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“Praise Be To God”

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 throws three interceptions or walks home the winning run. And after the game we love to read about and analyze or, as the case may be, glory in the greatness of the event.

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. How disappointing though when political heroes go back on the promises 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. Enjoy worship as we celebrate together and glory in the great accomplishment of our hero, Jesus Christ. 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 defeated our enemy forever. Our sins have been forgiven through Jesus sacrifice on the cross. The enemy who accuses us has been silenced and bound forever. There will be no next season for him to try to unseat the champion. Talk about a dominant performance, talk about an overpowering government for the betterment of all mankind for all time!

By all means 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 broke through the darkness of sin and unbelief. Praise him who brought the light of forgiveness and accomplished lasting peace in our hearts. That’s praise at the highest level, praise reserved for our Lord Jesus Christ.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Ruth Sadowski...11/8/1929...81 yrs. old
Selma Tews...11/11/1917...93 yrs. old
Joyce Thiesfeldt...11/30/1929...81 yrs. old

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**NOVEMBER 2010
GREETERS**

November 6, 5:00 Betty Gumm
November 7, 7:45 Kathleen & Bonnie Bublitz
10:15 Clif & Doris Koeller

November 13, 5:00 Adam & Marie Bublitz
November 14, 7:45 Mr. & Mrs. John Clemens
10:15

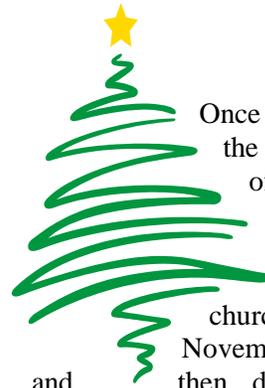
November 20, 5:00 Mike & Deb Boeldt
November 21, 7:45 Mark & Jen Otte
10:15

November 27, 5:00 Harold & Jan Ehlke
November 28, 7:45 LaVerne Groth
10:15 Patrick & Lynet Steele

Have you moved...do we have your current address?
Do you have a new telephone number?
Do we have your e-mail address or has your old one changed?

Please contact the church office (262.677.2412) if any of the above have changed.

Thanks for your help.



TREE OF LOVE

Once again this year we will be having the Tree of Love for the entire month of November. You will find the Tree of Love in the new narthex. Please take a tag or tags from the tree and bring your gifts to church **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, November 28th. They will be organized and then delivered to the Northside and Southside Ministries on Saturday, December 4th. Southside Ministries asks that gifts be either wrapped or unwrapped. Northside Ministries wants the gifts not wrapped. Please make your decision accordingly. Whether wrapped or unwrapped, please attach the tag firmly to the outside of the package. If you have any questions please call Judy Gauger at 262-677-4361.

SHINE WITH A THANKFUL HEART is the theme for David's Star Women's Retreat on Saturday, November 13. Registration forms are now available on the David's Star Web site or in the narthex. The cost is \$22 (if postmarked after 10/22/2010) which includes breakfast and a build your own salad lunch. (Afternoon craft sessions cost extra.) Come for a great day of spiritual growth and fellowship. Leave ready to "Shine for Him!" Questions or to receive a registration form contact Rachel Gustafson 262.677.2412 leave a message at ext. 302 or email rgustafson@davidstar.org

FOOD DRIVE David's Star Lutheran Church & School is 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. We are looking for items such as bar soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex, 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!

David's Star Church Council Meeting Minutes / Capsule
September 14, 2010

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Pastor Loescher, David Nunez, Kevin Behm, Randy Matter, David Zarling, Dennis Bell, Brian Lee, Jim Korthals, Tim Gustafson, Jeff Morgan, Rob Schneiker, Joel Pless.

Absent: none

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 14, 2010.

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: DuFore, Joseph & Lora; Jonah, Ivy, Ella
Transfer from Trinity, Neenah, WI
 Hartwig, Kari
Adult Confirmation
 Roessler, Kyle
Adult Baptism

Outgoing: Faltersack, Kathy; Sara
Transfer to St. John, Newburg, WI
 Wilde, Carrie
Released from membership

Pastors' Report

(Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919

kloescher@davidstar.org & Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019 woldt@nconnect.net)

The pastors enjoyed the recent symposium on worship and outreach at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, as well as the pastoral conference in Mishicot, WI. These continuing education opportunities bring blessings not only to us, but the ministry of David's Star. We look forward to the upcoming stewardship emphasis during the month of November. Pastor Loescher reported that on Sunday November 28, WELS recording artist Chris Driesbach will have a special presentation here at David's Star.

President's Report

**David Nunez, Telephone 262.677.2467,
David.Nunez@ipaper.com**

Shepherd's Staff Update – Jeff Munn has been working on familiarizing himself with the software and should have a plan drafted for Barry Washburn & me to review within the next couple of weeks. Priorities will then be set and we will start with selected groups for additional training.

New Building Committee – With the first phase of the building program coming to a close, I want to make sure to thank everyone on the building committee with a sincere thank you and job well done for what has been a beautiful addition to our already wonderful complex. This group of people who has been part of all the planning, construction and

managing this project has done a spectacular job and the results are a true blessing to our congregation. Please be sure and join me in thanking each and every one of the members of the building committee for their work.

Technology Committee – This week, Randy Matter and I should have the legal documentation completed for the tower project and construction should begin fairly quickly after that.

Upcoming Communication – The next group to address the congregation will be the Evangelism Committee. We will set the date at the council meeting and discuss the frequency of the presentations for the next couple of months.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

**(Robert Schneiker, Telephone # 262.677.2584
schneikerconcrete@gmail.com)**

We are working with a member in discussing possible maintenance contracts for our heating and air conditioning systems. We are doing pressure washing and sealing concrete up front. The Council discussed the parking lot capacity as it appears that the lots have been almost completely full at times over the past couple of Sundays. Certain parking areas have not been utilized to their full capacity. Regarding the new parking areas, we will forward FAQ data to Dave Zarling and Nelson Erdman who will put together a "Building the Excitement" piece relative to this for the bulletin.

Board for Elementary Education

Brian Lee, Telephone #262.377.9419

**brian.lee@jci.com Principal Tim Gustafson
 Telephone # 338-3992 tgustafson@davidstar.org**

Everything is going well and operating smoothly in our school. An expanded market day catalog will be coming out as an extension to our current market day program. This is a one-time thing.

As the Technology Committee has been funded from school tuition, we will need to look at how they will be funded next year so as the school does not subsidize a portion of the church's expense. Dave will discuss with Barry anticipated needs and where the funding might come from.

The School Board approved the Parents' Group to spend up to \$500 on Christmas decorations. Money was used out of the Tuition Assistance Fund in the amount of \$350 per child, for a total up to \$2,450. The Board approved spending \$2,000 for a new keyboard in the multi-purpose room. The unpaid lunch balance was paid from the Tuition Assistance Fund.

Board of Elders
Dennis Bell, Telephone # 262.677.2248
dandmbell@sbc.global

No report.

Evangelism Committee
(David Zarling, Telephone # 262.839.0094
david.zarling@gmail.com)

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committees will be organizing the David's Star Living Nativity again this year on December 18th. There will be many opportunities for members to give their time and talents toward spreading the Gospel through this event. Members should feel free to contact David Zarling (david.zarling@gmail.com | 262.839.0094) if they are interested in helping.

The Fellowship Committee is looking for help organizing social events that will strengthen the faith and bond among the David's Star family of believers. Dennis Sprenger is leading this committee. Members can contact Dennis Sprenger (emtfds@charter.net | 262.305.7200) if they are interested.

The Art Show in the Woods was on Saturday October 2nd. All who came enjoyed works of art by five local artists in addition to live music from three bands. In addition, one family won a free photo session with photographer/artist Emily Ebeling, who organized this event. You can still view some of the art pieces in the narthex during the month of October, or you can view photos of this event on our Facebook page. The Evangelism Committee hopes that this event becomes a tradition, as it is a unique and fun way to use our church woods and show our campus to our neighbors.

The Evangelism Committee will be hosting a New Member Welcome on Saturday October 23rd. We'll meet in the new narthex for pizza and refreshments after the 5PM service. Please take the time to introduce yourself to our new family members!

The Evangelism Committee would like to encourage our fellow members to take advantage of some of the fall and winter events coming up as an easy way to reach out to their neighbor. There will be postcards, pocket calendars, and bookmarks located in the Narthex – these are easy tools to use to invite your friend or neighbor to events happening at David's Star.

The Evangelism Committee is forming a website committee in order to review and make updates to the current website's functionality; to be more relevant to the church/school shopper. In addition, the Evangelism Committee is working on updated brochures for the church and school as well as a new logo. Other projects that the Evangelism Committee anticipates completing in the next 12 months is a new Fellowship Album/ Pictorial Directory and a new Friendship register for more effective outreach. In addition, a new logo and signage will be implemented to better communicate David's Star to our visitors.

Stewardship Committee
(Jim Korthals, Telephone #262.242.8143
korthalj@wls.wels.net)

The new offering envelopes have just been received. The shading on the envelopes has been made lighter. In addition, account numbers have been added for the ease of the financial counters.

Spreadsheets for the budget with 9 months of actual data are being created and will be sent out shortly.

Stewardship kickoff of "Christ's Love – Our Calling" kicks off on October 31. It will be a four week Stewardship theme that will be incorporated in the order of service, sermons, and Bible classes. A home study booklet, along with a letter, is being sent out by the pastors to all members, and will be available in the narthex on October 17.

Spiritual Growth Committee
(Joel Pless, Telephone # 262.677.2109
LJP72761@yahoo.com)

Children's Bible study and adult Bible class began a new year on Sunday September 12, 2010. Dr. Joel Pless is teaching "The Three Mission Journeys of the Apostle Paul" in the multi-purpose room. Pastor Kurt Loescher has been teaching the course "Lessons from the Lessons" in the church. Pastor Woldt taught the teen class in September and Mr. Jason Walz is teaching the teen class in October.

Beginning October 31, Professor James Korthals will teach a four-week stewardship Bible class entitled "Christ's Love, Our Calling". This will be a joint adult and teen Bible class. No other adult Bible class will be taught during this period. Beginning December 5 and going through December 12, Bill Truebenbach will teach a course on the means of grace.

Treasurer's report
(Randy Matter, Telephone #262.376.1585
matters@nconnect.net)

The September 30, 2010 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 9/30/10 in the amount of (\$139,071.04), compared to (\$199,974.18) at 8/31/10. The operating fund was helped in September by \$16,000 received as part of an undesignated gift, as well as \$46,000 in tuition, \$1000 in preschool fees, \$12,000 in child care reimbursements, and \$9,200 janitorial reimbursement from the school.

Randy reported that the compensation committee would be meeting in the next several weeks.

The Council discussed participating in the WELS Funds. The Council agreed that we would put forth a policy at this time to begin participating in this fund, with the authorized signors being the current Council president, current Council treasurer, and the current School Board treasurer.

Vice President Report
(Jeff Morgan, Telephone # 262.377-.7532,
jmorgan@theinntrendcorp.com)

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

Old Business

Future of "Parish Center" – This matter has been turned over to Rob and Tim for additional information and study. We will discuss at the December council meeting.

Designate an alternate lay delegate for the 2011 WELS convention. This remains open.

Cemetery Regulations revision – We hope to have something available at our next council meeting to review.

New Business

Possible membership in WLIM association.- We are eligible to become a member based on the fact that we include an envelope each year in our offering packets. Therefore, we can provide a delegate to the association to receive first-hand information on WLIM. A motion was made and approved to recommend to the voters that we become a member of this association.

The Lutheran Womens' Missionary Society has requested to have one envelope included each year in our offering envelope packets. After some discussion, it was decided that we would treat this request consistently with how we would from any other similar organization, and that would be that we would do this if the collected offerings are remitted directly by the congregation to the mission being benefited from the offering.

Items for Voters (for the October 14th voters meeting)

Designation for Anonymous Gift from WELS Foundation
Dismiss Building Committee with thanks
Membership in WLIM

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, October 14, 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
kevinbehm@att.net.

YOUR POCKET

When we were children we would often hide things in our pockets. Do you remember what you hid in your pockets? How about now; what do you keep in your pockets now? Maybe there is a treasure stuffed in your pocket now just like there was when you were a child.

Sometimes we had things in our pockets we did not want to share, like candy. We maybe only had one piece left and would wait until no one was watching and sneak the piece of candy out and then be the only one to enjoy it. Yet maybe at times we had enough pieces of candy to share it with a friend or others we were around. Today if someone offers us a breath mint, we may not think they are really sharing that treat with us as much as telling us we need a breath mint.

If God had chosen to keep Jesus in his pocket and hidden from us, we would still be lost. But God chose to not keep Jesus in his pocket. Rather God had enough love for us to give us everything he had in his pocket. He pulled out all that he had and gave it to us. Jesus gave his all when he gave his life for us. As he surrendered his life for us, rather than keeping his life to himself, he erased all of our mistakes and misdeeds simply because he loved us enough to empty himself for us.

There will come a time for each of us when we no longer will be able to empty our pockets. At that time when the Lord calls us home to him, the things that are left in our pockets will be discovered by others, most likely those in our families that we loved and who loved us. Still, if what is left in our pockets is not designated properly, it may not go to our loved ones.

It is important that as Christians we understand the need to designate through an estate plan what is left in our pockets when we go home to heaven. We all have some treasure in our pockets. May God move us all to make sure that what we have in our pockets becomes a blessing to others when that time comes.

If you need assistance with your estate planning contact Bill Truebenbach, David's Star Planned Giving Chairman at 677-2066 or WELS Estate Planning Counselor Pastor Dennis Kleist at (920) 740-5899.



Parish Nurse News

Take Care of Yourself

The Alzheimer's Association is a great resource for reliable information and support. Taking care of someone with Alzheimer's disease can be overwhelming and caregivers often times neglect their own physical, mental and emotional well-being. Not only will this put the care givers health at risk but also the care givers' ability to care for their loved one with the disease. We all know someone who either has Alzheimer's or someone who is a caregiver for a loved one for any number of reasons. Keep in mind these **10 ways to be a healthier caregiver** and consider how you might support or encourage a caregiver to be healthier for the road ahead.

- **Understand what's going on as early as possible.** Symptoms may appear gradually and can be easy to explain away. Instead, consult a doctor when you see changes in memory, mood or behavior. Don't delay; some symptoms are treatable.
- **Know what community resources are available.** Contact your local Alzheimer's Association office or Parish Nurse. Adult day programs, visiting nurses or companion care and meal delivery are just some of the services that can help you manage.
- **Become an educated caregiver.** As time goes by, new care giving skills may be needed. There is help available with learning how to cope and manage new behaviors.
- **Get help.** Trying to do everything by yourself will leave you exhausted. Seek the support of family, friends and community resources. The Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline, online message boards and local support groups are good sources of comfort and reassurance.
- **Take care of yourself.** Watch your diet, exercise and get plenty of rest. Making sure that you stay healthy will help you be a better caregiver.
- **Manage your level of stress.** Stress can cause physical problems (blurred vision, stomach irritation, high blood pressure) and changes in behavior (irritability, lack of concentration, change in appetite, sleep disturbances). Find ways to relive the stress!
- **Accept changes as they occur.** People with Alzheimer's change and so do their needs. They may require care beyond what you can provide on your own. Becoming aware of community resources should make the transition easier. The support and assistance of those around you will help as well.
- **Make legal and financial plans.** Consult a professional to discuss legal and financial issues.

Involve the person with Alzheimer's and family members whenever possible.

- **Give yourself credit, not guilt.** Know that the care you provide *does* make a difference and you are doing the best you can. You can't promise how care will be delivered, but you can make sure that your loved one is well cared for and safe.
- **Visit your doctor regularly.** Take time for regular check ups and be aware of what your body is telling you. Ignoring symptoms can cause your physical and mental health to decline.

Source: "10 Ways to be a Healthier Caregiver" from the Alzheimer's Association.

Need to talk? Feel free to give me a call at 677-3485 or parishnurse@davidstar.org.

Together in Christ, Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

Quarterly Voters Meeting

October 14, 2010

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 Bill Truebenbach.

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: DuFore, Joseph & Lora; Jonah, Ivy, Ella
Transfer from Trinity, Neenah, WI
Hartwig, Craig
Profession of faith
Hartwig, Kari
Adult confirmation
Oettinger, Hailey
Adult confirmation
Roessler, Kyle
Adult baptism
Tackmier, Prof. Bill & Dorcas; Samuel, Madeline
Transfer from St. Mark's, Citrus Heights, CA
Thoma, Dale & Diana; Angela, Garrett, Nicolas
Transfer from Morning Star, Jackson, WI
Woldt, Joseph & Julia
Transfer from St. Paul's, Green Bay, WI

Outgoing: Deming; Ron & Cindy; Allie, Courtney, Jared
Transfer to Morning Star, Jackson, WI
Eller, Katie
Transfer to Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI
Faltersack, Kathy; Sara
Transfer to St. John, Newburg, WI
Schoening, Melissa
Transfer to Redeemer, Rice Lake, WI
Wenzel, Branden
Transfer to Gloria Dei, Memphis, TN
Wilde, Carrie
Released from membership
Ziesemer, Amanda
Transfer to Christ the Lord, Brookfield, WI

Signing of Constitution by new voters

Prof. Bill Tackmier signed the constitution and a motion was passed to accept him as a voting member.

Pastors' report

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

Our work is reflected in the reports of the various other boards and committees' reports. Both pastor benefited from the continuing education recently taken at a symposium and pastoral conference.

President's report

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

Over the past year, I have been excited about the council and their committees, with a lot of exciting things happening here..

We have a volunteer who has agreed to act as a "super-user" of the system. This individual will provide staff members with the opportunity to use the software to its maximum potential.

The paperwork for the tower for internet is being finalized within the next ten days, and the tower should be erected this year.

The Council members are occasionally taking turns after church services addressing the congregation with a brief summary of what their committees are working on. Jim Korthals of the Stewardship Committee gave a brief report recently.

Treasurer's report

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

Randy highlighted the September 30 financial report. There is an ending deficit balance in the operating fund of \$ 139,071. Operating fund receipts in the amount of \$641,752 for the YTD are .8% under budget. YTD building fund receipts total \$361,868.

Randy informed the voters of a new policy being utilized by Council whereby we will be investing our endowment funds in the WELS Investment Funds. Under this policy, we will be able to achieve increased earnings beyond what we had typically received with certificate of deposits.

Board of Elders

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

A. The Care Committee for Called Workers is wrapping up their interviews for the year and are writing the reports to be reviewed by the Board of Elders and Board for Elementary Education. Tony and Lynne Gromacki are participating in the interviews for the first time this year with plans to replace Mel and Eunice Heckendorf as leaders of the committee. The Care Committee also sponsored a baby shower for Melanie Giddings.

B. The Persistent Love Program is continuing with good participation. Follow-up Bible studies have been

held to discuss issues, with a question and answer session.

C. The Parish Nurses have been very busy over the past quarter with blood pressure screenings, as well as attending workshops. Sue is continuing to participate in the WELS Parish Nurse Taskforce to establish a WELS Nurses Association across the USA. The Baby Bottle Collection that was held between Mother's Day and Father's Day for Christian Life Resources netted close to \$1,000. Just to get an idea of the amount of participation we had in the last quarter alone: 46 shut-in/home visits; 2 hospital visits; 9 nursing home visits; 72 phone calls; 4 referrals made; 297 miles traveled and 87 hours donated (without Blood Pressure Screenings).

D. Our Scholarship Committee awarded 4 students attending KML a total of \$718.

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.

During the summer, all but three classrooms moved to different locations. Preschool and Kindergarten will be in the new classrooms. Extended Learning and grades 1 and 2 are in the upper level, while grades 8,7,6,5,4 and 3 are on the main level. The rooms are aligned in order starting with 8th grade in the front of the school. The multi-purpose room was made available for the use it was intended. The area outside of the concession stand is being used as a lunch room.

Thanks to everyone that assisted in removing the old heating units from the classrooms, making repairs and filling the spaces with much-needed bookshelves.

With the efforts of the Technology Committee, 23 notebook computers have been purchased and are being used to advance our curriculum. They are stored on a cart that is moved between classrooms as needed.

As of right now, tentative numbers for the beginning of the school year are: preschool 9; kindergarten 11; 1st grade 15; 2nd grade 9; 3rd grade 14; 4th grade 13; 5th grade 16; 6th grade 16; 7th grade 16; and 8th grade 22, for a total of 141 students compared to 141 last year.

Four families requested assistance with tuition this school year. With the money presently in the David's Star Elementary Student Aid fund, it was possible to grant this assistance. This fund is supported by quarterly offering envelopes. Thanks to everyone on behalf of these families.

The Board of Education is working on determining next year's tuition rates. This year, the tuition contributed over \$65,000 to the general operating fund. The exact figures are included in the fiscal report you will be receiving tonight. (general and pre-school tuition plus janitorial reimbursements)

Accreditation is not a one-time effort. The BOE and called workers continue to work diligently to maintain our accreditation.

Spiritual Growth Committee
(Joel Pless, 677-2109, joel_pless@wic.edu)

Children's Bible study and adult Bible class began on September 12. Mrs. Doris Koeller continues to serve as the Sunday School coordinator. Dr. Joel Pless continues to teach "The Three Mission Journeys of Paul" in the multi-purpose room. Pastor Loescher has been teaching a Bible class on spiritual lessons from the appointed Scripture readings for the various Sundays in the church year. Pastor Woldt taught the teens in September, and Mr. Jason Walz is teaching the teen class in October.

Prof. Jim Korthals will begin teaching a single course to all adults and teens attending Bible class on October 31, November 7, 14, and 21. The topic will be Christian stewardship and the theme will be "Christ's Love, Our Calling". There will also be one Bible class on Sunday November 28 by WELS musician, Chris Driesbach. Bill Truebenbach will begin teaching an adult Bible class on the means of grace in December. In place of Bible class and children's Bible study on December 19, the Spiritual Growth Committee will host a "Birthday Party for Jesus".

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

A. 8 new member individuals or families were welcomed to David's Star in the past three months. Special thanks to Beth Steinbrenner, Kathy Smith, Diane Kowalske, and Dennis Sprenger for their welcoming efforts.

B. Our logo revision is almost complete, and is to be rolled out in the first quarter of 2011.

C. There have been ongoing revisions to church and school brochures. Thanks to Clif Koeller for his photography time and talent.

D. Ongoing market pieces prepared for David's Star by the committee include: fall event postcard & bookmark, 2010 event banners, winter event postcard, living nativity bookmark, 2011 pocket calendars, ongoing website/Facebook updates (181 fans of Facebook page and 100+ page views per week), ongoing public service announcements, and ongoing use of age-specific mailing list. Thanks to Nelson Erdman, Aaron Matter, Joe Stickney, Connie Enevold, and David Porth for their work on these items.

E. Ongoing marketing distribution included 1000+ fall events postcards mailed using age-specific mailing lists. Special thanks to Christie Fischer for organizing this effort and to Tony & Lynne Gromacki, Kathy

Smith, and Diane Kowalske for labeling and stamping these for mailing.

F. Approximately 100 people attended the Art in the Woods on October 2nd, with 5 local artists and 3 live bands. Special thanks to Emily & Jon Ebeling and everyone who helped make it a special event.

G. We are planning for the Living Nativity on December 18th.

H. We are also looking to renovate the friendship register to be more effective in obtaining visitor follow-up information.

Stewardship Committee (Jim Korthals, 242-8143, korthalsj@wls.wels.net)

A four-week stewardship effort will begin on the weekend of October 31. Under the general theme, "Christ's Love, Our Calling", we will focus our attention on God's gift of time, "Love Takes Time". In our worship services and in our Bible classes, we will concentrate our attention on what the Lord has to say about our use of time. When it comes to this gift, we have all been blessed in exactly the same way. We all have 24 hours in our day and the same number of days in our week, months, and years. How are we to use our time in a way that pleases God?

The pastors will introduce "Love Takes Time" with a letter and take-home Bible study that the members are encouraged to pick up this week. In the coming weeks, you are encouraged to take time for "Love Takes Time".

It is part of the Stewardship Committee's responsibility to gather budget information from the various committees in our congregation and present a budget proposal to the annual meeting of the congregation in January. This effort has just begun and will be a focus of attention in November and December. Pray that the Lord would open hearts – my own and those of my brothers and sisters at David's Star – giving thanks to a good and gracious God as we close out 2010. Pray also that the Lord would grant wisdom as the 2011 budget is prepared for consideration.

Bill Truebenbach also reported that there is an estate planning seminar presented by Pastor Dennis Kleist to be held here on April 3, 2011.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

(Rob Schneiker, 677-2584, schneikerconcrete@gmail.com)

We are working on the possibility of providing ongoing maintenance for our heating and air conditioning systems.

We are in the process of cutting down some trees in the cemetery.

A key card system has been installed on our property. We will be changing locks on the doors.

Duct work has been done in the 7th and 8th grade classrooms in an attempt to cut down the noise.

We will be monitoring the Bertram tower as it will be installed soon.

We are presently looking at the parish center to determine the cost to renovate, as we might have a potential use for it for child care. We will then determine whether it is worth fixing.

Landscaping is coming along good. Most bushes that were planted fared well.

Thanks to all who have donated time on our campus.

Cemetery Committee (Wally Miller)

No report.

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School (Joel Pless)

David's Star was exceptionally well-represented at the General Board meeting on August 30, with over a dozen men from our congregation in attendance. Our new delegates are Paul Kuber, Josh Wolfram, and Clifford Koeller. We are grateful for these men for their willingness to serve and for those men from David's Star who have served in the past who chose not to continue to be delegates.

KML's enrollment was 422 at the start of the school year. Homecoming went well, including a victory for the varsity football team on Saturday October 9. Pastor Visitation Day was September 10 and Grandparents' Days are October 21 and 22. There is a concerted effort being made to get more WELS members of the 14,500 member Federation to actively support KML. A significant majority of the school's operating fund comes from tuition. Their fall appeal is entitled "Think of the Possibilities".

Building Committee (Randy Vogel)

Upon the congregation's approval at the July 15 voters meeting, Terry Koth began the process of finalizing the design drawings and soliciting bids for the parking lot construction. Rob Schneiker suggesting making practical revisions of the circle drive which Tony Gromacki and M2 implemented into the design and staked out. After reviewing the bids, Klug Excavating and Schneiker Concrete were selected for the excavation work and the concrete work, and Merit Asphalt for the asphalt work. Improvements to existing culverts with replacements and extensions were coordinated by Rob Schneiker and installed by David Klug, prior to the installation of the asphalt. Thank you to Terry, Rob, Tony and David for their dedicated work to finish the current building phase with the installation of the parking lot and sidewalks. Matt Enevold graciously offered to donate not only the concrete light poles for the new parking lot, but also the light fixtures that go with them. An equipment problem has temporarily delayed the delivery of the light poles, but we will gratefully wait for this generous donation. Thank you Matt!

A warranty walk-through of the school portion of the project was conducted on July 29, After consulting with Principal Gustafson and Phyllis, there were minimal problems noted. No major items were identified that required warranty service at this time. Chris from CD Smith has been very proactive to resolve any problems, and we express our thanks.

Start-up issues with the HVAC systems have been addressed as they have occurred. Noise and a non-functioning AC in the church heating and cooling systems were addressed in August. Filter and maintenance issues with the RTU systems for the school are being addressed by Buildings & Grounds Committee, with the assistance of Brian Lee. Brian is also helping the Tech Committee with the computer program to control the HVAC in the school. Thank you to Rob and Brian for your dedication to this effort.

A power outage occurred in a portion of our buildings in August due to a storm and a downed power line. Unfortunately, the portion affected was the church on a Sunday morning. Even without electricity, praise to God and worship services continued in the glass-lined narthex. (I understand that the accapela singing was quite beautiful!) It is beyond the scope of the current Building Committee to seek a solution to future power outages. Power outages are relatively rare, but should be considered for the future to maintain the building's integrity. Perhaps our Beacon on the Hill could be an emergency shelter in case of a major storm?

The coffee service area has been designed, constructed, and installed in the narthex. We thank Curt and Wanda Beeler for this generous donation.

Thank you to Jeff Wenzel who donated clear poly totes to store the current blueprints, along with our historical blueprints. The loft in the old fan room near the gym was chosen to store these items as there are no water pipes in this area that could damage the blueprints. The next time a question comes up on any of the buildings, we all know where the blueprints are located.

I met with John Holz from PRA. John has supplied several professional pictures of our (nearly) completed project. David's Star is free to use these photos in our promotions; PRA does ask that we acknowledge their firm when publishing the photos.

Funding Campaign (Gary Heckendorf)

David Nunez reported that we have collected \$575,160 in pledges so far, of the total amount pledged in the amount of \$860,845, which is 66.81 percent through August 2010. According to the James Company, collected pledges through the 21st month normally are at 61 percent.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

Old Business

None.

New Business

The Council recommends that we dismiss the Building Committee with thanks and appreciation. A motion was made and carried to accept this recommendation.

The Council recommends that we revise our Undesignated Gift policy in regards to a \$40,000 anonymous gift received recently. According to our undesignated gift policy, the gift would be allocated to be used as follows: 40% for our Operating Endowment Fund, 30% for the Building Fund, 10% for the Synodical School Endowment Fund, 10% for the Building and Improvement Fund, and 10% for the KML Foundation. The Council recommends that we allocate this gift of \$40,000 from the WELS foundation as per the above breakdown, but the 40% that would go to the Operating Endowment Fund be directed instead directly to our Operating Fund Deficit. A motion was made and carried to accept this recommendation.

The Council reported that we have taken action to join the Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries association, and that we will need to seek out a delegate to serve for this association.

Announcements

Annual meeting is January 20, 2011 at 7PM.

Area Reformation Festival Service at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary October 31st at 4PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,
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