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Life Changes

By Pastor Loescher

Sometimes when life changes, we do, too. Confirmations, high school, college, moving, marriage, children, moving again, raising a family, empty nesting, retirement (sometimes forced), health decline, nursing care, dementia, death. Any of these turning points in life may bring about change for the better as we learn and grow from our experience...or not. Changes of life can also be an opportunity for our sinful flesh to ignore any relationship with God. When changes jolt us from a secure position in Christ, it may be that our position wasn't all that secure in the first place.

When young and naive Sally leaves home for the big university, how can she not change? What will keep her young impressionable mind from swallowing the fine sounding, intelligent themes that build up humanity and denigrate God? What will keep dad from the pit of self-pity and bitterness when the company he gave his life to forces him out? When grandma has to leave her home and dementia sets in, there will be changes. How can we hold to our firm position? We cannot, but faith holds us fast. It is our anchor in Christ for all the changes of life, no matter how drastic the wind change. Even when dementia changes grandma, faith will not let her go. Because faith is the anchor that holds us, we must keep growing in the grace of God.

Prepare for changes before they happen. Strengthen faith at every opportunity. Weekly worship needs to be a priority and a joy, not an obligation that

we fulfill occasionally because of the expectations of others. Our children read our attitude toward worship and learn that attitude. Relationships need to be nurtured. Our relationship with Jesus is no different. Let him speak to you through his Word. The Holy Spirit will build up your faith. Speak with him. Ask him for faith for yourself and your family. Pray over your children that their faith may not fail. He will give you what you ask for in his name. And faith will hold you fast.

So faith has to be the most important element of the make-up of every Christian. It is what allowed Abraham to deal with impossible challenges in his life. It is what allowed him to believe God's promise of blessing for the whole world through his son even when this promise couldn't physically happen because he had no son and he was 100 years old. This marvelous gift from a loving God will make us sure in what we hope for and certain of what we cannot see.

We can't always emotionally or physically deal with our changes well, but by faith we can. Life will always bring changes, but our position in the Lord, our firm trust in his promise of eternal life through Jesus doesn't need to change. The anchor of faith in God's sure promises will hold us fast in any change life that blows in. "The righteous will live by his faith" (Habakkuk 2:4).

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Vincent Schneider...87 yrs. old...9/3/1923
Ursula Dorna...86 yrs. old...9/15/1924
Kamelia Bolha...87 yrs. old 9/27/1923
Celia Wendtland...90 yrs. old... 9/29/1920

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**SEPTEMBER 2010
GREETERS**

Sept. 4th; 5:00; Harry & Jan Ehlke
Sept. 5th; 7:45; Ray & Linda Liesener
9:30; Mike & Shelley Willis

Sept. 11th; 5:00
Sept. 12th; 7:45 Bob & Lisa Heider
10:30; Dan & Sue Bolha

Sept. 18th;
Sept. 19th; 7:45; Jim & Jean Korthals
10:15;

Sept. 25th; 5:00; Mark & Laurie Bublitz
Sept. 26th; 7:45; Noah & Rebecca Eernisse
10:15;

**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@davidstar.org
This information is kept confidential.

Parish Nurse News



“That’s Healthy Living!

Scripture tells us in Genesis 5:27 that Methuselah lived 969 years and then he died! Why the people in the early chapters of Genesis lived so very long, I don't know! As the genealogies were recorded for us it was frequently mentioned that the men had other sons and daughters. Perhaps this was how the Lord established a larger population quickly on this earth? Maybe the pastors can shed some light on this?

As of 2008 the average life expectancy is 78.4 years. On occasion people will live to 100 years or more! According to Thomas Perls, MD who authored “Living to 100” the majority of people who live to the age of 100 or greater share similar traits. They:

- Handle emotional stress well.
- Do not dwell on issues.
- Live for the day.
- Have a good sense of humor.
- Are adaptable, assertive, and independent.
- Have meaningful relationships with family and friends.
- Have a spiritual life.
- Stay mentally and physically active.

Do we know what God has in store for us as we age? No... But we do know that His plans for us are for our good! Am reminded of the passage in Psalm 46:10 that tells us, “Be still, and know that I am God.” It'll be better than “just OK”!

Together in Christ,

Sue Bolha

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David's Star Church Council Meeting Minutes / Capsule*August 10, 2010*

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

Absent: Joel Pless

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 July 13, 2010.

Committee Reports**Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)**

Incoming: Thoma, Dale & Diana; Angela, Garrett, Nicolas
Transfer from Morning Star, Jackson, WI

Outgoing: Deming, Ron & Cindy; Allie, Courtney, Jared
Transfer to Morning Star, Jackson, WI

Eller, Katie
Transfer to Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI

Schoening, Melissa
Transfer to Redeemer, Rice Lake, WI

Wenzel, Branden
Transfer to Gloria Dei, Memphis, TN

Pastors' report

(Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 677-0919

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Pastors are beginning to move into the new office space provided on campus. We enjoyed using the new multipurpose space for Bible study during Family Bible Week. Persistent love meetings are ongoing with follow-up meetings planned.

President's report

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

Shepherd's Staff Update – Barry will be talking with Jeff Munn who has expressed interest in being our trainer for Shepherd's Staff. We will be discussing the details over the next two weeks and get him set up for training as soon as he is available and comfortable with everything.

New Building Committee – The new parking lot recommendation was passed by the congregation at the last voter's meeting. The construction for the new area has started and will hopefully be completed by the time school starts.

Watch for special notes from the building committee for parking changes.

Technology Committee – This legal documentation has been forwarded on to the council and will be reviewed in New Business. This documentation will need to be completed

soon so that the construction of the tower can be completed as planned and in time for school to start.

Cemetery Rules & Regulations – This document which has not been updated for quite some time will be distributed this evening for us to review. This is part of the new recommendations that were passed at the voters' meeting. The changes that Pastor Woldt has inserted are the areas that are affected by the vote. Once this document has been approved, it will be distributed to the congregation. There will be more information coming within the next couple of months that will give a better explanation of the "Pre Need" offering of our church.

As the summer comes to a close, I have to sit back and just wonder at God's great glory and his wonderful works. A year ago, we had a big hole in the ground with a building coming together. The school was in shambles and we had numerous workers and volunteers coming together to get what we needed done for the upcoming school year. Today, we are in the final part of the first phase of our Building Program. The Lord has truly watched over us and has been there for us every step of the way!

Board for Buildings and Grounds

(Robert Schneiker, Telephone # 677-2584

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The air conditioning unit is out in the lower half of the church and it will be looked at. Power was out over the weekend. We might consider a backup generator for the church. Walls have been painted in school by Jeff Wenzel. Eugene Kannenberg and Oscar Rathke are making shelving units for the classrooms where heat registers were previously located.

Board for Elementary Education

Brian Lee, Telephone #377-9419 brian.lee@jci.com

Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 338-3992

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The second day of school registration was completed last night. Preliminary enrollment count is at 141 or 142. Thanks to Rob Schneiker, Eugene Kannenberg, Oscar Rathke, and Jeff Wenzel for their work in the school. Some office equipment for the church and school offices are being relocated upstairs in an old cloak room. Roger Tews is installing new shelves. Thanks to the teachers for orchestrating their classroom moves throughout the summer.

Board of Elders

Dennis Bell, Telephone # 677-2248

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The Board of Elders has approved the four requests for student aid to KML from three different families.

Our Care Committee for Called Workers has made the contacts for the upcoming interviews of the called workers and the schedules are being put together. There is a baby shower being planned for Mrs. Giddings, as well, through this committee.

The Christian Life Resources Baby Bottle collection had almost \$1,000 collected.

Evangelism Committee

(David Zarling, Telephone # 674-1094

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Fellowship events are being planned for this fall. There will be an art show in the woods in October. Some church mailings are being sent out in the next several months.

Stewardship Committee

(Jim Korthals, Telephone # 242-8143

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The committee is still working on the stewardship program for this fall. The committee received a listing of all offering envelopes included in our packets throughout the year, and Council discussed any changes to the packet for the new year.

The Stewardship Committee will give a brief presentation in September to discuss where we are at compared with our operating budget.

Spiritual Growth Committee

(Joel Pless, Telephone # 677-2109 joel_pless@wic.edu)

Clifford Koeller has graciously come forward to volunteer to fill one of the delegate positions at KML. The two other positions have also been filled. Paul Kuber sent me an e-mail and said he very much wanted to be a delegate. Paul also said that Josh Wolfgram has volunteered to be a delegate, although I have not had a chance to personally speak to him. If Josh is on board, then David's Star theoretically is at full strength again. The challenge is then to get everyone there, including our male teachers from David's Star. The general board for KML meets Monday night, August 30 at 7PM. I will be sending out e-mails to all of our delegates to remind everyone of the importance of attending the meeting.

The gathering of material for our time capsules has now come to an end. They are both completely filled. They will be filled with silicate gel and then the chemistry department at WLC is going to help seal them so they are airtight, so there will be minimal deterioration of the contents. They should be ready to be installed behind the cornerstone in about a week.

Treasurer's report

(Randy Matter, Telephone #376-1585

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The June 30, 2010 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 6/30/10 in the amount of (\$183,878.38).

Vice President Report

(Jeff Morgan, Telephone # 377-7532,

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Mission Festival is approaching. The meal has been planned out and is under control. We are, however, in need of volunteers.

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.

Designate an alternate lay delegate for the 2011 WELS convention.

New Business

Cemetery Rules and Regulations – An edited version of these rules and regulations were distributed and reviewed by Council. They were edited based on the voters meeting recommendations which were approved. These will be previewed again next month. In addition, a checklist that would need to be reviewed by potential lot-holders may be prepared by the Cemetery Committee, Dave Nunez, and the pastors.

Lease for Land – A lease for land document was distributed for Council to review pertaining to Bertram's usage of our land for their tower.

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

None

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, October 14, 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

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COMMUNION SET-UP VOLUNTEERS

We need additional communion altar set up volunteers for 2011 for only 2 or 3 services during the year. It's a minimal commitment of 30-60 minutes and training is provided. Please contact Rachel Kwiecinski at rkwiecinski@wi.rr.com or 262-675-0355

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

YOU ARE INVITED to be a part of **David's Star Young Adult Bible study**. It is a study comprised of people around 20-30 years old. We are currently going through the "Prepared to Answer" book written by one of our synod's college professors, Mark Paustian. We meet every 2nd Saturday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. We also have a Facebook page under the title David's Star young adult Barnabas group for more information.

ATTENTION SINGERS

Anyone who loves to sing praises to our God is encouraged to join the David's Star Mixed Choir as we begin our practices in September. Rehearsals will be held EVERY Tuesday from 7:45-8:45 p.m., beginning September 14. If you can't join for the whole year, consider coming for a shorter period of time. Any questions, please contact the director, Kris Eggers: 677-2174, keggers@davidstar.org.

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY is set for Sunday, September 12 at 3:00 pm. This year's service will be hosted by Good Shepherd, West Bend. We will also be using this service as an opportunity to praise and thank God for KML instructors Dan Sievert with 40 years of service in the public ministry and for 25 years of faithful service for Jerry Zeamer. Please join us for this special worship opportunity. Light refreshments will follow the service.

LITTLE ONES will be starting again on Sept 17th, Friday 9 - 10 am in the narthex. This is a "Mommy and Me" type class for children ages 0-3 and their parent/grandparent/care giver. We have a short Bible story and explore our large motor skills by singing and dancing. All are encouraged to participate and have fun. Questions contact: Jennifer Otte 262-306-3521 or simplyjeno@yahoo.com.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Come for one, come for them all -- each meeting will begin with a treat (involving chocolate). Bring your Bible and come ready to enhance your relational skills guided through what God shares with us. Sept 16th/Thurs at 7:00 pm we will kick it off and we then will meet on Oct 7, Oct 21, Nov 4th, and Nov 18th. Our study will be lead from a book called, "Simply Relevant Chocolate Boutique: Relational Bible Series for Women." Handouts for each meeting will be provided. Questions contact: Jennifer Otte 262-306-3521 or simplyjeno@yahoo.com.

DON'T FORGET TO SAY THANK YOU

In Luke 17:11-19 Jesus cleanses ten lepers. They had asked Jesus for mercy. With a few words, "Go and show yourselves to the priests," Jesus indeed cleansed them. It would be easy to look at this as just another miracle. Following the law of Jesus' day these lepers were separated from other people and had to show the priest to verify they were healed. Once unclean, they were clean and no longer separated.

But that is not the main part of what God's Word tells us. Yes, just like the lepers, we as sinners were separated from God. Only by the blood of Jesus were we made clean and with our cry for mercy we find salvation in Christ. What is the meat of this section of Scripture is that one of the ten did come back to say thank you. The other nine had what is often still our problem; a response of ingratitude for what God has done for us.

Daily God extends his mercy to the unworthy – including you and me. But thanks be to God that as we go on our way that we are made whole by Jesus. Give praise and thanks to Him who bore no grudge toward us but came to save us.

It seems human nature to forget to say thank you. How do we appreciate the Lord? Let us count the ways. One way to express our gratitude is by planning our estate now before it is too late. Feeling gratitude to God for all the gifts he gives us and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. We need to follow through and be givers, not just takers. May God provide us with a grateful heart that we may never fail to thank him for the many blessing we receive. Most of all may we be thankful for the great salvation with the gift of sins forgiven and eternal life through the sacrifice of God's Son Jesus.

If you need assistance with your estate plan, contact Bill Truebenbach, David's Star Planned Giving Chairman at 677.2066 or btruebenbach@tlha.org

WHAT IS BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP?

The bible has much to say about what we have. It reminds us that everything we have comes from God (James 1:17). This includes our time and our abilities. It also includes our financial resources. But biblical stewardship 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 Psalms proclaim, "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 a very 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). Money all by itself cannot guarantee happiness. It can never satisfy those who love it and, instead, it offers anxiety. Ultimately, the struggle for wealth brings with it dissatisfaction, not a better life.

Biblical stewardship does not require that a Christian despise money or discontinue earning it. Money is a necessity for basic living. The bible does warn, however, that the love of money creates evil (1 Timothy 6:10). It is important not to allow money to become the center of one's life. When money is not the object of one's love and devotion, one is free to focus on higher things.

Good stewardship encourages a Christian to find true value in life. If money does not offer much to life, what does? The bible states, "Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf" (Proverbs 11:28). The righteous, not the rich, thrive. But how do the righteous thrive without riches? They thrive because they understand and possess what has a higher value.

Believing in God offers the righteous a lifetime of wealth (Romans 11:33). Knowing God and understanding his love are the true eternal riches. The author of Hebrews writes, "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you'" (Hebrews 13:5). Money does not love and it does not last. It is God who stands by and blesses his children – this promise, not money, truly satisfies.

The Stewardship Committee