



## CONFIRMED IN THE FAITH

*by Pastor Loescher*

Most of us probably remember when we first learned to ride a bicycle. After all, it so traumatized us that we can hardly forget. If you don't remember, you were likely one of those coordinated little children who didn't fall much, didn't skin your knee, bump your head, or get your legs tangled up in the bicycle frame. Rarely is anything met with so much glee and eager anticipation only to be mingled with so much fear, heartache and tears.

This year, on Palm Sunday, eighteen eager, hope-filled eighth graders were confirmed. They each stood on their own and confessed their faith. They pledged their faithfulness to the Lord and his holy Word. They pledged their earthly lives to this Gospel that we all confess. They did not ride in the baby carrier of their parent's faith as they stood there before the Lord's altar. Testing the balance of their own faith, no longer will anyone pledge faithfulness on their behalf. What other area of life do we ask a thirteen or fourteen year old to make such a solemn and far-reaching pledge? Please pray for these young people.

Of course, just because they made the confession of faith for themselves doesn't mean they are totally on their own. Just because a small child gets started pedaling the bicycle on his own doesn't mean that mom or dad won't run alongside, maybe grab the back of the seat to keep little Bobby from crashing once in a while. But that is hard work for the parent. It also doesn't mean they are on their own after they crash. Even a caring neighbor might help to pick a child up off the sidewalk remembering their own days of skinned knees and elbows. Everyone in the congregation can have a part in helping

these confirmands along the way. We can look for ways to give them a meaningful place in the congregation. Look for opportunities to encourage them and recognize their presence and place in the church.

These confirmands are standing on their own, but we cannot leave them alone. How often do you see a six year old ride his bike five miles to the grocery store all by himself? It has happened, but it is clearly irresponsible on the part of the parent, especially in today's climate of evil. Families ride together. Parents continue to show them the way and give more pointers on how to ride and how to be safe. So the parents of confirmands need to remain responsible for the spiritual wisdom and safety of their teens. They still need to be brought to church, and if sins distractions cause a traumatic crash, they may need encouragement to get back on the bicycle and keep riding. Parents need to be strong in their faith so they can trust the Lord's hand even in the most violent of crashes. They need to be there to express his loving kindness when their teens fail. This calls for the means of grace (that's Catechism talk for God's Word and Sacraments) being part of family life.

All of us, please keep these teens and families in your prayers. When you see these families riding their spiritual bikes together as they enter the doors of our church, thank God for his grace and mercy. If you hear of a teen failing and falling, go to the Lord in prayer for the teen and his parents. When you see a teen fall, encourage the family to go to the Word of God for his love and wisdom. Nothing strengthens us like the Word of God. And nothing accomplishes God's will more powerfully and decisively than prayer.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!**

Betty Vogel...4/3/1927...85 yrs. old  
Harlin Kannenberg...4/9/1918...94 yrs. old  
Elva Puestow...4/12/1931...81 yrs. old  
Lawrence Klein...4/29/1928...84 yrs. old  
Evelyn Guhl...4/30/1931...81 yrs. old

**“The Dark Side of Technology:  
The Internet, Cell Phones, and Social Media”**

**Held at  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
777 Indiana Ave. West Bend, WI 53095  
262-334-7881**

**APRIL 2012 GREETERS**

**Thursday, April 26 from 6:30-8:30 pm**

- April 1 7:45 David and Nicole Miller
- April 1 10:15 Jim and Sandy Siebers
  
- April 7 7:00 Betty Gumm
- April 8 7:45 Mark and Jen Otte
- April 8 10:15 Pat and Lynet Steele
  
- April 14 5:00 John & Laura Brown
- April 15 7:45 John and Nelda Clemens
- April 15 10:15 Richard and Rachel Kwiecinski & Jeffrey
  
- April 21 5:00 Dave & Nicole Miller
- April 22 7:45 Alex and Sandy Gaeth
- April 22 10:15 Mark and Terry Brazell & family
  
- April 28 5:00 Harry & Jan Ehlke
- April 29 7:45 Kathleen and Bonnie Bublitz
- April 29 10:15 Randy and Karla Matter

NOTE: Due to the sensitive nature of this presentation, it is for adults only.

· Led by Eric Szatkowski, Special Agent with the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI)

· For planning purposes, please sign up in the church narthex or call 334-7881 to register. Free will offering to cover expenses.

**Fellowship Evening**

David’s Star Lutheran Ladies’ Aid invites you and your family and friends to a fellowship evening on Thursday, May 10, 2012. It begins with a luncheon at 6:00 PM.

The guest speaker will be Jackie Mayer who serves as Community Relations Director for Jesus Cares Ministries. She has a child with special needs and considers herself blessed to be working with her “heroes” because they work passionately to care for and support families like hers. A collection will be taken this evening for “Jesus Cares Ministries.”

Please reply with the number attending by Wednesday, May 1, 2012. Please RSVP to Lynne Tews at 262-377-2051 or [foneman45@prodigy.net](mailto:foneman45@prodigy.net).

**KETTLE MORAIN LUTHERAN  
HIGH SCHOOL**

In preparation for the groundbreaking of our new Performing Arts Center and fine arts academic wing, we are asking each of our federation congregations to share information about the event. We are including a bulletin insert that can be duplicated and shared with the members, and also a series of short announcements that can be cut and pasted into your bulletin or newsletter. Thank you in advance for sharing this information as we strive to update all members of the federation regarding this exciting event.

**Thank you!** God blessed the Easter Egg Hunt outreach event this past Saturday with great egg hunting weather, great turn-out, and great volunteers. Over 100 children hunted for 2000 eggs and heard the saving message of a Savior for all people. There were 54 volunteers who made this event a reality and the Evangelism Committee would like to thank all those impacted this outreach event. The Lord has truly blessed the David's Star family with talented and caring members. Thank you all for your help.

**GROTH’S COUNTRY GARDEN GIFT  
CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE**

Ladies’ Aid will be selling \$10 & \$25 gift certificates good on plants, annuals, perennials and vegetables starting April 15, 2012. Certificates expire on June 30, 2012. 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.

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Brian Lee, Dan Bolha, Randy Matter, Kevin Behm, Mark Otte, David Zarling, Tim Gustafson, Jim Korthals, Andy Loeffler, Rob Schneider, Bob Heider.

Absent: Pastor Loescher.

The meeting was called to order by Brian Lee. 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, 2012.

### Committee Reports

#### Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

**Incoming:** None

**Outgoing:** Hetzel, Sarah

*Released from membership*

Oonk, Cynthia

*Released from membership*

Seider, Sam

*Released from membership*

Olson, Brooke; Cheyenne

*Transfer to Morning Star, Jackson, WI*

#### Pastors' Report

**Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919**

**kloescher@davidstar.org &**

**Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019**

**woldt@nconnect.net**

Please congratulate the new confirmands who are joining our communicant fellowship. Your encouragement means quite a bit to these young believers. Recent visits to the Morning Star campus shows good external progress in their building program. Church dedication is set for June 17<sup>th</sup> this year. A number of veteran sextons have stepped down in the past months. We thank them for their valuable service. We are looking for more men to assist in this important role of preparing the worship space for our church services and special events. We continue to be blessed with visitors to our worship services. Thanks to those who work to make our visitors feel welcome as they worship Jesus with us. Do you personally know someone who has not been worshipping regularly? Please use the upcoming Holy Week activities to encourage your acquaintance to reconnect with Word and Sacrament.

#### President's Report

**Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419**

**brianandpam1@att.net**

Brian has been working with Pastor Woldt in planning for the March 24<sup>th</sup> leadership retreat.

#### Board for Buildings and Grounds

**Robert Schneider, Telephone # 262.677.2584**

**schneiderconcrete@gmail.com**

Rob stated that there is nothing new to report on the internet tower. Meyer Roofing has been signed on to complete the work on the steeple. A few tiles in the new narthex came down and are being replaced. Plans to modify or replace the dishwasher are on hold at this time.

#### Board for Elementary Education

**Bob Heider, Telephone #262.644.1726**

**bhheider@charter.net**

**Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 292.338.3992**

**tgustafson@davidstar.org**

Preschool registration was held last week. The present count is about 15 or 16 students with the potential for more to be added. Kindergarten registration was also held last week with an initial count of 13 or 14 students with the possibility of more to be added. The Evangelism Committee has been working with our board on the Early Childhood program, and we thank them for their efforts.

#### Board of Elders

**Mark Otte, Telephone #262.305.3521**

**mark.otte@kmlhs.org**

Individual calls, visits, and contacts are being made with our members that we have not seen in a while to find out how we can serve them.

Seminarian Brian Wrobel will be preaching the weekend of March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Keith Free will be preaching for our Mission Festival the fourth Sunday in August.

Board members are digging into their areas of responsibility as follows:

Mark Otte - Meetings are being arranged with the church secretary and bookkeeper to discuss their work and resources.

Bill Bublitz- Monitoring all areas of worship

Dave Martin-Looking at an OWLS organization at David's Star and has visited with Sue Bolha regarding parish nurses

Paul Steinbrenner- Will be incorporating a line-item on our Elder's agenda for families in need so we keep it constantly before us

Bill Truebenbach - Has contacted many teens and "friended" them through Facebook. He will be meeting with potential teen leaders to lay some groundwork for an active youth group.

Clif Koeller - Working with Ladies Aid and monitoring fellowship opportunities

Tony Gromacki - Preparing for Pastor Loescher's anniversary

We will be taking up our review of the constitution in March as we ran out of time in our February meeting.

### **Evangelism Committee**

**David Zarling, Telephone # 414.839.0094**

**david.zarling@gmail.com**

Dave distributed to Council members some charts highlighting visitor attendance at David's Star. These charts will be updated and distributed with our newsletter in the future. A new camera has been installed in the balcony at church to record Pastor's sermon. Plans are to put these on YouTube.

### **Stewardship Committee**

**Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143**

**korthalj@wls.wels.net**

No report.

### **Spiritual Growth Committee**

**Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319**

**2046home@gmail.com**

Cradle roll continues to operate smoothly.

Barnabas Groups – a new session of study is starting, new participants are always welcome to join at any time.

Bible Study for Kids continues to operate smoothly, vacation Bible Class is scheduled for 6/11-14

Bible Study for Adults – Pastor Woldt is leading a study in church, Randy Watts is leading a study on the days of Creation in the multi-purpose room

Church Library continues to operate smoothly, all members are welcome to check out material (self checkout) any time

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585**

**matters@nconnect.net**

The February 29, 2012 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 2/29/12 in the amount of (\$160,663). Operating fund receipts for the month were \$86,422 which is 130.96% of budget.

YTD operating fund receipts were \$161,696 which is 116.52% of budget.

### **Vice Presidents Report**

**Dan Bolha, Telephone #262.677.3485**

**dbolha@charter.net**

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" – This remains open pending a recommendation.

Discussion of Agenda for Leadership retreat- A handout was distributed to Council members outlining the proposed agenda for the retreat to be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> on our campus. Brian asked all boards and committees to notify him with a count of the number of planned attendees from the various boards and committees.

### **New Business**

Approval to spend donated funds for two items - \$1000.00 was donated for a new coat rack to be installed in the narthex by the

elevator and stairs. The Council approved this purchase, and the Building and Grounds Committee will determine the proper coat rack to purchase with these funds.

In addition, funds have been received for an ADA accessible ramp for the gym. The cost is \$860, and \$250 will be paid by the Ladies Aid, and an additional \$500 is being donated by the Parents Group. This is to be installed in the summer. If sufficient funds are collected to cover the entire cost of this project, Council approved moving forward with this project.

Approval to do a door offering to defray expenses for the Hand Bell Festival – A door offering for this is being planned for the last weekend in March. Council approved this door offering.

### **Items for Voters (for the April 12th Voters Meeting)**

Revised tuition rates for kindergarten and preschool

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, April 12, 2012 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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## **LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH CENTER (LYC)**

will host some free wine-and-cheese events, providing the opportunity for you to see the second campus firsthand. Jim Buske, LYC Executive Director, and a few of the kids talk about what LYC means for them and what it means for you. The event is scheduled for: April 25, 2012. The event is only 1 hour in length and light snacks and refreshments will be served at 6:10pm, just prior to the start of the program at 6:30pm. RSVP to Benjamin Traucht at [bjtraucht@yahoo.com](mailto:bjtraucht@yahoo.com) or 414.526.7425.

## **WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY**

Vicar Assignment Service, May 22, 7:00pm.

Call Day Service, May 24, 10:00am.

Graduation Concert, May 24, 7:00pm.

Graduation Service, May 25, 10:00am.

# ANTS

In Proverbs chapter six the writer warns against folly. We do not use the word folly much anymore. But we still understand that it means that we did something that was foolish in action, practice, or an idea.

The writer in Proverbs 6:6 writes, "Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!" Sluggard is yet another word we don't use much anymore. But we understand that it means a person who is inactive or lazy.

"Go to the ant." Why would the writer use such a small and seemingly insignificant species as an example for us? Even in Old Testament times the writer recognized some significant things about ants.

An ant can lift 20 times its own body weight. Ants don't have ears but "hear" by feeling vibrations in the ground through their feet. When ants fight it is usually to the death. When they are looking for food they leave a scent trail so they know where they have been. There are three kinds of ants in a colony; queen, the female workers, and males. Each kind of ant has a job to do and they faithfully carry it out until they die. There is no laziness found in an ant colony. The ant is a picture of motivation from within – a picture of wisdom.

The danger of procrastinating when it comes to having your estate plan in place is just one of the pictures we can paint here. Use the example of the ants and consider today what you need to have in place when it comes to your earthly possessions. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 24:44 that we must be ready. Be wise and motivated like an ant and get your estate plan in place now.

If you need assistance with your estate plan contact Bill Truebenbach at 677-2066 or Rev. Dennis Kleist, Christian Giving Counselor at [dennis.kleist@wels.net](mailto:dennis.kleist@wels.net) or by phone at (920) 740-5899.

## KETTLE MORAIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT SCHEDULE

May 12 - Percussion Concert 6:00pm

May 20 - Band & Choir Concert at  
Cedarburg PAC 2:00pm

May 23 - Echoes/Jazz Concert –  
Spaghetti Dinner at 5:30pm, Concert at 6:30pm



## Parish Nurse News

### Heroes For Health Summer Camp at WLC

Our winter has been mild and we wonder if spring really has arrived! I am sitting in the sunroom with the door open and birds singing. What a joy! Who would have thought that we would be looking at the tulips pushing up in the middle of March!

A summertime opportunity for our grade school children came across my desk today and I thought you might like to read her email! I would have loved this at that age!

*"My name is Stephanie Pankratz and I am a junior nursing student at Wisconsin Lutheran College. I would like to take to moment of your time to make you aware of a learning opportunity for your middle school students this summer. The program is called Heroes for Health and it is a summer day camp for students who are in 6th grade through students going into 9th grade who may be interested in the world of nursing. The camp is July 23rd- July 26th. During these days participants will have the opportunity to learn life saving techniques such as CPR and First Aid, learn about wonders of God's crown creation, and visit several healthcare settings. This camp is offered to get students thinking about their future, as well as the amazing opportunities that healthcare has to offer.*

*If you are interested in this, please feel free to contact me at [stephanie.pankratz@mail.wlc.edu](mailto:stephanie.pankratz@mail.wlc.edu). Or at 1-920-539-2230. Additional information regarding this camp can be found on the WLC website (<http://www.wlc.edu/academics/nursing/index.aspx?id=6452>)"*

Does your student show interest in a possible career in nursing? WLC has a wonderful nursing program that is Christ-centered and relatively close to home. This summer camp could be a great way for your child to consider the possibility!

Praying that you too enjoy the sunshine and mild days,  
Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

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**a word-for-word  
visual storytelling of**

## The Gospel of John

by Daniel Dexter

Sunday, April 15 at 6:00 pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

777 Indiana Ave., West Bend