



the good news

David's Star
Evangelical Lutheran Church

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"Your Gifts Make A Difference"

by Pastor Woldt

On "Black Friday," "Small Business Saturday" and "Cyber Monday" savvy shoppers flocked to stores and websites promising to give them the most bang for their buck, especially when household budgets are limited. So many stores. So many choices. It's not always easy to decide where to begin. Many people (like me) prefer to forego the consumer frenzy and shop on other days.

As the end of the year approaches, many Christians, reflecting on the blessings of the past year, decide to give special gifts to support gospel ministry. So many ministries. So many choices. If only we had unlimited resources! We would financially support every worthwhile gospel ministry! The truth is, our personal resources are limited. How do we decide what to give?

The Lord has given us a remarkable amount of freedom as New Testament Christians. We are not required to give the priests ten percent of our income, in addition to all the other personal offerings and sacrifices required of the Old Testament believer throughout the year. The Lord has simply told us that "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (1 Corinthians 9:7). Our Lord adds this promise to encourage us in our giving: "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God (1 Corinthians 9:11).

Allow me to offer some of my personal thoughts with the prayer that they might help you think through the matter of year-end giving.

Support of the David's Star operating budget is essential for the continuing ministry of our church and school. Salaries, utilities and other operating expenses are paid from this fund.

Christians typically support the operating budget with regular, weekly gifts in keeping with their income. This fund has also benefited from increased offerings at the end of the year.

Special gifts to the David's Star Building/Debt Retirement fund have a noticeable impact on our local financial picture. Gifts over and above the monthly mortgage payment allow us to pay more toward the principal of the loan and shave months or years off the mortgage.

Special gifts to WELS are always appreciated. Through the WELS we extend our gospel outreach and work together with other congregations to prepare called workers for the future.

Is there another ministry that is close to your heart? For some that ministry might be Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, Martin Luther College, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Wisconsin Lutheran College or another ministry within our fellowship. They are all worthwhile. If the Lord has given you a special affection for a particular ministry, consider a special gift to that ministry. When it comes to special gifts, my personal choices are not so much driven by need (every worthwhile gospel ministry needs more support), as they are by interests and relationships.

God bless you as you make your year-end giving decisions while reflecting on God's amazing gift to you in Jesus.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Lillian Boeker...12/2/1922...90 yrs. old
 Elmer Kowalske...12/6/1931...81 yrs. old
 Dorothy Koenig...12/12/1932...80 yrs. old
 Sydney Smith...12/22/1932...80 yrs. old
 Martha Liesener...12/23/1925...87 yrs. old

DECEMBER 2012

December 1; 5:00
 December 2; 7:45 Mike and Deb Boeldt
 10:15 Mark & Teresa Ahrens

December 8; 5:00
 December 9; 7:45 Andy and Colleen Loeffler
 10:15 Steve & Heather Brandt

December 15; 5:00
 December 16; 7:45 The Ahrens family, Mark and Teresa
 10:15 Joe & Julia Woldt

December 22; 5:00
 December 23; 7:45 Diane Hafemeister and Susan Daley
 10:15 Dale & Barb Pratt

December 29; 5:00
 December 30; 7:45 Leonard and Dorothy Rusch
 10:15 Frank & Barb Dohrwardt



CHRISTMAS CANDY

DONATIONS NEEDED

We are asking for donations of candy for the Christmas candy bags that are handed out to the students and small children after the Christmas Eve service. Go and buy the discounted Halloween candy that is on sale now!

WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY CANDY THAT HAS NUTS.

The candy that is donated should be individually wrapped candies and mini-sizes (like Hershey kisses, mini chocolate bars, peppermints, etc.) Please bring them to school and place in box outside of the school office. You can also place it in the box at church as well.

Your donations are greatly appreciated by the students.



BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS

Pastor Woldt is leading a study of 1 Corinthians in the church. The class focuses on the visible church's struggle with Satan and sin, as the apostle Paul identifies a number of troubles and conflicts within the congregation of believers gathered at Corinth. Paul's gospel centered encouragement will help all of us in our struggles against Satan and sin today.

Mr. Paul Snamiska is leading a discussion on variety of issues related to Christian ethics. Mr. Snamiska was trained theologically to be a WELS teacher. His public ministry has provided Mr. Snamiska many opportunities to speak about Christian ethics, particularly relating to beginning and end of life issues. Mr Snamiska is currently serving as the estate plan and deferred gift counselor at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School.

CHILDREN AND TEEN BIBLE STUDIES Join us from 9:10 to 10:00AM, as we look at God's Word together. K3 will have an overview of the Bible. K4/K5 to 8th grade will study the Ten Commandments. Teens will discuss various topics.

ALL WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION are invited to Women's Thursday Bible Study. Please bring your Bibles and we will discuss our topic for the coming year. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings of each month at 9:30 in the multi-purpose room. We hope to see you there.

WEBS-WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY All women of the congregation are invited to join us on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Please call Colleen Loeffler, 677-2319 with any questions.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meeting at 10:00 am in the multi-purpose room in school is reading through the Gospel of Luke.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY at Jimmy's in Jackson meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:00 am.

BARNABAS is the name of our small group bible studies. We took that name from an early disciple who was given that nick name because he was such an encourager. Our small group home bible studies are also intended for the encouragement of one another. The groups are getting a restart in November, and it is never too late to get involved in a group. Call or email Pastor Loescher if you'd like to get involved. 677.0919 or kurt.loescher@gmail.com.

David's Star Church Council Meeting Minutes / Capsule

November 13, 2012

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

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by Brian Lee. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Woldt. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on October 9, 2012.

Committee Reports
Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

- Incoming:** Durr, Evan & Christine; Caleb
Transfer from Zion, South Milwaukee, WI
Theine, Paul
Profession of faith
Zembrowski, Linda
Transfer from Morning Star, Jackson, WI
Zembrowski, Tom
Adult confirmation
- Outgoing:** Faltersack, Adam
Transfer to Resurrection, Verona, WI
Guhl, Timothy
Transfer to Good Shepherd,
Downers Grove, IL
Korolewski, Michelle; Cameron, Sawyer
Transfer to Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI
Nass, Lindsey
Transfer to Grace, Milwaukee, WI
Seider, Erin
Released from membership

Pastors' Report
Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919
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Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019
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No report.

President's Report

Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419
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Constitution and Bylaws – Work is progressing. Please work within your committees and provide Patrick Steele and Rod Kison with your feedback.

Vacancies and Nominating Committee – Bill Bublitz has accepted the position of Chairman of the Nominating Committee. An election will be held for the following positions: Chairman of Building and Grounds, Stewardship Chairman, Spiritual Growth Chairman, Treasurer, Board of Elders Chairman, as well as several Board of Elders, Board of Education, and Board of Building and Grounds positions.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

Brian Heckendorf, brian.heckendorf@gmail.com

Brian provided Council with minutes from the Board's October 31 meeting. Brian reported that Randy Kison has completed some work on the pine trees by Pastor Woldt's driveway. NR Asphalt has provided us with a quote in the amount of \$1000.00 to repair cracks in our asphalt. Liesener Soils will again be doing plowing for us this year. The handicap lift is now working. A ramp has been ordered to accommodate moving the scrubber from one level to another.

Board for Elementary Education

Bob Heider, Telephone #262.644.1726
bhheider@charter.net

Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 262.338.3992
tgustafson@davidstar.org

Mike Willis representing the Early Childhood Taskforce made a presentation to Council outlining options, potential, and needs for a proposed all-day 5K program, a 5-day 4K program, and initiating a 3K program.

The expansion of these programs may require converting the school IMC space into a classroom by putting up walls around this area. The potential costs of updating this area will be explored.

The Board is reviewing tuition rates. Bob distributed a handout summarizing tuition rates charged and the amount forwarded to the church operating fund by year for the last several years.

Board of Elders

Bill Truebenbach, Telephone #262.677.3052
bmtrueben@att.net

Clif Koeller is organizing the church Christmas decorating process.

Evangelism Committee
David Zarling, Telephone # 414.839.0094
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We are presently seeking volunteers for the Living Nativity. Work continues on the design and copy for the directory. Pastor Loescher and the Evangelism Committee met with Redeemer, Cedarburg to discuss outreach in the Cedarburg area. Redeemer is presently in the midst of a building project and are looking at potential opportunities related to an outreach program with an after-school daycare/youth center on their site. David's Star potential involvement in this is to be determined. The committee is proposing new hardware to be used with the televisions in the narthex.

Stewardship Committee
Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143
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As we now have a record of activity for the first ten months of the year, a report will be distributed to Board and Committee chairmen to assist in the budgeting process. The envelope packets recently mailed out to members have the date and envelope number printed on the wrong side of the envelope. Jim is working on resolving this.

Spiritual Growth Committee
Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319
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A new round of Bible classes kicked off this weekend.

Treasurer's Report
Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585
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The October 31, 2012 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 10/31/12 in the amount of (\$87,596). Operating fund receipts for the month were \$63,984 which is 87.58% of budget.

YTD operating fund receipts were \$882,754 which is 112.8% of budget. It was noted that an expense relative to repairing Pastor Woldt's roof for \$9,000.00 was inadvertently recorded as an operating expense in October. This will be reclassified out of this fund in November and moved to the Building and Improvement Fund.

Randy reported that talks have been taking place with Port Washington State Bank relative to the possibility of implementing a variable rate loan with an index. Our present loan with them is a four-year loan maturing in August 2014 with a current fixed rate of 5.25%. If we would reopen discussions regarding this loan, there is a possibility that the bank may want to discuss our deposit accounts which are presently with BMO Harris Bank. On the flip side, we may also want to discuss our loans with BMO Harris Bank.

The Compensation Committee had their initial meeting. They are discussing maintaining our salaries at synod code. We are also taking a look at changing our health insurance plans to have a higher deductible with a health reimbursement account.

Vice Presidents Report
Dan Bolha, Telephone #262.677.3485
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No report.

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" – Brian will follow up with architectural firm to see if they can take a look at our premises and determine the usefulness of this facility.

New Business

Appointment of executive committee for Debt Retirement Campaign – There was discussion regarding the creation of an executive committee to work on a debt retirement campaign. Gary Heckendorf has agreed to head up this committee. Other members who have agreed to serve on this committee include Nelson Erdman, Brandon Lehman, Terry Brazell, and Linda Klein. A motion was made and approved to accept the appointment of this committee. Gary will speak to the congregation in church sometime in December, and we will roll out this debt campaign in spring with a three-year pledge. A campaign logo is being worked on the replace our "Build on a Rock" theme.

Lynne Tews retirement – Lynne Tews has announced her retirement as School Secretary effective after the close of our school year. The Board of Education will be working with the Board of Elders in leading the hiring process based on requirements stated in the bylaws.

Staff Handbook – Randy Matter asked the Council what role the Council should take in regards to the creation of a staff handbook. After discussion, it was decided to distribute a draft of the handbook to Council members for their review after the various boards have reviewed the particulars of their areas within the handbook. It is anticipated that the distribution to Council members would occur most likely in February.

Items for Annual Voters Meeting (January 17, 2013)

Elections

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 7:00 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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Parish Nurse News

“Accessibility at David’s Star”

The purpose of David’s Star, as a group of Christians, and its ultimate objective, is to serve all people in God’s world with his gospel. We have a message that is more important than any other: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the salvation of all.

To our guests and members alike we want to make sure your time with us is conducive to hearing God’s Word in its truth and purity. For instance:

- For those with mobility issues, the South entrance to the school is under a roof with automatic doors and an elevator to get you up to the church level. Wheelchairs are available at each entrance for you to use. There is also a row of chairs in the middle of the chancel for those who find the pews uncomfortable. The pastors are more than willing to bring communion to our members in the pew if unable to come forward. Just let the pastor or an usher know of your situation.
- For those who are deaf or hard of hearing, we are currently in the process of installing a new Auditory Loop System for those with or without a hearing aid. More information will be made available as the ushers learn about the new system. Curious? Ask Dan Bolha (677-3485)! Printed sermons are available in the gathering space to use to follow the sermon or to take home to a loved one.
- For the visually impaired or those needing a simpler format, there are several burgundy folders with the entire printed service in the old narthex (again, ask an usher to help you find them!)
- For those with small children there are children’s book bags in the cry room to help settle a restless child.

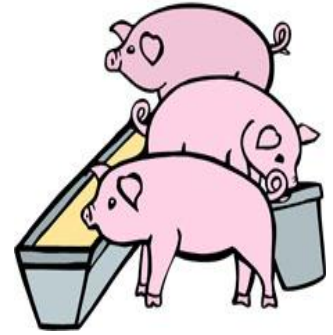
If we can serve you in any way, let us know how we may help! To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the first time visitor, we extend our sincere greeting; to those who seek a church home, we offer fellowship with the living Savior.

Together in Christ,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse
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COUNTRY CANDOR



A farmer visiting the city entered a restaurant for his noon meal. When the food was served, he silently bowed his head gave thanks. One of four young men at the next table, thinking to embarrass him, called out in a loud voice, “Hey, farmer, does everyone do that out in the country where you live?”

The farmer quietly replied, “No, son, the pigs don’t—they just start right in!”

It’s a cute story, but it has a very important message. Thanksgiving is not just something we do when it is convenient. It’s not our focus on just one day out of the year. Real thanksgiving is thanks-living. It is a regular part of our lives. We have just had the opportunity to celebrate a national day of thanksgiving. We came together for worship. We centered our attention on the fact that everything we have is a gift from God. We gave thanks.

But now comes the real challenge – to remember thanksgiving the other 364 days of the year. As we enter the month of December, we have additional reminders of God’s goodness and more reasons for giving thanks. The Advent season focuses our attention on the coming Savior. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day remind us of God’s greatest gift – the birth of our Savior who won for us the forgiveness of our sins.

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow.” Sing God’s praises with gusto in our private prayers and devotions. Regularly join your fellow believers in worship. And show a spirit of thanks giving too. Our gifts of love enable us to share the good news of Christmas throughout the year with family and friends and with people we don’t know at home and around the world.

The Stewardship Committee



Mid-Week Advent Services

Wednesday,
December 5, 12, 19

Service 3:45 & 7:00 PM

Light Supper served in the
school gym
between services

CHURCH FLOWER DONATIONS NEEDED FOR 2013

The beautiful flowers you see on the altar every week are purchased and donated by the members of our congregation. After the services they are taken to the shut-ins, or to anyone who may be hospitalized, to help brighten their day. The flowers are prepared and delivered by Groth's Country Gardens. The cost is \$44.35. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex starting next weekend. If you have any questions, please call Lynet Steele at 414.510.8623 or email at lynetsteele@gmail.com if you are interested. We are also looking for more volunteers to deliver the flowers for the months of June, July and November.



Christmas New Year's Worship Schedule 2012-2013

German/English Service
Sunday, December 16
1:00 PM
(K-4 Grade students participating)

Christmas Eve Children's Service
Monday, December 24th
4:30 pm
at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Monday, December 24,
10:00 pm
at David's Star Church

Christmas Day Festival Services
Tuesday, December 25th
7:45am and 9:30 am

New Year's Eve Service
Monday, December 31st
3:45pm and 7:00 pm

New Year's Day Service
Tuesday, January 1st, 2013
9:30 am

CHRISTMAS CARDS

For your convenience, the Ladies Aid will be selling Christian Christmas cards in the new gathering space after the Saturday services and between the 7:45 and 10:15 Sunday services. Cards will be available thru Dec Sunday Dec 9th unless sold out earlier.



EYE GLASSES FOR HAITI

Dr. Dana Webb will be on a medical mission trip from January 31 through February 9 in Grand Goave, Haiti. This will be her third trip to this area. She will be accompanied by 35 other healthcare providers. This group is working on establishing an eye clinic in this area of Haiti. They are collecting used prescription eyeglasses and drug store reading glasses. They especially need +1.00 and +1.25 reading glasses. They cannot accept parts of frames or loose lenses. Because everything needs to be inventoried before she leaves for Haiti, donations will be accepted through December 31st. Dr. Webb is an Optometrist at the Aurora Advanced Health Care Clinic in Menomonee Falls, WI. Please put your donations in the box by the office or in the church gathering space.

KML Winter Band Concert

Saturday, December 8, is the date of the KML Winter Band Concert. Featured will be the KML Bands and all of the Elementary School Band Program Ensembles. The concert begins at 7:00 PM in the KML gymnasium.

Kettle Moraine Lutheran Adult Chorale Concert at Morning Star

The Kettle Moraine Lutheran Adult Chorale presents "The Savior of the World Has Come," a concert of music for Advent and Christmas at Morning Star Sunday, December 2, at 4:00 PM. The choir is directed by Mr. Carl Nolte.

Christmas at the Seminary

The Seminary Chorus presents its annual Christmas concert on the campus of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon on Sunday, December 9, at 3:00 and 7:00 PM. The 54 voice men's choir will present anthems, hymns, and carols accompanied by a variety of instruments in a program entitled Sing a Song of Christmas. There are no advance ticket sales. More information about the concert and directions to the seminary are at www.wls.wels.net.

KML Christmas Choral Concert

The KML Choral Christmas Concert will be held Saturday, December 15, beginning at 7:00 PM. Come and join the choirs as we prepare for the celebration of our Savior's birth.

Princess for a Day

Do you have a little princess at home? The Charger Dance Team invites all 4-year-old through 3rd grade girls to join us for a fun day of crafts, dress up, and dancing on Sunday, December 2, from 1:00-4:00 PM for our annual "Princess For A Day" event. Register early to save your spot! Registration information is available on the Charger Dance Team website <http://www.kmlhs.org/student-life/athletics/high-school-sports/dance-team>.

Adult Bible Instruction Class

is scheduled to begin on January 7th. It will be held every Monday for approximately fifteen weeks, meeting for an hour and a half from 6:30-8:00pm. This is our *New Life In Christ* Class that covers the basic teachings of the Bible as presented in Martin Luther's Small Catechism. It is intended for members to brush up on the teachings of Scripture and our Lutheran Church. It is also intended for those who are interested in joining the church. Upon completion of this course, if the attendee agrees with the teachings that were presented, he or she may choose to join our congregation and fellowship. Members who know of someone who may be interested may pick up an invitation to offer, and might consider joining that person in the class. You may RSVP by calling the church office 677.2412 or Pastor Loescher 677.0919.



Living Nativity 2012 December 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 Held at Washington County Fair Grounds "Enchantment in the Park"

Christmas is always filled with excitement. Gifts, Friends, Family, Presents, Parties, Christmas Trees, Toys and Shopping seem to dominate the weeks before Christmas. But with all the preparation do we take the time to consider the real reason for the season? Do we really stop and think about the guest of honor, Jesus Christ? It is impossible to truly take Christ out of CHRISTmas.

If you would like to experience Christmas from a fresh perspective, please join us at the Washington County Fair Grounds

"Enchantment in the Park" - December 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 or 23 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Multiple showings of the Living Nativity per hour.

"The Living Nativity" will impact your life all season long and will help you keep CHRIST in CHRISTmas.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS DECEMBER 23, 2012

9:00 – 10:00 AM
David's Star Gym

You are invited to join for fellowship and singing of Christmas carols.

Cake and beverages will be provided.

Note: Please bring cookies, grapes, or cheese & crackers to share.

(On that Sunday there will be no Bible Study between services.)

Christ the Savior is Born

A Jesus Cares Ministries Christmas Service



**Sunday, December 16, 2011
2:30 P.M.**

**Divine Peace Lutheran Church
3203 S. 76th Street—Milwaukee**



Jesus Cares Ministries

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Jesus Cares Ministries is a Ministry of
The Lutheran Home Association based in Belle Plaine, MN

MALAWI

a mission partnership



For the first two weeks of November 2012, Bill Truebenbach and Tim Ulrich of Jesus Cares Ministries, an outreach arm of The Lutheran Home Association, visited Kingdom Workers Field Manager Stefan Felgenhauer and his wife Kathy in Malawi, Africa. They are focused on bringing the gospel to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, a first-ever endeavor.

The purpose of this trip was to determine how Jesus Cares Ministries can partner with Kingdom Workers and the Lutheran Church of Central Africa to share the gospel with the disabled in Malawi. The desired end result is to create a stream of volunteers from the United States to join the members of the Lutheran Church of Central Africa in specially training Malawians to witness the saving message of Jesus to this group of people in great need. Our brothers and sisters in Malawi are encouraging this opportunity with open arms.

Please be a part of this endeavor by making a donation. A total of \$6,000 dollars is needed for the assessment phase of the initiative, and your contribution will be most appreciated. Will you help?

MALAWIFACTS

Area: 45,460 sq miles

Population: 14 million

Capital: Lilongwe

Religion: 80% Christian, 13% Muslim, 4% Atheist

Languages: Chichewa, Tumbuka, English

Climate: Tropical



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