

A few years ago some acquaintances of mine found it necessary to vacate their home. It was a nice looking house, just a few years old. Yet, the home had a major problem. The foundation was shifting. The beautiful home was constructed on unstable ground. Someone should have paid more careful attention when laying the foundation. Lacking the necessary funds to make costly repairs to the foundation, the family moved out, bankrupt. How important it is to build on a good foundation!

How is our foundation here at David's Star? The theme of our current fundraising campaign for building speaks about our foundation. The motto declares that "Our Foundation" is "Built on the Rock." The "Rock" is a reference to Jesus Christ, who is not shifting or unstable in his love, but remains the same yesterday, today and forever.

There is no better foundation on which to build than Jesus Christ. Yet, it is so easy to pay lip service to the foundation on which we build. Are we really building on Jesus Christ? Is the gospel of Jesus at the heart of our daily lives? These are important questions to keep on asking, because the further we drift from Word and sacrament as individuals and as a congregation, the more unstable our foundation becomes.

In Old Testament times, the prophet Jeremiah was called to share harsh words from the Lord with the people of Judah. The people of Judah thought that having the temple in Jerusalem meant that they were in good shape spiritually. The temple was beautiful on the outside, even if some of the luster of the days of Solomon had faded. The priests were going about their business and the people were bringing sacrifices. Everything was good, right?

Not so said the Lord. "Hear the word of the LORD, all you people of Judah who come through these gates to worship the LORD. This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place. Do not trust in deceptive words and say, "This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD!" (Jeremiah 7:2-4).

The people of Judah were unstable and about to fall because they had not built their lives on the Lord and his Word. They went through the motions of being religious, without true repentance. They ignored God's law and followed their own ways. They saw little need for the coming Savior, choosing to place their trust in a stone temple built with human hands.

The devil still tempts God's people to build their hopes on a foundation other than Jesus. Are there some who think that the strength of this congregation lay in the stones set by human hands 150 years ago? Are there others who believe that the only way to revitalize the ministry of David's Star is through new construction for education or worship? Buildings, old or new, are not the power God uses to change sinful hearts and create saving faith. That power belongs to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Without Jesus, there is no lasting foundation. Without Jesus, we might as well vacate the David's Star hill. Without Jesus, we have nothing of eternal value to offer.

"Our Foundation Built on the Rock" is more than a slogan, it's our way of life. Worship regularly. Attend Bible Class. Remember your Baptism. Receive the Lord's Supper often. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. Keep the foundation strong!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Lester Buechs 10/1/1926..81 yrs. old

Vernon Guhl 10/14/1926..81 yrs. old

Gene Maciejewski 10/22/1924..83 yrs. old

GREETERS FOR OCTOBER 2007

- October 6, 2007 5:00 Betty Gumm
October 7, 2007 7:45 Bob & Lisa Heider
10:15 Robert & Beth Schneiker
- October 13, 2007 5:00 Marie Steinbrenner &
Beth Ciske
October 14, 2007 7:45 Dave & Nicole Miller
10:15 Todd & Patty Backus
- October 20, 2007 5:00 Paul & Chris Nader
October 21, 2007 7:45 Jody & Amy Hansen
10:15 Cory & Jessica Schumacher
- October 27, 2007 5:00 Richard & Chris Feldschneider
October 28, 2007 7:45 Joel & Deb Rupnow
10:15 Tony & Lynn Gromacki

WOMEN IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

We will continue the study of Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 7:00 - 8:15 pm in the Parish Center. On October 4, we will discuss what not to do when our lives are filled with boredom, self-pity, anger or loneliness, as we read about Potiphar's wife. On October 18, we will read about Lot's wife and discuss ways we can change our direction and walk in grace, when regrets of past failures fill our lives. For more information, contact Char Kison at (262) 677-2389 or ckasever@hotmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, December 1 - Advent Prayer Breakfast Please watch the bulletin for more details.

WOMEN'S RETREAT COMMITTEE

We will meet on Thursday, October 4 and 18, at 8:15 pm, in the Parish Center. On Thursday Oct. 25 we will meet at **7 pm**. We will be working on putting together materials for the Retreat. Any extra help to complete these tasks would be appreciated.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Information is available in the narthex. There is a poster on the west wall. The Retreat is Saturday, November 3, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. Space is limited, so get your registration in early.

LADIES AID GUEST NIGHT

Everyone is invited to hear Professor Korthals speak on his time in China where he served as a Visiting Professor at Asia Lutheran Seminary. Other womens' groups from churches in our area have been invited. It will be an excellent time for fellowship with our "neighbors." The date is Thursday, October 11. The evening will begin with a Gathering Time at 5:30 pm, salad buffet at 6:00 and Professor Korthals' presentation at 6:45. Professor Korthals' presentation should conclude before the Voter's Meeting. **If you are not a member of Ladies Aid** and you wish to join us for the salad buffet, we ask that you sign up on the designated sheet in the narthex. The sheet will be available until October 7. Also, we are asking that you bring a dessert for the buffet. We would like cakes or tortes. Please indicate if your dessert will be chocolate OR non-chocolate. Contact Char Kison (262) 677-2389.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND NAPKINS

The cards will go on sale beginning Saturday, November 10. A wide variety of cards with Scripture verses included will cost between \$3.00 and \$6.00 per box (16 to 48 cards). A small profit is made and the money is used to fund some of the Ladies Aid projects such as missions and church beautification. Please consider purchasing these cards from Ladies Aid and support its' efforts.

HARVEST HOME FESTIVAL

Harvest Home Festival will be celebrated at David's Star on October 11th, 13th & 14th with divine services and a luncheon on Sunday after the 10:15 service. In the services that weekend we will praise God for his goodness to us in preserving the gospel among us from the time of our ancestors to this day. Those attending the luncheon are asked to bring a "dish to pass". If you need to keep your dish warm, we will be able to do so in the school kitchen. Please make sure that your dish is full baked before bringing it to church.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

SHOO THE FLU

Our “**SHOO THE FLU**” flu shot clinic will again be offered at David’s Star. The flu shots are offered by the Visiting Nurse Association and given by two of our Parish Nurses that are also employees of Aurora. We will offer the flu shots on October 28th in the school IMC between Sunday services. The cost of the vaccine is \$30. If you have Medicare or a Medicare HMO, you will not have to pay, however **you need to bring your Medicare/Medicare HMO card**. For those with any other type of insurance, you will receive a receipt, which you can submit to your insurance for possible reimbursement. Cash or check will be accepted. The vaccine will be available for those 9 years of age or older.

The vaccine will not be administered to anyone

- 1: allergic to eggs
- 2: allergic to thimerosal, a mercury based preservative
- 3: with a past history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome
- 4: with a bad reaction to a previous flu shot
- 5: moderately or severely ill (more than just a cold) and/or has a fever

Each year we increase the number of shots given as more people make use of this convenient opportunity. We can also provide flu shots to our shut-ins if desired. Call Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse at 677-3485 to arrange for a flu shot at home.

CLEARLY CARING

The September/October issue of Clearly Caring is entitled “Cherishing Life by Caring for Life” and focuses on the efforts of individuals, families, and institutions to use trying circumstances as incredible forums to show love and sacrifice. More importantly, it emphasizes a unique forum to share the message of eternal life in Christ. It is Pastor Robert Fleischmann’s prayer that after reading this issue you might consider what you can do to be thoughtful, loving, and sacrificial in the care of those who are disabled, ailing, or dying. May you find inspiration to love as Christ loved you.

This month, Christian Life Resources has provided us with enough copies for the ushers to distribute one per family after Church, the first weekend of October. Enjoy!

As of the first of October, I will have a new phone number. If anyone has a question or health concern and would like to talk to me about it, you will be able to reach me at 677-3485. If your situation is an emergency,

a call to 911 is probably a better idea but other wise I welcome your calls!

Together in Christ,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

New Church Directory

We will be working with Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits on a new pictorial directory. Photos will be taken October 16-20 and 22-27 in the IMC at school.

Appointments can be made electronically from a link on the David’s Star website as well as sign up sheets in Church. In addition to the sign up opportunities representative from Lifetouch will make phone contact with our members to set appointments.

Everyone will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait and a hardbound directory.

Volunteers are needed to help as hosts for the photo sittings. If you can help, please call Jeff Morgan at (262) 377-7532.

Members in attendance: Mark Otte, Dennis Bell, Todd Backus, Tim Gustafson, Dan Bolha, Jeff Morgan, Randy Matter, Paul Steinbrenner, Kurt Henning, Pastor Loescher and Pastor Woldt

Absent: James Siebers, Patrick Steele

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Woldt. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the August council meeting.

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: Zarling, David and Emily; Elijah and Ava
Transfer from St. John's, Wauwatosa, WI

Nader, Paul and Chris; Paige
Transfer from Redeemer, Cedarburg, WI

Genz, Joshua and Nicole
Transfer from Good Shepherd, Fond du Lac, WI

Outgoing: LaRosh, Laura
Transfer to St. Matthew, Janesville, WI

Pastors' report

Pastor Loescher, 677-0919, kloescher@davidstar.org
Pastor Woldt, 377-1019, woldt@nconnect.net

Pastor Woldt reviewed the pastors' meeting with the teens at KML on Pastor's day and some discussion ensued on ways that we can reach out to this important age group. All Bible classes are now up and running. September brings a Symposium at the Seminary. The subject is Christian Stewardship. The end of the month brings the pastor's conference. Pastor Woldt will miss the conference this fall because of a conflict with his duties as a member of the Seminary governing board. Thank you to all who are attending the special meetings related to future building plans. We need good leadership and wisdom from above as we face important decisions. Please continue to keep David's Star and WELS in your prayers.

President's report

Randy Matter, 376-1585, matters@nconnect.net

Mary Adams was hired to supplement our secretarial staff part-time. She is a member of the congregation who has two children in our school.

David's Star Connection- Board of Ed did the first presentation in August. Spiritual growth presented in September. Look for upcoming presentations in months to come.

Church picnic- organization of this event is still pending. We will need leaders to get the ball rolling.

Summer fellowship- Thanks to all committee chairman and group members for faithfully serving Sunday morning fellowship. Many people really enjoyed this chance for fellowship between services.

Church sign- Designs for the new church sign were viewed and discussed. It is hoped the new sign will be in place before frost occurs.

Signal Fire Films (Milwaukee) would like to use our church woods in August 2008 for a film on the Revolutionary War. Preliminary approval was given to proceed with discussions with this group. Some discussion ensued on use of church property and facilities.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

Kurt Henning, 677-2797, klh@nconnect.net

Summer projects that have been completed:

- 1) A special thanks to Wally and Dave Miller for putting up the passages on the school and gym walls and also for the work that was done in the church decorating.
- 2) The 1st grade and Kindergarten rooms have been re-carpeted. Thanks to all that helped move furniture, desks, etc...
- 3) Pastor Woldt's septic system had backed up, so Dave Klug replaced the pump that was burned out. Both tanks were pumped.
- 4) A special thank you to the school board for installing the new lockers outside the 7th and 8th grade classrooms. Thanks to Bruce Scholze for painting the lockers red.
- 5) Thanks to Matt Hartwig, Gerry Lahti, and Steve Brandt (stump removal) for removal of the large tree at the Woldt parsonage.

Board for Elementary Education

Tim Gustafson, 338-3992, tgustafson@davidstar.org

The enrollment for the school is 146. Last year's enrollment was 163. Some discussion ensued on reasons behind the drop in enrollment.

Both smartboards are being used in the 2nd and 7th grade classrooms.

The accreditation process is wrapping up. A visiting team may be coming in November.

Departmentalization is occurring in grades 6-8.

Board of Elders

Dennis Bell, 677-2248,
dandmbell@sbcglobal.net

KML tuition assistance fund was distributed to a student attending KML.

Choir is looking at possibly changing their meeting night.

We are using new settings of the *Morning Praise* liturgy.

Evangelism Committee

Paul Steinbrenner, 675-4016, pstein@howardcompany.com

The greeter program is doing well. Thanks to all who help in this area.

Thanks to those who helped with the fair booth and in other areas.

New member photos and bios are being worked on for inclusion with the church newsletter.

An annual calendar is being prepared to better plan the evangelism committee activities.

Stewardship Committee

Todd Backus, 677-4016, todd.backus@prodigy.net

Discussion occurred on ways of eliminating the operating debt and informing families of the cost of education at David's Star School.

Budgeting process- discussed goals of starting budgeting process in September. Budgeting sheets will be handed out to the Committee chairman in October.

Planned Giving- Change in fund name – Synod student aid trust fund is now the Synod student aid endowment fund.

Spiritual Growth Committee

Mark Otte, 306-3521, motte@kmlhs.org

The following Bible classes are currently being offered from September 9- October 14;

In the church with Pastor Woldt; Acts 13-28 "Paul's Mission Journeys: Sharing the Gospel with the World!"

In the school with Pastor Loescher; "Tackling Tough Topics"

In the parish center with the teens Mr. Otte; "Genesis"

Listed below are the teachers and assistants for our Sunday School.

Age/ Grade Level Teachers and assistants

7th and 8th grade Ryan and Amanda Breitreutz

5th and 6th grade Doris Koeller and Jennifer Otte

3rd and 4th grade Nancy Ebeling and Amanda Woldt

1st and 2nd grade Rebecca Eerinesse, Emilie Steinbrenner, and Taylor Koth

K4 and K5 AnnMarie Digangi, Colleen Loeffler, and Wil Knight

K3 Jessica Schumacher, Amanda Bublitz, and Arin Lemke

Building Committee Update

The presentations of the building plans have been made with about 139 attending the two meetings.

Next weekend feedback will be sought from the congregation.

Treasurer's report

Dan Bolha, 675-2672, bolha@juno.com

The August 31, 2007 ending balance in our operating fund shows a deficit of \$156,943. This compares to a deficit of \$138,041 as of July 31, 2007 and a deficit of \$115,049 on the same date last year. Year to date operating fund receipts are \$486,371 compared to \$499,315 last year and this year's budget of \$552,990.

Old Business

Mission Festival was discussed

Staff Policy Handbook was discussed

Congregation Directory

Jeff Morgan has organized a new church directory. Please sign up for a time to get your picture. The sign up sheets are located in the narthex of the church or can be found on-line at the church's website (www.davidsstar.org)

2008 Church picnic

New Business

The purchase of a sound system is being investigated for the gymnasium. School wish list funds and funds from the golf-outing will be used for this project.

Items for Voters

Synod student aid name change

Staff policy handbook

The next quarterly voter's meeting is October 11, 2007 at 8 PM.

The next scheduled council meeting will be at the church Parish Center on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn.

The meeting was closed with the blessing.

Respectively submitted,

Mark Otte

Acting Recording Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2007

WELS NEWS FROM THE STEWARSHIP COMMITTEE

	Current Month Offerings	Average weekly offerings	Offerings Received thru 8/31/07	Offerings Budgeted thru 8/31/07
Operating	\$49,655	\$12,414	\$455,335	\$524,030
Missions	\$9,674	\$2,419	\$53,629	\$60,550
KML Operating	\$3,612	\$903	\$30,636	\$36,860
KML Building	\$736	\$184	\$7,977	\$11,320
“Together Shining Like the Stars...”	\$1,465	\$366	\$26,704	\$23,432

A new communication tool is available for the 400 delegates as they take the convention message back to their congregations. A five-minute DVD of convention highlights are available and were mailed to delegates.

In line with the convention resolution to intensify stewardship efforts, WELS Adult Discipleship’s Faith Focused Finances program offers several workshops to help pastors, congregational leaders, and individuals set goals and develop plans for financial stewardship. Congregational workshops focus on developing a stewardship culture within a congregation, and leaders will leave with a specific plan to incorporate fundamental stewardship ideas into their congregational life. Personal finance seminars are designed to guide members through the basics of wise faith-focused finances for their daily lives and focus on Christian attitudes behind healthy financial decisions. To view and register for upcoming workshops, visit www.wels.net/jump/faithfinance.

WELS has received \$681,831 in Walking Together offerings through July 31. The gifts came from 435 congregations and 779 individuals or WELS organizations.

Following the close of the 2006-07 fiscal year, WELS Foundation distributed a total of \$237,758 from the synod’s new endowment funds to support missions and ministerial education. WELS Foundation maintains the principal amount of the endowment funds while distributing annually four percent of the three-year rolling average market value of the funds. Since the endowment funds began in 2006, members and the Schwan Foundation have contributed \$3.5 million in current gifts and \$33.1 million in deferred gifts. For more information about the synod’s endowment funds and how to make a gift, visit www.wels.net/jump/endowment.

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