

# THE GOOD NEWS

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## *"Back to School"*

*By Pastor Loescher*

With schools just getting underway this week, we want to be careful to encourage learning and the general promotion of knowledge. But I can't get the picture out of my mind of the lonely student who feels so dumb. Of course we all have different abilities and all of us are capable of growing in knowledge. Yet some students' abilities cause them to struggle more than others. While this message is meant for all of us, it may have a special place for those who struggle to get it right.

I want you to know that in at least one area of your life it's ok and even preferred to accept the fact that we don't know anything. Go ahead, rejoice in your ignorance. No, don't take this as a green light for students to ignore their studies and feign pride in being dumb. Instead, acknowledge that we have no spiritual knowledge of our own and are totally dependent on the Lord. Take pride in his wisdom and knowledge by accepting them and denying our own.

When we want to hold to our own understanding and not give way to the Lord's knowledge and wisdom, we sound as ridiculous as a disgruntled student. He doesn't understand the simple basics of classroom instruction. He has no idea of the hours of work and dedication a classroom teacher commits to even one day of learning. Yet he imagines that it would be great fun to be the teacher for just one day. He'd love to give the teacher a bad grade or two, skip the silly test, and double the recess times, no, triple the recess times.

Parents and teachers may chuckle at such immature notions at first. However, when the mindset doesn't go away and affects the student's academics they get fed up with it. How do we suppose our Lord reacts when we imagine that our knowledge supersedes his? What else is it but immaturity of faith to imagine that we know better than our God?

Yes, it's ok and even desirable to acknowledge that we don't know. The Lord's knowledge is so far beyond ours. We ask with the Apostle Paul, "Who can know the mind of the Lord?" But neither dare we see this truth as a green light to ignore God's Holy Word and feign pride in spiritual ignorance. The Lord, by his Holy Spirit, can increase our wisdom and knowledge through the study of his Holy Word. Take pride in the knowledge of God and grow in his grace and truth. This year is a great opportunity for all of us to consider Bible study opportunities at David's Star and dedicate more time at home to the study of his Word. It's back to school for all of us where we can accept our own ignorance and grow in the knowledge of God.





**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!**

Vincent Schneider..9/3/1923...85 yrs. old  
Ursula Dorna..9/15/1924...84 yrs. old  
Kamelia Bolha..9/27/1923..85 yrs. old  
Celia Wendtland..9/29/1920..88 yrs. old

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**Greeters for September 2008**

- Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 5:00 Ren and Edie Kremer
- Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 7:45 John and Nelda Clemens  
10:15 Anna Johnson
- Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 5:00 Joel and Carrie Hinz
- Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 7:45 Ken and Kathy Cull  
10:15 Mel and Eunice Heckendorf
- Sept. 20, Saturday To be assigned
- Sept. 21, Sunday 7:45 Jim and Jean Korthals  
10:15 Roger and Lynne Tews
- Sept. 27, Saturday 5:00 Wayne Bublitz
- Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 7:45 Jody and Amy Hansen  
10:15 Clif and Doris Koeller

**DAVID'S STAR ADULT  
HANDBELL CHOIR**

will begin its 2008-2009 season at a rehearsal on Tuesday, 9/16 from 6:30-7:45 p.m. The choir rehearses almost every Tuesday through the end of April and rings praises to our Lord 5 times in church services during the school year. New members are always welcome! If interested, please contact Kris Eggers:  
[keggers@davidstar.org](mailto:keggers@davidstar.org) or 677-2174.

**SERVICE TIME CHANGE** on Sunday, September 7th, 2008 our service times will change back to 7:45 am and 10:15 am on Sundays. Saturday service remains at 5:00 pm. Thursday services will continue at 7:00 pm until November 13th.

**SAVE THE DATES**

- Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>,  
David's Star Women' Retreat
- Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>,  
Women's Advent Prayer Breakfast

**PARISH NURSE NEWS**

***Don't Get Stung!!!***

**BEES & WASPS**

As I stood in the midst of a U-Pick raspberry farm yesterday one couldn't help be aware of the soft and yet pervasive hum of thousands of bees all around me! I had to take a moment to tell myself not to panic or swat at the bees! I'm not allergic to bee stings and if you don't bother them, generally they won't bother you! Some people may have an allergy to bee stings and those people may be wise to avoid such large concentrations of bees! Here are a few thoughts on preventing and then what to do if someone has an allergic reaction to a bee sting.

*Bright-Colored, loose clothing can attract and trap bees and wasps. Perfume and heavily scented cosmetics do, too.*

Avoid swinging at a bee or wasp that flies near you. It may get trapped on your body and is more likely to sting you. If an insect gets trapped in a moving car, pull over, roll down the windows, and let it escape.

Get immediate medical attention if you get stung and your face begins to swell, or if you break out in hives or have trouble breathing.

If you know you're allergic to stings, ask your doctor to prescribe an epinephrine injection device (EPI Pen) that you can carry with you at all times.

Although it is wise to avoid situations that would cause a bee or wasp to sting, there is no need to stay indoors and not enjoy God's beautiful creation. Go pick some raspberries or enjoy a KML football game or just play outside!

Working and playing together in Christ,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

**LOOKING AHEAD** ... We wanted to let you know in plenty of time that this Fall the Parish Nurses will not be able to offer flu shots in the Parish Center. While we would like to encourage you to still get that flu shot, we no longer have a Parish Nurse who works for the VNA who supplied us with the vaccines and donated her time. We will advertise area SHOO THE FLU CLINICS as the time approaches. Any questions? Call Sue Bolha at 677-3485.

**Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)**

**Incoming:** Semrow, Alicia  
*Profession of faith*  
 Sprenger, Dennis & Sharon, Rebekah  
*Transfer from Crown of Life, Hubertus, WI*  
 Willis, Mike & Shelley; Evan, Luke & Ben  
*Transfer from Star of Bethlehem, Savoy, IL*

**Outgoing:** Buege, Cheryl  
*Release from membership*  
 Fagley, Julie  
*Release from membership*

**Pastors' Report**

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

The work of the congregation is reflected in the various board and committee reports. Continue to pray for God's blessings on our congregation and school as we proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**President's report**

**Randy Matter, Telephone # 376-1585**  
[matters@nconnect.net](mailto:matters@nconnect.net)

Internet – When the steeple was roofed, metal-back shingles were used. The signal for the internet would not go through these type of shingles. This resulted in no internet service for the provider's clients north of the church. The antenna was removed from the tower as a temporary fix. Other options were discussed, and are being pursued, including the possibility of a freestanding tower on our property, or revising our steeple roofing options. Information regarding a freestanding tower is being put together to present to the voters on September 18.

Filming- The filming of the movie in our woods will be this Wednesday and Thursday evening (August 13 and 14), as well as August 20-27 from 4-9:30PM.

**Board for Buildings and Grounds**

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

The driveway is being redone at this time. It will be paved on Friday. The section past Schramm's house will also be repaired. The rubber roof on the church woods outhouse building will need to be replaced. The cost would be around \$3,000. As there is a question as to the frequency of people's use of these facilities during events in the woods, we are considering other options including the possibility of portable facilities that we might be able to rent for somewhere in the neighborhood of \$90 per month. This matter is tabled until further information is available.

The gym floors are being resealed.

Painting at school is presently being done.

**Board for Elementary Education**

**Brian Lee, # 377-9419** [hannahlee@milwpc.com](mailto:hannahlee@milwpc.com)  
**Principal Tim Gustafson, # 338-3992**  
[tgustafson@davidstar.org](mailto:tgustafson@davidstar.org)

Preschool - Due to increased enrollment, adjustments will need to be made for the teaching of this class. Several options were presented by the board to the church council. It was recommended and approved by council that we go to two sessions: Monday/Wednesday/Thursday and Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday. All students would come on Wednesday morning, and this joint class on Wednesday would allow all students to attend the monthly chapel service, and field trips could be scheduled on that day. This would increase Kathy Bintz's salary from 40 to 50%, and we could get a parent volunteer for Wednesdays.

40% Pay Scale = \$635.71 (semi-monthly)

Annually = \$15,257.04

50% Pay Scale = \$794.64 (semi-monthly)

Annually = \$19,071.36.

Total school enrollment projected for this coming school year is 147, compared to 149 last year.

**Board of Elders**

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

The Board of Elders recommends to council that that we give \$1,000 from the Needy Family Fund to the Dave Rosenau family to help pay for an unexpected trip to Arizona to attend his father's funeral.

There will be six individuals who will share the KML tuition assistance funds that are available this year. (\$2,000 to be distributed in total among the six individuals.)

**Evangelism Committee**

**David Zarling, # 674-1094** [david.zarling@gmail.com](mailto:david.zarling@gmail.com)

The New Member welcome is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> between services. Church council members are encouraged to attend. Photos of church leaders will be taken in the near future.

**Stewardship Committee**

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

No report.

**Spiritual Growth Committee**

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

Approximately 100 people attended at least on of the five nights of Family Bible Week. Thank you very much to all that helped make this week so enjoyable.

Fall Bible Classes and Children's Sunday School begin the Sunday after Labor Day weekend. Make Sunday morning a two hour event and join us this year as we learn more about our Savior.

There will be a meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup> to set up Fall Bible Class.

**Building Committee Update**

**Randy Vogel**

Next meeting is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Fundraising Committee Update**

**Gary Heckendorf**

This committee is currently planning visits to members.

**Treasurer's report**

**Dan Bolha,**

# 677-3485 [bolha@netwurx.net](mailto:bolha@netwurx.net)

The July 31, 2008 ending balance in our operating fund shows a deficit of \$176,082. This compares to a deficit of \$157,799 as of June 30, 2008 and a deficit of \$138,041 on July 31, 2007. Year to date operating fund receipts are \$452,387 compared to \$434,185 last year and this year's budget of \$496,233. Our Foundation Built on the Rock funding appeal has received year to date revenues of \$163,400.

**Vice President Report**

**Jeff Morgan, #377-7532**

Help with Mission Festival setup on Saturday, as well as with serving on Sunday, will be needed.

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

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

KML delegate – The council approved appointing Joel Pless as our new KML delegate.

**Items for Voters for a special September 18 voters meeting** Council recommendation forthcoming on the placement of our internet providers' tower.

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 8:00 PM.**

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

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR  
JULY 2008**

	Current Month Offerings	Average weekly offerings	Offerings Received thru 7/31/08	Offerings Budgeted thru 7/31/08
Operating	\$49,280	\$12,320	\$425,720	\$457,782
Missions	\$ 5,662	\$ 1,416	\$ 45,755	\$ 48,909
KML Operating	\$ 3,754	\$ 939	\$ 30,484	\$ 32,611
KML Building	\$ 848	\$ 212	\$ 8,815	\$ 8,750

The deficit in our Operating Fund is:  
\$176,083

The deficit at the end of July 2007 was:  
\$138,041

The deficit at the end of July 2006 was:  
\$102,825

**CENTRAL AFRICA MEDICAL  
MISSION**

**Did-You-Know – August**

When rising Lake Malawi water forced the staff to move their housing location to Lilongwe in 1981, it did not relieve CAMM's staff of its obligation to the Malawi people living near Salima. The Malawi government required CAMM to manage the clinics until other agencies or government clinics would take over. The nurses bravely and tirelessly traveled the 60 miles of difficult roads for several years tending to the physical needs of the people. At the same time, new sites were being determined near Lilongwe to start medical services. The long hours and endless demands ended in the late 19890s as other agencies took over the services near Salima and the Salima Lutheran Mobile Clinic became the Lutheran Mobile Clinic (as it is still known). (Ernest H Wendland, Theodore A. Sauer, Let Us Do Good, 2001.)

## WELS UPDATE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Two faithful servants at the Synod Administration Building have taken calls and will be vacating their positions. Wayne Mueller, the synod's first vice president, has accepted a call to serve as pastor at St. John's, Jefferson, WI. Peter Kruschel, administrator of the Board for Ministerial Education, will begin new duties as a mission counselor in the Arizona- California and Pacific Northwest districts. The Board for Ministerial Education will be calling a new administrator at its October meeting; nominations for the position are currently being sought. The office of first vice president will remain vacant until a new vice president is elected at next summer's synod convention. In the meantime, Pastor Mueller's duties are being delegated to others.

In an effort to build up and strengthen the marriages of couples throughout the WELS, the Commission on Adult Discipleship is again offering marriage enrichment and get-away weekends throughout the United States, beginning in September. Ten retreats have been scheduled in several states and will focus on the theme "Intimate Allies". Through these seminars, people will learn to glorify God through their marriage and help their spouse see that they are created in the image of Christ. For more information, visit [www.wels.net/jump/marriageretreat](http://www.wels.net/jump/marriageretreat).

There is mixed news for the synod's operating budget for the first month in the new fiscal year starting in July. The monthly support received during the month exceeded expenses by \$300,000 – not unexpected since July tends to be one of the lowest support months. Developing negative trends in two key support sources – Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) and gifts from individuals – need to be closely monitored. CMO in July were off \$50,000 from July 2007 and gifts from individuals were off \$400,000. Total CMO receipts for June and July were down 9 percent and 2.5 percent respectively, from the same months in 2007, but CMO receipts for the 2008 calendar year are up 3.1 percent over the same period last year thanks to greater-than- projected giving earlier in the year.

If you need to get your daily dose of Scripture on-the-go, listen to daily devotion podcasts on your iPod, MP3 player, or computer. Download them online at <http://streams.wels.net>.

### MISSION FESTIVAL

We want to thank the individuals who gave of their time to help organize and participate in the service, prepare and clean up our church woods as well as serve the meal. Opportunities, for conversation, renewing acquaintances and dining on delicious food were enjoyed by many. We thank God for his many blessings, especially for the opportunity to worship and fellowship in our beautiful outdoor facility.

## THE EXALTED STATE OF SERVANTHOOD

Martin Luther, the author of the Reformation wrote, "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." Perhaps those two sentences appear at first to be contradictory. What Luther was trying to help us understand is that we, as Christians, are called to freedom from an obligation to serve, but that we are called to the freedom to serve joyfully.

This call to joyful servanthood is understood and often scoffed at, simply because we have confused servanthood with servitude. Servitude conveys the idea of bondage and even slavery. Servanthood, on the other hand, connotes voluntary service, joyful giving of ourselves, a willing choice to help others, and selfless commitment.

One who is involved in servitude serves unwillingly out of a sense of fear and has no hope of entering into a different state, while one involved in servanthood lives in an exalted state, a healthy and uplifting climate of helping others. Even though challenges must be overcome and problems may abound, the joy of servanthood is the overriding experience.

How do we get from a state of servitude to a state of servanthood? This transition is made when we properly understand the Word of God which clearly defines servanthood by explaining Christ's purpose in coming to Earth: ". . . *the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many*" (Matthew 20:28). Jesus has lived the perfect life of the servant in our places, so we no longer are constrained to try to "measure up" to what God expects. The Law never saves, never enables us, only shows us our shortcomings.

When we look at Christ, though, and how He lived His earthly life and what He has done for us, we are freed to respond with heartfelt, sincere, loving service to those He has placed around us. The acts of service we render are the same; the motivation and attitude are what make the difference. Through Christ, we are elevated to the exalted state of servanthood.

The Stewardship Committee

### FAMILY BIBLE WEEK

Family Bible Week was a success due to the efforts of many individuals. Our singing time was enhanced by the accompanying of Cody Goll, Pastor Woldt, Rachael Feldschneider, Connie Wolfram and the direction of Emilie Steinbrenner. The delicious meals were prepared by Michelle Brandt and served by Claudette Mann, Holly Kuester, Joan Brandt, Heather Brandt, Melody Wagie, Sue Vogel, Margaret Schowalter, Abby Vogel and Sarah Thurs. Our wonderful teaching staff was Jessica Schumacher, Cassy Dencker, Emilie Steinbrenner, Beth Steinbrenner, Theresa Hansen, Lindsay Nass, Abby Hartwig, Megan Woldt and Ariel Matter. We offer our heartfelt thanks to all.

**BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7, 2008**

**Sunday Morning Bible Studies 9:00 am.**

**Adult Bible Study (begins September 7)**

*In church with Pastor Loescher*

**The Joys of Fellowship**

Here's a great chance for us to talk candidly about what we can do to make David's Star even friendlier than we are to our new members and prospective new members. Why does a warm church seem cold to some? What can we do to cultivate a godly attitude in our selves toward people we have never seen before? What can we do to promote such attitudes congregation wide. This discussion will be held on the two Sundays prior to our new member welcome Sunday on September 21st. Following the new member welcome Sunday, the next three Sundays will feature the joys of fellowship that we share.

**Adult Bible Study (begins September 7)**

*In School with Pastor Woldt*

**God's Plan of Salvation!**

A study of the book of Romans. During this session we will read through chapters 1-5 of this precious letter. Law and Gospel are presented precisely and clearly in the apostle's writing. Come and see why Martin Luther said that every Christian ought to know Romans word for word.

**Teen Bible Study (begins September 7)**

*Parish Center with Mr. Giddings*

Have you seen enough political commercials yet? This fall's election offers us an excellent opportunity to discuss how we live as citizens of both a spiritual and an earthly kingdom. While most of you might not be able to vote in this election, you will be voting in the next presidential election and you need to be prepared. Join us as we talk about this very critical topic.

**Children's Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Classes exist for children from ages 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Your child can join Sunday school at any time during the year Contact Andy Loeffler (677-2319) for more information



**CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY KML 35TH YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY**

Is being hosted by David's Star Lutheran Church. The *Celebration of Ministry* service is set for Sunday, September 7, at 6:00pm. Mrs. Micah Nelson, Mr. Jonathan Laabs, and Mr. Paul Wendland will be installed at this service. The founding fathers of KML will also be recognized in this service. We will also be using this service as an opportunity to begin a year of celebration and praise to our Lord for 35 years of grace and blessings in the history of our high school. Our theme for the upcoming school year will be *35 Years – Serving Christ and the Generations*. Please join us for this special worship opportunity. Light refreshments will follow the service.

**NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

September 21st at 9 am on the church lawn for fellowship, coffee, juice and donuts. The entire congregation is invited to this event which will be a great way for everyone to learn more about what David's Star has to offer from our wonderful K-8 school to our churches many opportunities. Our congregation's leadership will be there easily identifiable for an informal opportunity to get to know about what you might be interested in.

**WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

Our regular Monday evening study will start on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. We will continue to meet on the first and third Monday of the month. Please contact Colleen Loeffler with any questions, 677-2319.

**WOMEN IN THE WORD**

We will study, Government: A Godly Perspective by Kremer Publications. "This course will give the Christian hope and comfort regardless of the political climate.." Our group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month. We meet in the Parish Center, 7:00 - 8:15 pm.

**WOMEN NURTURING WOMEN**

We will start the year by finishing the study we were doing last year "Heirs Together of God's Gracious Gift of Life" We will continue to meet on the first and third Thursday of the month at 10:00 am in the parish center. Please contact Nancy Ebeling 677-3957.

**SMALL GROUP BIBLE  
STUDY OPPORTUNITY**

A new small group bible study is forming for people age 19 to 29. The first one will be at Katie & Emilie Steinbrenner's at 7:00 on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in being part of such a group, contact Katie or Emilie Steinbrenner or Pastor Loescher.

You can send an email to kloescher@davidstar.org