star Parish Nurse

EASTER BREAKFAST THANK YOU! A huge thank you to all who helped with Easter breakfast – those who prepared, those who served, and those who cleaned up. Thank you also to those who donated the use of their waffle irons and Nescos! Thank you to those who made cheesy potatoes at their homes for us to enjoy! Thank you to the Pioneer families who helped both Saturday and Sunday mornings! 395 enjoyed a tasty Easter breakfast. This fellowship meal would not be possible without everyone's dedicated help!

MORNING BIBLE CAMP This year's Morning Bible Camp theme is "Route 3:16 Road Trip" and will be held from June 16-20 from 9:00-11:30am for age 3 to children entering 5th grade. Registration forms are available in the school office and are posted on the school bulletin boards.

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES RESUME on Thursday, May 1st, 2014 at 7:00pm. Ascension Day service is Thursday, May 29. There will be a 3:45pm service at David's Star. There is also a Joint Ascension Day service with Morning Star at 7:00pm.

THANK YOU I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who remembered me in their prayers and wished me well during my surgery and recovery. At this time all is well. I appreciate the sentiments everyone has expressed. Also, Nancy and I want to express our thanks to all who extended condolences on the passing of Nancy's father, Lee Nicol. Although he will be missed, we celebrate his going to a new and better life in heaven. Rick & Nancy Ebeling

BRAT FRY & BAKE SALE

Our Parents Group will be serving up "delicious" eats 'n treats on Saturday, May 3 9:00am-2:00pm at Jackson Piggly Wiggly at their outside concession stand at the Jackson store. Come in for a brat and a 'delicious' baked good!!

DAVID'S STAR LUTHERAN SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS

THE 5TH – 8TH GRADE MUSICAL

Wipe Out!



**1:00 PM MATINEE
THURSDAY, MAY 8th**

**6:30 PM MUSICAL
FRIDAY, MAY 9TH**

&

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION
BY 4K**

A SOUP OPERA