



By Pastor Loescher

The theme for our elementary school this year is "Faith Alive". It focuses on people of God in the Bible who demonstrated living faith. So what does living faith look like? It is the God-given ability to believe promises and related truths of God even if they can't be proven by sight or physical experience. The living part of living faith comes into play when the promises we believe actually shape and dictate our lives and decisions. Living faith can be seen in us when we live faith. Here are just a few ways living faith comes to the surface.

Living faith believes that God created the heavens and the earth. It cannot and will not accept that anything we have or see could have come about in any other way than by the hand of God. Living faith resists all temptations to elevate humanity to a level that would even approach the power and majesty of God. Living faith comes to the surface when we openly give God the credit for all that we have and all that is.

Living faith willingly, without a hint of reluctance, gives to God. It believes and accepts that all things belong to God and that God has made us to love and serve him. It knows beyond doubt that God not only made us, but that he also saved us from our sins. It rejoices in the opportunities to express its trust in God's giving and forgiving hand. Living faith comes to the surface in thankful, carefree giving.

Living faith condemns the sinful behavior and attitudes of the world. It does not fear and recoil when people of the world criticize and demean us for believing what has not yet happened or cannot be seen. It confidently and courageously warns of the coming wrath of God against those who do not trust in his

saving grace in Jesus Christ. Living faith comes to the surface in courageous witness to God's truth that warns of sin and the coming judgment.

Living faith looks past the here and now into eternity. When circumstances in life are much less than desirable, faith remembers the promises that reach well beyond this temporary life. Faith can handle the most difficult of earthly catastrophes because it trusts in the promises of God for an eternal home. Faith that is alive would never exchange a fellowship with God through Jesus Christ for a lifetime of happiness on earth. Living faith comes to the surface when we need it most: weathering the storms of life trusting in God's gracious promises of eternal joy in his presence.

Living faith when tested willingly suffers. It does not complain or mutter about God's unfairness. It will trust as a child dies, or a spouse fails, or livelihood is threatened. Living faith will lean on God for strength, comfort, and wisdom rather than assume that there is any evil in God. Living faith comes to the surface in times of bitterness in the form of calm trust.

Who is equal to this living faith? Who can demonstrate such trust? None of us can. Neither could any of the people the Lord showed us in the Holy Scripture. But God the Holy Spirit can and does regularly and equally distribute this living faith. Through the Word and sacraments the Holy Spirit creates and sustains this faith in all of us. Pray for it and receive it gratefully and regularly from our gracious God when we gather together for worship.

Lord give us such a faith as this, And then, what'er may come, We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home (CW 405:6).

(For a full and fulfilling reading of saints who demonstrated God's gift of living faith, read Hebrews chapter 11.)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Vincent Schneider...9/3/1923...89 yrs. old
 Ursula Dorna...9/15/1924...88 yrs. old
 Marcella Graff...9/20/1931...81 yrs. old
 Marie Janke...9/24/1931...81 yrs. old
 Kamelia Bolha...9/27/1923...89 yrs. old



MISSION FESTIVAL THANK YOU

SEPTEMBER 2012 GREETERS

September 1; 5:00
 September 2; 7:45 Bill, Cody, & Anna Bublitz
 9:30 Clif & Doris Koeller

 September 8; 5:00 Jeff Munn family
 September 9; 7:45 Cory & Jessica Schumacher
 10:15 Andrew & Amy Loescher

 September 15; 5:00 Mark & Laurie Bublitz
 September 16; 7:45 LaVerne Groth
 10:15 Tom & Jane Neuman

 September 22; 5:00 David & Nicole Miller
 September 23; 7:45 Alex & Sandy Gaeth
 10:15 Carl & Hertha Schramm

 September 29; 5:00 Dennis & Kathy Guhl
 September 30; 7:45 Ray & Linda Liesener
 10:15 Cory & Jessica Schumacher

ALL WOMEN at David's Star are invited to the first **Ladies' Aid meeting** of the year on **Thursday, September 20 at 7pm** in the multi-purpose room. Ladies Aid' provides many services to our congregation, including but not limited to: funeral meals, funding special projects, Guest Night, etc. Ladies' Aid allows you an opportunity to serve with as little or as much time as you have available. Please join us at our first meeting and find out what Ladies Aid is all about. Contact Colleen Loeffler, 262.677.2319, for more information.

ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY AT DAVID'S STAR
 Members and friends of David's Star are invited to participate in an on-line bible study on the book of Romans. The study will be projected with the equipment at David's Star.
 Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 12th at 6:30 pm. We will meet in the multi-purpose room. Please join us for this presentation by President Paul Wendland of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

It is with great appreciation that I write this; saying thank you for all those who participated in making our rain day Mission Festival a success. With all the help, we were able to bring the sunshine, lovely music, great message, meal and wonderful fellowship inside. A special thanks to all (too many to list in a small paragraph without leaving someone out) who helped set up and clean on Saturday morning and afternoon, the many helping hands prepping the food on Sunday morning, those who put together the delicious german potato salad, all that pitched in to set up tables and chairs after the service, the providers of the beautiful fresh flowers for our tables, our servers of the meal, those that brought in the wonderful deserts and the volunteers that stayed to put the gym back in order, wash, dry and put away the many dishes and cleaned up afterward. Thank you so much and God Bless.

In His Service, Dan Bolha

NEXT WEEK, DAVID'S STAR will begin our fall stewardship series titled **True Riches**. This year we will focus on our finances (treasure) on the basis of Luke 16:11, "So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" Under God's guidance we want to learn how we are to use our earthly gifts for heavenly gain. Professor Korthals will lead us each week for the Bible Study in the church between the Sunday services.

TRUE RICHES

- Sept 9 Called to be Free
- Sept 16 Called to Give God our Best
- Sept 23 Called to Give to the Body of Christ
- Sept 30 Called to be Content

TRUE RICHES

- God's grace leads us to give of our earthly possessions to:
- God
 - Family
 - Neighbors
 - the Body of Christ

**David's Star Church Council Meeting Minutes /
Capsule**
August 14, 2012

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

Absent: Pastor Woldt, Brian Heckendorf

The meeting was called to order by Brian Lee. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Loescher. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on July 12, 2012.

Committee Reports

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: Nunez, David
Reinstatement
Geldon, John & Ruthann; Rehonna
Transfer from St. John's, Milwaukee, WI

Outgoing: Feurig, Jack
Released from membership
Feurig, Heidi
Transfer to Morning Star, Jackson, WI
Lock, Mary
Released from membership
Seider, Andrea
Released from membership
Seider, Steven
Released from membership
Murphy, Mark & Jodi; Josh
Transfer to Pilgrim, Menomonee Falls, WI

Pastors' Report

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Pastor Woldt is vacationing in Utah and will return this weekend. Pastor Loescher just came off a vacation to California. Both are grateful for leadership that encourages refreshing their workers. We are looking forward to Mission Festival at the end of the month, and in early September – Pastor Day at KML and a Symposium at the Seminary on brotherly encouragement. Both pastors are looking at adding Bible study opportunities during the week including a refresher course on basic Bible teachings.

President's Report
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Robert Schneiker's Replacement – Brian Heckendorf accepted the appointment to Chairman of Buildings and Grounds.

WELS Convention Delegate for 2013- Pastor Woldt has identified a person interested in being David's Star delegate. This needs to be confirmed, and we will need an alternate, as well.

Tower Fence and Bertram Equipment on the Steeple – David's Star has not yet received an invoice for the fence. I followed up on August 7th. I will be following up again later this month. Bertram's equipment has been removed from the steeple.

Constitution and Bylaws – Rod Kison and Patrick Steele have both agreed to head an effort to propose updates and refinements to the Constitution and Bylaws. A meeting will be set up with them, pastors, Dan Bolha, and myself in the near future to kick off this effort.

Elevator – There were issues with the elevator on July 22nd that resulted in replacing a \$2,200.00 soft start with an additional labor charge of \$750.00. This was not covered under any warranty.

Steeple – The steeple roof has been completed and the antenna equipment removed.

Lower Narthex Roof – The lower narthex roof has been replaced. Work was completed during the week of July 30th.

Pastor Woldt's Parsonage Roof – Contracts were signed to replace Pastor Woldt's parsonage and garage roofs and gutters. Thanks to Kurt Henning for assisting in reviewing the bid. His expertise and time was appreciated.

Well Testing- Due to the recent gasoline pipeline break in Jackson, everyone wanted to ensure that the water was safe for consumption before the start of school. Brian Heckendorf was in contact with the DNR, and they assured us that we should not have an issue. However, it was decided to be proactive and sample the David's Star well. Thanks again to Bill Bublitz for his efforts in obtaining samples and working with the test lab.

The Buildings and Grounds committee met on August 7th. It was decided that someone from Buildings and Grounds committee will be meeting with various members of the staff to assemble a list of outstanding issues. This should occur over the next month. Once the list is compiled, priorities will be established and work will begin. We will not wait to do the removal of stumps and branches from the grounds, as efforts to get this done have begun.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

(Brian Heckendorf, brian.heckendorf@gmail.com)

Brian Lee reported committee items under the president's report.

Board for Elementary Education

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Registration for the new school year was held last weekend and yesterday. The numbers are not completed yet. Most families have registered.

A meeting was recently held to look at our early childhood program. Demographics and survey data were reviewed. Thanks to Dave Zarling for his assistance. Demographic data indicated that the town and village of Jackson are anticipated to be heavy growth areas according to the 2010-2035 projection. A handout was distributed to Council members showing extensive increases in the age demographics relative to our early childhood program. As this data was reviewed, it reassured us that we should expect to see an opportunity for growth.

Concerning the survey data, 69 responses were received. The majority of the respondents indicated a favorable response to the Early Childhood Program. A handout was distributed to Council summarizing the various responses to the questions that were surveyed.

The next step will be to establish an Early Childhood Task Force separate from the Board of Education. The committee would be comprised of representatives from the Board of Education, Building and Grounds Committee, a staff member, two or three congregational members. They will review three programs: an all-day 5K program, a 5-day 4K program, and the establishment of a 3K program. They will determine the resources needed and how they might all fit together in a reasonable fashion. Council recommended and approved moving forward with the task force.

Board of Elders

The board will be meeting at the end of August. The primary activities recently involved encouraging each other and setting up communion assistance.

Teen ministry has been successfully started here at David's Star. However, because of KML and other activities, there have been some setbacks. Bill will be meeting with some of the teens to discuss ways to reach out in the most effective manner for teen ministry.

Evangelism Committee

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Dave highlighted several items for Council:

New Pictorial Directory – This should be available in November or December.

Demographics – The committee has been busy working with the Board of Education providing appropriate demographic data for the early childhood program.

Living Nativity – Preliminary planning for the living nativity is starting.

Stewardship Committee

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Stewardship Bible classes will begin the second Sunday in September. This will be a four-week program. We are awaiting samples of the new format for our offering envelopes.

Spiritual Growth Committee

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There will be an open house for our Barnabas Groups program to be held in September.

We are still looking for five or six teachers for our Children's Bible Study programs.

Four men have agreed to lead Adult Bible studies. The Pastors, as well as some KML staff, will be available to teach this coming year, as well.

Treasurer's Report

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The July 31, 2012 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 7/31/12 in the amount of (\$173,005). Operating fund receipts for the month were \$73,571 which is 119.77% of budget.

YTD operating fund receipts were \$551,155 which is 110.8% of budget.

There was also some discussion pertaining to our Restricted Building Fund. \$7,802 was received in the month of July for this fund. Our monthly payment to the bank for principal and interest was \$14,920. We have been seeing a disturbing trend over the last several months where our offerings to this fund are far short of the monthly bank payment taken out of this fund. If this trend would continue, the fund balance utilized to pay off the indebtedness for our building project would be diminished to zero at some point in the foreseeable future.

Randy is pursuing the possibility of utilizing a CD ladder with M & I Bank for the extra funds in our checkbook.

Vice Presidents Report

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Mission Festival will be held on August 26th. Signup sheets are awaiting signatures in the narthex for various types of assistance necessary for Mission Festival. The food will be ordered this week.

Regarding some artistic painting that is being considered for our new narthex, samples are being produced for Council to review.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports except those items that needed separate action under old or new business.

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Old Business

Future of “Parish Center” – Brian Lee reported to Council an opportunity that has arisen regarding our “parish center”. Brian has become aware of someone from an architectural firm that rehabs buildings for different needs, to take a look at our parish center free of charge. The review might help determine whether the facilities are suitable for any of our childhood programs. Council approved utilizing this service.

New Business

Hearing system – Dan Bolha presented to Council information relative to a new hearing system. Dan & Sue Bolha attended a deaf & hard-of-hearing forum in Shakopee, MN. There appears to be a wide variety of resources available to congregations to provide hearing assistance. Surveys are available to provide to the congregation, and there are businesses out there who can present various options to a congregation. It appears that a very useful option for our congregation might be the Hearing Loop system. Dan will investigate this system and come up with a proposal. Council would like to see this worked on as soon as possible.

Boards and Committees term of offices – Brian distributed to Council an updated list of all board and committee members indicating their terms of office. Each Council member should review this information and inform Brian if there is any information relative to these terms of office that need to be amended.

Items for Voters (for the October 11th Voters Meeting)

Next month’s meeting is **Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 8:00 PM.**

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

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Parish Nurse News



“What’s the Scoop about the Loop?”

Several weeks ago Dan & I had the opportunity to attend the WELS Mission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (MDHH) Conference at Living Hope Lutheran Church in Shakopee, MN. We learned about the new technology available to help make our congregations become more accessible to those who are deaf or hard of hearing! We found the information to be amazing!

It is said that 1 out of 200 people in America is deaf and 16 out of 200 have a hearing loss! Such statistics are probably true in our congregation, too, and these people have problems understanding the Sunday sermon and participating in congregational activities. As I make my visits to our shut-ins it is not very unusual for people to tell me that they have difficulty hearing the Pastors in church, either with or without a hearing aid. Hearing loss and deafness can happen to the young and old.

While we are blessed to already have the Williams Sound System in the back of the church for those without a hearing aid, there are several other things that can be done here at David’s Star to help our people hear God’s precious Word during our services and bible classes. One of them in particular is called **Auditory Induction Looping** and when used along with a hearing aid fitted with a **T-Coil** the results provide much improved sound clarity while filtering out background noises. They say that **Looping** is to hearing aids what **WI-FI** is to computers!

Because our Congregations’ purpose is to serve all people in God’s world with his Gospel, the Council is looking into the possibility of an **Induction Loop System** here at David’s Star! There are currently 31 WELS churches with the induction loop system. Curious about how this might work? Check out the article titled, “**What’s the Scoop about the Loop?**” that can be found in the looping folder on <https://connect.wels.net/AOM/ps/CSM/mdhh>. Ask Sue for a copy of the article if you don’t have easy access to a computer!

Next month I’ll talk about some tips for a hearing person who is communicating with a person with this invisible handicap! Let’s reach out to our community and our members and help them to feel welcome at David’s Star!

Together in Christ’s love,

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WHAT'S THE WORRY?

Jesus knows our nature. He knows we're prone to worry. Perhaps that's why he warned, "Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" (Matthew 6:25-27) Elsewhere in Scripture Paul reminds us, "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"

In spite of these words of both admonition and assurance, Christians still tend to worry. Sometimes worry about the ability to provide for our families takes over our lives to such an extent that it guides our thoughts and actions. We put off giving to the Lord through our church—"temporarily," we say—until we feel secure in our financial situations. Life, as you know, seems to throw one crisis after another at us, and, often, that financial security never comes.

We have the same worry when it comes to serving. We complain that we just don't have time. We work long hours, and then we have commitments to our families. How can we go to meetings or make meals for a family whose mom is sick?

The Stewardship Committee

UPDATED ADDRESSES & EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We would like to keep in touch with our members who are away at college.

Please let the church office know your child's e-mail address or mailing address.

We do not share this information with anyone.

You may send their addresses to church@davidstar.org. Thank you!

THANK YOU to all who donated summer clothing to Northside Lutheran Ministries. They were so happy whenever I delivered the items. As you go through your winter clothing, please keep them in mind. They especially need sweaters, sweatshirts, and warm pants, also gloves for adults. I will begin taking these items in November through the first week of December. Thank you once again. Elaine Rusch



DAVID'S STAR CHURCH ADULT CHOIRS NEED AND INVITE NEW MEMBERS FOR THEIR 2012-2013 SEASONS

Come join us in singing and ringing praises to our Savior and Lord!

MIXED CHOIR rehearses Tuesdays, 7:35-8:35 pm starting 9/11, sings for major festivals, other Sundays and two Wednesday evenings.

NEW THIS YEAR The Mixed Choir will split into a Male Choir and a Ladies' Choir for the Advent Song Service and Good Friday service. Tuesday rehearsal times from 11/13—12/4 and from 3/12—4/2 will shift slightly. Singers of all voice parts, especially TENORS are needed.

BELL CHOIR rehearses Tuesdays, 6:30-7:25 pm starting 9/11, plays about five times a year and usually the WELS Handbell Festival (4/20-21) Two new members needed. Questions, contact Kris Eggers 262.677.2174, keggers@davidstar.org



THE KML CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

service is set for Sunday, September 16 at 3pm. This year's service will be hosted by [Morning Star Lutheran Church](#) (N171W20131 Highland Road; Jackson). The following called workers will be installed: Pastor Benjamin Berger (religion instructor and co-leader of Cross Trainers), Mrs. Julie Stoltz (Learning Center and instructor), Mrs. Barbara Olsen (one-year call to teach Spanish and English), and Mrs. Kayli Pesch (one-year call to teach chemistry). The highlight of the service will be praising God for the twenty-five years of ministry service he has granted Mrs. Deb Boeldt of our faculty. Please join us for this special worship opportunity. Light refreshments will follow the service.