



THE WELS IN CONVENTION

By Pastor Woldt

The 61st Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be held July 25-29, 2011, at Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, Wis. Delegates will gather to review the work of the synod during the past two years and determine the ministry direction of WELS. As a congregation, David's Star has aligned itself with the WELS. As members of this congregation, we are also members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

A fellow pastor recently shared this story with me: A woman was taking classes to establish membership in the congregation he served. She had a friend who was appalled that she would consider joining a WELS congregation. This friend scoured the internet for all the negative statements she could find regarding the WELS. "Don't you know that the WELS is against abortion rights?" "Don't you know that the WELS calls homosexuality a sin and does not condone same sex marriages?" "Don't you know that the WELS has only male pastors and will not allow women to serve in leadership roles over men?" "Don't you know that WELS people aren't supposed to commune with other Christians unless there is full agreement in what they teach and believe?" The list continued.

To her credit, and thanks to her study of God's Word, the woman replied: "Yes. That's why I want to join the WELS. They teach what the Bible teaches.

It's unfortunate that the perception of the WELS is formed primarily on what the WELS is against. If only we could get more people to understand what we are for! We in the WELS believe that the Bible is God's inspired Word, not subject to change by addition, subtraction, or redefinition. We in the WELS believe that all have sinned and deserve nothing but wrath and punishment from the holy God. We in the WELS also believe that God, in his mercy and grace, sent his Son Jesus to save us and all people from the curse of sin, death and the devil. We believe that we are saved only by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit creates saving faith through the means of grace, the gospel in Word and Sacrament. We believe that as Christians, God has given us the privilege and charge to share his saving truth with our family, our

friends, our neighbors and all people who live on this planet.

It's good for us to remember the purpose of the WELS. The following statement was adopted by synod in convention:

As men, women, and children united in faith and worship by the Word of God, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod exists to make disciples throughout the world for time and for eternity, using the gospel in Word and sacrament to win the lost for Christ and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service, all to the glory of God.

The focused purpose of our work as a corporate synod structure is summarized in our constitution:

The object and purpose of the synod shall be to extend and conserve the true doctrine and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church:

a) By assisting and counseling in every appropriate way the pastors, teachers, and congregations affiliated with the synod;

b) By establishing and maintaining theological seminaries, colleges, academies, schools, and other institutions of learning;

c) By establishing and maintaining home and world missions and such charitable institutions as it may deem appropriate to its calling;

d) By printing, publishing, purchasing, selling, and disseminating literature that maintains Lutheran doctrine and practice;

e) By furnishing appropriate literature for parish schools, Sunday schools, missions, institutions, and churches.

Information about the 61st Biennial convention will appear in official WELS communications and on the WELS website (www.wels.net). Please keep the work of our synod in your prayers. Pray that the Lord blesses us with unity of faith and teaching based on his inspired Word. Pray for blessings on our united efforts in mission work, the training of future called workers, and support of all current congregations and called workers. Pray that every WELS member and congregation continues to be a light in this dark world, a light that the Spirit uses to bring more people to see Jesus as their Savior too.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Junier Ehlke.....7/9/1923...88 yrs. old
Carl Schramm...7/11/1922...89 yrs. old
Hilmer Groth...7/17/1929...82 yrs. old
Marcella Schultz...7/24/1928...83 yrs. old

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JULY 2011 GREETERS

July 2nd; 5:00 Mark & Laurie Bublitz
July 3rd; 7:45 John & Melanie Giddings
9:30 Paul & Beth Steinbrenner

July 9th; 5:00 Ray & Laurie Heckendorf
July 10th; 7:45 Dave & Dawn Doering
9:30 Jim & Jean Korthals

July 16th; 5:00 Joel & Deb Rupnow
July 17th; 7:45 Tony & Lynn Gromacki
17th; 9:30 Todd & Patty Backus

July 23rd; 5:00 Dennis & Kathy Guhl
July 24th; 7:45 Steve & Kathy Bintz
9:30 Mike & Rebecca Kempfert

July 30th; 5:00 Jan & Jim Buetow
July 31st; 7:45 Joel & Linda Pless
9:30 Not assigned.

The Truth About Money

Thanks to the wisdom revealed in God’s Word a Christian views money differently from the way the secular world views it. The secular world equates affluence with success and happiness. Therefore, society constantly struggles to acquire as much wealth as possible. The bible, however, exposes the worthlessness of such a struggle by revealing the truth about money. The Psalmist proclaims, **“But man, despite his riches, does not endure; he is like the beasts that perish”** (Psalm 49:12). No matter how much one struggles for wealth, death still awaits because money cannot add anything to one's life.

One could argue that, although money does not keep death away, it is still worth pursuing because it brings happiness and satisfaction in life. Solomon, a wise and rich man, argues, **“Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them? The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep”** (Ecclesiastes 5:10-12). By itself money is meaningless. It can never satisfy those who love it and, instead, offers frivolous goods and anxiety. The struggle for wealth brings with it dissatisfaction, not a better life.

Money is a tool to be used for our benefit and the benefit of others. During these summer months as we use a portion of our money for various types of relaxation, let’s not forget that the Lord also calls upon us to return a portion of what he has given us so that his work can continue. Our offerings make it possible for us to hear God’s Word preached and taught. Those same offerings make it possible to share the good news that we have with others who need the truth which we have. On each of our Sunday offering envelopes there is a single verse, **“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income”** (1 Corinthians 16:2). Pray that the Lord would help us put that encouragement into practice – no matter what time of the year it happens to be.

The Stewardship Committee

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 Meeting Minutes / Capsule
June 14, 2011

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, David Nunez, Kevin Behm, Jim Korthals, Tim Gustafson, Brian Lee, Randy Matter, David Zarling, Andy Loeffler, Rob Schneiker.

Absent: Pastor Loescher, Jeff Morgan, Dennis Bell.

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 May 10, 2011.

Committee Reports

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: Shelvik, Ryan
Transfer from Our Savior, Grafton, WI
Outgoing: Thiessen, Gary & Shelly; Alec, Austin,
 Madelyn
Transfer to Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI

Pastors' Report

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The SEW District Conference previewed some of the issues coming up at next month's synod convention. These issues included reports on synodical finances, a report on the 2011 edition of the NIV Bible, a presentation on current WELS world mission initiatives, and how the newly structured Congregation and Ministry Support Group (formerly "Parish Services") is functioning. The keynote address by Prof. Em. Daniel Deutschlander reminded us what we can and cannot know about God's specific plans for our lives and our eternity.

President's Report

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Technology Committee – Final details have been sent to Bertram Wireless late last week and now I am waiting for a response. Both David's Star and Bertram Wireless would like to get this completed within the next week so that a schedule can be implemented and we can get the project completed so that the Technology Committee can prepare things for the upcoming school year.

Shepherd's Staff update – This project has been unfortunately very slow, to say the least, in getting off the ground the way that I had intended for it to happen. Within the next month or so, Barry Washburn and I will be coming

up with an alternative plan on how we can get this moving again. There have been some other ideas on how to approach this project, so Barry and I will come up with a plan and have a report for the next council meeting.

Board for Buildings and Grounds
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Arbor Night went smoothly. Plants and bushes were planted in the center circle area. Some mulching and reseeding was done, as well. Some thing still need to be done in the church woods. A list is being prepared outlining things that need to be completed on campus before the new school year. Work on the parsonages continues. The gym floor has been resealed.

Board for Elementary Education
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Board of Elders
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Pastor Woldt reported that the board had seen a presentation on new chairs to be utilized in church. This will be covered under new business.

Evangelism Committee
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A summer postcard for David's Star was mailed out in May. We are publishing newspaper advertisements for two weeks for our Morning Bible Camp. The committee is looking to promote our childhood care program. 50 people will be attending our Brewers game fellowship outing next Monday.

There has been some discussion relative to moving our Living Nativity off campus to a different location – Enchantment in the Park at the Washington County Fairgrounds in December. We are looking at recruiting from the 26 are congregations to see if there is interest in supporting this project.

Stewardship Committee
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We recently adopted a new logo. With input from the Evangelism Chairman, Dave Zarling, I contacted our representative at American Church Inc., our offering envelope supplier. We suggested that in addition to the new logo, a new picture of the church should be used – one which illustrates the recent building program changes. Yesterday, I emailed four suggestions which American Church provided. I am looking for any comments and direction that council might have. Due to the printing schedules, these changes would not be in the hands of the membership until late fall.

Walking Together is an annual celebration of what we, by the grace of God, accomplish together as the WELS. In 2010, congregations were encouraged to hold a Walking Together worship service in September. In 2011, WELS suggests a November observance, but the Walking Together service can be held at any time. Materials will become available this summer.

“Christ’s Love, Our Calling” Stewardship Program – Year Two – *Different Gifts, Same Grace* – focuses on our stewardship of our talents with Romans 12:6-8 providing the framework of the emphasis. As was the case last year, we have our choice of one, three, four, or seven week observances. Each week of the program includes a worship service, sermon text, and Bible study on a particular gift from Romans 12:6-8. Last year we used the four week observance. Labor Day weekend is suggested as the starting point of the emphasis. The CLOC team viewed it as a natural opportunity to tie together God’s gifts of various talents with people’s vocations. However, we may observe the emphasis whenever it fits our schedule.

Spiritual Growth Committee
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Morning Bible Camp is scheduled to be held June 27 to July 1. The committee is looking at setting up some evening Bible studies for the whole family in June or July possibly on a Sunday evening.

Treasurer’s Report
Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585

The May 31, 2011 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 5/31/11 in the amount of (\$175,898). Operating fund receipts for the month were \$64,350, which is 92.8% 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” – This remains open pending a recommendation from the Board for Elementary Education.

KMLHS Resolution regarding Performing Arts Center – This is pending as we are awaiting feedback from the congregational mailing relative to their level of support for this project.

Internet Service to Campus – This was covered under the President’s Report.

New Business

Authorize purchase of chairs for church, subject to funding – There was discussion regarding the installation of chairs in the church. These chairs would replace a pew in church which is located just to the left as you enter the church from the main narthex entrance. 6 or 7 chairs would be placed in that row to allow flexibility for handicapped or wheelchair-bound individuals to be able to become a more integral part of the worship service, and allow them to be seated next to family members. The Board of Elders has already seen samples of some appropriate chairs which could be utilized for this purpose, and there are two donors looking to support this need. A motion was made and carried to allow the Elders to purchase these chairs, subject to funding.

New Business

None

Items for Voters (for the July 14th voters meeting)
KMLHS Resolution re Performing Arts Center

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 8:00 PM.**

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

Respectively submitted,

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PARISH NURSE NEWS

Summer's Heat & Humidity Can Be Hard On Your Heart!

Whatever brings you outside — a bike ride with friends, a jog in the park or just a stroll around the block — it's important to stay safe when the temperature rises.

Seniors may need to take special precautions in the heat. "If you're older than 50, you may not be aware that you're thirsty," Fletcher said. "If you're going to be outside, it's important to drink water even if you don't think you need it."

Tips for everyone

"Think you're ready to brave the heat? Watch the clock and buddy up", Gerald Fletcher, M.D. from the Mayo Clinic says. It's best to avoid the outdoors in the early afternoon (about noon to 3 p.m.) because the sun is usually at its strongest, putting you at higher risk for heat-related illnesses.

If you can, exercise with a friend, because it's safer — and more fun — to have someone at your side. Here are some other tips:

- **Dress for the heat.** Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing in breathable fabrics such as cotton, or a newer fabric that repels sweat. Add a hat and/or sunglasses.
- **Drink up.** Before you get started, apply a water-resistant sunscreen with at least SPF 15, and reapply it every two hours. Stay hydrated by drinking water before, during and after your exercise. Avoid caffeinated or alcoholic beverages.
- **Take regular breaks.** Find some shade or a cool place, stop for a few minutes, hydrate and start again. Whatever you do, don't throw in the towel, Fletcher said. "Don't NOT exercise — adapt!"

Symptoms of heat exhaustion?

- headaches
- heavy sweating
- cold, moist skin, chills
- dizziness or fainting (syncope)
- a weak and rapid pulse
- muscle cramps
- fast, shallow breathing
- nausea, vomiting or both

If you experience these symptoms, move to a cooler place, stop exercising, cool down and drink water! You may need to seek medical attention.

Symptoms of heat stroke?

- warm, dry skin with no sweating
- strong and rapid pulse
- confusion and/or unconsciousness
- high fever
- throbbing headaches
- nausea, vomiting or both

If you experience these symptoms, seek medical attention right away.

Source: American Heart Association – Learn & Live

My prayers for an active and also safe summer,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

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Groundbreaking Service at Morning Star

Morning Star congregation will hold a groundbreaking worship service at **10:00AM on Sunday, July 10**. We praise God for his grace and ask for his blessings on the building project scheduled to begin the week of July 18. The service will begin inside, and the last portion of the service (about 10 minutes) will take place outside on the front lawn for a special breaking-ground activity.

Worshippers young and old are invited to bring their own shovels and keep them in their cars. When we go outside, everyone can get their shovels from the cars and move to the front lawn which will be marked for the location of the new worship and gathering space. As a congregation, everyone will break ground with their shovels to celebrate this special occasion.

Light refreshments will be served outside following the service.

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.

What is a Gift Annuity?

A charitable gift annuity is a contract between you and WELS Foundation, in which you make a gift of cash or securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) in exchange for fixed payments for life. After the passing of the annuitant, the remainder of the gift will be used by your congregation, mission work of the church, schools, area Lutheran high schools, or other WELS affiliated ministries. Like the stones placed by the River Jordan, your gift is a means to share God's grace with others well after you enter the Promised Land of Heaven.

WHAT ARE THE FEATURES? Flexible: You can begin annuity payments right away or sometime in the future when you will need additional income. While there is a minimum gift size of \$10,000, there is no maximum limit. You can fund a gift annuity for yourself, a loved one, a friend, or even an employee. Secure: Your annuity payments are backed by the assets of WELS Foundation, Inc. Permanent: Your annuity payment is a fixed amount, dependable and unchangeable. Minimum ages: Immediate payment annuities are available to WELS members aged 60 and older; deferred payment annuities are available to members aged 45 and older. Irrevocable: Once established, a gift annuity cannot be changed or cancelled.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS? Joy: Arrange to benefit the area of the Lord's work that is closest to your heart. Fixed payments for life: Your gift comes with the assurance of steady, lifelong payments. Tax savings: You receive an immediate income tax charitable deduction, and in most instances a portion of your gift annuity payment will be a tax-free return of original principal. If you transfer appreciated assets for a gift annuity, you defer tax on a portion of the capital gain, with the balance of the gain spread over your expected lifetime. If you defer annuity payments until a future date, you also delay reporting of the capital gain. Lasting legacy: After the passing of the annuitant(s), the balance will be used to continue the Lord's work in your congregation, synod, or other WELS ministries.

Lighthouse Youth Center needs your help in an extreme makeover as they open their second location. Saturday, July 9th will start at 2475 W. Roosevelt Avenue (Milwaukee) at 9am with registration and breakfast. Pastor James Buske will conduct an outdoor worship service at 10am, after which volunteers will begin an EXTREME MAKEOVER of the old Garden Homes School. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help remove equipment and furniture as well as accomplish some simple demolition of temporary walls, etc. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to volunteer@lighthouseyouthcenter.com. For more information call Rich Mannisto at (414) 940-5002. Website www.lighthouseyouthcenter.com

THANK YOU

Thanks! We and the rest of our family wish to thank all who gave of their time, effort, and support on the 25th. The outpouring of Christian Love was unbelievable. There is no way to give a "Thank You" to go to all. The van will be a tremendous help to us at present and especially in the not too distant future. It will be put to good use! Once again, thanks! As Hebrews 3:15 says "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Barry and Eunice Washburn

MISSION FESTIVAL

On Sunday, August 21st we will be having our Joint Mission Festival with Morning Star. Our service will be in the church woods at 9:30 am. Our guest preacher will be Pastor Paul Prange, Administrator of Board for Ministerial Education. There will be a meal served after the service.

SUPPLY LISTS & SCHOOL CALENDAR

The calendar for the 2011 – 2012 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 be sent out the end of July. School Registration will be held in the gym on August 14th between services and August 15th from 6-7 pm. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Pine Ridge Campground

FREE Annual Family Campout



When: August 5-7, 2011

**Where: W5132 County Hwy N
Waldo, WI 53093-1401**

Reservations: (920) 528-8307

- **FREE camping weekend**
- Ice Cream Social, Friday evening
- Crafts & Games, Saturday morning
- Horseshoes, Disk Golf course, Hayrides, Bingo, Silent Auction
- Geocaching – Bring your own GPS
- Corn Roast & Potluck, Saturday supper
- Worship Service – Free Will Offering
- Bonfire, Saturday night
- Nature Walk, Canoeing, Swimming, Fishing “catch & release” only. License required to fish from the Onion River.
- All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast, Sunday morning

All WELS & ELS members are invited to our FREE Annual Family Campout. Bring a dish to pass for the Potluck (i.e. salads, casseroles, desserts)

If you don't have a camper, you may reserve a bunkhouse. First come first serve. Extra bunk beds are available on the upper level of the Chalet. Just come for the day if you can't stay the weekend.

Directions: From Milwaukee → Go north on I -43 towards Sheboygan. Merge on Hwy 57-North (Exit 97) towards Plymouth. Turn left on CR-N (less than a mile west). Driveway on right-hand side.

Lutheran Pioneer Camp Conference, Inc.

Visit: www.pineridgecamp.webs.com– download/print reservation form, send to our Caretakers, Eric & Cindy Vanselow at address above.



12th ANNUAL THUNDERBOLT OPEN

DATE: Saturday, September 10, 2011

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 LUTH. SCHOOL!

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

**COST: GOLF/CART/DINNER PACKAGE.....\$75.00
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
TERRY KOTH 677-4247
KURT LIESENER 677-4360
SHANNON LEITZKE 677-2944

RANDY ESENBERG 677-2713
TODD JAHNS 677-0366
KURT HENNING 677-2797

THUNDERBOLT OPEN REGISTRATION FORM

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.**

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