

**LAETARE SUNDAY**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**March 13 & 14, 2010**

**WE WARMLY WELCOME ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WHO HAS MADE US TO BE HIS TREASURED POSSESSION!** It is a genuine joy for us to have you worship our LORD with us today! May His Word assure you that you are a member of His family!

Many people long for a sense of *belonging*. The Creator instilled that within people when He fashioned our first parents, Adam and Eve. He brought them together as husband and wife, and ordained the institution of the family. In today's worship God's Word shows us how **God has made us the special objects of His love** and *His chosen people*. Through the saving work of Jesus *we belong!* In Christ we are the people of God! What a wonderful reason to worship and praise Him!

This past week we have been celebrating *Lutheran Schools Week* in our congregation and school. Christian education has been a focal point of many of the ministries of the Lutheran Church since the days of Martin Luther nearly five centuries ago. Not only do we strive for excellence in education in reading, math, sciences, history, etc., we count it a privilege to incorporate *God's Word* into *every facet of education!* The Word of our LORD is the foundation of all genuine wisdom! These themes also shape our worship today.

**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 Jesus our 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!

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Special Service folder

Almost 4000 years ago, the LORD chose a rather small, seemingly insignificant people to be **His special nation**. Ultimately the Savior came from this nation of Israel. Jesus was born a Hebrew. But through the redeeming work of Jesus **people from every nation** will gather around the Lamb (Jesus) in heaven! Praise Him for His marvelous love!

**Prepare Your Heart For Next Weekend's Worship:**

**Appointed Lessons for: "Judica Sunday -- The Fifth Sunday Lent":**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Genesis 14:8-20

**Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 46

**Epistle Lesson:** Ephesians 2:1-10

**Gospel Lesson:** John 12:27-36

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE:**

**Maundy Thursday** – April 1<sup>st</sup>: 6:30 PM Communion Worship

**Good Friday** – April 2<sup>nd</sup>: 6:30 PM Communion Worship

**Saturday** – April 3<sup>rd</sup>: NO service

**The Festival of our Savior's Resurrection** – April 4<sup>th</sup>: 7:30 AM Worship

**DID YOU KNOW** that by the 1920's the seminary building in Wauwatosa had become too small? In 1929 the synod dedicated a totally new seminary complex fifteen miles north of downtown Milwaukee in what is now the city of Mequon. Funds to pay for the building project were raised before construction began. This beautiful campus, upgraded and expanded several times since, still serves the synod today. - 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 **in the hospital:**
  - Dick Tiedgen
- For those **released from the hospital:**
  - For Gerald Winter, who was released from Faith Regional Hospital to the Veterans' Home.
- For those **recuperating from surgeries / illnesses:**
  - Colette Dederman who has returned home from the Golden Living Center.
  - Irene Sellin at the Heritage of Bel Air Care Center.
  - Ardith Wacker who has now moved from St. Joseph's Care Center to the Madison House.
  - Dave Henning who is recuperating at home following surgery.
- For those who are **battling cancer:**
  - 5 year old Jonathan Madarassy Dale (brain tumor)
  - Bob Wittgow
  - 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 formerly served as principal and teacher at St. Mark's Lutheran School in Lincoln.
  - Rev. Earl Lindemann of Trinity Lutheran of Winner, South Dakota, who continues treatments.
  - Arvin Nitz (grandfather of Renee McNeal) who was recently diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatments at Faith REgional.
- For those **dealing with health problems:**
  - LeRoy Haase (Barb's father)
  - Dan Graae
  - Melvin Hille
  - Mimi Richmond (Maria Sweigard's sister)

● **Other Prayer Requests:**

- For the family of John Schonebaum (grandfather of Mari Ortmeier and Carol Roth) whom Jesus called home to glory in heaven on Tuesday, and whose funeral service was today (Saturday) at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Naper, Nebraska.
- For the family of Rev. James Rockhoff (the father of Pastor David Rockhoff who served here at St. Paul's a little more than a decade ago and the father of Pastor Jonathan Rockhoff who serves in our District in Wichita, Kansas) whom Jesus called home to Himself in heaven on Wednesday, and whose funeral is scheduled for Monday in North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Pastor Rockhoff began his ministry serving in our Nebraska District in 1956 at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Geneva, Nebraska.
- For Mr. Seth Fitzsimmons, our school principal and 6-8th Grade homeroom teacher, who has received a Divine Call to serve at Pilgrim Lutheran School in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.
- For our gracious LORD's blessings on all of our Lutheran schools, on the preschool and elementary / middle school level, the high school level (NELHS and others), the college level (Martin Luther College and others), and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.
- For the people of Haiti and Chile who continue to struggle in the aftermath of the earthquake, and for the relief efforts which are striving to alleviate some of the suffering.
- For Miles Nelson, Brett Bader and all who are serving in the military.

*"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."  
(1 Corinthians 10:31)*

## **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.

We will take a few minutes following our worship service this morning to view the March edition of **THE WELS CONNECTION**, the video magazine of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, the larger church body to which St. Paul's belongs. This month's story features another *Lutheran School*, this time in a cross-cultural setting on Apacheland in Arizona, where the WELS has been reaching out with Jesus' Gospel for more than a century.

**OUR ANNUAL LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO CALVARY CONTINUES!** We invite everyone to join us as we journey again to the hill of Golgotha to see the incomprehensible price Jesus paid to win our forgiveness at our **6:30 PM Wednesday worship services**. Our overall Lenten theme is "We Preach Christ Crucified". This week we will zero our attention in on Philippians 3:7-11 as Pastor Tyler Peil of St. John's Lutheran of Stanton reminds us of the treasure more precious than life.

Here is another opportunity to **invite** an unchurched friend or co-worker to join us to learn more about what our gracious God has done for us!

**Lenten Suppers** will be served by various groups starting at 5:00 PM (and possibly following the services) prior to the Wednesday Lenten worship services. Come and join us as we feed both body and spirit!

This week's Lenten supper will be served by the St. Paul's Ladies Aid group.

Arrangements have been made to **BROADCAST OUR MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES ON CABLEONE TELEVISION** (cable channel 14) on Tuesdays at 5:00 PM. *Our regular weekend worship* is broadcast on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM, and a *Spanish service* is broadcast weekly on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 PM (originating from St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church, our sister WELS congregation in Phoenix, Arizona).

Invite your friends to tune in to be nurtured with God's Word!

An **EASTER BREAKFAST** will be served by the school parents and students. The menu includes *egg bake, coffee, juice*, and plenty of *home-made goodies*. Celebrate our risen Savior with us in the church basement immediately following the 7:30 AM service. (Remember this is the only service that Sunday.)

Plans are coming together for the 2010 edition of our **EASTER EGG HUNT**, scheduled for the Saturday afternoon before Easter, April 3, at 1:00 PM. Can you help by supplying small, soft, individually wrapped candy that will fit into a plastic egg? (Note: we are also in need of plastic eggs.) With preparations in filling the eggs? With setup on the day of the event? With publicity in our community? Please speak to a member of our Evangelism (Outreach) Committee or to Pastor Bader if you can help! Watch the bulletin for further details on Work Night.

On March 21 there will be a **MEN'S SOFTBALL INFORMATION MEETING** at 3:00 PM at the church. If you have any questions, please contact Dustin Kraemer (750-7187).

**ART SHOW:** Our school has some great pieces of art work this month on display at the Norfolk Art Center on 5th Street. There is also a display by Susan Lawler titled Remains of Faith: A Pioneer Legacy (photographs of churches and parts of churches). Stop by and enjoy!

**Box Tops for Education:** We just sent in 1,000 labels for which our school will receive \$100.00 this spring. Thank you for all your collecting. Please continue saving the Box Tops from the products you use.

**The Spirit of Martyrdom** presentation on Christian persecution will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, our sister congregation in Rising City, on Sunday, March 21, at 6:00 PM. The presenter is David Witt, the founder of Spirit of Martyrdom ministries, and is an author and international speaker. For more information, call 542-2526.

**So much *has* changed! What's happening to Lutheranism in the 21st century?** Recently America's largest Lutheran church body approved of clergy involved in same-sex relationships. How can this be? It's certainly not the policy of *all* Lutherans. In the revised ***WELS & Other Lutherans***, author John F. Brug describes recent doctrinal changes in major Lutheran church bodies and in smaller Lutheran groups. Order ***WELS & Other Lutherans: Second Edition*** (BU15N0766, \$17.99) at [www.nph.net](http://www.nph.net) or call Northwestern Publishing House at **1-800-662-6022**.

Gifts of love continue to come in for our **NEBRASKA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 30<sup>TH</sup> 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 Thursday \$203,529.03 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](http://www.nelhs.org), phone 1-888-615-6478, or ask your pastor for more information!

And speaking of *Lutheran Schools*, all are invited to the **HYMN FESTIVAL OF NEBRASKA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL** of Waco, Nebraska, next Sunday (March 21<sup>st</sup>) at 6:00 PM. This sacred concert will feature the Concert Choir, the "Knights of the Round Table" traveling choir, and the Instrumental Ensemble. The concert will take place, God-willing, at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church in York, Nebraska, (800 East Ave, (402)363-0022). Maps to the church are posted on our bulletin board at our Communication Center.

Come to be uplifted and inspired with the Word of our LORD in music and song!

And speaking further of our *Lutheran Schools*, the most recent edition of ***IN FOCUS***, the magazine of our **MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE, THE WELS COLLEGE OF MINISTRY**, in New Ulm, Minnesota, has arrived and is available for your perusal on the table in our church library area. This is our WELS College whose specific purpose is the training of our future Called workers – pastors, teachers, and staff ministers, for service in Jesus' Church. Many exciting things are happening in our college's ministry efforts! The dedication of the newly constructed Chapel of the Christ is rapidly approaching! Pick up a copy of the magazine and take a look (and look for some familiar faces in the pictures as well)!

And speaking even further of our *Lutheran Schools*, a copy of ***PREACH THE GOSPEL***, the magazine of our **WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY** in Mequon, Wisconsin, is also available on the table in the church library area. This school is the post-graduate school for the training of our future pastors. Take a look!

**HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN YOUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS IN TRAVEL!** The Martin Luther College Alumni Association and the OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) are sponsoring two five-day guided motorcoach tours this summer, one to the Creation Museum in Kentucky, and one to the Black Hills of South Dakota. Check out the fliers at our Communication Center in the narthex (entryway) or visit the Martin Luther College website at [www.mlc-wels.edu](http://www.mlc-wels.edu).

**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](http://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!

## LADIES

**Women In Christ's Service (WICS)** will meet on March 18 at 7:00 PM. Those on the serving committee are Jan Schlomer and Betty Hille. Please join us in discussing our Easter and Graduation plans and setting up our visits to the shut-ins. All ladies are invited to join us for our meeting and Christian fellowship.

A **WELS WOMEN'S RETREAT** will be held March 19-20 at Aurora, NE, in the Leadership Center. Registration forms are at the Communication Center in the church entryway. Registrations should have been in by March 1st.

LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) News: The **NE-IA Circuit Rally** will be on April 24, 2010 at Living Hope Lutheran Church in Omaha. A **sign-up** sheet is on the Communication Center shelf. The Rally will begin at 9:00 AM and will last till about 1:30 PM. A lunch will be served. The speaker will be Rev. Shiloh Monday from the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

## YOUTH

The cheerleaders from St. Paul's are hosting a **CHEER CAMP** on Saturday, March 20, from 1:00-3:00 PM. This event is open to all girls in preschool - 6th grade. The \$15 fee is mostly a donation to Relay For Life. Registration forms need to be in TODAY in order to get a t-shirt. Contact Maria Sweigard or Kelly Meysenburg if you have any questions.

**OUR ANNUAL YOUTH TRIP TO VISIT OUR SYNOD SCHOOLS** is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>! The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grader students from our Lutheran Elementary/Middle School are planning to make the trip, but it is certainly not limited to our St. Paul's Lutheran School students! If public school students or home school students are interested in going on the trip please contact your pastor. (Most schools will readily release students from classes for career exploration reasons or education exploration trips.) Plans are to visit our Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wisconsin, our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin, as well as historic WELS sites in the area.

The dates have been set for **CAMP MESSIAH, OUR SUMMER YOUTH BIBLE CAMP** for kids entering fifth grade through entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Our camp is scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> at Ponca State Park (near Sioux City.) Watch for more details soon!

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN CAMP** (a WELS Youth Camp in the Rocky Mountains) is scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> in Leadville, Colorado. It is for students entering grades 6 through 9. Junior Counselors are for students entering grades 10 to incoming freshmen in college. Check out the website at <rmcc-wels.com> for more information.

**THE NORTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT WELS YOUTH RALLY** is scheduled for July 19-22 at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. Youths and youth leaders will gather there under the theme “Journey of Hope.” A trip to New York City is also planned. See the poster on the bulletin board at our Communication Center and check out [www.welscyd.net](http://www.welscyd.net)

<b>SERVING THE LORD</b>		
<b>Worship Leader:</b> Pastor Randy Bader		
<b>Organist:</b> Mrs. Karen Pufahl		
<b>Radio Broadcasters:</b> Ron Kraemer / Scott Uecker		
<b>Television Broadcast Technician:</b> Darol Dusseau		
	<b>On Duty This Week:</b>	<b>On Duty Next Week:</b>
<b>ELDER:</b>	Jamie Jamison	Chad Moyer
<b>GREETERS:</b> Saturday 6:30 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.  Wednesday Lent Service 6:30 p.m.	Jim & Winnie Stratton Lynette Klug / Pat Klug  Rosemary Bohn	Roger Bauer Dave & Linda Papstein  Kelly Kenny, Levi, Grace & Ky
<b>USHERS:</b>  Wednesday Lent Service 6:30 p.m.	Peyton Price / Levi Kenny  Gary Johnson / Neal Winter	John Kouba / Carl Miller  Mike Mullen / Michael Sweigard
<b>TECHNOLOGY:</b>	Jayce Anderson	Tori Sweigard

**“HONOR TO THE LIVING LORD!”**

ATTENDANCE: Sat. 6:30 PM - 54; Sun. 9:00 AM - 152; **TOTAL = 206**

Wed. Lenten Service (3/10) - 138

Sunday School - 10; Sunday Bible Study - 65

Bible Info. Class - N/A; Wednesday Bible Class - 9

Known to be Worship Visitors: 74

<b>"GIVE THE LORD REGULAR FIRSTFRUITS"</b>					
WEEK #10	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	\$ 79,000.00	\$ 84,634.27	\$ 7,900.00	\$ 8,642.30
Synod Mission Offerings: Lent	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 5,390.00	\$ 5,903.88	\$ 539.00	\$ 297.00 \$ 524.50
"Walking Together"			\$ 70.00		\$ 00.00
NELHS Offerings: Lent	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 3,617.38	\$ 288.00	\$ 148.50 \$ 524.50
SPECIAL OFFERINGS: Property Improvement Fund			\$ 752.00		\$ 33.00

### March 13 & 14, 2010

#### OUR WEEK WITH CHRIST

- Sun./14 - 9:00 AM WORSHIP!**  
**"Worship With The Word" Radio Service over KNEN-FM 94.7 live broadcast**  
 - 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**
- Wed. - 9:00 AM Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable (Channel 14)**  
 - 5:00 PM Public School Youth Confirmation Class  
 - 5:00 PM Lenten Supper (Ladies Aid) -- also to be served after the service  
 - 6:30 PM Lenten Service  
 (Pastor Peil) Organist: Mrs. Shannon Spreeman  
 - 7:30 PM Choir
- Thurs. - 2:00 PM Spanish Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable (Channel 14)**  
 - 7:00 PM WICS (Women In Christ's Service)
- Fri. - 5:00 PM NELHS Board of Directors Meeting**  
 - 7:00 PM School Family Bible Study Dance
- Fri./Sat. - WELS Women Retreat (Aurora, NE)**
- Sat./20 - Cheer Camp**  
 - 6:30 PM WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION! Organist: Mrs. Diane Herbolsheimer
- Sun./21 - 9:00 AM WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION!**  
 - 10:30-11:15 AM Sunday School / Youth Bible Class  
 - 10:30 AM Fellowship Coffee  
 Hosts: Margie Fuhrmann; Walt & Marian Tinius  
 - 10:30 AM Board of Christian Education Meeting  
 - 6:00 PM NELHS Easter Concert at Bethel Lutheran Church in York

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