

THE GOOD NEWS

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"On This Rock"

by Pastor Loescher

Four and a half years ago, when I was deliberating this call to David's Star Lutheran Church, one of the members whom I had already known called me up. She said, "Pastor, this place is a rock." I thought I knew what she meant by that. Since that time, I've dug up a garden, planted several shrubs, a few small pine trees and dug at least a couple post holes. And every time I dig, I remember that fine woman's words to me. "This place is a rock." There are rocks everywhere in this place!

What did Jesus mean by the word "rock" when he said to Simon, son of John, "I tell you that you are Peter (rock) and on this rock I will build my church"? Simon son of John had just replied to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." In so doing, he expressed saving faith. He expressed a trust in the promises that God had given his children through the centuries. What Simon Peter learned from his parents, from the Holy Scriptures, and personally at the feet of Jesus, convinced him that his sins were forgiven. He knew by faith that Jesus was the gift of God for the forgiveness of the whole world.

Because of this Spirit given faith, Jesus called him Peter, and on that rock of faith, Jesus would build his church. And so he has. Such faith saved Peter and everyone who possesses this gift from God. Such faith embraces God's grace that has saved us though we have done nothing to deserve it. It knows that we cannot believe in Jesus without the Holy Spirit. We cannot love God or be acceptable to him without the gift of the sacrifice of Jesus. It knows all of this through the Holy Scriptures. God

the Holy Spirit chooses to reveal this wisdom of God's grace to us only through the Bible.

The faith of Peter is a rock—the same faith that has been taught in the Holy Christian Church ever since. Nearly lost through the power, lust, and pride of sinful men, the gospel faith became only a dim light through the false teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. Yet through these Dark Ages the rock would endure. We have cherished what God accomplished through Martin Luther and other confessors of the faith in the 16th century. We have taught and still teach our children that same faith—by Grace alone, by Faith alone, through Scriptures alone. Faith in Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God is still the rock on which the church is built.

I think I know what that fine Christian woman meant when she said, "This place is a rock." It has nothing to do with the stony ground. And while our magnificent historic building well represents the rock of faith and the living stones of God's church, I don't believe that is what she was getting at either. From what I have now seen, I believe she has been impressed by the faith of the people that has come about only by the Holy Spirit through God's gracious sacraments and the gospel preaching and teaching. On this rock Jesus will continue to build.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Selma Tews...11/13/1917..89 yrs. old
Mildred Behling...11/16/1922..84 yrs. old
Leona Heidtke...11/27/1919..87 yrs. old



GREETERS FOR OCTOBER 2006

11/5/2006 7:45: Brian & Pam Lee
10:15: Gene & Marlene Hagenow

11/11/2006 5:00: David & Nicole Miller

11/12/2006 7:45: David & Von Martin
10:15: Chuck & Sue Rusch

11/19/2006 7:45: Paul & Karen Schreck
10:15: Todd & Patricia Backus

11/26/2006 7:45: Dennis & Kathy Kison
10:15: Fritz & Naomi Mahnke

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WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

All women of the congregation are invited join us as we continue to meet on the first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Our new study is *The Beauty of a Simple Life-When Less is More*. Please contact Colleen Loeffler at 677-2319 to reserve a copy of the book or if you have any questions. The cost is \$6.99 and checks should be made payable to David's Star Church.

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

We are studying 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. Each session addresses different topics and it is not necessary to attend every session. You are welcome to attend as many sessions as you wish. We meet in the school IMC at 7:00 pm. We will meet on Wednesday, November 1 and 15. If you have any questions, please contact Char Kison at 677-2389.

WOMEN'S ADVENT PRAYER BREAKFAST

This is the fifth year that the Wednesday Women in God's Word Bible Study Group will be sponsoring an Advent Prayer Breakfast. If you have never attended in the past, we would really like to encourage you to attend this year. If you are one of the many regular attendees, we hope you are planning to come again this year. There is a new devotion theme, *The Trees of Christmas*, and there is always the delicious breakfast! This year the breakfast will again be held at Heidel's Restaurant on Saturday, December 2. Plan to arrive at 8:30 with breakfast to be served at 9:00. The cost this year will be \$12.00. Tickets will go on sale after the church services the weekends of November 12, 19, and 26. This is a great way to get ready for the busy Christmas Season. Why not buy an extra ticket and bring a friend? For more information, contact Char Kison (677-2389).

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ADVENT SERVICES

Our Mid-Week Advent Services will begin on Wednesday, December 6th. Service times are 3:30 and 7:00 pm. There will be services on December 13th and December 20th also.

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The David's Star School weekly newsletter is now available on-line. David Star Newspaper "The Star" & school calendar are also available on-line. Our website address is www.davidsstar.org

CHURCH NEWSLETTERS & CALENDARS

There are extra church calendars available from ushers. Extra newsletters available in church narthex

Our Foundation... Built on the Rock!

10/20/06 Update

In our previous update we noted the account of God's presence in the new temple in Jerusalem. We often refer to that magnificent building as "Solomon's Temple," since Solomon was king during the actual construction. However, it was not King Solomon who did all the planning! Rather it was his father, King David, who measured and calculated, who designed, and signed the contracts. The Bible tells us in 1Chronicles 22:5, "***So David made extensive preparations before his death.***" Although God did not allow David to build the temple because he was a warrior king, nevertheless David felt blessed to be able to lend his services to the planning of the project.

Likewise, here at David's Star the planning process for God's new "temple" has begun. We are approaching the time to measure, calculate, design, and sign contracts. Our Building Committee is currently working to select an architect who will work with us from beginning to completion. After reviewing the presentation of six reputable architects, each with church building experience, the field was narrowed to Zimmermann Design Group (remodeling of chapel at Luther Prep, Watertown) and Plunkett Raysich Architects (remodeling of Trinity Lutheran Church, Waukesha [WELS] and new construction and design of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, West Bend [WELS]). Both firms have good credentials and are known to several of our members as reliable architects. In mid-November, the Executive and Design sub-committees will tour churches that these two companies have built. Hopefully a final decision will be made shortly after that. The Committee has been granted by the voters their request that up to \$50,000 be allocated from the restricted building fund to allow a contract to be signed.

Each of these firms has given us a time line of about two years for the completion of the project. The first twelve months will be used to prepare the project for construction. That would include reviewing and updating the master plan, meeting with all organizations within the church, reviewing the existing infrastructure, reviewing space needs, identifying phase one of the entire project, estimating costs of phase one, preparing schematics, seeking local and municipal approval, and presenting the final design and costs to the congregation. The second year would be for the construction of the new building.

We can truly identify with the words of David that he spoke to all the leaders of Israel: "***Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the LORD your God. Begin to build the sanctuary...that will be built for the Name of the LORD.***" (1 Chronicles 22:19)

PARISH NURSE NEWS

HIPAA AND DAVID'S STAR (A Reminder)

Although the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) became a law in 1996, its full impact is becoming apparent as time goes by. Perhaps most of us have received letters from our health care providers and insurance companies explaining how we all are affected by this new law. The original intent of this legislation was to protect patient confidentiality in relation to information recorded, transmitted, or electronically stored. So you ask, how in the world does this relate to us at David's Star? Let us explain! Before the law went into effect, pastors could arrive at a hospital and ask for the names of patients from their congregations from a directory. Now, facilities may maintain a directory, but directory information may be shared only if the pastor asks for the person by name, and only if the patient has given permission to be listed. The best solution to this situation and to insure that pastor receives the correct information is for the patient or family member to inform the Church of any admissions and give permission to be in the facility directory. Please call the Church office!

Also, for your information, Pastors Loescher and Woldt are happy to include your concerns in the prayers during Church but will only do so with your specific request. The prayers will be in general terms only, unless specifically indicated by the patient or family, in the case of an emergency. The pastors, Parish Nurse, and office staff will share information with each other on a "need to know" basis to provide a Christ-centered health ministry. If you have any questions concerning this please, don't hesitate to ask one of the pastors or Parish Nurse.

FYI : The Aurora VNA administered 30 flu shots on October 22nd at church and 1 shut-in received a flu shot at home. Many thanks to Diane Lamm RN and Lynne Mathiak RN, employees of Aurora for volunteering their time to give the shots and Angela Lamm for helping with the paperwork!

LOOKING AHEAD On November 18th we are hosting our third and last BLOOD DRIVE of the year. It will be held in the IMC from 8am to 1pm. Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins are always welcome! Call Gay Herther at 338-3123 for an appointment. Please consider donating! It does more good than you know!

Blessings of good health to you!

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

Pastor's Report**(Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 677-0919)****(Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 377-1019)**

Your pastors both attended a symposium at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, and a pastoral conference in Mishicot, WI. These gatherings provided the opportunity for spiritual growth and encouragement, as we learned from and spoke with other pastors from our state and around the country. Pastor Loescher has been making visits in connection with the "Real Treasure" bible study program encouraged by our synod. Pastor Woldt attended a few days of meetings in connection with his role as a member of the governing board of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. We are currently working with three Early Field Training Students, all married. Middlers Nathaniel Winkel and David Rosenau, as well as junior Andrew DeGier. These men will be gaining a variety of ministry experiences here at David's Star.

President's Report**(Randy Matter, Telephone # 376-1585)**

1. Building Committee—The Building Committee intends to ask the congregation for architect funding of up to \$50,000 at the October voter's meeting. They are looking for Council's approval on their recommendation to the voters. They are in the final stages of interviewing architects now and have scheduled on-site visits with two architectural firms after interviewing six. Included on the Design Committee are Prof James Korthals, Mel Heckendorf, Aaron Matter, and Tom Neuman, and Kathy Bintz.

2. Cemetery Committee—This issue is still pending. Issues that Wally Miller and I have identified for discussion are charging a plot maintenance fee, long-range planning for future expansion, how to handle pre-planning requests, a review of the permissible headstones, possible guidelines for cremation remains, and probably an overall review of the guidelines as listed in our constitution. We will also need to find another member for the committee with the passing of Howard Kaschner.

3. Congregational Team Workshops—The workshops will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2006.

4. Elections and Audit Committee—I am working on organizing the Nominating Committee and the Audit Committee. So far Jody Hansen and Gary Heckendorf have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. Positions that need to be filled in January include Chmn of Stewardship Committee, Chmn of Board of Building and Grounds, Chmn of Spiritual Growth, Treasurer, 2 members of Board of Elders (Clif Koeller, Steve Bintz), 2 members of Bd of Education (Gary Heckendorf, John Faltersack), 2 members of Board for Bldg & Grounds (David Miller and David Klug). Terry Brazell and Nate Bublitz are both on

Audit Committee but Nate did not participate last year. I am contacting both of them to find out their willingness to serve.

5. Church Redecorating Committee—I personally delivered thank you cards and Cabella's gift certificates to Jeff Wenzel and Dan Kufahl for the extraordinary amount of work they did on the church.

6. Rusch Land—I had a conversation with Donna Gierach about the Rusch land. They are still wrestling with options. One on the table right now is to sell the land to a developer to create a ten-lot subdivision with access off of Spring Valley Rd. They are considering many different options. The person that was going to buy the land couldn't get the funding. The sale of the house also fell through. I thanked her for still considering a land donation to the church. She said they would like to but that would still depend on how the land is used.

Buildings and Grounds Report**(Kurt Henning, Telephone # 677-2797)**

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Golf committee is willing to purchase new feet for chairs in the gymnasium. They wish to protect the floor from any damage.

Board of Elders**(Dennis Bell, Telephone #677-2248)**

The Worship Committee is working on the celebration for the 150th anniversary of our church building. It will be held in conjunction with our Advent Song Service in December. Currently looking at ways to publicize the event, including a press release to the newspapers.

The Board of Elders is considering the request from the Evangelism Committee pertaining to additional services and activities to make better use of our church woods.

Dave Krause, from our Technology Committee, has agreed to periodically monitor the David's Star website.

**Board for Elementary Education
(Patrick Steele, Telephone # #677-7673)**

- A. Surveys were distributed in the church bulletins regarding a potential change to graduation service and / or the church picnic. Any change would not take place until 2008.
- B. Parent group – All grades were represented with the exception of 8th grade.
- C. Athletic field donation – Possibility exists if the land donation goes through.
- D. Question arose about why the Technology Committee reports to Buildings and Grounds and not directly to the Church Council. Currently they meet quarterly and have broad standing. May leave it this way due to the potential for a computer lab in the new building.
- E. Question about a possible constitution change regarding the School Treasurer duties. The School Board Chair was asked to look at further for the November meeting.

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

The committee has not met recently.
The Pioneers and Youth Group have been working on the trails in the church woods.
The trails in the woods are being used, still waiting for signs explaining rules to be installed.

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

Starting October 15 Pastor Loescher will begin a study of Bible Interpretation in the school.
Starting October 29 Mr. Gustafson will begin a Bible study in the church.
Starting October 15 Pastor Woldt will lead the teens in a Sunday morning Bible Study.
The first session of Bible classes had good attendance. Why not make Sunday a 2 hour event and come to Bible Classes?

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

We discussed the Every Member Visits that we have begun working on in the past couple of weeks. We are currently meeting with members that we are asking to be presenters of this Bible study. We will also be compiling a list of families that we want to ask about hosting cottage meetings. We look to have all members visited by the end of February. The money that was donated from Howard Kaschner's estate has been allocated according to the 2006 Undesignated Gift Policy and has been invested in WELS Investment Funds.
Todd Backus and Rod Kison are going to continue working with the Our Foundation Built on a Rock campaign with the oversight of the Stewardship Committee. In the 3rd Quarter Offering Statements there will be a Pledge Update

for each member. In the coming weeks we will be answering any questions that people may have on the Thrivent Matching Program and the forms that members may need to fill out. There have been changes to Thrivent's giving program that will be explained. Budget sheets were passed out to all for consideration. The committee would like these returned in early November so that they can compile them before the November Council meeting. Please email or put in Jody's mailbox.

**Treasurer's Report
(Chuck Gauger, Telephone #677-4361)**

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**Vice President Report
(Jeff Morgan, Telephone #377-7532)**

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.
None.

New Business.

1 Recommendation from Building Committee to release funds for hiring of architect – The Building Committee has narrowed the choice to 2 firms for architectural services. They are Zimmerman Design Group and Plunkett Raysich Architects. Both bids are comparable and come to approximately 6 to 7% of the entire contract. The request made at this time is to release approximately 20% of what is needed for these services.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to send to the voters a recommendation to release \$50,000 for architectural services. These funds would come from the Our Foundation Built on the Rock fund.

2. Electricity for new Church sign - A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to take the necessary funds (\$685) from the Building Improvement fund to pay for the underground electricity for the new sign. Randy Matter will sign the necessary contracts and send them back to WE Energies promptly.

Items for Voters

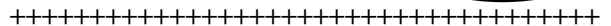
See item number 1 under New Business

The next scheduled Council meeting will be at the church parish center on **Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 7:00 PM.**

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

FOOD PANTRY

The Pioneers/Shining Lights are sponsoring a food drive for the St. Marcus Lutheran (WELS) Food Pantry. Please place non-perishable food items in the designated box in the church narthex. Each classroom is also gathering items for this drive. We will collect items until November 26th. Needed items include pancake mix, pancake syrup, cereals, minute rice, instant mashed potatoes, spaghetti sauce and chicken noodle soup. The food pantry cannot accept rusty cans or home canned foods. The food pantry also appreciates household items such as bar soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels and Kleenex. Your support is appreciated. Thank you!



"TREE OF LOVE"



Once again we will be having the Tree of Love in the back of church starting November 4th. Gifts must be returned to church no later than November 26th. We will be taking the gifts to Milwaukee on December 2nd for distribution to both the Northside and Southside Lutheran ministries. You can bring the gifts either not wrapped (for the Northside ministries) or wrapped (for the Southside ministries). Please attach the tag securely to the outside of the gift. These charities will certainly appreciate your participation. Any questions can be directed to Judy Gauger at 677-4361.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Ladies Aid will have Christmas cards available in the church narthex after the services on Saturday beginning on November 11th and between services on Sundays (until they're gone.) If paying by check, please make them payable to David's Star Ladies Aid.



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR September 2006				
	Current Month Offerings	Average weekly offerings	Offerings Received thru 9/30/06	Offerings Budgeted thru 9/30/06
Operating	\$55,453	\$13,863	\$521,217	\$574,142
Missions	\$5,627	\$ 1,407	\$60,789	\$69,682
KML Operating	\$3,489	\$872	\$39,266	\$45,059
KML Building	\$1,460	\$365	\$12,835	\$15,000
"Together Shining Like the Stars..."	\$1,467	\$367	\$24,876	\$26,361

The deficit in our Operating Fund is:
 \$128,014
 The deficit at the end of September 2005 was: \$133,863
 The deficit at the end of September 2004 was: \$95,907

GREETING 101

How often have you entered church and a pleasant smile and warm handshake are there to welcome you to worship. That smile and handshake belongs to one of our many GREETERS who volunteer to welcome you, our members, and our guests to the worship service.

Previously, we would call members who indicated a willingness to serve as greeters to fill the Greeter's Schedule. We would like to try a new approach to filling this schedule by the use of a "sign up" sheet located in the narthex of the church. The sign up sheet will allow members to select a service time that will fit into their schedules. Also, by signing up in this manner, members who have not been greeters in the past will have the opportunity to become a greeter. There will be sign up sheets for each month, with several of the future months available at a time.

We will continue to list the Greeter's Schedule in the monthly newsletter and in the bulletin each Sunday as a reminder to those who have signed up.

If you have been one of our greeters, many thanks to you for volunteering for this service to your congregation. If you have not been a greeter yet, please select a service time when you can help us out (and many thanks in advance to you also for considering this opportunity to serve).

A few notes to all greeters.

Please try to arrive approximately 20 minutes before the start of the service you will be greeting for.

Also, instead of the RED "GREETER" pin, there are printed NAMETAGS that you can add your name to and wear while you are greeting the worshippers. While you know who you are; and many members may know you by name or sight; some may not associate the name and the face.

Also, if you feel someone may be a visitor, introduce yourself and give them an extra special warm welcome to our church.

Again, many thanks to everyone for helping with this very important program for our congregation.

The Evangelism Committee

David's Star Quarterly Voters Meeting

October 12, 2006

8:00 PM

The meeting was opened with devotion. Congregational Meeting Chairman, Rod Kison, called the meeting to order. 42 voting members attended. The minutes of the Quarterly Voters Meeting on July 13, 2006 were distributed via the newsletter and are posted on the website. There were 2 corrections to the minutes of the July Quarterly Voters' meeting. They were the title (Quarterly, not Annual) and under New Business (the second Whereas clause should read Long-range building master plan, not Tong). A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes as amended. A motion was made and carried to accept the agenda.

Membership Report

Incoming:

Nass, Lyndsay
Profession of Faith
Oestreich, Colleen
Profession of Faith
Rosenau, David & Susan;
Brittany, Amanda, Luke, Ella,
Katie
Transfer from Calvary,
Thiensville, WI
Wolfgram, John & Cathy;
Alyssa Beres, Sarah Beres
Transfer from Good Shepherd,
West Bend, WI

Outgoing:

Gierach, Mary Ann
Transfer to St. John's, Lannon,
WI
Schlender, (nee Schowalter),
Ashley
Transfer to St. Luke, Watertown,
WI
Schmirler, Peter, Augie and
Karl
Transfer to Good Shepherd,
West Bend, WI

Signing of the Constitution by New Voting Members

Dave Martin signed the constitution. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept him as a voting member.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Woldt & Loescher

Both pastors wish to thank you for your continuing support and prayers. We are thankful for the attendance at Bible classes. Your pastors both attended a symposium at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, and a

pastoral conference in Mishicot, WI. These gatherings provided the opportunity for spiritual growth and encouragement, as we learned from and spoke with other pastors from our state and around the country. Pastor Loescher has been making visits in connection with the “Real Treasure” bible study program encouraged by our synod. Pastor Woldt attended a few days of meetings in connection with his role as a member of the governing board of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. It is a good opportunity to learn about the Synod. Pastor Loescher is involved with the Lutheran Pioneers on a national level.

Treasurer’s Report: Chuck Gauger

The Treasurer’s report was presented by Chuck Gauger. The September 30, 2006 ending balance in our operating fund shows a deficit of \$128,014. This compares to a deficit of \$115,050 as of August 31, 2006 and a deficit of \$133,863 on the same date last year. Year to date operating fund receipts are \$558,977 compared to \$516,699 last year and this year’s budget of \$609,696. Our Foundation Built on the Rock funding appeal has received year to date receipts of \$353,738.

President’s Report: Randy Matter

7. Congregational Team Workshops—This year’s workshops are being held on Saturday, October 21 at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. This conference is hosted by the WELS and is a series of workshops on Evangelism, Stewardship, Education, church leadership, and many other topics. Mr Gustafson, both pastors, Dennis Bell and I have all signed up to attend. These are very practical workshops that provide new ideas for our ministry.
8. Elections and Audit Committee—I am organizing the Nominating Committee and the Audit Committee. Positions that need to be filled in January include Chmn of Stewardship Committee, Chmn of Board of Building and Grounds, Chmn of Spiritual Growth, Treasurer, 2 members of Board of Elders, 2 members of the Bd of Education, and 2 members of Board for Bldg & Grounds. Eight members are needed to form the Nominating Committee and three for the Audit Committee. If you have any interest in serving on these committees, or if you have an interest in running for a leadership position, please contact me. I have always viewed service to the Lord as a privilege. We need good leaders with fresh ideas to keep our ministry marching forward. If you are contacted to serve, please give the request your careful consideration.
9. Building Construction Planning Budget—The Building Committee needed a preliminary budget number to work with during the planning process. After careful deliberation, the Council authorized a

preliminary budget of \$3.0 million to \$3.25 million for Phase I. We consulted with four different sources of potential debt funding. After explaining our history, our appeal’s success, and our congregation size and current debt load, they all came to approximately the same conclusion. With \$1.4 million in gifts and commitments already in hand, we would be borrowing about 50% of the cost of construction. We expect our members to become even more excited once the planning is in full swing. We see our original goal of 1/3-1/3-1/3 as very reachable. God continues to bless this ministry expansion effort.

10. Church Redecorating Committee—The repainting and re-carpeting of the church is complete. There were very nice crews for the pew removal and resetting and for the carpet removal. A huge thank you goes to Ken Berndt, Sue Berndt, Laurie Bublitz, Jeff Wenzel and Dan Kaschner for doing an excellent job of organizing this major undertaking! And a big thank you to Jeff Wenzel and Dan Kufahl for their countless hours of work. And to Liesener Soils for allowing us to store the pews in three of their semi trailers. The project was a huge success at a cost of less than \$24,000.

Board of Elementary Education: Patrick Steele

- A. Student enrollment for this term is 163 students.
- B. We have a new preschool teacher – Kathy Bintz
- C. Almost all faculty has taken some continuing education.
- D. New student teacher this quarter for 2nd grade.
- E. Accreditation will be moving forward late this fall and into winter.

Board of Elders: Dennis Bell

The Elders recommended to Council, which subsequently approved the elimination of the German Service for Harvest Home. The reason was due to the lack of attendance at the service. We are looking for a couple of newer laptop computers for the Pastors. We would like to get them into the 21st century technology.

The Worship Committee is finalizing the plans for the 150th celebration of our church sanctuary. It will be held in conjunction with our Advent Song Service in the beginning of December.

Our Pastors are training the elders for the every member visits being conducted this fall and early next year. Our group will concentrate on those members who have not been attending church on a regular basis.

Our committee is considering the request from the Evangelism Committee pertaining to additional services and activities to make better use of our church woods.

The Parish Nurse Program has been very busy over the past quarter with blood pressure screenings, Blood

Donor drive, shut in visits, and nursing home visits. Sue Bolha attended a WELS Parish Nurse Gathering in the Green Bay area. She shared with them a new assessment form that was developed by our committee and a new care plan that we are going to use here at David's Star. The blood drive held in July had a lower turn out than normal, and their committee is looking into ways to improve participation, as the need for blood is great. Looking to next quarter, the committee will again be very busy with all that is lined up for them to accomplish. Members of the Parish Nurse Committee are Sue Bolha RN chairman, Diane Lamm RN, Joan Brandt RN, Lori Koth RN, Lynne Mathiak RN, Vanessa McFadyen RN, Deb Hansen RN, Susie Jahns RN, Pamela Lee RN and Lorraine McCauley RN. We should thank God that we have such an abundance of willing nurses to serve in this capacity. We as a congregation are truly blessed.

Board of Buildings and Grounds: Kurt Henning

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Evangelism Committee Report: Pastor Loescher

Working on assimilation of new members. Making them feel welcome and getting them involved.

Working on development of the Church Woods. The Pioneers and Youth Group have been working on the trails in the church woods. The trails in the woods are

being used, still waiting for signs explaining rules to be installed.

Working on using the celebration for the 150th anniversary of our church building as a public relation tool. Currently looking at ways to publicize the event, including a press release to the newspapers.

Spiritual Growth Committee Report: Mark Otte

There was excellent attendance at the adult Bible classes offered during the first session of Bible Studies. Professor Korthals led a group in the study of the minor prophets and Professor Bivens led a class entitled Israel and the end times. Next up, Pastor Loescher will lead a study of Biblical interpretation in the school and Mr. Gustafson will lead a Bible study in the church. Pastor Woldt will lead the teens in Bible study. Please continue joining us on Sunday's for these excellent opportunities to dig deeper into God's word. We continue to offer growth opportunities through our growing church library and through the parent education program called cradle roll. Why not make Sunday a 2 hour event and come to Bible Classes?

Stewardship Committee Report: Jody Hansen

We discussed the Every Member Visits that we have begun working on in the past couple of weeks. We are currently meeting with members that we are asking to be presenters of this Bible study. We will also be compiling a list of families that we want to ask about hosting cottage meetings. We look to have all members visited by the end of February. The money that was donated from Howard Kaschner's estate has been allocated according to the 2006 Undesignated Gift Policy and has been invested in WELS Investment Funds.

Todd Backus and Rod Kison are going to continue working with the Our Foundation Built on a Rock campaign with the oversight of the Stewardship Committee. In the 3rd Quarter Offering Statements there will be a Pledge Update for each member. In the coming weeks we will be answering any questions that people may have on the Thrivent Matching Program and the forms that members may need to fill out.

Cemetery Committee Report: Wally Miller

No Report.

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Report: Pastor Woldt

A. Student enrollment is 416 students, with 111 of them being freshmen. The largest class ever.

B. There are 5 new staff members this fall.

C. The track has been resurfaced and installation of bleachers for the football field has occurred.

Church Redecorating Committee: Ken Berndt

The Church redecorating project is nearing completion. A lot has been accomplished these last several months. At the end of July and into August, the interior of our church was repainted. The pews were removed by several well qualified hard working volunteers. The old carpeting was removed by some of our members; and the new carpeting was installed in August. The communion kneelers and the swinging doors were also reupholstered. The work that needs to be done is to have the David's Star Symbol and the Scripture Passage painted back on the walls. On Monday, October 16th, Cedarburg Cleaning will prepare an estimate to clean all of our pew cushions. The project is being completed under the maximum budget amount.

A big thank you goes out to all devoted committee members and a big thank you to all the people that were called upon to volunteer for this redecorating project. What a blessing to have these people give their time and services to their Lord so willingly.

Stewardship Appeal Committee Report: Rod Kison

Todd Backus and myself, Rod Kison, as Co-Emphasis Directors of the 'Our Foundation Built on the Rock', met with the Congregation's Stewardship Committee at their September monthly meeting and agreed to the following plan as it relates to the continued follow-up for the funding appeal:

- Quarterly reporting to the Congregation as to the overall progress at the Voters' meetings and printed in the following Newsletter that reaches all members.
- Additional communication as necessary coordinated with the Building Committee Communications and Stewardship Committee.
- Quarterly pledge statements provided to the members as to the status of their individual pledges and contributions to date. These pledge statements will be distributed with the membership offering statements starting September 30, 2006.
- Coordination with the Evangelism Committee to communicate information regarding the Appeal process to new members. Determine who should be meeting with new members and how this information would be best communicated.
- A semi-annual review of individual contributions compared with pledges will be conducted in January and July on an individual basis and discussed with the Pastors and/or the appropriate Council Committee to determine the best approach for a follow-up response if required.

- A letter will be sent to the membership who have indicated an initial no gift or one time contribution response on the May anniversary date of the initial Stewardship Emphasis appeal. This 'upbeat' letter should provide a reminder of this anniversary appeal as well as an update to the status of the Appeal and Building process. It will again offer a reminder and another opportunity to again participate in the appeal process.
- Continue to send acknowledgement letters for all new pledge cards that are returned.
- A continuing encouragement and prayer needs to be incorporated in all correspondence that is being communicated.

As of September 30, 2006:

- Total Appeal Pledges: \$1,413,195 which includes actual pledges of \$1,250,120 and matching funds of \$163,075.
- Actual cash received to date: \$306,128 which includes \$248,198 from members who had made a personal commitment and \$11,930 in contributions who had not made commitments as well as the \$46,000 initial distribution from the Howard Kaschner estate.

David's Star Building Committee: Randy Vogel

Our church has been blessed with many talented people who have stepped forward to be guided by God to design a structure for worship here in Kirchhayn for many years to come. We have narrowed our search for an architect to two firms, Zimmerman Design Group and Plunkett Raysich Architects. Both firms have good credentials and are known to several of our members who are in the construction field. The Executive and Design subcommittees will tour churches that the two firms have designed on November 11 and 18. After viewing the work of these companies, we will need to complete our due diligence by further contacting the companies' references, etcetera. I would hope that the executive subcommittee will be able to make a final recommendation for an architectural firm in December or early January.

The committee is requesting up to \$50,000 to be allocated from the restricted building fund to allow a contract to be signed with an architect to begin work on the project. (See resolution)

All of the architectural firms that we have interviewed have given a similar time line for our type of project for a total of about two years.

After the contract with an architect is signed, it will take approximately 12 months to prepare the project for

construction. This timeline assumes that all committees and interested groups in the congregation can meet in a timely basis. The following will need to be completed in the first twelve months: Review and update of the master plan, meeting and listening to the various user groups within the church, review of the existing infrastructure, review space needs, identify the phase one project, cost estimate the phase one project, present phase one estimate to the building committee, present the phase one project and costs to the congregation. Prepare the schematic design including the site plan, floor plan, elevations, exterior and interior sketch of phase one. Meet with the building committee to review phase one plan and costs. Present the phase one schematic designs and costs to the congregation. Seek local municipality approval. Design development documents. Preparation of construction documents and the bidding process. Present final bids for approval.

Construction time will be approximately one year after the above tasks are completed or a total of two years for the design and construction of our new church building.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Recommendation of Church Council to authorize the Building Committee to use up to \$50,000 from the Restricted Building Fund for the contracting of an architectural firm to confer with our members and produce conceptual plans for phase 1 of our building project. – The Building Committee has narrowed the choice to 2 firms for architectural services. They are Zimmerman Design Group and Plunkett Raysich Architects. Both bids are comparable and come to approximately 6 to 7% of the entire contract. The request made at this time is to release approximately 20% of what is needed for these services.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the recommendation to release \$50,000 for architectural services. These funds would come from the Our Foundation Built on the Rock fund.

Closing Prayer/Benediction (Pastor Loescher)

The Annual Voters meeting will be January 18, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
James R. Siebers, Recording Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear members of David's Star- Thank you to those who made the decision to grant tuition assistance for our daughter Brittany at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. A simple thank you does not adequately express our deep appreciation. We are also humbled that your church body would extend this kindness to brand new members. God bless you for this display of Christian love, and God bless the ministry of David's Star.

In Christ, (Signed) David Rosenau & family