

THE GOOD NEWS

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“From Doom to Dawn”

By Pastor Loescher

Almost six months after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the colonist forces were starving and freezing to death. Defending what was left of the northern colonies seemed to be a lost cause. In desperation, George Washington made a tactical gamble. He crossed the Delaware River in the early morning hours of Christmas Day to attack the German mercenaries in New Jersey. He was counting on the Germans to have over celebrated the holiday. He was right. The rest is history. By dawn, the Colonial Army had gone from starving to well-fed and rearmed. They went from doom to the dawn of a new day, an opportunity to secure freedom for their new nation.

Those kinds of national victories that we celebrate this month are small reminders of the greatest doom to dawn victory of world history. All was lost when Jesus was captured, falsely accused, sentenced to death, crucified, and died. But we know the rest of the history. Jesus rose from the tomb on the dawn of Easter Sunday and faith in our risen Savior grew throughout the world to this very day. We live in the dawn of the new day. We have eternal life in Jesus Christ. There is no more doom.

So how are we to respond to the catastrophes of the latest floods and tornados? What are we to think of devastating earthquakes that take seemingly countless lives from this earth? What is our reaction when food and gas prices rise still higher? What if we elect a man to be president who brings our nation into further degradation? What then?

Jesus said, "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near" (Luke 21:29-31). Jesus

tells his disciples not be apprehensive about what is coming on the earth. Just know that the time for the earth to end is coming ever closer. These gloomy signs are divine reminders.

All people were born in the image of sinful Adam, not in the image of God. As magnificent as God's creation appears, this world did not retain its perfect wonder and harmony. The Apostle Paul informed the Roman Christians that this world is groaning as in the pains of childbirth. It is waiting for the day when Jesus will reveal all the children of God and take us to heaven. At that time Jesus will liberate this aching world, tossing and groaning in sin's unbalanced imperfection.

Yes, a liberation far greater than that led by George Washington is yet to come. We stand at the dawn of it. So don't fear as the rest of the world fears. Don't let your heart churn in anguish over what is to come upon the earth. Instead, trust the One who judges justly. That same Lord exercises great patience until the right time to liberate this world and our own souls. When hardships pile up and wars rage, when natural catastrophes overturn lives—perhaps even our own, when our faith increasingly becomes a topic of ridicule and spite, look to the skies. This may be a time of doom. It may seem all is lost, but we are already at the dawn of our new day. By faith we see Jesus who has turned our gloom to dawn.

Give thanks to the Lord for the nation we enjoy. Join with your neighbors in joyful celebration. Above all, entrust the future of our country to the Lord of hosts. Through him we have the pure joy of knowing that our full freedom from the adversaries of sin, death and the devil is still to come.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Junier Ehlke..86 yrs. old...7/9/1922
Carl Schramm..86 yrs. old...7/11/1922
Marcella Schultz..80 yrs. old..7/24/1928

THANK YOU -

I would like to thank everyone for the kind words, cards, and gifts that I received for my 25th teaching anniversary. It has been a pleasure to teach at David's Star for the last seven years because I have had the pleasure of working with wonderful parents and students. I would ask that you keep me in your prayers as I continue my ministry at David's Star. Tim Gustafson

HOT LUNCH DRIVERS NEEDED

If you are interested in driving for our Hot Lunch Program for the next school year, please call Chris Feldschneider, 677-3416. This is a paid position, it takes less than 1 hour and the pay is \$11/day. The food is picked up in Jackson at 10:15 and delivered directly to school. We have openings for Thursdays and Fridays.

GREETERS FOR JULY 2008

Saturday, July 5	5:00	Betty Gumm
Sunday, July 6	7:45	Alex & Sandy Gaeth
	9:30	Bob & Rachel Fuller
Saturday July 12	5:00	(Church Picnic)- Woods
Sunday, July 13	7:45	Ray & Linda Liesener
	9:30	Tim & Charlette Tearney
Saturday, July 19	5:00	Adam & Marie Bublitz
Sunday, July 20	7:45	John & Melanie Giddings
	9:30	Keith & Kelly Schopp
Saturday, July 26	5:00	Nate Czinner & Katie Steinbrenner
Sunday, July 27	7:45	Tim & Nancy Durr
	9:30	Clif & Doris Koeller

BLOOD DRIVE

FYI July 26th marks the day of our next **BLOOD DRIVE** from 8am to 1pm in the blood mobile for our air conditioned comfort! Lorraine McCauley will be taking appointments at 677-0553 in the coming weeks. Please prayerfully consider saying yes when she calls or just surprise her and don't wait to be asked! First time givers are always welcomed and appreciated! Walk-ins are also welcomed. **PLEASE GIVE! IT DOES MORE GOOD THAN YOU KNOW!**

PARISH NURSE NEWS

GERD – Understanding the Basics
(Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease)

What is GERD? Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) can be thought of as chronic symptoms of heartburn. The term refers to the frequent backing up (reflux) of stomach contents (food, acid and/or bile) into the esophagus – the tube that connects the throat to the stomach. GERD also refers to the array of medical complications, some serious, that can arise from reflux.

Though it causes discomfort, occasional heartburn is not harmful. About 20% of adults in the U.S. experience GERD symptoms at least once a week. Some symptoms of GERD may include chronic heartburn, hoarseness, nausea, belching, pain or difficulty swallowing, sore throat, sour taste in mouth, chronic dry cough, bad breath, or chest pain. But if you have symptoms frequently and it is untreated, your stomach's acid may inflame the lining of your esophagus or swallowing tube, potentially narrowing it.

Anyone can develop GERD at any age. You are more likely to develop it as you get older. Nearly one out of every 10 American adults has heartburn daily. Pregnant women are especially prone to GERD.

GERD and Heart Disease GERD can cause a crushing pain in your chest identical to the pain of a heart attack. **IMPORTANT!** Never ignore pain in your chest. Be sure to get all chest pain evaluated **immediately** by a health care professional!

What can You do to Help? Depending on what triggers your symptoms, changes in your diet or lifestyle may be recommended to help alleviate your symptoms.

Changes in Diet

- Eat smaller and more frequent meals
- Avoid fatty foods
- Avoid caffeine-containing beverages (coffee, tea, & sodas)
- Avoid alcohol, spicy foods and chocolate

Changes in Lifestyle

- Stop smoking
- Try to keep your weight down
- Raise the head of the bed with 6-inch blocks
- Avoid wearing tight belts or tight fitting clothing
- Avoid eating for two to three hours before going to sleep

Good communication with your doctor and following his advice and treatment program is important to controlling your GERD and minimizing the risk of more serious complications. If you have any further questions don't hesitate to ask your family physician or ask one of our Parish Nurses.

Source: WebMD Basics

Together in Christ's love, Sue Bolha RN, PN

Pastors' Report

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

Pastor David Rutschow was reelected as President of our SEW District. Pastor Woldt was reelected as Circuit Pastor for the Corridor Circuit of the KML Conference. WELS "Year of Jubilee" Debt-Reduction drive was presented at the District Convention.

President's Report

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

Personal use of David's Star accounts (SYSCO and Piggly Wiggly) – It has come to my attention that our DS accounts are occasionally used by people within the congregation to order personal items. This is not an issue of non-payment. As far as I know, they all pay for what they order. This is an issue of access and convenience. Concerns that I have involve "school or church discounts" that these people might receive that are intended for the church or school, as well as sales tax avoidance by using the church's accounts. After some discussion, it was agreed by council that these transactions are inappropriate. This situation will be monitored, and a clearly-stated note to staff and volunteers will be drafted.

Women's Retreat – Char Kison has asked for some financial help to cover publicity costs for the Women's Retreat. Last year, some services and materials were donated and those donations will not be available this year. Char is asking for ideas; perhaps approaching corporate sponsors, a door collection, other special funds?

Council agreed that the best course of action would be to seek corporate sponsors for this event.

Morning Star Offerings – I communicated with Paul Meschke, President of Morning Star, regarding offerings that we received that are designated for them. We were told that they "would not accept" our donations because our commitment had been fulfilled. Paul was very understanding of our situation after I explained that these were special gifts that we treated like any other designated offering. He will clear this up with their council. I have already instructed Patty to forward the offerings we had received that had been held.

Laymen's Council Retreat – I spoke with Paul Meschke about an idea that was proposed during our 2007 Council Retreat ; that of expanding our retreat concept to include other area congregations. This would expand our individual ministry horizons and we could learn from other congregations as we work together for spreading the Gospel Paul thought this would be a worthwhile pursuit. We are going to contact the other area congregations before the end of June to ask about their interest. We might try to arrange this for the fall sometime.

Council agreed that this would be a beneficial event to pursue, and due to several events already scheduled for fall, we might plan this event for spring of next year.

Technology Committee Restructuring – This is still a pending item. No further action has been taken. First step is to connect with Barry Washburn, Randy Watts, and Tim Gustafson to get their input.

DNR'S NR151 Nutrient Management Plan – The DNR passed an administrative rule that became effective March 10, 2008 requiring schools that fertilize more than 5 acres to have a written nutrient management plan available for inspection by the DNR if requested. This plan must be written by a professional and explain how we handle fertilization of our turf. Penalties for non-compliance can be stiff - \$10 to \$5,000 per day. I contacted Randy Vogel for his input and insight. I am awaiting a reply.

KML Head Delegate – Tim Knight has resigned from being our head delegate to KML. I am looking for names. These lay delegate positions have been very difficult to fill. Thanks goes to Tim for his diligent work in keeping us up to speed. Randy will be looking for names for a replacement. Let him know if you are aware of any potential candidates.

Nominating Committee – Pat Steele has informed me that he needs to resign as chairman of the Board of Elementary Education effective immediately due to professional pressures. I contacted Paul Steinbrenner about a slate of candidates for the July voters meeting. Paul is making contacts.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

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

The school gym roof was completed between the heavy rains.

The gym floor was resealed this week.

All plantings and flowers for the new sign on David's Star Drive were donated by the golf committee.

A new water meter was installed to monitor the output of our well by the DNR. The cost was \$1437.96.

Matt Hartwig installed rip-rap on our south parking lot to prevent washing out of our pitch. The labor was provided by Matt, and the trucking by Greg Dencker. Lannon Stone Products donated the stone.

Arbor Night had a huge turnout with so many to thank – Arborscape, Liesener Soils, Spring Valley, Miller Monument, and so many others from our congregation.

Our new sign was vandalized on David's Star Drive. All of the lighting was smashed and the wires were torn out. They have been replaced.

A new water heater was installed in Pastor Loescher's house.

Tree trimming was done by WE Energies on Western and Church Roads.

Board for Elementary Education

Tim Gustafson, 338-3992, tgustafson@davidstar.org

A report was given by Tim Gustafson, Principal
This past week, the Board for Elementary Education has been meeting with the teaching staff discussing goals.
The faculty will be attending classes and workshops over the summer.
The board will be meeting with Dave Zarling from the Evangelism Committee to discuss using our school as an outreach tool.

Board of Elders

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

The Board of Elders approved and purchased a picture as a token of appreciation for Barry Washburn for his 17 years of service as the Minister of Music for our congregation. We also decided it appropriate to present it to him at the School Picnic on behalf of the Board of Elders and David's Star Congregation. After the presentation, Barry contacted me to express his appreciation for the gift and had a spot picked out in their house where he was going to hang it.
On May 4th, there was an instructional meeting held for the ushers. There were a total of 17 additional members that signed up, primarily father and son combinations.

Evangelism Committee

Dave Zarling, 674-1094, david.zarling@gmail.com

The New Member welcome is scheduled for September 21st between services. Church council members are encouraged to attend.

Stewardship Committee

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

A written report was provided summarizing the June 3, 2008 meeting:
Kevin is working with Evangelism on developing the concept of a budget deficit reduction tree (as discussed at the Council retreat.
Other items from Council retreat – Evangelism – Time and Talent for new members – Todd to work with Dave Zarling, Member visitations – to further develop at future meetings. Pastor to provide listing. Personal networking – those with a common interest (Todd to talk to Dave Zarling.)
Heart N Focus Financial Course – Spiritual Growth has provided us with some dates. Todd to talk to potential teachers of course to firm up the date.
Sunday fellowship – Stewardship group is on for 7/13/08. Kevin, Terry, Jody (Piggly Wiggly) and Todd (coffee) will host.
Time and talent update – Pastor to provide format, and coordinate copies for leaders.
Stewardship Communication – Todd will work on next stewardship newsletter. Todd to provide copies of articles to Connie for website.
Envelope promotion – Next special envelope is 6/22/08 for WLCFS. Terry to create bulletin piece for 6/15/08.

Planned giving – Jody Hansen to look into having KML Endowment on listing for 2009 for undesignated gifts.
Next meeting – July 1st at 7:30PM. (note time change)
In addition, Pastor Loescher distributed time and talent booklets to the Council members.

Spiritual Growth Committee

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

Family Bible Week is going to occur from Sunday July 27 – Thursday July 31.
Sunday will be in the church woods beginning at 6:30, and finishing around 8. Activities include a bonfire, song singing, and treats.
Monday through Wednesday will be in school. The evenings will start with a meal being served from 5:15-6:15, followed by songs, devotion, lessons, and crafts finishing around 8.
Thursday will start with the meal from 5:15 to 6:15, followed by some music practice and then we will join the Thursday night worship that night as the capstone for the week.

Building Committee Update

Randy Vogel, 677-4745

Pastor Woldt reported that the Construction Committee is looking at options to pare down the total program if our fundraising efforts fall short.

Fundraising Committee Update (Gary Heckendorf)

Randy Matter reported that they are in the process of organizing a core committee. In addition to the present members of the fundraising committee, Darvin Behm and Diane Grueneberg have agreed so serve on this core committee, and others are being contacted.

Treasurer's report

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

The May 31, 2008 ending balance in our operating fund shows a deficit of \$151,985. This compares to a deficit of \$138,602 as of April 30, 2008 and a deficit of \$120,377 on May 31, 2007. Year to date operating fund receipts are \$330,844 compared to \$311,297 last year and this year's budget of \$355,390. Our Foundation Build on the Rock funding appeal has received year to date revenues of \$131,966.

Vice President Report

(Jeff Morgan, Telephone # 377-7532)

Jeff reported to Randy Matter that he is in the process of organizing the Mission Festival with Char Kison. The church picnic is also being organized by Char. Many volunteers have been recruited. There will be activities for all ages.

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

2. Old Business

2.1. The status of the church directory – Lindsey Schultz had been working on completing the directory, and should be completed by the end of the month and submitted to the publishers.

3. New Business

3.1 Gym roof – The council approved an additional expenditure in the amount of \$1,788 for the gym roof project. The budgeted amount is \$28,000, and the total cost of the project is \$29,788.

3.2 Church woods buildings siding – The council approved an additional expenditure in the amount of \$1,446 to provide siding for the church woods buildings. The budgeted amount was \$4,000, and the total cost of the project is \$5,446.

3.3 Asphalt patching - The council approved an additional cost of \$1,295 to be taken from our Building & Improvement Fund to seal and fill cracks in the Pastors' drives. The council also approved the expenditure of \$850 to be taken from the golf committee fund for the playground asphalt.

4. Items for Voters (for the April 10 voters meeting)

1. Election of School Board Chairman.
2. Road Repaving Project.

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, July 10, 2008 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.

FAMILY BIBLE WEEK

SUNDAY, JULY 27TH - THURSDAY, JULY 31ST

Everyone is invited to join us as we tour the Bible Discovery Museum. Each day will take us on a new tour where we will learn about God's love. "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Romans 15:4 (NIV)

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, contact Emilie Steinbrenner at (262) 675-0832.

Here is our tour schedule.

Sunday, July 27th - 6:30-8:00pm - Bonfire in church woods with devotions, singing and campfire treats.

Monday, July 28th - Wednesday, July 30th - 5:15-8:00pm - Meal, devotions, Bible lessons, craft projects and singing.

Thursday, July 31st - 5:15-8:00pm - Meal and church service

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2008

	Current Month Offerings	Average weekly offerings	Offerings Received thru 5/31/08	Offerings Budgeted thru 5/31/08
Operating	\$57,526	\$14,381	\$308,883	\$325,882
Missions	\$ 7,067	\$ 1,767	\$32,995	\$ 34,763
KML Operating	\$ 6,173	\$ 1,543	\$22,574	\$ 22,872
KML Building	\$ 2,974	\$ 744	\$ 6,796	\$ 6,250

The deficit in our Operating Fund is:
\$151,985
The deficit at the end of May 2007 was:
\$120,377
The deficit at the end of May 2006 was:
\$89,790

PHASE TWO TO BEGIN

The second phase of the "Our Foundation Built on the Rock" fundraising campaign is being organized. Gary Heckendorf, Dave Nunez, Terry Brazell, Diane Grueneberg and Darvin Behm have consented to serve on the core leadership team for this effort. John Clark from The James Company is serving as our consultant.

Our advanced leadership team is making plans to visit "stewardship leaders" within our congregation. For the purposes of this campaign we are defining "stewardship leaders" as those who have demonstrated strong support for the mission and ministry of David's Star in the past. The three-fold purpose of these visits with stewardship leaders is to inform, inspire and invite support of our building and renovation plans here at David's Star.

If you would like to be visited as a stewardship leader, please contact a member of the core leadership team (listed above), or one of the pastors.

To be successful this program will require the help of many David's Star members. Please prayerfully consider offering your time and talents when you are asked to help. More importantly, pray for God's blessing and guidance. God-willing, a successful campaign will allow us to improve our campus and give us new tools to share the good news of Jesus with the growing community around us.

WELS NEWS FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The week of June 9, all twelve districts of the synod held their biennial district conventions. These meetings took place in Seattle in the Pacific Northwest District, in Tampa in the South Atlantic – and all districts between. District conventions serve several important purposes. The delegates from congregations throughout the synod meet to hear reports on progress that has been made since the last meeting of the synod convention in July 2007. Included in these reports are updates on finances, descriptions of new ministry efforts, and reports on efforts made to carry out the directives of the last convention. The Year of Jubilee debt retirement offering was discussed at all district conventions. The support for this effort to retire the synod's capital debt seems to be widespread and enthusiastic.

Two new district presidents were elected at WELS district conventions June 9-13 to replace outgoing presidents who were not seeking reelection. Rev. Charles Degner of St. Peter, MN was elected president of the Minnesota District. In Mesa, AZ, delegates to the Arizona-California district convention elected Rev. Jon Buchholz as the district's new president to replace Rev. Paul Janke who asked not to be nominated for reelection after serving in the position for 10 years.

While many WELS congregations are reporting that their members are safe following the series of severe storms that produced flooding and tornadoes throughout the Midwest June 7-15, many members' homes have been damaged. Report of worship facilities sustaining significant damage are limited. Among the congregations affected are Divine Peace, Milwaukee, and Zion, Elroy, WI. During Zion's worship service on June 8, the Baraboo River began to overflow and filled the church basement with five feet of water. Divine Peace had ten inches of contaminated water bubble into its basement, causing an estimated \$35,000-\$40,000 of damage. The Synod Administration Building experienced flooding in its basement June 7-8. Staff at Luther Preparatory School, in Watertown, spent several days drying out the library and classrooms after water seeped in through the walls. In Parkersburg, Iowa, a tornado destroyed the homes of five members of Faith, and ELS congregation. In southeast Iowa, four families from Good Shepherd, Cedar Rapids, are among the 30,000 residents who were evacuated from the city last week. If you would like to support relief efforts, donations can be sent to WELS Relief, 2929 N. Mayfair Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53222.

LIKE A FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

One of the great songs from the Broadway musical **Fiddler on the Roof** was titled "*Tradition*". Here Tevye described the many religious traditions that held the tiny village of Anatevka together. In a way that sounds something like the country church in Kirchhayn, Wisconsin. David's Star also boasts a history of religious traditions that tie our small community together. After all, how many churches still celebrate two mission festivals, and two Thanksgiving holidays, not to mention services offered in German? There is a tradition that has also been here for some time. It's our church choir. How many choir songs do you think have been sung here in our long history of worship services? If you thumb through the five bursting file cabinets of church music in our Parish Center, you will find music dating all the way back to 1912. Much of the music isn't even in English.

But the idea of a church choir dates back much farther than our relatively few decades here at David's Star. Did you know that there was a huge choir assembled for the dedication of Solomon's Temple? Imagine what it sounded like when they marched the Ark of the Covenant into the sanctuary: "All the Levites who were musicians stood on the east side of the altar, dressed in fine linen and playing cymbals, harps, and lyres. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets. The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: 'He is good; his love endures forever.'"

What a sight! What a sound! Our choir tradition goes back many years, and it will continue this September as the David's Star church choir begins its rehearsals for the next church year. Won't you consider becoming a part of the tradition? Practice times have been scaled back to only once every TWO weeks. The music is easy yet beautiful. The inner joy and fulfillment can't be described. Consider it! Pray about it! Then join us as we continue the tradition.

Did you know that the exiled Israelites who returned to Jerusalem included 200 men and women singers? I wonder if we could fit that many in the balcony?

If you're interested in joining or have questions, please contact me at (262)251-7141 (home), (262)783-5200 (work), or at info@kremerpublications.com

Ren Kremer, Director



9th ANNUAL THUNDERBOLT OPEN

THUNDERBOLT OPEN REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE SEND ONE CHECK PER FOURSOME OR FOR AS MANY GOLFERS AS YOU ARE REGISTERING. FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FOR IT TO BE RECORDED. *Please add all email addresses so that I can forward this info. to you every year.*

1ST GOLFER'S
NAME _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PHONE #

2ND GOLFER'S NAME

E-MAIL ADDRESS

3RD GOLFER'S NAME

E-MAIL ADDRESS

4TH GOLFER'S NAME

E-MAIL ADDRESS

COMPLETE GOLF/CART/DINNER PACKAGE IS \$70 PER PERSON

GOLF ONLY IS NOT AN OPTION

DINNER ONLY IS \$15.00 PER PERSON.

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING ONLY THE DINNER:

SEND YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO **DAVID'S STAR** AND SEND IT TO:

GLENN RUSCH
1157 SPRING VALLEY ROAD
JACKSON, WI 53037

DATE: Saturday, September 6, 2008
Time: 12:00 PM Registration
1:00 PM Shotgun Tee off-Scramble Format
DINNER (6:00-7:00 AT WEST BEND LAKES)
FREE SODA AND BEER AFTER GOLF
PRIZES AND SILENT AUCTION TO FOLLOW

MONEY RAISED FROM THIS OUTING WILL GO TOWARDS ITEMS THAT ARE NOT BUDGETED AT DAVID'S STAR LUTH. SCHOOL!

PLACE: WEST BEND LAKES / HWY. 33 IN WEST BEND

COST: GOLF/CART/DINNER PACKAGE.....\$70.00
DINNER ONLY.....\$15.00

ALL GOLFERS MUST BE 16 YEARS OLD OR OLDER. GOLF CART RENTAL IS MANDATORY. IN CASE OF RAIN, RAIN CHECKS WILL BE GIVEN FOR GOLF ONLY. DINNER WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: ON A FIRST COME BASIS! LIMITED TO THE FIRST 144 PAID GOLFERS!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A DOOR PRIZE, PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

JODY HANSEN	387-1154	GLENN RUSCH	377-3067
TERRY KOTH	677-4247	TODD JAHNS	677-0366
KURT LIESENER	677-4360	KURT HENNING	677-2797
SHANNON LEITZKE	677-2944		

Giving a Cup of Cold Water

During Jesus' last three years on earth, He spent much time nourishing and teaching His disciples. Only when they were prepared to go out into the world to preach and teach, did he send them. Leaving without provisions, the disciples were totally dependent upon those whom the Lord would send them for their support. The disciples relied upon the power of the Gospel to move the hearts of their listeners who would willingly provide for their needs. They were to travel light and trust in the Lord.

In Matthew 6:40-42 Jesus, referring to His disciples, said, "*He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the One who sent Me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.*" Jesus told His disciples that whoever gives to you is also giving to Him. Although support today doesn't fund the work of the 12 original disciples, we assist the spreading of the Gospel by supporting today's disciples and missionaries around the world. As we provide for church workers locally and abroad in the name of Jesus, we are serving the Lord Himself.

As we express our Christian faith through our giving and serving, God is pleased. God notices every act of compassion and kindness that we express. In the verse above, He refers to even the simple gesture of giving a cup of cold water to a thirsty person. Through our faith, we are empowered to do acts of service. When we act in response to the Lord and not for recognition, God will bless us. Having already been assured of salvation by God's grace through faith, blessings such as peace, contentment, patience, and hope are added rewards.

Only a small number of people make their living as full-time church workers, but we all are given the privilege and opportunity to be Christ's ambassadors. May God bless us all as we work to further His kingdom.

The Stewardship Committee

David's Star Church Picnic **Gemütlichkeit on the Hill**

Saturday, July 12, 2008

Noon - 5pm

Our day will conclude with a church service
in the woods at 5:00 pm

RAIN OR SHINE

Food & Beverage Stand (Noon - 4:30)

Pork sandwich, hot dogs, David's Star potato salad, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, watermelon wedges, snacks & dessert. Lemonade, soda, bottled water, coffee & ice cream.

CAKE/PIE WALK 1:00 PM

(Nominal fee)

TALENT SHOW 2:00 PM

A variety of performers and Karaoke
Share you talent with us!

ULTIMATE FRISBEE GAMES 1:00 PM

Soccer Field - Frisbees provided

TUG OF WAR TOURNAMENT 3:00 PM

Soccer Field

WATER BALLOON LAUNCH 3:30 PM

Soccer Field - Sure to be a super hit!

INDIVIDUAL GAMES (NOON - 4:45PM)

Ring Toss, HoopLa, Fish Pond & others.
Craft table (bookmarks, bracelets, etc.)
(Nominal fee per try)

GROUP GAMES FOR PRE-SCHOOL - 6TH GRADE

1:30-2:00 and 2:30-3:00PM

Three-legged Race, Clothes Relay, Schramm's Merry-Go-Round, Blanket Volleyball & others.

SILENT AUCTION

1:30 - 4:00PM

Donations are needed - new or gently used
Any items left over will be taken to Goodwill
(We will use their guidelines for accepting items)

Please bring your own lawn chairs!!!!

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Rod or Char Kison at (262) 677-2389.