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A TIME FOR PRAYER

Pastor Woldt

On January 20th cameras focused on crowds of people lining the streets of Washington D.C., our nation's capital. Reporters interviewed citizens overwhelmed with emotion and beaming with pride. "This is an historic event." "A new day is dawning!" "The new president is going to unite the country." Others weren't so excited. Hunters are worried about gun rights. Political conservatives are worried about increased levels of taxation. Some wonder about national security. Based on words and actions from the past, those who follow the teachings of the Bible and recognize that unborn babies are precious individuals whom the Lord has created have little hope that the new administration will take steps to protect that life.

Is this a time for celebration or a time for concern? I'd like to suggest a third alternative. For Christians, this time in our nation's history is a time for prayer. The Lord is the one who makes and breaks political rulers. This Lord wants us to pray for our leaders, whether they appear to be governing in keeping with his will or not. When our leaders govern in a way which is clearly contrary to God's will revealed in the Bible (such as in allowing the practice of aborting life in the womb), we need to pray that God would help them see the error of their ways. Where God has not revealed his will (such as in matters of taxation or plans for national security) we need to pray that the Lord continues grant wisdom and insight to our leaders, so we may live in peace, receive our daily bread, and worship in freedom.

This is a time for prayer in our nation. And we already have this assurance from the Lord. No matter what the "powerful" people of this world might plot or plan, they will ultimately serve the Lord's eternal purpose.

The coming Lenten season is a powerful reminder of that truth. The leaders of the people of Israel fabricated charges against Jesus in a mock trial, and judged him worthy of death. The spineless Pontius Pilate caved to the wishes of Jerusalem's chief priests and elders, against his better instincts to free Jesus. These were terrible rulers who did terrible things. Yet in the end, God's purpose was served. God's plan of salvation for all people was completed even as Pilate sent Jesus to hang on the cross.

As we pray, we can be assured that the affairs of this world are never out of control from God's perspective. In fact, the writer of the psalm reminds us, "The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath saying, "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill" (Psalm 2:2-6)

God wants us to pray. In fact, after urging us to pray for our leaders, the apostle Paul adds this thought: "This [praying for all leaders] is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved, and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (2 Timothy 2:3).

No matter what your personal thoughts were on January 20th as our new president was installed, I hope that you recognize this as a time of prayer. Pray for our nation. Pray for our leaders. Pray for our congregation. Pray for the spread of the gospel. Pray that God's will be done. What a precious privilege we have! We are able to take our cares and concerns to the throne of God because we are his beloved children through faith in Jesus. Use that privilege. Pray.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Jewel Butzke...84 yrs. old... 2/19/1925
Harvey Hollmann...80 yrs. old...2/20/1929
Hermine Fritz...88 yrs. old...2/24/1921

FEBRUARY GREETERS

February 1
7:45 John & Melanie Giddings
10:15 David & Sue Rosenau

February 7
5:00 Gary & Holly Heckendorf

February 8
7:45 Mark & Theresa Ahrens
10:15 Mike & Shelley Willis

February 14
5:00 Harold & Jan Ehlke

February 15
7:45 Alex & Sandy Gaeth
10:15 Keith & Kelly Schopp

February 21
5:00 Fritz & Naomi Mahnke

February 22
7:45 Rick & Nancy Ebeling
10:15 Bruk & Ann Thompson

February 28
5:00 Mark & Laurie Bublitz

LENTEN MEALS

Once again we will be serving a light supper between our mid week services during the Lenten Season. The meal will be served 4:45-6:30 pm, in the school gym. We are asking services groups from our congregation to host the meals. Other individuals are also welcome to join in on the fellowship. If you wish to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Char Kison, (262) 677-2389. Please watch the church bulletin for more information. Ash Wednesday is February 25th.

PARISH NURSE NEWS



As you may have noticed, on Saturday January 31st, the David's Star Parish Nurses hosted a gathering of WELS Parish Nurses from across the state. Our featured speaker was Carol Hein RN from Calvary, Thiensville who talked about dementia and Alzheimer's disease and the implications for our congregations and parish nurse ministries. Ask one of us how the morning went!

Did you know that severe memory loss is **NOT** a natural part of aging? Did you know that Alzheimer's disease eventually will kill you and can strike people in their 30's, 40's, and 50's? The new report out from the Alzheimer's Association reports that as many as **5.2 million people** in the United States are living with Alzheimer's and **10 million baby boomers** will develop the disease in their lifetime and Alzheimer's is the **sixth-leading cause of death**. The direct and indirect **costs of Alzheimer's** and other dementias to Medicare, Medicaid and businesses amount to more than **\$148 billion** each year.

So why do we tell you about all of this? Because many of our families here at David's Star will be affected by Alzheimer's disease in one way or another as time goes on. This can have an enormous physical, emotional, financial, and yes, even a spiritual impact on our people.

We would serve our people well by considering the needs of our families going through this as we minister to them. Making our new campus accessible will be very helpful to our families and encourage our people to attend services! We are appreciative of the effort to do just that!

Take note of the article in the new Clearly Caring that is just coming out, titled "Drifting"! This is the first in a series of articles addressing the challenges and blessings in caring for an aging parent. Christian Life Resources has provided other articles on their web site (www.ChristianLifeResources.com) about this and even have some devotions written for Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10

May God bless us as we find ways to help each other on our way to heaven!

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

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

Absent: Tim Gustafson.

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

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: Meyer, Andrew
Transfer from St. John's, Lannon, WI

Outgoing: Gall, David
Released from membership
Kranich, James
Transfer to Good Shepherd, West Bend

Pastors' report

Pastor Loescher, # 677-0919

kloescher@davidstar.org **Pastor Woldt, # 377-1019**
woldt@nconnect.net

We continue to marvel at the blessings which God has given this body of believers. Thank you to all those who have worked so hard in support of the gospel ministry this past year. These are fearful times for many, yet by God's grace, these are exciting times for David's Star as we plan to seize new opportunities for gospel ministry and work at making our campus an even more inviting place for people, young and old, to gather in worship and praise our Savior Jesus. Thanks especially to the outgoing officers and to six year congregational President Randy Matter for his leadership of this group!

President's report

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

As the new president takes over the Council, these are pending items that still need to be addressed and a brief status report of each:

1. DNR's NR-151 Nutrient Management Plan – This is a pending issue. Randy Vogel is working on this plan. Details of this issue are available in my past president's reports.

2. Internet Antenna – The voters approved our three recommended actions in the special voter's meeting. A three person committee has been formed consisting of Paul Steinbrenner (chair), Roger Tews and Dennis Kohlmeier II. Due to scheduling conflicts throughout December, the committee sees April 2009 as a better t

timetable for making a recommendation. The roofer awaits further word and is fine with waiting as long as needed to finish the other half of the steeple roof. Shingles are being stored here so there are no real cost implications to waiting. They are up to speed with all information that the congregation has considered.

3. Budget Deficit – We began taking on the deficit head on for our 2009 budget. This will not be a single year effort. Diligence will be needed in the next several years to address this issue that concerns many in the congregation. I want to thank Todd, Kevin and Dan for leading the way on this effort.

4. Auditing Committee – This year's Auditing Committee consists of Kevin Behm, Charman, Nathan Rusch, and Chad Beeler. Thank you to these gentlemen for their service. I don't think I have ever filled a committee so quickly. All of them stepped up to the plate immediately upon being asked.

5. Howard Kaschner Estate – I reported previously that Mary Kaschner, Howard's niece, scheduled and then cancelled a closeout meeting with all of the beneficiaries and the attorney. I have not heard back from her on a reschedule. I expect this to be largely a formality.

6. Technology Committee – The committee has gotten little direction from Council in the past two years and needs direction. "Everything" seems to always be put on hold due to the building project and firming up the direction for the immediate project will now bring this committee again to the forefront. We have discussed a restructuring but no definitive steps have been taken.

7. Council Retreat – There are no pending issues to speak of but a decision will need to be made soon about a date, place and time if one will occur in Spring 2009. Spring seemed to be the preferred timing for Council. I have been the primary organizer for these retreats.

8. Building Project – While we still have a ways to go to put the shovel in the ground, serving as advisor to the Building Committee has been a real honor. We have truly been blessed to see the project progress from a small seed during the prior administration (remember the Long Range Planning Committee report?), through the Vision Committee to the Implementation Committee and through two Funding Appeal Committees to the Building Committee. God has done marvelous things with this vision for our ministry and as I have said many times, we need to move forward with it to broaden our ministry – God must always get the glory for his marvelous work in our long-range thinking.

There was also some discussion regarding the possibility of incorporating a fish fry as part of one of our Lenten dinners. Council's thoughts regarding this is that it is not the right venue for the Lenten dinners, but it would be a good event to consider in the future under other circumstances.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

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

A leak has occurred in the 2nd grade classroom over Christmas break. Part of the ceiling came down and there was also water damage to the carpeting. The roof has been patched and in spring a final repair will occur.

Building and grounds has met with Wally Miller from the Cemetery Committee and a long-range plan of the cemetery has been discussed. For the spring of 2009, a new water system will be installed in the cemetery and filling east of the current driveway will begin. Future consideration by the Cemetery Committee may be made regarding having headstones put up ahead of time and charging fees in the future for cemetery plots.

The gym lights have been ordered through a WE Energies program.

There was a brief discussion regarding the roof replacement on the church woods outhouse.

Board for Elementary Education

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

Principal Tim Gustafson # 338-3992

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Brian provide a summary of the parent tuition meeting that took place in January:

1. There was discussion of the whole concept of outreach ministry that being that the congregation should always maintain a substantial percentage of the support of the school.
2. When does tuition stop? What is the limit?
3. Tuition assistance – What are we going to do with those that require assistance with tuition?
4. How do people provide assistance directly to the school?
5. There was support that we did not cut any called workers positions.

Board of Elders

Dennis Bell, Telephone # 677-2248

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No report.

Evangelism Committee

David Zarling, Telephone # 262-546-4506

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The Evangelism Committee did not meet.

The Logo Committee met to begin brainstorming, discuss expectations, and establish timelines. Nelson Erdman, Connie Enevold, and David Zarling attended.

The Logo Committee met under the premise that:

The opportunity to update David's Star logo is ideal due to:

The building project: new church, new school, new website, new image, some saving message.

The need for new signage, which will be around for 10+ years. It is a good time to make changes before new signage, not after.

The talents available to David's Star currently: Nelson Erdman, Lindsay Schultz, Aaron Matter, Connie Enevold, David Zarling.

It is the Evangelism and Publicity Committees' recommendation that:

A new logo be created to effectively communicate David's Star identity and purpose.

The group responsible for creating the logo be composed of: Nelson Erdman, Lindsay Schultz, Aaron Matter, Connie Enevold, David Zarling.

Logo options be presented to Council for input/discussion prior to finalization.

That all items receiving update be implemented by Fall 2009: newsletter, website, signage, communication pieces, etc.

Stewardship Committee

Todd Backus, # 677-4016

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Stewardship Committee minutes from January 7, 2009: Heart N Focus Course has been scheduled for Feb 15 – Mar 29th (7 Sundays). Promotion for this course includes: January newsletter (already submitted), school newsletter (Todd to provide Lynne), and bulletin. Pastor Loescher will modify the newsletter article for placement in narthex area.

Stewardship Communication

Todd will continue to include monthly pieces in our newsletter.

Stewardship Corner – weekly bulletin topic for stewardship (largely Bible passages with short explanations if needed).

Budget – Draft has been approved.

CMO – reviewed correspondence from synod. Todd to verify numbers and talk with Dan regarding whether we submit to Synod.

Planned Giving – discussed potential replacements for the position.

Next meeting – February 3rd at 8:00PM.

Spiritual Growth Committee

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

All Bible classes have resumed after the Christmas break. Pastor Woldt leads a class on the book of Romans in the church. Patrick Steele leads a class on the book of Hebrews in the school. Mark Otte leads the teen class, studying the book of Mark in the parish center. All Children's classes have also resumed. Now is a great time to start attending any of our Sunday or weekday Bible classes.

Building Committee

Randy Vogel

The David's Star Church Building Executive subcommittee, having been charged to move forward with plans to expand and renovate our facility with a new worship space, narthex, and the expansion and renovation of our school according to the master plan as designed by PRA and accepted by the congregation in the resolution dated April 10, 2008 find that with the funding available, it is appropriate to complete the recommended construction in phases.

Therefore the David's Star Church Council recommends to the voters of David's Star, at a special voters meeting on February 11, 2009 to release the funds necessary and direct the David's Star Church Building Committee to complete the following:

As the first major step towards completing the master plan that has been accepted by the congregation as designed by PRA and will ultimately lead to the completion of a new sanctuary, and in keeping to the spirit and intention of the resolution dated April 10, 2008, do hereby recommend that the first phase of construction will be the connector portion of the design between the church and school buildings, along with renovations to the school as designed by PRA and identified by PRA as Phase One Concept. This first phase of construction shall include a connection of the church to the school, additional meeting space for all members, two classrooms, a new entrance at the west and south sides of the school, renovation of the school building as appropriate to combine the church and school offices, and relocate restrooms as indicated. In addition, this first phase of construction shall provide a new electrical service as appropriate to the master plan, and all HVAC systems in the church and school shall be updated as necessary, and in so doing eliminate the need for a boiler system. Excavation for the construction site shall allow for the free flow of storm water away from the buildings, provide for new driveway at the west entrance to school, the reconstruction of the parking lot at the south entrance to school with a new driveway to Spring Valley Road.

The Construction subcommittee of the David's Star Building Committee shall solicit bids for constructing Phase One Concept as described above and as deemed appropriate by the David's Star Church Building Committee. The Construction subcommittee will encourage and facilitate the use of volunteers from the congregation as appropriate. The direct construction costs are not to exceed \$2,400,000 and the indirect construction costs are not to exceed \$405,000 and the total project cost is not to exceed \$2,805,000.

We further whole-heartedly recommend that, if additional gifts become available before or on the groundbreaking date of Easter Sunday April 12, 2009, that the completion of the narthex portion of the master plan be added to the Phase One Concept at a cost not to exceed \$400,000.

We acknowledge the need for an additional \$264, 000 in pledges be added to the \$1,006,000 in cash and \$600, 000 in pledges received to date, for the construction of Phase One to begin as described. (This is in keeping with the directive to have a minimum of 1/3 of the costs in cash and 1/3 of the costs in pledges allowing for a maximum of 1/3 of the costs to be financed with long-term debt. We do further acknowledge and recommend that our members prayerfully consider additional gifts of cash (\$133,334), pledges (\$133,334) and for the support of repaying the balance of \$400,000 to allow for the completion of the narthex portion of the master plan at this time.

We believe:

That the construction of the connection building of the church to the school, along with the additional space provided will greatly enhance our fellowship opportunities, enhance the gathering and meeting space for the adults of the congregation, provide for an enhanced image of the entrance to our school, as well as to enhance the security for our children attending the school, and to facilitate the enhanced productivity of our staff. We believe that the construction of Phase One of our master plan will enhance the gospel ministry of our congregation.

Milestones; February 2009: Schematic Designs for
Phase One

March/April 2009: Obtain final bids and
obtain financing

Easter Sunday April 12, 2009:

Ground Breaking
Ceremony

Spring/Summer 2009: School Renovations
and Construction

Fall/Winter 2009/2010: Completion of
Construction

Easter 2010: Dedication of the Church and School Connection (?)

Fundraising Committee Update

Gary Heckendorf

No report.

Treasurer's report

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

The December 31, 2008 ending balance in our operating fund shows a deficit of \$132,878 compared to a deficit of \$164,115 November 30, 2008 and a deficit of \$100,124 on December 31, 2007. Year to date operating fund receipts are \$870,596 compared to \$857,114 last year and this year's budget of \$911,039. Our Foundation Build on the Rock funding appeal has received year to date revenues of \$453,201.

Vice President Report

Jeff Morgan, # 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

The 2009 budget was discussed and approved by Council. A new handout was provided with the 2008 actual numbers incorporated into the budget data. There was additional discussion regarding charging interest to the operating fund from funds with positive balances, making up shortfalls that occur with our Christian charities, and there was also discussion regarding changing our fiscal year to end on June 30th in order to align it more closely with our business cycle.

New Business

Sec. 107 Housing Allowance designation prior to first 2009 payday – The Council approved the following housing allowance designations:

- Giddings \$25,000
- Gustafson: \$20,000
- Janke: \$13,610
- Loescher: \$8,500
- Nauman: \$20,000
- Watts: \$25,000
- Woldt: \$7,200

Building Committee Recommendation – The above recommendation included in the Building Committee report was approved by council.

Set special Voters meeting for approval to move forward with the construction – The date for this meeting has been set for February 11, 2009.

Items for Voters (for the January 15 voters meeting)

Elections
Approval of the budget

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, January 15, 2009 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2008				
	Current Month Offerings	Average weekly offerings	Offerings Received thru 12/31/08	Offerings Budgeted thru 12/31/08
Operating	\$109,509	\$27,377	\$810,119	\$837,939
Missions	\$ 8,997	\$ 2,249	\$ 81,678	\$ 87,100
KML Operating	\$ 6,129	\$ 1,532	\$ 53,425	\$ 56,500
KML Building	\$ 1,407	\$ 352	\$ 13,857	\$ 15,000

The deficit in our Operating Fund is:
\$132,878
 The deficit at the end of December 2007 was: \$100,124
 The deficit at the end of December 2006 was: \$68,168

DID YOU KNOW?

Next week 1,000 postcards will be mailed to area homes with an invitation to join us for our School's Open House, Preschool & Kindergarten Registration and to worship with us during Lent. A postcard is also included in this newsletter for you to invite someone you know. Prayerfully consider who you could invite!



WELS UPDATE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

One pastor and one professor traveled to Hong Kong January 20 to teach semester courses at Asia Lutheran Seminary, which was started by WELS in 2005. Rev. Jim Krause, pastor at Gethsemane, Corpus Christi, Texas, will be teaching Christian Counseling and the Epistles of Paul, and Rev. Keith Wessel, professor of Latin and Greek at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, will be teaching the gospel of Matthew and Intertestamental History. In addition, both men will preach and teach in WELS' Chinese sister congregation in Hong Kong.

WELS Board for Ministerial Education called Rev. Thomas Westra January 13 to be its new administrator after Rev. David Wenzel declined the call December 27. This is the third call issued to replace previous administrator Rev. Peter Kruschel, who accepted a mission counselor call last June.

Online registration is approaching for the 2009 WELS International Youth Rally, to be held July 8-11 at Iowa State University in Ames. Approximately 2,600 spots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis when registration opens March 2. This summer's rally will welcome guests from around the globe. Teens of missionary families in Taiwan, Malawi, Zambia, and Brazil will be attending thanks to a partnership between WELS World Missions and Youth Discipleship.

HAVE A HEART

February: the month devoted to love. Stores are filled with heart-shaped boxes of candy and heart-shaped cards and vases of flowers with heart-shaped gift tags. All this is available for the consumer so that he can find the appropriate expression of his devotion to his loved one. If that expression of love has been preceded by a year of thoughtful and loving words and deeds, it is welcomed and cherished by the recipient. If not, it is just an empty ritual, done out of duty rather than true devotion.

Our relationship to the Lord is similar. He, too, desires our sincere devotion, not empty lip service. *"The Lord says: 'These people come near to Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me' "* (Isaiah 29:13).

Stewardship is serving, helping, giving, but love is the basis for stewardship. Without love, our good deeds are empty and without merit. The first act of true stewardship is to *"love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength"* (Deuteronomy 6:5). Jesus called this the most important commandment (Mark 12:29, 30). With that love for the Lord in us, we are enabled to be good stewards. Then we can do acts of good stewardship, acts of true devotion. We are enabled to

- *"Give generously to Him and do so without a grudging heart"* (Deuteronomy 15:10).
- *"Carefully observe [His decrees and laws] with all your heart and with all your soul"* (Deuteronomy 26:16).
- *"Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality"* (Romans 12:13).
- *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men"* (Colossians 3:23).

God, through Ezekiel, promised, *"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit in you and move you to follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws"* (Ezekiel 36:26-27). This promise He has fulfilled in His Son, Jesus, Who has followed His Father's decrees and kept His laws for us. As we strive to live fruitful lives of stewardship, at the same time, we rest in Christ who has been the perfect steward for us. The Stewardship Committee

**Annual Voters Meeting
January 15, 2009**

David's Star Ev. Lutheran Church, Jackson, WI
7:00 pm

The meeting was opened with devotion by Pastor Loescher.

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

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

The agenda was adopted by the voter's.

The 2008 Annual Report was handed out prior to the meeting. Copies of all the reports that will be presented during tonight's meeting are included in the Annual Report. A copy of the Annual Report is attached to the minutes.

Membership Report (since October Meeting)

Incoming: Hammond, David & Jaime; Michael,
Matthew & Wyatt
Transfer from Our Savior, Grafton, WI
Meyer, Andrew
Transfer from St. John's, Lannon, WI
Moths, Jesse & Jennifer; Mason
Transfer from Faith, Sussex, WI
Schultz, Andrew
Transfer from St. Paul, Neosho, WI
Thomsen, Duane & Erika; Mackenzie,
Jacob & Alex
Transfer from St. Paul, Ixonia, WI.

Outgoing: Guenther, Jonathon
*Transfer to St. John's, Wauwatosa,
WI*
Lengling, Gregg & Deborah; Dane
Brinkman
Released from membership
Kranich, James
*Transfer to Good Shepherd, West
Bend, WI*
Richards, Lee & Linda
Released from membership

Signing of Constitution by new voters

Mark Ahrens, Cory Schumacher, Dennis Sprenger, and Nelson Erdman signed the constitution. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept them as voting members.

Pastors' Report

Pastor Loescher, 677-0919,
kloescher@davidstar.org and
Pastor Woldt, 377-1019,
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Pastor Woldt gave the report. This year's activities are included in the Annual Report. It is a blessing for

the pastors to perform a wide variety of Christ's work for the congregation whether it be baptizing, instructing, or providing comfort with hope of the resurrection. The pastors are working well together in coordinating their workloads. Pastor Janke is still active visiting the shut-ins. He will be turning 80 years old this year.

President's Report

Randy Matter, 376-1585,
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The President's report is on page 2 of the annual report. He is thankful for the pastor's continued support. It has been an honor to serve as president over the last six years.

Treasurer's Report

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

The Treasurer's report is included in the Annual Report and was presented by Dan Bolha. The December 31, 2008 ending balance in our operating fund shows a deficit of \$132,878. This compares to a deficit of \$100,124 on the same date last year. Year to date operating fund receipts are \$870,596 compared to \$857,114 last year and this year's budget of \$911,039.

Board of Elders

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

The Board's report is on page 19 of the Annual Report. Highlights of the report include the fact that every one in the congregation should act as an elder, and encourage others to attend church if you know that they are not attending. Also noted was the Called Workers Care Committee that did an excellent job, as well as the parish nurses as one could never say enough good things about them. In addition, we had a choir director change this year, but the Lord provided us with good people to fill Barry Washburn's shoes. Never take our called workers for granted – thank them as you have the opportunity.

Board for Elementary Education

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

The Board's report is on pages 18 and 19 of the Annual Report. Brian thanked the countless volunteers who made this year successful. He also offered a special thanks to Patrick Steele for his years of service and help during the transition.

Spiritual Growth Committee

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

The Committee's report is on pages 25 and 26 of the Annual Report. Mark thanked Heidi Walz (cradle roll), Andy Loeffler (Bible study for kids), Char Kison

(Women's Advent breakfast) and Jesse & Janet Kremer (library) for all of their help. He also encouraged every David's Star member to become involved in a Spiritual Growth activity.

Evangelism Committee

David Zarling, 674-1094, david.zarling@gmail.com
The Committee's report can be found on pages 23 and 24 of the Annual Report. David highlighted the 2008 activities of the Committee, and thanked his members for their support.

Stewardship Committee

Todd Backus, 677-4016, todd.backus@prodigy.net
The Committee's report is found on page 29 of the Annual Report. Todd highlighted some of the Committee's 2008 activities including the Heart N Focus seminar, time and talent sheets, a giving tree, and the stewardship corner of the bulletin.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

Kurt Henning, 677-2797, klh@nconnect.net
The Board's report is found on page 22 of the Annual Report.

Cemetery Committee (Wally Miller)

No report.

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School (Joel Pless)

Joel provided a handout to the voters which was the 2008 KML Annual Report. It highlighted the year's activities, its students, its alumni, and the cost of education per student at KML.

Building Committee (Randy Vogel)

The Committee's report is found on pages 31 and 32 of the Annual Report. Randy discussed the future voters' meeting that will take place in February to approve our revised building plans. Randy thanked the many people who have volunteered their time on behalf of the Building Committee.

Funding Campaign (Gary Heckendorf)

The Committee's report is found on page 30 of the Annual Report. Gary highlighted the many activities that his committee worked on throughout the year including the core group event at KML, the pie festival weekend, and the pancake breakfast. To date, 157 commitment cards have been received.

Auditing Committee (Kevin Behm)

The Committee's report is found on page 13 of the Annual Report.
A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

Elections

Randy Matter, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the ballots. Nominations were presented and opened up for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor and a motion was made and carried to close nominations and accept the ballot as presented. The final result of the elections are:

President: David Nunez
Vice President: Jeff Morgan
Board of Elders Chairman: Dennis Bell
Board of Elders Member: Rick Ebeling
Board of Elders Member: Gene Hagenow
Board for Elementary Education Chairman: Brian Lee
Board for Elementary Education Member: Michael Bublitz
Board for Elementary Education Member: Robert Heider
Board for Building and Grounds Member: Todd Oestreich

Old Business

None.

New Business

Adoption of the 2009 Budget – The 2009 Budget was presented. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to pass the budget as presented.
There was a vote of thanks to outstanding officers and board members, Randy Matter and Ryan Breitreutz.

Announcements

Next quarterly meeting will be scheduled by Council for April as our normal meeting day conflicts with Maundy Thursday.
Installation of new/reelected officers, board and committee members will be held Saturday January 24th or Sunday January 25th in the service of your choice.
Special voters' meeting on February 11th at 7PM regarding Building Committee recommendations.
Open presentation/discussion of recommendation for Building is January 25th at 9AM.
The meeting was adjourned.
The Meeting closed with a closing Prayer and Benediction by Pastor Loescher.
Respectfully submitted, Kevin A. Behm,
Recording Secretary (kevinbehm@att.net)