

Jesus is our Cornerstone. What a great theme our faculty has picked for our Lutheran Elementary School! It's very similar to the theme we've had for our drive to encourage funds for a new building: *Our Foundation Built on the Rock*. Jesus as our cornerstone, our Rock on which we build, has to be the theme of anything we build in this life. If Jesus isn't the foundation, the cornerstone, we build for no lasting purpose.

Why would we even bother teaching our children the ABC's and 123's if that was the only foundation of their education? We would build them up for a life and career that ends in death. How useless! How much more useful and meaningful to teach them Jesus as the foundation for the academics so they can live life for Jesus and spread his name for others to hear. With Jesus as the cornerstone for building, their lives are not for themselves, and their purpose won't be a dead end. Instead the purpose and message of their lives will reverberate in the halls of heaven forever.

And why would we build a church building without Jesus as the firm foundation of our teaching and our only purpose for building? I suppose we could build with the foundation of pride; because others have nice church buildings, we should, too. But then we'd be building only to show that David's Star is alive and a great place to be. May we never advertise ourselves! Jesus and his teachings must remain the rock solid foundation of the congregation so that we truly use the material buildings to God's glory.

While we are God's children who desire to build with Jesus as the cornerstone, unstable worldly foundations are still laid. We find ourselves getting married with only our love for one another as the foundation for our marriage. We raise our children to be a good reflection on the family. Work for a comfortable retirement. We do know, don't we, that we need to have a mate who knows Jesus as the bridegroom first and foremost if we expect to have a truly blessed and

fulfilling marriage? We raise our children to know they are forgiven so they can be a good reflection of God's love and live in God's house forever. We work to honor God, and with good stewardship principles that truly do honor God, trust him in retirement as in every stage of life.

We struggle with trusting God. That may be why we find ourselves wanting to live in two houses. The one house is the church where of course Jesus is the cornerstone. We go to that house to worship, but we don't really live there. The other house is our homes where the cornerstones may look more like striving for money, striving for opportunities for our children to excel, or simply allowing selfish thoughts and attitudes dictate how we spend God's money and use his time. Not very stable foundations, are they?

How do we view life—all of life? On what do we want to build it? Make the school's theme our own theme. Let the theme that was intended to drive our building project in the right way be the theme that drives our lives in the right way. Jesus is our cornerstone. Delight in God's Word and find contentment beyond our dreams and happiness that is out of this world. As we listen to the Word of God and hold Jesus and his teachings dear, we understand more intimately how it is that we are living stones built into a spiritual house to the honor and glory of God. God's Word shows us how we have sinned and been drawn to unstable worldly foundations. God's Word shows us the only rock solid foundation of forgiveness in Jesus our Savior. Why would we want to live in any other house with any other foundation?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!
Vincent Schneider..9/3/1923..84 yrs. old
Ursula Dorna.. 9/15/1924..83 yrs. old
Celia Wendtland..9/29/1920..87 yrs. old

GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2007

September 1, 2007 5:00 Ren & Edie Kremer
September 2, 2007 7:45 Jim & Jean Korthals
9:30 David & Dawn Doering

September 8, 2007 5:00 Beatrice Bublitz
September 9, 2007 7:45 Mark & Valerie Wellmann
10:15 Jim & Carla Volz

September 15, 2007 5:00 Mark & Laurie Bublitz
September 16, 2007 7:45 Leonard & Dorothy Rusch
10:15 Jim & Sandy Siebers

September 22, 2007 5:00 Gene & Marlene Hagenow
September 23, 2007 7:45 LaVerne Groth
10:15 Roger & Lynne Tews

September 29, 2007 5:00 Neil & Barb Thompson
September 30, 2007 7:45 Ross & Colleen Lemke
10:15 Randy & Karla Matter

THE WEDNESDAY WOMEN IN GOD'S WORD GROUP

WE'RE MOVING !!

Women In The Word Bible Study Group will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month. **(We will no longer meet on Wednesdays.)** We'll meet in the Parish Center, 7:00 - 8:15 pm. Our first study, Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs begins with a DVD presentation on Thursday, September 6. (Popcorn will be provided!) It is an overview of the women in the same named book by Ms. Higgs. On Thursday, September 20, we will study the life of Eve. Each week we will focus on a different woman of the Bible. Please join us for one or all the studies about women who played a significant role in God's Plan for our world. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Kison at 677-2389 or ckasever@hotmail.com.

PARISH NURSE NEWS **Weight Control**

Aim for a 100% fat-free diet.

Steering clear of fad diets is the best way to achieve lasting weight loss.

Fad diets don't work for the long term because most people can't continue to stick to them. If you've tried one, you probably remember feeling grouchy, starved, irritable, or deprived.

A healthier strategy is to avoid drastic changes and focus on one step at a time, such as learning what proper portion sizes look like, until it becomes a normal part of your routine.

Tips for a well-balanced weight-loss plan include:

- Always eat breakfast, and never skip meals.
- Eat a variety of lean meats, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and low-fat dairy products.
- Limit the amount of sugar, refined flour, and saturated fats that you eat.
- Eat smaller portions.
- Watch out for liquid calories, especially sugary sodas and juices. Drink water.
- Make physical activity part of your daily routine.

Source: American Dietetic Association

Watch for more information in next months' newsletter about this falls' "SHOO THE FLU" flu shot clinic to be offered here at David's Star. The flu shots are offered by the Visiting Nurse Association and given by two of our Parish Nurses that are also employees of Aurora. We are hoping to offer the flu shots on October 28th between Sunday services. Each year we increase the number of shots given as more people make use of this convenient opportunity. We can also provide flu shots to our shut-ins if desired. Call Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse at 675-2672 to arrange for a flu shot at home.

Members in attendance: Pastor Loescher, Dan Bolha, Randy Matter , Jeff Morgan, James Siebers, Patrick Steele, Tim Gustafson, , Kurt Henning and Dennis Bell

Also members of the building committee: Barry Washburn, Mel Heckendorf, Terry Koth, Randy Vogel, Todd Weyker, Jody Hansen, Kevin Behm, and Terry Hansen

Absent: Pastor Woldt, Mark Otte, Todd Backus, and Paul Steinbrenner

The meeting was opened with a prayer. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on July 10, 2007.

1. Committee Reports

1.1 Membership Report (Pastor Loescher)

- Incoming:** Brandt, Michelle; Brianna
Transfer from Morning Star, Jackson WI
Sandavol, Richard & Wanda; Jessica, Nicholas
Transfer from St. Jacobi, Greenfield, WI
- Outgoing:** Behringer, Megan
Transfer to Grace, Falls Church, VA

1.10 Treasurer’s report (Dan Bolha, Telephone # 675-2672, bolha@juno.com)

The July 31, 2007 ending financial information is shown in the chart below:

	Actual	Budget	% Diff.	Prior YTD	% Diff.
Receipts	\$434,185	\$490,760	-11.5%	\$446,837	-2.8%
Expenses	\$504,057	\$522,240	-3.5%	\$479,116	5.2%
Deficit	\$138,041	\$99,648	38.53%	102,825	34.25%

1.11 Presentation and discussion of Building Committee Report

The following extensive report was presented by the building committee.

1. Where we started
 - A. Master Plan Recommendation approved by the voters in January 2004
2. What we have and what we will need
 - A. Current Facility Report and cost estimates
 - B. Master plan space needs
 - C. Campus master plan map
3. What is being proposed
 - A. Draft of congregational handout
 - B. Line drawings of proposed building

4. What will it cost
 - A. Construction estimates
5. How can we pay for it
 - C. Financing Options

Congregational meetings will take place on September 8th and 9th to discuss Footprint/Design, Building Options or Phases, Costs, Fund Raising, Recommendations and Conclusion.

Other Issues needing to be addressed by Council

A. Ratification of decision to replace carpeting in two classrooms per previous email.

It was brought up that funds were budgeted (\$5000) to alter the entrance of school for security / other purposes. Since this work will not be done this year the money is available (\$3200) for carpeting purposes. Therefore no ratification vote is necessary at this time.

B. A question was brought up about whether short term borrowing could be used to cover the expenses of a sound system in the Gymnasium. This should be paid for by funds from the Golf outing. This item was to be held over until the next council meeting.

C. It was brought up and decided that the backstop to the ball field could be torn down due to its unsafe condition. Arrangements will be made for transportation and to play games at other locations.

D. A church directory is in the works. Photographs will be taken in October by Life Touch studios. Each family will be given a complimentary 8 X 10 photo and a new directory. Participation by all members is encouraged.

E. The Church Recording Secretary has announced the need for a long term substitute. He has taken a full time job in Stevens Point and will not be able to cover the meetings in the future. Pat Steele has agreed to take the minutes on a temporary basis.

The next scheduled Council meeting will be at **The Church Parish Center** on **Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm.**

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

James R. Siebers, Recording Secretary
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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR July 2007

	Current Month Offerings	Average weekly offerings	Offerings Received thru 7/31/07	Offerings Budgeted thru 7/31/07
Operating	\$61,613	\$12,323	\$405,681	\$463,955
Missions	\$7,495	\$1,499	\$43,955	\$49,235
KML Operating	\$3,786	\$757	\$27,024	\$32,510
KML Building	\$1,074	\$217	\$7,241	\$9,905
“Together Shining Like the Stars...”	\$1,403	\$281	\$25,239	\$20,503

The deficit in our Operating Fund is:
\$138,041
The deficit at the end of July 2006 was:
\$102,825
The deficit at the end of July 2005 was:
\$109,537

SAVE THE DATE

On Thursday, October 11, Professor James Korthals from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will speak about his trip to China where he served as a Visiting Professor at Asia Lutheran Seminary. The evening will begin with a salad buffet. This event is hosted by our Ladies Aid. The invitation is extended to the women and the men of our congregation. Please watch for more details in the coming weeks.

WELS NEWS FROM THE STEWARSHIP COMMITTEE

Under the banner “Proclaim Peace through Jesus”, WELS has been emphasizing North-American outreach for the past four years. The goal of North-American outreach was to equip and involve every WELS church – and every member – in outreach. To equip and prepare congregations for outreach in their own communities, worship and outreach resources were provided for each phase. Materials included Bible studies, videos, devotions, and witnessing tools. Although congregational participation in this initiative seemed to wane in the past two years, churches and individuals are encouraged to continue reaching out.

More than 1500 teens and 500 leaders attended the WELS International Youth Rally held July 4-7 in Dallas, Texas, under the theme “Laugh out loud”. During the course of the rally, teens were given opportunities for large-scale worship, education, fellowship, and recreation.

The first WELS Women’s Leadership Conference was held at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. The conference titled “A Leader...Who? Me?” introduced a new Bible study developed by WELS Women’s Ministry Committee, “Heirs together of God’s gracious gift of life.”

From Colombia to Venezuela to Spain to France, families from all over the world can now participate in weekly online Bible studies with a WELS pastor in the United States. These studies are part of the Bible correspondence programs under WELS Multi-Language Publications. For more information on resources available through these publications, contact Pastor Paul Hartman at paulhartman@mlpwels.com or 915-857-5852.

Live internet streaming of this year’s synod convention attracted a large crowd of viewers back home – almost 3000 different viewers, according to statistics from the WELS Technology Office.

New Church Directory

We will be working with Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits on a new pictorial directory. Photos will be taken October 16-20 and 22-27 in the IMC at school.

Information on setting appointments will be available Sept. 9th. Appointments can be made electronically from a link on the David's Star website as well as sign up sheets in Church. In addition to the sign up opportunities representative from Lifetouch will make phone contact with our members to set appointments.

Everyone will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait and a hardbound directory.

Volunteers are needed to help as hosts for the photo sittings. If you can help, please call Jeff Morgan at (262) 377-7532

David's Star Spiritual Growth beginning September 9 9:00 AM

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

In the Church with Pastor Waldt

Acts 13-28 "Paul's Mission Journey's: Sharing the Gospel with the World!"

We will follow the apostle Paul from Antioch to Rome. We will learn how God blessed this early missionary, and examine ways we can continue to walk in Paul's missionary footsteps today.

In the School with Pastor Laescher

"Tackling Tough Topics"

This course will be a discussion course on things we might not like to talk about, but that we need to address as families and as a church family. We will lead off with a discussion on pornography and dress code. What do those two things have in common? Other potential topics will be drinking, gambling, internet chatting and anything else that can be a good gift of God or a tool of Satan to control a Christian's heart.

SUNDAY MORNING TEEN BIBLE CLASS

In the Parish Center with Mr. Otte

Genesis

The beginning of the Bible is the beginning of the teen Bible Class this fall. Learn the importance of knowing the true creation story in today's evolution filled world.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes exist for children from age 3 to 8th grade.