

THE GOOD NEWS

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"A Timely Rerun"

by Pastor Woldt

During the summer months, television networks often rerun popular shows. The article below could be called a summer "rerun." It appeared more than a year ago in a brochure that helped kickoff a fund raising campaign for new building here at David's Star. This summer rerun is "timely" because our building committee has been working with the new architects from Plunkett Raysich to affirm the basic direction of our master building plan and to prepare a solid proposal for "Phase I" construction. May God continue to bless all our efforts to serve him and spread the gospel!

What's the first thought that comes into your mind when you hear "David's Star"? For some, the name "David's Star" evokes childhood memories of parades to the church woods or daylong mission festivals complete with chicken dinners, cool beverages, and the famous David's Star potato salad. Others may recall family baptisms, confirmations and weddings performed in the sturdy old building on the hill.

What do I think of when I hear "David's Star"? I think of people. I think of happy children greeting their pastors with smiles in the halls of the school. I think of older students confessing their faith in Jesus and reciting their confirmation verses in front of the congregation. I think of the families who struggle in narrow pews to keep their children quiet during our services. I think of single young adults who come to church to hear the story of their salvation one more time. I think of those with gray hair (my contemporaries!) who understand from experience the pressing need for rest from life's

worries and cares. When I hear "David's Star" I think of people united on a shared foundation of faith – Jesus Christ.

"David's Star" is much more than buildings and property. Church buildings and property are tools to be used in the service of the Savior and his gospel. The founders of David's Star dedicated themselves to constructing a durable tool which has served as a house of worship for 150 years. Now it's time to think about the future again. What sort of "tools" will help future generations of God's people worship, learn, fellowship and reach out with the gospel?

We've discussed improving facilities for gospel ministry at David's Star. We've examined our options. We've adopted a general master plan. Now it's time to act. It's time to pray. It's time to forge new ministry tools for generations yet to come. The scope of our proposed plan is certainly intimidating, but we are not working alone. As we move forward, we walk hand and hand with each other. More importantly, we walk with our Lord.

As a congregation, our foundation remains unshaken. God's people at David's Star are "built on the Rock." Jesus is the foundation of our faith. Our stewardship emphasis theme proclaims that truth. The cross in the center of our logo adds a resounding "Amen!" May God bless us as we consider our individual promises to support gospel ministry at David's Star through the "Our Foundation Built on the Rock" stewardship emphasis.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!
 Loretta Stauske...6/1/1919...88 yrs. old
 Pearl Gauger...6/2/1919...88 yrs. old
 Oliver Vogel...6/7/1924...83 yrs. old
 Anna Hardt...6/19/1923...84 yrs. old
 Ethel Miller...6/30/1924...84 yrs. old

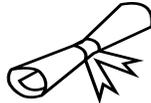
**DAVID'S STAR EIGHTH GRADE
 CLASS OF 2007**

Valedictorian *Marianne Elizabeth Loescher*
Salutatorians *Amanda Lynn Rosenau*
Peter Henry Steinbrenner

Class Verse
Isiaha 40: 31

*"But those who hope in the LORD will renew
 their strength. They will soar on wings like
 eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they
 will walk and not be faint."*

Class Hymn *"Let us Ever Walk with Jesus"*
Class Flower *Rose*
Class Color *Red*



GRADUATES

*Sarah Katherine Beres, Kristian Henry Brown,
 Courtney Noelle Deming, Desiree Lyn Deming,
 Daniel Adam Deneseus, Sara Rose Faltersack,
 Cody John Goll, Jacob Matthew Gustafson,
 Ashley Rose Hartwig, Kirsten Nicole Henning,
 Dylan John Krivoshein, Arin Elizabeth Lemke,
 Marianne Elizabeth Loescher,
 Aimee Alyssa Matter, Christopher Alan Roeske,
 Amanda Lyn Rosenau, Dylan Carl Rusch,
 Andrea Joy Seider, Peter Henry Steinbrenner,
 Andrew Robet Stuebs, Ashley Marie Tollefson,
 Ryan Daniel Weyker*

PARISH NURSE NEWS

WITHHELD BLESSINGS

In the months of May and June we typically spend some time giving thanks for our Christian Mothers and Fathers with the celebration of Mothers Day and Fathers Day. We also give thanks to our Lord for the blessings of children and family. Approximately 1 in 8 couples experience infertility for a variety of reasons. The May/June issue of Clearly Caring (the official publication of Christian Life Resources) is devoted to *WITHHELD BLESSINGS* and offers food for thought on how we pursue the blessing of children and tackle the pain of infertility and modern-day options. There is a very informative article about The Facts Behind Reproductive Technology. If anyone would like a copy of the current issue of Clearly Caring I will leave about 5 copies in the narthex for you to take home with you. It is also possible to see past issues of Clearly Caring at www.ClearlyCaring.com.

The article titled Withheld Blessings reads in part, "There is no magic elixir to numb a couple's pain of childlessness when they strongly desire offspring. At such times, however, there is a perspective and priority established for them as God's children. That priority is to keep the things of God first - His kingdom, His will, His mission (Matthew 6:33).

Blessings of a healthy body, mind, and spirit,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

**THE WEDNESDAY WOMEN IN
 GOD'S WORD GROUP**

The Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study Group has begun it's spring-summer session. We will continue our study of Pastor Mark Paustian's book, "Prepared to Answer." We meet at 7pm in the school IMC. Our meeting dates are: June 6 and 20, July 18 and August 15.

SAVE THE DATE On **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd**, the Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study Group will host a retreat. If you would like more information, please contact Charlotte Kison 677-2389.

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

The pastors and other called workers will be attending a SEW District Called Workers conference on June 12 & 13th. No congregational delegate is necessary. Lay members who are serving as synod delegates for our district are invited to be in attendance. Please continue to support the work of our synod in your prayers and as the Lord moves you, with your offerings. Pastor Loescher will be accompanying our Pioneers on the annual Father/Son campout the weekend of June 10th. Pastor Woldt will also be gone, attending a family wedding in Minnesota. Seminarian Dave Rosenau will serve as guest preacher. Guest speakers have also been arranged for Mission Festival (Steven Ehlke) and Harvest Home (Alan Gumm). Please continue to encourage your fellow members to attend the "Treasure of Every Treasured Soul" cottage meetings when they are invited to participate.

All synod called workers received a letter from President Gurgel stating that he will not run for reelection to district president.

Other Synodical news – MLS is scheduled to close to help balance the budget. A \$2.5 million gift is not enough to keep MLS open.

President's Report**(Randy Matter, Telephone # 376-1585)**matters@nconnect.net

No Report.

Buildings & Grounds**(Kurt Henning, Telephone # 677-2797)**klh@nconnect.net

Arbor Night was held on May 8th which turned out to be a great night weather wise and we had a great turnout.

On Monday, May 7th our youth groups spread bark and put sand on the playground.

A special thanks to the kids.

On Tuesday (Arbor Night)

- The church woods was set-up with the help of many.
- A special thanks to Matt Hartwig / Arborscape and Bob Hartwig for providing his tractor.
- A special thanks to Liesener Topsoil for providing our bark, top-soil and sand (Kurt & Kevin Liesener & Wanda Beeler).
- Also thanks to Kurt & Kevin for providing trucking and loaders for working on our new church sign.
- A special thanks to Dave Klug for finish grading the new church sign area and bringing his equipment.
- Thanks to Randy Vogel for providing our grass seed for arbor night.

- Thanks to Dave Miller for providing his backhoe for the cemetery work.
- Thanks to our Ladies Aid for providing our dinner.

This Arbor Night was a great success due to the fact that our members year-in, year-out provide us their time, talents and equipment

Pastor Loescher's sunroom was clad with aluminum. Thanks to Tom Rosbeck for completing this work.

The Canopy in front of Church is to be removed and then cleaned, water proofed and the torn fringe removed.

The new lawn tractor has arrived and is already being used.

The contract for the new school roof has been signed. Anticipated start date is the middle of July.

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

No Report – Items were discussed under the President's report.

Board for Elementary Education**(Patrick Steele, Telephone # 677-7673)**Patrick.Steele@wlc.edu**(Principal Tim Gustafson, Telephone # 338-3992)**tgustafson@davidstar.org

A "final draft" of the family handbook was distributed. Pages 1-29 are virtually the same as before with the exception of the mission statement (separate item for the voters) Pages 30 – 38 are new, but do contain many existing policies. The council will review this and the handbook will be presented to the voters at the July voters meeting.

Evangelism Committee**(Paul Steinbrenner, Telephone # 675-0832)**pstein@howardcompany.com

- Beth presented her Greeter Plan: in church survey, greeters instruction sheet, weekly bulletin reminder, monthly news letter reminder, name badges, communication flow.
- Pastor will bring visitor report and new member report to each meeting.
- A lot of discussion occurred on the topic of picture taking of new members and the presentation of the pictures. I felt we had consensus on inserting a color print with a short bio into the quarterly newsletter and putting in the narthex. Paul will investigate this.
- We want to put an annual calendar together for internal assistance in staying a head of the game relative to projects that generally occur annually. Paul will work on this
- We discussed the new member sponsor idea and the relationship to new member visits. A plan needs to be put in place. We will review Diane's current list of individuals for a start. Pastor needs to approve sponsors.
- We discussed the annual Festival of Friendship event and possibly tying it to another/current in the woods event. Needs further discussion as time is an issue.

Spiritual Growth Committee
(Mark Otte, Telephone # 306-3521)
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Next year's sessions of Bible classes are beginning to take shape. Steve Granberg from KML will present a Bible Class on parenting in December. Bruce Becker, chairman of parish services will be leading a class in April. The rest of the spots are being filled by members of our church as well as our own pastors and teachers.

Steps are beginning to seek ways to reach our young adults with spiritual growth opportunities. Look for more information on this in upcoming minutes.

Thank you to all who served as Sunday school teachers and adult Bible class teachers during this past school year. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Stewardship Committee
(Todd Backus, Telephone # 677-4016)
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- Stewardship Committee still looking for a potential replacement. Pastor L. to help with additional names.
- "The Treasure of Every Treasured Soul" – First round of Bible studies almost complete. About 60 names yet still unassigned. Kevin will work on assigning. Anticipate wrap-up of program by end of summer.
- Funding Appeal – Bar chart – No update. Letter issued in connection with Q1 pledge statements to those who are struggling to keep pledge. Communication piece for new member packet in progress and work with Evangelism to incorporate into packet. Discussed sending letter and packet to new members explaining building program with potential visits. One year anniversary letter to be sent to all members followed by fellowship event between services in June (preliminary June 17th set). Rod and Todd to also update congregation after each service during that weekend.
- Stewardship Communication –Planned Giving article and "Where Does Stewardship Start" articles published in monthly newsletter. Next month's stewardship article will be entitled "Is Poor Stewardship Something New?"
- Budget workshop – Adult discipleship to offer in later summer or early fall – potentially at Bethlehem.
- CCFS (Commission on Communication and Financial Support) – Kevin will receive communication going forward.
- Planned Giving – Jody working on fund changes to Planned Giving Program.
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Treasurer's report
(Dan Bolha, Telephone # 675-2672)
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The April 30, 2007 ending balance in our operating fund shows a deficit of \$106,565. This compares to a deficit of \$121,502 as of March 31, 2007 and a deficit of \$91,021 on April 30, 2006. Year to date operating fund receipts are \$253,794 compared to \$256,506 last year and this year's

budget of \$285,920. Our Foundation Built on the Rock funding appeal has received year to date receipts of \$66,644.

Vice President Report
(Jeff Morgan, Telephone # 377-7532)
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The following summer fellowship schedule was handed out, discussed and changes made.

SUNDAY SUMMER FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE -2007

- June 10 - Executive Committee (Randy Matter, Jeff Morgan, Dan Bolha, Jim Siebers)
- June 17 - Stewardship Committee
- June 24 - Board for Building and Grounds
- July 1 - Spiritual Growth committee
- July 8 - Spiritual Growth committee
- July 15 - Board of Elders
- July 22 - Evangelism Committee
- July 29 - Executive Committee
- August 5 - Board of Elders
- August 12 - Evangelism Committee
- August 19 - Mission Festival
- August 26 - Board for Elementary Education

We will be purchasing doughnuts and cookies from the bakery. This will need to be picked up at the store along with 2 or 3 containers of juice (i.e. orange, cranberry, apple) and/or chocolate milk. This will be charged to the Church's established account at the store. Coffee grounds, marked "Sunday Fellowship" will be stored in the freezer in the school kitchen.

Cups and napkins, along with sugar and creamer packets will be stored in a marked container and stored in the kitchen.

Each committee Chairman is responsible for coordinating their respective Sunday with their committee Members. When weather permits, this should be set up in the open grassy area north of the awning in front of church. Any juice can be stored in the school refrigerator for the following week's use.

Free will offerings can be given directly to Dan Bolha or be put in a plain white envelope and placed in the collection plate (PLEASE MARK ACCORDINGLY). The weekly charge slip from Hansen's can be given to Dan or placed in his mailbox at Church.

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

Old Business

Building committee update – Two different plans were presented at the last meeting. A hybrid plan is being prepared upon request for the next meeting (May 16, 2007). The facility study was conducted and it was determined that our buildings are in good shape but that our systems (Heating, electrical and plumbing) need attention.

Background check on workers – Background check policy for David's Star was discussed. Discussion centered over who is responsibility to keep the information secure.

The groups of people that are likely to be subject to background checks under this policy include

Called pastors

Called teachers

Hired Staff including secretaries, janitorial, and bookkeeper

Volunteers

(This item will remain on the Council's agenda at future meetings)

Adoption of handbook – It was decided that it would be best to split the handbook into two separate books. The family handbook would remain intact (up to page 29) and the balance of the book would be split into a “Faculty Handbook”. It was then decided that a policy should be added to the Faculty Handbook on how to acknowledge anniversaries and retirements. The Faculty handbook was then referred to the compensation committee for their review and approval.

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New Business

KML Building program – KML has the “Walking The Path Together” plan. This started out as a debt reduction plan and now has developed into a building plan. Currently KML has \$4 million in debt. The plan would be to build a Chapel auditorium or “Theater” if \$3 million could be raised in cash and commitments. Total debt would then be increased to \$6.3 million. Each delegate has a vote on this matter and the building program was discussed extensively, so that the delegate can vote accordingly.

Song Service – There is an idea to have a song service with an outside minister. This was referred to the worship committee.

Church Picnic – This is the last year that the Board of Education is running the Church Picnic. For 2008 and beyond a new board is being sought to take over the picnic. The parents group and Board of Education is willing to help in the future.

Items for Voters

None

The next scheduled Council meeting will be at **The Church Parish Center** on **Tuesday, June 12, 2007** at **7:00 pm**.

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

Respectively submitted,

James R. Siebers, Recording Secretary

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR April 2007

	Current Month Offerings	Average weekly offerings	Offerings Received thru 4/30/07	Offerings Budgeted thru 4/30/07
Operating	\$79,792	\$15,958	\$236,541	\$268,820
Missions	\$7,503	\$1,501	\$24,277	\$26,770
KML Operating	\$4,166	\$833	\$16,096	\$18,420
KML Building	\$1,064	\$213	\$3,852	\$5,660
“Together Shining Like the Stars...”	\$16,678	\$3,336	\$20,889	\$11,716

The deficit in our Operating Fund is:
\$106,565
The deficit at the end of April 2006 was:
\$91,021
The deficit at the end of April 2005 was:
\$88,210

GREETERS FOR JUNE 2007

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| June 2, 2007 | 5:00 | Ken & Kathy Cull |
| June 3, 2007 | 9:30 | Andrew & Colleen Loeffler |
| June 9, 2007 | 5:00 | Richard & Chris Feldschneider |
| June 10, 2007 | 7:45 | Rick & Nancy Ebeling |
| | 9:30 | Dave & Sue Rosenau |
| June 16, 2007 | 5:00 | Gary & Holly Heckendorf |
| June 17, 2007 | 7:45 | Ray & Linda Liesener |
| | 9:30 | Keith & Kelly Schopp |
| June 23, 2007 | 7:45 | Alex & Sandy Gaeth |
| June 24, 2007 | 9:30 | Dan & Elaine Schubert |
| June 30, 2007 | 5:00 | Cassy Dencker |



KETTLE MORAIN
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2007
GRADUATES



FAMILY BIBLE WEEK

Below is a listing of the graduates who are members of David's Star graduating from KMLHS and where they will be going after leaving high school.

Amber Behm	Concordia; X-ray Technician
David Bellin	Union Tech School; Electrician
Joshua Boeldt	Marquette; Business
Cassandra Dencker	WLC; Communicative Arts
Abigail Hartwig	MLC; STEP History
Heather Henning	Concordia; Occupational Therapy
Emily Herther	ViCiAveda Institute; Cosmetology and Esthiology
Philip Lee	MSOE; Industrial Engineering
Tanya Liesener	MATC; Mequon Campus; Interior Design
Andrew Loescher	WLC; Psychology & Theology
Adam Mathiak	MLC; Pastoral Ministry
Ethan Matter	Marquette; Finance
Kirsten Rehm	UW-WC; Elementary Education
Adam Roskopf	UW-WC; Business
Samuel Seider	UW-Madison; Biology or Biochemistry
Emilie Steinbrenner	WLC; Education
Michael Tews	UW-Whitewater; Journalism

Come and join the crew of "Eagle Express" Flight 40:31 and learn what it is like to fly a real airplane.

FAMILY BIBLE WEEK will be offering four days of Bible stories, crafts, music, food and fun! Each day a new flying lesson will lead us into Bible study.

"Eagle Express" will arrive on July 30th and depart on August 2nd. Meals will be available before flight starting at 5:30 pm and ending around 6:15 pm. Singing and lessons will begin at 6:15 and end at 8:00.

All ages are welcome. Childcare will be provided. Please make "Eagle Express" a part of your summer plans.

Help is needed!! Please call Lynn Gromacki (375-9257) if you can help in the kitchen, as a teacher helper, decorating, or making desserts.

IS POOR STEWARDSHIP SOMETHING NEW?

Do you ever think about the financial problems that a particular Christian church or school may be having and wonder if this is a new problem? Do you ever wonder how David's Star can build a new church when we can't even cover our operating budget? Do you ever wonder why it is sometimes difficult to find volunteers to serve on committees at David's Star? Do you ever wonder if David's Star has had these problems in the past? I think if you study history you will find that perhaps the situation may be slightly different but the concept is not new at all. All we have to do is look back at the Bible and realize that there have always been problems with poor stewardship. Well maybe not always but ever since Adam and Eve's fall into sin.

We can look all the way back into the first few chapters of Genesis to see the difference in attitudes as they relate to stewardship. Cain and Abel were the first two children of Adam and Eve. Abel brought the best portions of his flock to God as an offering but Cain did not. Cain kept the best portions for himself. Abel was giving the first fruits to God; what God wants whereas Cain was more concerned about his own well-being. We also learn later that Cain became envious of Abel and was the first murderer.

If we look at Noah's neighbors, we see a similar stewardship issues. Many of Noah's neighbors at that time were busy eating, drinking, and being merry. They were enjoying God's creation but Christian stewardship was not high on their priorities.

Are things different today? One doesn't have to look very hard to see the same thing today. Why is that? It is because of our sinful nature. Our nature, since the fall into sin is greedy and selfish. Fortunately, God sent his Son to be a sacrifice for this sin and has washed us clean. Trust in that and you are clean.

Only by grasping onto God's Word can we be good stewards. "I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit" (John 15:5). As we study God's Word and remain in Him, we produce good works and become the stewards God intended us to

be. The attitude of a believer and unbeliever are in direct contrast to each other. The believer thinks and acts differently wanting to serve God and the unbeliever looks only to serve oneself. The problem is that even Christians do not always respond as God wishes. Christians still have the old Adam within us and must continually battle the old Adam every day. The old Adam doesn't want us to be good stewards whereas the Christ in our hearts wants to perfectly serve God.

When we continually hear and study God's Word, we allow Christ to live in our hearts. As we allow Christ to live in our hearts, we want to be better stewards and want to serve Him.

Is poor stewardship a new concept or are stewardship problems new at David's Star or anywhere else? I don't think the problems are new at all. Sin has and will be around until the end of time on earth. We will always be able to find unfaithful stewards among both unbelievers and believers because of sin. If you want to be a better steward, pray to God and continually look to His Word and allow Christ to live and grow in your heart.

Stewardship Committee

