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“HONOR YOUR FATHER & MOTHER”

by Kurt Loescher

Aside from the Word of God, the only thing that doesn't ever change is the unmovable truth that things change. Just compare your childhood pictures with your adult pictures. You've changed. And with every generation there are changes that happen within a culture. Some are good changes, some don't really matter. Others are changes for the worse. A cultural shift that I have noticed through the years has become alarmingly counter productive for ministry. I'll call it a culture of disrespect.

I was 16 and worked pumping gas at a full-service filling station. I know, a full-service gas station, how long ago was that? That was a long time ago, but knowing that might help understand the shock of what happened that day. Business was slow and we were just hanging around in the gas station waiting for a car to drive up for a fill up. A kid came in maybe 10 or 11 years old to use our pay phone to call his mother. Apparently his mother didn't pick him up when she was supposed to. What I heard come out of that boy's mouth shocked me. What that boy said to his mother, I rarely heard spewed out against fierce enemies. I was fully expecting a thunderbolt to come from heaven and burn that kid to a crisp. But out he walked still muttering obscenities about his mother. Now I had heard disrespectful talk before, and had been disrespectful before myself, but never had I seen it unchecked like that. Disrespect has always been there, the change I saw occurring was a toleration of disrespect. In my circles you showed respect by calling adults sir and ma'am and Mr. and Mrs. Respect was part of the culture. I still had a principal who had a special place in the boiler room where he wasn't shy about using his pointer stick across the backside of a disrespectful eighth grader. Yes, I'm aware that such methods can get a teacher prison time these days. I am in no way advocating such methods. But it demonstrates what was understood--respect for God's representatives was an absolute necessity for the training of children. We took it very seriously.

That day at the filling station back in 1976 opened my eyes to a counterculture of disrespect for authority that had been germinating since the 60's. The counterculture wasn't so much coming from the

children. Children have always been disrespectful. That's nothing new. The counterculture was happening to the children coming from parents and other authority tolerating it.

Slowly over the past forty years or more, the counterculture of disrespect transitioned to a full blown culture of disrespect. Now even in our circles parents are apparently tolerating disrespect from their children. Children commonly speak disrespectfully to adults--even to those in authority. It is becoming part of our culture. Parents must not forget that the 4th commandment which calls on children to honor their parents also assumes that parents will expect to be honored. Parents need to see themselves as next to God, and expect that their children will hold them in high regard. Unless our children respect us as God's representatives, how can we train them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? Unless we demand respect, we are training up a generation of self absorbed, irresponsible people, muttering obscenities about their parents just because they were inconvenienced.

By now you may be feeling like a failure as a parent. We all fail many times and in many ways. For parents who fall in the toughest, most important job on earth, there is plenty of forgiveness in Jesus Christ our Savior. His forgiveness also brings with it wisdom and strength to know what to do.

Let's all rededicate ourselves to being parents, that is, be God to our children. It is the expectation of the 4th commandment. Listen for disrespectful tones and words, and don't tolerate them. That of course doesn't mean that we have to find a boiler room and a stout pointer stick, but it does mean rebuke and correction--the tough job of parenting.

Being parents also means overflowing with the love of Jesus and ready with the assurance of forgiveness from us and from the Lord. That's the fun part. By the way, my childhood principal was also known by us students as a man filled with the love of God and devoted to Jesus. He showed that to us daily. Love and demanding respect are not mutually exclusive. They actually go hand-in-glove. Let's take back the culture of respect in so far as it may be slipping out of our hands. God bless our parenting.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS

Eleanor Gronemeyer (5/8)

Janet Kannenberg (5/19)

Bernice Johnson (5/23)

Ruth Laverenz (5/26)

Donald Herther (5/28)

Lorain Kison (5/29)

Al Laverenz (5/31)

MAY 2016 GREETERS

May 1, 2016 7:45: Jim & Jean Korthals
10:15: John & Ruthanne Geldon

May 8, 2016
7:45: Christine Dahl & LaVerne Oehler
10:15: Dennis & Marlene Bell

May 15, 2016 7:45: Lorraine McCauley
10:15: Dan & Sue Bolha

May 22, 2016 7:45: Dave & Jeanie Martin
10:15: Paul & Sharon Weis

May 29, 2016 7:45: John & Nelda Clemens
9:30

GRADUATION SERVICE Eleven students will graduate in the 9:30 service in the church woods on Sunday, June 5th.

*Kelli Lynn Beine, Casey Marie Doering,
Jackson John Hinz, Allison Grace Klug,
Katelyn Nicole Miller, Angelee Lyn Schaller,
Nicholas Anthony Thoma, Michael Dennis Wagner,
Carmen Joy Wagie,
Madeline Elise Walz, and Luke Matthew Willis.*

Class Verse
Psalm 23: 6

“Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the
house of the LORD forever.”

Class Hymn “In Christ Alone”
Class Flower Red Rose
Class Colors Red & White

BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS

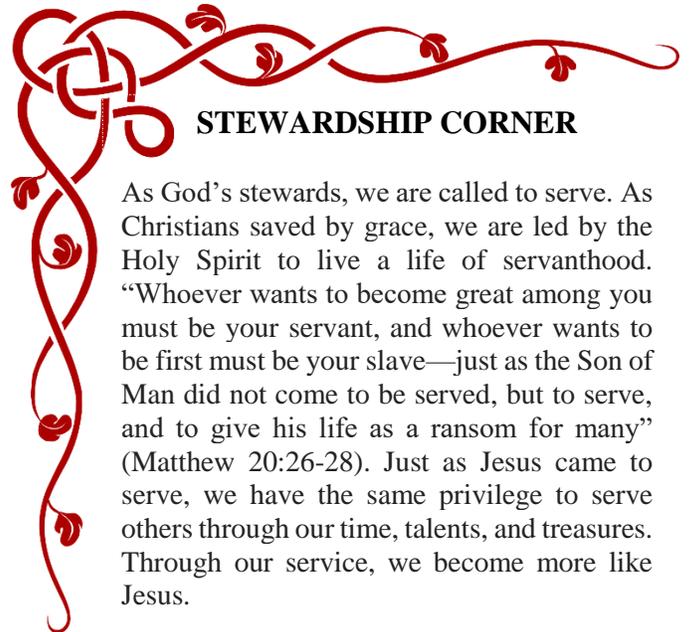
ADULT BIBLE STUDY in the church will focus on the readings for the day.

WOMEN’S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at 9:30 am in the multi-purpose room of school. Please join us for a little bible study and fellowship. Bring your bible!

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 has resumed. This group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the multi-purpose room of school. We will study in the book of Numbers.

“DROP OFF” BIBLE STUDY 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. Come in your work clothes, work-out clothes, even your pjs if you have to. No make-up? Unshaven? Uncombed hair? It’s all good. You’re dropping off your children, there are no high expectations. There will be the Holy Word of God and good encouragement to start off your day. If you have a toddler at your side, no problem—bring him or her along. We are all parents, we can cope with children in the room.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

As God’s stewards, we are called to serve. As Christians saved by grace, we are led by the Holy Spirit to live a life of servanthood. “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:26-28). Just as Jesus came to serve, we have the same privilege to serve others through our time, talents, and treasures. Through our service, we become more like Jesus.

COUNCIL CAPSULE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APRIL 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

David's Star Church Council Highlights

April 12, 2016

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Josh Boeldt, Glen Miller, Tim Gustafson, David Zarling, Brian Lee, Jon Kruse, Kurt Henning, Pastor Loescher, Mike Willis.

Absent: Dennis Bell, Keith Rusch & Nelson Erdman

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 in March 2016.

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming:

Outgoing: Klein, Larry and Marilyn
Released from membership
Steinbrenner, Mark
Transfer to Divine Savior, Doral, Florida

Pastors' Report

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Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019

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What a blessing to see so many people in church for Easter. Pray that the gospel might ignite the desire for more regular worship in our brothers and sisters in faith. Both pastors should be around after a few weeks of travel for ministry and personal purposes. We have a request in for a mission festival preacher from WELS Missions for our end of August mission festival. Follow up will be necessary to see who is able to serve us that weekend. The youth group is planning to host a Mother's Day breakfast on May 8th. Watch for details.

President's Report

Brian Lee

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Discussion of the document being drafted explaining the potential David's Star endowment fund. The church woods were inspected by the Wisconsin DNR. The report they sent back to us was discussed.

**Board for
Buildings and Grounds**

Kurt Henning

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Plans for work on restrooms in the school and old church narthex were discussed. Other ideas for updating the old narthex were discussed. No action taken. Arbor night May 2 (May 3rd rain date).

Board for Elementary Education

Mike Willis, mike.willis@sial.com

Principal Tim Gustafson

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Minutes from March meeting were read and approved. Discussion of overall hot lunch program. Discussion that Bd. of Ed. needs to be in communication with new called worker, Mr. Beyersdorf (i.e. moving, installation and welcome shower). Discussion of transitioning process and its effect on the classrooms to accommodate more students for the 2016-2017 school year due to departmentalizing.

Board of Elders

Dennis Bell

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Evangelism Committee

Nelson Erdman

theerdmans@hotmail.com

Easter Egg Hunt was March 19th, 70 children attended the event. A new member welcome is set for Sunday May 22nd after second service with a cook-out. Early Summer mailer featuring Morning Bible Camp and School Registration is being planned. Summer Worship in the woods with music from Tom Miller is scheduled for July 23rd.

Stewardship Committee

David Zarling

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No Report.

Spiritual Growth Committee

Jon Kruse

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Meeting April 19th.

Treasurer's Report

(Josh Boeldt, joshua.boeldt@gmail.com)

See Narrative.

A motion was made and carried to accept the reports.

Called Worker Staffing Policy – Motion made, supported and passed to adopt David's Star staffing policy.

Motion made, supported and passed to pave cemetery drive with funds of \$2200 being taken from the Cemetery Fund.

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, May 10th, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**

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

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Many of our students describe studying in the U.S. as a "dream come true." KML is currently seeking families to host our Chinese and Korean students from late August 2016 – early June 2017. Our host families are significant partners in developing our students spiritually, mentally, and physically through a Christ-centered education. Without homes for the students, we cannot offer them this opportunity. It has been wonderful to hear the stories from our host families as they learn about a new culture or as they share our culture with their student. More importantly we have the opportunity to share God's word with them!

Please keep the KML International Program in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to grow and as we share God's Word with these students. If you would like to learn more about our international program or are interested in becoming a host family, please contact Mrs. Becky Kemnitz, KML's International Student Coordinator ([262.677.4051](tel:262.677.4051) [x1126](tel:262.677.4051); becky.kemnitz@kmlhs.org).



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 8th, 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? Each year that David's Star has participated our support of the ministry has increased! The baby bottles will be collected on Father's Day but if you forget... just bring them the next time you come, to the antique white porcelain baby bath basin in the Gathering Space. Or the Health Office is fine too. Thank you in advance, for faithfully and generously supporting this Ministry!

Dan and I will bring our baby bottle in loving memory of both of our Mothers and Fathers who are now enjoying heaven! We are thankful for our parents who raised us in the nurture and admonition of our Lord, Jesus Christ! God's plan for us as families is good. Thanks be to God! Please consider helping to support single parent families at "New Beginnings" who are trying to do the same for their children.

In His Service,
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MEMORIALS

Memorials totaling \$1,620 were given in memory of Carl Schramm. \$1,600 was given for repairing buildings in church woods and \$20 was given to Ladies' Aid.

Memorials totaling \$1,235 were given in memory of Reuben Herther. \$15 was given to the Operating Fund, \$1,200 was given to the Undesignated Memorials for church and \$20 was given to the Let Our Light Shine Fund.

Memorials totaling \$680 were given in memory of Junier Ehlke. \$520 was given to the Operating Fund. \$25 was given to the Building & Improvement Fund. \$125 was given to the Undesignated Memorials Fund, and \$10 was given to the Let Our Light Shine Fund.

Memorials totaling \$1,745 were given in memory of Christine Rose. \$1,580 was given to the Operating Fund. \$105 was given to the Let Our Light Shine Fund. \$95 was given to the Undesignated Memorials Fund and \$10 was given to the Building & Improvement Fund.

Memorials totaling \$4,560 were given in memory of Marvin Rusch. \$4,175 was given to the Livestreaming Fund. \$150 was given to the Bell Choir. \$150 was given to the Instrumental Fund. \$25 was given to Ladies' Aid, \$25 to David's Star School, \$10 was given to the KMLHS Make a Joyful Noise Fund and \$25 was given to the Let Our Light Shine.

FAMILY RESTROOMS The women's and men's restrooms in the old narthex have been converted to family restrooms. There are locks installed on the doors. When using these restrooms please make sure to lock the door.

2016 March Operating Budget Financial Update April 12, 2016

To God be the glory; great things He has done! While the total offerings for March were below budget by about \$8,000, our congregation's year to date offerings were still well above our budgeted amount. Expenses were also lower than expected by nearly \$3,100 this month. As can be seen on the chart below, the actual overall change was about \$5,100 worse than the anticipated budget change. The overall fund balance at the end of March shows a surplus of \$8,461.

Month of March 2016

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenue	\$99,678	\$107,876	(\$8,198)
Expenses	\$83,561	\$86,655	(\$3,094)
Change	\$16,118	\$21,221	(\$5,103)

2016 March Ministries Beyond our Congregation Financial Update

For the month of March, our remittances for the WELS mission and KMLHS operating mission were below what we had budgeted for. The KML Joyful Noise amount was higher than anticipated this month, but the total amounts remitted for all missions are down about \$2,500 from the budget figure for the year to date.

Month of March 2016

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
WELS	\$6,757	\$9,531	(\$2,774)
KMLHS	\$3,693	\$7,498	(\$3,805)
Operating Fund			
KMLHS	\$837	\$495	\$342
Joyful Noise			

2016 March Building Fund Update

The mortgage loan balance as of March 31, 2016 is \$1,352,804.95. The council's objective is to maintain a \$100,000 cushion in the building fund debt account—our balance at 3/31/16 was \$88,632. With the next mortgage payment going out in mid-April, this fund balance will continue to drift down to about \$80,000. We pray that God will continue to bless our congregation so that we can replenish these funds.

Josh Boeldt, Treasurer