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“Holy Week and Easter Proclaim That We Are Christian”

By Pastor Loescher

What makes us the Christians that we are—the praying we do, the deeds of love that prove our faith, the devotion we show God when we go to church or read our bibles? No! Let me say it again, no! Praying, deeds of love, and worship are things that Christians do, not the proofs that we are Christian and worthy of heaven. May the Lord never forsake us in such a way that we are left to ourselves to prove our Christianity. We would be lost to endless doubt and fear. We would never know whether we have prayed enough, done enough, worshipped well enough. Have you ever contemplated the passage, “I can do all things through him who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13) and asked, “Why can’t I do the things I should do? I’m supposed to be able to do all things. I should be able to love my family better than I do. I should be able to fight off temptation better than I do. I should be able to put aside the pressures of the day and spend more time with Jesus. I should be able to get out of bed on Sunday morning with holy zeal to go to worship. Why don’t I? Am I not the Christian I am supposed to be?” How crazy that we can read the above passage and still expect the ability to be a Christian to come from within us. God must do it in us, and he does.

Thanks be to God that our Christianity doesn’t depend on how “Christian” we are but rather on the mercy of God and the power of the Gospel. God works powerfully in us through the means of grace. The means of grace are the marvelously varied ways that the Lord tells us his story of love and mercy. He shows us his love and mercy when he gives us his body and blood in Holy Communion. He gently washes us clean each day through the

water and the Word that washed us clean on the glorious day of our baptisms. His Good News that we hear in preaching, that we read in our Bibles is his power to make us Christian and strengthen us in that faith. By the means of grace, the Lord “works in us to will and to act according to his good purpose” (Philippians 2:13).

In his Holy Word, he shows us how impossible it would be for us to be what God wants his children to be. His passion, his cup of suffering that he pleaded his Father to take from him when he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, had to be. Our sins, our inability to do anything “Christian” require eternal punishment. Just one sin is cause for us to be cast out of God’s presence forever—that’s hell. He had to pay the overwhelming debt of our sin.

But did he really pay for all that sin? Are we really cleansed completely? Are we really Christian? Yes and yes! The story of Easter trumpets the divine truth that the death that punished Jesus so severely could not hold Jesus. He has risen! This strengthens and assures us that we are justified before God, that is, we are declared by God himself to be completely innocent of all sin. The empty grave proclaims that the Lamb of God who died for the sins of the world truly is God. His blood truly is holy. His sacrifice truly was sufficient to cleanse us from all sin.

What suffering is left, what holy act, what powerful act of faith is left for us to do? The Good News of Jesus’ holy life, suffering, death, and resurrection says we are God’s children. Let all claims that we must live “Christian” lives to earn God’s favor die with Christ. Let the Lord do what he does best. The proclamation of Lent and Easter is the wonderful power of God to “work in us to will and to act according to his purpose.”

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Sylvia Schmidt ...4/1/1929...82 yrs. old
Betty Vogel...4/3/1927...84 yrs. old
Harlin Kannenberg...4/9/1928...93 yrs. old
Elva Puestow...4/12/1931...80 yrs. old
Chrysta Schmelzer...4/15/1927...84 yrs. old
Grace Maciejewski...4/26/1928...83 yrs. old
Larry Klein...4/29/1928...83 yrs. old
Evelyn Guhl...4/30/1931...80 yrs. old

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APRIL 2011 GREETERS

- April 2; 5:00 Jeff & Bridgett Munn
- April 3; 7:45 Diane Hafemeister & Susan Daley
- April 3; 10:15 Mark & Jen Otte

- April 9; 5:00 Adam & Marie Bublitz
- April 10; 7:45 Brian & Pam Lee
- April 10; 10:15 Michelle Brandt

- April 16; 5:00 Dick & Chris Feldschneider
- April 17; 7:45 Mark & Jen Otte
- April 17; 10:15 Gene & Marcy Graff

- April 23; 7:00 Mark & Laurie Bublitz
- April 24; 7:45 Leonard & Dorothy Rusch
- April 24; 10:15 Richard & Rachel Kwiecinski

- April 30; 5:00 Mark & Teresa Ahrens

SAVE THE DATE

David's Star Care Committee is planning a fundraiser for the Washburn family and having the Church Picnic on Saturday, June 25, 2011 from noon until 5pm. Koine' will be coming to do a special concert and will be supplying the music for our 5pm Saturday service in the church woods. We will be having games and activities for children, food, Christian music, silent auction, and many activities for you to enjoy.

We are looking for items for our silent auction. Please bring them to the school office with a description of the item, the value and who it is donated by. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Lynne Tews, 262-377-2051.

Barry Washburn has a degenerative disease called Ataxia which affects his muscles. You can go the following web site for more information about this disease: www.ataxia.org/ Proceeds will be used to help purchase a wheelchair accessible van. Please reserve June 25, 2011 to help the Washburn family!

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EXAMINATION & CONFIRMATION 2011

Twenty six students will be confirmed on Sunday, April 17 in the 10:15 am service.

Examination Service for these students will be Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 pm in church.

On Maundy Thursday, April 21st in the 7:00 pm service the class will be taking Holy Communion for the first time.

Students being confirmed are; Jonah Ahrens, Meghan Anderson, Jennifer Backus, Ethan Bublitz, Bryce Deming, Jacob Deming, Andrew Eggers, Jared Enevold, Austin (A.J.) Guhl, Jared Henning, Jacob Jurgensen, Hannah Lee, Joseph Loescher, Jonathan Martin, Nicolle Merkel, Cora Moldenhauer, James Pless, Christopher Porth, Evan Powers, Jed Prange, Joshua Roeske, Thomas Schneiker, Steven Seider, Brooke Sumter, Austin Thiessen and Lauren Weyker.



Have you moved...do we have your current address?
Do you have a new telephone number?
Do we have your e-mail address or has your old one changed?

Please contact the church office (262.677.2412) if any of the above have changed. Or e-mail us at church@davidstar.org

Thanks for your help!

David's Star Church Council Capsule*March 14, 2011*

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Pastor Loescher, David Nunez, Kevin Behm, David Zarling, Jim Korthals, Tim Gustafson, Andy Loeffler, Jeff Morgan, Dennis Bell, Rob Schneider, Brian Lee.

Absent: Randy Matter.

The meeting was called to order by David Nunez. The meeting was opened with a prayer. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on February 14, 2011.

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

Incoming: Kempfert, Michael & Rebecca;
Natalie & William
*Transfer from St. Matthew,
Port Washington, WI*

Outgoing: Hafemeister, Kathleen
Transfer to Bethany, Hustisford, WI
Pleugers, Warren & Judy
Release from membership

Pastors' Report

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Pastor Woldt will be attending a WELS Board for Ministerial Education meeting in Saginaw, MI on March 25th. Prof. Bill Tackmier will be preaching at David's Star on that weekend. Other items are reflected in the various committee reports.

President's Report

David Nunez, Telephone # 262.677.2467

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Technology Committee – On February 23rd, Bertram Wireless presented options to the Town of Jackson Planning Commission. The town did approve this option and has approved the project to move forward. I will be working with Bertram to finalize the Land Lease and complete the signatures before the project moves forward. Next steps will also be to work on a schedule as to when we can remove the existing antenna. We then will need to schedule the removal and replacement of the remaining shingles on the steeple roof.

Shepherd's Staff update – Jeff Munn has started to move forward working with the Technology Committee to restructure the server for streamlining the databases for the Shepherd's Staff project. Part of this process will be to have one main database that people will have access to, based on security levels and make for better recordkeeping and cleaner reporting. Progress on this project will be ongoing and will be getting updates monthly.

Thank you to all of the committees and board members who help keep the work of our Lord going forward in the best possible light.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

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New locks have been installed on the outside school and church doors. Rob Schneider and both of the pastors have keys for these doors. These would need to be used in the power is out and the key cards are not working.

A new lock and key system has also been installed on the shed door.

After doing walkthroughs of the parsonages, it was determined that we will need to budget for new windows and a new roof on Pastor Woldt's home, as well as a new downstairs shower at Pastor Loescher's home.

Snow blowers are being stored away for the season. One of them is not working properly at this time.

An odor in the church narthex area is being investigated.

C D Smith is working on warranty issues from our building program.

Board for Elementary Education

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Everything is operating smoothly at this time. There are 11 students presently registered for preschool for next year, and kindergarten registration is presently at 8 or 9 students.

Board of Elders

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The Board of Elders recommended to Council that we support the handbell choir's participation in the WELS Handbell Festival on April 9th and 10th with a door collection on March 26th and 27th. Since this event is being held at Wisconsin Lutheran College this year, the funds will be used for music and participation fees. This recommendation will be acting upon under new business.

Evangelism Committee
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In March, the committee began using David Vallesky's book: "We Believe – Therefore We Speak" to guide our opening Bible study.

The following individuals have joined the Evangelism Committee: Cassy Dencker, Joe DuFore, and Rachel Lee. Each will be providing design and copy expertise for various marketing pieces throughout the year. We're thankful for their time, talents and willingness to serve.

The Evangelism Committee will be looking for potential dates to host a New Member Welcome during spring or summer, and is looking forward to hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th at 11AM. More information can be found at www.davidstar.org/easteregg hunt. We 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 1000 flyers to the surrounding area. If members are interested in helping, they can provide their contact information on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact David Zarling (david.zarling@gmail.com | 414.839.0094) if they would like to help.

The Marketing Committee reviewed communication pieces and timing. Lent and Easter will be the main focus for March and April. Special thanks to the entire committee for designing multiple marketing pieces: Easter Egg Hunt door hanger, Spring Events postcard, Lent/Easter bookmark, Morning Bible Camp invites, and Spring Calendar of Events magnet. In addition, look for banners communicating Lent/Easter services on David's Star Drive and Western Avenue. Special thanks to are also due to Christie Fischer, Kathy Smith, and Diane Kowalske for labeling and mailing approximately 2000 registrations. The Marketing Committee is looking for help handling administrative items for their team. Please contact Nelson Erdman (thegoodnews@inbox.com | 262.366.3601) if you would like to help or have questions.

David's Star now has a YouTube channel. Special thanks are due to Nelson Erdman for putting together three promotional YouTube videos for the Easter Egg Hunt. To check it out, go to www.davidstar.org/easteregg hunt. Members should feel free to forward this video to their friends and invite them to our Easter Egg Hunt. In the future, look for promotional videos highlighting upcoming events and sermons from the previous week. Those can be found at youtube.com/davidstarlutheran.

The Fellowship Committee is looking to organize a Brewer outing for David's Star members this summer. If members are interested in helping organize this event, they can contact Dennis Sprenger (h2ofowlds@gmail.com | 262.305.7200)

The Evangelism Committee reviewed our church visitor information along with data for our website and Facebook page. 117 guests worshipped with us during the month of February. Of those, 43 guests were not affiliated with the

WELS or ELS. Special thanks to Eunice Heckendorf for putting together this information. Please remember to take time to introduce yourself to someone new. It's important for our visitors to feel welcome. We've also begun tracking our website visitor data: During February, we had 11164 visits to our site from 23 different countries/territories. In addition, our Facebook page continues to be a strong avenue for communicating David's Star events to members and visitors. As of this writing, our page has 215 followers. Special thanks to Connie Enevold for managing the website content and David Porth for managing the Facebook content.

Lent and Easter provide a great opportunity to share the message of a Savior. The Evangelism Committee would like to encourage our brothers and sisters to share Him with their friends and neighbors. New printed materials are in the narthex for your use – David's Star info cards and magnets, worship schedule for Lent and Easter, Easter Egg Hunt cards – take as many as you like and use them to invite friends to David's Star.

Stewardship Committee
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The committee is working with the envelope company to get fund numbers placed on the envelopes to benefit the counting committee. In addition, we were informed from the envelope company, that they have the capability to include in the envelope mailings an additional letter if we so desire. The cost would be about 20 cents each.

Pastor Woldt also sent out a reminder that we should be looking at including an envelope this year for Camp Phillip, as we had agreed to support them at a previous voters meeting.

Spiritual Growth Committee
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Andy reported that they are finalizing Bible class sessions for the coming months, and they are looking at how they will structure the teen Bible classes. On April 3rd, Dennis Kleist will be doing an estate seminar for our Bible class.

Treasurer's report
Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585

The February 28, 2011 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 2/28/11 in the amount of (\$143,615). Operating fund receipts for the month were \$57,595, which is 95% of budget.

Vice President Report
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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

Future of “Parish Center” – Rob Schneiker reported that the inspector indicated that the building is structurally sound. The roof will require work, as well as needing some work on the windows. If we decided to use this facility for child care, there would be a building capacity limiting the number of children that could be in the building, and the upstairs area would be limited to older children due to the difficult navigability of the stairs for younger children.

After some discussion by Council, Brian Lee and Tim Gustafson were directed to analyze the feasibility of developing a child care program, independent of the building itself. This would require a look at the costs and other issues of developing and operating such a program, as well as an analysis of the demand and need in our area. It was suggested that they contact other child care facilities for their guidance regarding the type of things to analyze.

Regarding the building, it was discussed that we should look at, not only the possibility of using this facility for child care if it is deemed appropriate, but also look at other avenues whereby we might be able to utilize this building. One idea to think about was to provide this building to a seminary student in exchange for providing services for our congregation.

Internet Service to Campus – This issue has been resolved. See the President’s Report.

New Logo for David’s Star – David Zarling provided Council with a detailed presentation regarding the new logo. After some discussion, there was a motion to move forward with implementing this new logo for our congregation. This motion was seconded and approved. David Zarling will do a presentation to the congregation relative to the new logo after services during the second weekend in May.

New Business

KMLHS Request for Commitment re Performing Arts Center – Professor Joel Pless provided Council with a proposed resolution regarding the proposed groundbreaking for the new performing arts center at KML. The Board of Directors of KML are asking all federation congregations to take a look at this resolution and to provide a response to them before the August 22, 2011 General Board meeting.

On Monday April 18th, there will be a presentation at KML regarding the building program, and church leaders from throughout the federation are encouraged to attend. Joel Pless will be at our April Council meeting to further discuss this item, as well.

After discussion by Council, it was determined that the Council members would obtain additional information relative to this in order to make an informed decision regarding this. The Council’s ultimate goal would be to have a congregational response to this resolution available to present to the voters at our July meeting.

Elders Recommendation Regarding the Handbell Choir Door Collection - This recommendation, which is included under the Board of Elders report above, was approved by Council.

Items for Voters (for the April 14th voters meeting)

Release of the 2009-2011 Funding Appeal Committee.

Recommendation regarding Undesignated Gift Policy (10% portion to Synodical Student Assistance Fund)

Copier purchase request.

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, April 14, 2011 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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PARISH NURSE NEWS

ARE YOU WEARY AND BURDENED???

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” *Matthew 11:28-30*

Not only do we need spiritual rest for our souls, but we also have a physical need for good rest or sleep. Sleep, like a healthy diet and exercise, is vital for our minds and bodies to function normally. The National Sleep Foundation recommends that most adults need about 8 hours of sleep each night. Here are a few **SLEEP TIPS** to consider:

1. Keep a regular schedule. A “circadian clock” in our brain regulates our sleep-wake cycle and the body has a need to balance both sleep and wake time.
2. Avoid caffeine. Caffeine is a stimulant and remains in the body from 3-5 hours.
3. Avoid nicotine. It is also a stimulant. Difficulty sleeping is just one more reason to quit smoking!
4. Avoid alcohol. Although many people think of alcohol as a sleep aid because of its sedative effect, it actually disrupts sleep, causing nighttime awakenings.
5. Don’t eat or drink too much close to bedtime.
6. Exercise at the right time. In general, exercising regularly makes it easier to fall asleep and contributes to sounder sleep. Finish your exercise at least 3 hours before bedtime so that your body has a chance to cool down.
7. Use relaxing bedtime rituals. Try reading or listening to music.
8. Create a sleep-promoting environment. Try a room that is cool, quiet, dark, comfortable, and free of interruptions.
9. Associate your bed with sleep and marital relations only to strengthen the association between bed and sleep.
10. Limit sleep time in bed. If you can’t fall asleep within 15-20 minutes of going to bed and turning out the lights, it is best to get back out of bed and do another relaxing activity until you are feeling sleepy again.

Finally, after trying these SLEEP TIPS, if you continue to have difficulty falling asleep, maintaining sleep, feel unrefreshed after sleep, or suffer from excessive sleepiness during the day consult with the Great Physician and your regular physician!

During this Lenten season may God’s love for us through his Son give us peace that passes all understanding and therefore a great night’s sleep!

Together in peace, *Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse*
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Freedom Isn’t Free

Salvation is free—a gift to us from our Father in heaven. Paul makes that point so clearly in Ephesians 2:8-9: “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” We neither earned it nor deserved it. “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

Free to us, yes, but salvation came at a cost, didn’t it? The Apostle Peter tells us, “It was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect” (1 Peter 1:18-19). Jesus paid the price for our salvation. “He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5).

Especially during the Lenten season we ponder these words of Isaiah, prophesied so many, many years before our Lord fulfilled them. Humility, awe, and gratitude fill our hearts as we remember our “oppressed and afflicted Savior,” who carried all our sins in his body on the cross. How do we say thanks for such a great gift as Christ has given us? How can we express our love for him and his great sacrifice? The same way he expressed his love for us. We love others as he loves us. We give freely as he gave so freely. We share his Word in its truth and purity. We serve in his name, healing and restoring others. We forgive as we have been forgiven. We do all of this by his power and through his grace.

The Stewardship Committee





HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday Sunday, April 14

7:45 & 10:15 AM
10:15 Service is Confirmation Service

Maundy Thursday Thursday, April 21

3:45 & 7:00 PM
Confirmands take communion in the 7:00 pm service for the first time

Good Friday Friday, April 22

Service of the Cross 1:30 PM
Service of Darkness 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil w/Holy Communion Saturday, April 23

7:00 PM

Easter Sunday Sunday, April 24

Easter Dawn
6:00 AM

Easter Festival
7:45 and 10:15 AM

Easter Breakfast (School Gym)
7-10 AM

Scrambled eggs, sausages, hash browns,
waffles, bakery.

A free-will offering is taken.



Easter Egg Hunt

Sat. April 16th, 11 a.m.

David's Star Church Woods

Come hear about the meaning of Easter with the use of special Easter eggs, as well as many filled with candy surprises.

For all ages. Fun for the whole family. Ages 1-12 hunt for eggs. Everyone is welcome so bring a friend to share in the fun.

GROTH'S COUNTRY GARDEN GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Ladies' Aid is selling \$10 & \$25 gift certificates good on plants, annuals, perennials and vegetables. Certificates expire on June 30, 2011. These may be purchased through Scrip or from Ladies' Aid members or on Sundays in the narthex. Proceeds will go to a special project for David's Star Lutheran Church.

EASTER BREAKFAST

The Easter Breakfast Committee is looking for four helpers to come to David's Star kitchen at 5:30 A.M. on Easter morning, April 24, to help make scrambled eggs. No experience is necessary. We will provide on-the-job training. We also need a clean-up crew of five to replace the egg scramblers at 7:45 A.M. In addition, we are looking for six large Nescos and four waffle irons. We are also in need of two volunteers to make cheesy potato casserole at your home and bring it to church. The recipe will be provided. Please contact Steve or Kathy Bintz at (262) 677-0810 if you are able to help in one of these areas. Your help is greatly appreciated with this fellowship gathering!

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (LWMS) SPRING RALLY

On April 30, 2011, at Christ Lutheran Church, Pewaukee. Seminarian Justin Dauck will share his vicar experience in Cameroon, Africa. It is very special to have a speaker who represents the mission we have been assigned as our Befriend a Mission. Registration is from 8:00am—8:30 am followed by breakfast at 8:15 am with devotion at 9:00 am.