

As I sit here writing this article, I find myself thinking about the future. I'm not thinking about the far, distant future, but about the days and weeks which will make up the month known as August, 2007. So many questions about the future will be answered during the course of this month. At the beginning of this month, delegates at the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod convention will elect a new synod president. The Rev. Karl Gurgel is not allowing his name to be considered for reelection. I wonder who the new WELS president will be, and what gifts the Lord has given this leader to carry out the tasks he will be asked to do.

The synod in convention will also have to wrestle with budgetary issues. I wonder whether it will be necessary to withdraw synodical support from Michigan Lutheran Seminary, effectively closing this high school as a preparatory school in our WELS ministerial education system. I have a personal interest in this school. I attended MLS for my junior and senior high school years. While there, I decided to study for the pastoral ministry, thanks in large part to the encouragement of faculty members, as well as classmates who were also preparing for public ministry. I wonder how many other cuts in ministry programs may be necessary for WELS to maintain a balanced budget. Or will WELS members at congregations like ours begin to increase their mission offerings, making many painful cuts unnecessary? We can prepare and plan, but only the Lord knows the future.

I am also thinking about the future on a more local level. I wonder how the congregation will respond to the work of the building committee when it is presented for discussion in September.

Will there be general excitement over the prospect of new spaces for gospel ministry here at David's Star? Will the proposed plans be viewed as the best way for our congregation to proceed at this time in our history? So many questions related to gospel ministry will be

answered in the near future. For now, I am left to wonder.

However, as I consider the future, there is one absolute certainty. The Lord is still watching over his Church. (By "Church" I don't mean only David's Star or the WELS, but all believers everywhere!) The Lord will continue to bless his Church, no matter who the new WELS president is. The Lord will continue to bless his Church whether or not MLS stays open as a preparatory school for ministerial education. The Lord will continue to bless his Church whether or not the building plans for David's Star are received with enthusiasm and unanimous support.

Yes, the Lord will always bless his Church. However, that truth doesn't leave us any room for apathy. We are not fans in the stands watching the action unfold. Nor are we "Monday morning quarterbacks" whose job it is to second-guess every decision made by the synod or congregation. We are the believers! We are the Church! We are all part of the action. God wants his Church to be blessed through us! As members of the body of Christ, we all have an important role to play in the future of God's Church, and of our synod and congregation.

In the face of an uncertain future, we have the privilege of approaching our Lord in prayer. When the name of the new WELS president is announced, pray for that man! Continue to pray for ministerial education at all levels, so that faithful teachers and pastors may continue to fill WELS classrooms and pulpits. Pray for our congregation and its members, so that we can fulfill the specific ministry role God has given David's Star, using whatever resources God provides through his people.

The future is always bright for the people of God, because our future is ultimately with the Lord, in heaven. Until the Lord calls us to our final home, let's continue to work together so that others, too, might share the same bright future we have in the Lord!

PARISH NURSE NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Walter Behling..8/3/1921..86 yrs. old
Esther Moldenhauer..8/5/1919..88 yrs. old
Anita Eulert..8/9/1919..88 yrs. old

GREETERS FOR AUGUST 2007

August 4, 2007 5:00 Wayne Bublitz
August 5, 2007 7:45 Myron & Delores Philipps
9:30 Bruk & Ann Thompson

August 11, 2007 5:00 Joel & Carrie Hinz
August 12, 2007 7:45 Mark & Jen Otte
9:30 Glenn & Ann Rusch

August 18, 2007 5:00 Marie, Katie & Emilie
Steinbrenner
August 19, 2007 7:45 Sue Daley & Diane Hafemeister
9:30 Mel & Eunice Heckendorf

August 25, 2007 5:00 Patrick & Lynet Steele
August 26, 2007 7:45 Reuben & Leola Herther
9:30 Charles & Sue Rusch

THE WEDNESDAY WOMEN IN GOD'S WORD GROUP

We will begin it's fall session with a movie, Bad Girls From the Bible and What We Can Learn From Them, by Liz Curtis Higgs. "Meet Bad-to -the-Bone Jezebel and Bad-for-a-Moment Lot's wife." "Learn lessons from Sapphira, Michal and Potiphar's wife on what not to do, while the sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus sheds timeless tears that still touch hearts today." **This Bible Study meets 7:00 - 8:30 pm, in our school IMC area. Our dates for fall are September 5 and 19, October 3 and 17, and November 7.** Each night we will focus on the story and message from God about the life of one of the women from the movie. Please join us on this journey of faith and fellowship.

The Blood Center of Wisconsin and the hospital patients they serve would like to thank us for sponsoring a blood drive on July 14th here at David's Star. They are very aware of the time and effort involved in hosting a blood drive. Through our efforts 28 people registered to donate blood and 24 units were collected! That is a lower number of deferrals than usual! Nice work!

Alice, our representative from the blood bank, thought we might like to see a breakdown of the types of blood we donated this last blood drive.

7 units of O+ (normally 38% of the population) 29%
11 units of A+ (normally 34% of the population) 46%
2 units of A- (normally 6% of the population) 8%
2 units of B+ (normally 9% of the population) 8%
0 units of B- (normally 2% of the population) 0%
1 unit of AB+ (normally 3% of the population) 4%
1 unit of AB- (normally 1% of the population) 4%

GREAT JOB!!!! Thanks to those who couldn't donate on July 14th and so made an appointment at the Blood Bank to donate another day! Mark November 10th on your calendar for our next blood drive and an opportunity to donate right here at David's Star. I find that giving blood is a nice way to utilize one of my God given resources for the benefit of our community.

Blessings of a healthy body mind and spirit,
Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

Clearly Caring Spotlight

The July/August issue of Clearly Caring, the official publication of Christian Life Resources, focuses on the issue of stem cell research. Pastor Bob Fleischmann, the National Director, writes this about the subject:

"Stem cell research has caught the public eye and imagination. Advocacy of stem cell research has been bolstered by the outspoken interest of such luminaries as Nancy Reagan, Michael J. Fox, and Christopher Reeve. Sadly, many people often fail to understand the different types of stem cell research being done and the difference between "promises" and "progress." In this issue of *Clearly Caring* we want to approach the issue from a spiritual perspective, carefully articulating the genuine progress, the elusive promises, and theoretical potential for stem cells to help people."

I will leave multiple issues of *Clearly Caring* in a clear plastic stand in our church narthex for you to take home and read about *Stem Cell Research: Hope or Hype*.

Pastor's Report
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(Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 377-1019)
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Pastor Loescher completed his week at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and will take vacation in July. Pastor Woldt will take some vacation in August. Please keep the WELS in your prayers as the synod meets in convention at the end of this month. Your pastors had the privilege of speaking with a couple celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They wondered where they might give a special gift to help in the Christian training of future church lay leaders and/or pastors. What a blessing that conversation was! May the Holy Spirit move all of us to ask how we might use our time, talents, and money in the service of the Gospel.

President's Report
(Randy Matter, Telephone # 376-1585)
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We continue to look for secretarial help in the office. We may need to go outside of our own congregation for this, but would prefer this person to be a member of our congregation.

Buildings & Grounds
(Kurt Henning, Telephone # 677-2797)
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School roof replacement has begun. Work on the sign at the entrance on Western continues. The stone will be delivered in the next two weeks.

Board of Elders
(Dennis Bell, Telephone # 677-2248)
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We moved at our last meeting to spend \$215 to purchase onelicense.net, which will provide the congregation with blanket licensing approval to insure copying of certain documents are not infringing on copyrights. The company that services one of our copiers (Riso) will no longer work with the copier. Solutions are being sought.

Board for Elementary Education
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(Principal Tim Gustafson, Telephone # 338-3992)
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Website training will occur next week with teachers and secretaries to make better use of our school website.

Various teachers are furthering their education this summer.

Mr. Gustafson has completed his Wisconsin State Certification. He is the third teacher to become state certified.

A part-time person has been found to give release time for our principal. She is Stephanie Cares and is the wife of a seminary student. Mrs. Cares will also serve as a part-time instructor at KML.

It appears that enrollment will rise slightly next year.

Evangelism Committee
(Paul Steinbrenner, Telephone # 675-0832)
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David's Star will help again this year at the WELS fair booth for the Washington County Fair. Volunteers will be sought to help with this activity.

Worship in the woods will occur on July 22 second service. Light refreshments will be served. The congregation will be encouraged to invite their friends and neighbors. The school and church will be open for tours.

New member pictures and bios will be included in future newsletters.

Spiritual Growth Committee
(Mark Otte, Telephone # 306-3521)
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Preparations continue for Family Bible Week (July 30-August 2). The teaching slots and helper slots are pretty much filled.

A group of young adults has begun meeting and brainstorming ideas to keep this age group connected with the Word. Kristina Loesher, Aaron Matter, and Joey Morgan are the initial leaders of this group. If others young adults are interested in joining in the discussion contact Mark Otte (motte@kmlhs.org) for our next meeting date.

Stewardship Committee
(Todd Backus, Telephone # 677-4016)
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Continue to look for a replacement for Shannon Leitzke.

The at-home Bible studies "The Treasure of Every Treasure Soul" will be completed by the end of August.

A bar chart will be displayed in the narthex to show the progress of the funding appeal for the new construction.

A stewardship section on the David's Star website is in the works.

Ways of promoting stewardship and addressing the budget deficit were discussed.

Treasurer's report
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The June 30, 2007 ending balance in our operating fund shows a deficit of \$135,769. This compares to a deficit of \$120,377 as of April 30, 2007 and a deficit of \$89,790 on the same date last year. Year to date operating fund receipts are \$ 370, 734 compared to \$381, 845 last year and this year's budget of \$415,125.

Vice President Report
(Jeff Morgan, Telephone # 377-7532)
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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

Building Committee- Work continues with the architect in connection with budgetary numbers, phasing, and design. Early this fall a presentation will be made to the congregation demonstrating the proposed next step.

The *Background Check Policy* will be passed on the voter's for ratification.

The Faculty/staff policy handbook will be discussed in the August meeting.

Work continues on creating a congregational directory.

New Business

The golf committee is looking for school projects to fund with the proceeds from this year's golf outing.

Items for Voters

Planned Giving Changes
Background Check Policy

The next scheduled meeting will be at the parish center on **Tuesday August 14, 2007 at 7:00 PM.** A motion was made and carried to adjourn. The meeting was closed with the blessing.

Respectively submitted,
Mark Otte, Acting Recording Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR June 2007

	Current Month Offerings	Average weekly offerings	Offerings Received thru 6/30/07	Offerings Budgeted thru 6/30/07
Operating	\$54,871	\$13,718	\$344,068	\$389,975
Missions	\$5,753	\$1,438	\$36,460	\$41,390
KML Operating	\$3,963	\$991	\$23,238	\$27,110
KML Building	\$1,631	\$408	\$6,167	\$8,490
“Together Shining Like the Stars...”	\$1,687	\$422	\$23,836	\$17,574

The deficit in our Operating Fund is:
\$135,769

The deficit at the end of June 2006 was:
\$105,650

The deficit at the end of June 2005 was:
\$107,073

What Can I Do?

Never let it be said that we are members of a synod but we're not walking with them. David's Star is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We along with all the other congregations and all called workers are the synod. We are responsible for training called workers so our people can continue to be well fed with the gospel. We are responsible to continue to reach out to the world with the gospel. We are part of a group of believers that encourages one another, most notably through the Parish Services of our synod. We walk together.

As we become more aware of the financial crisis our synod ministry is in, people are asking, "What can we do?" One couple, in thanks to God for a milestone wedding anniversary in their lives, allocated \$10,000 of what God has entrusted to them to help seminary students struggling with heavy school debts (These debts are incurred largely because of synod budget cuts driving up tuition at our worker training schools). God hasn't entrusted all of us with the funds to make it possible for us to do something like that, but all of

us can do something. Simply consider adding more to the *Synod Mission* line on your offering envelope. Perhaps you can do so without subtracting from the amount on any of the other lines. We walk together.

WELS NEWS UPDATE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The WELS 59th annual biennial convention is being held July 30 to August 3 in New Ulm, MN. The Synodical Council – the synod's governing board responsible for WELS' ministry plan – has made three recommendations in determining how to balance the synodical budget in the midst of limited growth of financial support. The three recommendations are:

- * Maintain a three-tier ministerial education system through a 1+1+1 structure (1 seminary, 1 college, and 1 synod-subsidized prep school). To accomplish this and support the system, the Synodical Council recommended that Michigan Lutheran Seminary be closed at the end of the 2007-08 school year.

- * Sell the MLS school property for one dollar to any WELS members, group, or affiliate who will use the school for synod purposes.

- * Use a \$2.5 million annual gift from an anonymous donor for the next five years to offset reductions to Missions and Parish Services for fiscal year 2007-08, and in fiscal year 2008-09 to apply about half of it to partially offset these same reductions and the other half toward debt reduction.

Delegates to the synod convention will also be voting on a proposal that the administrators for various areas of ministry (Ministerial Education, Parish Services, and Home and World Missions) be called by the Synodical Council and be accountable to the synod president acting for the Synodical Council. Under the current structure, the administrators are called by their boards, who are elected by the synod convention

All synod convention coverage and resources are available at www.wels.net/convention.

WELS congregation mission offerings for the six months ending June 30, 2007 total \$8,880,447. That compares to last year's six month total of \$9,056,107, and a budgeted six-month total of \$8,961,447.

Our Bodies and Lives - A Gift From God

Our bodies and lives are a gift from God. How could we despise God's love? In the joy of forgiveness, we can be good stewards by using our bodies and lives as God intended.

The image of God was lost to the human race through sin. But we know that Jesus has regained God's holy image for us through his payment for our sin and the death of our sinful image. Knowing that we are in God's image and by faith share his holy characteristics provides a solid basis for self-worth. Human worth is not based on possessions, achievements, physical attractiveness, or public acclaim. Instead it is based on being reborn in God's image. You are part of God's creation, and he is pleased with how he made you. If at times you feel worthless or of little value, remember that God made you for a good reason and redeemed you through his only Son. You are valuable to him. God planned your conception as well as your salvation. He placed you into this world at the proper time in history according to his plan. With God's great gift of his restored image, we have all the reason we need to live to be the kind of stewards Adam and Eve were before the fall.

God told us to "rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground". When God delegated some of his authority to the human race, he expected us to take responsibility for the environment and the other creatures that share our planet. In Christ, we have every reason to not be careless and wasteful as we fulfill this charge.

God also wants us to care for our own bodies. Luther wrote in the explanation to the First Article that God "gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities." Think of your talents and abilities. Many we take for granted. All of these talents and abilities are gifts from God. Caring for our bodies is part of Christian stewardship. When we misuse our bodies, we desecrate the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 6:19). What did Paul mean when he said that our bodies belong to God?

Many people say that they have the right to do whatever they want with their own bodies. Although they think this is freedom, they are really enslaved to their own desires. When we become Christians, the Holy Spirit fills and lives in us. Therefore we no longer own our bodies. Christ's death freed us from sin, and also freed us from our sinful attitudes so we may live free to serve him.

Finally, God wants us to care for others. This caring for others starts at home by caring for the physical needs of our children and others in our families. "If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever" (1 Timothy 5:8). Christian parents are good stewards when they feed, clothe, and provide medical treatment for their children. Caring for others goes beyond our immediate family. The parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 is a good example. At the end of the parable, Jesus says "Go and do likewise". See everyone as your neighbor. By caring for them, we glorify God who made us so wonderfully and redeemed us so mercifully.

It is important to understand that human beings were created to carry out God's plan. As we look back to God's Word and the account of creation, it is clear that human beings were a special unique creation for God. Prior to God creating Adam and Eve, God created everything else. God spoke the words "Let there be" and he created light, the sky, the seasons, animals, and all other things from nothing. But the way he created man, compared to everything else, was different. "Then God said, Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground" (Genesis 1:26). During the short time before the fall into sin, Adam and Eve loved God perfectly. They were perfect stewards of the bodies and life God gave to them.

Stewardship Committee



Each man should give what he had decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

As a Christian, your will is a testimony of your faith and a final instrument of your stewardship. It serves to protect the future of the people and the work you care about, allowing your love and concern for them to continue long after you are gone.

Whether you are married or single, whether you have a small or large estate, everyone needs a will. Without one, your assets are distributed by probate court and will not reflect your wishes for:

Faith – Provision for God’s work through your church and synod,

Family – Planning for your spouse and children, including financial support for their future security.

Stewardship – Preparing your will today allows you to leave greater assets for the Lord’s work and for your loved ones by taking advantage of estate laws which can provide significant tax savings.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

Life is full of changes.

Even plans carefully made today may need to be altered due to changes in your life or the lives of those you care for. Marriage, the birth of a child or grandchild, or the death of a family member may cause you to revise your original plan.

New state and federal laws or changes in your financial situation may also necessitate revisions to your will.

Keeping your will up-to-date is an important part of accomplishing your stewardship goals. Every several years, you should review your will, reevaluating the plans you have made for faith and family.

No matter the reason for revisions, never attempt to change your will from its original form yourself. Changes should always be prepared by a properly drawn codicil or by drafting a new will with your attorney.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father. James 1:17

God gives us his richest blessings. A strong faith, good health, a loving family, true friends – all enrich and fulfill our lives.

Because he provides so much for us, God asks that our stewardship goals also provide for others. Preparing your will as a reflection of your faith allows you to accomplish a great deal toward those goals by including your congregation and synod in your plans.

We hope and pray that you will share the “good things” God has given to you with others through your will.

Your WELS Gift Planning Counselor can guide you through any of these issues. He’s there for you as your Christian friend – helping you with your estate plans with confidence and confidentiality. You can reach Neil Scriver at 262-995-5731 or neil.scriver@sab.wels.net

Planned Giving Committee

David's Star Quarterly Voters Meeting

Email - church@davidstar.org

July 12, 2007

8:00 PM

The meeting was opened with devotion. Congregational Meeting Chairman, Rod Kison, called the meeting to order. 28 voting members attended. The minutes of the Annual Voters Meeting on April 12, 2007 were distributed at the door, via the newsletter and are posted on the website. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes. A motion was made and carried to accept the agenda.

Membership Report: Pastor Woldt

Incoming: None

(3 or 4 individuals / families are attending now, paper work has not come through yet)

Outgoing: Butz, Kiernan (Harry)
Released from membership
Groehler, Sherri
Released from membership
Kremer, Abigail
Transfer to Peace, Hartford, WI
Mathias, Karissa; Collin, Ethen
Transfer to Redeemer, Cedarburg, WI

Signing of the Constitution by New Voting Members

No new members signed the constitution.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Woldt & Loescher

Pastor Loescher has recently completed a class at the Seminary and will be on vacation next week. Pastor Woldt has vacation days planned for August. Pastors are working on "Planning for Ministry".

Please remember to pray for the Synod. The 59th biennial convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) will be held July 30-Aug. 3, 2007, at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn. Delegates will also be asked to review the Synodical Council's proposed two-year budget, consider the synod restructuring proposal, and vote on resolutions. There is a proposal to defund Michigan Lutheran Seminary and a new Synod President will be elected as WELS President Karl Gurgel has announced he will decline nomination for reelection.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Bolha

The June 30, 2007 ending financial information is shown in the chart below:

	Actual	Budget	% Diff.	Prior YTD	% Diff.
Rec.	\$370,734	\$415,125	-10.7%	\$381,844	-2.9%
Exp.	\$438,335	\$453,453	-3.3%	\$416,948	5.1%
Deficit	\$135,769	\$106,497	27.49%	105,650	28.5%

Our Foundation Built on the Rock funding appeal has received year to date receipts of \$99,829.

President's Report: Randy Matter

Secretarial Help—So far, we have not found anyone within the congregation that wants to fill the secretarial position. Next step is to contact the area congregations to see if there is someone that could fill the position.

David's Star Connection—The Council is going to be making regular presentations to the congregation about our ministry. You may hear this effort referred to as our "David's Star Connection". Our various ministries will make 5-minute presentations after worship services on the second Sunday of each month to help the congregation better understand our work. The presentations will be done on a rotating basis.

Church Directory—Jeff Morgan and Jim Siebers are organizing a new church pictorial directory. The last one was done in 2001. Several members have already volunteered to help. This might include more digital pictures which we could use in many different ways. They are contacting companies. No timetable has been set yet. For anyone that is interested in helping, your time would be appreciated.

Church Picnic—The Council decided that the Board of Elementary Education should not be the only group responsible for organizing our annual church picnic. The parent's group and others have volunteered to help organize it starting next year but we will need to form a leadership group from the general membership. A poll taken of the congregation by the Board of Ed showed general indifference to moving it from graduation Sunday. Given that, it appears our options are wide open. Anyone willing to help establish a grass roots David's Star church picnic can contact me or the pastors.

Summer Fellowship—Thanks goes to Jeff Morgan for organizing our boards and committees to serve Sunday morning fellowship. Many people take advantage of this opportunity. It is a wonderful blessing to share our friendship with our fellow members.

Women's Retreat—Several of our active ladies of the congregation are organizing a women's retreat. It will be held in early November this year. They intend to invite the entire community to participate. This is another example of how members with a ministry focus can make Christ's name known in our community. I am sure God will bless this effort and thank you to the

organizers for doing this. Our Evangelism Committee will help publicize this event. Perhaps you have thought of a similar activity or event. Please know that the Council supports your individual ministry efforts as much as our collective efforts.

Board of Elementary Education: Tim Gustafson

- The staff is currently taking classes and workshops, money was budgeted for their attendance. One teacher is working on their Masters Degree. Mr. Gustafson has recently completed his State Certification, another teacher is working on their State Certification.
- The school purchased two Smart Boards. Money came from the parents group. Thanks to Dave Krause for installing them. They were placed in the second and seventh grade classrooms.
- Next week there will be training on using the website for teachers so we hope the site will become more useful.
- There are currently one or two student teachers looking for housing for the fall term. See Tim Gustafson if you know of any availability.
- A wife of a seminary student has been hired to give release time to the principal (Tim). She will also be teaching at KML in the mornings so this will work out well.

Board of Elders: Pastor Woldt

The recent activities of the Board of Elders are:

- Reach Inactive members
- Organize Worship
- Secretarial Staffing Issue
- Offer assistance to those attending KML

Board of Buildings and Grounds: Kurt Henning

The school roof project has been started. H.I.S. Corporation of Hartford is doing the roof on the northeast lower roof. The roof should be completed by late July. Thanks to Dan Kaschner and Jeff Wenzel for helping out with this project.

Evangelism Committee Report: Paul Steinbrenner

- Have been formally meeting monthly
- Focus is on new member assimilation
- Greeter program in place and running
- New member visit plan in place and running
- New member welcome sheet/short bio/picture project is in the works (quarterly newsletter sheet)
- Next step is assimilation program for first year / sponsor program
- Worship in the woods scheduled for July 22nd @ 9:30 light refreshments will be served after the service. Invitations available starting 7/12 in

narthex and via ushers All are encouraged to bring a non-member or two along.

- County fair booth will be shared with multiple area WELS congregations. An opportunity to help us man the booth is appreciated with sign-up form in the narthex.

Spiritual Growth Committee Report: Pastor Loescher

- Bible Classes are all set for next year.
- Family Bible Week will take place the first week in August. There will be a meal, devotion, Bible Study and singing. Please spread the word and join us for this wonderful opportunity.

Stewardship Committee Report: Todd Backus

“The Treasure of Every Treasured Soul” Bible study – Final names assigned to presenters and hosts. Expected completion of this program by the end of August. Thanks to all the presenters and hosts as well as Kevin Behm for handling the administration of the program.

Funding Appeal

One-year anniversary celebrated in June. Q2 pledge statements have been prepared and will be distributed with offering statements. Total funds received appeal to date through 6/30/07 = \$560,756 vs. total pledged for 3 yr. appeal of \$1,415,535 or approximately 40% of total pledged has been received.

Slowing of contributions in 2007. Total contributions in 2006 of \$460,926 and \$99,830 in 2007.

Stewardship Communication

Newsletter articles: Why Do We Have So Many Different Offering Envelopes? And What Are They For? , Is Poor Stewardship Something New? , Where Does Stewardship Start?

Operating budget deficit – April letter to all members, also communicated on one-year anniversary of funding appeal.

“Keeping Perspective” – weekly bulletins.

Budget workshop – Stewardship group to attend on 9/22/07.

Time and Talents - working on updating. Will use Shepherd’s Staff to store data.

Walking Together Sunday (7/28/07) – Pastors will use this Sunday to promote Synod mission offerings and shortfalls at Synod.

Planned Giving – Jody published article in newsletter titled – Top 10 ways to leave a legacy. Changes to funds proposed.

Cemetery Committee Report: Wally Miller

No Report

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Report: Pastor Woldt

There is a funding appeal under way. If the target of \$3 million is reached, this will set in motion the next building project, which is set to be a performing arts wing / chapel / auditorium.

Enrollment continues to trend upward.

Mrs. Linda Fuller, the Spanish teacher is battling cancer

Mr. David Bartelt, the School Superintendent, is recovering from Back Surgery.

David's Star Building Committee: Jeff Rehm

The Church Building Committee continues to meet and work diligently to mold a design that can be presented to the congregation for comments, suggestions for changes and ultimately approval for building. The work that the committee is currently active in doing is not the glamorous or showy type of function. It is critical work that lays the foundation for our future building plans at David's Star. Thanks be to God for providing a vast array of members with expertise in the many facets of a building project! We wish to say a special thank you to Tony Gromacki for donating his time, talent, and services in providing a survey of the church property.

Ren Kremer summed up our current progress better than I am able to in the most recent update which included the following:

On June 13th the representatives from our church council, and our building committees met with the architects for a down-to-earth discussion of the new building project. We started on the details. Not the color of the carpet, the design of the chancel, the type of pews, or even the general outside design of the building, but rather we began to put on paper those items that we feel are necessary in our new building in order to continue to carry out our purpose here at David's Star for many years in the future.

Some of the items we did discuss include:

- How might the present church be used for maximum efficiency.
- How might we best connect the current church with the new edifice and still maintain the beauty of the older structure.
- How might we design a church that will seat 500 worshippers.
- What about a balcony and where do we place the organ.
- Can we connect the school building with the new church by means of an enclosed hallway.
- Where might we best locate administrative offices to serve both the church and school.
- Can we include some new classrooms in the lower level of the new church to make maximum use of space.

- How can our parking be configured to accommodate those with motion problems.

- What about a crying room, Bible class room, private conference room, church library, kitchen, lots of storage. As you can see, this planning takes time and insight. There are a lot of things to consider, and we want to be as thorough as possible in satisfying the wishes of our entire congregation.

In a few more weeks the plans will be ready to present to our members. This will include a detailed cost for the project plus considerations on how the program might progress in phases, as moneys become available. Plus we will present time-line suggestions on building schedules as well as further funding requests.

Please make ever effort to attend this important meeting. You will be notified of the exact date and time well in advance. We welcome everyone's input. We need to have everyone understand the entire scope of this project. Until then, these plans are just plans and the cost projections are just projections. The final decision will be up to the congregation. That's the way God's church works. What a blessing it is to see in action our response to God's call to serve the people here in our community both today and for many years to come.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

David's Star Evangelical Lutheran Church and School Background Check Policy

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

- Called Pastors
- Called Teachers
- Hired Staff/Employees
- Janitorial Staff
- » Bookkeepers
- The Board for Elementary Education
- Pioneer/Shining Stars leaders
- Coaches
- Sunday School teachers
- Volunteers who spend more than five hours per quarter with students in curricular or extra curricular activities
- Volunteers who spend more than five hours per quarter in the school in non academic situations, i.e. Janitors, maintenance personnel, and hot lunch workers.

The term "background check" as used in this policy could include criminal background checks, motor vehicle background checks, and sex offender checks.

A complete background check policy is available upon request from the church office.

Changes in Planned Giving Policies/Funds

Stewardship recommendation on restructuring the planned giving program (as approved by Church Council)

The Stewardship committee recommends eliminating the Building Trust Fund and the Properties Improvement Trust Fund. Any monies in these funds would be transferred to the appropriate fund.

The Church Operating Endowment Fund would be clarified. Instead of stating that this fund would help cover Christian Charities, it would be changed to say this would only happen if the David's Star Operating Fund is positive.

The Future Called Workers Assistance Trust Fund would be changed to an endowment fund. This would mean that only the earnings on the principal can be used. This will make the disbursements much more consistent on a yearly basis.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to not change item # 3 (The Future Called Workers Assistance Trust Fund) until additional questions are answered.

A motion was then made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the restructuring of the planned giving program by the changes set forth under items #1 and #2.

Closing Prayer/Benediction (Pastor Woldt)

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

The next Quarterly Voters meeting will be October 11, 2007 at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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