

# Good News

David's Star Ev. Lutheran Church

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## “Gospel Driven Ministry”

By Pastor Loescher

The chant goes up as the team takes the floor for the fourth quarter of the grade school championship game, “We are D.S. We are D.S. We are D.S.”! We are David’s Star. You can feel the powerful unity and close relationship that we have as fans for our basketball teams. But have you ever wondered what it is that brings us together? We can’t deny that the desire to win, the competitive spirit that loves to see our children excel and overcome the opponent feeds our unity. We even band together and cheer as the one player who hasn’t scored all year finally succeeds and scores a basket. It seems to me that the competitive need for success drives us and unites us.

If that is true, how much more will the Lord’s forgiving love that feeds our desire to succeed at the gospel ministry drive us and unite us? We are all united under the same faith. We know and believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died and rose again for our sins and for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2). We know and believe that people come to faith and remain in faith through the Holy Spirit’s work in the Gospel.

*“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? (Romans 10:13, 14)*

We know and believe that we need each other to remain strong in faith and carry out our work of making disciples.

*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)*

These truths define us and unite us in our common ministry. They have driven us through the planning process of beginning a new ministry in the village of Jackson. They have driven us from study after study, resolution after resolution to this defining month for our ministry. Now we will celebrate our unity in ministry on the 7<sup>th</sup> of this month. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month we will individually determine to what extent we will dedicate ourselves to a major building project designed to improve our ability to do ministry. What will come of it, God knows.

As we come to this moment in our history, we can only pray for the Lord to guide and move our hearts as he would have us go. And remember that there is a fine line between desire driven by the love of Christ to succeed in our gospel ministry and desire driven by pride to be a successful church. Hearts cross that line all the time in the Christian life. Whether it be a child striving to excel in school or adults striving to succeed in business. Are we working to God’s glory or our own?

As we confess sins of pride and pray for hearts for ministry we will be even more united in our common goal as David’s Star Evangelical Lutheran Church. May God’s grace always be the tie that binds us and the force that drives us to his glory and for the advancement of his gospel.



**May Birthdays**

- Myrtle Ehlke 5/4/1918.. 88 yrs. old
- Selma Rusch 5/5/1917..89 yrs. old
- Eleanor Gronemeyer 5/8/1924..82 yrs. old
- Dorothy Turek 5/8/1923..83 yrs. old
- Roger Liesener 5/19/1925..81 yrs. old
- Margaret Becker 5/23/1923..83 yrs. old
- Lorain Kison 5/29/1919..87 yrs. old

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**GREETERS FOR MAY 2006**

- 5/7/2006** 10:00 John & Colleen Bublitz  
Steve & Kathy Bintz
- 5/14/2006** 7:45 Chuck & Judy Gauger  
10:15 Rich & Lynette Deming
- 5/21/2006** 7:45 Tim & Nancy Durr  
10:15 Daniel & Elaine Schubert
- 5/28/2006** 7:45 Ken & Kathy Cull  
10:15 Dave & Beth Klug

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**Message from The Master and Music For The Master**

are now heard Sunday mornings in Milwaukee on AM 1340 WJYI, "Joy 1340." From 7 - 7:15am, prepare your heart for worship with Music For The Master, followed by God's timeless Word with Message From The Master from 7:15 - 7:45am.

**"He is Risen, We are Risen" Continues:**

- May 7 **Risen without Guilt** Pastor Peter Panitzke
- May 14 **Risen above Satan** Pastor Rolfe Westendorf
- May 21 **Risen from Death** Pastor Forrest Bivens
- May 28 **Risen to a New Life** Pastor Wayne Mueller



**Parish Nurse News**

Last night I attended a Support Group for people with Restless Leg Syndrome and learned some very interesting things about the problem that I thought you might be interested in reading. Let me tell you a few of the things that I learned!

**Restless Leg Syndrome**

What are the primary features of RLS (Restless Leg Syndrome)?

- You have a strong urge to move your legs, which you can't really resist. The need to move is often accompanied by uncomfortable sensations. Some words used to describe these sensations include: *creeping, itching, pulling, creepy-crawly, tugging or gnawing.*
- Your RLS symptoms start or become worse when you are resting
- Your RLS symptoms get better when you move your legs. Relief persists as long as the motor activity continues.
- Your RLS symptoms are worse in the evening especially when you are lying down. Activities that bother you at night do not bother you during the day.

If these criteria sound like you, you may have Restless Leg Syndrome and you are not alone! Up to 8% of the U.S. population may have RLS. Many people have a mild form of the disorder but RLS severely affects the lives of millions of individuals. RLS can cause difficulty in falling or staying asleep and this sleep deprivation can seriously impact your work, relationships, and health.

What causes Restless Leg Syndrome? A single unifying cause has not been identified yet, but this is what we do know about it:

- RLS often runs in families.
- RLS sometimes appears to be the result of another condition which, when present, worsens the underlying RLS.
- Up to 25% of women develop RLS when pregnant and then disappears after giving birth.
- Anemia and low iron levels frequently contribute to a worsening of RLS.
- RLS is very common in patients requiring dialysis for end-stage renal disease.
- Damage to the nerves of the hands or feet from any number of causes, including diabetes, contributes to RLS.
- Attention Deficit Disorder (ADHD) is common in children and adults with RLS.

A visit to your doctor is certainly in order to officially diagnose Restless Leg Syndrome and to discuss a variety of treatment options to help you deal with RLS. For more information just ask Sue Bolha RN, PN or contact the Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation at [www.rls.org](http://www.rls.org).

### MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET

All women and young ladies of our congregation to are invited to a Mother-Daughter Banquet on Thursday, May 18 at 6:00pm. A wonderful meal will be served, followed by entertainment. Also, we have invited the women and young ladies from our daughter congregation, Morning Star. **We are asking the women from our congregation to bring a dessert to pass.** Mother-Daughter Banquet tickets will be available for purchase beginning Saturday, April 22. A Ladies Aid representative will be selling tickets after the church services on Saturday/Sunday, April 22, 23, 29, 30 and May 7. The prices are as follows: Adults - ( age 13 and older) \$11.00, Children (age 4-12) \$6.00 and children ages 3 and under will be free. If you need to write out a check, please make it payable to David Star's Ladies Aid. If you have questions, please contact Char Kison at 677-2389.

### THE WEDNESDAY WOMEN IN GOD'S WORD GROUP

The Wednesday Women in God's Word Group will begin it's spring/summer session on Wednesday, May 3, in our school IMC, at 7:00pm. We will finish "The Beauty of Holiness, Living A Christian Life," in May. We will meet on Wednesdays - May 3 and 17, June 7 and 21, July 5 and 19 and August 16. We will study Pastor Mark Paustian's book, "Prepared To Answer." It is a helpful model for sharing one's faith by supplying Scripture-based responses to common objections to Christianity. It is the same book that the group, Women Nuturing Women is completing. It is not necessary that you attend all the sessions. Please join us as often as it fits into your schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Char Kison at 677-2389.

### CORRESPONDENCE -

Dear Members of David's Star, I have received your call to instruct and train your children in Preschool at David's Star Evangelical Lutheran School. I will prayerfully consider this call into the public teaching ministry in your midst. I ask that you keep me and the wonderful mission of spreading God's love to His precious lambs in your prayers. In Christ's Service, (signed) Kathy Bintz

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### STEWARDSHIP

For the 2006 fiscal year our congregation voted to accept a budget that included a 10% increase in giving versus last year. What a wonderful blessing to have this opportunity to grow our gift of giving for all our Lord God has done for us. Now, we knew that we would still have a deficit to meet but the gifts made by our congregation at the end of 2005 showed the great ability and desire of David's Star to meet our ministry needs.

However, we have not continued in the momentum of this stewardship as we move further into 2006. Prayerfully consider the management of your personal resources to our Lord God as we have continued to face a growing deficit each month. One of the blessings of David's Star is that we have been able to operate with very little increase in our spending versus last year.

Again, pray that the Lord moves each of us to remember his blessings and gifts to us. It is our stewardship of our Lord God's gifts that will show our thanks and love for him for everything that he has done for us.

Sincerely, Your Stewardship Committee

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You and Your Family are Invited to

David's Star  
**Celebration Sunday**



Sunday, May 7  
Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School

One Worship Service 10 AM

Complimentary Catered Dinner following worship service

Special Program presented during dinner

Join us for a special to thank the Lord for the many blessings he has bestowed on our congregation . Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this special worship and celebration!

# COUNCIL CAPSULE

## A SUMMARY OF THE APRIL VOTERS MEETING

### Pastor's Report

(Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 677-0919)

(Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 377-1019)

Pastor Woldt is planning to attend a one-week course at the WLS Summer Quarter this year (June 19-24). The course focus is on "worship space." The course may include a tour of various churches in the greater Milwaukee area. Pastor Loescher will be attending the Lutheran Pioneer National Convention in Eau Claire on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Seminarian Nathaniel Winkel will be preaching his first sermon the weekend of April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Janke has agreed to read the lessons at our May 7<sup>th</sup> Celebration Service.

### President's Report

(Randy Matter, Telephone # 376-1585)

1. Rusch Land Development—This issue is still pending with the Jackson Town Board. Tony Gromacki is working with the family and the Town to develop the layout.
  2. Building Committee—At the special voter's meeting in January which adopted a resolution to move forward with the building project funding appeal, the voters also directed Council to appoint a building committee. I am very happy to report that the committee has been formed and has begun their task. Please thank the following members of the committee for willingly serving their Lord in this very important task—Randy Vogel, chmn.; Gary Heckendorf, Terry Hansen, Jeff Rehm, and Barry Washburn. You will be hearing more from them in the coming months as they put form and design to the bricks and mortar that will serve our ministry for years to come.
  3. Lenten Dinners—Thanks to Kathy Bintz and the Ladies Aid for organizing our dinners following our Lenten services. Various organizations within our congregation are preparing these meals for the members. These are very nice opportunities to share some fellowship with each other. Please take every opportunity you can to share this fellowship. The organizers enjoy their work when more members participate.
- Church Redecorating—The Council reviewed the bids on repainting and recarpeting of the existing church. Comments and suggestions were turned over to Ken Berndt, chairman of the Church Redecorating Committee, who will update the bids and discuss timing with the potential contractors so that the project could be completed by November 1, 2006. Council feels we should be able to celebrate the renovation by the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church building which takes place on December 3, 2006. Cost of the project could be around \$50,000 to be paid with some funding on hand and designated gifts from our members. A recommendation to the voters will be available for the July voters meeting. Ken and the committee will be looking for input from the whole congregation on colors, designs, etc.

### Buildings and Grounds Report

(Kurt Henning, Telephone # 677-2797)

With Spring here and the melting of the ice on the school roof and narthex, we have some leaks which are being taken care of. We would like to thank Jeff Wenzel and Dan Kaschner for maintaining the boiler system.

We would like to thank Leisener Top Soils for plowing and Vogel Seed for all the ice melt. This saves the church a lot of money which we don't budget for.

We have passed our first safe water test with the DNR on our new well.

N-Connect has installed the antenna in the church steeple and the system is now working.

Also with the spring we have set aside May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> for arbor night. With the new well, trenching to the parish center, and snowplowing of our grounds need some attention, especially grass areas and also setting up the church woods.

Some projects for 2006:

1. the new electrical system in the woods is progressing.
  2. the new church sign on David's Star Drive.
  3. repair of school roof by Dehling-Voight
- the gym floor needs re-coating and chair protectors applied to the chairs. We would like to pay-off the debt on the gym floor this year. Our major contributor to this project is the golf outing, so if you can mark the outing on your calendar – September 9, 2006.

Some future projects:

1. prepping the athletic fields on the Verlin Rusch project
2. If the new church project does not proceed, we would like to re-grade the existing ball fields.

### Board of Elders

(Dennis Bell, Telephone #677-2248)

The Elders welcomed our two new members, Dan Bolha and Gene Hagenow to our board for the upcoming year. I am blessed again with some fine gentlemen to work with and we are looking forward to the challenges the Lord has put in front of us.

The Called Worker's Care Committee has completed visiting all of our called as of March this year. They will again start up after the next school year starts in the fall. We will be making a change as to how the visits will be handled on the next round of visits. To have a visit on a more personal level, we will have them done by couples. We will be looking for volunteers to assist us in the future.

There will be a special worship service held at Kettle Moraine Lutheran on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM for the purpose of celebrating the fund drive. Music will be provided by all of the choirs and instrument groups, messages by both Pastor Woldt and Pastor Loescher with a catered lunch to follow.

The Technology Committee has informed us that the N-Connect tower is operational. A new David's Star website will be created over the next couple of months.

The Parish Nurse Program has been very busy over the past quarter with blood pressure screenings and a blood drive. Sue Bolha attended a workshop of the Medicare Part D program at the Washington County Health Department and has shared that information with various groups and couples. They have started up a healthier eating program that is administered by "Lighten Up Wisconsin" on line program. They call themselves David's Healthier Stars. Plans are still in the works for a Visitors Workshop to be offered sometime this fall for those people who would visit our shut-ins.

### **Spiritual Growth Report (Mark Otte, Telephone # 306-3521)**

The next round of Bible classes will start after Easter. Ren Kremer will be leading a study of Hymns in the church, Pastor Woldt will be leading a study on parenting in the school, and Pastor Loescher will be leading the teens through a study entitled "Every Soul a Treasure".

The 2006-2007 schedule of Bible classes is nearing completion with just a few spots yet to be filled.

A young couple's Barnabas group is in the process of being formed. If you would like more information on this group please contact one of the pastors.

Sunday School, Youth Group, Cradle Roll, and Library continue to work to provide Christian education to all members of David's Star regardless of age.

Family Bible Week plans are being made. The dates for the week are July 31-August 3 in the evenings.

As always, if you have ideas for Bible Studies or other spiritual growth opportunities, please contact Mark Otte at [motte@kmlhs.org](mailto:motte@kmlhs.org) or drop a note in his box at church.

### **Stewardship Committee Report Jody Hansen, Telephone # 387-1154)**

The Stewardship Committee has been busy in the first three months of 2006. In the beginning of January we had a newsletter article explaining what each of the different offering envelopes are for and how important each of them are to our ministry at David's Star. We also had a letter that was inserted in the year end Offering Statements titled "A Time To Reflect". This talked about the importance of proportionate giving and how increasing your proportion of giving by 1% can make a difference.

In January, Pastor Loescher's son, Jon, showed a presentation about Martin Luther College and the need that they have for financial support. We have also just completed a four part

Bible Study in the monthly newsletter about stewardship. We pray that many of the members have utilized this study. As we continue on in 2006 we will be finishing up the job description book for all of the various positions in our congregation. In May we will be distributing a Stewardship Devotion Book and having a brief presentation about stewardship challenges that we all are effected by. Also, in your June/July offering envelope packet you will find two new envelopes. The first one is a "Balance the Budget" envelope that will aid in reducing our deficit. The second envelope will be the "Foundation Built On A Rock", this will be your monthly opportunity to make your contribution towards the building project. In addition to all of this we will have a number of articles in the newsletter through the rest of the year.

At our last meeting Bob discussed that the Job Description book will be completed by the end of April and will be distributed to all committee and board chairman as soon as possible. Jody has been working with American Church to create two new offering envelopes (Balancing the Budget and the Building Appeal). We are working on handing out a stewardship devotion booklet after church services either the end of April or sometime in May. Shannon will be working on writing some articles for the newsletter talking about our deficit and summer offerings.

### **Evangelism Committee Report (Bob Traska, Telephone # 375-3877)**

David's Star is listed in the "Washington County Visitor's Guide" in the Church Directory section. This guide is published annually, distributed to county residents through the Sunday Post and is also placed in many public locations around Washington County.

An ad will be run in the Daily News, Sunday Post and West Bend Advantage listing our service times for Holy Week.

A flyer promoting our Easter egg hunt and listing our Holy Week service schedule was distributed to our area neighbors on Saturday, April 1. We had a very good turn out of helpers for this project. Additional flyers were placed at Hansen's Piggly Wiggly as posters and bag stuffers.

An Easter card was mailed to approximately 1500 of our neighbors in the Town of Cedarburg inviting them to join us for any of our Holy Week services.

Our Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 8 from 10 am to 12 noon. This event is open to all children ages 2 through 10. We are hoping to see more non-members at this year's hunt. Weather permitting; we will be holding this in the church woods.

Wally Miller has submitted sample layouts for the "rules" signs to be placed at the church woods entrance. We would like to see members take advantage of our beautiful woods and invite friends or neighbors to join you for a leisurely walk or picnic there.

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR March 2006

	Current Month Offerings	Average weekly offerings	Offerings Received thru 3/31/06	Offerings Budgeted thru 3/31/06
Operating	\$60,052	\$15,013	\$165,123	\$186,156
Missions	\$6,662	\$1,666	\$18,526	\$21,227
KML Operating	\$4,409	\$1,102	\$13,218	\$15,020
KML Building	\$1,403	\$351	\$3,679	\$5,000
"Together Shining Like the Stars..."	\$1,796	\$449	\$15,315	\$8,787

The deficit in our Operating Fund is: \$105,402

The deficit at the end of March 2005 was:  
\$69,106

The deficit at the end of March 2004 was:  
\$56,900

### Board of Education Report

(Patrick Steele, Telephone # 677-7673)

An election was held and Brian Lee was elected to fill the vacant position on the Board of Elementary Education.

### Treasurer's Report

(Chuck Gauger, Telephone # 677-4361)

The February 28, 2006 ending balance in our operating fund shows a deficit of \$97,791. This compares to a deficit of \$84,185 as of January 31, 2006 and a deficit of \$68,589 on the same date last year. Year to date operating fund receipts are \$111,966 compared to \$120,050 last year and this year's budget of \$134,338.

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

### Cemetery Committee Report: Wally Miller

No Report.

### Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Report: Tim Knight

No Report.

**Church Redecorating Committee: Ken Berndt**  
No Report.

### Stewardship Appeal Committee Report: Rod Kison

The authorization to move forward with this appeal process will be brought to the voters at a specially called Voter's meeting, called specifically for this purpose, which was held the last Sunday of this month, January 29, 2006, following the second worship service.

Jeff Davis, of Cornerstone Stewardship Ministry has been our contact consultant overseeing our Appeal Process. A number of meetings and training sessions have been held over the last several months. The theme for our Appeal is "Our Foundation Built on the Rock", with an appropriately designed logo to emphasize that theme.

Home contacts and visitations are ongoing and coming to a close. There are still a few names, with only approximately 30 names of households that need to be distributed to contact, in our attempt to make a connection with all of our members. We will attempt to distribute after this meeting. All members will be receiving additional information, in the mail in the near future, including another newsletter, an 8-page emphasis brochure, and an invitation to the May 7th Celebration Sunday service, to be held at KML @ 10:00 a.m. (single service).

Also keep in mind, the week-end of May 21st, which will serve as our Commitment week-end.

Many thanks to the efforts of the Stewardship Appeal Committee for their dedicated efforts, and the many, many volunteers that have agreed to serve on the various Committees.

### David's Star Building Committee: Randy Vogel

President Randy Matter named Randy Vogel to be the chairman of the Church Building Committee. President Matter, Pastor Woltdt and the newly named chairman Randy Vogel met on March 9, 2006. After beginning with prayer, there was discussion on the building committee's structure. It was determined that input from many members with a wide spectrum of expertise and interests is needed. It was decided to form three sub-committees of the building committee. The first sub-committee named is to be the Executive sub-committee which will steer the overall project.

The other two sub-committees will be the Design sub-committee and the Construction sub-committee. Prospective members of the Executive sub-committee were discussed and Chairman Vogel was directed to contact members to form the sub-committee. Terry Hansen, Gary Heckendorf, Jeff Rehm, and Barry Washburn have agreed to serve on the Executive sub-committee. The initial meeting of the Executive sub-committee was held on March 29, 2006. President Matter reviewed the history and motions

approved by the voters at the David's Star voter's meetings, which directed the formation of the Church Building Committee. The committee elected Gary Heckendorf as vice-chairman and Terry Hansen as secretary / recorder for the Executive sub-committee.

Discussion on tasks which can be completed prior to the completion of the fund raising campaign included:

1. Communication and the importance of keeping all members informed of the progress of the church building project. Consideration will be given to forming an additional sub-committee whose sole purpose will be to keep all members informed.
2. Contact area churches that have had recent building projects Review the members thoughts on the pros and cons of their architects and builders.
3. Review work done to date by the Implementation Committee.
4. Consider names to suggest for the Design, Construction and Communication sub-committees.

Next meeting

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.  
A motion was made and carried to accept the election results.  
A motion was made and carried to destroy the ballots.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Election of Board of Elementary Education member handled under Board of Elementary Education report.

**Announcements**

1. Celebration Sunday: May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School.
2. Dedication Sunday: Weekend of May 21<sup>st</sup> .
3. Joint Ascension Service at Morning Star: May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**A motion was made and carried to adjourn.** The next Quarterly Voters meeting will be July 13, 2006 at 8:00 PM. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.