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## “The Trembling of Lent”

by Pastor Loescher

A great African-American spiritual from the nineteenth century says of our Lord's passion, “Sometimes it causes me to tremble.” Is that an overly emotional reaction to the yearly season of Lent? Do we caution that we not get too emotional about the gospel so that we not make a show of faith. After all, we don't want to give the impression that our emotions and our faith are one and the same. While we don't want to equate emotion and faith, faith and emotion are most definitely linked. We become emotional when truth tugs at our hearts, pain burdens our lives, or great fortune graces our days. You can't read the inspired Psalmists without hearing their emotion. When events and words mean nothing to us, we show no emotion. So trembling may be exactly what our Lord is looking for.

No one trembles who sins without remorse and yet enters the house of God. No one who carries on dishonest business practices without conscience and then prays the Lord's prayer in the congregation will tremble at Christ's passion. No one who longs for another person's spouse and cherishes that secret desire will know any emotion for the message of Christ's suffering. No one who refuses God's direction in life will accept the magnitude of influence the suffering and death of Christ would otherwise wield in his heart. Unrepented sin shuts the power of the passion out. It numbs the heart from any prodding

conscience. It stops up the ears from any plea to hear the Lord's cry from the cross. A person can outwardly be the Christian others expect without being one whom the Lord notices.

The Lord notices one who approaches this season with humility, one who admits his great need. The Lord sees the one who in agony of heart cries, “God have mercy on me!” The Lord quiets the mind of one whose conscience flies about him pestering with accusations of real guilt. The Lord looks pleasantly upon one who hates the sin he knows only too well, those that creep up in his heart daily. The Lord upholds the humble with power, those who see the will of the Lord and accept it as absolute, true, and holy. The contrite look upon Christ's passion and are overwhelmed again by the display of God's mighty wrath against sin, seen in the agony of his one and only Son. And they tremble within at the thought of their guilt. Not only so, but they also tremble with relief and amazement as the truth is once again new in their hearts. They are free of sin, loved by the Lord of great compassion and faithful love. And they tremble. *“This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word”* (Isaiah 66:2b).

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!**

Emma Kressin...3/24/1916...94 yrs. old



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**Parish Nurse News**

**Granville Neighborhood Health Center**

Have you heard about it? The Granville Neighborhood Health Center is a free health clinic that is available, out of Christian compassion, to the uninsured and largely Hispanic population of the Granville Community in the gym of Risen Savior Lutheran Church & School on Brown Deer Road in Milwaukee. They are open one Saturday morning a month from 8:00am-12:pm. Several of our nurses at David's Star and a student nurse are already involved in this exciting ministry!

The Granville Neighborhood Health Center needs your help! They are looking for volunteers to help run the Health Center one Saturday a month from 8am-12pm. They have opportunities for healthcare workers as well as anyone who is interested! Can you speak Spanish and help with translating? Can you help with the set up or take down? They especially encourage students who are studying in a health related field to get involved. If you can help every month or once a year, your service would be greatly appreciated. Come help show God's grace and love through your actions! Do you want to learn more? Ask Lynne Mathiak, Erin Mathiak, Pam Lee or Amanda Woldt about their experience there or visit the web site at

[www.granvilleneighborhoodhealthcenter.com](http://www.granvilleneighborhoodhealthcenter.com).

Please keep this effort in your prayers.

*Did you notice the article in the paper about a program developed by Home Instead Senior Care that aims to keep seniors active? Staying physically, mentally, and socially active is critical to keeping our seniors safe and living independently. Experts agree that the condition we often call "frailty" can be prevented and even reversed by proper types of activity. The local Home Instead Senior Care office is offering a set of free "Get Mom Moving" activity cards. Call them at 546-0226 to order a set for someone you love. I've ordered one!*

*Serving each other in Christ's love,*

Sue Bolha  
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**THAILAND PRESENTATION**

A presentation on the Thai Mission will be given by Clif & Doris Koeller on Thursday, March 11 at 6:30pm before the Ladies' Aid meeting in the concessions area. The Koellers will include WELS mission work in Chiang Mai and in Village #9. You will have an opportunity to purchase a Thailand 2010 prayer calendar for \$4 or 3 for \$10 to help support the WELS Thai Mission work.

**DEAD SEA SCROLLS TRIP**

Hello Fellow David's Star Members!

I want to thank everyone once again for helping make our first Fellowship outing a success! I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. It was truly awesome to see the artifacts and learn about the history that means so much to our faith. What a wonderful way to begin our fellowship outings! You can find some of the pictures of the trip attached.

I would love to hear any reflections and opinions on the Dead Sea Scrolls Trip. What did we do right? What could we improve on? Dennis and I are your organizers, but this is everyone's committee. We want to make sure we are meeting the congregation's expectations.

We are planning on a organizing a Brewer's Game sometime in July for our next fellowship outing. We will make sure to keep everyone in the loop.

May God bless you and keep you, until we meet again. ~Jessie Gromacki



Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Pastor Loescher, Jeff Morgan, Kevin Behm, Randy Matter, Tim Gustafson, Joel Pless, David Zarling, Jim Korthals, Rob Schneider.

Absent: David Nunez, Dennis Bell, Brian Lee.

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Morgan. The meeting was opened with a prayer. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on January 12, 2010.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)**

**Incoming:** Hopeman, Jason  
*Profession of faith*

**Outgoing:** Draxler, Linda  
*Transfer to St. John's, Lomira, WI*

#### **Pastors' report**

**(Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 677-0919**

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**Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 377-1019**

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Due to odor issues at school, it would be better to delay our dedication of our new facilities until the issues are resolved. One possible date may be May 23.

#### **President's Report**

**(David Nunez, Telephone 677-2467**

**[David.Nunez@ipaper.com](mailto:David.Nunez@ipaper.com).)**

Jeff Morgan presented the report.

I would like to start out by welcoming our 4 new council members: Randy Matter – Treasurer, Rob Schneider – Building & Grounds Chairman, Prof. Joel Pless – Spiritual Growth Chairman, and Prof. Jim Korthals – Stewardship Chairman. Gentlemen, welcome and thank you for your time and devotion to the Lord's work.

The past year has seen quite a visible change to David's Star Ev. Lutheran Church and School. Most has been quite obvious, but some not so obvious. But now that we have been blessed with such a gift from our Lord, it is now time to focus on the, as the pastors have mentioned in the messages over the past number of weeks, "building blocks" of our congregation. That is not to mean the stone, metal and glass, but the sheep within the fold. So with that in mind, I would like to share with you an agenda I would like to keep as our focus throughout this year.

Continued focus on Ministry Budget and keep the congregational members aware of the progress, both positive and negative.

Utilize the church's software program "Shepherd's Staff" throughout the committees and church office use. Work with the company for the expanded training and use tools.

Continue to work with Building Committee to finalize the last projects of the new building including outside landscaping, inside furnishings and other final pieces of the program. Also, work with Building Committee Chairman – Randy Vogel and new Buildings & Grounds Chairman Rob Schneider to put into place a new security/keying plan for the campus. We also will be working on a "phase-out plan" and a smooth transition hand-off for these two committees.

These are just a few that I want to keep in front of everyone. However, there are many more that need to be worked on behind the scenes. Some of which are taking advantage of the gifts we have received like two new monitors in the new narthex and many more.

I look forward to 2010 as being an exciting year for all of us and look forward to working with each of you as we continue on the Lord's path for each of us..

#### **Board for Buildings and Grounds**

**(Rob Schneider, #262-677-2584**

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Regarding the odor problem in school, the largest concentration of odors are in the sixth grade classroom. This class has moved to a different classroom. We are working with C D Smith and exploring other avenues to discover the origin of the problem.

Regarding our driveway asphalt, we are looking to have a second lift done on this.

We will be removing ventilators from the old classrooms.

We are getting an estimate for a new roof above the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. We will also be doing a new drop ceiling in these rooms.

We need to increase our coverage for our commercial liability insurance policy to cover for a new state law which increases our risk for situations where parents and other volunteers are transporting school children and other potential risk incidences. We must sign a waiver if we decline this coverage. The cost is approximately \$1500.00 per year to add this coverage to our umbrella policy. A motion was made and seconded to add this additional coverage to our umbrella policy. The motion was carried.

We will be working on a key card system, examining locations and who will have access at these locations. We are getting estimates for two lights at the south entrance to our property.

**Board for Elementary Education**  
(Brian Lee, Telephone #377-9419 [brian.lee@jci.com](mailto:brian.lee@jci.com) )  
(Principal Tim Gustafson  
Telephone # 338-3992 [tgustafson@davidstar.org](mailto:tgustafson@davidstar.org) )

Tim Gustafson gave a report. Our Christian Education Week starts February 28<sup>th</sup> with various activities throughout the week including a science fair, an open house, and the entire school will be singing in church. The preschool class is in the process of moving. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class has already moved.

**Board of Elders**  
(Dennis Bell, Telephone # 677-2248  
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The Board of Elders welcomed Tony Gromacki to our committee.

We approved the use of "Facebook" using the David's Star name. Pastor Loescher has volunteered to monitor its use.

Rachel Kwiecinski has volunteered to be the lead person for the Holy Communion set-up.

Pastor Loescher reported that our "Building our Spiritual House" program is continuing. Current active members are being contacted to see if they would assist elders in working with delinquent members.

**Evangelism Committee**  
(David Zarling, Telephone # (414) 839-0094  
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The Evangelism Committee has set the date for a New Member Welcome for March 21<sup>st</sup> in-between services. The Committee will be contacting new members received since October, 2009. Please join us in welcoming: Kevin & Jolie Abitz (Hunter, Braxton, Chase), Ben & Krista Traucht, Jay & Tanya Anderson (Tyler, Meghan, Jacob), Richard & Janis Kinzel, Jason Hopeman, Troy Schmeling, Andy Mack, Tim Tearney, and Tabitha Brown.

The Evangelism Committee will be recruiting phone calling and organizational help for our greeter program. In addition, we are looking for more members to help greet before services. Members can contact David Zarling ([david.zarling@gmail.com](mailto:david.zarling@gmail.com)| 414.839.0094) if they are interested.

The Evangelism Committee is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 11AM. Members can visit [www.davidstar.org/easteregg hunt](http://www.davidstar.org/easteregg hunt) for more information. We will need volunteers to make this event a reality. We need help with setting up, hiding Easter Eggs, providing and serving food/drink, clean-up, and distributing over 1000 flyers to the surrounding area.

Members can look in the Friendship Register for a sign-up sheet or contact David Zarling if they are interested – [david.zarling@gmail.com](mailto:david.zarling@gmail.com)|414.839.0094.)

The Evangelism Committee has started a Fellowship Committee in order to organize social events that will strengthen the faith and bond among the David's Star family of believers. Dennis Sprenger will be leading this committee. We also welcomed Jessie Gromacki to the Fellowship Committee. The first Fellowship Event is taking place on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 35 members are taking a trip to the Milwaukee Public Museum to view the Dead Seas Scroll exhibit. Look for more events in the future. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help organize social events for our members. Members can contact Dennis Sprenger ([emtffds@charter.net](mailto:emtffds@charter.net)|262.305.7200) if they are interested.

The Marketing Committee reviewed communication pieces and timing. Lent, Easter, and the School will be the main focus in the near future. An age-specific mailing list was purchased in order to publicize our school to specific families within our neighboring communities. The first use of this list will be mailing approximately 1100 Lent/Easter postcards. Special thanks to Lindsay Schultz for designing the post cards. In addition, thank you to Nelson Erdman for designing several banners which were created to communicate Lent/Easter services, Christian Education Week, and the School. Look for these banners on David's Star Drive and Western. Special thanks to Miller Monument and Wally Miller for helping customize these banners, which allow the banners to be "recycled" each year. The Marketing Committee is looking for help developing and organizing publicity items. Please contact Nelson Erdman ([thegoodnews@inbox.com](mailto:thegoodnews@inbox.com)|262.366.3601), if you would like to help.

The Evangelism and Technology Committees will be sending representatives to the "Reaching Out in a Digital World" workshop on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. The representatives learned that David's Star is well ahead of the curve in terms of appropriate hardware (and its support) and technological acumen thanks to a formally-established Technology Committee. In addition, we learned that a strong data management program is integral in tracking and following up with those who need their Savior. At this point, Shepherd's Staff has been acknowledged as the strongest available data management program for our church. It is a goal of the Evangelism Committee to have this program used consistently to effectively reach out with the message of a Savior for all people. Finally, the Evangelism Committee will be focusing on the following workshop recommendations:

Recruiting help for Connie Enevold to assist in keeping the website updated.

Updating the website to better communicate what David's Star is like/about to the church shopper.

Increasing member awareness of the opportunities to live our faith online as well as offline.

Using Facebook as a means to communicate via a Social Network.

Finding ways to use email more effectively for internal communication (and possibly external communication (e-cards).

Considering the use of blogs for Bible Study and outreach.

Using Google Analytics to track website demographics and usage. Begin preliminary planning into having promotional video created (synod or in-house) for outreach/website uses. The Evangelism Committee will work with the Tech Committee to use the LCD TV's in the narthex to highlight new members and provide future David's Star event information.

**Stewardship Committee**  
**(Jim Korthals, #262-242-8143**  
**[korthalj@wls.wels.net](mailto:korthalj@wls.wels.net))**

Jim recently met with Pastor Loescher. We will be looking at a four year program entitled "Christ's Love Our Calling". Materials will be available in fall.

**Spiritual Growth Committee**  
**(Prof. Joel Pless, #262-677-2109**  
**[joel.pless@wlc.edu](mailto:joel.pless@wlc.edu))**

We will be having our first committee meeting coming up soon. During the third week of June, we will hold a traditional Vacation Bible School program.

**Building Committee Update (Randy Vogel)**

Pastor Woldt reported that C D Smith is complete with their work. Most of the items pertaining to our building construction that remain to be done are being transitioned over to the Buildings & Grounds Committee.

We are awaiting spring to complete several of the remaining items including lighting on Spring Valley Road and landscaping.

**Fundraising Committee Update (Gary Heckendorf)**

No report.

**Treasurer's Report**  
**(Randy Matter, #262-376-1585**  
**[matters@nconnect.net](mailto:matters@nconnect.net))**

Lisa Marie, Dan and Randy have been going through all 2009 activity to correct any financial entries that may be necessary to revise. These issues have been resolved and they are trying to match with the bank statements. The January report will be emailed to Council members upon its completion by the end of the month.

**Vice President Report**  
**(Jeff Morgan, Telephone # 377-7532)**

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**

Proposed of "Parish Center" – This item remains open.

**New Business**

Dedication details – Council agreed to cancel presently planned date of March 14, and change it to May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Fiscal control issues – Randy Matter distributed proposed invoice approval and expense reimbursement procedures, as well as a payment request draft to be utilized by proper board and committee chairmen and members where applicable.

**Items for Voters (for the April voters meeting)**

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 8:00 P.M.** Changes to cemetery regulations – This item remains open.

Internet Service to Campus – This item remains open.  
Future

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer.  
Respectively submitted,

Kevin A. Behm, Recording Secretary  
[kevinbehm@att.net](mailto:kevinbehm@att.net)

**CORRESPONDENCE**

To whom it may concern,  
I would like to send you my thanks for providing me with a check to help me pay for my schooling. This gift has helped out more than you know. The Lord has blessed me in so many ways and with your help I will continue to be blessed as I continue my schooling at Martin Lutheran College to be his messenger. Thank you so much for your help!

Your brother in Christ,  
Phil Loescher

## EXAMINATION & CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Fourteen students in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be confirmed on Sunday, March 28, 2010 in the 10:15 service.

Examination Service for these students will be Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 7:00 pm in church.

On Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 in the 7:00 service the class will be taking Holy Communion for the first time.

The eighth grade students are;

Theodore (Teddy) Brown, Andrew Butzke, Joshua Guhl, Austin Kison, Tiffany Knight, Olga (Elizabeth) Martin, Dustin Petereke, Evan Rusch, Jacob Schopp, Tiffany Schowalter, Trevor Stauske, Mark Steinbrenner, Jarred Strupp and Tabitha Wolfgram.

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Palm Sunday Services, Sunday, March 28**  
**7:45 & 10:15 AM**  
**10:15 Service is Confirmation Service**

**Maundy Thursday Services**  
**Thursday, /April 1**  
**3:45 & 7:00 PM**

**Good Friday Services**  
**Friday, April 2**  
**Service of the Cross 1:30 PM**  
**Service of Darkness 7:00 PM**

**Easter Vigil Service w/Holy Communion**  
**Saturday, April 3**  
**7:00 PM**

**Easter Sunday Services**  
**Sunday, April 4**  
**Easter Dawn 6:00 AM**  
**Easter Breakfast (School Gym)**  
**7-10 AM**

**Easter Festival Services 7:45 and 10:15 AM**

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us Saturday, March 27th at 11 a.m. for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt**, in our church woods.

Come and hear the true meaning of Easter, told by using special Easter eggs the kids will find along with plenty of candy-filled eggs.

We have separate areas for different ages, so everyone is welcome.

- Kids from 0-12
- Refreshments provided
- Fun for the whole family
- Bring a friend to share the fun



## DAVID'S STAR SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORMS

Order forms for apparel are available in the old narthex. Order will be taken until Friday, March 12 with Delivery on March 29. New items have been added. If you have any questions, please call Ann Rusch, 262-305-6071 or e-mail at [ann.rusch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ann.rusch@sbcglobal.net)