



“Christian, Defend Yourself”

by Pastor Kurt Loescher

According to the news story, he tried to fight back, but the 88 year old WWII veteran was robbed and murdered by two teenage street thugs who preyed on the defenseless. Such horrible senseless acts have prompted many to solve the problem by being able to defend themselves. Women especially have learned the art of defending themselves when necessary. Self-defense courses teach people to create boundaries, use eye contact, assertive conversation, and if necessary physical force. In addition, Concealed Carry Laws are passed so people can carry handguns to defend themselves and others from senseless acts of violence. If you were attacked, could you defend yourself?

In the Middle Ages self-defense was also a major concern. They didn't have handguns to defend themselves nor were many if any experienced in the martial arts. To defend themselves many peasants would carry a small concealed dagger. The ancient Greek word for this dagger was enchiridion, a word that was also used for a small handbook. Martin Luther was fond of calling his Small Catechism an enchiridion because it was also the word for dagger. He wanted people to conceal this little book in themselves for self-defense against the attacks of Satan, false teaching and all kinds of temptation. If you were attacked, could you defend yourself?

Consider the powerful weapon called Luther's Small Catechism. It contains the truths of God's Word that are critical for Christians to know and believe. To know and believe the Ten Commandments assures the child of God will not develop a calloused conscience against sin and live a life of ignorance regarding God's will.

The Apostle's Creed and Luther's explanations of the power and work of each person of the Trinity gives more than knowledge. By the Holy Scripture we are encouraged and assured of God's powerful work

to attain our salvation from sin and death. By that assurance of faith we can and do believe God's truth and act according to it. The person and work of Jesus has been attacked and defamed in every generation, but these truths meet those attacks head on and silence falsehood for those who are defended by them.

Luther's treatment of the sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism will not allow us to take these powerful gifts from the very hand of God for granted. Nor will any false teaching against them be allowed to have any room in our hearts.

With his explanation of the Lord's Prayer, Luther helps us all see what we ought to always pray for. When we ask the Lord for what we truly need, we know he will most certainly answer our prayers. If God is for us, who can be against us?

Finally, Luther instructs us how to use this powerful weapon against Satan when he encourages us all to use the keys of the kingdom and confess our sins to one another. These keys open heavens doors to the despairing through the preaching, teaching, and encouraging of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. No false teaching or temptation can stand against confession of sins and the assurance of forgiveness through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

The school year has begun which means a new year of Catechism training is underway. Pray for these young hearts as they apply and take to heart the truths of God's Holy Word as presented in Luther's Small Catechism. Pray that they apply themselves as they should. Pray that they be equipped to defend themselves from every attack of the evil one. Be sure to also sharpen your own dagger. Make use of this little handbook of the faith so that you can not only defend yourself, but also defend and encourage others under attack.

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Happy Birthday Seniors!!

Leola Herther ...80 yrs. old... 9/1/1933
 Vincent Schneider... 90 yrs. old...9/3/1923
 Ursula Dorna...89 yrs. old...9/15/1924
 Marcella Graff...82 yrs. old...9/20/1931
 Marie Janke...82 yrs. old...9/24/1931
 Kamelia Bolha...90 yrs. old...9/27/1923



SEPTEMBER 2013 GREETERS

September 1, 2013
 7:45 Dave and Von Martin
 9:30 Paul & Beth Steinbrenner

September 8, 2013
 7:45; Diane Hafemeister and Susan Daley
 10:15; Dan & Sue Bolha

September 15, 2013
 7:45; Mike and Debbie Boeldt
 10:15; Mel & Eunice Heckendorf

September 22, 2013
 7:45; Cory and Jessica Schumacher
 10:15; Pat Piippo & Diane Kowalske

September 29, 2013
 7:45; Rick and Nancy Ebeling
 10:15; Andrew & Amy Loescher

BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS

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.

CHRIST'S LOVE, OUR CALLING

That is the phrase we've chosen to identify our synod. From that phrase flows a four-year stewardship emphasis to help you grasp the lavish love of God in Christ and to help you live out your calling in him. Over a four year period, the four key areas of stewardship receive in-depth attention: time, talent, treasure, and truth. For 2013, year four, Love Speaks, focuses on our stewardship of truth with 2 Corinthians 4:13 providing the framework of the emphasis. The sermon series will begin on September 1st. Related Bible Studies led by Prof. Jim Korthals will begin between services on September 8th.

WOMEN NURTURING WOMEN THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

invites you to come to class on Thursday, September 19th at 9:30. We will meet in the multi-purpose room located behind the concession area. Following that we will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings of each month at 9:30. On the opening day, please bring a portion of Scripture to share, or a hymn or Psalm. Please bring your Bibles, hymnals and a notebook. Treats or fruit are also welcome for fellowship after our study that day. We will also discuss our upcoming study. 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.

**David's Star Church
Council Meeting Capsule
August 13, 2013**

Members in attendance: Pastor Loescher, Tim Gustafson, Brian Lee, Dan Bolha, Randy Matter, Kevin Behm, David Zarling, Kurt Henning, Jim Korthals, Bob Heider.

Absent: Pastor Woldt, Dennis Bell, Andy Loeffler.

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 July 9, 2013.

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

Incoming: Miller, Glen & Jennifer;
Wyatt & Gabrielle
Profession of faith

Outgoing: Koenig, Dorothy
Released from membership
Nunez, Courtney
Released from membership
Rupnow, Joel: Logan, Bryce
Transfer to Morning Star, Jackson, WI
Sprenger, Dennis & Sharon
Transfer to Morning Star, Jackson, WI
Vogel, Alex
*Transfer to Bethlehem,
Menomonee Falls/Germantown, WI*

**Pastors' Report
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Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019
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We are expecting several families to join David's Star from Trinity, Freistadt. We are most grateful for the competent, gifted leaders we have dealing with all things outside of the Word of God and Prayer. Pastor Woldt is presently on vacation camping in the Boundary Waters. Pastor Loescher will be on vacation over Mission Festival weekend as he will be at MLC and NELHS for some commitments.

**President's Report
Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419
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Teachorage/Parish Center – The Jackson Fire Department didn't use the house on August 6th as planned. However, they were very thankful for the opportunity to have the house available for training on the 12th. They also requested to use the house again on the 26th. As of right now, the plan is to try to demolish the building between October 24th and 26th. The Ozaukee County Tactical Team would like to use the building one night for training the week prior. This means we need to have everything out of the house that we want to save by the end of September.

Thank you – Tim Gustafson and Dan Bolha for taking the time to represent David's Star at the recent WELS Convention.

Subpoena – David's Star was served a subpoena by the law firm representing the West Shore Pipe Line Company. The Council was informed of this the day after it was served. The Council requested the Executive Committee to obtain legal counsel to represent us in our response. I will be asking the Council to ratify that decision tonight. David's Star's only interest in this matter is to remove ourselves from the situation. Legal counsel has been retained.

A motion was made and carried that the church council go into executive session. Discussion occurred pertaining to the subpoena. A motion was made and carried to go out of executive session.

**Board for
Buildings and Grounds
Kurt Henning 262.677.2797
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The new lawn mower has been delivered. Discussion occurred regarding the disposition of the old lawn mower. A motion was made and carried to give the old lawn mower to Myron Philipps as a thank you and in recognition of the many years that Myron has served David's Star mowing our entire campus.

Board for Elementary Education
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Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 262.338.3992
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Registration was held this past Sunday. We are presently anticipating an enrollment of 137 to 138. The 4K program is projected to have an enrollment of 15. We will be looking at obtaining some assistance in that room. We will not be a part of the federal hot lunch program this year. We will offer a hot lunch program once a week through sources such as Pizza Hut and Domans. Our current accreditation is in place through the 2014-2015 school year. We need to start planning for the accreditation process for the school year beginning with 2015-2016. The parent meeting is scheduled for September 4th. The Board is considering the research and discussion of the pros and cons of the voucher program.

Board of Elders
Dennis Bell, 262.677.2248
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Dennis provided a written report.
Paul Weis reported that he has checked in with the church office and informed them he will be staying in touch with them periodically. This will allow him to help them with any issues that may come up.
Terry informed us that he has received the information form Tony Gromacki for the Called Worker Care Committee and he is reviewing it. He also reported that there has been a meeting with two contractors to address the needs of the congregation in the technology area. They have given a couple of suggestions and will prepare bids to enhance the audio/visual area of our worship services.
The OWLS group had their initial meeting on July 15th with 43 in attendance. Half of them were visitors. Their next meeting will be held September 16th.
Paul Steinbrenner reported that we have two requests from families who may be interested in accessing the available funds for KML tuition assistance this year. Dennis also reported he had an additional request.
Kris Eggers requested additional funds from the elder budget to spend on updating church music. Kris also suggested that we combine the male choir and mixed choir budgets into one account.
Clif Koeller reported that Lynne Tews is working on a Women's Advent by Candlelight service to be held on December 8th and Steven Bautista has been invited to perform for this service.
Pastor Loescher also reported that the elders have added certain encouragement pieces that are being sent out to inactive members. Some pieces may be made available in the narthex rack for general use.

Evangelism Committee
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Dave reported that more work on signage will occur in fall. He also reported that the pictorial directory is in the hands of the company. We may be working with Redeemer, Cedarburg in planning for the Living Nativity. Thanks to Nelson and Cassy for the great job they have done in designing mailing pieces for the new school year. Additional pieces will be designed for Christmas.

Stewardship Committee
Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143
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Jim provided a handout outlining this year's stewardship program "Christ's Love, Our Calling". Sunday services will be held from September 1st through September 22nd in conjunction with this stewardship program. Bible classes will be held from Sunday September 8th through September 29th in conjunction with this program.

Spiritual Growth Committee
Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319
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Andy provided a written report. Preparations are underway for Bible class season. The church library shelf repairs are finished, and the shelves are secured to the walls in the atrium. Thanks to Kurt Henning. Re-shelving of books is to be done soon.

Treasurer's Report
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The July 31, 2013 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 7/31/13 in the amount of (\$102,259), representing an increase in our deficit during the month in the amount of \$34,622. Operating fund receipts for the month were \$60,370 which is a 85% of our budget.
Randy also reported that a check from the IRS for \$14,000 has been received during the first week of August, and we are expecting another check for \$12,000 to come down the road.
Paperwork for the credit card application for school has been received and Randy will work with Bob Heider on this.
We are looking to refinance our loan and will seek proposals from BMO, Westbury, and Port Washington State Bank.
We have encountered several problems with our payroll service and may be pursuing making a switch in the future.

Vice Presidents Report

Dan Bolha, Telephone #262.677.3485

Dan reported that plans are underway for Mission Festival. Dennis Sprenger has agreed to continue spraying the church woods grounds as in the past.

Old Business

None

New Business

Constitution and Bylaws – This has been tabled to next month.

Subpoena – a motion was made and carried to ratify the action of the Executive Committee to obtain legal counsel in the amount of \$2,500.00 to respond to the subpoena.

WELS Convention – Dan Bolha and Tim Gustafson gave a report to council of the activities of the WELS Convention. Dan reported that WELS has a debt of approximately \$8 million that they are looking to remove. There will be a synod-wide offering beginning in 2015 to help remove a goal of \$1.6 million each year over four years. WELS is requesting an increase of 4% per year in 2014 and 2015 for mission offerings. Delegates encouraged our leadership to continue discussions with LC_MS striving to ultimately get to the level of true doctrinal agreement. WELS did not adopt a single Bible translation. NPH can choose any translation it deems best. It was also decided that WELS will not develop its own translation. WELS also encouraged WELS schools to offer administrative release time from teaching for their principals.

Mission Festival – Dan provided a report under the Vice President report regarding this.

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, October 10, 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
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THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

Jesus said, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it" (Matthew 13:45-46).

Who knew that Jesus was the pearl of great price? After all, wasn't he just "the carpenter's son" (Matthew 13:55)? "The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus" (Matthew 26:59) because, rather than seeing him for what he was and is, the pearl of great price, they were threatened by him and wanted to destroy him.

Even his disciples who had lived with him, eaten with him, listened to him, and worked beside him for three years found him to be not the pearl of great price, but a danger to their lives and reputations. They "deserted him and fled" (Matthew 26:56) at his time of need.

What about us? We have the advantage of past history. We have God's Word. We know of Jesus' perfect life lived in our place; we know of his anguished prayer for us before his Father; we know of his death on the cross that paid the price for our sin; we know of his triumphant resurrection; and we know how our lives are made new in him. Do we view him as the pearl of great price? God, empower us so that our actions reflect our faith. Help us to do everything we can to make Jesus the highest priority in our lives.

Stewardship Committee



Parish Nurse News

GIVE ME A BREAK!

IDDM WEBINAR SERIES –

Weekly Oct.-Nov. 2013

Caring for someone with an intellectual and developmental disability can leave you drained spiritually, emotionally and physically.

The Intellectual & Developmental Disability Ministry can help!

Join them and witness God's love as he gives you renewed strength. **After the kids have gone to bed**, in the comfort of your home, join their talented presenters, live, on-line at 9:00PM Central, as they teach you how to stay close to your Lord, develop coping skills, and gradually build back the strength you may feel dwindling away.

Webinar descriptions and presenter bios are available on line at www.wels.net/iddm. All webinars in this series are **FREE** as a service of the WELS Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Ministry and will be recorded and placed on the IDDM web site for viewing after the live presentation. **Register** for the live webinar series now by sending an e-mail to iddm@wels.net. The webinars will be presented on the internet using Google Hangout. Register for as many of the sessions as you wish. You will be sent a link for each session you have selected. Simply type ALL, if you wish to attend the entire series. Call 414-517-1376 with questions.

Sounds like a great resource for our families! Pass the word to others.

The New Beginnings' Baby Bottle fund raising effort brought in a total of \$990.62 Thanks to all for your support! We received a thank-you note from Christian Life Resources saying that our gift makes it possible for young women to live in a place like New Beginnings and it is greatly appreciated!

Albrecht Free Clinic – Wish List

The collection of Over-the-Counter health related items for the Albrecht Free Clinic is going quite well with many responding to the opportunity! The Parish Nurses thank you for your kind generosity! It is not too late to add to the items collected so far. A comprehensive wish-

list is available by a plastic bin in the gathering space near the Health Office. If the bin is full, just leave your items on or near the table! Please consider joining the parish nurses in this effort to help a wonderful community resource for God's people who need help with basic health care needs.

Together in Christ,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

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INVITATION TO DAVID'S STAR OWLS

SEPTEMBER 16TH

David's Star OWLS is hosting its 2nd event! OWLS" is a national organization for WELS/ELS members single or married who are 55 and over or whose spouse is of that age. People not yet 55 but retired are also welcome! Our purpose is to gather for fun, fellowship, service and spiritual growth as WELS/ELS Lutheran Seniors. Join us on Monday, September 16th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the air-conditioned multipurpose room at David's Star Lutheran Church. We'll open with a devotion and then, Pastor Martin Scheele, the Chairman of the National OWLS offering for the European Civilian Chaplaincy, will introduce us to the ministry. Chaplain Joshua Martin and his family live in Spiesheim, Germany, near Frankfurt, ministering to members of the US military and civilians in Europe. This ministry is supported by the prayers and offerings of the Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors. We'll also hear about the upcoming OWLS Convention, on October 8th-10th, in Wausau, Wisconsin. We'll have the new David's Star OWLS banner, that our ladies have made, on display! At the Convention, all of the local chapters display their banners. We'll close the evening with prayer and an old fashioned "Ice Cream Social"! Have a question? Call Dan Bolha @ 262-677-3485. No RSVP is needed.

A BIG THANKS to all who helped make last Sunday's Mission Festival possible! From Pastor Behringer who brought us God's Word, Joey Schumann and the Lutheran Ceili Orchestra, and to the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to provide us with a great worship and fellowship opportunity! The Lord blessed our Mission Festival in the woods!

COMMUNION COORDINATOR VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for someone to do the scheduling of volunteers for the set-up and take down of communion. The schedule is in place for the 2013 church year. The 2014 schedule needs to be in place by November. If you would be interested please contact the church office or either of the pastors.

KML VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

KML needs volunteers to come and help plant shrubs and trees around the new Performing Art Center addition on September 14th, starting at 8:00 AM. Bring a shovel and help beautify the KML campus.

KETTLE MORAINES LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Invites all to Worship September 29, 2013 at 2:00 pm. The service will commemorate the 40th anniversary of KML as a high school ministry. We will dedicate the Performing Arts Center and Fine Arts Academic Wing with special commissioned music "Make a Joyful Noise" by Cassandra Boettcher (class of 2009) and Patrick Thompson (class of 2010). An alumni band and choir will also participate. And there's more! We will also celebrate of Ministries of Rev. Ronald Mehlberg (40 years), Rev. Randall Hughes (25 years), and Mrs. Bonnie Schramm (25 years). Also included in the celebration will be the installation of Mr. Jonathan Pasbrig as teacher and choral director. We invite you to this special opportunity to worship our gracious God who provides more than we can imagine.



FROM THE DAVID'S STAR ADULT CHOIRS DIRECTOR

Do you love music-- all kinds of music? Do you love to sing or ring praises to your Lord in a special way? Would you like a reserved seat in church on Christmas and Easter when the church is crowded?

Then, David's Star Adult Singing Choir and Adult Handbell Choirs are where you need to be. All you need is a desire to sing/ring praises to God in a special way (and Tuesday nights free).

BOTH ADULT CHOIRS BEGIN REHEARSING ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 10. Bell choir rehearses from 6:30-7:25. Mixed (Singing) Choir rehearses from 7:35-8:35. Full schedules for both choirs can be found on <http://www.davidstar.org/>. Any questions, please contact Kris Eggers at keggere@davidstar.org or 262.677.2174.