



Our Dual Citizenship

By Pastor Woldt

I still remember the joke from grade school. A classmate of mine asked if they had the 4th of July in Canada. While I was pondering the question, he quickly answered his own inquiry: "Yes! And they had July 5th, and July 6th, and July 7th too!"

The joke works because most residents of the United States think about the 4th of July as more than another date on the calendar. It is the birthday of our nation. As citizens of the United States, we pause to give thanks to our gracious God for allowing us to live in a land where we can live and worship in freedom. We dare never take that blessing for granted!

As we once again mark the signing of the Declaration of Independence, it would be good for us to remember that God himself has established all governments that exist ... not only ours in the United States of America, but all the governments throughout the world. Romans chapter 13 teaches this truth, and also tells us the purpose for which God established governments. "For he [government] is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer" (Romans 13:4).

In 1998, Northwestern Publishing House published a book called "Civil Government: God's Other Kingdom." Professor em. Daniel Deutschlander authored this volume, just over 200 pages. It's worth reading or rereading.

In his introductory comments, the author reminds us: "*We have, so to speak, a dual citizenship. We are citizens of the kingdom of God through faith in the gospel promise.*

We are also citizens of this other kingdom by virtue of our living in this world. In the one kingdom, God rules by his Word. In the other kingdom, God rules through governments. The first kingdom gives us our permanent home in heaven and focuses our attention on spiritual matters. The second kingdom deals with our temporary but still important home on earth.

Even though the first kingdom is by far the more important one, we cannot ignore the second kingdom. God himself stands behind government and has given it power over us. God's Word tells us about the blessings he wants to give us through government. It also tells us about our responsibilities toward government."

We don't preach politics in church. The mission of the church is spread the good news of Jesus for the salvation of souls. Yet, as believing children of God, we each have the best of reasons to be good citizens of our nation! The apostle Paul encouraged the people of his day: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

God bless your 4th of July (and your 5th, 6th and 7th too) as you continue to give thanks for the many blessings God has showered on us through our dual citizenship, in the United States of America, and in the kingdom of God!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Junier Ehlke...90 yrs. old... 7/9/1922
Carl Schramm...90 yrs. old... 7/11/1922
Hilmer Groth...83 yrs. old... 7/17/1929



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

UPDATE

JULY 2012 GREETERS

Sunday, July 1st; 7:45 Andy and Colleen Loeffler
Sunday, July 1; 9:30 Jeff/Bridgett Munn

Saturday, July 7th; 5:00 Betty Gumm
Sunday, July 8th; 7:45 Leonard and Dorothy Rusch
Sunday, July 8th; 9:30 Frank & Barb Dohrwardt

Saturday, July 14th; 5:00 Richard & Janice Kinzel
Sunday, July 15th; 7:45 Diane Hafemeister and
Susan Daley
Sunday, July 15th; 9:30 Mike & Rebecca Kempfert

Saturday, July 21st; 5:00 Steve & Heather Brandt
Sunday, July 22nd; 7:45 The Steve Bintz Family
Sunday, July 22nd; 9:30 Benjamin & Krista Traucht

Saturday, July 28th; 5:00 Todd & Susie Jahns
Sunday, July 29th; 7:45 Myron and Delores Philipps
Sunday, July 29th; 9:30 Tim & Rachel Gustafson

HOUSING NEEDED

Hye Bin, age 17 from South Korea, would like the opportunity to get to know your family, community, and church. She has been accepted at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High for the fall and is in need of housing. She comes on a F1 visa, has full insurance, monthly personal spending money, is fluent in the English language and describes herself as being a kind, bright person. She is excited to get to know your family. Please consider this opportunity. For more information on hosting or questions about Hye Bin contact Patti Wolf at 262-673-2775 or 262-707-2187 by early July. Thanks for your prayerful consideration.

Patricia Wolf
<http://wolfsrosebud.wordpress.com/>
Nacel Open DoorWisconsin Coordinator
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We've added additional days to schedule your photo appointment! Sign up today! We have partnered with LifeTouch to have a Pictorial Directory created for David's Star. In order to have an effective directory, we need your participation. You can sign-up to have your portrait taken online via DavidsStar.org. Simply visit the DavidsStar.org website and follow the link to schedule your appointment.

The additional dates and times when LifeTouch will be here are as follows:

Thursday, July 19: 2:30 - 8:00pm
Friday, July 20: 2:30 - 8:00pm

If you do not have internet access, you can contact ONE of the following individuals to get your appointment scheduled:

Robin Taylor | (262) 573-6615
David Zarling | (414) 839-0094
Doris Beine | (262) 677-0819
Sandy Gaeth | (262) 677-8621

When contacting one of the individuals listed above, please leave your name and phone number so they can call you back to schedule your appointment. Your phone call will be returned within 48 hours. **In addition, a representative will be available in the gathering space after each Sunday service that can assist those who do not have online access.**

HOT LUNCH DRIVERS NEEDED

We are looking for people to go to Jackson to pick up the hot lunch food at 10:00 and deliver it to school. The pay is \$11.00 per day. If you are interested in this position, please call Chris Feldschneider, 262-677-3416.

**David's Star Church Council Meeting Minutes /
Capsule**
June 12, 2012

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

Absent: Pastor Woldt, Mark Otte.

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 May 15, 2012.

Committee Reports

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: Brost, Mark & Jenny; Haley, Jordan
Profession of faith
Hillman, Erich & Barbara; Amanda,
Ryan
Profession of faith
Kruse, Jonathon & Maureen;
Eden, Grantley
Transfer from St. John, Libertyville, IL
Schaller, Nick & Sheila; Tori, Nevaeh
Adult confirmation
Nunez, Pam
Reinstatement
Lee, Michael & Elizabeth; Jack, Justin
Transfer from St. Paul, West Bend, WI

Outgoing: Czinner, Nathan
Released from membership
Otte, Mark & Jennifer; Faith, Olivia,
Samuel, Lily
Transfer to Bethel, York, NE
Porth, David
Transfer to Morning Star, Jackson, WI

Pastors' Report

Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919
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Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019
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Pastor Woldt is out of town tonight, delivering the keynote address for the WELS Nebraska District Convention in Waco, NE. The elders have approved a guest preacher for the second weekend in July. Pastor David Kehl will be preaching by the request of the David's Star confirmation class of 1967, gathering to celebrate the 45th anniversary of their confirmation. The SEW District Convention was held

last week at WLC. Leadership in Christ was the theme throughout. The Convention took a vote on which translation we ought to use for our publications. The votes from all the District Convention will be tabulated as a whole. On the ballot was the option to wait until the synod convention next summer. Pastor Jon Kolander of Bethlehem, Menomonee Falls was elected as a second vice president of the district. A stewardship EMV was presented and encouraged from the office of Christian Giving. Pastor Loescher is grateful for the outpouring of support in the planning of the 25th anniversary of his ministry. Both pastors are grateful for the strong support for the ministry at David's Star. Pastor Loescher also informed Council of some surgery he has planned for this summer.

President's Report

Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419
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Mark Otte and Family – I would like to say a word of thanks for all he and his family have done for David's Star. The void will not be easily filled. On behalf of the Council, thanks!
District Meeting – Dave Martin served as a faithful delegate. We will ask him to provide a brief report about his experience to the voters during the July meeting.
Tower Fence – I was notified last week by Bertram that David's Star failed to construct a fence around the tower in a timely fashion. Bertram understandably took it upon themselves to call a fencing company and had a fence installed. There will be a matter of paying for the fence that will have to be addressed. The cost of installation is not known at this time.
A committee is being formed to look at the constitution and bylaws of the congregation.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

Robert Schneiker, Telephone # 262.677.2584
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Rob provided an explanation regarding the fence around the tower. According to the Bertram contract, we had one month to put up a fence after the tower was up. At that time, it was too wet to get gravel into the area around the tower, as this was to be done before the fence was put up. The gravel was installed when conditions were appropriate, and we contracted with a fencing company at that time. The fencing company was about three weeks out in getting to the job site at the time of the contract signing. Meanwhile, Bertram noticed that it was not done, and they took it upon themselves to get it installed the same day. Rob has contacted the company that will be reroofing the steeple. They were on another job but should be available to work on our steeple soon.

We had a good turnout for Arbor Night, and a great deal of work was completed. Re-mulching was done, as well as taking down several pine trees.

We are looking for people to paint our hallways in school. Only one volunteer has stepped forward so far.

Board for Elementary Education
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Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 262.338.3992
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The Board is accepting applications at this time for a preschool assistant for the coming school year. Candidates will be interviewed over the next several weeks.

A survey to members who have children who will be at the early childhood age in the near future will be sent out to get an idea as far as their thoughts regarding the usage of our programs.

Tim and his staff are looking at gaining some administrative time for some teachers who serve in various other capacities such as worship coordinator or who work on our sports program. On change for the next school year is that the 7th and 8th grade English will be combined and taught by Mrs. Krause.

Board of Elders
Mark Otte, Telephone #262.305.3521
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No Report.

Evangelism Committee
David Zarling, Telephone # 414.839.0094
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Dave highlighted several items for Council:

New Pictorial Directory – David's Star has partnered with LifeTouch to put together a pictorial directory (aka fellowship album) for our church. It is anticipated that the design of the new directory will be completed by the end of July and it is our hope to have it available to members in October. Picture-taking began today.

New Member Intergration – This group, led by Troy Schmeling, continues to work with new members to obtain biographical information to share with our congregation. A New Member Welcome event will take place on Saturday June 23rd. Please take time to meet our new members.

Enchantment in the Park – Dave had been contacted by Enchantment in the Park regarding the possibility of whether we would do 22 nights of the Living Nativity this year. As this would be a major endeavor, this is being thought over at this time.

David Porth - We are thankful for the work of David Porth on our committee, and will be sad to see him go.

School mailing - Nelson created a new mailing that went out recently pertaining to our school

Evangelism booth – Our congregation will be helping with the Evangelism booth at the Washington County Fair in July. Please look for sign-up sheets to help with the Evangelism booth.

Stewardship Committee
Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143
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Jim distributed synod materials on the Every Member Visit Plan. We will be doing something for this program in the future, but the nature of what we will be doing has not been determined.

Spiritual Growth Committee
Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319
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50 children were registered for Morning Bible Camp, with 73 initial attendees.

Pastor Loescher brought up the fact that we will need a new coordinator of our Barnabas groups to replace Mark Otte, and that he would be willing to serve in this capacity at this time.

Treasurer's Report
Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585
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The May 31, 2012 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 5/31/12 in the amount of (\$164,145). Operating fund receipts for the month were \$74,343 which is 110.73% of budget.

YTD operating fund receipts were \$399,725 which is 105.98% of budget.

Randy also distributed a draft of a flyer summarizing Our Foundation debt retirement program. After some minor adjustments, it was decided to distribute this flyer to our congregation in the bulletin as soon as possible.

There was some additional discussion regarding flipping the placement of two funds as they appear in our envelope packet. Under the new packet, the Our Foundation debt retirement fund would appear each week in our packet as a column on the regular weekly envelope replacing the Building & Improvement Fund. The Building & Improvement Fund would, in turn, appear once a month as its own envelope replacing the current Our Foundation debt retirement fund monthly envelope. As Jeff Rehm and Pastor Woldt have been actively working on planning for our Our Foundation debt retirement program, Council wishes to obtain their advice regarding this. Therefore, there was a motion approved by Council to flip the weekly Building & Improvement fund envelope with the monthly Our Foundation debt retirement envelope beginning in September, pending approval from Jeff Rehm and Pastor Woldt.

Vice Presidents Report
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Dan informed Council of the fact that someone has expressed interest in doing some artistry work above the doorways inside the new narthex. They would do this work for the cost of the materials. Council recommended that

Dan obtain specific information regarding the type of artistry work that is being proposed by this volunteer.

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

None.

Items for Voters (for the July 12th Voters Meeting)

Election of new Board of Elders chairman

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, July 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
kevinbehm@att.net.

RENTAL HOUSE NEEDED

A family is moving from New London to the Jackson / West Bend area in the next several weeks. Dan Aswege accepted a Call to serve as principal and teacher at Trinity Lutheran, West Bend. They do not know the area well yet and are interested in renting a house.

The Aswege family has 6 children - but no pets. Kids' ages are from 14 to 1 year old. They are looking for a home to rent with at least 3 bedrooms that could accommodate the family for possibly a few months up to a year. This will give them time to learn the area and look for a home to buy. The closer they can be to Trinity would be great, of course, but the timing is important. They are willing to rent in town, out in the country, without being too picky.

Any help or info you can give them would be appreciated!
Thanks and God bless you!

Dan and Jess Aswege –
(920) 982-6434 - email: djaswege96@charter.net
Kyle Luebke (local Trinity member) –
(414) 243-8815 - email: kyleluebke@aol.com



Parish Nurse News

Just a quick update for you...A tissue match was found for Christina Johnson and so plans for her bone marrow transplant are underway! Thanks for your prayers!

It is mid June as I write this, and many families are making plans for a summer vacation. Some may choose to travel and some may stay closer to home. Either way, planning is important. Here are a few things to keep in mind!

1. Get ideas from the whole family! Including activities suggested by each member helps everyone to feel it is a special time to which they contributed.
2. Consider the weather! A slower pace may be indicated in hot/humid conditions. Stay hydrated and use your sunscreen!
3. Pack a copy of emergency information related to the health of all family members. This should include health insurance information, allergy information, names and dosages of routine and emergency medications, immunization records for the children and the phone number of a relative/friend to contact in case of an emergency.
4. Spend time at the end of each day discussing the events of the day. This gives parents an opportunity for a mid-vacation planning correction if it is needed.
5. Even though plans have been made, be open to spontaneous opportunities. Children, especially, may discover something new that they want to explore.
6. Set a budget and stick to it. Impulsive spending can be a problem for everyone when on vacation. Discuss the "spending rules" with children who are able to understand.
7. Plan time for God. Family devotions in the woods, on the beach, in the back yard or in the car give a fresh meaning to "taking God on vacation with us".

Together in Christ, who took time away for rest and prayer with his Father in heaven,

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Source : Idea for this month's article taken from "Vital Signs II" – A collection of newsletter articles written by Anita Diebenow, RN, MSN, Parish Nurse at Peace Lutheran in Hurst, Texas.

Women Nurturing Women is sponsoring a field trip on Thursday, July 12. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. We will leave David's Star at 8:00am to tour Salty Earth Pictures Studio in Fort Atkinson, stop for lunch and perhaps some shopping. From the studio's website "Salty Earth Pictures is a non-profit motion picture and multi-media organization. We are dedicated to using entertainment and the arts to share Christ, Jesus with the world." Salty Earth Pictures Studio is owned by Steve Zambo, a fellow WELS member. Mark your calendar now and watch for further details in a few weeks.

GREETERS PROGRAM

If you would be interested in greeting before our weekly services please contact

5:00 Saturday Services Laurie Bublitz 262.677.4716

7:45 Sunday Services Kathryn Smith 262.677.2173

9:30 or 10:15 Services Delores Philipps 262.377.2368

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

is looking for three (3) groups of four (4) adults to paint the hallways of school over summer vacation. If you would be interested please contact Building & Grounds Chairman, Rob Schneiker at 262.677.2584.

The Wonderful Cycle of God's Love

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. ¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:13-18)

"The grace that is reaching more and more people . . . causes thanksgiving to overflow" says our reading. All the gifts and blessings we have come only from God's grace. We deserve nothing but God's condemnation, so any blessing is a result of God's love for us and his unselfish giving. By using our gifts and blessings wisely, especially through the church to proclaim the message of Christ, more and more people are reached with the gospel. When people hear the liberating announcement that their sins are forgiven and that there is no restitution to be made, there is a sense of weight being lifted off the soul. The natural response is thanksgiving to God for his remarkable gift through Christ. Our thanksgiving takes the form of returning some of our private gifts to the church for public use. Then the cycle continues, and more and more people can hear about God's grace.

The Stewardship Committee