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Why are You Lutheran?

by Pastor Woldt

Why are you a Lutheran? The answer to that question becomes more increasingly more important in a day when many extol the virtues of a “non-denominational” approach to the Christian faith and worship life. Many look down their noses at those still hopelessly clinging to denominational labels, which in their opinion have outlived any value they may have had in the past. “We are Christian,” they proudly announce. “That’s the only label we need!”

The argument against denominational loyalty sounds noble when you first hear it. After all, the Bible teaches us that faith in Jesus creates a spiritual unity. The apostle Paul writes: “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Doesn’t using the name “Lutheran” contribute to division among Christians?

Beware! The devil is lurking behind that “non-denominational” mask. Like a master illusionist, Satan uses enticing banter about Christian unity to distract us from what he really wants to accomplish. The devil wants to make God’s truth disappear! The father of lies seems to be most successful when he chips away at the edges of the truth. Some bearing the name Christian are unwilling to confess that Holy Baptism is a tool that the Spirit uses to create saving faith in people, even infants. Some say that it is unreasonable to think that the Lord Jesus would give us his true body and blood together with the bread and wine in the Holy Supper. So they ignore Jesus’ clear words in favor of their personal opinion that the bread and wine are only intended to be reminders of the Lord’s death. Some discount the biblical teaching that we are born dead in sin, and teach that the Lord will not save you unless you first make your decision for Jesus.

When Martin Luther posted 95 statements for debate on the wooden door of the castle church in Wittenberg, he never intended to cause

a division or to start a church body bearing his name. Martin Luther was beginning to notice that the church of his day was drifting from God’s truth. The specific issue on October 31st, 1517, was the moneymaking practice of buying and selling “indulgences.” (Indulgences were certificates from the church that gave people the impression that forgiveness of sins could be bought and sold.) What was really at stake was the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Luther was eventually branded as an outlaw and heretic for questioning things like the authority popes and councils, the veneration of relics, and most of all for proclaiming that forgiveness of sins was a free gift from God through faith in Jesus Christ, without any merit or worthiness on our part. Even when his personal safety was threatened, Luther would not compromise on any of the teachings of Holy Scripture.

The Lutheran Reformation has three well-known rallying cries: “Scripture alone!” “Faith alone!” “Grace alone!” Why are you Lutheran? I pray you are Lutheran because you stand with the Reformer in looking to God’s Word alone as the source and judge of all Christian teaching. I pray that you are Lutheran because you firmly believe that it is faith alone in Jesus that saves. I pray that you are Lutheran because you humbly acknowledge that it is by God’s grace alone that you are part of his kingdom and an heir of eternal life.

Most of us have been trained to look at labels for information. Does the bread have any fiber? Do those Gummi Worms have any nutritional value? The label on the package gives us the answers if we really want to know. Labels also mean something in the visible Christian church. One day we will be able to express perfect unity with all true believers in heaven. Until that day, let’s not be hasty in shedding our denominational tag. In our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, the name Lutheran still stands for something. That’s why I’m a Lutheran! How about you?

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Lester Buechs...83 yrs. old...10/1/1926
Gene Graff...80 yrs. old...10/8/1929
William Loeffler...80 yrs.old...10/10/1929
Pastor Janke...80 yrs. old...10/12/1929
Vernon Guhl...83 yrs. old...10/14/1926
Gene Maciejewski...85 yrs. old...10/22/1924

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OCTOBER 2009 GREETERS

Sat., October 3rd
5:00 Richard & Chris Feldschneider

Sun., October 4th
7:45 Myron & Delores Philipps
10:15 Bob & Lisa Heider

Sat., October 10th
5:00 Harold & Jan Ehlike

Sun., October 11th
7:45 Mike & Deb Boeldt
10:15 Randy & Karla Matter

Sat., October 17th
5:00 Mary Adams

Sun., October 18th
7:45 Mark & Teresa Ahrens
10:15 Mel & Eunice Heckendorf

Sat., October 24th
5:00 Betty Gumm

Sun., October 25th
7:45 Jody & Amy Hansen
10:15 Keith & Kelly Schopp

Sat., October 31st
5:00 Adam & Marie Bublitz

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WOMEN IN THE WORD

began their bible study on Wednesday, September 16. As our guide, we will use Dr. Leslie Parrott's book, "You Matter More Than You Think" - what a woman needs to know about the difference she makes." Besides Dr. Parrott's book, the study will include video presentations and a workbook. The cost of the study is \$8.00. **Please mark your calendars for Wednesdays - October 7, 21, November 4 and 18.** We will begin promptly at 7pm in the Parish Center. Remember to bring your Bible and a writing tool. Questions may be directed to Char Kison, (262) 677-2389.

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**David's Star Women's Retreat
will be held**

Saturday, November 14,
at our school, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm.
Our theme for this year is "Thank God with Prayer and Praise."
Our biblical verses are Ephesians 5:19-20.
Brochure is attached.

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**Women in the Word
will host the
8th Annual**

**Advent Prayer Breakfast
on Saturday, December 5th,**
8:30 am, at Heidel's Restaurant.
In the coming months, please watch the church bulletin for more information.

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Parish Nurse News “I know where you live!”

Have you ever heard someone say with a smile on his face, “I know where you live!”? What they are trying to communicate is that if something goes wrong, they know just who to come looking for and how to find you. Knowing where **GERMS** live and thrive is key to preventing the spread of infections. We don’t have to be paranoid about germs, but it is helpful to know where they congregate. **80% of all infections are spread by hand – indirectly through objects touched by an infected person.** The key to staying healthy is to be aware of the germ hotspots; to clean your hands soon after exposure; and to make sure not to touch your mouth and/or eyes until you’ve had a chance to wash.

GERM HOT SPOTS:

- **Restaurant menus and pens:** Menus and the pen used to sign the credit card receipt are very rarely wiped, but they’ve been touched by hundreds of people before you. Wash after ordering and bring your own pen.
- **Buttons:** Push buttons on elevators, ATM’s, credit card readers, and vending machines are often not cleaned and disinfected and can be crawling with germs. Use a knuckle or an elbow to push the button.
- **Shopping cart:** Saliva, bacteria, pathogens (from raw food), and fecal matter are just a few of the substances found on shopping cart handles. Use the store wipes to give the handle a quick cleansing.
- **Hotel-rooms:** A study tested various surfaces for the cold virus after a group of sick people had stayed overnight. After the cleaning staff left, researchers found the virus on the TV remote, the door handles, light switches, pens, and the alarm clock. Use a germicidal wipe and give everything a good cleansing.

Source: msnbc.com

On another note...please be aware that David’s Star will be hosting a **Blood Drive** on Thursday, October 29th from 2:30-6:30pm in the Concession Area. Mark your calendars!

We possibly could say to some of the germs out there, “I know where you live!” Keep in mind that our Lord is always in control, even over the tiniest of his creation and even more so, watches over us with love and concern.

Safe in His care for us,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

Fear

“The bad news is that time flies; the good news is that you are the pilot.” Anonymous

“There are risks and costs to a program of action, but they are far less than the long range risks and costs of inactions.” John F. Kennedy

In one of these planned giving blurbs I wrote that procrastination is the top reason people have for not getting their will or their estate planned. “I will get to it next month.” Procrastination can also be termed any inaction on our part. We delay what we are scared to do. The person who is afraid to begin is worse than the quitter. Maybe it is that we fear to discuss or look ahead even though as Christians we have been promised the gift of eternal life.

Fear is a word used in the Bible. In the Old Testament fear is shown as an emotion (Dt 5:5), as an anticipation of what evil might happen (Ge 26:7), and fear of the Lord (Pr 1:7). In the New Testament we see more how fear shapes our human behavior (Mk 12:12) and the fear of God’s working (Mk 5:15 & Ac 24:25). We also see the fear a believer has in their relationship with God (Ac 5:11).

We experience fear as fright and also an anxiety about what might happen in the future. God is the antidote for each of these aspects of fear. The Bible shows us that God is in complete control of every event. Trusting in God’s power and in his commitment to our best interests’ releases us from all fears.

Today think about an action you have been delaying due to fear and pledge to take the first step past that fear. Ask the Lord in prayer to help you. Seek the help of other Christians.

Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to **fear** me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!

Bill Truebenbach – David’s Star Planned Giving Chairman – 677-2066 btruebenbach@tlha.org

**David's Star Church Council Meeting Minutes / Capsule
September 15, 2009 7:00pm**

Members in attendance: Pastor Loescher, Pastor Woldt, David Nunez, Jeff Morgan, Tim Gustafson, Brian Lee, Dennis Bell, Todd Backus, Dan Bolha, Mark Otte
Absent: Kevin Behm, Kurt Henning, Dave Zarling.

The meeting was called to order by David Nunez. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Loescher. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled August meeting.

Reports

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: Brown, Tabitha
Adult Confirmation
Mack, Andy
Adult Baptism/Confirmation
Tearney, Tim
Adult Confirmation

Outgoing: none

Technology Committee – This committee is working “full steam ahead” now that they are formed and staffed. Barry and his group have a written report for council to read and will from here on out report to Building & Grounds for council reporting. There is one item in New Business I would like to discuss regarding remote access of David's Star software and the Technology Committee's recommendation regarding this.

Building Project Communication – I would like to thank the Building Committee for the “Tour Day” that was set up for the congregation. It was a wonderful day and by the looks of the turn out and the comments I had heard from the members it very well received. I think this was a great way for everyone in the congregation to see the changes and the renovation first hand.

Building Project – Randy Vogel does have a written report for the council to review. Overall, the project is going very well. Weather has definitely helped the progress and everything seems to be right on the timeline CD Smith has given us. The west wall of the school will be completely refaced to match the exterior of the new addition. A small amount of time was asked of PRA for design help, but the majority of the engineering will be done by CD Smith, that will save the congregation money. The rest of the highlights are in Randy's report.

Building Project Financial Update – Last week, Kevin Behm and I signed the loan papers for the Building Project. Gary Heckendorf handled all the paperwork and is being filed. The loan is for 5.25 % and we will pay for the

interest only of the draws needed during the construction phase. I will ask Gary to be sure and have handouts for the voters at the meeting coming up in October outlining the loan and the numbers associated with it.

Bertram Internet Tower –The Technology Committee has taken over the negotiations regarding this and will be meeting with Bertram this week to work this out and come to some conclusion. I have asked Barry to move this along so that we can get final decisions very soon so that we can get the steeple completed before the snow falls.

Parish Center – Further discussion of this subject will be discussed in “Old Business”. I would like to keep this on the front burner as we will need to make this a discussion point at the Voter's Meeting in October.

**Board for Buildings and Grounds
(Kurt Henning, Telephone # 677-2797
klh@nconnect.net)**

Building and grounds is working very hard with the building committee to continue to keep the grounds and building in good shape

**Board for Elementary Education (Brian Lee, Telephone
#377-9419 brian.lee@jci.com)
(Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 338-3992
tgustafson@davidstar.org)**

Minutes of August 12, 2009 Meeting

Attending: Mike Bublitz, Tim Gustafson, Bob Heider, Brian Lee, and Keith Schopp Excused: Mark Brazell, Pastor Woldt

Tim Gustafson opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the June 23rd meeting were accepted and approved.

Reports – The following reports were presented and approved.

Report from Council

Construction project continues as expected. The building should be ready for the classes as planned on August 31st.

Principal's Report

Hot Lunch- There is nothing new to report. Everything seems to be in place for the start of a new school year.

Technology- At this point there is nothing new to report. With the construction nothing has been happening, and the new Technology Committee has not met yet.

09-10 Enrollment Numbers- As of right now these are the tentative numbers for the beginning of the school year.

Preschool	10 (maybe 11)
Kindergarten	15
1 st grade	10

2 nd grade	13
3 rd grade	13
4 th grade	15
5 th grade	17
6 th grade	16
7 th grade	22
8 th grade	14
09-10 Total	145
08-09 Total	150

Fall Coaches- Following is a list of the Fall sports and the coaches.

Soccer- Mr. Giddings
 Volleyball- Mrs. Johnson, Ginger Oestrich and Tanya Liesener (tentative)

Cross Country- Mr. Gustafson

Parent Meeting/Ice Cream Social Schedule- Listed below is the tentative schedule for the evening of September 9th.

- 6:30-6:50 Parent Meeting in gym
- 6:50-7:15 Parents can visit the classrooms. Teachers will remain there until 7:30.
- 7:15-8:30 Ice Cream and Fellowship in the gym

Topics to be covered: construction, pick-up and drop off details, home and school communication, dress code (attitude t-shirts), information about how we will deal with the Swine Flu. I will have teachers in grades 5-8 cover the Science Fair in the classrooms.

Accreditation- Our Long Range Report was approved by WELSSA, and I will be submitting the Report to WRISSA in September. Following is a list of items that we need to complete this year.

- a. Review, write, complete, and approve a new Science curriculum during 09-10 school year.
- b. A formal written policy for the administration of financial matters will be developed by the Board of Education.
- c. Additional opportunities for pupil participation in congregational life will be explored by the faculty and pastors.
- d. Formal procedures for assimilation of parents and students who are new to the school will be developed by the faculty and recommended to the Board.
- e. Procedures will be added to the crisis intervention plan to inform and support students, staff, and constituents in the event of a critical accident and/or sudden death.
- f. The principal will check with the local law enforcement and public school to determine if other additions to the Emergency Response Plan are necessary.
- g. The MVO and Philosophy and Purpose statements should be combined into a single set of statements that include nurturing those who are already Christian and reaching out to those who are not Christians.
- h. The Board in consultation with the faculty, pastors, and evangelism committee will identify the geographic area on

which to focus outreach efforts before implementing the outreach strategy.

- i. Standards and criteria for co-curricular activities, including guidelines for leaders will be developed by the Board in consultation with the principal.
- j. The faculty will develop a schedule for replacing non-textbook instructional materials.
- k. A database of instructional materials will be established and annually updated.
- l. The faculty and Board will consider societal, community, and congregational changes along with financial impact to the congregation when developing short and long-range plans.

Honor Roll-The Honor Roll will begin this school year for grades 6-8; for all students who receive a GPA of 3.5 or higher. The teachers that are involved with the Honor Roll met on Monday, August 10 to set up the computer grading program, so there is consistency between all of the grades. Each of the subject grades will be based on the following categories and percentages: Tests/Quizzes/Projects counts 50%, Homework counts 40%, Group work counts 10%. Also, core classes (those that are held 5 times a week) will be ranked as 2, and classes that meet 1-2 times a week will be ranked a 1. This will give the core classes more weight and value.

Swine Flu- Since last spring there has been a lot of news about the H1N1 influenza, and as everyone knows by now they are expecting it to really flare up this Fall and Winter. I have had a couple of parents ask about it, and the Parents' Group has it on their September agenda. Attached is a policy or procedure that I have put together to attempt to deal with the potential flu outbreak.

Tuition Reimbursement to Operating Fund- We will have to decide how the tuition payments are transferred to the Operating Fund. I think the easiest way is to make monthly payments to the church. That way the same amount of income is given to the church each month. After registration is complete and a final enrollment number is known, the actual amount of "tuition" to be transferred to the Operating Fund will be known.

- a) Financial Report – No report.
- b) Parents Group Report – 1st meeting of the new school year dealt primarily with beginning of the year organizational items and updates.
- 2) Old Business
 - a) Tuition Assistance – Starting in October, there will be one envelope every quarter for the David's Star Elementary Tuition Assistance fund.
 - b) Board of Elementary Education Manual – Brian working on draft of spending limits.
 - c) Accreditation Tasks – As outlined in item #6 of the Principal's Report above, there are a number of accreditation tasks that need to be completed this year. Board members were asked to prioritize the items and

identify specific items that they would be willing to take the "lead" on.

- d) English Curriculum - The David's Star Lutheran School English Curriculum as prepared by the Faculty was reviewed and approved by the Board.
- e) Day Care Billing – Billing for daycare services will be done at the end of each month. Information informing parents of the change from the prior "coupon" process was included in the mailing of registration materials earlier this month.

New Business

- a) Needy families – In the event that families are experiencing financial difficulty and need assistance above and beyond that offered by the David's Star Tuition Assistance Fund, it was agreed that the Board would seek and respond to recommendations from the Pastors and/or Principal.
- b) Moving classrooms – Once the building project is completed, the Board will work with the David's Star faculty to determine a schedule for moving the Preschool through 6th grade classes so that the new space is effectively used while minimizing potential mid-year disruptions to the educational process.
- c) Next meeting September 15th @ 6:30 p.m.

Board of Elders (Dennis Bell, Telephone # 677-2248 dandmbell@sbc.global)

Lori Heckendorf will serve as choir director for the non-festival performances. Handbells will not be serviced this year. A new organ tuner is being sought.

Evangelism Committee (David Zarling, Telephone # 674-1094 david.zarling@gmail.com)

Quick Evangelism notes:

New Member Welcome is Sunday Sept. 27th. Please be there and make yourself available to the following new members:

- David & Jamie Hammond
- Michael & Colleen Landisch
- Michael Liesener
- Jesse & Jennifer Moths
- Andrew & Jenna Meyer
- Mark & Ginger Oestreich
- Jason & Susanne Praefke
- Duane & Erika Thomsen
- Tabitha & Justin Brown
- Andrew Mack
- Tim & Charlette Tearney

500 letters were mailed to David's Star Neighbors at the beginning of September (the same 500 who received the June mailing). The letter outlined the change that Fall brings and the changes at David's Star - inviting them to contact me or visit us.

We have brainstormed some ideas to help reach out to those non-member families attending DS School. We will meet with Tim and Kathy once the "dust settles" from the new construction and school year.

Stewardship Committee (Todd Backus, Telephone # 677-4016 todd.backus@prodigy.net)

September 1, 2009

Devotion – we continued with our study of Malachi (Ch. 3).

Tuition Funds and Envelopes – confirmation received that envelope changes have been made.

Stewardship Communication

Continuing to include monthly pieces in our newsletter.

Continuing to include weekly Stewardship Corner for our bulletin.

Planned Giving

Bill Truebenbach continues to write articles for inclusion in monthly newsletters.

Todd to check with Bill Truebenbach on survey status.

2010 Budget – suggested timing is as follows:

October – provide to Council.

November – ask for preliminary budget prior to November meeting for discussion at November Council meeting.

December – final revisions.

Other Items

Envelope promotion

WLIM – October 18 – Kevin to provide piece for bulletin.

WELS Walking Together 2009 – October

Reviewed the Synod's four year stewardship encouragement program entitled: Christ's Love, Our Calling – Intention is to provide congregations with a single, 4 year stewardship program to help us understand how to live responsibly in caring for our relationships that started as gifts of God to us and which help define our individual purpose and calling. Will continue to review in further detail for further discussion at future meetings.

Next meeting – October 6, 2009 at 8:00 PM

Spiritual Growth Committee (Mark Otte, Telephone # 306-3521 motte@kmlhs.org)

September 1, 2009 7:00 pm

Sunday Opportunities for Bible Study

Sunday September 13 the following Bible classes will begin

In church with Professor Pless studying the book of James
In school with Pastor Loescher in a study called Today's Lutheran

Pastor Woldt will lead the teens in the Atrium with a study called Positively Lutheran. Sunday school also begins on September 13. Classes exist for kids from ages 3 through 8th grade. Women's retreat

Speakers are lined up and final preparations are being made for this event on the second Saturday in November

Youth group

Pastor Loescher will be looking into the possibility of having a winter retreat with the teens

Pastor Woldt and Pastor Loescher will be meeting with the KML teens for Pastor's day at the high school on September 11

Cradle Roll- Heidi Walz continues to mail educational packets to all parents with young children

Library- Mark Hendrix is organizing the library and creating databases to keep track of the ever growing stacks of books. He will be working on getting the remaining books into the stacks during the next month.

Family Bible Week (seeking Council feedback)

A new idea may be tried for next year. Possible having three separate three-day evening Bible camps. One of the camps would be in June, one in July, and one in August.

New Ideas (seeking Council feedback)

Ideas were also floated about running some types of Education camps in our new school. The camps could be focused on a certain subject area and could be an opportunity to get people on our campus and show them what Christian education is all about. We will connect with the faculty and the evangelism committee on this idea and see if it can work.

Once the 6th graders have vacated the multi-purpose room, perhaps holding a short Bible class in the morning for adults who are bringing their kids in to school could be held in this room ("Thought for a day")

Little ones, a class for parents of newborns through age 3 could be resurrected in the 2nd semester with space being found in the multi-purpose room. This program was stopped due to lack of useable teaching space.

Could a yearly calendar be put out be David's Star with all the events on it from all the committees? Would be great helping our families plan activities.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The HVAC issue in the sixth grade room will be checked out today and hopefully be resolved.

Chris from CD Smith noted that the teaching staff will be trained on the HVAC system on Tuesday September 15.

There may be an issue with the fire rating between the new addition and the roof of the church. Chris from CD Smith believes that the issue can be resolved and that there are more than enough funds in the contingency fund to cover any added costs.

Chris will check with the engineer and the local zoning administrator regarding the west wall façade for the school that is being added. PRA will likely have no more input on this "out of scope" addition.

Additional brick will need to be ordered to complete this wall and David's Stars desire for additional brick to fill in the old ventilator openings was noted.

There are three water spigots planned for the exterior of the new building. One spigot each on the north and south side of the connector and an additional spigot east of the new entrance on the south side will be installed.

A suggestion was made to convert the standard one inch filters on the RTU(s) to two inch pleated filters. It was the consensus that this is a good idea, after the construction is complete. This would likely fall under Building and Grounds to make the changes at their convenience.

Soccer field: Kurt Henning met with Kurt Liesener at the site. It was determined to lower the existing grade by two feet and utilize the removed soil to extend the field to the east. (Approximately even with the sidewalk on the south side of the parsonage driveway) Slopes and swales that will be provided will be easily mowed and maintained. The work is expected to start the week of September 14 with seeding to follow the next week.

We thank the Liesener family for their very generous offer to perform this task for the church!

The concession stand electrical has been roughed in and is awaiting inspection. Volunteers have been lined up to install the drywall next week. Completion is expected in a few weeks. Thanks you to all volunteers for making this off budget item happen!

A request for shelving in the machine room of the school was received. After discussion it was determined that it would be wise to maintain continuity in the design and installation of this request and for any future requests. Jeff Rehm, chairman of the Design subcommittee, and Pastor Woldt volunteered to review this request and to make recommendations for the implementation as appropriate. This may need to become a standing committee.

What type of ceremony to hold or simply what to do with the Time Capsule would be properly directed by the Church Council. Council should also direct how the new time capsule should be prepared. It is anticipated that the school would have input regarding the time capsule, both old and new, but would remain under the direction of the Church Council. Professor Joel Pless is the custodian of the time capsule at this point for safe keeping. Joel would also be a resource for what might be included in the old and what should be included in the new time capsules. The new date stone will be caulked in next week, allowing for easy removal. This will give us flexibility to pick a date for the installation of the time capsule and then mortaring the date stone permanently in place.

Light fixtures in the stairwells will be replaced with a more utilitarian fixture.

The new locks will be Schlage Everest type. This will allow us to phase in new locks through out the school as needed. (The current Sargent locks are old and difficult to procure parts for)

We are awaiting the design and plans from Arborscape for the retaining wall for the east side of church. We will be able to utilize Liesener's vendor discount to purchase the bricks. We expect to utilize volunteer labor for the installation.

South Parking lot:

A catch basin will be installed at the south entrance connected to a six inch pipe that will drain to daylight to resolve the drainage issue of water crossing the sidewalk to the east.

It was noted that any water that is not absorbed in the grass buffer from the west will drain across the sidewalk at the west side of the parking lot. It was the consensus that a problem is not anticipated. This west sidewalk will have minimal use and that most water will be absorbed by the

grass infiltration area. If problems occur in this area, a tile could be placed that would drain to the south.

The next meetings are scheduled for September 21 and October 12 at 6:00 PM.

David's Star Technology Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 9, 2009

Attendees: Barry Washburn, Randy Watts, Tim Gustafson, Mark Oestreich, Todd Oestreich, Roger Tews

The Technology Committee meeting started at 8:15PM in the conference room. These are the items which were discussed:

Atomic Clocks

It is desired to have all the clocks in the school & church display the correct time without manual setting. Digital and analog atomic clocks can be purchased through www.atomicclocks.com/ for about \$30 each. They must go on an exterior wall to receive the RF synch signal but then they would never need to be set (just replace the battery once a year). It was recommended that "analog" clocks be purchased for the classrooms and digital clocks be purchased for the offices, church, & common areas. Atomic clocks will be ordered once the total number is determined.

Phones

The new phone system from Digium also supports cordless handsets which are less expensive than corded. The cordless base handles up to 6 handsets but only 3 calls may be active at one time. It was recommended that phones be purchased and allocated as such:

Corded - Principal's Office, Concessions, Council Meeting Room, Gym, Kitchen
Cordless - Classrooms (would need at least 4 base units to cover all the classrooms)
Consoles - School Secretary, Church Secretary, Bookkeeper
Door - Main, Gym Entrance
No phones (at this time) - Copier Room, IMC, Chair Lift, Narthex, Sexton's

Analog adapters may be used in conjunction with "off-the-shelf" phones in some locations where it is not necessary to have all the features of the VOIP phone system.

We will not purchase a "Cold Spare Unit" (\$895) for a hardware backup but we will upgrade to the "Silver" maintenance plan (\$145) which extends to 4 years and includes software updates.

Server Room

The key to the server room door is missing. We need to decide if this should be re-keyed to the rest of the building locks or kept unique for restricted access. Once the floors are waxed in the server room, four PC's will be brought in to test how warm it gets in the room and to see if an AC unit needs to be installed before the server PC's are moved in.

Tech Budget

Barry will talk to Brian Lee to find out how much money was collected this year for Tech Fees. The tech committee will have to put together a preliminary budget to see if the fees need to be adjusted for next year. The church will also need equipment & upgrades which should not come from the school fees.

Network & VLANs

The new managed switches support VLANs so we may put the telephone system on a separate VLAN for QoS, the present data network is on a separate VLAN, and have a "Guest" VLAN so visitors have no access to the network files.

We would like to put a switch on the east end of the building (boys bathroom?) to reduce the number of wires coming from those classroom into the server room once the servers are moved. This would also provide a good place to connect the fiber optic lines that may be run to the parsonages in the future. Another VLAN would be set up for the Pastor's homes if/when they are hard-wired into the network.

Bertram Wireless Tower

Mark and Barry will be meeting with Bertram Wireless next week Monday to discuss several options for tower placement on the property.

Computers

Wireless USB adapters are available from monoprice.com for about \$10 each. We will purchase 10 and test them out on the network before buying enough for all the PC's. Barry will look into volume discount pricing on Windows XP operating system licenses. Randy provided a list of all the PC's in the school and Mark recommended that all of the PC's be renamed with a different naming convention since most of them were tied to the old room numbers.

Remote Access

Randy provided a list of staff members who are requesting remote access to the school network. One option is to use *PC Anywhere* but this software may have security issues with our network. There are other options which are more secure (VPN) but licensing costs may be an issue. The Technology Committee is recommending that staff members who have total access to sensitive personal data

(like Shepherds Staff) NOT be allowed remote access for privacy and security reasons.

Phone Lines

Roger reported that the fire alarm needs to have its own line since it will not interoperate with the fax line. We will purchase two Viking LS-911 Analog Emergency Line-sharing devices ASAP so we can share the primary and secondary fire alarm lines with the fax & phone lines. A third unit will be purchased when the elevator is operating.

Roger also pointed out that the present cost of the Cedarburg line is about \$60/month whereas the Jackson line is \$32/month. If we replaced the Cedarburg line with another Jackson line, we could save on the monthly cost to advertise in the Yellow Pages by only listing one Jackson number. Paying the long distance charges to call the Milwaukee area is less expensive than an FX (Foreign eXchange) line. The monthly savings could be around \$100/month and the poles in the cemetery carrying telephone lines could possibly be removed. Therefore, the Technology Committee recommends that we replace the church's Cedarburg Line with a Jackson Line for telephone service. Pastor Woldt's Cedarburg line is residential and will not change.

Next Meeting

The tech committee will meet at least once a month during the construction period. The next meeting will be on September 30th, 2009 at 6:30PM.

Fund Raising Update

Treasurer's report (Dan Bolha)

The August 31, 2009 ending balance in our operating fund shows a deficit of \$231,514 compared to a deficit of \$218,796 July 31, 2009 and a deficit of \$176,430 on August 31, 2008. Year to date operating fund receipts are \$502,845 compared to \$519,025 last year and this year's budget of \$559,428. Our Foundation Built on the Rock funding appeal has received year to date revenues of \$222,593.

Old Business

Proposed changes to cemetery regulations
 Internet Service to Campus
 Future of "Parish Center" was discussed and tabled until later.

New Business

Remote access of Shepherd's Staff on network was forwarded to the technology committee and denied. Council discussed the decision. A motion was made and seconded to make an exception to the technology committee's recommendation to allow remote access for the current bookkeeper, Lisa Marie Kison. The motion was carried.

Due to the financial position of WELS VEBA a one month premium holiday will occur this fall. At the synod convention a proposal was made to give the premium to the Synod as an additional offering. Council discussed the proposal.

Discussion of need of bylaw change for quarterly meeting date. The executive committee will come back to the council with a recommendation for this item. Council discussed the proposal from the technology committee regarding dropping the Cedarburg phone line and saving \$100 a month. This would also allow us to remove the telephone poles in the cemetery. Council supported the proposal

Items for October Quarterly Meeting (October 8th, 2009)
 Recommendation from the church council regarding the WELS VEBA premium holiday money.

Next Council Meeting: (October 6th, 2009)
 Closing Blessing (Pastor Woldt)

Respectfully submitted,
 Mark Otte

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2009				
	Current Month Offerings	Average weekly offerings	Offerings Received thru 8/31/09	Offerings Budgeted thru 8/31/09
Operating	\$63,989	\$12,798	\$482,867	\$540,052
Missions	\$10,418	\$ 2,084	\$ 62,332	\$ 56,849
KML Operating	\$ 4,153	\$ 831	\$ 36,482	\$ 36,329
KML Building	\$ 590	\$ 1,236	\$ 6,180	\$ 9,333

The deficit in our Operating Fund is:
\$231,514
 The deficit at the end of August 2008 was:
\$176,430
 The deficit at the end of August 2007 was: **\$156,943**



WELS UPDATE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Enrollment at WELS' four ministerial education schools remains stable for the 2009-2010 school year with a net decrease of 12 students from last school year for the entire three-tier four-school system. Although the number of students overall at the two preparatory high schools – Luther Preparatory School and Michigan Lutheran Seminary – increased by 3, WELS doesn't have enough students in the ministerial education system to cover the synod's pastoral needs 8 to 12 years in the future.

In response, the recruitment offices at the schools are increasing contact with congregations and elementary schools while trying to coordinate travel to keep costs down. Materials for a Ministerial Education Sunday to raise awareness and highlight the value of the three-tier system will be sent to all congregations in October.

Also, in October, the Board for Ministerial Education will begin a careful study of tuition and fees, as well as financial assistance offered at the schools, with the goal of putting together a financial philosophy that will help students graduate without educational debt.

A Stewardship Thought – October, 2009

While opportunities to use our gifts seem almost limitless, we must be willing to make ourselves available. Often our tendency is to look at our shortcomings rather than to focus on Philippians 4:13: *"I can do all things through Him Who gives me strength."* As stewards we are to use our gifts gladly and wholeheartedly in service to God alone.

How are you saying THANKS to God for all that He has entrusted to you? When you think of Christian stewardship, you probably think of what you place in the offering plate. I hope that you are showing your gratitude through generous giving, but what about using your talents for God through the church?

All of us, to one degree or another, have the ability to do things that can be of benefit to our church. In other words—after you have heard the sermon and participated in Holy Communion—now it's time to show your thanks by doing some work for the Lord.

You may ask: "Why should I?" Think for a moment about our situation. Many do not realize that sin is a big problem and obstacle in this world. We do. Thanks to the Word of God, we have been brought to the realization that forgiveness is needed every day. Scripture also tells us that salvation is a free gift that we can't earn. That fact should make us more eager to say thanks to God Who has saved and freed us from eternal prison and gives us a fresh start every day.

As stewards, we realize that our talents and abilities are gifts from God that are to be used in His service. When we use our gifts for God's glory, we are acknowledging that He is the provider, and we express our thanks for what He gives to us. Some of the tasks that we can do around the church are fairly obvious, such as being kind and courteous to fellow worshippers and visitors, giving words of encouragement, singing in the choir, ushering, teaching Sunday school, serving on committees or boards, washing the windows, etc. Check with us in the church office to see how you can use your gifts.

There are many ways of expressing thanks to the Lord. We hope that one of the ways that you will say thanks is through using your talents at our church.

God must work in us if He is to work through us.

Closing Thought

We can live one of two ways—with or without Christ. We can live without Christ, living just for ourselves, exalting worldly pleasures and success, or we can live with Christ, exalting Him as the risen Lord. We can squander our talents, waste our time, and spend our money foolishly, or we can use these God-given gifts to His glory as they benefit others. *"Each of us will give an account of himself to God,"* we read in Romans 14:12. Let us be among those who hear the words, *"Well done, good and faithful servant!"* (Matthew 25:21).

ONGOING SCHOOL FUND RAISING PROGRAMS

THRIVENT

If you are a member of Thrivent and would like to donate up to \$600 to David's Star School, Thrivent will match 50 cents for every dollar members donate. Please contact the school office for a form.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND FOR DAVID'S STAR STUDENTS

The money that is donated will go to families of David's Star students. Families must be eligible for the Free or Reduced Meal Program to qualify. Forms are available in the school office.

GM BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The school benefits from this program and receives \$.10 for every box top collected. Place them in the box in church or in the IMC at school. The money is put into our School Wish List Fund.

Added note.... BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thank you to the Widow's Group for organizing our Box Tops and milk caps. We received a check for \$1,232.50 for the Box Tops which was put into our Wish List Fund earlier this year. Please check out the list of Ongoing Fundraising Programs that is included in this newsletter.

TARGET

If you use your Target credit card, Target will donate 1% of their Target Guest Card purchases to our school. Please designate our school to receive these funds. Please use our school ID #17655. The money is put into our School Wish List Fund.

MARKET DAY

Monthly order forms are available in the church narthex. Orders are picked up at Morning Star once a month on Tuesdays from 5-6pm. The school benefits from any profit made from this fundraiser. Any questions, call Colleen Lemke, 375-4814.

SCRIP

These are like the gift certificates that you can purchase directly from the stores. When you purchase them from the school, the school makes a profit because they are purchased in bulk. You can use them to pay your groceries at Piggly Wiggly or your clothes from Kohl's Department Store. Order forms are available in the school or the church narthex. Scrip may be purchased on Wednesdays in the IMC from 8-9 am. Any questions may be directed to Phyllis Dencker, 677-1886.

RONALD McDONALD PULL TAB PROGRAM

The Ronald McDonald Pull Tab Program benefits the Ronald McDonald House. We will be saving the piece of metal that opens aluminum cans. There is a marked water bottle in the IMC for you to put your tabs. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

KEMPS, MORNING GLORY, GOLDEN GUERNSEY

Save your specially marked milk caps. The school will receive \$.05 for every cap from Kemps, Morning Glory, & Golden Guernsey milk.

NPH EXTRA REWARDS PROGRAM

Sign up at www.nph.net/NPHextra, by phone @ 800-662-6022, or in the store. You will receive \$5 savings code for every \$75 in purchases and 1% cash rebate for your church or school.