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## WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD

*By Pastor Woldt*

It's been fascinating to watch the construction activity here at David's Star. The construction manager, like an orchestral conductor, has everyone working together to bring the dark, thin lines on the construction documents to life. Electricians, plumbers, masons, excavators, crane operators, truck drivers all working in harmony. Each one does his part to bring the project to completion; each one carrying out a necessary task.

Our congregation is a bit like a construction site. We have a goal before us. As a congregation our mission is to proclaim the gospel so that God's Church can be built. God's Church is not a physical building. God's Church is the gathering of all believers who share a common faith in Jesus Christ. God's Church is built when the Holy Spirit works through God's saving Word to bring people to faith.

God has designed the members of his Church to work together in perfect harmony as members of one body, the body of Christ. God has gifted each member of the body of Christ differently. Yet, each individual remains important for the functioning of the Church. On the construction site, not everyone is a trucker, not everyone is a mason. In the Church, not everyone has the gift to lead or to teach or to sing or to preach. But each individual has a role to play. The questions each Christian asks him or herself are these: what can I do to help build God's Church? What gifts has God given me to support gospel ministry here at David's Star?

Please don't sit on the sidelines! Your gifts are needed for God's Church to function well. Christian often use their gifts outside the umbrella of congregational organization. That's great. Parents teach their children about Jesus, and God's

Church is being built. A Christian at work comforts a hurting friend with words of hope from the Savior, and God's Church is being built. An elderly Christian prays for her grandchildren and for missionaries serving overseas, and the body of Christ is functioning as God designed it.

Your individual gifts are also needed for our congregation to function well. Getting involved in the ministry of the congregation can be difficult, but there is plenty to do. We need people to sing in our choirs and serve on our ushering teams. We need people to count the weekly offerings and acknowledge visitors who have worshipped with us. We need people to fold the bulletins and assemble the newsletter. We need people to organize fellowship and outreach activities. We need people to visit those we haven't seen in a while. We need people to teach Sunday School, serve dinners, polish the altarware, take care of our property, assist our teachers, serve as Pioneer leaders, manage our website, visit shut-ins, etc. We need people who are moved by God's love to support the ministry of this congregation with their financial gifts, freely given as a response to God's love in Christ.

I look forward to the completion of our current building project. The trucks and cranes are fun to watch for a while, but it would be nice to have our campus cleaned up and looking good. The project manager tells us that they are on schedule for completion at the end of this year. But the work of building God's Church will not be finished until the end of time, until the last person is brought to faith in Jesus. Let's work together to keep on building God's Church!

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!**

Walter Behling...8/3/1921...88 yrs. old  
Anita Eulert...8/9/1919...90 yrs. old  
Vernon Schultz...8/14/1929...80 yrs. old

**DAVID'S STAR SCHOOL REGISTRATION DAY**

Due to the construction, Registration Day for the 2009-2010 school year will only be held on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm in the cafeteria at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. Pre-registration dates are Monday, August 10th from 6:30-8pm and Tuesday, August 11th from 7-10am and 2-4pm in the Parish Center. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

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**Parish Nurse News**

**Managing Stress**

Consider the weight of a glass of water. The absolute weight doesn't matter, but what does matter is how long you hold it.

If you hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If you hold it for a day, you'll have a severe arm ache. In each case, it's the same weight. The longer you hold it, however, the heavier it becomes.

So it is with stress: If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to hold it. As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden.

So, whatever burden you're carrying now, let it down for a moment if you can. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Don't pick it up again until after you've rested for a while.

(Author unknown)

In the midst of a lovely summer take some time to go fishing or whatever it is that gives you rest! I am reminded that a bad day of fishing is always better than a good day at the office! Our Lord also reminds us in Matthew 11:28-30 that he offers rest for the weary.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and burden is light."

My prayers for a restful summer,

*Sue Bolha*

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

**THE 2009 CHURCH PICNIC COMMITTEE**

of Ariel Matter, Michelle Brandt, Bevan and Diane Grueneberg, and Rod and Char Kison would like to thank all who helped with this year's Gemütlichkeit on the Hill. A special thank you to Bridget Strupp for the use of her karaoke equipment and to Ray Liesener for bringing his water balloon launchers. About 125 people enjoyed good food, games and fellowship, in our church woods.

**WOMEN IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

is on the move. Beginning in September, this group will meet on Wednesdays. Please watch the church bulletin and newsletter for time, topic and meeting place. If you have any questions, please contact Char Kison at 677-2389.

**JOINT MISSION FESTIVAL**

with Morning Star is scheduled for Sunday, August 16th. The service time is 9:30 am and a fellowship meal will follow the service. Professor Jim Korthals will be our guest preacher. This year we will collect non-perishable food items for the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Food Pantry. Seminary students will be returning to campus in August and we would like to help stock the shelves in the food pantry.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR MISSION FESTIVAL**

There are a number of opportunities for fellowship and service for our Savior on Saturday, August 15 as well as Sunday, August 16. The Mission Festival service on the 16th is a joint effort with our daughter congregation, Morning Star. Sign up sheets will be available in the narthex, July 16 - August 2. Please consider joining us as we prepare for this service in our woods.

David's Star Lutheran Church  
July 7, 2009

Members in attendance: Pastor Loescher, Pastor Woldt, Dan Bolha, Kevin Behm, Tim Gustafson, Brian Lee, Dennis Bell, Kurt Henning, David Zarling, Mark Otte.

Absent: David Nunez, Jeff Morgan, Todd Backus.

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Behm. The meeting was opened with a prayer. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on June 16, 2009.

### Committee Reports

#### Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

**Incoming:** none  
**Outgoing:** Rennicke, Daniel & Cindy; Jacob  
*Transfer to Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI*

**Pastors' report (Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 677-0919 [kloescher@davidstar.org](mailto:kloescher@davidstar.org) & Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 377-1019 [woldt@nconnect.net](mailto:woldt@nconnect.net) )**

We have had a few recent opportunities to talk with people who were drawn to the church for an opportunity to have their children baptized. We encourage all members to talk about their faith with friends and neighbors. The Spirit works through all of us as we share the Gospel. The synod convention convenes at the end of this month. Please read through the Forward in Christ article for some of the issues the delegates are facing. Jason Walz and Randy Watts will be serving as teacher delegates at this convention. David's Star was not up to send a lay delegate this year. Thank you for all the help setting up the summer fellowship. It's a joy to see all the people stay after church and spend time together.

**President's report (David Nunez, Telephone 677-2467, [David.Nunez@ipaper.com](mailto:David.Nunez@ipaper.com) )**

Kevin Behm gave the report.  
Church/School Secretary – There still needs to be a conversation between myself, Tim G. and Dennis B. to discuss details and how the responsibilities should be taken care of. Also, the process as to how we will manage the business of the school and church with the staff we currently have. This still sits with me to set up the meeting.

Technology Committee – Final draft of committee outline will be available at this meeting. If all approves, I will set up meeting with current two people on committee and discuss details going forward. This outline will be acted upon under new business.

Building Project Communication – Randy Vogel will be giving an update later in this meeting. I would like to see a committee member within the next couple of weeks provide a verbal update as to the progress and outline a timeline leading up to the opening in school.

Building Project – Overall, everything seems to be working very well. All contracts have been issued and everything is underway. Visual changes will be seen as the work continues outside. Again, many thank-you's to Randy Vogel and his committee members on the outstanding work.

Church Picnic – July 11<sup>th</sup> is our church fellowship/picnic. I have spoken to Char & Rod Kison this past week and they were pretty much running the whole program by themselves. Not too many people have volunteered. Any help during the picnic time would be appreciated. A big THANK YOU to both Rod & Char Kison for all of their help and devotion!

**Board for Buildings and Grounds (Kurt Henning, Telephone # 677-2797 [klh@nconnect.net](mailto:klh@nconnect.net) )**

The storage shed is complete. Special thanks to Dave Klug (Klug Excavating) for grading; Tony Gromacki for surveying; Rob Schneiker for the concrete work; Kurt Liesener, Kevin Liesener, and Wanda Beeler (Liesener Trucking) for all of the trucking of the fill; Greg Dencker and Al Guhl for the hauling of the stone.

**Board for Elementary Education (Brian Lee, Telephone #377-9419 [brian.lee@jci.com](mailto:brian.lee@jci.com) ) (Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 338-3992 [tgustafson@davidstar.org](mailto:tgustafson@davidstar.org) )**

Brian distributed minutes from the Board's June 23 meeting., and highlighted their activity. He also passed out a framework outlining the tuition assistance fund.

**Board of Elders (Dennis Bell, Telephone # 677-2248 [dandmbell@sbc.global](mailto:dandmbell@sbc.global) )**

The Board of Elders is allowing a food drive to be held for the Seminary students, and collected at the Mission Festival in August. The thought is to distribute the food in September when the students return. This is the same thing we did last year.

The Care Committee for Called Workers has a new couple to help in the interviewing process this year. Paul and Beth Steinbrenner have agreed to replace Dave and Von Martin, who have asked to be removed from the committee due to health issues. The assignments have been made and the goal is to have all of the called workers visited by the beginning of the next school term in September.

We are continuing our search for a Mixed Choir Director. The contacts made so far have not been successful. One has said that they would accept it for next year, so we may just need someone for this September through the next spring season.

**Evangelism Committee**  
**(David Zarling,**  
**Telephone #414-839-0094**  
**[david.zarling@gmail.com](mailto:david.zarling@gmail.com) )**

A communication piece, "Summer Happenings", has been sent out by the committee to 500 neighbors of our church.

A new-member welcome is scheduled for Sunday September 27.

We are presently looking into being involved with the Washington County Fair booth, which will be held at the end of this month.

**Stewardship Committee**  
**(Todd Backus, Telephone # 677-4016**  
**[todd.backus@prodigy.net](mailto:todd.backus@prodigy.net) )**

No report.

**Spiritual Growth Committee (Mark Otte,**  
**Telephone # 306-3521 [motte@kmlhs.org](mailto:motte@kmlhs.org) )**

Family Bible Week is coming up at the end of this month starting on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Building Committee Update (Randy Vogel)**

Randy Vogel reported the good news that we are on time and on budget. There have been a few items added to the construction which have not affected the budget. There has been a small plumbing issue that is being worked on. They are having a regular meeting each Tuesday at 9AM. The committee is pushing for having the school ready in time for the new school year.

**Fundraising Committee Update (Gary Heckendorf)**

No report.

**Treasurer's report (Dan Bolha,**  
**Telephone # 677-3485 [dbolha@charter.net](mailto:dbolha@charter.net) )**

Lisa Marie Kison is taking over the bookkeeping responsibilities for Josh Krause. Due to this transition process, the June reports have not yet been completed. Dan highlighted items from the May report.

The May 31, 2009 ending balance in our operating fund shows a deficit of \$167,643 compared to a deficit of \$176,696 April 30, 2009 and a deficit of \$151,985 on May 31, 2008. Year to date operating fund receipts are \$336,041 compared to \$330,844 last year and this year's budget of \$359,790. Our Foundation Build on the Rock funding appeal has received year to date revenues of \$160,809.

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

No report.

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

**Old Business**

Proposed changes to cemetery regulations – this matter has been sent back to Wally Miller for more specific information before additional discussion by council. Internet Service to Campus – This matter is still outstanding and being worked on.

**New Business**

Technology Committee – An outline as to how this committee should be set up was provided by David Nunez:

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Overall scope: To establish a centralized group that is responsible for the entire technology aspects of the David's Star campus.

Committee membership: Chairman  
(appointed by President – confirmed by Church Council)  
Technology Director  
(appointed by Chairman and President)  
Committee Members (3-4)  
(appointed by Chairman – President advises)  
School Principal – advisory

Overall responsibility is to include the following but not be all inclusive:

Responsible for the entire technology infrastructure and IT maintenance

Be a communication link for all support issues for the entire campus

Responsible for maintaining and negotiating contracts for leased equipment for both church and school (i.e. copiers, printers, etc.)

Maintain the website with current events and announcements

Maintain the telephone system for the entire campus, including updates and upgrades



## WELS UPDATE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Create a troubleshooting guide for all staff members for computer issues and software shortcuts for FAQ items. Maintain and manage all AV equipment for the church and school

Work with Board of Education to establish student fees for maintenance issues and new equipment purchases for school.

Establish, in cooperation with the Buildings & Grounds Committee, budget amount for on-going maintenance issues and upgrades for the entire technology budget.

Support all boards and committees in technology needs  
Create specific guidelines that will give a limit as to how much troubleshooting work is invested by our committee before calling in service personnel.

The committee will need to maintain a regular meeting schedule that will provide a written monthly report to the Buildings & Grounds committee chairman for council reporting. Regular communication with the entire campus staff in the form of either email updates, input meetings in staff meetings and other types of communication to ensure all questions and concerns are addressed.

Create a 2-year, 5-year, and 10-year action plan for keeping the IT infrastructure maintained at the best possible level keeping up with the technology, and also keeping in mind effective budgeting and planning.

Investigate the ability to offer training classes to the congregation in common software applications such as Excel, Word and PowerPoint and others that may be available.

This outline was discussed by Council, and a motion was made and seconded to proceed with the creation of this committee in conformance with these guidelines. This item was carried.

### Items for Voters (for the July voters meeting)

Tuition rates for nonmembers.

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 8:00 PM.**

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

Respectively submitted,

Kevin A. Behm, Recording Secretary  
[kevinbehm@att.net](mailto:kevinbehm@att.net).

Final plans are in place for WELS' 60<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention, which will be held at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, MI from July 27-31, under the them "Christ's Love, Our Calling".

The Year of Jubilee offering, authorized by the 2007 Synod Convention to eliminate or reduce the synod's \$22.4 million dollar debt, concludes at the synod convention. To date, more than \$3.9 million has been gathered from 722 congregations. The 2009 WELS International Youth Rally brought together more than 1,000 WELS teens from across the United States and seven foreign countries. The rally, which was held July 8-11 at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, included time for worship, education, fellowship, recreation, and service projects.

### CORRESPONDENCE –

Dear Members of David's Star,

On behalf of Lutheran Pioneers, I want to thank you for your gift of \$70 to our program of youth ministry. Your support through your prayers and gifts is very important to the future of the Lutheran Pioneer Ministry. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

(Signed) Dale Lorfeld, Executive Director

Did you know that 7 of the 10 largest gifts to charity in 2008 were received in the form of bequests? What is a bequest, you ask? It is simply the gift of property by a will. Property can be in the form of money, but also can be someone's home, land, personal goods, stocks, bonds, life insurance policies...you get the idea. Anything that God has given us here on earth.

What really is a will? Last month I wrote about using a Christian preamble at the beginning of your will as a testimony of your faith to others even in death. A will for a Christian is the final instrument of your stewardship to God. It serves to protect the future of the people you love and the work of the church that you also care about. It allows for your love and concern to continue long after you are gone. Without a will a court of law will decide where your assets will be distributed.

Through estate planning, the making of a will that takes into consideration all of the assets you have accumulated during your lifetime, you are creating a specific plan for where your earthly God-given treasure will go. Planned giving can take on many forms, each tailored to meet the needs and goals of the donor. Planning a will is not just for the wealthy as each of us finds ourselves materially blessed in many ways.

7 out of 10 people who had great earthly wealth planned to leave their assets to someone and in 2008 upon their death made someone very happy. Consider that these may not have been Christian people. Should we then as Christians be ever more motivated by God's Word to have our assets in order? Do not procrastinate. There may not be an "I will get to it next month."

*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)*

Bill Truebenbach – David's Star Planned Giving – 677-2066 – [btruebenbach@tlha.org](mailto:btruebenbach@tlha.org)

### Scripture Reading:

*"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field'" (Matthew 9:35-38).*

### Becoming Workers in the Harvest

Jesus knew that the people needed a shepherd. He was determined to rescue as many as possible. Jesus said to His disciples, as He speaks to us, "Ask the Lord of harvest . . . to send out workers into His harvest field." It is God's will that all people come to salvation (2 Peter 3:9). The harvest field belongs to the Lord, and God will see that the people needed for the harvest will be available.

God invites all of us to be His workers in the harvest field. He doesn't need us, but He gives us the privilege to be involved in this very important work. In His sovereignty, God has called and chosen to work through us. What we can offer is our time and our talents. In Christ, we can do work that will be blessed into eternity. We begin this all-important work by asking or praying for a successful harvest with many workers being sent into the harvest field. Because of our prayers, He will provide the workers who are needed.

As we pray for God's work to be accomplished through workers in the field, we are, in essence, allowing Him to make us the answers to our own prayers. God will find ways to use our gifts in ways that will touch others. We are encouraged to pray for God's work to be done, and to be involved in doing this work personally. God will give us the strength to overcome the excuses that often plague us such as I don't have the time or I'm not equipped. As Paul wrote, "I can do everything through Him Who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).

### Discussion Thoughts:

1. In what ways are we similar to sheep?
2. Is survival possible without a shepherd?
3. God had compassion on the people because they were "harassed and helpless." What does it mean that "man's need is God's opportunity?"
- 4.

### Prayer:

Lord, we are all in need of You as our Shepherd. Thank You for always being there for us. We thank You for your care and compassion. We thank You for giving us the privilege of serving You as we tell others of Your wonderful love. Please forgive us when fail to tell others of the Good News. In Your precious name we pray. Amen.



# 10<sup>th</sup> 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.**

1<sup>ST</sup> GOLFER'S  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>ND</sup> GOLFER'S NAME  
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E-MAIL ADDRESS  
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3<sup>RD</sup> GOLFER'S NAME  
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E-MAIL ADDRESS  
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4<sup>TH</sup> GOLFER'S NAME  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS  
\_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE GOLF/CART/DINNER PACKAGE IS \$75 PER PERSON

GOLF ONLY IS NOT AN OPTION

DINNER ONLY IS \$15.00 PER PERSON.

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING ONLY THE DINNER:

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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 12, 2009**

**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.....\$75.00  
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

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO THE  
CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

**REPORT ON THE  
2009  
WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY  
JULY 8–12, 2009**

“Awesome!” That is the unanimous opinion of the three members of David’s Star who attended the biennial 2009 WELS International Youth Rally, July 8-12, on the campus of Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. Attending were two members of the 2009 confirmation class, Martin Loescher and John Pless, and their chaperone, Dr. Joel Pless.

The rally brought together 1062 WELS teenagers from nearly all fifty states and several foreign countries, Brazil, Canada, Grenada, Malawi, Pakistan, Taiwan, and Zambia. Over 400 youth leaders and chaperones also attended. The rally theme was *Follow the Path; Lead the Way*. The rally verse was 1 Timothy 4:12: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and purity.”

Martin, John and I unanimously believe that this youth rally was one of the best experiences of our lives. There were really no negative experiences; a very healthy mix of corporate worship, spiritual growth and a lot of fun activities each day. Outstanding memories include over a thousand teenagers worshipping and singing together each day and several opportunities for Bible study on a small group level. There were also interesting video clips each day to watch, all focusing on the theme *Follow the Path; Lead the Way*. Especially memorable were the devotions conducted in the dorms each night just between the teens and their chaperones. I am convinced I saw Martin and John grow in their Christian faith right before my eyes during the four day rally.

Both Martin and John maintain that their best rally memory was attending a presentation given by WELS teenagers who are children of world missionaries. These teenagers shared what it was like growing up and attending school in a foreign country and their experiences of visiting the United States, which is a foreign country to them. Other exceptional memories were the service projects that all the teens were required to do for several hours on the Friday afternoon of the rally.

Martin and John and over a hundred other teens were assigned to pick up trash all around the Iowa State University campus. They formed a fast friendship with two boys from Minnesota with whom they later reconnected at the campus recreation center. Another outstanding experience was the “WELS Got Talent” show, which was a talent show by WELS teens. A young lady from St. Matthew, Oconomowoc won first place and received a standing ovation after singing and playing a song she wrote herself.

There were half-hour devotions every day followed by several keynote speakers. Fun activities included an evening at the ISU student union, an entire afternoon and evening at Adventureland, an amusement park near Des Moines, and a “Rally Fest” on Friday night after the service project, which featured a pig roast and numerous fun activities, ranging from bungee swinging to laser tag. Numerous singing groups and bands also entertained throughout the rally.

Martin, John and I met rally goers from as close as Morning Star, Jackson and Bethlehem, Menomonee Falls and as far away as Ohio, Florida and New York. Throughout the rally Martin and John consistently demonstrated what it means to be a David’s Star Thunderbolt and a Kettle Moraine Lutheran Charger with a fine attitude and consistent Christian conduct. Host personnel from Iowa State University commented to the WELS rally organizers each day on how well mannered all the teens were throughout the rally. A 2011 youth rally will hopefully be held, pending decisions made at the 2009 synod convention. It is my hope that many more of our congregation’s teens will attend in two years. I had such an outstanding time I am already volunteering to be a chaperone!

Respectfully submitted,  
Joel Pless

**Quarterly Voters Meeting  
July 9, 2009**

David's Star Ev. Lutheran Church,  
Jackson, WI 8:00 pm

The meeting was opened with devotion by Pastor Loescher. The meeting was called to order by congregational meeting chairman Randy Matter.

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

The agenda was adopted by the voter's Membership Report (since April Meeting)

Incoming: Praefke, Jason

*Profession of faith*

Landisch, Michael & Colleen; MaKenna

*Transfer from Mt. Calvary, Waukesha, WI*

Outgoing: Durr, Tim & Nancy

*Transfer to St. Matthew's, Port Washington, WI*

Kuehl, Lester & Karen

*Transfer to Living Word, Johnson City, TN*

Vanasse, Sarah

*Transfer to Fount of Life, Colorado Springs, CO*

Rennicke, Daniel & Cindy; Jacob

*Transfer to Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI*

Wartgow, Doug

*Release from membership*

Wartgow, Wendy

*Release from membership*

**Signing of Constitution by new voters**

No new members were present

**Pastors' report (Pastor Loescher, 677-0919, [kloescher@davidstar.org](mailto:kloescher@davidstar.org) and Pastor Woldt, 377-1019, [woldt@nconnect.net](mailto:woldt@nconnect.net) )**

Please keep the WELS in your prayers as we wrestle with important issues regarding shrinking pools of dollars. Randy Watts and Jason Walz will be attending the synod convention at the end of July.

Pastor Woldt commented on using new hymns and liturgies in our services, and how they affect various members. He encouraged us to talk to each other and discuss these things, remembering to encourage one another when dealing with these issues.

**President's report (Dave Nunez, 677-2647, [David.Nunez@ipaper.com](mailto:David.Nunez@ipaper.com).)**

Secretarial – Going forward, we have eliminated the half-time secretarial position in our church office.

Technology Committee – We have created a committee that will take over all technological items for the church and school including internet, copies, printers, and AV equipment.

Building project – Randy Vogel and his group have done a spectacular job in making sure things get done. C.D. Smith has also been doing a great job.

Church picnic – The picnic will be held on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's report (Dan Bolha, 677-3485, [dbolha@charter.net](mailto:dbolha@charter.net))**

We are experiencing a transition period where Lisa Marie Kison is taking over for Josh Krause for the bookkeeping duties. The report being shared is for the month ended May 31<sup>st</sup>. June is not yet completed as Lisa Marie had a previously-scheduled vacation, and Josh is not available.

**Board of Elders (Dennis Bell, 677-2248, [dandmbell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dandmbell@sbcglobal.net))**

The report was given by Mel Heckendorf.

Ren Kremer resigned as Mixed Choir Director, and we are in the process of looking for a replacement. We want to thank Ren for using his time and great talent to beautify our services this past choir season.

The Care Committee for Called Workers has a new couple to help in the interviewing process this year. Paul and Beth Steinbrenner have agreed to replace Dave and Von Martin, who have asked to be removed from the committee due to health issues. The assignments have been made and the goal is to have all the called workers visited by the beginning of the next school term in September.

There were five new father and son combinations added to the ushering teams. We have found that when the confirmands join with their fathers for ushering, it works out quite well. We also added a new sexton to our group. Mark Bublitz started in June. We can always use additional members for the sexton committee. If any of you are interested, please contact Jim Volz.

Professor Jim Korthals has accepted the offer to preach at our Mission Festival in August. Also at Mission Fest, we will once again be conducting a food drive for the Seminary Students. Please watch for more information in the upcoming weeks.

The Parish Nurses have been very busy over the past quarter with blood pressure screenings, a Blood Drive in June, as well as attending workshops. Our blood pressure screening in June was held outside near the Sunday fellowship area. That led to more people coming to the screenings, because they did not have to venture all of the way over to the Parish Center to have it done.

**Board for Elementary Education (Brian Lee, 377-9419, [brian.lee@jci.com](mailto:brian.lee@jci.com) )**

Fifteen 8<sup>th</sup> graders graduated this year. The 2009-2010 projected enrollment is flat or a slight decline over last year's count of 150. Mrs. Eunice Washburn was recognized for 35 years of service at the graduation ceremony.

**Spiritual Growth Committee (Mark Otte, 306-3521,  
[lotte@kmlhs.org](mailto:lotte@kmlhs.org))**

Preparations are being made for Family Bible Week. Please plan on joining us to learn more about Jesus on any of these days. On Sunday July 26, the week will kick off in the church woods with songs, games and a campfire. Monday July 27-Wednesday July 29, Family Bible Week moves to KML. We will meet in the cafeteria and then use classrooms in the school for the different age groups. The week concludes with a worship service back at David's Star on Thursday July 30.

Adult and teen Bible class leaders continue to be lined up and topics are being selected. Sunday school teachers are being sought for the coming school year. If you have an interest in teaching or serving as an aid please contact Mark Otte at [lotte@kmlhs.org](mailto:lotte@kmlhs.org) or 262-306-3521.

Mark Hendrix is our new church librarian. The church library is currently packed up for construction but as soon as possible it will be unpacked so the congregation can begin using it again.

Finally, all members are urged to continue to grow spiritually in whatever ways possible. Check out synod's website and sign up for daily devotions or Bible passages sent directly to your e-mail every day. It is a great way to start the day.

**Evangelism Committee, (David Zarling,  
Telephone #414-839-0094  
[david.zarling@gmail.com](mailto:david.zarling@gmail.com) )**

We completed a mailing of 500 items highlighting upcoming events at David's Star.

We are looking forward to working the booth at the Washington County Fair.

Coming up in December is our Living Nativity. Also on the agenda is establishing communication with unchurched nonmembers of our preschool children families.

**Stewardship Committee (Todd Backus, 677-4016,  
[todd.backus@prodiqy.net](mailto:todd.backus@prodiqy.net) )**

Simply Giving was promoted during the weekends of 5/16 and 5/23 with various bulletin inserts with the help of the Evangelism Committee.

Planned Giving – Bill Truebenbach has written various newsletter articles for the newsletter. Future work includes a survey of congregational needs as it relates to planned giving followed up with a seminar based on the survey results.

WELS Walking Together – special service request for August timeframe or later. Opportunity for special gift to the synod. Communications continue on stewardship concepts in the newsletters and on the David's Star website. Encourage all members to read and study what God's Word teaches about stewardship.

Promotion of special ministries (WLCFS – June 28)

**Board for Buildings and Grounds (Kurt Henning, 677-2797,  
[klh@nconnect.net](mailto:klh@nconnect.net))**

Arbor Night was a huge success. Thanks to Vogels, Lieseners, and the Ladies Aid.

Our committee is somewhat idle during this construction period.

Our storage shed is complete. Thanks to Dave Klug, Rob Schneiker, Liesener Trucking, Greg Dencker, Al Guhl, and Tony Gromacki for their work on this project.

**Cemetery Committee (Wally Miller)**

No report.

**Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School (Joel Pless)**

Mark Otte gave a brief report. Enrollment is projected to be 114 freshmen for the fall.

**Building Committee (Randy Vogel)**

We are on schedule and under budget. Demolition on the inside is almost complete. God blessed our project with the right people at the right time. We have had a lot of volunteers. Thank you to all that have helped, and that will be helping. We will be doing the painting ourselves. All contracts have been signed. Members that were contractors were encouraged to bid. We are fortunate to have C D Smith as our builder, and that they were available at this time to bid on the project. Thanks to Todd Weyker for the demolition of the ceilings. Thanks to Nelson Erdman for the bulletin inserts.

**Funding Campaign (Gary Heckendorf)**

No report.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

**Old Business**

Status of antenna for internet service – Dave Nunez reported that this is ongoing and still being worked on.

**New Business**

The Council recommended that the following non member fees and tuition rates be implemented for the 2009-2010 school year. These increases are consistent with the increase approved for members. 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade tuition - 1<sup>st</sup> Child \$3455; \$2855 for the second and subsequent children from the same family; Kindergarten non-member fee - \$1915. A motion was made and carried to accept this recommendation.

**Announcements**

Next quarterly meeting is October 8, 2009 at 7PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Meeting closed with a closing Prayer and Benediction by Pastor Loescher.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin A. Behm, Recording Secretary ( [kevinbehm@att.net](mailto:kevinbehm@att.net) )