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“Loaded With Treasure”

By Pastor Kurt Loescher

Like most small towns, the village of Commonman wasn't a place you could keep much to yourself. Everyone knew that the tailor's wife had a miscarriage. They never told anyone she was pregnant, but when she had that glow and bought up light blue and pink cloth and pretty ribbons for clothes, you just knew. Then all of a sudden, she stopped coming out. She drew all the curtains closed. No one had seen her for a month. When she finally came out, she was gaunt and thin and terribly depressed. The baker's youngest child was a little slow to put it politely. The school teacher just let him pass through each grade as if he knew his reading and writing. The sheriff was well loved and seemed to do his job well enough so they overlooked his foul mouth and poor treatment of his wife. When her face was all black and blue, she said she'd fallen down the cellar steps, but everyone knew better.

Everyone knew everyone's business except one fine gentleman at the edge of town. He had a nice enough house and a picket fence with a locked gate. No one knew what he did for a living, but he always bought the best, the finest meats at the butcher, and a new suit from the tailor every year. People were plenty curious, but for the most part paid no attention, as long as he was going to be so tight lipped about it. He always insisted that he was just like them, nothing special about him. But it sure didn't seem like it.

Then one summer a terrible drought began that lasted nearly five years. Everyone suffered. Most anyone who had some savings saw it all run dry. That last year of the drought, several children died and the old folk had long since given in to death. It took an awful toll on everyone in the village...except the gentleman on the edge of town.

Oh, he tried to make like he was suffering, too. He let his clothes get a bit ragged and didn't buy anymore suits. But he always seemed to have what he needed to stay fed, but tried not to look any better off than anyone else. Finally some men from town went over there. The gentleman wouldn't let them through the gate but talked

across the fence. He insisted he had nothing to share and that if there was anything he could do to help he would sure do it.

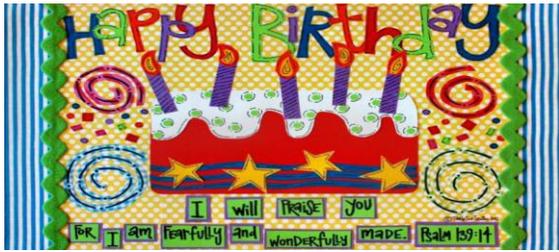
Years later, the gentleman, now old, passed on. The mayor and sheriff went over to his house to see to his business and see if they couldn't find out who his family might be. What they found dropped them to their knees. It was a vast treasure house, filled with wealth beyond what anyone could have imagined or hoped for. As they were scratching their heads wondering why he would keep such wealth to himself, they found a journal. In the entries during the drought, you could see where tears had caused the ink to run, but you could still make out how ashamed he was of his wealth. It wasn't at all that he was being stingy. He had more than enough to go around for an eternity. It was just that he was so afraid of being thought of as different and looked down on that he could never get himself to share his treasure...even when the old folk and children were dying around him. Isn't that just so odd!

People of God, do we know how vastly wealthy we are? How deep and high and and long and wide is the treasure house of God's grace in Jesus Christ our Lord! Even now he stands ready with his unfailing love and forgiveness for being afraid to share his love with the dying, the ill, the foolish, and the confused. Outreach is not a committee in the church. It is the joy and privilege of all the chosen people of God. And each one of us is equipped or should I say loaded with treasure, with the treasure of the Gospel of Jesus in our hearts.

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light” (1 Peter 2:9).

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SENIORS

Vincent Schneider 9/3/1924...91 yrs. old
 Ursula Dorna...9/14/1924 ...91 yrs. old
 Martin Janke...9/24/1931 ...84 yrs. old
 Kamelia Bolha...9/27/1923...92 yrs. old



**SEPTEMBER 2015
 GREETERS**

- September 6; 7:45
 9:30 RuthAnne Geldon
- September 13; 7:45 Jim & Jean Korthals
 10:15 Rick & Rachel Kwiecinski
- September 20; 7:45 Ralph & Elaine Gerner
 10:15 Frank & Barb Dohrwardt
- September 27; 7:45 John & Nelda Clemens
 10:15 Patrick & Lynet Steele

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY STARTING
 SEPTEMBER 13TH**

Joy and Generosity are both desirable emotions. Put the two together and you have a God-pleasing outlook for life. “Joyful Generosity” is a bible study that Jim Korthals will present in church on September 13 and 20. What does Scripture have to say about the material blessings which we enjoy? How can we use these blessings in our lives in a way which benefits us, helps others, and, most importantly, pleases our Lord. Join us for this two-week bible class between the Sunday services.

**WOMEN NURTURING WOMEN
 THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

We meet in the multi-purpose room located behind the concession area. We 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. We will resume our study in fall. Hope to see you there!

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.

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 262.677.0919 or kurt.loescher@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets in the multi-purpose room of school at 10:00am. Classes have resumed.

CHILDREN'S & TEENS BIBLE STUDY resumes on Sunday, September 13 at 9:10. Classroom assignments for each grade will be posted in the school hallways.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are thankful for the eleven people who plan to teach Children's Bible Study on Sunday mornings from 9 to 10. We are looking for two more, so we can share the teaching responsibilities in each room with two teachers taking turns on alternate dates. **Please consider using your time and talents** with grades 3&4 or grades 5&6. Please contact either of the Pastors or Doris Koeller (262.677.3457).

OUR SCHOOL'S AFTER-SCHOOL CHILDCARE PROGRAM

is looking to add additional part-time staff. This person would concentrate their time and attention with our youngest students (3 -5 year olds). Hours and days are flexible. Our after-school childcare operates from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. when school is in session. If you have questions or are interested, please contact Eunice Washburn, [262.677.3492](tel:262.677.3492).

SAVE THE DATE!

Our **Women's Advent by Candlelight** will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 4pm in the school gym. Susan Ann will be presenting her program and CD, “The Perfect Gift”. Please save the date and invite your neighbors, fellow workers and friends to hear this special Christmas message. Registration forms will be available in September. If you have any questions, please call Lynne Tews, [262.377.2051](tel:262.377.2051).

COUNCIL CAPSULE SUMMARY OF THE AUGUST 2015 COUNCIL MEETING

David's Star Church Council Minutes August 11, 2015

Members in attendance: Pastor Loescher, Brian Lee, Dennis Bell, Nelson Erdmann, Andy Loeffler, Randy Matter, Tim Gustafson, Jim Korthals, Keith Rusch

Absent: Kurt Henning, Mike Willis, Glen Miller, Pastor Woldt

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 14, 2015.

Membership Report (Pastor Loescher)

Incoming: Prah, Martin & Lisa; Benjamin & Sara
Transfer from Morning Star, Jackson, 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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Pastor Woldt is attending a meeting at Martin Luther College today. He was reelected to his second six year term as chairman of the Martin Luther College governing board at the recent WELS convention. There is nothing unusual to report from the WELS convention. The delegates passed the ministry plan which is in part funded by our congregational mission offerings. The Lord continues to bless our synod with unity in Christ and with a desire to share the message of Jesus' love with others in our world. Pastor Loescher will be traveling to Irmo, South Carolina to attend the installation of his son as vicar at Hope Lutheran Church. We are continuing to see visitors in our services who are interested in establishing a relationship with our congregation. Please continue to make the visitors you see welcome. (Or introduce yourself to a current member you do not know!) Don't be afraid to offer assistance to anyone you see who may not be familiar with our order of worship

President's Report

Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419
brianandpam1@att.net

Brian is continuing to do research into how an endowment fund would be created and managed. The intent would be to promote this as one more option that a member could include in their estate planning. Mission Festival is coming up soon.

Signup sheets are in the vestibule. Any assistance would be appreciated.

**Board for
Buildings and Grounds**
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The air conditioner was replaced at the parsonage of Pastor Loescher. A member donated a lawn tractor to the church pending approval of the board for buildings and grounds.

Board for Elementary Education
Mike Willis, mike.willis@sial.com
Principal Tim Gustafson
Telephone #262.707.2382

A copy of the minutes from the last meeting of the Board of Elementary Education was presented. The board is looking into creating a staff reduction policy in the event it might be needed in the future. The board is looking at policies that were developed by other WELS schools. After some discussion, it was suggested to check with the synod as they might also have some suggested guidelines on staff reduction that could be looked into.

Board of Elders
Dennis Bell, 262.677.2248
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Pastor Woldt was given permission from the board of elders to lead the marriage workshop in San Antonio, TX again this coming year. Paul Steinbrenner reported that there could be two applications for tuition assistance for KML this year. Terry Hansen presented to the board a power point presentation on our Live Stream effort and how it works. The presentation to the congregation will be given on August 23rd between services. Clif Koeller reported that the kitchen is prepped and ready for painting. Paul Weis reported that our OWLS joined Peace Lutheran OWLS for an event last month, and there is a Brewers game outing planned for August 19th.

Evangelism Committee
Nelson Erdman
theerdmans@hotmail.com

Troy Schmeling, Kristina Schmeling and Jennifer Miller are completing a New Member Welcome Packet which will be given to all new members. Further work on New Member integration will continue to look for better ways to integrate new members into the congregation. Eight Prospective Members were reviewed this month, along with a new batch of 7 recently received. We've been contacted by 5-6 families because of the 2015 postcard mailings interested in our Church and School. Diane Kowalske and Kathryn Smith spoke about looking for ways

to help Evangelism Marketing with postcard mailing set-up. Pastor Loescher will be reaching out to the Cedarburg outreach committee about future events-including Living Nativity. The event calendar for the next year was reviewed in preparation for planning of upcoming events. The committee is designing a Fall/Early Winter mailing, along with new social media posts, opening an Instagram account, updating the Narthex TV slides and banner per each event.

Stewardship Committee

Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143

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Professor Korthals is working on transforming portions of the **Joyful Generosity** stewardship workshop into a 2-3 week stewardship bible study. While working on this there were many items in the workshop materials that are intended for church leaders. He presented those items in a handout for the church council members to read and take into consideration.

Spiritual Growth Committee

Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319

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The committee is creating the schedule of Bible classes for the fall, and lining up guest speakers.

Treasurer's Report

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The printed report for July was presented. The YTD operating fund balance was a deficit in the amount of \$188,177.24. The YTD offerings to our WELS missions were \$46,695.91 which was 97.02% of budget. The YTD offerings to the KMLHS operating fund were \$28,821.95 which was 106.78% of budget and KML Joyful Noise was \$4,888.00 which was 100.45% of budget.

There was some discussion about how our budget and financial information can be better communicated to our members. It was suggested that we prepare the budget a month earlier so there are more opportunities for discussing it at one or more congregational meetings. It was also suggested that a ministry plan and examples of it in use should be created so that the story behind the budget can be presented as well.

A motion was made and carried to accept the reports.

Old Business

Marriage Policy – The proposed statement on marriage and marriage policies from WELS was discussed. One suggestion was made regarding the usage of the word *partner*, and how it might be better to replace it with the word *spouse*. Discussion of this topic will continue in next month's meeting. Once a marriage policy has been approved by the council, it will be presented to the voters for adoption.

Mission Festival – Glen provided a report. Phyllis printed off the signup sheets and published a paragraph regarding Mission Festival in the bulletin. We have quite a few people signed up already to help and/or make a dish.

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**

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

Respectively submitted,

Keith Rusch, Recording Secretary

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16TH ANNUAL THUNDERBOLT OPEN GOLF OUTING

Saturday, September 12, 2015

West Bend Lakes Golf Course

This is a great opportunity to not only have a fun time golfing and meet other people from within our congregation but it's also a great opportunity to support our Lutheran grade school, which is why the outing was established.



FROM THE DAVID'S STAR ADULT CHOIRS DIRECTOR

The Psalms tell us many times to "Sing a new song to the Lord." Would 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. 15.** 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 keggers@davidstar.org or [414-530-5696](tel:414-530-5696).



PARISH NURSE NEWS

USING MEDICINES WISELY

Our Lord has given us many medicines that can help us in a great variety of ways and for that we are grateful! But no medication is without potential side effects, especially if not taken as directed! There are some things we can do to lower our chances of having problems and make sure the medicine works the best that it can!

Ask questions!

- Why am I being prescribed this medicine?
- How long shall I use it? And when should I start to feel better?
- What problems shall I watch for? And what should I do if I have problems?
- When and how shall I take the medicine? What if I forget to take a dose?
- Is it safe to operate machinery, drive or drink alcohol while on the medicine?

Know the medicine and read the label!

- What is the brand name? Other names? Color, shape and package? If it looks different than the last time, ask why? It could be the wrong medicine.
- Don't use two drugs with the same ingredients or for the same problem unless your doctor, nurse or pharmacist suggests it. Read warnings on the label carefully.

Follow directions & keep a list of all medicines!

- Do not skip, take more than prescribed, share medicines or take medicine in the dark.
- List all prescription, over-the-counter and vitamins/herbs/minerals.
- Carry the list with you to show your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

How do you feel?

- If not feeling better or start to feel worse, call your doctor or clinic. You may need a different medicine or different dose.

Source – FDA Office of Women's Health

Blessings to you in Christ,
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Save the Date
Saturday, November 14, 2015



David's Star Women's Retreat

Keynote Speaker: Sarah Owens
Deaconess with WELS Institutional
Ministries

We will also host a
Baby Shower

for New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers

follow this link to see what they need

<http://www.homeformothers.com/material-donations.html>