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How Much Should I Put In?

By Pastor Woldt

We're used to being told how much we owe. The power company tells us how much we owe. The credit card company provides us with information about our current balance and minimum payment. Our car loans and mortgages come with payment booklets or coupons. In most areas of life we know exactly how much we owe and what we have to pay.

How do you decide what to put in the offering plate when you come to church? No one tells us how much we owe when we take our place in the pew. Do you look in your purse or wallet to see what you have left after Friday night? Do you glance at the balance in your checkbook? Do you think about all the bills you have to pay in the coming week? Are you still giving the same amount you've given for the past five, ten or twenty years?

Are you giving too little? Are you giving too much? How much should you put in?

Some people might suggest formulas. Take the budget and divide it by the number of communicant members. Others might suggest that parents of school children should "pay their fair share" since the cost of Christian education has a major impact on our congregational budget. Still others seem to give only when the church "gets behind" and really needs the money. Do you recognize your approach?

What does the bible have to say about how much we should put in the offering plate? The Old Testament formula was 10

percent of all income (plus additional sacrifices prescribed in the laws God gave to Moses.) The tithe may be a good guide or goal, but it is not a mandate. As New Testament believers, we are free to give whatever we desire to give as a redeemed child of God.

As we exercise our Christian freedom in giving, we will listen to the inspired encouragement that Scripture provides. The apostle Paul reminded the people at Corinth to "set aside a sum of money in keeping with their income." In other words, give as the Lord blesses you. (Read 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 for more information on Christian giving.)

How much should I put in? You can't answer that question until you know how much Jesus has put on the table for you. He gave himself. He laid down his life. Your sins are forgiven and you have eternal life with God in heaven. How much is that worth? How large an offering will it take to reflect your thankful heart?

If every member of David's Star gave as the Lord has blessed us, we'd be knee deep in a pile of money looking for ways to expand our mission locally and globally. How much should you put in? Before you answer that question, consider what the Lord has done for you. Then give what you have decided to give with a cheerful heart!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SENIORS

Walter Gutermann...80 yrs. old 8/8/1934
Anita Eulert...95 yrs. old...8/9/1919
Fritz Mahnke...80 yrs. old... 8/18/1934
Lillian Hollmann...83 yrs. old... 8/25/1931



AUGUST 2014 GREETERS

- August 3, 2014 7:45 Jody & Amy Hansen
9:30 Brian & Pam Lee
- August 10, 2014 7:45 Rick & Nancy Ebeling
9:30 Jay & Tanya Anderson
- August 17, 2014 7:45 Tony & Lynn Gromacki
9:30 Doris Beine & girls
- August 24, 2014 9:30 Mike & Rebecca Kempfert
- August 31, 2014 7:45 Ralph & Elaine Gerner
9:30 Patty Kison & Hildie Brandt

WELS MUSICIAN Stephen Bautista will be here for a concert in the church woods or school gymnasium (depending on weather and mosquitoes) on **Saturday, August 9th at 5PM**. Please note that this will take the place of our regularly scheduled Saturday worship in the church.

UPDATED PHONE NUMBERS We have been finding that alot of members are disconnecting their land line telephone numbers. With that in mind, if you have please let the church office know your cell phone number. You can e-mail church@davidstar.org or call the office 262.677.2412. Thank you!

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY AT KMLHS The 2014 KML Celebration of Ministry service will take place on Sunday, September 7, at 2pm in the KML Performing Arts Center. Doors open at 1pm. Join us as we offer our praise to God for allowing KMLHS to begin the 41st year of instructing our youth in the truth of God's Word. The service will include the installation of Jaime Luehring as KML principal, James Ott as math instructor, and Sheila Krause as learning center coordinator.

WOMEN NURTURING WOMEN THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will meet in the multi-purpose room located behind the concession area. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings of each month at 9:30. It is always uplifting and encouraging to be in God's Word together. We hope you can come. God's Word gives us great joy, strength and comfort, for every day. With questions call Beth Steinbrenner at 262.685.7420 or e-mail me at pbandkids@yahoo.com. This session will resume in fall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

at Jimmy's in Jackson meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:00 am. This group meets year-round.

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is the name of our small group bible studies. We took that name from an early disciple who was given that nickname because he was such an encourager. Our small group home bible studies are also intended for the encouragement of one another. The groups are on-going, but anytime is a good time 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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets in the multi-purpose room of school at 10:00am. We will continue again in fall.

FRIDAY MORNING DROP-OFF BIBLE CLASS will resume again in fall.

MISSION FESTIVAL Volunteers are needed for Mission Festival There are a number of opportunities for fellowship and service for our Savior on Saturday, August 23 as well as Sunday, August 24. Sign up sheets are available in the new gathering space. Please consider joining us as we prepare for this service in our woods.

MISSION FESTIVAL is Sunday, August 24th, 2014 at 9:30 in our church woods. The church band Koine' will be participating in the service. Pastor Robert Hein, Chairman for WELS Christian Aid & Relief will be the guest speaker for this service. Pastor Hein also serves as our Circuit Pastor and one of the pastors at Good Shepherd, West Bend.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION will be on **Sunday, August 10 after the 7:45am and 9:30am worship services until noon** and **Monday, August 11 from 6:00 - 8:00pm** in the school gym. Payments of at least 10% must be made at this time. (School Pak Orders will be available for pick-up at registration). If you are not able to attend on either of these days, please contact the school office for an appointment after August 13.

SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS On Monday, August 25th we will begin our 172th school year with a church service at 8:45 a.m. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The students should go to their respective classrooms when they come to school. School will begin at 8:30 a.m. and close at 3:30 p.m.

(4K - 8:30-11:30 Monday, August 25th) (3K - 8:30-11:30 Tuesday, August 26th)

KML STUDENT ORIENTATION KML Freshman/Parent Orientation - Wednesday, August 13th (3:30p - 6:00p). KML Sophomore-Sen/Parent Orientation - Thursday, August 14th (6:30p - 8:40p).

KOINE' ON THE LAWN The Cedarburg Outreach Group consisting of Our Savoir – Grafton, Redeemer – Cedarburg, Trinity – Jackson, and David's Star – Jackson, is sponsoring a concert on the lawn at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cedarburg as an outreach event to the community. The church band Koine' will perform. If you have heard them, you know that their message is an outstanding proclamation of God's truth of his holy law and sweet gospel. The concert will take place on Thursday, September 4th at 6 PM. Donations are now being accepted to fund this outreach effort.

KETTLE MORAIN LUTHERAN CHEER TEAM Car Wash, Bake Sale & Brat Fry, Saturday, August 16, 9:00am -4:00pm at Piggly Wiggly, Hwy. 60 Jackson. Proceeds to KMLHS Cheer & Stunt Team's Athletic Budget.

THE THUNDERBOLT OPEN GOLF OUTING will be held at West Bend Lakes C.C. on Saturday, September 6th this year. It was a huge success last year with donations totaling \$13,229. Our golf committee is going to work hard to provide a fun experience for everyone and also come up with some great fundraising opportunities. This outing is a great opportunity to not only have a good time golfing and meet other people from within our congregation but it's also a great opportunity to support our Lutheran grade school, which is why the golf outing was established, so please reserve the date and we hope to see you at this social event.

To date, the Thunderbolt Open has been able to fund a number of projects to support the quality Christian education that David's Star Luth. grade school provides. Donations from team entry fees, to silent auction items, to general donations have totaled \$143,712 over the past fourteen years.

In 2013 we were able to purchase new chrome books for the 7th & 8th grade students!

Our goal for 2014 is to purchase new Chrome Books for the younger age groups.

Our David's Star educators are very excited about using these new chrome books in order to provide a great learning environment for all of the students!

The dollars from past outings have been used to help support school projects such as:

- A new hardwood gym floor
- New bleachers for the gymnasium
- Lighting for the gymnasium
- Athletic equipment for the school (ball racks, basketballs, uniforms, backboards, rims, etc.)
- A new portable stage
- Uniforms for the sports teams
- The outdoor basketball courts.
- New sound system equipment for the gymnasium
- Items used in the concession stand
- New computers/laptops for the classrooms
- Helped purchase the older playground equipment
- Helped purchase the newer playground equipment
- New smart boards to further educate our students in the classrooms
- Numerous other items

With your continued support of the Thunderbolt Open Golf Outing, we can provide additional dollars for more opportunities for the grade school, ultimately supporting a best in class Christian education for our children and grandchildren.

Thank you again for your continued support!

To God be the glory!

Sincerely,

The Thunderbolt Open Golf Committee Glenn Rusch,
Randy Esenberg, Terry Koth, Shannon Leitzke,
Kurt Henning, Kurt Liesener & Jon Kruse

COUNCIL CAPSULE SUMMARY OF THE JULY 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

David's Star Church Council Meeting Capsule July 15, 2014

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Dennis Bell, Mike Willis, Tim Gustafson, Keith Rusch, Andy Loeffler, Pastor Loescher, Kurt Henning, Randy Matter

Absent: Dan Bolha, Brian Lee, Brandon Lehman, Jim Korthals

The meeting was called to order by Randy Matter. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Loescher. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on June 17, 2014.

Committee Reports Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: None.

Outgoing: None.

Pastors' Report Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919 kloescher@davidstar.org & Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019 woldt@nconnect.net

In a letter addressed to the congregation dated July 1, 2014, Pastor Janke announced his plans to resign from the call to serve as our visitation pastor effective at the end of the current calendar year. We thank God for his faithful labors in bringing God's comfort to those who have been hospitalized and shut in over the past years since his retirement from fulltime ministry. We now have time to assess the future ministry needs of our congregation to see how the pastoral staff will look going forward. We thank the congregation and the board for buildings and grounds for the work being done in and around the parsonages. Please pray for new efforts to get the David's Star teen group revived. Scheduling conflicts with teens seems to be the biggest obstacle right now. There is a core group of young people who seem to be interested in meeting regularly.

President's Report Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419 brianandpam1@att.net

Everything went well for the first congregational meeting, and it was well attended. Thank you to Brandon Lehman for taking on the chairman position of the evangelism committee. Now that the parish center is gone, it might be time to review the 10 year plan. There is nothing new to report regarding the subpoena.

Board for Buildings and Grounds Kurt Henning 262.677.2797 klhrconst@gmail.com

The parish center was knocked down. Some new windows were installed at Pastor Woldt's parsonage. Quotes were received for crack-filling and sealing Davids Star Drive, the school and parsonage driveways, and the parking lots. Fertilizer was applied to some of the lawn around the church. The committee is looking at recarpeting 1 or 2 classrooms. The wheelchair lift near the gym is not working. Tim will try to find another company that can repair it.

Board for Elementary Education Mike Willis, mike.willis@sial.com Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 338-3992 tgustafson@davidstar.org

Enrollment is on August 10-11. Enrollment is expected to be about 130. The board will be calling a part time extended learning teacher. Deb Weyker will be in charge of child care for this coming school year.

Board of Elders Dennis Bell, 262.677.2248 dandmbell55@yahoo.com

The called worker care committee is talking to our called workers. If the mosquito situation cannot be controlled by spraying, we may have to move the outdoor service inside.

Evangelism Committee Brandon Lehman, Telephone #262.894.6110 Brandon.m.Lehman@gmail.com

Pastor Loescher reported that there is an upcoming meeting of the Cedarburg outreach committee on July 17. Another mailing was completed. Tim said he was approached by the Welcome Wagon asking if we wanted to add anything regarding our church and school. This was referred to the evangelism committee.

Stewardship Committee Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143 korthalj@wls.wels.net

Nothing new to report.

Spiritual Growth Committee Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319 2046home@gmail.com

Nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585 rmattercpa@gmail.com

The printed report for June was not yet available. A copy will be emailed to the council as soon as it is ready.

Vice President Report

(Dan Bolha, Telephone # 677-3485 dbolha@ymail.com)

Nothing new to report.

A motion was made and carried to accept the reports.

Old Business

New Business

Compensation for One Year Part Time Call – Randy presented a handout which calculated the compensation as a percentage of the salary per synod code. A housing allowance would not be offered.

\$17,856 Salary

\$ 1,366 Social Security allowance

\$ 1,599 Pension

A motion was made and carried to approve this proposal with the salary to start on August 1.

Hiring a New Bookkeeper – Lisa Marie indicated that she will be stepping down as our bookkeeper sometime after the end of the calendar year. She has offered to help train her replacement. The names of some possible replacements were given to Randy. Randy will also look at putting a notice in the bulletin.

Set Date and Time of Annual Meeting – A motion was made and carried to set the annual meeting for Thursday, January 22 at 7 pm.

Dialog regarding the recent Congregational Meeting – A more topical discussion was suggested as another possible format for a future congregational meeting.

Approval to purchase signs that direct people to the location of the restrooms, elevator, and church library – A motion was made and carried to approve purchasing and hanging signs in the gathering space at church. The signs would direct people to the restrooms, elevator, and church library.

Monitoring Service for the Fire Alarm – The current fire alarm monitoring service requires the use of two phone lines. However, with the recent problems with the phone lines, false alarms have occurred. Roger Tews on the technology committee had proposed an alternative monitoring service which would use a wireless connection at a cost about \$350 dollars per year with an installation cost of about \$895. This would save us money in the long run. There were some concerns about reliability especially if it relies on an internet connection. A motion was made and carried to move forward with this change. It was also suggested that our reliability concerns be referred back to the technology committee.

Board of Education Member Appointment – Jeff McCoy has agreed to become a member of the Board of Education to replace a member who resigned. According to the church constitution, he must be appointed by the president of church council. This was tabled until the next meeting when Brian Lee will be attending.

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.**

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

Respectively submitted,
Keith Rusch, Recording Secretary
keith_rusch@yahoo.com.

THUNDERBOLT OPEN REGISTRATION FORM

- Please send one check per FOURSOME or for as many golfers as you are registering.
- \$75/person for golf/cart/dinner package (Golf only not an option)
- Full payment must accompany registration for it to be recorded.
- Please add all email addresses so that this information can be sent to you every year.

1st Golfer's Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone # _____

2nd Golfer's Name _____

Email Address _____

3rd Golfer's Name _____

Email Address _____

4th Golfer's Name _____

Email Address _____

**DINNER RESERVATIONS
 \$15.00 PER PERSON**

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING ONLY THE DINNER:

SEND YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:
DAVID'S STAR

SEND THE REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO:
**GLENN RUSCH
 1157 SPRING VALLEY ROAD
 JACKSON, WI 53037**



15th ANNUAL THUNDERBOLT OPEN Saturday, September 6, 2014

Time: 12:00pm Registration
 1:00pm Shotgun Start - Scramble Format
 6:00pm Dinner (approximately)

Place: West Bend Lakes / Hwy. 33 in West Bend

Cost: \$75.00 Golf/Cart/Dinner Package
 \$15.00 Dinner Only

Deadline: Limited to the first 144 paid golfers. On a first come basis!

- Free Soda & Beer after golf
- Prizes and Silent Auction to follow
- All golfers must be 16 years old or older.
- Golf cart rental is mandatory and included in the cost.
- In case of rain, rain checks will be given for golf only.
- Dinner will be held rain or shine!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A DOOR PRIZE, PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

GLENN RUSCH	262-208-6471	RANDY ESENBERG	262-677-2713
TERRY KOTH	262-677-4247	JON KRUSE	920-740-5468
KURT LIESENER	262-677-4360	KURT HENNING	262-677-2797
SHANNON LEITZKE	262-677-2944		

**THE MONEY DONATED LAST YEAR CONTRIBUTED IN PURCHASING
 NEW BLEACHERS FOR THE GYMNASIUM AT DAVID'S STAR
 LUTHERAN SCHOOL.**