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## What a Difference a Year Makes!

*By Pastor Wolfdt*

We usually reflect on the passage of time at birthdays, at funerals and at the end of the calendar year. However, this April my thoughts have turned to all the changes that have taken place in the span of twelve months. What a difference a year can make! Last April, I was standing outside with many of you on a brisk, chilly Easter Sunday in an area north of the church building outlined by fluorescent pink lines. The bright markings on the hard ground represented the boundaries of the new narthex/connector building. We prayed. We broke ground. The building program, once a vision, was about to become reality.

While there are still loose ends to tie up (furnishings, signage, landscaping etc.), this phase of the master plan is substantially complete. We have already made good use of the ministry spaces the generous offerings of God's people have provided. The PreKindergarten class is now meeting in a large, age appropriate space. What a difference. The sixth grade is now located in a classroom with windows. What a difference. Traveling from the church building to the gym for Lenten suppers and Easter breakfast no longer requires a coat or umbrella. What a difference. Guests attending wedding and funerals at David's Star are able to meet and greet friends and family in a climate controlled environment. What a difference. Visitors to our campus can easily locate the school and church offices. What a difference. And we are looking forward to additional benefits from this building project in the near future. We look forward to a fully functioning multipurpose area where, among other activities, adults can meet for Bible classes. We anticipate comfortable temperatures for worship in the summer heat. What a difference! It's amazing to think about all the major changes to our campus in the span of twelve months. We truly have reason to give thanks to the Lord.

Yet even as we marvel at the all changes that have taken place at David's Star in the past twelve months, our most fervent prayers of thanks to the Lord need to be reserved for the things which remain unchanged. All of the external changes to our campus would mean nothing without the changeless gospel of Jesus Christ.

If you have paid any attention to the religious landscape in America, you know that many churches are struggling to stay "relevant." In an attempt to appeal to 21<sup>st</sup> century Americans, some churches have decided to downplay biblical teaching or abandon it altogether. Conventions of some church bodies spend time debating whether it is appropriate for the church to consecrate homosexual partnerships and whether or not openly gay clergy can continue to shepherd God's people. Social and political issues replace any talk of sin and grace. Jesus is transformed from the eternal Word made flesh into some sort of pliable figure whose words and teachings can be twisted to support any cause, from the fight against global warming to the defunding of America's military.

Thank God that the ministry of David's Star is still centered on the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ. Every member of David's Star has confessed that they believe Jesus Christ is true God from eternity. Every member of David's Star has confessed that they believe the Bible is the Word of God, and true in everything it says. Every member of David's Star has confessed that the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the reason for the peace they have with God and their hope for eternity. The gospel of Jesus Christ is still being taught in our school and preached from our pulpit.

Even as we note the changes that have taken place in the last twelve months, we can thank God our spiritual foundation remains the same. Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!**

Sylvia Schmidt...4/1/1929...81 yrs. old  
Betty Vogel...4/3/1927...83 yrs. old  
Harlin Kannenberg...4/9/1918...92 yrs. old  
Chrysta Schmelzer...4/15/1927...83 yrs. old  
Grace Maciejewski...4/26/1928...82 yrs. old  
Larry Klein...4/19/1928...82 yrs. old

**APRIL 2010  
GREETERS**

April 3, 5:00 Dick Feldschneider family  
April 4 7:45 Kathy & Bonnie Bublitz  
10:15 Gary and Holly Heckendorf

April 10, 5:00 Betty Gumm  
April 11 7:45 Dave & Nicole Miller  
10:15 Richard and Rachel Kwiecinski

April 17, 5:00 Mark & Laurie Bublitz  
April 18 7:45 Mike & Deb Boeldt  
10:15 Tim and Rachel Gustafson

April 24 5:00 Dick Feldschneider family  
April 25 7:45 Brian & Pam Lee  
10:15 Randy and Karla Matter

**DEDICATION**

Of new ministry spaces will be on May 23rd.  
This dedication will be held in conjunction with our  
Song Service.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

The retreat isn't until Fall, but we are looking for people willing to help organize and plan the event. A planning meeting is set for Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00 PM. Come and find out how you can help. If you'd like to help, but can't attend this meeting, leave a message for Rachel Gustafson at school, 677-2412 EXT. 302.

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**Parish Nurse News**



**Seasoned With Salt**

If I may, this months article will focus on "salt" as it applies to issues of body, mind, and spirit.

Lately, we have seen products advertised as being "made with sea salt" as if they are a healthier alternative. By weight, sea salt and table salt contain the same amount of sodium chloride and, therefore, have the same basic nutritional value. The only differences are in their taste, texture, and processing, but not in their chemical makeup.

Regardless of the salt source, however, your body only needs 1,500-2,300 milligrams a day. People with high blood pressure, African-Americans, and anyone middle-aged or older should aim for the low end of that range. Reading nutrition labels can clue us in to the amount of salt in the foods we buy. Highly processed foods generally contain more salt. The Health Office has an interesting visual to actually show how much salt is in several different common foods that we eat. Check it out some day!

Colossians 4:6 tell us, "Let your conversation be always full of grace, *seasoned with salt*, so that you may know how to answer everyone." The footnote below in the NIV explains that salt is a preservative and is tasty. Similarly, the Christian's conversation is to be wholesome. Matthew 5 talks about believers being "the salt of the earth or the light of the world". Verse 16 says, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise our Father in heaven".

May we *season with salt* appropriately as we care for our God-given bodies and may we be *seasoned with salt* as we shine our light before men!

Serving each other in Christ's love,

**Sue Bolha**

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**David's Star Church Council Meeting Minutes / Capsule**  
*March 16, 2010*

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

Absent: Jeff Morgan

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 February 16, 2010.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)**

**Incoming:** Carris, Amy; Courtney  
*Profession of faith*  
 Moldenhauer, Jessica; Alexander  
*Transfer from Morning Star, Jackson, WI*

**Outgoing:** Backus, Steve  
*Transfer to St. John's, Newburg, WI*  
 DeNoyer, April; Ethan & Leila  
*Transfer to Bethany, Manitowoc, WI*  
 Watts, Christopher  
*Transfer to Redeemer, Cedarburg, WI*  
 Watts, Catherine; Alyssa  
*Transfer to Redeemer, Cedarburg, WI*

**Pastors' report**

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 Telephone # 377-1019 [woldt@nconnect.net](mailto:woldt@nconnect.net) )

No report.

**President's report**

(David Nunez, Telephone 677-2467,  
[David.Nunez@ipaper.com](mailto:David.Nunez@ipaper.com).)

Ministry Budget - Lisa Marie Kison and Randy Matter, with the help of Dan Bolha, have spent quite a number of hours analyzing and reconciling the financial numbers and have been working very hard to obtain a "clean"

financial picture for all of us. I know Randy will have more details for us in his report.

Shepherd's Staff Update – A detailed report will be presented during the Technology Committee's presentation time period. We will discuss, in detail, training options and decide which direction we would like to take. I have contacted Shepherd's Staff's sales office regarding training and how we may be able to utilize it. The ability to move to "ONE" database for all membership information will be a key move in the very near future. This will allow a more organized database for all of our members and give a better tool to use and understand.

New Building Committee – A detailed report from Randy Vogel will be distributed regarding the design committee and the work they have been doing obtaining furnishing for the new narthex, signage for the entire campus and other projects they are working on. Many loose ends continue to be worked to complete and finish. Rob Schneiker will report on the major work that is being completed in the old 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

I have been working with the Technology Committee to determine the cost of having all of our usable outside entrances included in the key card security system. Once we determine the direction for that, we will move forward in making sure people who need access to certain rooms are given the keys necessary for that access. We will still need to "shore-up" the key distribution process. We need to make sure keys are returned when members of boards and committees terms are completed.

New Building Dedication – Pastor Woldt and I have had some discussions regarding the agenda and how we would think this service and day would encompass. Within the next couple of weeks, we will get a preliminary agenda out to council and look for feedback. Stay tuned!

**Board for Buildings and Grounds**

(Robert Schneiker, Telephone # 677-2584  
[schneikerconcrete@gmail.com](mailto:schneikerconcrete@gmail.com) )

The odor problem in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom has been resolved.

There have been some problems with the two locksets in the office area. David Nunez has information on a keypad system that will be discussed with Rob.

**Board for Elementary Education**  
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(Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 338-3992  
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Cabinetry has been installed in both of the new classrooms. The final costs associated with the additional cupboards/storage compartments/shelving primarily in the preschool and kindergarten rooms totaled \$9,977. Thanks to a generous donation by a member, \$5,000 of the costs was paid via their donation. The BOE members agreed that the additional \$4,977 would come from proceeds that currently exist in the childcare fund. Since this room will be used to provide both before and after school childcare, use of funds from the childcare fund was deemed appropriate. Preliminary discussions regarding the 2010-2011 tuition rates occurred. There was some general discussion regarding the need to revisit the level of non-member tuition fees, including consideration of reducing those fees as a means of potentially attracting non-member children and providing them a Christ-centered education. Additional discussion regarding both member and non-member fees will occur at the March meeting.

**Board of Elders**  
(Dennis Bell, Telephone # 677-2248  
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Orientation and training has begun for our "Persistent Love" program with about 100 people expressing interest in the program.

**Evangelism Committee**  
(David Zarling, Telephone # 674-1094  
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Our New Member Welcome took place on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Committee is looking for additional help with our Greeter program, and some help has already been found with Laurie Bublitz & Holly Heckendorf. The 2010 Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 11AM. The Fellowship Committee's event to see the Dead Sea Scrolls at the museum went well with 35 members attending.

**Stewardship Committee**  
(Jim Korthals, Telephone #  
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Articles for the newsletter are being worked on. We are also investigating a four year program entitled "Christ's Love Our Calling". Materials will be available in fall.

**Spiritual Growth Committee**  
(Joel Pless, Telephone # 677-2109 [joel\\_pless@wic.edu](mailto:joel_pless@wic.edu))

We will be holding meetings with Bible Class teachers. During the third week of June, we will hold a traditional Vacation Bible School program.

**Building Committee Update (Randy Vogel)**

We will be getting seven new benches in the new narthex. The cost is \$386 each. Signage throughout the school will be purchased at a cost of \$3,200. We are also installing a new coat rack on the east side of the narthex.

**Fundraising Committee Update (Gary Heckendorf)**  
Our current principal balance is \$2,064,000. Our available balance is \$135,957 – we are under budget by that amount presently.

**Treasurer's report**  
(Randy Matter, Telephone #376-1585  
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Lisa Marie Kison and I have been working diligently to isolate problems that arose during 2009 but I must beg your indulgence awhile longer before presenting a revised 12/31/09 or any kind of 2010 financial statement. However, I feel we are making progress and I want to share a progress report with you as outlined below

A. We have reconciled all months of the Restricted Building Fund bank account and have isolated differences from bank to book balances through 2/28/10.

B. We have reconciled the general checking account through September 2009 with only minor differences unaccounted for at this time. We have differences of approximately \$2300 in October, \$200 in November and \$13,000 in December 2009. That is only to say that we have not yet isolated the differences and are not comfortable with the size of the unexplained difference. We changed our recording procedure as of 1/1/10 so that all offerings will flow into the General Checking Account and be recorded there as our original point of entry into the accounting ledger. Cash that needs to be transferred to other funds e.g. the Restricted Building Fund will be recorded as transferred funds rather than original points of entry. I will explain more about this during the meeting.

C. We have reconciled all of the other cash accounts including the payroll checking account, the Thrivent matching gift account, the M & I Brokerage account, and the Operating Surplus account (which was closed in June 2009 into the Restricted Building Fund)

D. It will be our policy in the future to have bank reconciliations completed within two weeks of the end

of the month. Lisa Marie will prepare the actual bank reconciliations and I will review them. This procedure has some inherent risk because Lisa Marie also prepares accounts payable checks. A standard internal control would be to have someone other than the person who writes the checks reconcile the bank statement.

E. We have set up on-line banking with M & I so we can verify bank activity more quickly. The cost for this is \$15/month. Online banking will allow us to see actual activity/deposits in our accounts so we can quickly verify bank deposits against the counters reported deposits. This has been a difficult area to manage in the past. We will also be receiving our bank statements online which will provide faster turnaround for our reconciliations and a more speedy month-end closing. Online banking will also allow us to transfer cash between accounts instantaneously rather than using paper checks.

F. We presented an expense/invoice approval process to council last month, and it has had positive feedback. An updated policy is attached to this report. Once change we made was to purchase a locked drop box for volunteers to use for submitting their expenses/invoices. This box could also be used for misc. cash receipts such as free will offerings after Lenten dinners.

G. I will have to admit that I knew very little about the church accounting system so I have a long learning curve. This has sometimes hindered our progress. In addition, Lisa Marie has not traversed a year-end closing so we will have to walk through that process together with no real legacy information.

H. One area of the closing process that we need to be comfortable with but which is still a part of my learning curve is the "contra accounts". These type of accounts are unique to fund accounting and must be in balance before we can close the books. Without these being in balance, our beginning balances for 2010 in the "Designated Accounts" will probably not be accurate.

I. As previously reported, we discovered what I feel will be a major time saving process within Shepherd's Staff. That is the budget import process. We already have imported the 2010 budget figures but are not able to verify them until 2009 is closed. It is estimated that we save about 30-35 man hours at the beginning of each fiscal year by this simple processing change.

J. We have a strong handle on the cash inter-activity between the General Checking and the Restricted Building Fund. A reconciliation schedule is attached to this report, subject to change. The funds have not actually been transferred yet. We anticipate doing that in March after we complete the reconciliation of the General Checking account. Once we are complete, I will schedule some time with the Building Committee to bring them up to speed on where we are with the finances.

K. I will be presenting a very high-level financial summary of the Operating Budget and Restricted Building Fund through 2/28/10 at the meeting. A more comprehensive report will be forthcoming.

This report indicated that we have an ending 2/28/10 operating fund balance of (\$99,666) compared to a 12/31/09 balance of (\$82,558 with operating fund receipts for two months at \$136,190 compared to a budget of \$140,000. Operating fund expenses were \$153,298 compared to a budget of \$155,000.

Our Restricted Building Fund balance at 2/28/10 is \$291,758 with offerings at \$36,822 for two months compared to a budget of \$39,000.

### **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 – Technology Committee is covering below.

Future of "Parish Center" – This item remains open.

Use of Shepherd's Staff – Technology Committee is covering below.

### **New Business**

Technology Committee Report – Barry Washburn and Mark Oestreich of the Technology Committee were present to discuss several issues.

The Committee is working with Bertram in obtaining another proposal that we are waiting to receive. The Committee recommended to Council that we move forward with using a lattice type structure as opposed to a monopole structure. This would be constructed by the tree line near Pastor Woldt's house. This recommendation was approved by Council.

The Committee recommended changing the fire alarm call list. They will work with the Buildings & Grounds Committee on this list.

The Committee discussed the need to have communication out there so that all were aware that the fire doors must remain completely opened or closed, not partially open.

The Board of Education and Technology Committee recommended spending \$1900 on a HVAC computer system allowing us to program thermostat units 365 days a year in advance or by a function being held onsite. This could be programmed for weekends as opposed to

weekdays. The energy savings would be significant. It was also recommended that the funding for this be taken from the maintenance budget of the Building & Improvement Fund. This recommendation was approved by Council.

The Council discussed with the Committee the usage of our Shepherd's Staff software. The following was recommended by the Committee regarding this software:

A. Through a paragraph in the bulletin, recruit an additional person for the Technology Committee who will agree to be the "super-user" of the Shepherd's Staff software. This person will have responsibilities that will be outlined by the Technology Committee chairman, Barry Washburn, and David Nunez. We will outline the responsibilities and create a job description.

B. Once this person has been identified, Barry and his committee will outline and recommend what type of training is required for not only this person, but for staff.

C. Time period for this to be accomplished will be within the next two months.

D. School and church staff to be made aware of the changes that will be happening with the database management of the congregation. We will need to have them make sure and understand that once the training has started all other database software will not be used as the primary source for the information of the church and school. If other software is to be utilized, the Technology Committee will need to be aware of the request and approve accordingly.

The above recommendations were approved by Council.

The Committee also distributed a copy of a newly-drafted David's Star Technology Committee request form. This form will need to be completed by requesting individuals and committees regarding their needs from the Committee for a specific project or request.

Fiscal control issues – Randy Matter distributed proposed invoice approval and expense reimbursement procedures, as well as a payment request draft to be utilized by proper board and committee chairmen and members where applicable.

#### **Items for Voters (for the April voters meeting)**

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 8:00 PM.**

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

Respectively submitted,  
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## **A Rose by Any Other Name**

“What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.”

William Shakespeare put those words into the mouth of Juliet in his tale of the “star-cross'd” lovers Romeo and Juliet. Shakespeare meant to say that the names of things do not matter, only what things are.

Have you ever noticed that the name given to something often depends on where you are from? Do you call that cold water dispenser a “bubbler” or a “water fountain”? Sometimes words are meaningless because they describe something outside our experience. How many people under age 50 know what a “fender skirt” is?

It's also true that sometimes we have a preconceived notion of what something is like without really knowing or having experienced it. Mention “spinach” or “broccoli” and the reaction may be “yech”! And that's especially true, if someone else tells us, “It's good for you.” We think we know better, even if we have never eaten those vegetables. It can't be good, if it's good for you.

It's like that with the word “stewardship.” We have heard others speak negatively about it, so we react as if it were broccoli. To change stewardship from “yech” into “yeah” takes some work – better, it takes some understanding. Some people develop a taste for vegetables as they mature and actually try them. As Christians we grow when the Holy Spirit works through his Word. The Spirit increases our understanding – and our appreciation – for what the Lord has done for us and for what that same Lord desires in us.

Stewardship doesn't refer to one small area of our lives. It refers to all aspects of our lives. Like love, stewardship is a “many splendored thing.” In future articles, stay tuned for what Scripture has to say concerning stewardship. Pray for the Lord's blessings. “Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Until the next time – remember the rose and stewardship. Both are beautiful gifts from a gracious God.

The Stewardship Committee

# Planned Giving April 2010

## Leaving a Legacy

What is a legacy? Webster gives the following definitions: “1. A gift of property, especially personal property, as money, by will; a bequest. 2. Anything handed down from the past, as from an ancestor or predecessor.” Most people pick up on the first part of the definition – the passing of material things and money from one generation to another. However, the second definition of “anything handed down from the past” interests me even more. *Anything* can be a legacy?

A legacy then can include past memories that have been handed down to you. What do you think of when I say the names Adam and Eve? Moses? Peter? Hitler? Abraham Lincoln? Do you have positive or negative images? What types of legacies did they leave?

Let’s shift gears to more personal legacies. What do you remember about your grandma and grandpa? Your mom and dad? Others who you have loved and admired? Did they leave positive legacies? Do we ever hear, “I can’t believe they didn’t leave me anything.”

It is more than just passing material possessions from one generation to another. The most important legacy we can leave to our families and loved ones is one that will point them to the Lord Jesus. We can do this through example by being in His Word, worshipping regularly and encouraging our family and friends to do likewise. We can also provide financial support for the Lord’s work as well as providing for our families’ needs.

What is your legacy? There are people who can help us with the first definition. The second part of the definition is up to you. Don’t let procrastination be a part of your legacy.

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All ladies in the congregation are welcome, invited, and encouraged to attend a TOTALLY AWESOME experience this summer. The LWMS Annual Convention will take place in central location of St. Louis, Missouri June 24 – 27. The time there promises to be very uplifting! There will be worship and communion and singing; workshops and fellowship and food. The missionaries will light your hearts on fire as they share how God is working in the hearts of people all over the world. It is our prayer that you will leave with a renewed zeal for sharing Jesus everywhere.

Check out [www.2010lwms.org](http://www.2010lwms.org) for more information on the convention.



**WHAT: ARBOR NIGHT**

**WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>;  
4:00 PM**

Raindate: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Looking for able bodied persons to help tidy up the grounds around campus. Please bring rakes, chain saws, skid steers and plenty of muscle.

We would appreciate any youth (7<sup>th</sup> grade and up) providing they have their homework finished to help also.

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Schneiker at 677-2584.

Ladies Aid will be serving a lunch on Monday evening.