

Our Father's Ev. Lutheran Church and School

VOTERS' MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009

Location: School Gym (7:00pm)

**ALL CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND**

To support and fulfill our mission to preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, through our church and school, this meeting will address the following:

- 1) Emergency financial operating decisions that must be voted upon; and,**
- 2) New proposals designed to eliminate ongoing operational cash shortfalls.**

Emergency Financial Operating Matters

Our Father's currently requires an immediate infusion of cash through the refinancing of our mortgage. We have no choice but to vote on this action at this meeting (unless someone makes a one-time donation of about \$60,000). Employment insurance and tax payments must be made. Specific dollar amounts, and interest rates available, will be presented and voted upon Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

Proposals Designed to Eliminate Ongoing Operational Cash Shortfalls

Your various boards have been hard at work addressing these issues. The following will be discussed and voted upon (if appropriate) at the March 31 meeting:

- Board of Christian Education actions regarding Day Care employee insurance payments**
- Board of Christian Education suggestions for additional operating expense reductions**
- Board for Stewardship plans/ideas for school and congregational giving (e.g. Simply Giving and Giving Plus form distribution, school Penny Wars/Heaven Cents contest, appeal letters, congregational member witnessing statements, pledge forms and Consecrated Steward program)**
- Board of Finance proposal, "Making a Commitment to His Word and His Work" a 2009 program designed to show how small giving increases, one-member-at-a-time evangelism efforts, combined with necessary expense reductions may eliminate cash shortfall problems**
- POSSIBLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTION EVER TAKEN AT OUR FATHER'S. THIS INVOLVES A NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED CHURCH FINANCIAL CONSULTANT WHO SPECIALIZES IN SHOWING HOW CONGREGATIONS ARE ABLE TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE EXISTING FINANCIAL ANNUAL SHORTFALLS. THERE IS NO FEE FOR HIS SERVICE OR WORK.**

**PLEASE ATTEND THIS MEETING AND MAKE A
COMMITMENT TO RETURN OUR LORD AND SAVIOR'S
COMMITMENT HE MAKES TO US**