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“The Patriotic Christian”

by Pastor Loescher

Did you know that the patriotic song “Yankee Doodle Dandy” began as a British song that was intended to mock American soldiers? It means, “Yankee fool”. Later as the Revolution swung in the Colonists’ favor, they took it over, rewrote it, and sang it proudly to mock the British.

Some places in our fine county Christians are similarly mocked as fools. One particularly offensive entertainer called Americans stupid and Christians lunatics citing that 60% of Americans don’t believe in evolution. This is the mentality that pushes the basic understanding of God out of governmental policy making. Anything that smells of God must be separated from the state in the interest of separation of church and state.

Let’s be clear that those who want to separate God from state are the fools. Their philosophy no longer regards the separation of church and state as much as it regards a separation of mankind from God. It becomes a denial of principles everyone knows without even opening a Bible. The basic truths of right and wrong, of good and evil, indeed the truth that there is a god come as standard equipment in the heart of every baby born. Consequently, those who have run roughshod over their consciences, who through years of abusing the human understanding of right and wrong, will also fail to recognize that God remains the highest authority over the government. “The authorities that exist have been established by God” (Romans 13:1). God established both the church and the state. He will call both to account in so far as they walk away from his precepts. He will commend both in so far as they honor him and give him glory.

God established both the church and the state for separate purposes and those purposes should remain separate. God established the church to save souls through the proclamation of forgiveness of sin through faith in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all

nations...” (Matthew 28:18,19). God establishes governments to govern society and protect its people, “Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted.... he is God’s servant to do you good....He is God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer....the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing” (Romans 13). The reason for separation of church and state to begin with was to keep the state officials from doing what is the church’s domain—saving souls. It was also to keep the church from what is in the state’s domain—governing society. When either one crosses over to the domain of the other, God’s intentions are twisted and the church loses its focus on the gospel. So the church will keep doing what we do by Jesus’ command, make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them. We will leave governing to those whom God has chosen.

But the Christian citizen finds himself in both realms of the church and the state. The patriotic Christian is in a position of remarkable insight and wisdom. We not only possess the inner understanding of God, what we call the natural knowledge of God, but we also possess the revealed knowledge of God in the Holy Scriptures, the message of the salvation of all mankind. Some may call us fools, but we know who will be singing in the end. Be a Yankee Doodle applying the wisdom God has given us and honor those in authority even those who don’t honor God. Be a Yankee Doodle exercising the freedoms given us in this great land to glorify God with our lives, our voices, and our vote.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Junier Ehlke...87 yrs. old...7/9/1923
 Carl Schramm...88 yrs. old...7/11/1922
 Hilmer Groth...81 yrs. old...7/17/1929
 Marcella Schultz...82 yrs. old...7/24/1928

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JULY 2010 GREETERS

July 3rd	5:00	Betty Gumm
July 4	7:45	Joel and Linda Pless
	9:30	
July 10th	5:00	
July 11th	7:45	Ralph and Elaine Gerner
	9:30	Tim & Charlette Tearney
July 17th	5:00	Jeff & Debbie Morgan
July 18	7:45	Cory and Jessica Schumacher
	9:30	Jeff & Bridgett Munn
July 24th	5:00	Gene & Marlene Hagenow
July 25th	7:45	To be assigned
	9:30	Dave & Dawn Doering
July 31 st	5:00	Adam & Marie Bublitz



Parish Nurse News

The Links Between Depression and Suicide

Several months ago, the son of a dear friend of mine committed suicide.

Stephen had been struggling with mental illness for some years. It has been a difficult time for his loving family as they mourn their loss. Thankfully they are comforted by the knowledge that Jesus died on the cross for all who believe! In memory of Stephen, I thought a few words on depression and suicide would be in order.

THE FACTS ABOUT SUICIDE:

- *Suicide is the ninth leading cause of death in the U.S., claiming about 30,000 people each year.*
- *Suicide rates amongst youth (age 15-24) have increased more than 300% since the 1950's.*
- *The suicide rate is higher for the elderly than any other age group.*
- *Suicide is preventable. Most suicidal persons desperately want to live. They are just unable to see alternatives to their problems.*

- *Suicide cuts across all religious, ethnic, economic, social, and age boundaries.*

THE LINKS BETWEEN DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE:

- *Major depression is the psychiatric diagnosis most commonly associated with suicide.*
- *The risk of suicide amongst people with depression is approximately 30 times that of the general population.*
- *People who are depressed and exhibit the following symptoms are at particular risk for suicide:*
 1. *Extreme hopelessness*
 2. *A lack of interest in activities that were previously pleasurable*
 3. *Heightened anxiety*
 4. *Global insomnia*
 5. *Panic attacks*
 6. *Delusions or hallucinations*

WHO TO CONTACT FOR HELP OR SCREENING?

- *Your Pastor or Parish Nurse*
- *A family physician*
- *A school counselor or psychologist*
- *A private Christian therapist*
- *A suicide and crisis center*

The scripture that comes to mind for me and perhaps you have others, is taken from Jeremiah 29:11-12.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you”.

Serving each other in Christ's love,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

parishnurse@davidssstar.org 677-3485

COLLEGE ADDRESSES AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We would like to keep in contact with our members who are away at college during the school year. Please consider sharing both their mailing address along with their e-mail address so we can keep them updated of things going on at David's Star during the school year.

Please e-mail this information to

church@davidssstar.org

This information is kept confidential.

David's Star Church
Council Meeting Minutes / Capsule
June 15, 2010

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Pastor Loescher, Jeff Morgan, Kevin Behm, Randy Matter, Joel Pless, David Zarling, Rob Schneiker, Dennis Bell, Brian Lee

Absent: David Nunez, Tim Gustafson, Jim Korthals

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 May 11, 2010.

Committee Reports

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: None
Outgoing: Tetzlaff, Jeff & Mariana;
 Analeigh
*Transfer to St. John's,
 Newburg*

Pastors' Report

Pastor Loescher, Telephone
 # 677-0919 kloescher@davidstar.org &
Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 377-1019 woldt@nconnect.net
 Pastor Loescher will be on vacation next week. Other items are covered in various board and committee reports.

President's Report

David Nunez, Telephone 677-2467,
David.Nunez@ipaper.com

Jeff Morgan provided a report on Dave's behalf.

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. No updates available at this time.

New Building Committee – With most of the building now complete, classes are now moving into their respective new rooms. I know that there are a few small details to be worked out, but I know that Randy Vogel and his committee have been working out the plans and finalizing most of them as we speak. We will be having a walk-through with Chris Schmidt of C.D. Smith in July. The next major project that needs to be addressed will be the completion of the parking lot. New site plans and bids are being worked on and will be presented to the council next month so that any action can be taken by the next voter's meeting in July.

New Building Dedication – I wanted to thank everyone who participated in the planning and attending the dedication. It was a great day of fellowship to celebrate the dedication of our new building and to hear from the people who helped bring this project to reality. Dr. Joel Pless also explained the contents of the time capsule that was found in the demolition

of the old school entrance. He also explained what the contents of the new time capsule will be.

Summer Fellowship – This past week was the first Sunday of Fellowship Sunday and was hosted by the Executive Committee. Jeff Morgan will be giving out the schedule for the rest of the summer. Please be sure to attempt to be present for this time. I would like to make sure the congregation members know who are on the different committees.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

Robert Schneiker, Telephone # 677-2584
schneikerconcrete@gmail.com

Projects that will be worked on by the Board in the next couple of months include removing registers from the classrooms, getting the ceiling tiles down in the 7th and 8th grade classrooms, on working on bids with the building committee for the parking lot.

Board for Elementary Education

(Brian Lee, Telephone #377-9419 brian.lee@ici.com)
(Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 338-3992
tgustafson@davidstar.org)

The Board is supporting the teachers at this time as the teachers are coordinating their classroom moves.

Board of Elders

Dennis Bell, Telephone # 677-2248 dandmbell@sbc.global
 The following proposal is what our joint committee of Board of Elders and Board of Education recommend for the recognition of our Called Workers staff:

For years of service to the Lord in WELS Churches and Schools:

A gift of \$5/year of service after 5 years of service in 5 year increments with a free will offering at the service on grade school graduation day.

At 25th, 40th, and 50th Anniversary, in addition to the \$5/year of service, we will have a guest speaker and include a guest list chosen by the celebrant with the congregational luncheon.

At Installation:

A congregational luncheon with the family of the called worker invited.

At Retirement:

A congregational luncheon, a guest speaker and we will include a guest list chosen by the celebrant.

At Farewell:

A congregational luncheon with called workers family.

For recognition of years of service to David's Star:

In 5 year increments, an announcement will be made in the bulletin so the congregation can express their gratitude individually as they wish.

The Committee for Called Workers provides a Birthday Card and Wedding Anniversary Card sent to the individual Called Worker's home address.

There was a motion made and seconded to approve the above proposal. This motion was carried.

Evangelism Committee
(David Zarling, Telephone # 674-1094
david.zarling@gmail.com)

The Committee is organizing the church cookout to be held after the service on July 10th. The Committee recently distributed to 1100 households Vacation Bible School materials.

Stewardship Committee

(Jim Korthals, Telephone #korthalj@wls.wels.net)
Pastor Loescher reported the “ Christ’s Love, Our Calling”, the new WELS stewardship program will start in the fall.

Spiritual Growth Committee

(Joel Pless, Telephone # 677-2109 joel_pless@wic.edu)
Joel shared information regarding the work of his committee including information regarding our church library, the Children’s Bible Study program, the teen/youth group, and the Barnabas Group. Plans are being finalized for VBS to be held July 5-9 from 9-11:30AM.

Building Committee Update (Randy Vogel)

Pastor Woldt reported that the committee will be doing a walk-through of the school portion of the new building before the warranty expires in August. The warranty for the remainder of the new building expires in December.

Fundraising Committee Update (Gary Heckendorf)

No report.

Treasurer’s report

Randy Matter, Telephone #376-1585 matters@nconnect.net
The May 31, 2010 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 5/31/10 in the amount of (\$139,332.90).

Vice President Report (Jeff Morgan, Telephone # 377-7532, jmorgan@theinntrendcorp.com.)

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 item remains open.

New Business

Summer Fellowship Schedule – a new schedule was distributed by Jeff Morgan detailing which committee or board would be serving throughout the summer.

Scholarship fund investment policy – The Council discussed the possibility of moving most of our scholarship fund monies from CEF funds into the WELS Investment Fund. This would lead to the Council looking to adopt a Scholarship Fund Investment Policy. Some preliminary information was discussed and Randy will work on revising some preliminary information for further discussion.

Items for Voters (for the July 15th voters meeting)

Cemetery Committee recommendations

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.**
The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, July15, 2010 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
kevinbehm@att.net.

MEMORIALS & GIFTS

With sincere gratitude, given in loving memory of my wife, Charlotte Kison, we have been in receipt of and have acknowledged on behalf of our family the following memorials: \$4,372.00 designated to various ministry programs of David’s Star Ev. Lutheran Church and School; \$1,306.00 to Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School; \$3,177.00 to The Kathy Hospice; \$795.00 to the Wayne Heidel-Jennifer Semmann Foundation; \$25.00 to Christian Life Resources; and other various charities. In addition, the family has acknowledged numerous memorials that had been forwarded directly to the above mentioned designations and other Christian charities. We want to thank the members of David’s Star Church family and we appreciate the many, many cards, letters of comfort and condolences, telephone calls, emails sent to myself and our son, Jonathan and Kelly, as well as to both of our families, Char’s – the Schmidt family and my family, the Kison’s.

Yours in the Risen Christ - As Ever, Rod Kison

KML TUITION ASSISTANCE

David’s Star provides tuition assistance monies to those who demonstrate a need for financial assistance with KML tuition. If you are interested in applying, please contact Rick Ebeling at 677-3957 for an application. Deadline for application submission is the end of July.

SUPPLY LISTS & SCHOOL CALENDAR

The calendar for the 2010 – 2011 school year and supply lists are in the back of church. Supply lists will be posted at Wal-Mart in West Bend, Shopko in Grafton & West Bend, Fleet Farm in Germantown and Office Max.

Home visits will begin August 1st and Registration Materials will e sent out the end of July. School Registration will be held in the gym on August 8th between services and August 9th from 6-7 pm. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Give To Live

So how can giving change your life? Is the first thing you thought of when you read the word “giving” attached to a dollar amount? Today I would like to share some thoughts on other ways to give and how it can change our lives.

Whenever we give of ourselves it is an expression of our faith. Often it is done out of concern for someone or something. And when we do give our physical and emotional well being are affected. Any form of giving uplifts us. This type of giving of ourselves can be as simple as opening a door for someone, or providing a financial need for someone. Staying active in whatever form of giving we engage in has been shown to improve our physical well being. Instead of the old slogan “Give until it hurts,” we could say “Give until you feel great.”

Finding ways to share our lives with others helps us find more to share and more to enjoy. Acting out of concern for others can improve our lives regardless of the material circumstances. We do all of this because we are grateful for all that God has given us. It is our way of being a true steward of what God has entrusted to us. Once again, look beyond monetary giving. What other gifts has God given you that you can use to give to others? Calling someone who needs a boost for the day? Dropping someone a note who needs encouragement? Volunteering for something?

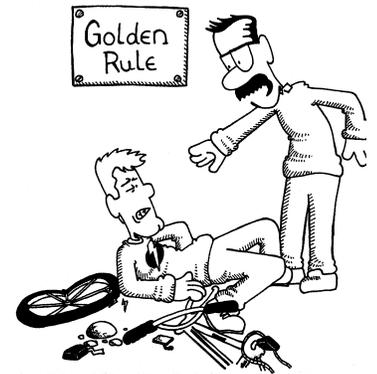
In our society today many people are stress-ridden. That can be you and me at times. We certainly will turn to God and His Word in just such times and seek His comfort. Still, the more we give and share, the more we will benefit. God will give us what we need, because we cannot out give God. Martin Luther once wrote, “The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and precious.” God the giver made his Son Jesus Christ a dear and precious gift. He gave so we could live. May we consider the many ways that we can give just as God does, without measure or complaint. Share what you have with others. Let your light shine.

Bill Truebenbach, David’s Star Planned Giving
Chairman – 677.2066 or email
btruebenbach@tlha.org

Whatever, Lord

Whatever our position or status in life, we are called to share God’s love in acts of service to all people. “*Love your neighbor as yourself*” is a command that reaches out to everyone. Paul, in Galatians 6:10, exhorts his readers, “*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*” Jesus himself said, “*I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me*” (Matthew 25:40).

The Good Samaritan showed us how to “*do good to all people*” when he came across the beaten traveler on the Jericho Road. He not only gave his money, but, more importantly, he freely invested himself into the well-being of the injured man. Following the lead of his servant heart, he put aside his own agenda in order to provide for a greater need.



When the time comes, how will we react? Helping may mean more than calling “911.” We may need to get involved, get our hands dirty, and go the extra mile. God may want us to be willing to move out of the limelight into the shadows and suffer some inconvenience in order to be somebody’s servant. He may request that we help others in work that seems menial, tiresome, dirty, and ill-timed. Willingness to serve God means that we are prepared to do the small things or the large things—it makes no difference.

When the opportunity to serve presents itself, may God help to be ready.

The Stewardship Committee



**11th ANNUAL
THUNDERBOLT
OPEN**

**THUNDERBOLT OPEN
REGISTRATION FORM 2010**

PLEASE SEND ONE CHECK PER
FOURSOME OR FOR AS MANY GOLFERS
AS YOU ARE REGISTERING. FULL
PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY
REGISTRATION FOR IT TO BE RECORDED.
**Please add all email addresses so that I can
forward this info. to you every year.**

DATE: Saturday, September 11, 2010

Time: 12:00 PM Registration
1:00 PM Shotgun Start –
Scramble Format
Dinner will start at approx. 6:00 at
West Bend Lakes

FREE SODA AND BEER AFTER GOLF
PRIZES AND SILENT AUCTION TO FOLLOW

MONEY RAISED FROM THIS OUTING WILL
GO TOWARDS ITEMS THAT ARE NOT
BUDGETED AT DAVID'S STAR LUTHERAN
SCHOOL!

**PLACE: WEST BEND LAKES / HWY. 33 IN
WEST BEND**

**COST: GOLF/CART/DINNER PACKAGE...\$75
DINNER ONLY.....\$15.00**

**ALL GOLFERS MUST BE 16 YEARS OLD
OR OLDER. GOLF CART RENTAL IS
MANDATORY. IN CASE OF RAIN, RAIN
CHECKS WILL BE GIVEN FOR GOLF ONLY.
DINNER WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE!**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: ON A FIRST COME BASIS!
LIMITED TO THE FIRST 144 PAID GOLFERS!**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR YOU WOULD LIKE TO
DONATE A DOOR PRIZE,
PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

GLENN RUSCH 262-208-6471 RANDY ESENBERG 677-2713
TERRY KOTH 677-4247 TODD JAHNS 677-0366
KURT LIESENER 677-4360 KURT HENNING 677-2797
SHANNON LEITZKE 677-2944

1ST GOLFER'S
NAME _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

2ND GOLFER'S NAME _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

3RD GOLFER'S NAME _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

4TH GOLFER'S NAME _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

COMPLETE GOLF/CART/DINNER PACKAGE
IS \$75 PER PERSON
GOLF ONLY IS NOT AN OPTION
DINNER ONLY IS \$15.00 PER PERSON.

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING ONLY THE
DINNER:

SEND YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO
DAVID'S STAR AND SEND THE
REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO:

**GLENN RUSCH
1157 SPRING VALLEY ROAD
JACKSON, WI 53037**