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Take Praise to the Highest Level *by Pastor Loescher*

How much print and cyber print, how many hours of air time do we dedicate to the praise of our heroes? Men and women of renown capture our attention and carry our pride. Our emotions rise to their highest and crash to their lowest on their successes and failures. We support their cause because we believe in them and they make our hearts soar. Some will support them with hundreds even thousands of dollars to see our heroes make them proud. We scream and shout with delight when our hero throws for three hundred yards and three touch downs, or hits a walk off grand slam home run. Our hearts fall to the pit of our stomachs and tears even well in eyes that once reflected hope, when our hero misses a tackle and the evil ones score. We find ourselves investing such emotion and resources to see our heroes accomplish athletic feats that ultimately accomplish nothing of lasting value. Why? Because it's fun, it's entertaining, and there's nothing wrong with that.

We may also take our hero praise to another level. We might have a hero that stood up to the status quo and effected positive change in our country, state, or community. Such a one is certainly worthy of our support. But, worth thousands of dollars a plate at a fundraiser dinner? That must be some pork chop! Of course we know that strong, emotionally charged political opinions are what generate those funds. How disappointing then when political heroes go back on the promises for which we bragged them up and for which we supported them! Should we give anyone such praise, such support? When they seem to back that which we believe is god-pleasing government, support them—absolutely; there's nothing wrong with that. But our political heroes can only effect change that is temporary and confined to the betterment of a temporary existence on this earth. Their accomplishments can go no further than that, and their efforts are often less than stellar.

This Thanksgiving, before the big game, or in light of our times, let's take praise to its highest level. The Psalmist by inspiration of our Lord said it: *Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him....all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God* (Psalm 98:1-3). Marvel at what the Lord has done. When the commentators of the big game exclaim, "My, oh my, have you ever seen anything like that?!" Cheer on the athlete, but pause to say, at least to yourself if not to those around you, "Yes I've seen much more marvelous things than that." No quarterback or pitcher in the big leagues has an arm like our hero, our great God. God's arm has done something that gives lasting joy—no failure, no tearful eyes that once gleamed with hope. His arm has taken away our guilt and given us eternity with our Lord.

Can we grasp what we are seeing here in the Psalms? You will never see anything like this from any other. The record is set and this record cannot be broken. Salvation has been won for all the nations on earth. The evil enemy is conquered and there will be no next season for him to try to unseat the champion. Talk about a dominant performance, talk about overpowering government for the betterment of all mankind for all time. Jesus Christ defeated sin and Satan forever, and all who believe in him will not perish but have eternal life.

Enjoy the big game, work hard for the betterment of community, state or country, but keep all that praise at an appropriate level. Reserve all your highest praise for the one who deserves it. Praise the one who defeated our fiercest foe and accomplished lasting peace between us and him that can never be broken by any intruding enemy. Praise our Lord at the highest level.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Ruth Sadowski...11/8/1929...80 yrs. old
Selma Tews...11/11/1917...92 yrs. old
Joyce Thiesfeldt...11/30/1929...80 yrs. old

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NOVEMBER 2009 GREETERS

Sun., Nov. 1
7:45 Ken & Sue Berndt
10:15 Richard & Rachel Kwiecinski

Sat., Nov. 7
5:00 Katie Steinbrenner

Sun., Nov. 8
7:45 Bill Bublitz, Cody, Anna
10:15 Steve & Heather Brandt

Sat. Nov. 14
5:00 Joel & Carrie Hinz

Sun., Nov. 15
7:45 (T. B. D.)
10:15 Timothy & Charlotte Tearney

Sat., Nov. 21
5:00 Gary & Holly Heckendorf

Sun., Nov. 22
7:45 Ralph & Debbie Herther
10:15 Jim & Carla Volz

Sat., Nov. 28
5:00 Dennis & Kathy Guhl

Sun., Nov. 29
7:45 Ken & Kathy Cull
10:15 Patrick & Lynet Steele

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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."



TREE OF LOVE

Once again we will be having the Tree of Love in the back of church the entire month of November. Please bring gifts to church NO LATER THAN Sunday, November 29th so they can be organized and then delivered to the Northside and Southside Ministries on December 5th. Southside asks that gifts be wrapped and Northside wants them not wrapped, so please decide accordingly. In both cases the tag should be attached firmly to the outside of the gift. Your participation is sincerely appreciated. Any questions can be referred to Judy Gauger at 262-677-4361.

WOMEN IN THE WORD

Continues to meet for two more weeks. As our guide, we are using 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 Wednesday, 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.



**WOMEN'S ADVENT
PRAYER BREAKFAST**

This is the eighth year that the Women in God's Word Bible Study Group will be sponsoring an Advent Prayer Breakfast. I know we all have gotten wonderful gifts and some not-so-wonderful gifts at Christmas time. For our devotion this year we will be Unwrapping the Greatest Gift of All. This year the very delicious breakfast will again be held at Heidel's Restaurant on Saturday, December 5. Plan to arrive at 8:30 with breakfast to be served at 9:00. The cost this year will still be \$13.00. Tickets will go on sale after the church services the weekends of November 15, 22, and 29. 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).



Parish Nurse News

Autism Spectrum Disorder

Last month I had the privilege of attending an autism workshop sponsored by Jesus Cares Ministry at Our Savior's Lutheran in Grafton. I learned a lot! Autism Spectrum Disorder is a group of developmental disorders that include classic Autism and Asperger's, as well as other less common disorders.

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a complex neurological, genetically based processing disorder. That's a mouthful! What does that mean in easier to understand terms? ASD can impair a person's ability to communicate and relate to others. It is associated with rigid routines and repetitive behaviors and symptoms can range from very mild to quite severe. Because we are making better diagnosis' Autism is the fastest-growing developmental disability and is more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes and AIDS combined. It is estimated by the US government that 1 in 100 births will be diagnosed with Autism. Autism knows no racial, ethnic, social boundaries, family income, lifestyle or educational levels. It is also 4 times more common in boys than girls and 45-50% diagnosed with classic autism are unable to speak.

What does all this information have to do with us as a congregation? On the front of each weeks' bulletin we say that David's Star exists to serve people with a message more important than any other: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the salvation of all. This includes the community of people with Autism or other developmental disorders. Of course we recognize this community as a member of the body of Christ, but on a practical level do we intentionally think about what this means? Do we welcome this community with our words and our actions?

Communication is a key component in welcoming the Autistic community. Communication with parents of an autistic child, those with autism, church leaders, ushers, school staff, school parents, and church members as a whole is important. Education and awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorders and understanding the wide range of abilities can help those assisting and supporting those with ASD as we individualize programs or make adaptations and travel together through this life on our way to heaven. Let's talk! How can we help?

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12: 4-5

Together in Christ,

Sue Bolha

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

Somebody

"I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that; then I realized I was somebody." - Lily Tomlin

As most of the leaves have fallen and our gardens are done producing for this year, many of you may be like me and are already starting to think about what I am going to plant in my garden next year. I wait for those garden seed catalogs to start coming in the mail to see the many options that I could pick from. It is always fun to experiment with something I have never grown just to see how it does grow and what it will produce. And then I remember it will be about seven months before I can consider doing any planting. I wonder what I will choose to grow, but I will have a plan. Consider what God's Word tells us.

^{Ecc 11:4} Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap. ^{Ecc 11:5} As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things. ^{Ecc 11:6} Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.

God tells us to use the wisdom he has given us, especially when there is an uncertain future here on earth. We must fulfill God's purpose by understanding what we need to do that would be pleasing to him. These are things that are practical, such as having an estate plan in place. Planning your estate is not an unwise investment in a single project that risks your family's welfare. And estate plan is not a calculated risk that will fail; it is a venture that will succeed.

Having an estate plan in place is something you can do. By not doing something concerning an estate plan you are toying with the maybes and might-have-beens. Realize you are the somebody. Don't be the somebody who didn't do anything about it. As winter approaches we will have time to watch the wind, clouds, and snow. Don't let your hands be idle. Plan for the future.

Bill Truebenbach
Planned Giving Chairman – 677.2066
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October 6, 2009

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Pastor Loescher, David Nunez, Kevin Behm, Mark Otte, Tim Gustafson, Brian Lee, Kurt Henning, David Zarling.

Absent: Jeff Morgan, Todd Backus, Dan Bolha, Dennis Bell.

The meeting was called to order by David Nunez. The meeting was opened with a prayer. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on September 15, 2009.

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

- Incoming:** Abitz, Kevin & Jolie; Hunter, Braxton,
Chase
Transfer from Calvary Thiensville,
WI
- DeNoyer, April; Ethan, Laila
Transfer from Bethany Manitowoc,
WI
- Outgoing:** Kremer, Reynold & Edith
Transfer to Trinity (ELS), West
Bend, WI
- Kremer, Seth & Alycia
Transfer to Our Saviour, Grafton,
WI
- Fritz, Hermine
Transfer to Zion, Van Dyne, WI

Pastors' report

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

We enjoyed a beneficial pastoral conference focused on selections from the prophet Isaiah with the Advent season in mind. We learned that most congregations are meeting their commitments to Synod, which is good news in this climate. The building at David's Star continues to attract the attention of our fellow Christians in the synod, as well as our community neighbors. We remain grateful for all the faithful Christians working and supporting the gospel ministry of David's Star.

President's Report

(David Nunez, Telephone 677-2467,
David.Nunez@ipaper.com)

Building Project Communication – The continuing communication by Nelson Erdman has been very well received

and is appreciated by the congregation. Is it time for someone to give some type of update in person to the members? Possibly someone from the Building Committee?

Building Project Financial Update – The “Built on the Rock” committee will be setting up meetings with the James Company within the next month to set forward the next steps of the program so that we can make sure we are kept on track. Details will be reported as the committee meets and sends the updates.

Building Project – Based on my recent conversations with Randy Vogel, the Building Project remains on time and within the budget. Even though there has been some unforeseen charges and changes, there are still dollars left in the contingency funds. However, with the west wall of the existing school being refaced, it will make a significant dent in that fund.

Parish Center – Further discussions will continue and the Buildings and Grounds committee will take a closer look at this project and send council recommendations once the current building project is closer to completion and the parish center is completely vacated.

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

Special thanks to Liesener Soils for donating excavation work for our athletic fields and to Randy Vogel – Spring Valley – for donating all the grass seed. A special thanks to Mike Bublitz and Dale Behm for dry walling the new concession stand – materials donated by the Golf Committee. A thank you to Dave Krause for doing the electrical work on the concession stand – materials donated by the Golf Committee. Thank you to Curt and Wanda Beeler for donating the cabinets and countertops for the concession area. Thanks to Dan Kaschner for installing new faucets in the boy's bathroom – faucets were donated by Kurt and Lori Henning. Thank you to Kurt and Lori Henning for donating shop vacs, brooms, garbage cans, etc. for the construction clean up. Thank you to everyone in the congregation for summer clean up and painting in our school – what a wonderful way to serve our Lord. Thank you to the technology committee for their help on the construction project. A thank you to the Golf Committee for providing various funding for non-budgeted items.

The Council discussed the status of the Bertram Wireless Tower. Members of council appeared in favor of pulling Bertram and pursuing DSL unless Bertram can come up with some better alternatives for our congregation.

Board for Elementary Education

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

(Principal Tim Gustafson

Telephone # 338-3992 tgustafson@davidstar.org)

There were approximately \$4800 in the Tuition Assistance Fund, and we will disburse \$2400 to four different families covering twelve children.

The hot lunch program is off to a good start. Jeanie Martin has taken over for Chris Nader as a Kitchen Server.

The Technology Committee is up and running and they are working on many of the school's technology issues.

The Washington County Health Dept. will be doing vaccinations for swine flu for students in grades 6-8 at David's Star. Students below grade 6 will be vaccinated after school so parents can be present.

The gym floor will be refinished during our October's Teachers Conference.

Board of Elders

(Dennis Bell, Telephone # 677-2248

dandmbell@sbc.global)

No report.

Evangelism Committee

(David Zarling, Telephone # (414) 839-0094

david.zarling@gmail.com)

Our new member welcome on September 27th went well.

A fall mailing of bookmarks went out to 500 families in the area.

Christmas postcards are being printed out for a mailing distribution.

New members on the committee include Christie Fisher (new members), Wendy Krivoshein (publicity) and Joe Stickney (publicity).

There will be a Living Nativity meeting on October 7th.

Stewardship Committee

(Todd Backus, Telephone # 677-4016

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Templates for budgeting will be sent out to council members soon.

Walking Together Sunday will be observed soon.

Spiritual Growth Committee

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

Our Bible Class attendance is good. Sunday School and Teen Bible Class has also started off good.

Building Committee Update (Randy Vogel)

Drywall in the bathrooms will be done soon.

There was some discussion regarding marking the driveway at Spring Valley Road, with some possible lighting, leading up to the south entrance of school.

Fundraising Committee Update (Gary Heckendorf)

Dave Nunez discussed this committee's work in his president's report.

Treasurer's report

(Dan Bolha, Telephone # 677-3485 dbolha@charter.net

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The September 30, 2009 ending balance in our operating fund shows a deficit of \$241,005 compared to a deficit of \$231,599 August 31, 2009 and a deficit of \$177,483 on September 30, 2008. Year to date operating fund receipts are \$576,983 compared to \$598,436 last year and this year's budget of \$648,967. Our Foundation Build on the Rock funding appeal has received year to date revenues of \$258,977.

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

Proposed changes to cemetery regulations – This item remains open.

Internet Service to Campus – This matter has been turned over to the Technology Committee.

Future of "Parish Center" – The Buildings & Grounds Committee will determine the cost to repair and update, and we will proceed from there.

WELS VEBA premium holiday – The Council will discuss at the next meeting regarding possibly giving funds back to the synod, per the request of synod delegates, as well as changing payroll withholding for participating employees.

Bylaw change for quarterly meeting date – The Council will look at revising the dates for our quarterly meeting when these dates conflict with scheduled Council meetings.

This is necessary due to the fact that, in some circumstances, the quarterly meeting falls before a scheduled Council meeting. Council will look at making a recommendation at the January voters meeting.

New Business

None

Items for Voters (for the October voters meeting)

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 8:00 PM.**

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

Respectively submitted, Kevin A. Behm, Recording Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2009

| | Current Month Offerings | Average weekly offerings | Offerings Received thru 9/30/09 | Offerings Budgeted thru 9/30/09 |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Operating | \$53,027 | \$13,257 | \$535,894 | \$600,412 |
| Missions | \$ 7,314 | \$ 1,829 | \$ 69,646 | \$ 62,899 |
| KML Operating | \$ 3,736 | \$ 934 | \$ 36,217 | \$ 40,500 |
| KML Building | \$ 723 | \$ 181 | \$ 6,903 | \$ 10,500 |

WELS UPDATE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



In its recent meeting, the Conference of Presidents (COP) took action to reconfigure the former Parish Services units into a new Congregation and Ministry Support Group. The move comes after representatives of the various units of Parish Services and the COP developed a proposal that was in keeping with the intent of the 2009 synod convention resolution. The convention spent considerable time discussing the role of the synod in helping to strengthen congregations and their members as they carry out their ministries.

On October 14, a fire damaged St. John, Wetaskiwin, Alberta Canada. No one was in the building when the fire started. However, this was the second church in Wetaskiwin to catch fire within 24 hours, so area police are labeling the fire “suspicious” and investigating the cause of the blaze. Rev. Daniel Habben, who serves the congregation part-time, indicated that the members are committed to continuing to gather together.

On October 15, the governing board of Michigan Lutheran Seminary called Rev. Kenneth Brokmeier, pastor at Our Savior, Brookings, S.D., as the school’s new president, after Rev. Michael Jensen returned the call on October 11th. The position of Michigan Lutheran Seminary president became vacant in April when former MLS president Rev. Paul Prange accepted the call to be administrator of the Board for Ministerial Education.

The deficit in our Operating Fund is:
\$241,005
The deficit at the end of September 2008
was: \$177,483
The deficit at the end of September 2007
was: \$156,943

Can I Be Trusted with Much?

Oswald Chambers wrote, "Not every man can carry a full cup. Sudden elevation frequently leads to pride and a fall. The most exciting test of all to survive is prosperity." This quote provides a clear warning: Those who become prosperous are also very likely to become filled with pride. Pride can cause inflated egos and self-worthiness. Agur, a writer of proverbs, gave us this warning: ". . . give me neither poverty nor riches but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' or I may become poor and steal and so dishonor the name of my God" (Proverbs 30:8-9). When our bills are paid and we have money in the bank, we may feel secure and depend only on ourselves. In speaking about the curse of success, someone once said, "Ninety-nine people out of 100 can handle adversity whereas only one out of 100 can handle prosperity." The wealth that many seek can be more of a curse than a blessing.

God blesses us with work and the ability to earn our incomes. Unfortunately, we may foolishly begin to believe that we are solely responsible for the success we've achieved. As Moses wrote, "*You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you the ability to produce wealth . . .*" (Deuteronomy 8:18). We should understand that only by God's grace are we able to have a place to call home, a savings account, and a retirement plan. God's Word is clear that we are managers, not owners. "*The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it*" (Psalm 24:1).

Even though it is difficult to pass the test with money, the Holy Spirit, working through the Word, enables us to understand that all we are and have are gifts from God. Joseph provides us a good example of stewardship. Separated from his home and family, he still trusted God and feared Him, refusing to give in to the temptations that came with the position God enabled him to fill. As second in command in Egypt, one of the most powerful kingdoms of his day, he retained his humility, realizing that he was only the manager of Egypt's resources. But he managed those resources well, working at it "*with all [his] heart, as working for the Lord, not for men*" (Colossians 3:23). Just as God empowered Joseph in his stewardship, so He does for us today, whether our resources are vast, as were Joseph's, or small.

Stewardship Committee

Quarterly Voters Meeting October 8, 2009

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 Randy Matter.

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 (since July Meeting)

Incoming: Abitz, Kevin & Jolie; Hunter,

Braxton, Chase

Transfer from Calvary, Thiensville, WI

Brown, Tabitha

Adult Confirmation

Coons, Carol

Transfer from Good Shepherd, Beaver Dam, WI

DeNoyer, April; Ethan, Laila

Transfer from Bethany, Manitowoc, WI

Mack, Andy

Adult Baptism/Confirmation

Tearney, Tim

Adult Confirmation

Outgoing: Carris, Amy

Requested release from membership

Enstad, Benjamin & Amber

(Called as pastor)

Transfer to St. John, Sturgeon Bay, WI

Fritz, Hermine

Transfer to Zion, Van Dyne, WI

Gustafson, Phil (Called as teacher)

Transfer to St. Mark, Eau Claire, WI

Kremer, Reynold & Edith

Transfer to Trinity (ELS), West Bend, WI

Kremer, Seth & Alycia

Transfer to Our Saviour, Grafton, WI

Rosenau, Dave & Sue; Brittany, Amanda,

Luke, Katie, Ella (Called as pastor)

Transfer to St. Mark, Leesburg, FL

Vogel, William & Joyce

Requested release from membership

Winkel, Nathaniel & Tiffany; Micah,

Lydia (Called as pastor)

Transfer to Immanuel, Hader, NE

Signing of Constitution by new voters

No new members were present

Pastors' report

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

Pastor Woldt is attending a meeting at MLC as he is chairman of the Board of Control at Martin Luther College. Three calls have been eliminated at Martin Luther College.

Pastor Loescher highlighted Walking Together Sunday which is coming up.

President's report

(David Nunez, 677-2467, David.Nunez@ipaper.com)

Dave Nunez was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. There was no report.

Treasurer's report (Dan Bolha, 677-3485 dbolha@charter.net)

Dan highlighted the September 30th financial report. There is an ending deficit balance in the operating fund of \$ 241,005.30. Operating fund receipts in the amount of \$576,983 for the YTD are 11.09% below budget and 3.58% behind last year. YTD building fund receipts total \$258,977.

Board of Elders (Dennis Bell, 677-2248, dandmbell@sbcglobal.net)

The Mixed Choir Director position has been filled "by committee" for this season. Tom Neuman will be doing the scheduling. Barry Washburn will be helping to select the music. Kris Eggers and Tom Neuman will take turns directing for the festivals and Lori Heckendorf will direct the non-festival Sundays. Bill Truebenbach will direct the Male Choir. We are appreciative for all the volunteers to support the effort.

The Care Committee for Called Workers is closing in on having all the interviews completed of each of the called workers and reported to our board. We have met with the Board of Elementary Education and will continue to meet to make sure the consistency of how we handle anniversaries of our called workers.

Our committee is continuing to work on the "Building Our Spiritual House" project. It is a program designed to contact our stray members. More information will be shared with the congregation as we progress.

We will be changing organ tuners in the future. The cost will be higher than the current cost especially at the beginning to get the organ in better working order. The ongoing cost will also be higher and will be reflected in the 2010 budget.

The Parish Nurses have been very busy over the past quarter with blood pressure screenings, as well as attending workshops. Future plans are for a blood drive for October 22nd and a Health Fair in the fall of 2010. We are greatly blessed with this committee.

Board for Elementary Education

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

Thanks to everyone that helped in so many ways with getting school started on time. It is impossible to count the number of hours everyone put in to make it possible to open on time.

We are looking forward to making use of the two new classrooms and restrooms as soon as possible. Once the rooms are ready, the preschool will move into one of the

new rooms and the 6th grade will move into the other. This will allow Extended Learning to move out of the Parish Center and join the rest of the staff. This will make the multi-purpose room available for other uses.

Next summer, the big shuffle will be completed. Preschool and kindergarten will be in the new classrooms. Extended Learning and grades 1, 2, will be in the upper level, while grades 8, 7, 6, 5, 4th and 3 will be aligned in order starting with 8th grade in the front of the school where it is presently located.

Tentative numbers for the beginning of the new school year include: Preschool- 12, Kindergarten- 15, 1st grade- 9, 2nd grade - 13, 3rd grade - 13, 4th grade - 15; 5th grade - 17, 6th grade - 16; 7th grade - 23; 8th grade - 14 for a total of 147 students.

Six families requested assistance with tuition this school year. With the money presently in the fund, we were able to grant the needed assistance.

One of the year's primary focuses will be completing items identified during the accreditation process that needed updating and/or improvement.

Spiritual Growth Committee

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

All members are encouraged to make use of our Sunday morning Bible classes. We run Sunday School from ages 3 through 8th grade. Teen Bible classes and two adult Bible classes exist to choose from also.

Heidi Walz continues to mail educational packet to all parents with young children for our cradle roll program.

The church library is back up and running in the IMC of school. All members are encouraged to make use of this resource. Thanks to Mark Hendrix who is organizing the library and creating databases to keep track of the ever-growing stacks of books.

A women's retreat is coming up in November and all of the ladies of our congregation are encouraged to attend.

The committee is looking forward to making use of the new space in our addition and perhaps starting or reviving some programs from the past.

(David Zarling, Telephone # (414) 839-0094

david.zarling@gmail.com)

New members on the committee include Christie Fischer (New Member Intergration), Joe Stickney (Publicity) and Wendy Krivoshein (Publicity).

Activities completed over the last quarter include publicity of the church picnic and Family Bible Week, as well as a new member welcome on September 27th.

Ongoing publicity pieces for David's Star include a Summer Happening mailing to 500 neighbors, a Fall Happenings mailing to 500 neighbors, as well as a Winter Happenings mailing to 500 neighbors highlighting the Living Nativity and Christmas services.

The committee is looking to recruit additional help for New Member Intergration and Publicity groups. It is also actively recruiting and fostering volunteers for the Living Nativity outreach project.

Stewardship Committee

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

Bill Truebenbach has written various newsletter articles for the newsletter. Survey of congregational needs as it relates to planned giving followed up with a seminar based on the survey results is forthcoming.

Communication pieces continue on stewardship concepts in the newsletters and weekly Stewardship Corner in the bulletins. Encourage all members to read and study what God's Word teaches about stewardship.

Envelope changes for tuition assistance – beginning on the last Sunday in October, monthly tuition assistance envelopes alternating between David's Star Elementary Student Aid Fund (October), KML Student Aid Fund (November), and Synodical Student Aid Fund (December). These envelopes will continue in 2010 on the last Sunday of each month.

The Synod is starting a four year stewardship encouragement program starting in 2010 for congregations 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.

2010 budget process is going to start soon. Please keep your Council members in your prayers as again due to operating budget deficits, difficult decisions will need to be made.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

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

Kurt provided a detail report thanking individuals for their help on work relative to the building program and other work as school, as well as donations that were received for the school and building program by individuals, as well as the golf committee.

Cemetery Committee (Wally Miller)

No report.

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School

(Joel Pless)

No report.

Building Committee (Randy Vogel)

We are moving forward on schedule and on budget, but it is getting tighter in attempting to meet our budget.

Thank you to the staff for their patience during the building project.

A special thanks to volunteers who have helped in the building program: Jeff Wenzel, Nelson Erdman, Kurt Liesener, Matt Enevold and David Nunez.

Heating and ventilation issues have been resolved. We expect heat in the church by the end of September.

There are several items that are causing us to go over budget including the fact that the floor and ceiling tiles needed to be replaced, as well as having to replace the carpeting in the green room.

Funding Campaign (Gary Heckendorf)

We are pleased to report that since the last quarterly meeting the financing for construction has been finalized with Port Washington State Bank. Terms of the financing are:

Amount: \$2,200,000

Rate: 5.25 percent fixed for five years

Payment: Interest only on the amount drawn during construction followed by 4 years of principal and interest payments of \$14,825

Amortization: 20 years

Prepayment Penalty: None

Collateral: 1st Mortgage on the real estate

Closing Cost: \$6,447

The current balance of the loan is \$448,493.93 and the majority of the balance is from the one draw we have done from the line for CD Smith. That draw was \$442,046.93 and was done on September 14.

There is presently two draws being processed through Matrix Title. One is for \$80,938.04 and the other is for \$142,527.92. They are for the suppliers we have set up to directly pay to take advantage of our tax exempt status.

The majority of the draws we have paid so far have come from our own funds. Therefore, our interest expense has been kept to a minimum.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

Old Business

Status of antenna for internet service – This is still being worked on by Council and there is no resolution at this time.

New Business

There was a motion made from the floor regarding the WELS VEBA holiday The motion was to take the health insurance premium holiday funds being given in November and give them back to the WELS, in agreement with the synodical convention recommendation. These funds are not to be considered part of our pledge or committed dollars for the year. This recommendation does not include the employee-withheld portion of the health insurance premium. This motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made and carried to accept this recommendation.

Announcements

Next quarterly meeting is January 21, 2010 at 7PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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