

In the big picture of things we have more to be thankful for than we can possibly know. But when put on the spot we may find it difficult to come up with even a handful of them. On Thanksgiving Day many homes have the tradition of going around the table in prayer with each dinner guest getting an opportunity to thank God for a special blessing. If you're not the first in line, you'd better come up with a blessing "b" and perhaps even "c", because we all seem to come up with the same standard blessings. The typical choices to give thanks for are family, home, church, friends, food, good job. Do we think automatically about Jesus and forgiveness? Sometimes it takes hard times or great personal failure to think about and thank God for our greatest and most far-reaching gifts.

The story goes of the little boy who had not been at all cooperative when his mother was busily preparing for the thanksgiving guests who were about to arrive. So he was already in trouble when, trying to kick his sister under the table just before the meal, he spilled his milk all over the dressing and sweet potatoes. After the mess was cleaned up and the child reluctantly allowed to come back to the table, they all settled in to give thanks to the Lord one-by-one for their special blessings. Imagine yourself as the hostess/mother still trying to hide your embarrassment/anger when the little boy had his turn to give thanks. With his head bowed low, just as it had been since he had come back to the table, he said, "Thank you Jesus for Jesus."

Are you already sweating the Thanksgiving round robin prayer because someone always takes your blessing before you? Here's a list of seldom

used blessings that are highly worthy of bringing to the table for your thanksgiving prayer of praise:

- Called workers who are strong in the gospel.
- The right to call ourselves God's children through our baptisms.
- The almighty power of Jesus exercised for the benefit of his Church.
- The Holy Bible.
- Faith to believe the mysteries of God.
- Faith that delights in God's Ten Commandments.
- The Holy Spirit working mightily through the sacraments.
- Jesus' body and blood given in the Lord's Supper.
- The institution of Holy Matrimony
- Heaven and all it's glorious mystery yet to come.
- For the faith he has given each of your Christian friends and family.

This is obviously an incomplete list; any list would be incomplete, so keep on thinking about what you are thankful for. And while you're thinking, think about this. If we have to think too hard about what we are thankful for, we're probably not very thankful for it, are we? That calls for bringing these glorious and far reaching blessings to mind more often. Take time each day to meditate on and thank God for the blessings he has given. Look into the big picture of God's Word. There you will see all of the blessings God has told you about and even more than you already know. At the very least, thank Jesus for Jesus. He is a blessing to us all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!
Selma Tews...11/13/1917..90 yrs. old
Mildred Behling...11/16/1922..85 yrs. old
Leona Heidtke...22/17/1919..88 yrs. old

GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER 2007

November 3, 2007 5:00: Harold & Jan Ehlke
November 4, 2007 7:45: Susan Daley
Diane Hafemeister
10:15: Gene & Marcy Graff
November 10, 2007 5:00: Mary Adams
November 11, 2007 7:45: Ken & Sue Berndt
10:15: Kurt & Lori Henning
November 17, 2007 5:00: Cindy Oonk
November 18, 2007 7:45: Ralph & Debbie Herther
10:15: Nick & Rachel Tolkinen
November 24, 2007 5:00: Dave & Beth Klug
November 25, 2007 7:45: Darvin & Mary Ann Behm
10:15: Dennis & Marlene Bell

WOMEN IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on November 1st and 15th from 7:00 – 8:15 pm in the Parish Center. 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.

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.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Scripture tells us in Proverbs 22:6 to “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it”.

As children enter their adolescent years, it is important to offer family support, communicate positively, and provide an encouraging climate that clearly defines rules, consequences, and the monitoring of your child's whereabouts.

Young people are faced with many different decisions and pressures.

It is *okay* for parents to say no to their children and for children to say no to their peers. Many times the loving thing to do is not easy.

Whether the issue is teen parties, curfew, or alcohol and/or illegal drug use/abuse, we encourage you to use this guide as an educational tool when talking with your son or daughter.

Guidelines for Parents hosting teen parties

1. Set a pattern of responsible drinking at your own adult parties and gatherings.
2. Parents should be **home** and a **PARENT** visible during any and all parties for teens.
3. Invite other parents if your teen's party is large.
4. Put away and lock-up beer, liquor and medication.
5. Have plenty of food and nonalcoholic drinks on hand.
6. Notify parents of any teen who arrives at the party under the influence of alcohol or any other drug to ensure the teen's safe transportation home.
7. Be alert to signs of teen alcohol and drug use including suspicious behavior and frequent coming and going.

Guidelines for Parents of Teens Attending Parties at Another Home or Location

1. Be sure your teen knows when to be home.
2. Know where your teen will be and whom they will be with. Don't be afraid to call other parents and check on your teen.
3. Talk to your teen when they get home.
4. Get to know your teen's friends.
5. Be sure your teen knows where you are.

Source: Prevention Network of Washington County

Blessings of a healthy body, mind, and spirit to our families and our teens,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

PS Don't forget the **BLOOD DRIVE** on Saturday, November 10th in the school IMC from 8am to 1pm. Call Sue Bolha at 677-3485 for an appointment. **WALK-INS ARE ALSO WELCOME.**

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 Loescher. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the September council meeting.

Reports

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: Esenberg, Randel; Sean

Transfer from Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI
Johnson, Phil

Transfer from St. Jacobi, Greenfield, WI

Kwiecinski, Richard & Rachel; Jeffrey

Transfer from St. Mark, Brown Deer, WI

Cisco, James & Jennifer; Allison, Nicholas

Transfer from Calvary, Thiensville, WI

Muhonen, Dale & Lisa; Dylan

Profession of Faith

Outgoing: Schmirler, Ann

Released from membership

Pastors' Report

Pastor Loescher, 677-0919, kloescher@davidstar.org

Pastor Woldt, 377-1019, woldt@nconnect.net

In September, both pastors had an opportunity to attend a symposium on Christian stewardship at the seminary. Pastor Loescher also attended Pastoral Conference the last week of September. Pastor Woldt attended meetings of the governing board of the seminary. Three new member prospects are currently attending Bible Information Classes (one of those on an individual instruction basis). Four children of David's Star members attending public schools are participating in confirmation instruction. Other current ministry initiatives are reflected in the reports from the various boards and committees. A request to use the church woods was considered.

President's report

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

David's Star Connection—Thanks to Mark Otte for doing his presentation on our Bible studies in September. Stewardship Committee is scheduled for October. Alternately, the Executive Committee could do October since we wanted to slot them in.

Jeff Morgan could do his on the Pictorial Directory. Please check the schedule distributed in June to find when you are due to make your presentations. I will try to contact you with a reminder shortly before your turn. Thank you to all of you for doing these presentations.

Church Picnic—Organization of this event is still pending. We will need leaders to get the ball rolling. Suggestions?

Church Sign—two samples were circulated by the pastors and I informally in various circles. Generally speaking, the more traditional font was preferred. Wally has the stones at his shop and is ready to complete the signs. I told him of our decision and that Kurt wanted to get the capstone on before the frost. He said that would be no problem. I have not heard back from him.

Use of Church Woods—Graham Killeen from Signal Fire Films (Milwaukee) would like to use our church woods in August 2008 for a film on the Revolutionary War. Graham is from West Bend and this would be a professional production. They would need the woods for about 10 night time shots over 2-3 weeks. He would work around our worship schedules. I have a call in to him. I will have a further update at Council meeting. A motion was made and passed to allow Signal Fire Films to use our church woods for this project.

Elections—I am organizing the Nominating Committee. Positions that need to be filled in January include Recording Secretary (Jim Siebers), Chmn of Evangelism (Paul Steinbrenner), 2 members of Board of Elders (Paul Schreck, David Krause), and 2 members of Board for Bldg & Grounds (Roger Tews, Gerry Lahti). I believe the only one not eligible to run again is Roger Tews. Please review this list for inaccuracies.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

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

The church sign will be installed by the end of October by Wally Miller.

A special thanks to Jeff Wenzel for replacing the women's toilet in church and Kurt Henning for labor and material for a new toilet for the men.

A special thanks to Gerry Lahti, Jim Hafemeister, Roger Tews, Myron Phillips, and Jeff Wenzel for taking down the benches in the church woods.

A new floor scrubber has been requested for the school. The cost will be about \$7500 and will be in the 2008 budget.

The sound system has been ordered through metro sound and video at a cost of \$10,790. A total of \$12,600 was collected at the David's Star Golf Outing for 2007. The golf outing and the wish list will pay for the sound system. There was discussion about lights on David's Star Drive.

Board for Elementary Education

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

A parent's group meeting will be occurring in a couple of weeks highlighting the updated technology in the classrooms.

Fall sports are wrapping up.

Computers and monitors are being donated to the school to upgrade the technology in the school.

Some discussion continued about the school enrollment.

Board of Elders

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

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Evangelism Committee

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No report.

Stewardship Committee

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

Terry Hansen has joined the Stewardship committee and been approved by the council.

The 2008 budgeting process was explained. The input sheets need to be returned by November 6, 2008 to Todd. They will be e-mailed to the councilmen and should be returned electronically.

On October 30 at 6:45 the compensation committee will be meeting to discuss the 2008 budget.

To date the funding appeal for "Our Foundation Built on The Rock" has reached \$621,204.

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Spiritual Growth Committee

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

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church. Mr. Gustafson will teach the adult class in the school, and Pastor Loescher will be leading the teens in a study.

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Building Committee Update

No report.

Treasurer's report

Dan Bolha, 677-3485, bolha@juno.com

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A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

Old Business

The Staff Policy Handbook was reviewed and approved

The Congregational Directory process is going well with a good percentage of the congregation signed up already.

2008 Church picnic

New Business

Items for Voters (Quarterly Meeting 10/11/07)

Recommendations from Building Committee

Renaming of *Synod Student Aid Trust Fund* to *Synod Student Aid Endowment Fund*

Next Council Meeting: November 13, 2007

7:00pm

Closing Prayer (Pastor Loescher)

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2007				
	Current Month Offerings	Average weekly offerings	Offerings Received thru 9/30/07	Offerings Budgeted thru 9/30/07
Operating	\$68,180	\$13,636	\$523,516	\$598,005
Missions	\$8,861	\$1,772	\$62,490	\$68,395
KML Operating	\$5,855	\$1,171	\$36,492	\$42,260
KML Building	\$819	\$164	\$8,796	\$12,735
"Together Shining Like the Stars..."	\$1,133	\$227	\$27,837	\$26,361

The deficit in our Operating Fund is:

\$157,479

The deficit at the end of September 2006

was: \$128,014

The deficit at the end of September 2005

was: \$133,863

NEWS FROM THE STEWARSHIP COMMITTEE

On September 28, the Martin Luther College Governing Board approved a recommendation to move forward with a project to build a chapel on the school's campus in New Ulm, Minnesota. The proposal now goes before the Conference of Presidents for input and the Synodical Council for final approval. Funding for the project would come from \$7.2 million given by individuals as part of synod's 150th anniversary celebrations, specifically to build a chapel. The campus currently has no chapel. Among other things, a chapel would allow greater flexibility in the use of choirs and instrumentalists – and allow MLC to model worship more effectively as it trains future worship leaders.

Student enrollment figures for the 2007-08 school year have been released by Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. A total of 175 men are continuing their studies for the pastoral ministry: 41 seniors, 40 vicars, 47 middlers, 46 juniors, and one colloquy student make up the current student body. In addition to these on-campus students, 30 men are participating in the Pastoral Studies Institute program via two satellite seminaries, the Asian Seminary Satellite Training Program, and Cristo Palabra de Vida (a Spanish language satellite training program). The Pastoral Studies Institute offers non-traditional students of various ethnic groups a flexible and innovative path of study that leads to pastoral ministry.

WELS Youth Discipleship unveiled its newly redesigned LivingBold website on September 24. The retooling of LivingBold represents a real effort to incorporate what WELS teens indicated in surveys, focus groups, and larger discussions. The new site retains much of the original content, but now focuses on providing more interactive tools and resources for teens. Teens can now share their stories, watch video clips, participate in online

chats, and much more. Check out the site at www.livingbold.net.

FAITH - A SPIRITUAL GIFT AND A UNIQUE PART OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

When somebody thinks of a gift, most people think of earthly gifts. Even unbelievers have been given earthly gifts of body and life, time and talents, and money and property. Gifts that are unique to believers are spiritual gifts. Unbelievers place no value on these gifts and there are times when even Christians do not appreciate or use God's spiritual gifts. Being good stewards mean that we understand, use, and care for God's spiritual gifts.

Our faith in Jesus is one of the spiritual gifts given to us. Believing in Jesus is not something we decided to do but came from the Holy Spirit in a miraculous way. Through God's Word and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, the Holy Spirit led us to trust in Jesus. With faith we receive from God the forgiveness of sins and all the blessings of salvation. This gift separates us from all unbelievers.

Caring for our Christian faith includes feeding it. We feed for our Christian faith when we attend church, hear God's Word, receive Holy Communion, and participate in Bible classes. We also care for our faith when we exercise it. We exercise our faith when we apply our minds and hearts to the sermons where our pastors repeat God's promises and tell us again and again that our sins are forgiven. We exercise our faith when we take our place at the communion rail to receive Jesus' body and blood. We exercise our faith when we talk with God through prayer. Indeed, our lives are filled with plenty of opportunities to exercise our faith by clinging to his words and promises as we lift up our crosses and follow Jesus. Finally, we exercise our faith when the Lord puts before us works of service great and small, and we reply, "Yes, Lord. Let me serve."

We further care for our faith when we avoid things that might injure it or destroy it. The gift of faith is a gift that can be lost. When God tests our faith, he has something good in mind. Satan's motives are just the opposite. Satan's goal is to lead us into unbelief. Satan is our primary enemy but each of us as sinful human beings has the ability to renounce the faith that has been nourished for years by Christian parents and pastors.

The parable of the sower in Matthew 13:1-23 illustrates how many people are like the seed that was sown on a rocky place. Some people believe for a while but they fall away in times of trouble or worry or change of life because their faith is not deeply rooted in God's Word. Children might fall away shortly after confirmation day when they stop attending church and

hearing and studying God's Word. There are people that repent and return to the Lord later in life but there are many that don't.

How are you using and caring for the precious gift of faith? Are you taking it for granted or are you exercising it? Being good stewards mean that we understand, use, and care for our faith. What value do you place on this gift? I think you would agree with me ... PRICELESS.

Stewardship Committee

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**Quarterly Meeting of the Voter's Assembly
October 11, 2007**

David's Star Ev. Lutheran Church, Jackson, WI
8:00 pm

The meeting was opened with devotion by Pastor Loescher.

The meeting was called to order by congregational meeting chairman Rod Kison.

A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the July voter's meeting.

The agenda was adopted by the voter's

Membership Report (for the quarters August, September, October)

Incoming:

- Brandt, Michelle, Brianna
Transfer from Morning Star, Jackson, WI
- Cisco, James and Jennifer; Allison, Nicholas
Transfer from Calvary, Thiensville, WI
- Esenberg, Randel; Sean
Transfer from Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI
- Genz, Joshua and Nicole
Transfer from Good Shepherd, Fon du Lac, WI
- Johnson, Phil
Transfer from St. Jacobi, Greenfield, WI
- Kwecinski, Richard & Rachel; Jeffrey
Transfer from St. Mark, Brown Deer, WI
- Muhonen, Dale & Lisa; Dylan
Profession of Faith
- Nader, Paul and Chris; Paige
Transfer from Redeemer, Cedarburg, WI
- Sandavol, Richard and Wanda; Jessica, Nicholas
Transfer from St. Jacobi, Greenfield, WI
- Zarling, David and Emily; Elijah and Ava
Transfer from St. John's Wauwatosa, WI

Outgoing:

- Behringer, Megan
Transfer to Grace, Falls Church, VA
- LaRosh, Laura
Transfer to St. Matthew, Janesville, WI
- Schmirler, Ann
Released from membership

Signing of Constitution by new voters

Andy Loeffler, Randel Esenberg, and David Zarling signed the constitution

Pastors' report (Pastor Loescher, 677-0919)

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(Pastor Woldt, 377-1019) woldt@nconnect.net

Both pastors feel extremely blessed to be working for the Lord and with the members of David's Star Evangelical Lutheran Church. They also feel blessed to be able to work outside the congregation in different ways as well. Pastor Loescher is very active with the national leadership of the Boy Pioneers and locally with a Jesus Cares group. Pastor Woldt continues to serve on the board of control at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

President's report (Randy Matter, 376-1585)

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David's Star Connection—This is our effort to keep the congregation informed on what is happening in our own ministries. The Council leaders have been organizing short presentations after worship services

Secretarial Help—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. She has computer and management background. She wants more time with her kids during the summer. This position was in our 2007 budget. We will now have full-time coverage of our church and school offices. Please welcome Mary if you see her. We also need to always recognize the wonderful job that our church and school secretaries and our bookkeeper—Lynne Tews, Phyllis Dencker, and Patty Backus—do for our congregation. They keep us all on our toes making sure the "administrative" work gets done. They are truly dedicated to making our ministries work.

Church Picnic—Organization of this event is still pending. The Board of Education told us last year that they would not be organizing it for 2008. Polls were taken of the congregation that showed no real preference of the format or timing. The door appears to be open as to how and when we structure this traditional event. We need leaders to get the ball rolling. If we intend to keep this tradition in our congregation, members will need to step up.

Personnel Handbook—At the urging of our Board of Education and the direction of our Compensation Committee, Council has adopted a personnel handbook for use by our congregation and staff. Many of us already have these in our jobs and it is an excellent tool to keep track of our sick leave, vacation, insurance and other policies that affect our congregation's workers—called and lay. A copy of the handbook is available in

our church office if anyone from the congregation wants to see it. Many thanks to Dan Bolha for his efforts and direction in getting this in place.

Use of Church Woods—In keeping with our attempt to make our congregation more visible to the community, Council approved use of our woods by Graham Killeen and Signal Fire Films (West Bend) in August 2008 for a professional movie drama set during the Revolutionary War. Graham is from West Bend and this would be a professional production. They would need the woods for about 10 night time shots over 2-3 weeks. He would work around our worship schedules setting up and taking down equipment each night after their shooting. No monetary compensation is being offered but he would be willing to do a number of other promotional opportunities as we desire.

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Summer Fellowship—Thanks to all of our Boards and Committees for faithfully serving Sunday morning fellowship. Many people took advantage of this opportunity. It is a wonderful blessing to share our friendship with our fellow members.

Church Directory—Jeff Morgan has been doing a great job organizing our new church pictorial directory. The slots are filling rapidly and most of our congregation members have signed up for a slot.

Treasurer's report (Dan Bolha, 677-3485)
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The accreditation process is wrapping up with a visitation team coming in about a month.

The curriculum review process is continuing.

Spiritual Growth Committee

(Mark Otte, 306-3521) lotte@kmlhs.org

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Evangelism Committee

(Paul Steinbrenner, 675-0832)

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Current active members: Kathryn Smith, Beth Steinbrenner, Pastor Loescher, Diane Kowalski, Paul Steinbrenner, Marie Steinbrenner and Fritz Mahnke

- Have been formally meeting every month or two
- Focus is on new member assimilation
- Greeter program in place and running
- New member visit plan in place and running
- New member welcome sheet/short bio/picture project is in the works (quarterly news letter sheet)
- Next step is assimilation program for first year / sponsor program
- Worship in the woods took place July 22nd Light refreshments were served after the service. Thank you to those who helped and/or brought guests. I thought it went well.
- Washington County fair booth was worked by app. 8 sister congregations this year. Thank you to those who participated in working the booth.

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

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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 redecorating of the church.

Pastor Woldt's septic system backed up so Dave Klug replaced the pump that had burned out. Both tanks also needed to be replaced.

A special thanks 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.

Thanks to Matt Hartwig, Gerry Lahti, and Steve Brandt (Stump Removal) for removal of the large tree at the Woldt parsonage.

Cemetery Committee (Wally Miller)

No report.

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School (Tim Knight)

Enrollment continues to trend upward. Debt reduction is occurring to enable the building of a chapel auditorium.

Building Committee (Randy Vogel)

See new business.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

Old Business

Renaming of the Future Called Worker's Assistance Funds
The name of the Synod Student Aid Trust Fund (017-04-01-16) will be changed to the Synod Student Aid Endowment Fund to clarify its intent to distribute earnings.

New Business

Presentation of Building Committee Recommendations (Randy Vogel and John Holz (Plunkett Raysich Architects)

Recommendations from the Building Committee

We recommend that the voters adopt the master plan prepared and presented by Plunkett Raysich Architects, Inc. as the Master Plan which will guide and direct any future building for ministry here at David's Star. The Motion was passed with a vote of 52-5.

We recommend that our immediate goal for ministry for building at David's Star be the portion of the Master Plan labeled "Option 4". The motion was passed 49-7.

We recommend that the voter's approve an expenditure not to exceed \$55,000 from the "Our Foundation Built on the Rock" building fund for the purpose of contracting with Plunkett Raysich Architects, Inc. to prepare schematic drawings for "Option 4" and corresponding computer generated "fly through" to use as a communication tool with member's of David's Star. The motion passed 53-2.

We recommend that the Voter's direct the Church Council to organize and implement a new campaign to raise funds for the completion of "Option 4." The motion passed 51-4.

Announcements

Next Meeting: January 17, 2008 7:00pm

Adjournment

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer by Pastor Loescher

SECOND SERVICE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We will be testing an alternate way of distributing communion in the 2nd service only. Communicants will stand at the front step of the chancel area to receive the Lord's Supper. We are hoping to make it easier to serve the large number of communicants we typically have in our 2nd service.

WOMEN'S ADVENT PRAYER BREAKFAST

This is the sixth year that the Women in God's Word Bible Study Group will be sponsoring an Advent Prayer Breakfast. If you have never joined us for this event, consider coming this year. It is always a delicious breakfast! For our devotion this year we will be looking at The Women in the Line of the Savior. You might be very surprised at the women God used in His plan to bring Jesus, our Savior, into this world. This year the breakfast will again be held at Heidel's Restaurant on Saturday, December 1. 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 11, 18, and 25. 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, please contact Char Kison (677-2389).

Communion

Thursday 11/15/2007 NO THURSDAY SERVICE
 Wednesday 11/21/2007 7:00 pm
 Thanksgiving Eve Service
 Thursday 11/22/2007 7:45 am & 9:30 am
 Thanksgiving Day Services

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 5, 2007; 3:45 & 7:00 pm
 Wednesday, December 12, 2007; 3:45 & 7:00 pm
 Wednesday, December 19, 2007; 3:45 & 7:00 pm

FOOD DRIVE

The Pioneers/Shining Lights are sponsoring a food drive during the month of November for the St. Marcus Lutheran (WELS) Food Pantry. Please place non-perishable food items in the designated box in the church narthex. The classrooms are also gathering items for this food drive.

They are looking for items such as bar soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, and boxes of tissues, pancake mix, pancake syrup, cereals, minute rice, instant mashed potatoes, spaghetti sauce, and chicken noodle soup.

Please be advised that the pantries cannot accept canned goods in cans which have become rusty, nor are they able to accept home-canned foods. Your support in this matter is greatly 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 25th. 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

Wednesday 11/14/2007 7:00 pm
 Hunter's Service w/Holy