

THE GOOD NEWS

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"By Scripture Alone"

By Pastor Loescher

"I haven't got time for breakfast. I was supposed to be at a meeting five minutes ago."

Tell that to your brain that needs the nutrients and energy to function at a high level.

"I'll have a super slob burger, mongo fries and an 84 ounce cola."

"Is that for here or to go?"

"Oh definitely to go. I gotta go. I didn't have breakfast so it won't hurt have a little more for lunch."

But the body is saying, "A little more what? You just gave me more saturated fats and trans-fatty acids than I can handle in one day. You call that food for the body?"

"Yah but, fast food is all I have time for these days."

"Tell that to your heart and your waist line. Not to mention your blood sugar."

Alright kids we have ten minutes to eat and have a devotion. On your mark, get set. Go!

Does your stomach have anything to say about the race to eat? "Hey, did you bother to chew that food?" It may have a lot to say about how hard it is to try to do the work the teeth are suppose to do. And while it's complaining it isn't likely to do the job very well. Your body can't get the full benefit of what you ate. And can you say, "acid reflux"?

The results aren't the same for everyone, but the above scenario can look pretty familiar to many of us. Did you see the saddest and most common fatality in the above scenario? ... "we have ten minutes to eat and have a devotion." At least the thought of having a devotion was there. Would it really happen? Not likely. If it would, you might have twenty-five seconds of Word and prayer. Better than nothing, but not much better.

Going to church to hear the Word brings no blessing if our hearts shut it out.

Have we fast paced ourselves out of good physical and spiritual health? What happens when we rush to

hear the Word with our ears, but don't take the time to digest the Word in our hearts? "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me" (Isaiah 29:13). We may go to church quite regularly, but if our hearts aren't there, what good is it? As a result we gossip with little or no pangs of conscience. We inebriate our minds without a thought to what it's doing to our souls. We hold anger in our hearts—there's plenty of room for it when the Lord isn't there. Our hearts are far from our Lord. Most tragically, we miss out on the sweet message of our forgiveness in Jesus. Going to church to hear the Word brings no blessing if our hearts shut it out.

Jesus once replied to a woman who called him blessed, "Blessed rather are those who hear the Word of God." But he didn't stop there. He added the necessary compliment to hearing the Word, "and keep it." That means the person is blessed who hears the Word and doesn't let it out of his heart. It takes time to give that kind of devotion to the Word of God.

And how does poor spiritual nutrition affect our trust? When the Word is not reaching the heart, the heart will put its trust in anything and everything other than the Lord. When the economy weakens and budgets get tighter, do we put in more hours at work and fewer in church? Or do we maintain at all costs the high priority of being in the Word of the Lord? The heart that keeps the Word believes the promise:

"If you make the Most High your dwelling— even the LORD, who is my refuge— then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent" (Psalm 91:9,10).

The Lutheran Reformation put a high priority on the Word of God. It is central in the three keys of our salvation. By grace alone, by faith alone, by Scripture alone. The Scriptures are the power of God for our salvation and our sanctified living. Let our motto remain by Scripture alone. By the Scriptures the Holy Spirit frees us of our guilt through Jesus, and strengthens us for the fight. Take time, take it to heart, and keep it.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Selma Tews...11/13/1917...91 yrs. old
Leona Heidtke...11/27/1919..89 yrs. old

Greeters for NOVEMBER 2008

Saturday, November 1st

5:00 Richard and Chris Feldschneider

Sunday, November 2nd

7:45 Ralph and Elaine Gerner

10:15 John and Laura Brown

Saturday, November 8th

5:00 Tony and Beth Ciske

Sunday, November 9th

7:45 Myron and Delores Phillips

10:15 Gary and Holly Heckendorf

Saturday, November 15th

5:00 Katie and Emilie Steinbrenner

Sunday, November 16th

7:45 Darvin and Mary Ann Behm

10:15 Dennis and Marlene Bell

Saturday, November 22nd

5:00 Jack and Nancy Feurig

Sunday, November 23rd

7:45 Tony and Lynne Gromacki

10:15 Sue and Kamelia Bolha

Saturday, November 29th

5:00 Wayne Bublitz

Sunday, November 30th

7:45 Joel and Linda Pless

10:15 Ross and Colleen Lemke



PARISH NURSE NEWS

A few weekends ago I had the privilege to attend a WELS Parish Nurse Gathering at Faith Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac. Our guest speaker for the meeting was a Pastor David Cooper from St. Paul's in Slinger who had a fascinating story to tell! On May 1st, 1999 he suffered a major and debilitating stroke that required many months of rehabilitation. He related many of his experiences and how the Lord brought him through a very difficult time.

In the course of our time together Pastor Cooper mentioned a web site that he thought we might enjoy visiting. (www.astrokeofhope.com) I looked it up the other day to discover that Pastor Cooper has created the web site to "Inspire hope among families whose lives have been impacted by stroke". I found the site fascinating and decided to pass this information onto you! Not only does he tell the story of his experience and give little helps for recovery, but also he has written a group of devotions for those encountering difficult times of any kind. Could you or someone you know benefit from an encouraging word or two based on God's promises? Check it out! Pastor Cooper has given his permission for us to print off a copy of a devotion to include in a card that we send to someone in need. People going through trials of any kind are strengthened when reminded of God's promises.

BLOOD DRIVE NEWS In an effort to be good stewards of precious resources it has been decided to combine our November Blood Drive with that of Morning Star's. So, the November Blood Drive will be held at Morning Star on **Tuesday, November 18th** from 2-7pm in the school gym. Please mark your calendars and use this opportunity to visit our sister congregation. No need to call and make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome at any time. In the future here at David's Star we are considering changing the time of our own usual blood drive to an afternoon during the week in hopes of more donors. Any feedback on that idea? Talk to Sue Bolha or Lorraine McCauley.

REMINDER!! As you well know, the cold and flu season is right around the corner. Have you gotten your flu shot? Good hand washing, adequate rest, a healthy diet, exercise, and not smoking are just a few things you can do to keep your immune system in good shape and ward off the colds and flu. Give serious consideration to a flu shot! They are definitely recommended for all children ages 6-23months along with their caregivers, people with chronic health conditions, health care workers or care givers, and anyone over age 50.

Members in attendance: Pastor Loescher, Pastor Woldt, Dan Bolha, Randy Matter, Kevin Behm, Tim Gustafson, Mark Otte, Todd Backus, Kurt Henning, Brian Lee, Jeff Morgan, Randy Vogel (Building Committee Update).

Absent: Dennis Bell, David Zarling.

The meeting was opened with a prayer. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on September 16, 2008.

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: none
Outgoing: Chmielewski, Jim & Bev
Released from membership
 Feldschneider, Rachael
Transfer to Redeemer,
Cedarburg

Pastors' Report

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

The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Symposium and the recent pastoral conference gatherings were wonderful opportunities to grow and refresh ourselves for ministry. Two seminary seniors are preaching this month as part of their final training before graduation this spring. We are hosting four second year seminary students in our confirmation classes at school as part of their training. Please remember the special Reformation service at KMLHS on the last Sunday in October. Thanks to all the leaders who participated in the new member welcome. Upon recently visiting with our KML students, it is apparent that there is a strong desire for them to participate in our services, as well as to be actively involved in a youth group.

President's Report

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

DNR's NR-151 Nutrient Management Plan – This is a pending issue. Randy Vogel is working on this plan.

Nominating Committee – The Nominating Committee is being formed. Elected positions that need candidates for January 2009 include: President (Randy Matter), Vice President (Jeff Morgan), Board of Elders Chairman (Dennis Bell), Board of Elementary Education (Brian Lee), Board of Elders member (Rick Ebeling), Board of Elders member (Gene Hagenow), Board of Elementary Education member (Bob Heider), Board of Elementary Education member (Mike Bublitz), and Board of Building and Grounds member (Ryan Brietkretz). Only Randy Matter and Ryan Breitkretz are not eligible for re-election.

Internet Antenna – The voters approved our three recommended actions in the special voter's meeting. I'm thinking that the best course of action at this time is to wait with finishing the steeple roof until the antenna issue is resolved, so we don't need to have

someone (the roofers?) come back a second time to move the antenna and fix the shingles. A conversation with the roofers is pending about this issue. Also, the ad hoc committee for the antenna placement needs to be formed. I'm thinking three members.

Budget Deficit – As we head into our budgeting cycle, we need to have a serious discussion about our deficit. Members are communicating about it to me. As leaders, we must take steps to start addressing this situation in this year's budget. We won't be able to solve the entire problem at once, but we need to discuss it and develop a plan to address it with the voters. The Executive Committee and Todd Backus are meeting to frame the issue and discussion points on Monday October 6th.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

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

A new vacuum cleaner and snow blower have been donated by the golf committee.

An ATV has been witnessed riding in the church woods. Consideration is being given to putting up a sign limiting motor vehicle use in the woods.

Board for Elementary Education

Brian Lee, Telephone #377-9419 brian.lee@jci.com

Principal Tim Gustafson # 338-3992

tgustafson@davidstar.org

The board reiterated their support for continued availability of the best internet service possible.

The board is running smoothly under our new leadership. The dishwasher in school does not reach the state-mandated hot water temperature required for a school. The cost would be \$600 to update. The dishwasher can still be used for other functions that are non-school related. The school will be using Styrofoam plates to accommodate for this problem.

Board of Elders Dennis Bell, # 677-2248

dandmbell@sbc.global

Pastor Woldt gave a report.

A seminary student, Ben Enstad, has agreed to work with Barry Washburn to get the Male Choir off the ground for this year.

On November 23, a contemporary group from WLC – Revelation – will perform four or five songs, during both of our services. Jessica Gromacki, of our congregation, is a member of this group.

Evangelism Committee

David Zarling, Telephone # 674-1094

david.zarling@gmail.com

David Zarling was unable to attend, but provide Council with a written report.

The new member welcome was well-planned and attended. Many thanks to Beth Steinbrenner for organizing, the event, and to all those who attended to make it a special event for our new members.

We received the directory proof from Life Touch on 9/26.

The proof was reviewed and approved on 9/30 and returned to

Life Touch. We await the final product, and will release the delivery date once determined. Special thanks to Lindsay Schultz and Clif Koeller for their time and talents on this project.

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

No report. Budget deficit will be addressed under new business.

Spiritual Growth Committee

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

No formal report. Mark provided continued encouragement to attend Bible Classes.

Building Committee Update (Randy Vogel)

We are awaiting the results of our fundraising efforts. A special voter's meeting could be held in early December to release funds for the construction documents to be produced.

Fundraising Committee Update (Gary Heckendorf)

Pastor Woldt gave a report. The kickoff of our appeal to the general congregation will take place this Sunday. Commitment weekend will take place on the weekend of November 16.

Treasurer's report

Dan Bolha, Telephone # 677-3485 bolha@netwurx.net

The September 30, 2008 ending balance in our operating fund shows a deficit of \$177,483 compares to a deficit of \$176,430 August 31, 2008 and a deficit of \$157,479 on September 30, 2007. Year to date operating fund receipts are \$598,436 compared to \$564,576 last year and this year's budget of \$645,397. Our Foundation Build on the Rock funding appeal has received year to date revenues of \$191,647.

Vice President Report

Jeff Morgan, Telephone # 377-7532

No report.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports except those items that needed separate action under old or new business.

Old Business

There was some follow up discussion regarding the toilet facilities in the church woods. Dan Bolha investigated into the legality of our facilities, and reported that we should be grandfathered in as being legal. We are not close to any water supply. The only thing to watch for would be seepage during heavy rains. Therefore, it should not be an issue for us to maintain it as we wish.

New Business

Budget deficit – The Executive Committee of our Church Council – Randy Matter, Jeff Morgan, Kevin Behm, Dan Bolha – as well as Todd Backus met on October 6th to discuss our budget deficit, and implementing a new budget system whereby we set a realistic target income, and budget our expenses to match that figure. Our goal for 2009 is a 2% reduction in expenses. Each board and committee are being

left with the flexibility of how they might meet this goal for their area of responsibility. Obvious areas to study include salary freezes and reductions, including health insurance employee contributions, tuition implementation or increases, and staff reductions. Todd will e-mail work papers to boards for the budget process. Boards are to review their areas of responsibility, and respond by November 4th.

Items for Voters (for the October 9 voters meeting)

None

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 8:00 PM.**

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

Respectively submitted,

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR
SEPTEMBER 2008**

	Current Month Offerings	Average weekly offerings	Offerings Received thru 9/30/08	Offerings Budgeted thru 9/30/08
Operating	\$62,830	\$15,708	\$533,906	\$590,002
Missions	\$ 5,891	\$ 1,473	\$ 66,791	\$ 66,590
KML Operating	\$ 4,304	\$ 1,076	\$ 38,893	\$ 42,375
KML Building	\$ 1,227	\$ 308	\$ 10,811	\$ 11,250

Kevin A. Behm, Recording Secretary kevinbehm@att.net.

The deficit in our Operating Fund is:
\$177,483

The deficit at the end of September 2007
was: \$157,479

The deficit at the end of September 2006
was: \$128,014

CENTRAL AFRICA MEDICAL MISSION “DID-YOU-KNOW” FOR NOVEMBER

Jennifer Lee (born in Florida on Jan 30th) and Terri Unterholzner (born in Wisconsin on Aug 25th) are the current staff serving in Malawi, Africa. Jennifer is the nurse in charge and has been in Malawi for a year and a half. Terri is the health administrator and is completing her first year. Please pray the Lord bless the efforts of our staff, the missionaries, and their families and continue to keep them safe.



KETTLE MORAINE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

All KML grandparents are invited to spend the day with their grandchildren on either November 5 (Wednesday) or November 6 (Thursday). Arrive in the cafeteria between 8:00 and 8:15am to begin your day with coffee and sweet rolls, followed by special entertainment by our students. Attend chapel with your grandchildren, and then spend the day with them attending classes and eating lunch together. The school day ends at 2:45pm. Please register by October 29 if you are able to join us. Registration forms are available online at www.kmlhs.org/news, or call the school office at 262.677.4051 x1108.

OPEN HOUSE

KML will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, November 9, from 3:00 - 5:00. Everyone is welcome. We would enjoy the opportunity to welcome KML Federation families who are looking ahead to high school. We would also encourage those in the KML family and federation to share this event with people they know who may be looking for a high school for next year or in the years to come. If you are a Charter Cable subscriber, you can also look for commercials for our Open House to air on stations like ESPN, CNN, FOX and others in the next few weeks. You can also view the commercial by clicking the Open House link on our website.

VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM

We are once again honored to host a special Veterans' Day program this year. All are welcome to join us on Tuesday, November 11, at 9:20am in our gymnasium. The program will last 45 to 50 minutes. All veterans, active military - and their families - are most welcome as our honored guests. Pastor Joel Seifert of Calvary, Thiensville, will be our guest speaker. If you have family members or friends who are veterans, active military, or military family, please invite them to this special program. Our honored guests are asked to call our school at 262.677.4051 x 1101 to let us know they are coming, and how many.



WELS UPDATE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Official enrollment for the 2008-09 school year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is 165 men – down 10 from last year's 175 students. According to President Paul Wendland, the seminary expected this decline. Looking at the numbers at both the seminary and Martin Luther College, Wendland says the seminary projects that enrollment will continue to decline for the next four years and then stabilize. This means that there will be smaller classes and fewer pastors will be graduating. The declining numbers are cause for concern even though WELS has a low percentage of pastoral vacancies. When you're talking about the vacancy rate, you're talking about maintaining the status quo. You're not talking about increasing any ministry. So when you see these declining numbers, you have to be concerned not only about having sufficient number of pastors to fill our pulpits, you also have to be concerned about whether we can be as aggressive as we want to be in growing congregational ministries and expanding our home and world missions.

For the first time since August, 2006, WELS Parish Assistance – which offers fee-based consulting services to help congregations analyze and improve their ministries – has three full-time consultants. Rev. Paul Kelm, who previously served as a Parish Assistance consultant from January, 1998 to August, 2004, accepted a call October 14 to be the third consultant, a position that was vacant for more than two years.

On October 10, the Board for Ministerial Education (BME) called Rev. Paul Prange, president of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, to be the new BME administrator. Prange was called after the previous administrator, Rev. Peter Kruschel, took a call June 26 to be the mission counselor in the Pacific Northwest and Southwest. Prange says he plans to consult with those involved in the work of the Board for Ministerial Education, as well as Michigan Lutheran Seminary, and ask how he might meet the needs of each. "I would appreciate the prayers of every member of the synod." he adds.

PART OF GOD'S PLAN

"In those days . . ." So begins a well-known passage of Scripture. Do you know what comes next? *"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree . . ."* (Luke 2:1). Some of us can quote the whole story by heart. Even though we've heard it year after year, some of us for many years, the story is still precious to hear, still warms our souls, still excites our minds, still calms our fears.

Two seemingly inconsequential people of little means obeyed that decree and traveled to the town of Bethlehem to register for the census. The woman, Mary, was about to have a child. She knew that her child was the Son of God, a child to be named Jesus. Joseph, her husband, knew he was not the father of the child, although that was how the world saw him. These were two of God's faithful. They knew the prophecies regarding the Messiah. They had been visited by the angel and learned that they were to be part of the fulfillment of those prophecies. They didn't know how things would turn out. They didn't know all that God had in store for them. They just *"obeyed their rulers and submitted to their authority"* (Hebrews 13:17) as they trusted God to guide and protect them and His Son each step they took on His path.

Of course, God did just that. He provided a place for the Child to be born (Luke 2:7). He sent angels to announce the birth of the King and moved the shepherds to respond to the joyful news and go to worship the new Baby (Luke 2:8-20). He sent *"Magi from the East"* who brought *"gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh"* and then believed the warning God gave them in a dream and avoided the evil King Herod on their return trip (Matthew 2:1-12).

How many of these people involved in this most wondrous story realized the important and memorable parts they played? We cannot say for sure but surmise none could really comprehend the eternal significance of the events as they unfolded.

We, too, are involved in God's plans. Certainly none can equal in importance the birth of Christ, but nothing God does is without purpose. Are we listening for the voice of the Spirit as He speaks to us through God's Word? Are we, as we go about our daily routines, obeying our rulers, cognizant of being God's feet and hands and voice to carry out His plan? Do we bring our gifts, aware that God may use them according to a purpose we can't even imagine? How exciting it is to think and know that we are God's instruments! What a loss of blessing to us if we refuse to let God use us and another gets the opportunity instead (Esther 4:14)!

As we live out our daily lives as stewards, *"let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith . . . so that we will not grow weary and lose heart"* (Hebrews 12:2-3), but instead look forward with eagerness and anticipation toward the unfolding of God's plan in our lives.

The Stewardship Committee



WAYS TO SAVE CASH... FOR GOD'S WORK

Like almost every family these days, our church family has begun to struggle financially – with an actual debt of about \$180,000. As always, THANK YOU for your weekly contributions to the work of David's Star for the spreading of the Good News of God's Love! We are living in God's generosity, and we show it by living lives of generosity.

If you're interested in finding ways to give a little extra this month toward defeating our church's debt, then please enjoy these money-saving tips.

- For one full month, stop yourself from going to the vending machine.
- Carpool to church for a full month – also a great way to make new friends!
- For one week, whenever you reach for a can of soda, drink a glass of tap water instead.
- Cook every meal at home for at least one full week.
- The next time you run out of cereal, replace your supply with all generic store brands.
- Pick out at least one location where you can stop driving and start riding your bike there.
- Give up coffee for a week. If that's too difficult, make your own coffee rather than paying at Starbucks.
- Did you know your gas mileage gets worse as your car gets heavier? Clean out your trunk, and consider packing lighter for your next road trip.
- Write your grocery list before leaving home – and stick to only what's on the list when you get to the store.



Women's Advent Prayer Breakfast

This is the seventh year that the Women in God's Word Bible Study Group will be sponsoring an Advent Prayer Breakfast. Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas, not just putting up the decorations, but also preparing our hearts for Jesus. However, those decorations can help us focus on Jesus also, come to this year's advent breakfast and find out how [The Symbols of Christmas](#) can point us to the coming Savior. This year the breakfast will again be held at Heidel's Restaurant on Saturday, December 6. Plan to arrive at 8:30 with breakfast to be served at 9:00. The cost this year will be \$13.00. Tickets will go on sale after the church services the weekends of November 16, 23, and 30. This is a great way to get ready for the busy Christmas Season. Why not buy an extra ticket and bring a friend? For more information, contact Char Kison (677-2389).



UPCOMING EVENTS

The admissions department is sponsoring country music singer Keith Anderson in concert on Sunday, November 2 at 6 p.m. in the Recreation Complex. For more information or to order tickets visit wlc.edu or call (414) 443-8802.

The sixth annual *Warrior 5k... through the park* is scheduled for Saturday, November 8 at 10 a.m. at Greenfield Park. The 5k race and 2.25 mile walk is open to participants of all ages. Register online at wlcsports.com or call Steve Travis for more information (414) 443-8872.

The Wisconsin Lutheran College Theatre Department presents *Anything Goes* in the Raabe Theatre of the Center for Arts and Performance. Show times are Friday October 31 and Saturday November 1 at 8 p.m., Sunday, November 2 at 3 p.m., and Thursday, November 17 through Sunday, November 19 at 8 p.m. Call the box office at (414) 443-8802 or visit wlc.edu/arts for ticket information.

The Music Department at Wisconsin Lutheran College will be holding a number of music events throughout November. Visit wlc.edu/arts or call (414) 443-8802 for more information.

- November 9 – Instrumental Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m., Schwan Concert Hall
- November 11 – Music Department Tag Team Recital, 7:30 p.m., Schwan Concert Hall
- November 15 – Winter Jazz Band Concert, 8 p.m., Warrior Underground
- November 30 – Winter Band Concert, 7:30, Schwan Concert Hall

Quarterly Voters Meeting October 9, 2008

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

The meeting was opened with devotion by Pastor Woldt. 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 and the Special Voter's Meeting on September 18th.

The agenda was adopted by the voter's Membership Report (since April Meeting)

Incoming: Ahrens, Mark & Teresa; Jonah, Elijah
Transfer from Calvary, Thiensville, WI
Enstad, Ben & Amber
Transfer from Redeemer, Rice Lake, WI
Kreutzer, Nancy; Jordan, Nicole
Transfer from Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI
Liesener, Michael
Transfer from Morning Star, Jackson, WI
Kremer (nee Semrow), Alicia
Profession of faith
Smith, Marcus
Transfer from Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI
Sprenger, Dennis & Sharon; Rebekah
Transfer from Crown of Life, Hubertus, WI
Willis, Mike & Shelley; Evan, Luke, Ben
Transfer from Star of Bethlehem, Savoy, IL

Outgoing: Buege, Cheryl
Released from membership
Fagley, Julie
Released from membership
Feldschneider, Rachael
Transfer to Redeemer, Cedarburg, WI
Genz, Joshua & Nicole
Transfer to Crown of Life, Hubertus, WI
Johnson, Michael & Sara
Transfer to St. Andrew, Middleton, WI
Zarling, Harold & Mary
Transfer to St. John, Newburg, WI

Signing of Constitution by new voters

No new members were present

Pastors' report

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

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

We are pleased to see the attendance at our Bible classes growing despite limited facilities. The eighth grade room on Sundays, as well as our Wednesday morning Bible study in the parish center, are both well-attended. Confirmation classes and special-needs classes are being conducted by the pastors. The pastors are doing more individual instruction, as well. The pastors appreciate the fellowship here and in the WELS. Having recently attended symposiums and pastoral conferences, they consider this a privilege. The KML Reformation service is scheduled for Sunday October 26th at 2:30.

President's report

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

DNR's NR-151 Nutrient Management Plan – Randy Vogel is working on this plan.

Nominating Committee – The Nominating Committee is being formed. Elected positions that need candidates for January 2009 include: President (Randy Matter), Vice President (Jeff Morgan), Board of Elders Chairman (Dennis Bell), Board of Elementary Education Chairman (Brian Lee), Board of Elders member (Rick Ebeling), Board of Elders member (Gene Hagenow), Board of Elementary Education member (Bob Heider), Board of Elementary Education member (Mike Bublitz), and Board of Building and Grounds member (Ryan Breikreutz). Only Randy Matter and Ryan Breikreutz are not eligible for re-election.

Internet antenna – Council is thinking that the best option is to maintain status quo for now pending discussion with roofers.

Operating deficit – The Council is taking positive steps to address this in the budgeting process.

KML Head Delegate – Tim Knight has resigned from being our head delegate to KML. Professor Joel Pless has agreed to serve in this capacity.

Summer Fellowship – Thanks goes to Jeff Morgan for setting up and organizing our Council Boards and Committees for our between services summer fellowship.

Thanks to Jeff Morgan and Char Kison for their work on Mission Festival.

Treasurer's report

Dan Bolha, 675-2672, bolha@netwurx.net

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Board of Elders

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

The report was given by Pastor Woldt.

The Called Workers' Care Committee has completed their interviews of the staff.

Ben Enstad is willing to take on the responsibility of directing the Male Choir.

A contemporary group from WLC, Revelation, will perform several songs during both of our worship services on Sunday November 23rd.

Board for Elementary Education

Brian Lee, 377-9419, brian.lee@jci.com

A special thanks to Patrick Steele for his many years of service. During his time as chairman, a large number of things were accomplished, the least of which was the accreditation of our school.

B. Accreditation - Our report was reviewed by Parish Schools in July, and final approval was received. We should receive our official certificate at the end of October. According to the accreditation report, we must meet certain goals each year. It is important that we meet these goals. All of these goals are administrative in nature. Meeting these goals will only enhance what the school has to offer.

C. 2008-2009 Enrollment – Since school started, we have added two more kindergarteners, as well as one more preschooler. Our present enrollment is as follows:

Preschool – 16	Kindergarten – 10	
1 st Grade – 13	2 nd Grade – 13	3 rd Grade – 15
4 th Grade – 16	5 th Grade – 16	6 th Grade – 21
7 th Grade – 15	8 th Grade – 15	Total – 150

Our student/teacher ratio in these ten classrooms is 15 students/teacher. If we include Mrs. Krause as one of our teachers, the student/teacher ratio is 13.6 student/teacher.

Currently we only have three tuition students in school; two in preschool and one in kindergarten.

Last year's enrollment was 149.

Spiritual Growth Committee

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

Sunday Bible class attendance is going very well. Pastors Woldt and Loeschler will be conducting Bible classes in our next session, and Mark Otte will conduct a teen Bible study on the book of Mark.

Heidi Walz is the coordinator for our Cradle Program.

Our church library in the IMC is getting bigger. Please check it out when you have an opportunity.

Our Sunday School is fully staffed. Andy Loeffler is the Superintendent.

Pastor Woldt is working with the youth on organizing a youth group.

Some young adults have recently started a Barnabas Group.

Evangelism Committee

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Current active members of the committee include: Beth Steinbrenner (New Member Integration Coordinator), Kathryn Smith (Evangelism Focus), Diane Kowalski (Evangelism Focus), Nelson Erdman (Publicity Coordinator), Lindsay Schultz (Publicity Coordinator) and Pastor Loeschler (Guidance).

Third quarter activities include:

Formal committee meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM.

Pictorial directory were recently sent to the publisher. Special thanks to Lindsay Schultz and Cliff Koeller for their efforts and special talents.

Publicity of our church picnic held on July 12th.

Publicity for Family Bible Week held July 27th – 31st.

Publicity and coordination of our New Member Welcome held on September 21st. Many thanks to Beth Steinbrenner and all those who helped make the New Member welcome a special event for our new members.

Thank you to Nelson Erdman, Lindsay Schultz, and Connie Enevold, for their expertise and time given towards the promotion of David's Star events.

Special thanks to the following individuals for their help in making the Washington County Fair booth a successful outreach project, including Richard & Gladys Oestreich, Holly Kuester, Mel & Eunice Heckendorf, Ariel & Randy Matter, and Gary & Holly Heckendorf.

Future focus plans include:

Continued focus on New Member Integration, including finding help for a subcommittee, working with the Stewardship committee for efficient use of Time & Talents with new members, and review of visitor experience and information obtainment.

Continued focus on publicity efforts including considerations for renovation of website and church signage, increased focus on event publicity to David's Star members, increased use of digital media, coordinate publicity efforts with our school, coordinate our publicity efforts with Trinity and Morning Star, and find help for a publicity subcommittee.

Stewardship Committee

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

There is a deficit reduction tree in the narthex. The goal is to bring attention to the deficit, and encourage members to help reduce the deficit.

Funding Appeal – Q3 pledge statements have been prepared and have been distributed with offering statements. Total funds received appeal to date through 9/30/08 = \$885,986 vs. total pledged for 3 yr. appeal of \$1,415,535, or approximately 63% of total pledged have been received.

On 12/14/08, the services that weekend will be devoted to WELS "Year of the Jubilee". The goal of the synod is

to eliminate the synod's debt of \$22.4 million. A special offering envelope will be distributed at this service.

Communications continue on stewardship concepts in the newsletters and on the David's Star website. Encourage all members to read and study what God's Word teaches about stewardship.

We are starting work on the 2009 budget with a focus on a balanced budget in line with reasonable offering expectations.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

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

The first lift of asphalt was completed on David's Star Drive. The final lift will be completed after our building project is complete.

The gym roof has been replaced over the past summer.

The bathroom floors in our school have been repainted.

Thank you to Bob Hartwig and Dan Kufahl.

A new vacuum cleaner has been purchased, as well as a new snow blower for church. These items were donated by the golf committee.

A special thanks to Tom and Kim Powers for watering our new plants this summer, down by the new David's Star entrance sign.

Also, a special thank you to Miller Monument for engraving our sign on David's Star Drive.

Thanks to Myron Philipps and his crew for the grass cutting this past summer.

As you can see, we've had some big projects completed this past year. These projects could not have been completed without the help of our congregation member's support both by giving, and by using our congregation's time and talents.

Cemetery Committee (Wally Miller)

No report.

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School (Joel Pless)

Mark Otte gave a brief report. Enrollment is presently at about 440, our largest enrollment ever. We have a new music staff. Our fall sports teams are doing well. Homecoming is being observed this week.

Building Committee (Randy Vogel)

The Church Building Committee has had minimal activity in the last quarter. We await God's directive through the donations of our members.

A special voter's meeting could be held in early December to release funds for the construction documents to be produced.

Please pray that our members are moved to support the current fund appeal to the glory of God and His ministry here at Kirchhayn. Is he asking you to be a church builder?

Funding Campaign (Gary Heckendorf)

The advanced gathering phase of the campaign is wrapping up and should be completed the weekend of October 19. The kickoff for the general fundraising campaign is the weekend of October 12. The church-wide gathering will be the weekend of November 2. At this gathering, the packets of information and commitment cards for this phase will be handed out. There will also be fellowship following the Sunday services in the gym, and in the back of church on Thursday and Saturday. Sunday will feature a variety of pies.

Commitment weekend will be the weekend of November 16. We will be collecting commitment cards from the members at this event. We will be having a pancake breakfast in the gym from 8:30 to 12:00. There will also be fellowship after the Thursday and Saturday services.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Announcements

Next quarterly meeting is January 15, 2009 at 7PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Meeting closed with a closing Prayer and Benediction by Pastor Woldt.

Respectfully submitted,
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