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## A Decade at David's Star!

*By Pastor Woldt*

Ten years ago my family and I watched as our boxed up earthly possession were loaded into a moving van. Our place of residence was about to change from New Ulm, Minnesota to Jackson, WI. We were grateful for the warm welcome when we arrived. The parsonage had been given a good cleaning and makeover, thanks to the efforts of concerned members. We were supplied with area maps, indicating stores and community resources. A meal was prepared and waiting for us on moving day. Fond memories still linger.

When I reflect on the decade now past, I can't help but think of all the visible changes. Scores of people who were here to welcome us to David's Star have now been welcomed to their heavenly home. Those faithful Christians are no longer with us, but we will see them again! Some faithful members have transferred to other WELS congregations because they themselves have moved. What a joy to see those brothers and sisters in Christ when they come back to visit. Those too young for kindergarten when we first arrived are now counted among the confirmands.

The visible changes at David's Star include more than those related to people. I think about the changes in the campus itself. When we arrived, the stained glass windows in church were leaking air and needed refurbishing. The east wall of the gym was shifting. The gym floor was tile. There were no basketball hoops outside. The interior of the church needed a makeover. Signs over the drinking fountains warned young children and pregnant mothers not to drink the water. The recently finished 1999 Long Range planning committee report identified the need, among other things, for new classrooms and a new church narthex.

Now, a decade later, the campus looks and feels quite different. We worship in the same church building, but now with new carpet, paint, refurbished windows and a new narthex. (Not to mention the air-conditioning!). The gym wall is stabilized and the wood floor

makes an excellent playing surface. The paved outdoor court is used regularly by school children and visitors to our campus. The well is new and the water is safe for all to drink. We no longer have a cramped PreK room or a classroom without windows. God has blessed David's Star very richly through its generous and hard-working members.

The list of visible changes in the last decade is hardly exhaustive. More could be mentioned. However, Scripture reminds us that "we live by faith, not by sight." It is my prayer that the greatest changes that have taken place at David's Star are changes which cannot always be seen by the human eye. The Holy Spirit of God works quietly in the human heart as the gospel is proclaimed in word and Sacrament. I pray that during this last decade, the Holy Spirit has done mighty work through the gospel.

We don't always see the fruits of the Spirit's work in the timeframe or manner we would like. What a blessing it would be if our worship attendance numbers would skyrocket! What a blessing it would be if every young confirmand would remain as faithful to the Lord as they promised on the day they wore the white robe. What a blessing it would be if no one ever left the fellowship of David's Star looking for a different sort of worship experience, or a different message from the pulpit. The truth is that worship numbers haven't improved. Many recent confirmands are absent from regular worship. Some people are still put off by the message they hear in church, or are looking for the excitement that a different setting might offer.

Church leaders and members can get frustrated when they don't see dramatic, visible results. That doesn't mean the Spirit isn't at work. God's word always accomplishes what he desires. It is my prayer that during the last decade at David's Star, I have faithfully told the story of Jesus as revealed in the Bible. When the gospel is proclaimed, the Spirit himself will work change, when and where he pleases ... whether we can see it or not.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!**

Loretta Stauske...6/1/1919...91 yrs. old  
Pearl Gauger...6/2/1919...91 yrs. old  
Oliver Vogel...6/7/1924...86 yrs. old  
Anna Hardt...6/10/1923...87 yrs. old  
Wilmer Ehlke...6/14/1929...81 yrs. old  
LaVerne Groth...6/17/1929...81 yrs. old  
Ethel Miller...6/30/1924...86 yrs. old

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**JUNE 2010  
GREETERS**

June 5th 5:00 Kathy and Dennis Guhl  
June 6th 9:30  
  
June 12th 5:00 Regina and Mike Bublitz  
June 13th 7:45 Deb and Joel Rupnow  
9:30  
  
June 19th 5:00 Holly and Gary Heckendorf  
June 20th 7:45 Dave and Von Martin  
9:30  
  
June 26th 5:00 Mark and Laurie Bublitz  
June 27th 7:45 Bill Bublitz and Family  
9:30

**A GRATEFUL RESPONSE**

For everyone who had a part in the dedication of our new ministry spaces. We are so thankful to our God for the many people and gifts he has poured on his church. Every time we have a big event the gifts of the Lord shine through all the people who show up to make our celebrations successful and memorable events. If you helped in any way, we thank God for you.

**DEDICATION SERVICE DVD**

Will be available of the church service and the school students thank you for the new facility. There is a sign-up sheet in the school/church office. Cost is \$5.00.

**Parish Nurse News**



**Add Color to Your Plate**

Perhaps you are old enough to remember when TV shows were advertised “in living color.” That statement is especially fitting for what we eat: our living is enhanced by the color of foods on our plate. We’re talking about fruits and vegetables, of course, and the health-promoting benefits they provide:

- Reducing your risk of stroke
- Reducing high blood pressure
- Lowering your risk of heart disease
- Lowering your risk of skin, lung, breast, stomach, and colon cancers
- Boosting your immune system
- Helping manage and lose weight

Consider coloring your plate with these hued foods:  
**Green:** okra, kale, spinach, peppers, broccoli, avocados, green beans, peas, green grapes, kiwi, and green apples.

**Orange:** carrots, sweet potatoes, butternut squash, oranges, nectarines, peaches, cantaloupe, apricots, pumpkin, and mangoes.

**Yellow:** peppers, pineapple, lemons, squash, and corn.

**Red:** peppers, tomatoes, marinara sauce, kidney beans, red-skinned potatoes, apples, cherries, watermelon, raspberries, pomegranate, and strawberries.

**Blue/Purple:** eggplant, grapes, plums, raisins, blackberries, blueberries, currants, figs, and purple onions.

**White:** cauliflower, mushrooms, garlic, onion, shallots, pears, and bananas

*SOURCE: WomenFitness.net and FitnessMagazine.com*

Now that summer is finally here, gardens are being planted and farmers markets are opening, look for ways to “**ADD COLOR TO YOUR PLATE**” !

Serving each other in Christ’s love,

*Sue Bolha*

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**David's Star Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes / Capsule**  
*May 11, 2010*

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

Absent: Brian Lee

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 April 13, 2010.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)**

**Incoming:** Munn, Jeffrey  
*Adult Confirmation*  
Sabie, Kami  
*Adult Confirmation*

**Outgoing:** None

**Pastors' report**

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

**[kloescher@davidstar.org](mailto:kloescher@davidstar.org) & Pastor Woldt,**  
**Telephone # 377-1019 [woldt@nconnect.net](mailto:woldt@nconnect.net) )**

The days ahead are going to be busy family times for both pastors. Graduations, weddings, and other activities may cause one or the other pastor to be gone more "weekends" than in a normal year. We are working with the elders to see that all pastor needs are met. We appreciate the labor and concern shown by the congregation members to keep up the property and the parsonages. We look forward to summer worship this year in our new air-conditioned spaces. Please keep us in your prayers as we work together for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**President's report**

**(David Nunez, Telephone 677-2467,**  
**[David.Nunez@ipaper.com](mailto:David.Nunez@ipaper.com).)**

**Ministry Budget** - Over the past 4 months Randy and Lisa Marie have put in countless hours to reconcile and verify that all information is correct and true. They have been a true blessing to us and I believe have gotten to a point that they are feeling more and more confident everyday that everything seems somewhat back in place. Please make sure and say a special "Thank You" when you see them.

**Shepherd's Staff Update** – Barry and I have been discussing this process and have been contacting potential candidates for the position we need to fill for this. I will have further updates as we progress.

**New Building Committee** – With the warm weather setting in early this year, outside work has been started. Landscaping has been started and on Arbor Night, quite a few new plants and grass sere planted. Plans and bid are being started by the Building Committee to finish the upper parking lot area as per the master plan. New benches have arrived and have been placed in the narthex. They are a great addition to the area. The design sub-committee is working on a solution for the "coffee area". New signage for the entire building has arrived and will be installed shortly.

**New Building Dedication** – May 23, 2010 is the date. Pastor Woldt has outlined the day in last Sunday's bulletin and all plans are moving forward. Nelson Erdman will be placing information in the local newspapers and make sure the community is aware of the day. It will be wonderful day for our congregation!

**KMLHS Delegates** – A note has been sent out to all current delegates to be sure they are still willing to serve and be our representation at the general board meetings at KML. If any of the gentlemen do not wish to continue, we need to find replacements.

Over the past 2 months my travel schedule has taken me away from home on a regular basis. As with other members of the council, this has limited me on attending meetings and being part of the everyday life at David's Star. Please be aware that I am always available by email and will always answer those messages. If the need arises to contact me personally, please contact me by my cell phone. Thank you!

**Board for Buildings and Grounds**

**(Robert Schneiker, Telephone # 677-2584**  
**[schneikerconcrete@gmail.com](mailto:schneikerconcrete@gmail.com) )**

Arbor day was a huge success with a lot of people participating. Bushes were planted and work around the parsonage was completed. A smaller-scale Arbor day to do work on the south side of the church will be held on May 24 after 4PM.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom has been drywalled and painted. We checked into our insurance policy regarding the cell phone tower, and it appears that there is no increase in coverage required. It was recommended that we be added to Bertram's policy and that a fence be erected around the tower.

**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 reported that we have 14 students graduating this year. There are presently 7 students signed up for preschool next year.

**Board of Elders**  
**(Dennis Bell, Telephone # 677-2248**  
**[dandmbell@sbc.global](mailto:dandmbell@sbc.global))**

Training for our Persistent Love program has been completed with 70 people participating.

The Council discussed a proposal from Elders and the Board of Education regarding recognition of years of service in ministry, as well as years of service at David's Star. It also included recognition for installation, retirement and a farewell.

**Evangelism Committee**  
**(David Zarling, Telephone # 674-1094**  
**[david.zarling@gmail.com](mailto:david.zarling@gmail.com) )**

The Evangelism Committee has recruited phone calling and organizational help for our greeter program. Special thanks to Beth Steinbrenner for organizing this effort. Two members have agreed to help – Holly Heckendorf and Laurie Bublitz. We appreciate their willingness to help.

The Ladies Aid is sponsoring a Women's Health and Wellness Spa night on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm. The Marketing Committee issued Public Service announcements, posted a notice on our web page, and had a banner created to communicate this event that is open to the public. Special thanks to Miller Monument for their work on the banners.

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 is leading this Committee. Paul & Krista Kuber have agreed to join the committee after the arrival of their new family member. The Committee is looking to organize a group to help out with a Picnic on July 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 Spiritual Growth Committee and Doris Koeller are organizing a Vacation Bible School for July 5-9. We will be working with them to communicate this to the community. If you are interested in distributing flyers for this outreach event, please contact David Zarling ([david.zarling@gmail.com](mailto:david.zarling@gmail.com) | 414.839.0094)

The Evangelism Committee is forming a website committee in order to review and make updates to the current website's functionality; to be more relevant to the church/school shopper. In addition, the Evangelism Committee is working on updated brochures for the church and school as well as a new logo. We also will be reviewing/updating the Friendship register to be more effective for outreach.

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

Bill Truebenbach has provide an article for our newsletter relative to planned giving.

We are awaiting information from Synod regarding our next stewardship program.

**Spiritual Growth Committee**  
**(Joel Pless, Telephone # 677-2109**  
**[joel\\_pless@wic.edu](mailto:joel_pless@wic.edu))**

We are finishing up the year on our Bible classes for the year. Doris Koeller is planning a joint class on dedication Sunday regarding building the tabernacle.

The Committee will be meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> to conduct formal planning for VBS, as well as Family Bible Week.

**Building Committee Update (Randy Vogel)**

Dave Nunez reported that the Design Sub-committee has ordered and is receiving furniture and signage. Thank you to Mel Heckendorf and Shandra Kwiatkowski for their help. Acoustical tiles are being installed at the end of the hallway. Thank you to Matt Hartwig with his help with the landscaping.

**Fundraising Committee Update (Gary Heckendorf)**

Dave Nunez reported that we have collected 56.6 percent of our pledges over the past 16 months. A common benchmark indicates that we should have collected 54 percent at 18 months. Therefore, we are ahead of the benchmark,

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

The April 30, 2010 report was then presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 4/30/10 in the amount of (\$134,282.53). Operating fund revenue for the four months is \$274,746.76 compared to budget of \$287,887.00.

**Vice President Report**  
**(Jeff Morgan, Telephone # 377-7532,**  
**[jmorgan@theinntrendcorp.com](mailto:jmorgan@theinntrendcorp.com) )**

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 item remains open.

Dedication Sunday – Speakers are being arranged. There will be a luncheon with a program afterwards.

**New Business**

Investment of David's Star Endowment Funds – Randy Matter provided a handout for discussion regarding a revised investment strategy to consider regarding the investment of our endowment funds in which we might obtain a substantially larger rate of return on our funds. After some discussion, it was decided that Randy would pursue some additional information.

Summer Fellowship – Jeff Morgan distributed a schedule listing the various committees and boards and the dates that they would be coordinating Sunday Summer Fellowship. It will be held between services June 6<sup>th</sup> through August 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

Cemetery Committee recommendations.

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.**

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).

#### **RECOGNITION OF OUR CALLED WORKERS**

Church and school will be recognizing five of our called workers at our graduation service in the church woods on June 6th. Pastor Woldt, Jean Korthals, and John Giddings will be recognized for years of service in the ministry as well as years of service at David's Star. Pastor Woldt will have 30 years in the ministry, 10 of those years have been at David's Star. Jean Korthals has 30 years in the teaching ministry, 5 years have been at David's Star. John Giddings has 5 years in the teaching ministry and all 5 years have been at David's Star. Sheila Krause will be recognized for 15 years in the teaching ministry. Tom Neuman will be recognized for 10 years of teaching ministry at David's Star. Please thank these people for their preaching and teaching ministry at David's Star. A card box will be set out by the entrance to the worship area in the church woods that day.

## **PLANNED GIVING JUNE 2010**

### **Usually, Typically, Most of the Time**

When I write these monthly reminders to promote having an estate plan in place I usually, typically, or most of the time am writing to encourage those who do not have plan in place to consider doing so. But this time I am not writing to those who still need to consider an estate plan. Rather I am writing to those who already have a will in place.

If you have an estate plan or will in place, it is good to take some time to update it. When was the last time you looked at what it says? Have there been some changes in the past year that need to be reflected in your will? Are you prepared for the unexpected that could come up in the future and for the management and distribution of your assets when that time comes?

Here are some things to consider if you already have an estate plan or will in place. Have tax laws changed or has the life of the beneficiary changed? Is the executor you named still the qualified person you want to manage your estate, resolve claims, and distribute your estate? Are you still comfortable with the guardian named in your will for those under your care, such as dependent minor children? Are the beneficiaries on your insurance and retirement plans still correct, or do you have a deceased loved one still designated? Are the people and organizations you first named still the ones you intend for some of your assets to go to? Does your health care power of attorney still guide your family and health care providers when you are unable to make decisions for yourself? Do you have a Durable Power of Attorney for financial matters when you are unable to act yourself?

Hopefully these are some questions that will help you consider reviewing what you have in place. For those who do not have an estate plan or will in place, may these questions help you realize the importance of planning how the many gifts God has blessed you with can continue to be a blessing to others. If you need assistance, please contact Bill Truebenbach, Planned Giving Chairman at 677-2066 or [btruebenbach@tlha.org](mailto:btruebenbach@tlha.org).

## SHINING WITH HIM-AS EVER

I do not even know where to begin, in expressing my heartfelt thanks on behalf of my late wife, Charlotte and me during these past five plus months. Providing support during her hospitalizations at Froedtert Memorial Hospital the entire month of December, 2009. Then more than six weeks during February and March of this year, during which time Char underwent seven major surgeries, additional medical procedures, six weeks of cancer radiation treatments during January and February and then the seven weeks at The Kathy Hospice.

A sincere thank you for the many, many get well cards and wishes sent to both of us. The telephone calls during that extended period from so many of our Church Family members and the David Star staff and school children, which Char so much loved to volunteer her time. Char and I enjoyed the delicious meals that were delivered to our home during Char's brief interim stay and the visits from those providers as well. These meals turned out to be the final meals that Char truly was able to enjoy.

I cannot thank Sue Bolha and the Parish Nurse program enough, for arranging the scheduling and for those who volunteered to transport Char to and from her daily radiation treatments. I could not have managed that myself. To the Women Nurturing Women, who held their Bible Studies at our house and at the Kathy Hospice, which Char truly enjoyed. To the David's Star Choir, who came to the Hospice on the Saturday before Easter, to sing their Easter Sunday service selections and a number of additional hymns. The staff and other residents at the Hospice expressed "Char really loved this and this was awesome!!".

Char and I as well, enjoyed the many floral arrangements, plants and the countless visitors she received while at The Kathy Hospice. Lastly, my heartfelt thanks to both of our families, Char's – the Schmidt family and my family, the Kison's for all of their personal support in enduring the challenges that God had placed before us.

Yours in the Risen Christ - As Ever, Rod Kison



**GONE  
FISHING!!!!**

**VBS MORNING CAMP**

**DAVID'S STAR  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2740 DAVID'S STAR DRIVE  
JACKSON, WI 53037**

**July 5 to July 9, 2010**

**9:00 to 11:30 AM**

**Age 3 to children entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**For more information**

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There will be sign-up sheets in the old narthex for craft and snack supplies, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Doris Koeller 262.677-3457. Please invite a friend or relative to attend. Everyone is welcome.