



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

“Christ’s Love, Our Calling,” is the recently adopted WELS theme. This theme is also being used in congregations across our synod as part of a four-year stewardship emphasis. Last year the focus of this program was God’s gift of time and how we manage it. We were reminded that “Love Takes Time. This second year’s focus is titled *Different Gifts, Same Grace*. Your pastors and church leaders believe that you will appreciate this series and be blessed by the time spent together in God’s Word.

The word “stewardship” usually brings to mind encouragement to be more intentional 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 talents. We all have different gifts, but 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.

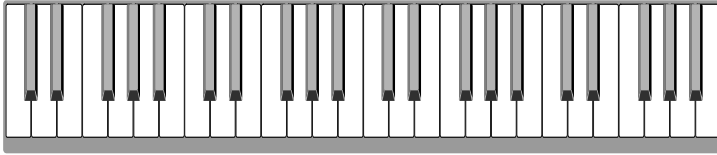
*Different Gifts, Same Grace* will use Romans 12:6-8 as the biblical framework for the series, which includes discussions about serving, encouraging, generosity and leadership. Here at David’s Star we will dedicate four weeks this fall to the emphasis beginning with the worship services on the weekend of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Each Sunday between the services, Professor Jim Korthals, the chairman of our stewardship committee, we present a Bible study which corresponds with the sermon and the general theme of the worship service.

We encourage all of our members to begin the fall Bible study season by attending these offerings. It’s a great time to begin or renew the habit of spending time with your fellow Christians in God’s Word. Bible Study for children will also begin on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We thank God for our members who have already committed to using their God-given gifts in service of the youth of our congregation. Please pray that God richly blesses their efforts..

We’ll see you in church for this special stewardship emphasis beginning on the weekend of September 11th. 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).

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***PRaise THE LORD, O MY SOUL!***  
*All my inmost being, praise his holy name!*

ALL 3 David's Star Church Adult Choirs invite new members for their 2011-2012 seasons. Come join us in singing and ringing praises to our Savior and Lord!

**Mixed Choir** — rehearses Tuesdays, 7:35-8:35 p.m., starting 9/13, sings for major festivals, other Sundays, and 2 Wednesday evenings

Contact: Kris Eggers, director 677-2174  
keggers@davidstar.org

**Male Choir** —rehearses on select Tuesdays from 7:00-7:30 p.m. in the preschool room starting 9/13.

For a schedule of rehearsal and singing dates,

Contact: Bill Truebenbach, Director; 677-2066  
[btruebenbach@tlha.org](mailto:btruebenbach@tlha.org)

**Bell Choir** — rehearses Tuesdays, 6:30-7:25 p.m., starting 9/13, plays about 5 times a year and usually the WELS Handbell Festival (4/21-22)

Contact—Kris Eggers, director 677-2174  
keggers@davidstar.org



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!**

Vincent Schneider...9/3/1923..88 yrs. old  
Ursula Dorna...9/15/1924...87 yrs. old  
Marcella Graff...9/20/1931...80 yrs. old  
Marie Janke...9/27/1931...80 yrs. old  
Kamelia Bolha...9/27/1923...88 yrs. old

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**SEPTEMBER 2011 GREETERS**

September 3; 5:00; Todd & Deb Weyker  
September 4, 7:45; Andy and Colleen Loeffler  
September 4; 9:30; Troy & Kristina Schmeling

September 10; 5:00; Dave & Pam Nunez  
September 11; 7:45; Diane Hafemeister and Susan Daley

September 11; 10:15; Michelle Brandt

September 17; 5:00; Dennis & Kathy Guhl  
September 18; 7:45; Ray and Linda Liesener  
September 18; 10:15; Ben & Krista Traucht

September 24, 5:00; Jim & Cathy Thompson  
September 25; 7:45; Rick and Nancy Ebeling  
September 25; 10:15; Tim & Rachel Gustafson

**CHRIST'S LOVE, OUR CALLING  
BIBLE STUDY**

Sunday, September 11th we begin a series of Bible studies related to the Christ's Love, Our Calling theme for this year. The general theme is "Different Gifts, Same Grace." The specific focus for this first Bible study is "The Gift of Serving." Professor Korthals will lead this Bible Study in the church between the Sunday services.

The schedule for the following Sundays is as follows:

September 18th - The Gift of Encouraging  
September 25th - The Gift of Generosity  
October 2 - The Gift of Leadership

**David's Star Church Council Meeting**  
August 16, 2011

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, David Nunez, Jeff Morgan, Kevin Behm, Brian Lee, Randy Matter, Rob Schneider, David Zarling, Tim Gustafson.

Absent: Pastor Loescher, Dennis Bell, Andy Loeffler, Jim Korthals.

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 12, 2011. In addition, a motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on June 14, 2011. The June meeting minutes had not been distributed in time for the July meeting, and approval was delayed until the August meeting.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)**

**Incoming:** None

**Outgoing:** Loescher, Jonathon  
*Transfer to St. Andrew, Sacramento, CA*

**Pastors' Report**

**Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919**

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**Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019**

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Pastor Loescher is in route back from California where he participated in his son's installation as pastor of St. Andrew, Sacramento, CA. Pastor Woldt and his family enjoyed a camping vacation in northern Minnesota. We look forward to the active fall schedule of confirmation classes and adult Bible classes. A summary of the WELS convention should be appearing as a segment of the WELS connection. The most often asked questions about the convention seem to revolve around whether WELS will use the 2011 Edition of the New International Version of the Bible in its official publications. Look for the pastors to address some of the changes in the new translation in the context of Bible classes.

**President's Report**

**David Nunez, Telephone # 262.677.2467**

**David.Nunez@ipaper.com**

the tower. They are meeting with another company on Thursday, and they are hopeful they will commit to them for the job. If all goes the way they think it will, the company could have it erected in three to four weeks.

A letter was distributed by Dave Nunez to Council from Bertram regarding damage to Bertram equipment which occurred on July 26 during a storm. Council discussed this letter, and instructed Dave Nunez to contact Bertram to indicate that we believe that the damaged equipment is the result of a lightning strike, and that we suggest that they turn this matter over to their insurance carrier.

**"Built-On-The-Rock" Committee** – I now do have one gentleman who has agreed to take the new project on. I have two more I will be talking with and once they have confirmed, we will meet with everyone to start the planning process. That will be taking place within the next two weeks. Once this is completed, I will report back to the council with a complete report for their approval.

**Board for Buildings and Grounds**

**Robert Schneider, Telephone # 262.677.2584**

**schneikerconcrete@gmail.com**

There was a lightning strike on our property during a storm on July 26. We experienced various types of damage due to the storm. The fire alarm company was needed to examine our fire alarms which were going off every day. In addition, a company was hired to reset our fire doors. The phone lines were repaired. In addition, our organ was repaired. Work on our AC units is in progress.

A check in the amount of \$1700 was received from the government disaster fund made payable to our school for relief in snowplowing efforts during our blizzard back in February. This check was offered to Liesener Soils who do all of our snowplowing on our campus. They wish to donate this check back to the church. Council decided to place this amount in our operating fund.

Dave Nunez reported that he had discussed with Wally Miller how the Cemetery Committee wished to utilize the existing cemetery fund balance of \$48,000 in the future. There are thoughts and ideas relative to using some funds to offset operating fund expenses for lawn cutting, as well as utilizing these funds for future lawn maintenance equipment purchases.

**Technology Committee** – I have been in contact with Bertram over the past couple of days trying to keep the lines of communication open with them. Based on the last email I received today, they are still trying to secure an erecting company for

**Board for Elementary Education**  
**Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419 [brian.lee@jci.com](mailto:brian.lee@jci.com)**  
**Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 338-3992**  
**[tgustafson@davidstar.org](mailto:tgustafson@davidstar.org)**

Brian reported that the AC should be functioning by Thursday or Friday of this week.

Registration finished up last night, and the turnout on both Sunday and Monday evening was good.

The Board is proceeding with plans to initiate Tuesday and Thursday morning child care with this school year.

School schedules have been rearranged to give Tim Gustafson more administrative time, and also provide Sheila Krause with more time for extended learning.

As there are combined art and keyboarding classes being scheduled for the school year, a larger space was needed. Therefore, the multipurpose room will be utilized during the afternoons after 1:30PM to accommodate this need.

The Board is planning on working with consultants Daryl Weber and Jim Sievert to analyze the potential for our child care program.

**Board of Elders**  
**Dennis Bell, Telephone # 262.677.2248**  
**[dandmbell@yahoo.com](mailto:dandmbell@yahoo.com)**

No report.

**Evangelism Committee**  
**David Zarling, Telephone # 414.839.0094**  
**[david.zarling@gmail.com](mailto:david.zarling@gmail.com)**

The art in the woods event will be moved for fall to springtime. On Sunday August 28, the committee will be hosting a new member welcome between services. Dave Zarling and Dennis Sprenger will be taking a look at various signage promoting David's Star in the area, and analyzing the wear and tear of these signs. Plans for the Living Nativity at Washington County Fair Park are proceeding with possibly four area congregations being involved in this event.

**Stewardship Committee**  
**Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143**  
**[korthalj@wls.wels.net](mailto:korthalj@wls.wels.net)**

Jim sent a reminder to Council regarding Stewardship Bible classes and sermon series beginning on the Sunday after Labor Day, and running for four weeks.

**Spiritual Growth Committee**  
**Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319**  
**[andy@nconnect.net](mailto:andy@nconnect.net)**

Andy's report indicated that the cradle roll continues to go well with currently about 50 children on the roll.

Numerous book donations have been received by our church library, and a list of books will be forwarded to the pastors for their review.

Four of our five Barnabas groups are actively meeting, with a fifth group presently organizing for their first meeting.

Children's Bible Study is being targeted for next summer June 18-22 in order to minimize overlaps with KML summer camps.

Mark Otte is soliciting Bible Study presenters from the KML faculty.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

**Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585**

The July 31, 2011 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 7/31/11 in the amount of (\$221,012). Operating fund receipts for the month were \$62,938, which is 118.93% of budget.

#### **Vice President Report**

**Jeff Morgan, Telephone # 262.377.7532**

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Plans for Mission Festival are being made. See new business.

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.

#### **New Business**

Mission Festival – Jeff Morgan reported that they are planning on food the same as last year, including David's Star potato salad. KML students will be helping with trays, coffee, and cleanup. Additional help is still needed for Saturday morning setup.

Discussion re: David's Star Resolution re KMLHS Performing Arts Center – Professor Joel Pless, our head KML delegate, was present. A copy of the proposed resolution from the church leadership of David's Star to the Board of Directors of KMLHS was reviewed by the Council. It stated:

"Whereas: The Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Federation is comprised of twenty-eight churches that join together to provide distinctively Lutheran education at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, and

Whereas: David's Star Lutheran Church joins with our Christian brothers and sisters of the KML federation to pray for and operate our high school with our time, talents, and treasure, and

Whereas: The Walking the Path Together campaign has been active and blessed by \$2.2 million in actual gifts and pledges since 1-1-06 and has effectively reduced KML's debt by \$3.9 million from the Time to Grow campaign as of 12-31-10, and

Whereas: The General Board resolution Walking the Path Together Phase II was passed by the KML delegates on 5-21-07, and

Whereas: The General Board resolution Walking the Path Together Phase II provided the framework for the groundbreaking of the next expansion project as the Performing Arts Center (PAC), and

Whereas: As a member of the KML Federation, David's Star understands that the federation debt support is unique from our financial responsibility to operate our high school ministry with the other churches of the federation, and

Whereas: David's Star has evaluated its participation in the Walking the Path Together capital campaign and according to the administration contributed \$8,071.04 during 2009-2010, and

Whereas: David's Star requested in July 2011 from its members an indication of their financial support for the PAC which survey indicated that 11 member families would consider increasing their support of the project by about \$3,900 per year, 19 would maintain their current level of support, and 2 will reduce their support, and

Whereas: The financial report given at the April 18, 2011 KML General Board meeting shows \$2,224,561 in actual contributions toward the Walking the Path Together campaign over 63 months from 1/1/06-3/31/11 which is an average of \$424,000 in contributions per year, and

Whereas: The expected debt service including the increased debt from the PAC is expected to be \$513,500 per year, or \$89,500 more than the average \$424,000 currently being received, requiring more than a 21% increase in actual contributions to support the debt service, and

Whereas: The David's Star leadership is concerned about the increase needed in actual contributions required to fund the increased debt and the potential impact any shortfall might have on tuition levels at KML,

Therefore, be it resolved that

1. The David's Star Lutheran Church leadership instructs our KML delegates to faithfully examine the Walking the Path Together campaign gifts and pledges, the long term debt service plan and the final construction plans, and further
2. The David's Star leadership instructs our KML delegates to vote not to authorize the financing of the new PAC construction at this time due to concerns about the size of the overall debt load after such construction and our concerns about the ability of the KML Federation congregations to support this level of debt at this time in our economic history without having a significantly negative impact on tuition, and further
3. The David's Star leadership appreciates the need for expanded music and performing arts facilities at KML and encourages the KML board to continue planning to meet this need, and further
4. The David's Star leadership encourages the KML Board of Directors to consider a lesser level of construction in the near future to meet the most urgent needs of the music program with a further reevaluation of

constructing the PAC when improved economic conditions warrant it.

A motion was made and carried to accept this resolution by the David's Star Church Council

**Items for Voters (for the October 13<sup>th</sup> voters meeting)**

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, October 13, 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](mailto:kevinbehm@att.net).

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**LITTLE ONES** will begin again for the Fall on **Sept 9th/Fri.** We meet from 9 - 10 am in the narthex. This is a "Mommy and Me" type class filled with a bible story, songs, dancing and exploring large motor skills for ages 0 - 3 yrs old. Mothers, fathers, grandparents or care givers are encourage to participate with their little ones in this fun filled hour. It is a nice way to meet others with the same age children. Fall session dates: Sept. 9 & 23, Oct. 7 & 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 2 & 16. This is a free class and anyone can join us, so invite your friends and neighbors! Contact Jennifer Otte at 262-306-3521 or [simplyjeno@yahoo.com](mailto:simplyjeno@yahoo.com) for more information.

**WOMEN IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY** begins Thursday, September 1st at 7 pm in the multi-purpose room in school. We will be meeting on Thursdays each week at 7pm through Oct 20th. The study that has been chosen is called "Divine Design: 40 days of Spiritual Makeover" by Sharla Fritz. You will want to get your own copy of the book (approximately \$13) since it is a daily Bible study. There will be a copy for you to look at in the church narthex with a sign up sheet if you are interested in having a book ordered for you. Please sign up by Sunday, August 28th. Contact Jennifer Otte at 262-306-3521 or [simplyjeno@yahoo.com](mailto:simplyjeno@yahoo.com).



## PARISH NURSE NEWS

### Understanding Alcoholism and Other Addictions

#### A One Day Education and Training Seminar

If there are addicts in your family, your congregation or your community, and you would like to understand them better and be better able to minister to them, plan on attending this event. sponsored by the **Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries**, Pastor Phil Merten and his wife, certified addiction counselor Pam Merten, will present information and lead discussions on issues like the physical and spiritual aspect of addiction, the disease vs. sin question, the impact on families, and how recovery can and does happen.

**Date:** Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Time:** 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Location:** Retzer Nature Center  
S14 W28167 Madison Street  
Waukesha, WI

**Cost:** \$15; lunch is included

**Register:** Call WLIM @414-259-8122

**Carpool:** Call Sue Bolha @ 677-3485

### 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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## Caregivers Corner

A family caregiver is one who cares for family members or friends who cannot care for themselves and is unpaid. The demands of being available 24/7 can leave them exhausted, over whelmed, stressed out and lonely with very little time for themselves. Although these silent heroes perform vital tasks with little recognition, they confirm that it is a God-given privilege to be able to do this for their loved ones.

Be an encouragement to a caregiver! Want a few ideas to show you care?

- Listen. Then listen and listen some more.
- Pray for them.
- Telephone regularly. Keep a positive attitude.
- Remind them that perfection is for heaven; affirm that they are doing a good job!
- Go for a walk together and count your blessings aloud.

## More to come next month!

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## DON'T HIDE IT

Our recent church lectionary readings, the appointed readings for our services, have taken us in the book of Matthew and the various parables of Jesus. Each parable is designed to illustrate and teach us something.

In Matthew 13:44 Jesus talks about treasure hidden in the field. Jesus is reinforcing the truth that earthly possessions cannot compare with the value and cost of God's kingdom. The inheritance of entering God's kingdom comes only by God's grace and through our faith in Christ who purchased us and redeemed us with His blood.

Go back to that treasure hidden in the field. In Jesus' day there were no banks, no 401K, no retirement plans, no insurance policies, no ways of saving and increasing the earthly possessions such as we have today. They buried their treasures in the ground somewhere, hoping to dig it up and reclaim it when they were able to come home for it. Of course, such a person did not always come home, and their buried treasure's location might not be known to anyone else.

You and I have the ability to make sure that our loved ones know where our earthly treasure is. It is called a will. By having a will in place when the day comes that we don't come home our earthly treasure will be known to those we love. If our will also includes a statement of our faith in Christ Jesus, our greatest treasure, it tells others that the kingdom of heaven is worth more than any other treasure. Don't hide either.

If you need help with your estate planning, contact Bill Truebenbach, David's Star Planned Giving Chairman at 677-2066 or Rev. Dennis Kleist, Christian Giving Counselor at [dennis.kleist@wels.net](mailto:dennis.kleist@wels.net) or (920) 740-5899.

## Come Bowl with Us!

The Twin Stars Bowling league, sponsored by Morning Star and David's Star, kicks off its 2011-2012 season on September 17! It is a great chance to get out, have some fun, and get to know members from our and other WELS congregations!

We bowl at Circle B in Cedarburg the first and third Saturdays of each month from September through April. The cost is \$9.00/person per night. Each team of four bowls three games starting at 7:00 PM and is usually done around 9:30.

The league is limited to 24 teams, and we'd love to fill the lanes. First come first served, so sign up soon! Teams must be registered with us by August 31.

To sign up or for more information, please contact Corey Doehrmann 262-305-0305 or [crwolves89@gmail.com](mailto:crwolves89@gmail.com).



## Celebration of Ministry

KML's annual **Celebration of Ministry** service is set for Sunday, September 11, at 3:00 PM. This year's service will be hosted by Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church (247 S. Main Street, Thiensville). Mr. Nathan Amundson will be installed as Director of KML Grade School Bands, and Mrs. Ellen Raasch will be installed as a part-time Spanish instructor.

The highlight of the service will be praising God for the years of ministry service he has granted to three KML instructors – Mr. Thomas Mellon (40 years with 19 at KML), Mr. Paul Wendland (40 years with 3 at KML), and Mr. Steve Granberg (25 years with 7 at KML). We invite you to join us in giving thanks to the Lord for the God-given gifts these men have shared with colleagues and students during their years of ministry.

Please join us for this special worship opportunity. Light refreshments will follow the service.

## **Siloah Flood Relief**

*As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. ~ Galatians 6: 10*

Our brothers and sisters at Siloah Lutheran Church and School in Milwaukee have had to deal with extensive damage to their facilities due to severe flooding last summer. The lower level of their building was flooded and the sewer backed up. With no power for 10 days, there was no way to remove the water. Seven classrooms, their boilers, their electrical panel and their kitchen were under water, in some places up to eight feet. Flooring, walls, cabinets and other equipment and materials were ruined by the standing water.

The members of Siloah have been working hard to clear out and renovate the damaged areas. They were able to open their school on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Not only have they replaced what was lost, but they have taken steps to prevent flooding from doing this kind of damage in the future. For example, an extra sump pump was installed in the boiler room, and air conditioners were placed at a higher level.

Members have responded with their talents and offerings to repair the facilities and meet the financial needs. They received \$254,000 from Church Mutual Insurance, \$100,000 from FEMA, and \$60,000 from Christian Aid and Relief, along with other special gifts designated toward flood relief. Total received is \$418,000.

They have already paid out expenses of \$491,000 with \$55,000 in bills still pending, for total expenses of \$546,000. That means our brothers and sisters at Siloah still need another \$127,000 to pay current repair bills. This does not include an estimate of an additional \$100,000 to repair and refurnish the kitchen, which at this point is gutted and only available for limited use.

Any David's Star member wishing to help Siloah should make their checks payable to David's Star Lutheran Church and place them in the offering basket marked for Siloah Flood Relief. We will continue to collect these offerings until October 9<sup>th</sup> (Harvest Home weekend).