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## Time's Precious Treasure

by Pastor Loescher

Someone once said, "Time is like money. Once you spend it on one thing, you can't ever have it back to spend it on something else." But at least with money you can save it and think about how you want to spend it to make sure you spend it wisely. Time just gets spent second after second without any opportunity to stop the spending spree. If every second were a dollar bill, we may be more likely to concentrate on using our time well. Every second wasted would be like a dollar bill being sucked out the window with no chance of retrieving it. On the other hand, we might not worry about the dollar bills being sucked out the window if we had an unlimited supply of money. Maybe we don't worry about time being wasted because we think we have an unlimited supply of time. That of course, couldn't be more false. We say with the Psalmist, David, "My times are in your hands" (Psalm 30:15). And with Moses, "Teach us to number our days aright that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

As we enter into another busy school and church year, we do well to consider how we use the time given to us. It might be helpful to think about how families used their time in generations past when the children had to help. At this time of year, they might be going to school, but before and after school there were chores that had to be done. Most of them lived on farms where the food for the winter was raised and there was only so much time left to put it all up for the winter. The animals had to be well cared for because they were the family's livelihood. That was a time when the children's lives revolved around the

family. They learned by how they spent their time that family was most important.

Today it is possible for the family life to revolve around the children. Their outside activities can actually become more important than the well being of the family. One lesson we can learn from the past is to make sure to use time for family building. Any time spent with family is time well spent. The family after all is the highest institution on earth. It was established at creation as the institution of marriage and the raising of children to godliness.

We can of course learn from the Ten Commandments to spend time serving others. Giving of ourselves for the work of the Lord is very difficult to do if we use all of our time on ourselves. And just like giving money to the Lord, time spent on the work of the Lord is never lost. We find that we still have plenty of time left over for the other things of our lives. Giving from the heart involves trust that the Lord will supply all of our needs as well—including time.

How we use our time does matter. It's even important to use some of our time on relaxation and recreation. Work hard when an employer is paying for our time. Concentrate and pray for growth as students work at their studies. Look to teach and learn positive life lessons in sports, music, drama, etc. And when time seems to be all we have as we sit at home alone, use it in prayer, meditate on God's Word that you might be strong to encourage and support others. Pray on all occasions for his loving forgiveness after opportunities and time have been squandered. Pray that we might honor God in all we do. May God bless the coming year.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!**

Vincent Schneider...86 yrs. old... 9/3/1923  
Ursula Dorna...85 yrs. old...9/15/1924  
Kamelia Bolha...86 yrs. old...9/27/1923  
Celia Wendtland...89 yrs. old...9/29/1920

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**SEPTEMBER 2009 GREETERS**

Sat., Sept. 5th  
5:00 Mark & Laurie Bublitz

Sun., Sept. 6th  
7:45 Kathy & Bonnie Bublitz  
10:15 Dennis & Marlene Bell

Sat., Sept. 12th  
5:00 Al & Ruth Laverence

Sun., Sept. 13th  
7:45 Brian & Pam Lee  
10:15 Ray & Linda Liesener

Sat., Sept. 19th  
5:00 Pastor & Marie Janke

Sun., Sept. 20th  
7:45 Rick & Nancy Ebeling  
10:15 Dan & Denise Butzke

Sat., Sept. 26th  
5:00 Ren & Edie Kremer

Sun., Sept. 27th  
7:45 Dave & Nicole Miller  
10:15 Dan, Sue, Kamelia Bolha

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**Women in the Word**

will begin a six session bible study on  
Wednesday, September 16.

As our guide, we will use Dr. Leslie Parrott's  
book, "You Matter More Than You Think - what a  
woman needs to know about the difference she  
makes." Besides Dr. Parrott's book, the study  
will include video presentations and a workbook.  
The cost of the study is \$8.00.

**Please mark your calendars for Wednesdays  
- September 16, 30, October 7, 21,  
November 4 and 18.**

We will begin promptly at 7pm in the Parish  
Center. Remember to bring your Bible and a  
writing tool. Questions may be directed to Char  
Kison, (262) 677-2389.

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**David's Star Women's Retreat  
will be held Saturday, November 14,**  
at our school, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. Our theme  
for this year is "Thank God with Prayer and  
Praise." Our biblical verses are Ephesians 5:19-  
20. Watch the church bulletin and website for  
more information.

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**Women in the Word  
will host the 8th annual  
Advent Prayer Breakfast  
on Saturday, December 5th,**  
8:30 am, at Heidel's Restaurant.  
In the coming months, please watch the church  
bulletin for more information.

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**David's Star Ladies Aid  
will host Guest Night on  
Thursday, October 8th.**  
All confirmed females of our congregation are  
invited to hear Ms. Jane Schlenvogt speak on the  
importance of prayer and bible study.  
Various women's groups from our area are  
invited as well.  
Gathering Time will begin at 6:15 pm.  
Sweet treats and beverages will be served at  
6:45, followed by Ms. Schlenvogt's presentation.



## PARISH NURSE NEWS

### CAREGIVING

The longer I am here at David's Star the more I have come to know of the many families that have quietly and faithfully taken on the role of caregiver of another family member or friend. May God bless you! There are most certainly days when that role is a joy and a privilege. And then there are days when that role can be a challenge and perhaps even overwhelming. It is our desire, as fellow members of the body of Christ, to support you in whatever way that we can. How can I pray for you? Are there community resources that may provide some kind of assistance? Pastor tells me that there are people who have expressed an interest in taking on some type of service project. Please feel free to let us know of your need! Serving our Lord and being served are both blessings!

The Washington County Aging & Disability Resource Center is again offering a six-week series on Thursdays, beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, titled, "Powerful Tools for Caregivers". The program is designed to provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself so that you can take care of your loved one. Call 1-262-335-4497 for more information.

On another note, we have been hearing a lot lately about the H1N1 flu virus. Emily Zarling, our newest Parish Nurse, will be writing the "Nurses Notes" article in the school newsletter for us from now on and her first feature will be all about this as it relates to our school families. Watch for it! The Centers for Disease Control, along with our local public health departments, will be making recommendations to help reduce the impact and spread of the virus. Watch for that information in the newspapers. In the mean time, common sense measures, such as covering your cough, washing your hands and staying home when ill, can help protect yourself and others from communicable diseases.

A closing thought for you is taken from Galatians 6:10. "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

How can we help, as we walk together in Christ?

*Sue Bolha*

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

## Women – Seven Years Longer

That is the projection of the U.S. Census Bureau; women can expect to live approximately seven years longer than men. Therefore it is likely that a wife will eventually be responsible for two estates including the taxes. Whether a woman is single, married, divorced or widowed, she needs to consider whom she wants to benefit after her death – the people and charitable institutions important to her.

If you don't have a will when you die, your property passes according to the laws of your state. These laws are rigid, and you run the risk of having your estate disposed of in a manner you do not approve. State laws do NOT provide for charitable gifts.

The common result of what happens when you die without a will can be generalized this way:

1. The wife dies and is survived by her husband and children. The husband will receive one-half of your estate and the rest divided among your children.
2. The wife dies and is survived by the husband. Most of the estate goes to your husband and part to the parents if they are living.
3. The wife dies and is survived by the children only. The children will share your estate in equal portions.
4. The wife dies with no survivors. If the parents are alive they will inherit the entire estate. If the parents are not alive any brothers or sisters will divide it equally. After that your cousins or nearest blood relatives receive your estate.
5. The wife dies and there are no known relatives. Your entire estate will be transferred to the state where you live.

Consider this figure. 75% of the elderly poor are women. Eight out of ten didn't start off poor. They ended up that way when their husbands died. Take the time now to consider and give thanks for the Lord's blessings you have received. Through proper estate planning you can minimize taxes and maximize tax breaks and transfer your estate in a timely manner to the people and institutions you love.

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**David's Star Church Council Meeting Minutes / Capsule**  
August 11, 2009

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, David Nunez, Kevin Behm, Tim Gustafson, Brian Lee, Dennis Bell, Kurt Henning, David Zarling, Randy Vogel (Building Committee)

Absent: Pastor Loescher, Jeff Morgan, Todd Backus, Dan Bolha, Mark Otte.

The meeting was called to order by David Nunez. The meeting was opened with a prayer. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on July 7, 2009.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)**

**Incoming:** Coons, Carol  
*Transfer from Good Shepherd, Beaver Dam, WI*

**Outgoing:** Carris, Amy  
*Requested release from membership*  
Enstad, Benjamin & Amber  
*Transfer to St. John, Sturgeon Bay, WI*  
Gustafson, Phil  
*Transfer to St. Mark, Eau Claire, WI*  
Rosenau, David & Susan; Brittany, Amanda,  
Luke, Katie, Ella  
*Transfer to St. Mark, Leesburg, FL*  
Vogel, William & Joyce  
*Requested release from membership*  
Winkel, Nathanael & Tiffan; Micah & Lydia  
*Transfer to Immanuel, Hadar, NE*

**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) )**

Pastor Loescher is driving with his son Jonathon to help him settle in for his vicar year in Arizona. Please keep Jonathon in your prayers. The delegates at the WELS convention elected Pastor Woldt to serve as the chairman of the Martin Luther College governing board. This role will require Pastor Woldt to take trips to New Ulm throughout the year. Pastor Woldt is stepping down from the role as Circuit Pastor, and will no longer be serving on the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary governing board. Recent reports indicate that congregations throughout our synod are meeting their commitments for mission offerings. God bless us as we at David's Star continue to support the work of spreading the gospel outside of our community. The August joint mission festival will be a wonderful opportunity to remember our role in supporting gospel outreach

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

**Technology Committee** – The committee has been partially formed and has been working with the Building Committee to establish the placement for the new computer server, new wiring and other new computer hardware that will be done as part of the building program. The new system will include a new phone system, as well as the ability to upgrade the system for a security system. Initial rough wiring will be handled by the committee and will help save cost on the overall project. Current members on the committee are Barry Washburn – Chairman; Mark Oestreich, and Todd Oestreich. Additional members will be confirmed by Barry and I within the next week to ten days.

**Building Project Communication** – At the last Building Committee meeting it was suggested that we organize a “Tour Day” as part of the communication process to the congregation. This “Tour Day” will be held on August 30<sup>th</sup>, between the early and late service, and also after the late service. I have asked Nelson Erdman and the Evangelism Committee to consider all means of communication to the congregation to publicize this day as a tool to make sure all members are seeing what is happening and keep up with the excitement.

**Building Project** – Overall, everything seems to be working very well. Inside work at the school is moving along and is obviously the main attention for the contractors. August 25<sup>th</sup> is the date of the “substantial” completion of the first phase within the existing school. Final cleaning can be scheduled after that date so the teachers can have time to get back into their rooms to ready them for beginning of school. The existing heating system was removed from the church 2 weeks ago and work on the new system will begin within the next 2 weeks to be completed by the end of September. On the next 3 Saturdays, the contractors will be working to keep the tight schedule, so when volunteers are working, we need to make sure we communicate this to everyone.

**Building Project Financial Update** – The project continues to stay on budget. There has been only one major issue that has come up. The roof on the original building (upper roof) has waters between layers of the roof. The decision was made to completely replace this roof as it would have caused major issues later once the RTU were installed. We will need to discuss this issue in greater detail in new business. No major contributions have come in according to Gary Heckendorf. We will be scheduling a follow-up meeting with John Clark of the James Company to discuss the next steps in the stewardship drive. Gary has let us know that the first of the draws have come for CD Smith, and he is in contact with Dan Bolha to keep those up to date.

**Bertram Internet Tower** – The committee that has been working on this project does have a recommendation for us to consider. We will need to act on this as our action will trigger the final decision for our internet needs. We will discuss this in detail under new business.

**Parish Center** – Discussion needs to start as to the ongoing use of the Parish Center and what our thoughts are for its future. Buildings & Grounds have let me know that it will

need a new roof, as well as updated windows in the very near future. As we move forward, moving the occupants of the Parish Center into the new spaces of the school, the Parish Center will no longer have residents. At what point do we consider the cost of maintaining this building enough, and possibly consider the demolition of it?

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

The committee has been doing cleanup on Thursday evenings.

**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) )**

Registration will be held next week for the new school year.

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

The Board of Elders has approved three members of our congregation to be receiving funds from our KML Tuition Assistance Fund. Based upon the rules of the fund, each will receive 25% of the available dollars.

The Care Committee for Called Workers have scheduled meetings with called workers, and will have interviews completed by the end of August.

We are considering having a "Director by Committee" to fill in for our Mixed Choir Director this upcoming choir season. The contacts that were made were unsuccessful.

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

Our new member welcome is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>. A fall communication piece will be mailed out by our committee to 500 households in our neighborhood. It will highlight fall happenings here including the women's retreat, the living nativity, and Thanksgiving and Christmas services.

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

The committee discussed our envelope system as it relates to tuition assistance funds. We recommended adding a fund for David's Star Elementary Student Aid Fund.

We also recommended that we add envelopes so that each month an envelope would be included in our envelope packet alternating between KML, Synodical, and David's Star elementary (4 envelopes per year for each).

We recommended making the envelope color different for each of the above charities.

Realizing that envelope changes may take some time, we recommended that the DS Needy Family Fund be used in the short-term in the event that needs arise for David's Star Elementary assistance.

Dan Bolha will get the fund set up for David's Star Elementary Student Aid Fund.

Dan will work with the counters on the change so that the proper application of funds can be made.

Todd will work on the envelope changes.

Bill Truebenbach put together a short survey to get a feel for how many members have completed their will and funeral plans. Bill discussed a potential seminar on final planning based on feedback from the survey.

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

Family Bible Week was run at KML and David's Star successfully. Many thanks to the teachers, pastors and Char Kison who put the week together. About 70-80 different people attended one of the nights.

The search continues for a Sunday School Superintendent for this year.

Bible classes continue to be lined up for the coming school year.

**Building Committee Update (Randy Vogel)**

Everything is moving along quickly and efficiently. Some quick decisions are being made based on the circumstances that are being encountered.

Because of timing and esthetics, some hired painters will be used for parts of the school.

Asphalting will begin August 20<sup>th</sup>.

The week of August 17<sup>th</sup>, water will be shut off at times.

**Fundraising Committee Update (Gary Heckendorf)**  
No report.

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

Due to issues with the computer system, a treasurer's report was not immediately available the night of our meeting. Dan, however, promptly emailed a copy of a report to all council members shortly after the meeting.

The July 31, 2009 ending balance in our operating fund shows a deficit of \$218,796 compared to a deficit of \$206,321 June 30, 2009 and a deficit of \$176,083 on July 31, 2008. Year to date operating fund receipts are \$438,166 compared to \$452,387 last year and this year's budget of \$484,318. Our Foundation Build on the Rock funding appeal has received year to date revenues of \$200,837.

**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 – Kurt Henning will discuss this matter with Wally before any further discussion..

Internet Service to Campus – This matter has been turned over to the Technology Committee.

### New Business

School Roof Repair – The Council discussed options regarding the \$24,000 cost of this project. A motion was made and carried to take the funds for this project from the Building and Improvement Fund.

Future use of teacherage (Parish Center) - This use of this building was discussed by council. The building will be in need of a new roof and windows, and might be considered a potential “money pit”. There was discussion as to whether there might be out there a specific vision or purpose that might be accommodated by utilizing this facility. If we were to convert this building back to livable space, it would be costly. Council will discuss this again at a later time.

Printer for bookkeeper – Lisa Marie’s printer is no longer working. Barry obtained a refurbished HP unit for \$600. It was decided to take these funds from “Church Office Equipment” in the operating budget.

Bertram tower – Bertram would like to locate the tower by the basketball poles. The other option with them is that for a \$7000 extra cost to us, it could be placed on the east end of our property (This would be a much higher tower.) If we decided to utilize A T & T’s DSL internet service, there would be an initial \$7000 cost with a pole by Carl Schramm’s property. Our annual cost would be \$3000 per year.

It was decided to discuss our options further with Bertram. Barry would talk to Bertram to obtain additional answers.

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

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, October 8, 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).



### WELS UPDATE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Work has already begun to implement the various resolutions that were adopted at the synod convention.

Convention decisions directly affected the work of Parish Services in a number of ways. First, the Board for Parish Services has been replaced by a Parish Services council. The work carried out by Parish Assistance and the commissions on Evangelism, Youth Discipleship, Adult Discipleship, Worship, Special Ministries, and Parish Schools will now be carried out as a part of the Ministry Support area of the synod’s work and will be accountable to the Conference of Presidents through they synod president. Second, the budget for the ministries of Parish Services was further reduced. Reductions had already been planned before convention; with these additional reductions, three more called positions and possibly one staff position will need to be eliminated.

The Synodical Council supervises the mission and ministry of the synod between conventions. New members will be joining the Synodical Council when it meets in November. They include Rev. Joel Voss, Rev. Phil Hirsch, Rev. Jonathon Schroeder, and Teacher James Moeller.

As the budget was developed last year, there were concerns that the reductions would result in a large number of called workers without calls. In all, about 38 occupied and vacant positions for called workers were eliminated. Thankfully, our worst fears were not realized. The Lord has provided other calls for many whose positions were eliminated. Only six pastor-trained men, two staff ministers, and six teachers have not yet received a call. All but 4 seminary graduates and 12 MLC graduates have also been assigned. We will keep all of these workers in our prayers until the Lord calls them to the field of service he has planned for them.

## The Blessing of Work

The Labor Day holiday is a day that is set aside to recognize and give thanks for the blessings that work gives people. We receive a day of rest from our labors. Most of this newsletter article will focus on the gifts and abilities that God gives us for work as well as the desire and ability that God gives us to work.

## God Blesses Us with Talents and Abilities

God has created us in His image (Genesis 1:26). He has given us tremendous talents. We are given intelligence, organization skills, creativity, decision-making powers, problem-solving capabilities, leadership abilities, and mechanical abilities, etc. God has given us labor so that we can use our God-given talents and provide for our needs. *“The Lord God took [Adam] and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it” Genesis 2:15.* Work is part of God’s master plan for all people. Through our work, we not only take care of our needs, we receive fulfillment and growth as well as the joy of accomplishment.

Have you ever stopped to consider the differences in people? There are thousands of occupations in today’s world, each requiring special talents. There are needs for carpenters, cooks, mechanics, tailors, pastors, teachers, farmers, servers, students, police officers, etc. The important thing to note here, however, is that, for every need, God has given to someone the ability to fulfill that need. Some people are able to take apart engines of cars, while others hardly know where to add the oil. Some can build houses, while others can barely nail boards together. Some women sew fashionable clothes for their family and buy their bread at the store, while others cook and bake beyond compare but don’t even own a sewing machine. God has made us all unique. Along with all of our talents and abilities, God adds to them our desire and ability to work.

As Christians, we need to remember that our talents and abilities have come from God. *“You may say to yourself, ‘My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.’ But remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your forefathers, as it is today” (Deuteronomy 8:17-18).*

## Financial Equation

Earning income at our work is an essential part of the following financial equation:

**Earned income = giving, saving,  
and spending.**

From the income that we earn, we give, save, and spend. For the financial equation to balance, we need to earn an income.

## The Blessing of Work

Working is a blessing that God gives His people. God is not pleased with laziness or an indifferent attitude toward work. Solomon wrote, *“Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.” (Proverbs 10:4).* We are encouraged to be as ambitious, wise, and industrious as the ant. *“Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest” (Proverbs 6:6).*

God is concerned with our quality of work. The Apostle Paul wrote, *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men” (Colossians 3:23).* Because we are serving the Lord in all that we do, including our work, we are to give our very best effort. When we add value to our employers, we not only put ourselves in a position for promotions and raises, God is glorified.

The Apostle Paul reminds us, *“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and*



*whoever sows generously will also reap generously” (2 Corinthians 9:6).* This sowing and reaping principle that Paul shares applies to our

work. What is your attitude toward your work? Are you there to receive as much as you can putting out the least amount of effort? Do you begrudge the hours your employer asks you to work, or are you willing to come in early and stay late at times?

Another question to ask yourself about your work is how you plan to use this “wealth” that your “diligent hands” bring you. Is it your purpose to hoard it like the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21), so that you can “*take life easy; eat, drink and be merry*”? If you’ve read the parable, you know that plan is not pleasing to the Lord.

Our work is a gift from the Lord. As good stewards of that gift, we will work to the best of our ability so that we can care for our needs and give to the Lord by helping others in need. Paul talks about the service we can provide through our work: “*At the present time your plenty will supply what [others] need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality*” (2 Corinthians 8:14).

Besides providing for ourselves, God gives us two additional reasons for work:

- Provide for 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).
- Provide for the needy: “*[He] must work . . . doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need*” (Ephesians 4:28).

**Give thanks to God for your work. Work to the best of your ability. Share with others the rewards of your work.**