

**WELS "WALKING TOGETHER" SUNDAY
SEXAGESIMA (60) SUNDAY
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN PRE-LENT
February 6 & 7, 2010**

WE EXTEND A HEART-FELT WELCOME TO ONE AND ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WHO HAS UNITED US IN FAITH! It is a blessing to have you worship our wonderful LORD of love with us today! May the Holy Spirit bless you richly today through His Word!

Today we celebrate the amazing love of our LORD God who has **united us in faith in Jesus our Savior!** Not only has God the Holy Spirit connected us *to Christ*, He has also connected us through faith *to one another* -- here in our family of faith *at St. Paul's*, as well as in our larger family of faith, *in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod* -- and in fact, *in the entire Holy Christian Church* throughout the world! Perhaps we don't pause enough to ponder, and to give thanks for, the **wonderful unity of faith we enjoy with our fellow Christians in our Synod**, but we should!

Today we celebrate our **"Walking Together"** (which is what the word *synod* means) **Weekend**. We rejoice in the larger fellowship of believers which our Savior has brought us into, and we ask the LORD of the Church for His continued blessings upon us!

We are especially delighted to welcome all our guests who are with us today! It is our fervent prayer that God the Holy Spirit will bless your worship among us with peace and joy through the marvelous message of our unity-giving Savior. Please introduce yourself to our pastor and members, sign our guest book in the entryway, and worship with us again -- soon! Restroom and nursery facilities (with a video link) are located across from the west (driveup) doorway. If you have any questions about our congregation's ministries or facilities, please do not hesitate to ask our Pastor or one of our Elders. If you are looking for a church home, feel free to speak to our Pastor!

COMMUNION ORDER OF SERVICE:

"The Common Service" starting on page 15 in the front of *Christian Worship*

HYMNS: 532 (Sat.) / Children's Choir (Sun.) 490 459 566

The Children (K-2) from St. Paul's Lutheran School will sing:

"Sing and Celebrate" and "This is the Day"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 17:8-13

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 115 on insert from *Christian Worship*

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:1-8

GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:14-21

SERMON TEXT: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

"Now You Are The Body Of Christ!"

Prepare Your Heart For Next Weekend's Worship:

Appointed Lessons for: "Quinquagesima Sunday -- The Third Sunday in Pre-Lent":

Old Testament Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalms of the Day: Psalm 111

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 13:12-21

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 20:17-28

DID YOU KNOW that at the first session of the Synod in 1850 a resolution was adopted calling on every member congregation to take up one collection a year for the synod and have a duly elected delegate bring it to the meeting. The first collection on record yielded \$78.01. In 1859 President Muehlhaeuser complained: "How difficult it seems and how long it takes for many of our congregations to realize the benefit of belonging to a synod ... and how rarely they show their appreciation by contributing willingly and joyfully." By 1867 a goal of .50 cents per communicant had been established. - The Wisconsin Synod Lutherans by the late Prof. E. C. Fredrich

We welcome all to...come to faith...grow in faith...live the faith...share the faith.

Sunday School & Youth Bible Class every Sunday from 10:30 - 11:15 AM

Sunday Bible Class starting at 10:30 AM

The Mission Statement for WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod):

As men, women, and children united in faith and worship by the Word of God, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod exists to make disciples throughout the world for time and for eternity, using the Gospel to win the lost for Christ and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service, all to the glory of God.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER, PETITION, AND PRAISE:

- For those **released from the hospital:**

- Colette Dederman who is recuperating at the Golden Living Center.
- Irene Sellin who is recuperating at the Heritage of Bel Air Care Center.
- Ardith Wacker who is recuperating at the St. Joseph's Care Center.
- Robert Strong (Jasmine Foulk's grandfather) who underwent surgery.

- For those who are **battling cancer:**

- 5 year old Jonathan Madarassy Dale (brain tumor)
- Bob Wittgow
- Lavonne Hale
- Jim O'Gorman
- Donna Appel
- Jake Bender (Jasmine Foulk's grandfather)
- Pat Tauscher (wife of Rev. James Tauscher of Loveland, Colorado) who continues chemotherapy treatments and recently received a report of "no evidence of cancer".
- Janet Seiltz (wife of Rev. Paul Seiltz of Pittsburg, Kansas)
- Shirley Bair (a neighbor of Baders)
- Jill Kanzenbach, whose husband Matt is on a leave of absence as principal and teacher at St. Mark's Lutheran School in Lincoln.
- Rev. Earl Lindemann of Trinity Lutheran of Winner, South Dakota, who was hospitalized in Sioux Falls.

- For those **dealing with health problems:**

- LeRoy Haase (Barb's father) who is recovering from a stroke.
- Dan Graae

- Melvin Hille
- Mimi Richmond (Maria Sweigard's sister)
 - **Other Prayer Requests:**
- In thanksgiving for the birth of twin daughters (Paige Anne and Mia Marie) born to Ryan & Erika Elbert (Erika is the daughter of Ron & Roxanne Johnson).
- For the people of Haiti who continue to struggle in the aftermath of the earthquake, and for the relief efforts which are striving to alleviate some of the suffering there.
- For our school's OUT-reach efforts to connect with new families from the Northern Hills School District during January and February.
- For Miles Nelson, Brett Bader, Phil Mohlke and all who are serving in the military.

"Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our service today. Our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and our congregation, based on the Word of God (1 Corinthians 10-11, Romans 16:17), follow the historic Christian practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**, celebrating the Lord's Supper only with those in full doctrinal agreement with us. Accordingly, only those in confessional fellowship with us (members of the WELS and ELS) are to come with us to the Lord's Table to receive Jesus' body and blood with the bread and wine in the sacrament. If you are a visitor, please speak with our Pastor or one of our Elders before the service if you wish to commune. We do not want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before you have had an honest opportunity to examine them. Our Pastor regularly offers a course of instructions on the teachings of Scripture and our Lutheran church.

All those intending to commune are asked to announce their intention to commune on the Lord's Supper registration sheet in the entryway of the church. **Prayers and materials for worship and communion preparations** can be found on pages 10-11, 134-139, and 156 in the front of the hymnal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Members and guests of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church are asked to fill out the **Friendship Register**. It is the maroon colored booklet that can be found at the end of each pew. The person on the end rows are asked to tear out the page(s) and give them to an Usher when they come around. Your help is greatly appreciated.

LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY on February 17th! Join us for our midweek Lenten services on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM as we journey again to Calvary to see our Savior's loving sacrifice for us and for the whole world! Our Ash Wednesday service will also include our Savior's blessings in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Plan now to join us!

Our current custodian will no longer be with St. Paul's. If anyone is interested in the **CUSTODIAN** position (20 hours per week) please stop by the office and pick up an application.

Vera Kruger will celebrate her 90th birthday with an **OPEN HOUSE** on Sunday, Feb. 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, given by her family. No gifts please. Cards can be sent to Vera at 709 South 11th Street, Norfolk, NE 68701.

WHAT: A **andlelight Valentine's Dinner** for you and your loved one

WHEN: Saturday, February 13, serving from 5:00 to 8:15 PM

WHERE: St. Paul's School gymnasium

COST: \$20 per couple (what a deal!)

WHAT TO DO: Reservations will be open through Wednesday, February 10. Please let us know a time and for how many. Time slots will run in 45 minute periods such as 5:00-5:45, 5:45-6:30, 6:30-7:15 with the last seating at 7:45.

*Call Jodi Pohlman at 750-2040 or Molly Papstein at 379-4410 to make your reservations today!

*Childcare will be available!

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL will be held in the school gymnasium on Wednesday nights from 7:00-9:00 PM unless there is Family Bible Study that week, then it will be held on Tuesdays. Both boys and girls, men and women, can join in.

WANTED: Unopened boxes of Kleenex / tissues for our Lutheran High School in Waco, NE (NELHS). Kleenex / tissues are non-budget items. Please help us fill the box in the narthex at church with boxes of Kleenex / tissues. This collection will be from Saturday, Jan. 30, thru Sunday, Feb. 14. Thank you in advance for showing your love in Christ. *We love because He first loved us!* -- Friends of NELHS

Gifts of love continue to come in for our **NEBRASKA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 30TH ANNIVERSARY DEBT REDUCTION OFFERING!** Although the official end of the thankoffering has arrived, gifts for debt reduction will continue to be received for the next few months. As of Wednesday \$200,219.03 has been given by God's people in response to our Savior's goodness and blessing! We are over 67% of our minimum \$300,000 goal to reduce our highest interest loans so that offerings are going to carry out ministry and not to pay bank interest.

If you would like to send a gift, contact NELHS at 1-888-615-6478.

NEBRASKA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL in Waco is a vital part of our ministries to high school aged people here at St. Paul's, around our Nebraska District, and beyond. This youth ministry is carried out by the members of the 49 association congregations and friends of this ministry.

NELHS is offering **early registration discounts** for new students. There is a \$200 discount if registrations are received by March 30th, and a \$100 discount for registrations received by May 31st. Check out the website at www.nelhs.org, phone 1-888-615-6478, or ask your pastor for more information!

DO YOU SUBSCRIBE to the *Forward In Christ* magazine, the official voice of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod? Do you subscribe to *Meditations* the daily devotion booklet published by Northwestern Publishing House, the official publisher of the WELS? There is no time like the present to do so! Phone Subscription Services at 1-800-662-6093 ext. 8, or order online at www.nph.net.

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR FORWARD IN CHRIST MAGAZINES AND MEDITATIONS BOOKLETS when you are finished with them? If you would like to *pass them on* so that others can be blessed by the Word of our LORD, please drop them off in our church library area so that they can be distributed to hospitals, doctors' offices, and various waiting rooms around our community and beyond. (Or better yet, take them to a waiting room where you visit or work, or share them with a friend!) Only our LORD knows whose life you might touch with His Gospel through your efforts!

Several copies of **TOGETHER WE TRAIN**, the newsletter from NELHS, are on the table in our Church Library and at our Communication Center. Take a look!!

In the "Together" WELS Newsletter included in this bulletin there is an article featuring a fantastic opportunity for getting the WELS-produced **ROAD TO EMMAUS DVD** out far and wide in our community and beyond. First released at last summer's Synod Convention, *The Road to Emmaus* is being made available for the *unbelievably low cost of \$1.50 plus shipping* in boxes of 100. What an easy tool for witnessing to friends and neighbors! What a great gift for every kid you know! If you would be interested in funding the purchase of this tool for use in our congregation's outreach efforts, please speak to your Pastor soon! The order deadline is March 1st!

Birthdays are a time to give thanks to God for the life He has created. It is a special time and a reason to celebrate. But what if you were told you may not live to see your next birthday? Cancer effects more of our loved ones every day. Statistics show an estimated 1.5 million new cancer cases and 560,000 deaths this year. This is why the American Cancer Society's new logo is "the official sponsor of birthdays". Their signature fundraiser is **RELAY FOR LIFE**. Through this event people are fighting back to create a world with more birthdays. Relay For Life honors those that have been affected by cancer, and reminds us all how special one more candle, one more cake, and one more celebration with the people we love truly is. Want a world with more birthdays? **Sign-up** for Relay For Life today, because there's no such thing as too many candles!

SERVING THE LORD	Ushers:
Worship Leader: Pastor Randy Bader	Sat. - Gilbert Grimm & ?
Organist: Mrs. Shannon Spreeman	Sun. - Curt Dinkel / Neal Winter
Elder on Duty: John Uecker	Ushers Next Week:
Radio Broadcasters: Gary Lingenfelter / John Schlomer	Sat. - Rick Ellenberger & ?
Television Broadcast Technician: Darol Dusseau	Sun. - Brock Bretschneider / Blake Bauer
GREETERS:	
Saturday 6:30 p.m.	Rick & Carolyn Harmeier
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Randy & Traci Anderson, Jayce & Riley
GREETERS NEXT WEEK:	
Saturday 6:30 p.m.	Damon & Terri Weinrich & Austin
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Brett & Kristin Bauer, Kelci & Blake

“HONOR TO THE LIVING LORD!”

ATTENDANCE: Sat. 6:30 PM - 47; Sun. 9:00 AM - 129; **TOTAL = 176**
 Sunday School - 15; Youth Bible Study - 9; Sunday Bible Study - 68
 Bible Info. Class - N/A; Wednesday Bible Class - 10
 Known to be Worship Visitors: 16

“GIVE THE LORD REGULAR FIRSTFRUITS”					
WEEK #5	Projected Need for Year End 2010	Budgeted Need as of Last Week	Actual Received as of Last Week	Income Needed Per Week	Income Received Last Week
General Fund Offerings / Misc	\$410,775.00	\$ 39,500.00	\$ 43,747.85	\$ 7,900.00	\$ 4,839.56
Synod Mission Offerings:	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 2,695.00	\$ 2,363.00	\$ 539.00	\$ 307.00
NELHS Offerings:	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,060.50	\$ 288.00	\$ 114.50
SPECIAL OFFERINGS: Property Improvement Fund			\$ 569.00		\$ 52.00

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OUR WEEK WITH CHRIST

- Sun./7** - 9:00 AM "Walking Together" **WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION!** (K-2 sing)
 "Worship With The Word" Radio Service over KNEN-FM 94.7
 - 10:30-11:15 AM Sunday School / Youth Bible
 - 10:30 AM Sunday Bible Class
- Mon.** - 7:30 PM **WORSHIP SERVICE** at Immanuel Lutheran, Hadar, NE (in school)
- Tues.** - 1:30 PM Worship Service at Bel Air Nursing Home
 - 6:30 PM Elders Meeting
- Wed.** - "Epistle" Newsletter Deadline
 - 9:00 AM Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable (Channel 14)
 - 10:00 AM Wednesday Open Bible Study
 - 6:00 PM Public School Youth Confirmation Class
 - 6:30 PM Family Bible Study
 - 7:30 PM Choir
- Thurs.** - 1:30 PM Worship Service at The Meadows
 - 2:00 PM Spanish Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable (Channel 14)
- Fri.** -
- Sat./13** - Boys A Team Christ Lutheran Basketball Tournament at Lutheran High Northeast
 - 1:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting at NELHS
 - Valentine Supper (in school gymnasium)
 - 6:30 PM **WORSHIP!** Organist: Mrs. Karen Pufahl
- Sun./14** - 9:00 AM **WORSHIP!**
 - 10:30-11:15 AM Sunday School / Youth Bible Class
 - 10:30 AM Sunday Bible Class
 - 1:00-4:00 PM Children's Day Festival at Sunset Mall

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