



TAKE CARE

By Pastor Loescher

“Take care.” “Yeah, you, too. Take good care.” This exchange can be just another way to say “good bye”. Or if we take it literally, it can be a good way to encourage happy, healthy living. Take care when you are behind the wheel of the car. Take care when working at your job—especially if you are working with dangerous machinery. Take care when slicing with a sharp knife. Certainly we need to be careful with those things that can cause physical harm. But how about taking care in how you act and what you say. Take care when you speak with your spouse or children. Take care in how you discipline your children. Take care in how you handle a disagreement with your spouse. Take care of your family's spiritual needs

The simple encouragement to take care can address some very serious troubles in the family. When a young couple gets married they dream of the joyful days ahead of wedded bliss and having children. Even though they are told and counseled regarding the coming struggles, they can't know fully what is ahead of them. Let's face it, the family is very troubled these days. The question of how to best raise our children in this current culture is not an easy one to answer, but a question that each family must come to grips with. Along with parenting quandaries we struggle with husband/wife relationships. Because of sin, the harmony of family life is constantly shaken and challenged. It truly does take great care to raise a family and cultivate a joyful marriage.

To take care in family life calls for faith. This faith, a gift of the Holy Spirit, includes such things as knowledge, wisdom, and love.

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Through his Holy Word and the encouragement of the Sacraments, He will strengthen you. He will increase your knowledge of his holy will. He will increase your wisdom in all things with your family. He will allow you wisdom to see yourself so that you know how you have failed and how you can fix. He will supply you with his love so that you can want to grow in his will and in understanding of yourself. He will give you the love that wants to reconcile in spite of deep hurt. You will see clearly and close up how much God has been hurt by us. You will know personally how greatly he has loved you in the giving of his own Son to death for your sins. The whole point of God's love is reconciling himself to the unworthy.

Unless we come near to God we cannot exercise this faith. We will not know him. His wisdom will not preside over our life's decisions. His love will not motivate us. We will continue to make decisions based on selfish motive. And, to Satan's glee, we will harm our families, perhaps even ship wreck them with no hope of rescue. Unless we come near to God, we cannot love our families the way they need us to. We cannot humbly acknowledge our failure, and we will not turn to Jesus to fix it.

Pray daily for your family. Join me in praying for the families of our congregation. The spiritual health of our families will reflect the spiritual health of our congregation, for we are made up of families. See the following page for a helpful tool for healthy family and marriage life. And...take care.

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Rules of Engagement

In battle soldiers have orders of what they can do and what they cannot do in the fight with the enemy. Your spouse (or any other Christian friend) is not your enemy. All the more reason to have rules of what you can do and what you can't do when you are in conflict with one another.

Pray for wisdom to understand the conflict and work for a resolution. This is a prayer the Lord will answer with a great big "yes".

Be a nice guy. Conflict can be dominated by hostility and anger, or it can be managed by kindness and respect. "Be kind and compassionate to one another" (Ephesians 4:32).

Use "I" statements. Talk about yourself rather than blaming the other person. "I don't understand how this is going to work." Rather than "You're stupid if you think this is going to work."

Don't bring up the past. Love keeps no record of wrongs. Deal with the present situation. Bringing up the past is usually intended to hurt and it does.

Do not keep score. You are trying to come to an agreement, not win an argument.

Do not evaluate feelings. Never say it is stupid to be upset. Acknowledge the hurt, disappointment, anguish, grief. One key to resolution is determining the cause for the feelings.

Spend as much time listening as making your point. Listen with your heart in order to understand.

Understand the difference between fact and opinion. Facts don't change. Opinions can.

Never use children as leverage! Enough said.

Understand that the only person you can change is yourself. It is difficult to stay angry at someone who is humble.

Pray together when the conflict is resolved or at least peace is restored. There is nothing like prayer to invoke the power and love of God on a situation. And there is nothing like joint prayer to remember that the Lord is the one we want to glorify in all we do.

Draw strength from God's love for you! Remember Jesus' love. Be assured of your own forgiveness. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Anita Eulert...8/9/1919...92 yrs. old
Vernon Schultz...8/14/1929...82 yrs. old
Lillian Hollmann 8/24/1931...80 yrs. old

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AUGUST 2011 GREETERS

August 6th; 5:00 Betty Gumm

August 7th 7:45 Mark & Teresa Ahrens
9:30

August 13th; 5:00 Mark & Ginger Oestreich

August 14th; 7:45 Dave & Von Martin
9:30

August 20th; 5:00 Mike & Regina Bublitz

August 21st; 9:30 (Mission Festival)

August 27th; 5:00 Emilie Steinbrenner & Marcus Smith

August 28th; 7:45 David & Nicole Miller
9:30

- 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@davidsstar.org

Thanks for your help!

David’s Star Church Council Meeting

July 12, 2011

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Pastor Loescher, David Nunez, Jeff Morgan, Dennis Bell, Kevin Behm, Jim Korthals, Brian Lee, Randy Matter, Andy Loeffler, Rob Schneider.

Absent: Tim Gustafson, David Zarling.

The meeting was called to order by David Nunez. The meeting was opened with a prayer. As minutes from the June Council meeting had not been distributed to Council members for their review, the approval of these minutes were tabled until the August meeting.

Committee Reports

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: None

Outgoing: None

Pastors’ Report

Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919

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Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019

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We heard a lot of positive feedback from people who attended the fundraiser for the Washburn family. It was surprising to hear how many local WELS people had never been to the woods of David’s Star. Because of the timing of the service, neither pastor attended the groundbreaking at Morning Star. The weather cooperated for the groundbreaking and they had a good attendance of their members at the service. The pastors’ vacation time will overlap for a few days in August. Numbers to call for pastoral assistance during that time will be published in the bulletin

President’s Report

David Nunez, Telephone # 262.677.2467

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Technology Committee – We have a final contract! Yes, it is true. We finally have an agreement that both parties are satisfied with. As of this report, Bertram is looking to secure the erecting company and set a date for construction. They are also verifying that all FAA requirements are satisfied and will be given the final “go-ahead” as well. This has been a long and trying process. But we finally have a solution, and hopefully by God’s will, the tower will be up and functional by the start of the school year.

Shepherd’s Staff update – This project will be going back to the Technology Committee to establish a recommendation for how we are going to move forward. Since our original plan did not work out, we will have to go back to the planning stages and work out a plan of how we can move this forward.

“Built-On-The-Rock” Committee – Over the past couple of months, I have been in touch with a number of men in our congregation to create the next committee for the last phase of our project. Currently I do have two invitations out that are being considered and I will communicate to the council once I have an answer. The plan is to get this committee in place and formulate the next stages of the debt retirement phase of the plan. Our current program will end at the end of 2011, so planning will need to start within the next 30-45 days.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

Robert Schneider, Telephone # 262.677.2584

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The well pump went out last Friday, and was replaced on Saturday. Rob will look into the cost to see if congregational approval will be necessary.

Board for Elementary Education

Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419

brian.lee@jci.com Principal Tim Gustafson

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Tim Gustafson is in Minnesota working on his master’s degree. The Board held a meeting last week to discuss the child care program. We will be canvassing preschool parents to determine if there is a need for the program on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If so, we will be looking to fulfill that need.

Bob Heider will be working with John Giddings on reviewing how time is being used by called workers, with a goal being to examine ways to free up Sheila Krause’s time for extended learning, and provide Tim with additional administrative time.

Board of Elders

Dennis Bell, Telephone # 262.677.2248

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The Board of Elders need to have an individual appointed to replace the open position caused by the untimely passing of Gene Hagenow.

The Called Worker Care Committee will be setting up interviews in the next couple of weeks. The same couples will be on the committee again this year.

We will be distributing approximately \$2400 in total available funds for KML tuition assistance this year.

Evangelism Committee
David Zarling, Telephone # 414.839.0094
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Pastor Loescher reported that 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
Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143
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A new offering envelope is being developed which incorporates an updated picture of our church and new narthex on it. Our fall stewardship program “Christ’s Love, Our Calling” will begin on September 11, and will be observed for four weeks.

Spiritual Growth Committee
Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319
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Vacation Bible School wrapped up at the end of June. 67 children were enrolled, including 21 nonmembers. Sunday evening Bible studies are being planned for July 24, August 14, and August 28.

Treasurer’s Report
Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585

The June 30, 2011 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 6/30/11 in the amount of (\$195,068). Operating fund receipts for the month were \$52,825, which is 93.95% of budget.

Vice President Report
Jeff Morgan, Telephone # 262.377.7532
jmorgan@heinntrendcorp.com

Plans for Mission Festival are being made.

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 – A report was distributed summarizing the results of a recent survey sent to our members regarding their level of support towards this project. There were 32 members who responded. Those surveyed who anticipate being able to increase their offerings in support of this project indicated that they would be providing an additional \$3912 per year. Council plans to develop a resolution pertaining to this project for our next council meeting, as well as our congregational meeting in October.

New Business

Request for Special Offering for Siloah, Milwaukee – Attendees at the SEW District convention were informed of serious damage that was done to this inner-city congregation facilities from floods that had occurred last year and their need for assistance. District officials authorized a district-wide outreach of support towards this effort. The Council decided to pursue creating an envelope for congregational members to use if they wish to support this effort. We will publicize this effort in the bulletin.

Items for Voters (for the July 14th voters meeting)

Well pump expenditure, if the cost is high enough to require congregational approval.

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, August 16, 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,

Kevin A. Behm, Recording Secretary
kevinbehm@att.net.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The service marking the beginning of the new 2011-2012 school year will be held on August 28 at 7:00 pm in the seminary chapel. Prof. Joel D. Otto will also be installed as professor of Church History and Christian Education. Pastor Daniel Schroeder of Chula Vista, CA will be the guest preacher.



PARISH NURSE NEWS

Wisconsin Child Passenger Safety Laws

Children must be properly restrained in a child safety seat until they reach age 4 (previous requirement), and in a booster seat until age 8 (new requirement). The law includes the following four-step progression for effective child safety protection in vehicles.

1. **Rear-facing child safety seat in the back* seat is required when the child:**
 - Is less than 1-year-old or
 - Weighs less than 20 pounds
2. **Forward-facing child safety seat in the back* seat is required when the child:**
 - Is at least 1-year-old but less than 4-years-old
 - Weighs at least 20 pounds but less than 40 pounds
3. **Booster seat is required when the child:**
 - Is at least 4-years-old but less than 8-years-old
 - Weighs at least 40 pounds but less than 80 pound
 - Is not 57-inches (4-feet, 9-inches) or taller
4. **Safety belt is required when the child:**
 - Is 8-years-old or older or
 - Weighs 80 or more pounds or
 - Is 57-inches or taller

*Child safety seat must be in the back seat if the vehicle is equipped with a back seat.

For Child Passenger Safety information or answers contact the Wisconsin Information Network for Safety at its toll-free number **1-800-511-9467** or Web site www.BoosterSeat.gov.

ANNOUNCING!

During the school year I will have regular office hours each Wednesday from 11am until 1pm. Feel free to call for an appointment or just stop by to ask any health related question or discuss an issue. It is a pleasure to serve God's people at David's Star!

Together in Christ,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

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MISSION FESTIVAL

On Sunday, August 21st we will be having our Joint Mission Festival service 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. This year we will collect non-perishable food items for the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Food Pantry. Seminary students will be returning to campus in August and we would like to help stock the shelves in the food pantry. There will be a meal served after the service.



As we begin a new school year at David's Star Lutheran School 2011-2012

Classrooms will be open Sunday, August 28 after church services. Drop off your school supplies ahead of time. Find your new desk, coat hook/locker.

School starts Monday, August 29, 2011 at 8:30 am. Opening Chapel Service is at 8:45 am. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

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.

COACHES NEEDED

David's Star's athletic teams are looking for your help. We really need a co-coach for cheerleading and a coach for soccer. Large numbers of students are interested in both teams. However, without more assistance, we may need to reduce the opportunities we offer our students. If you are an adult member of David's Star who is interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Mr. Giddings (jgiddings@davidstar.org or 262-338-3143). High school students may be able to serve as assistants and should also contact Mr. Giddings if interested.

Quarterly Voters Meeting
July 14, 2011
David's Star Ev. Lutheran Church,
Jackson, WI 8:00 pm

The meeting was opened with devotion by Pastor Woldt.
The meeting was called to order by acting congregational meeting chairman Joel Pless.

A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the April voter's meeting.

The agenda was adopted by the voter's
Membership Report (since April Meeting)

Incoming: Roessler, Kyle
 Adult confirmation
 Shelvik, Ryan
 Transfer from Our Savior, Grafton, WI

Outgoing: DeHusson, Luann
 Transfer to Shepherd of the Hills,
 West Bend, WI

Rusch, Joel
Transfer to Grace, Milwaukee, WI
Thiessen, Gary & Shelly; Alec,
 Austin, Madelyn
Transfer to Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI

Signing of Constitution by new voters

No new voters signed the constitution.

Pastors' report

**(Pastor Loescher, 677-0919, kloescher@davidstar.org
and Pastor Woldt, 377-1019, woldt@nconnect.net)**

We are getting ready for the WELS Convention to be held at the end of this month. One of the issues before our church body will be changes to the NIV Bible translation. A committee has been reviewing the translation, and will present their findings to the convention. In addition, it is expected that we will be receiving information relative to the synod's congregational support group which used to be part of WELS Parish Services. Attendees at the convention will also be adopting a budget, as well as receive information on our program for mission work.

Both pastors will be gone simultaneously at the beginning of August for several days. Pastor Raasch has agreed to cover emergency calls.

President's report

(David Nunez, 677-2467, David.Nunez@ipaper.com)

Dave reported that we have a final contract with Bertram, and they are looking to secure the erecting company and set a date for construction. The tower should be up and functional by the start of the school year.

The Shepherd's Staff project is going back to the Technology Committee to establish a recommendation for how we are going to move forward. Since our original plan did not work out, we will have to go back to the planning stages and work out a plan of how we can move this forward.

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committee for the last phase of our "Built-on-the-Rock" project. The plan is to get this committee in place and formulate the next stages of the debt retirement phase of our plan.

Treasurer's report

(Randy Matter, 376-1585, matters@nconnect.net)

Randy highlighted the June 30 financial report. There is an ending deficit balance in the operating fund of \$ 195,068. Operating fund receipts in the amount of \$398,291 for the YTD are 97.69% of budget. YTD restricted building fund receipts total \$77,128.

Board of Elders

(Dennis Bell, 677-2248, dandmbell@sbcglobal.net)

We will need to appoint a replacement for Gene Hagenow on our committee due to his untimely passing. Dave Nunez and I will be looking for a replacement.

The Washburn fundraiser turned out to be a great success. We want to thank all who participated and helped, especially Lynne Tews who did the coordinating and planning.

The Parish Nurses have been very busy over the past quarter with blood pressure screenings, visiting the shut-ins, as well as attending workshops. A computer has been installed in the health office and Sue is currently transferring files from her home computer in order to work at either location. She would like to set up certain hours that she would be available in the office in the fall.

The Called Worker Care Committee will be setting up the interviews shortly with all of our called workers.

We will be distributing approximately \$2400 in total available funds for KML tuition assistance this year.

The flexible seating is on order. This will allow us to make it easier for those who come to church in wheelchairs. The money to cover the purchase was donated by a couple of members.

The office staff is very happy with the new copier that replaced the rizo machine.

Board for Elementary Education

(Brian Lee, 377-9419, brian.lee@jci.com)

Mark Ahrens reported in Brian's absence.

The Board thanks everyone that made last school year a success.

23 eighth graders graduated this year.

The 2011-2012 projected enrollment will decline due to the fact that the size of the departing eighth grade class being much larger than the addition of 12 preschool students.

Registration will start on August 14.

Tuition increased \$50.00 per student for the 2011-2012 school year.

An additional \$150 per student will be going to the operating budget his year.

The additional \$100 per student is coming from cuts in other areas.

The Board is prepared to offer assistance when needed as the David's Star Tuition Assistance fund is available for this use. The gym floor has been refinished. This is the first year in three years where we have been able to start school with classes in the rooms where they were at the end of the last year. We continue to make good use of the blessing of the remodeled/new school.

Spiritual Growth Committee

(Andy Loeffler 677-2319, andy1@nconnect.net)

Vacation Bible School wrapped up at the end of June with 67 enrolled including 21 nonmembers. Watch the bulletin for Sunday evening Bible studies coming up at the end of July and in August.

Evangelism Committee

(David Zarling, 674-1094, david.zarling@gmail.com)

Pastor Loescher reported that our living nativity may be moving off campus this December as our committee is working on doing this activity at the Enchantment in the Park at the Washington County Fairgrounds. We are looking to work with other area WELS congregations to see if they will work with us on this event which could potentially be held each Friday and Saturday in December for a total of four weeks. The Fellowship Committee is still trying to get off the ground.

Stewardship Committee

(Jim Korthals, 242-8143, korthalsj@wls.wels.net)

"Christ's Love, Our Calling" describes the work we do as a congregation. Our purpose, our calling, is to proclaim Christ's love to the world. Christ showered His love on us by suffering, dying, and rising again. Once again "Christ's Love, Our Calling" will serve as our stewardship theme this fall. Beginning on September 11, we will examine a new aspect of that theme- **Different Gifts, Same Grace**. This four-week effort will focus on the use of our God-given abilities. Romans 12:6-8 will provide the framework for this emphasis in our worship services and in our Bible classes.

Each week we will concentrate on a different aspect of **Different Gifts, Same Grace**.

- 1) The gift of SERVING
- 2) The gift of ENCOURAGING
- 3) The gift of GENEROSITY (contributing to the needs of others)
- 4) The gift of LEADERSHIP

Join me in asking the Lord to bless this stewardship series.

As frequently happens, the summer months are once again proving to be lean as far as offerings are concerned. With vacations and out-of-town commitments during these months, we can find ourselves worshipping in other WELS congregations. No problem with worshipping elsewhere, but don't forget that our offerings are no the "price of admission"

here at David's Star. Our expenses continue even if we happen to be worshipping in another place. The Apostle Paul encourages "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). Giving which is regular and is proportional to the blessings we have received, will go a long ways towards removing our deficits.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

(Rob Schneiker, 677-2584, schneikerconcrete@gmail.com)

We just replaced the well pump which was covered under warranty, except for labor. This may have been the result of a lightning strike several weeks ago.

Thank you to all who came out for Arbor Day. It was a big success.

We are looking forward to moving forward with the tower project, and also finishing the roofing on the church steeple.

Cemetery Committee (Wally Miller)

No report by Wally. It was brought up that we are approaching the end of usable rows in the cemetery, and that we will need fill to prepare additional areas for usage.

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School (Joel Pless)

The next General Board meeting is August 22.

Our council is currently surveying members to see what level of support we might have pertaining to the Performing Arts Center addition being proposed at KML. The first day of school is August 25.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

Mission Festival Service August 21st, 9:30am in church woods

Next Voter's Meeting: July 13th, 2011 at 8PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Meeting closed with a closing prayer and benediction by Pastor Loescher.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin A. Behm, Recording Secretary (kevinbehm@att.net)

“Christ’s Love, Our Calling” Returns to David’s Star

Once again the WELS theme, “Christ’s Love, Our Calling,” is being used in congregations across our synod as part of a four-year stewardship emphasis. The second year’s focus is titled *Different Gifts, Same Grace*.

The word “stewardship” usually brings to mind encouragement to be more conscious with how we use our worldly wealth. However, there are other important aspects of stewardship as well. This year our primary focus will be on our God-given abilities. We all have been given different gifts, but we share in the same grace of Jesus Christ!

Consider the following:

- 1) If God’s people aren’t regularly using their talents at worship, should it really be called worship?
- 2) If we don’t invest our talents in raising our children and serving our neighbor, what will soon happen with our society?
- 3) If we aren’t interested in using our talents to promote the preaching and teaching of Christ in our midst—and around the world—what will soon happen to mission work?

The point? God has blessed each member of his body, the church, with certain talents. When each member uses those talents to serve God and each other, the body thrives. If members leave their talents untapped, the body suffers.

Different Gifts, Same Grace will use Romans 12:6-8 as the biblical framework for the series. Here at David’s Star we will dedicate four weeks this fall to the emphasis beginning on September 11. Members who regularly attend Bible study will be happy to know that a companion Bible study will be presented during these weeks as well.

We’ll see you in church on September 11. Until then, know for certain that the Lord of the church has richly blessed every member of our congregation with gifts and abilities to be used to God’s glory and our neighbor’s good: “We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully” (Romans 12:6-8).