



**SIN IS REAL.**

Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Paul's!

Childcare (with a silent pager system) is available in the East Wing during Sunday's 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Ask an usher for directions. Parents may also use the Mother's Room to quiet their children. You may listen to the service in the Mother's Room (right as you exit the center doors.) Restrooms are located in the East Wing (left as you exit the center doors). Handicapped and family restrooms are located in the West Wing (right as you exit the center doors). Speak to an usher if you would like to use a wheelchair. Hearing assistance units are available along with large print Bibles and hymnals. Ask an usher for assistance. Printed copies of sermons are available at the Information Center. Copies of past sermons are also available in the church library and at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org).

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## Contemporary Worship Service

Sin Is Real—Sin Is Sticky

March 14, 2010, 11:00 a.m.

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<b>Pre-service</b>	O Great Light of the World
<b>Welcome</b>	
<b>Call to Worship</b>	How Great Is Our God
<b>Prayer</b>	
<b>The Word</b>	James 4:7-10, Bible page 1198 <i>James speaks a number of powerful exhortations: submit to God, resist the devil, humble yourselves, repent of your sins, and in the joy of forgiveness seek the Holy Spirit's power to amend your sinful life.</i>
	Luke 15:1-3,11b-32, Bible page 1035 <i>When the Pharisees criticize Jesus for welcoming sinners, Jesus shares the parable of the lost son. God's heart longs to receive the sinner back. His arms are open wide when his humbled son returns.</i>
<b>Response</b>	How Deep the Father's Love
<b>Sermon</b>	Judges 10:6-16, Bible page 245
<b>Nicene Creed</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	Spoken For
<b>Prayers of the Church for the Church</b>	
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	
<b>Confession and Absolution</b>	
<b>Communion</b>	<i>Please see note on page 9.</i>
<b>Distribution Music</b>	At the Foot of the Cross Your Peace Great Is Thy Faithfulness
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	
<b>Benediction</b>	



## Traditional Worship Service

Sin Is Real—Sin Is Sticky

March 13, 14, and 15, 2010



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### BELLS AND WELCOME

### HYMN

Amazing Grace  
Hymn 379

*Stand.*

### Confession of Sins

M The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Brothers and sisters in Christ, our heavenly Father invites us with open arms to come into his presence. As we do so, let us boldly confess our sins to God our Father that we may, more boldly still, receive and believe in the forgiveness won for us and the whole world by the blood of Christ, the Lamb of God.

All **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### RESPONSE

♫ **By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why waver at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
So then this word must true remain:  
By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.**

**By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
In tribulation's furnace tried --  
By grace, despite all fear and trouble,  
The Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure  
If grace were not my anchor sure?**

*Be seated.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you**

M Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you have chosen us despite our unworthiness. You forgive us despite the gravity of our sin.

C **Keep us from the temptation to sin, lest we squander our inheritance like the prodigal son. Keep us also from the temptation to judge, lest we disapprove of your mercy like the elder son.**

M Cleanse us of our sin and lead us to lives of obedient service,

C **that we may enjoy the heavenly celebration that you have prepared for us;**

M through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

C **and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

James 4:7-10, Bible page 1198

*James speaks a number of powerful exhortations: submit to God, resist the devil, humble yourselves, repent of your sins, and in the joy of forgiveness seek the Holy Spirit's power to amend your sinful life.*

## Psalm 115

*Refrain*



Not un-to us, O Lord, but to your name be the glo - ry.

*Psalm Tone*



Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us but to your name be the glory,  
because of your love and faithfulness.

Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"

Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

The LORD remembers us and will bless us:  
He will bless the house of Israel,  
he will bless those who fear the LORD—  
small and great alike.

### *Refrain*

May the LORD make you increase,  
both you and your children.  
May you be blessed by the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

The highest heavens belong to the LORD,  
but the earth he has given to man.  
It is not the dead who praise the LORD,  
it is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### *Refrain*

*Stand.*

**GOSPEL**

Luke 15:1-3,11b-32, Bible page 1035

*When the Pharisees criticize Jesus for welcoming sinners, Jesus shares the parable of the lost son. God's heart longs to receive the sinner back. His arms are open wide when his humbled son returns.*

*After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*Be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Jesus Sinners Does Receive  
Hymn 304, vv. 1-4

**SERMON**

Judges 10:6-16, Bible page 245

***“The Three Big “Stickies””***

*Pastor Jeffrey Bonack*

*(Take notes using the NoteSheet on the back page.)*

*Stand.*

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

**OFFERING**

*Saturday: Wind Ensemble ♪ Here I Am To Worship (Light of the World)  
Sunday 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.: Kathy Foss ♪ Savior Came  
Monday: Junior Choir ♪ Meditation for Lent*

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Please keep these individuals in your prayers:*



**Baby Alexis, Jim Asti, Kevin Bonadio, Jim Bucholtz, Gladys Campbell, Barbara Colley, Ken Dibb, Jessica Eiche, Namine Eiche, Steve Ellis, Larry Guhr, Ray Heileman, Daniel Holtz, Charlene Hubrich, Dan Kuszewski, Maxine Pretzel, Marion Ringer, John Ross, Arlene Roth, Ron Roth, Mike Schedler, Lori Schommer, Caden and Dalton Stark, Charlene Tarver, Wayne Weber, Andrew Wolf, and Andrea**

*Stand.*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

The Sacrament

**M** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**M** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.  
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -  
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A men.

*Be seated.*

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**—*Please see Communion note on page 9.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Not in Anger, Mighty God  
**Hymn 423**

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table  
**Hymn 310**

*Stand.*

**THANK THE LORD**



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**CLOSING PRAYER**

M Lord, Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Brother, you have set a festive table, celebrating our return.

C **Refresh us through this saving gift.**

M And send us to call all the lost,

C **that the heavenly celebration may continue to grow.**

M We bless you now and evermore.

C **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and †give you peace.

C ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISMISSAL**

**PRESIDING MINISTER/  
WORSHIP LEADER**

*Saturday, Sunday 9:30 and  
11:00 a.m., and Monday*  
Pastor Jeffrey Bonack

*Sunday 8:00 a.m.*  
Pastor David Kuehl

**ORGANIST**

Carol Nelson

**HOSPITALIZED**

Charlene Hubrich (West  
Allis)  
Arlene Roth (Froedtert)  
Lori Schommer (Waukesha)

**DISCHARGED**

Jessica Eiche  
Marion Ringer

**TRANSFERRED**

Ray Heileman (New Berlin  
Linden Grove)

*Please keep our hospitalized  
and recuperating members  
in your prayers.*

**NURSERY STAFF**

<i>This Sunday</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
9:30 a.m. Team 1	9:30 a.m. Team 3
11:00 a.m. Team 2	11:00 a.m. Team 4

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Are you celebrating an anniversary? Remembering a loved one? Consider beautifying the altar area with flowers. Please contact Sue Kuehl at 262-679-1393 or skuehl@stpaulmuskego.org.

**EASTER LILIES/  
FLOWERS** - The Easter flower sign-up is at the Information Center. As in the past, members may purchase these flowers to decorate the altar area on Easter Sunday. The costs and sizes are listed on the sign-up sheets. For further information contact Sue Kuehl at 262-679-1393 or skuehl@stpaulmuskego.org.

**THOSE IN THE WORD  
LAST WEEK**

Worship Services: 1104  
Lenten Services: 411  
Spiritual Growth Hour  
Adult Classes: 93  
Youth Classes: 130

**GREETERS**

*Lenten Services:*  
*10:00 a.m.*  
Gail Dittmer and Cheryl  
Ehlke

*6:30 p.m.*  
Jodi and Bill Hirtz

*Next Week*  
*Sunday 8:00 a.m.*  
Dick and Kathy Garbe

*Sunday 9:30 a.m.*  
Open

*Sunday 11:00 a.m.*  
Bill and Jean Curtis

If anyone is interested in greeting, this is a great way to meet the members and friends of our church family. Sign-up sheets are in a binder at the Information Center or call Jodie Crosby at 414-427-0922.

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**Our Communion Practice**

The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith.

We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent Bible Information Classes to provide an overview of our teachings. Please ask one of our pastors for the date when the next class begins.

If you are a member of St. Paul's or a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to express our common confession by communing with us. You may wish to use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 of *Christian Worship* to examine yourself. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out a card in the pew and handing it to an usher.

In addition, the light colored cups in the center of the individual cup trays contain non-alcoholic wine, and the first pew on the lectern (right) side is reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the communion rail. When at the rail be sure to hold your individual cup until the common cup distributor reaches you, so he knows your intention. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN. 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Divine Worship Services w/ Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. Spiritual Growth Hour  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

MON. 7:00 p.m. Divine Worship Service w/ Holy Communion  
7:00 p.m. God's Ways Bible Study

TUE. 7:00 a.m. St. Paul's Business Builders  
9:15 a.m. Ministerial Team Meeting  
9:30 a.m. Women's Morning Bible Class  
6:30 p.m. Public School Catechism  
7:00 p.m. Woodwind Ensemble  
7:00 p.m. Chapel Choir  
7:00 p.m. Dorcas Society  
7:00 p.m. Second Connection Bible Study

WED. 10:00 a.m. Lenten Worship Service  
4:30 p.m. Public School Catechism  
5:15 p.m. Soup Supper  
6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship Service  
7:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble  
7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

THURS. 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir  
6:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
7:30 p.m. Mixed Choir

FRI. No LES

SAT. 6:00 p.m. Divine Worship Service

SUN. 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Divine Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. Spiritual Growth Hour  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

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## Our Mission

*"By every possible means we bring every person in our area  
of influence closer to Christ."*

# CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

## Sunday Morning Courses

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**Isaiah: The Mighty Seer** .....Grace Room, 9:30  
*A kingdom is crumbling. Armies are massing. The spiritual guardians of the day have betrayed their King. Faithful Isaiah stands nearly alone, as he looks intently into the future, foretelling disaster for the hardhearted and deliverance for the surviving remnant: "A child is coming..."*

**2nd Connection: Connect to Christ's Church**.....Faith Room, 9:30  
*So you're interested in our church? Or, you're committed to Christ but are looking to know more about the Bible? The 2nd Connection provides an overview of the teachings of Christianity found at St. Paul's Lutheran. Completion of this class is a prerequisite for communicant members and is part of our Core Curriculum. If it's been over five years since you've taken this core membership class, we invite you to return and relearn the foundational teachings of Christianity and our congregation. (Also meets Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, Faith Room.)*

**3rd Connection: Connect to a Christian Lifestyle**..... School Classroom #9, 9:30  
*Christianity transforms you. Those who come to know the power of Jesus are never the same afterwards. The 3rd Connection helps you step into your new identity as a follower of Christ. Learn practical ways to live your faith. Discuss and refine your understanding of the moral challenges that face every Christian in today's world. This class is part of our Core Curriculum. Once you've completed the 2nd Connection, take the next step into the 3rd Connection.*

**High School Study: Engage**..... Teen Center 9:30  
*Jesus told teaching stories about regular people and everyday things, stuff his disciples would be familiar with. But he did so to reveal deep spiritual truths about them and their world in order to lead them into a greater truth about Him. The real stories you'll encounter in Engage will challenge the way you think, may even question the way you feel, but with a profound purpose. Through them and through meaningful conversation with other Christian teens, you'll learn more about yourself, those around you, and the profound love God has for you through His Son.*

**Sunday School for Kids: Meet Jesus** .....School Classrooms 9:30  
*Give your child a great gift: the chance to meet Jesus. Using cherished and time-honored Bible stories from the New Testament, your child will grow to know God's love shown in Jesus. Weekly crafts and singing for younger children help make the morning fun, while pre-teens gear up for the spiritual challenges they are sure to face in their near future.*

**Jesus Cares Ministry**..... School Classroom #10, 9:30  
*This study group for the developmentally disabled meets every other week to enjoy Bible stories, singing, prayer, and other friendship and faith-building activities.*

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## Weekday Courses

**Tuesday: Women's Morning Bible Class**.....Faith Room, 9:30 a.m.  
*A New Song: Enjoy the poetry and life-wisdom found within the psalms. The current journal-based study is written from a woman's perspective, with an eye towards bringing ancient life-wisdom from the psalms to bear on the situations and relationships women are experiencing today.*

**Thursday: Sunrise Study**.....Grace Room, 6:30 a.m.  
*This small group meets before the workday begins to read and discuss the Scriptures that will be part of the upcoming weekend's worship theme.*

**Thursday: Women's Class: Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible** .....Church Library, 6:15 p.m.  
*The Bible is full of colorful characters, some admirable, some distasteful. This small group steps into the lives and relationships of real women who lived in a complex world: the "slightly bad girls" of the Bible.*

**Saturday: Men's Breakfast and Bible Group**.....Grace Room, 8:00 a.m.  
*This is where guys can go to get stronger as Christian men. God tasks men to carry the role of spiritual leadership in the church and home. Team up with other Christian men to train yourself for this role.*

# MINI-MESSENGER

## Wisconsin News

**Lenten Worship Service at WLHS:** You are invited to a unique worship service in the WLHS auditorium, "Footsteps to the Cross," on Tuesday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. This service will be presented by the musical group Koinè and will use God's Word, music, and visual effects to tell the story of our Savior's work in preparation for his death on the cross and resurrection.

**Employment Opportunity:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School is seeking an individual to contribute to the realization of its mission through the role of Business Manager. The WLHS Business Manager supervises and maintains all business, accounting, and support service functions for the high school. Support service functions include maintenance and custodial functions, cafeteria operations, and printing. The Business Manager's primary responsibilities include supervising all accounting functions, providing monthly financial statements, other reports and trend analysis – as requested, coordinating the annual budget process, maintaining adequate insurance coverage, supervising maintenance staff, and administering the employee benefit programs. Qualifications: a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a minimum of five years of successful experience in diversified business and accounting expertise. Please email cover letter and resume by April 2 to Superintendent Jim Kleist, at [jim.kleist@wlhs.org](mailto:jim.kleist@wlhs.org).

**Spring Concerts:** Two free concerts will be presented by student musicians during the month of March at WLHS. The WLHS Concert Band will be presenting its Spring Concert on Sunday, March 21, at 3:00 p.m., in which a variety of concert works will be performed by our instrumental students. On Saturday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m., the WLHS choirs will perform in the Spring Sacred Concert, *Glory in the Lord*. Congregational singing will be included in the program. Please consider attending these great worship concerts and supporting our music students.

**WLHS Auction and Dinner**—"Escape to the Tropics" at the WLHS 14<sup>th</sup> annual auction and dinner. Join WLHS alumni and friends on Friday, March 26, at Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha for a silent auction, tropical dinner, live auction, and lots of fun – all to benefit WLHS and its tuition assistance program. Register at [www.wlhs.org](http://www.wlhs.org) by clicking on the Auction icon, or contact Nancy Raabe at 414-453-4567, ext. 2016, for information and an invitation.

## Area Announcements

**Lenten Worship Services**— Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, located downtown on the corner of Broadway and Juneau, will hold noon services (12:10-12:40 p.m.) on the Wednesdays during Lent. If you work downtown, consider making use of this worship opportunity.

**WELS Women's Softball League** is forming teams now. The season is scheduled to run from May 19 to July 21. For more information you can visit [www.eteamz.com/welswomenssoftball](http://www.eteamz.com/welswomenssoftball) or email Dave Chmielewski at [wels.womens.softball@gmail.com](mailto:wels.womens.softball@gmail.com).

**Ladies of St. Pauls:** Mark your calendar for the LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) Spring Rally to be held Saturday morning, April 24 at St. Paul's in Franklin. The Dorcas Society has paid the LWMS dues for 2010; therefore, you are all members of the LWMS.

**Share Christ's Love Across Cultures**—Volunteer to be a tutor for our English Language Outreach program at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 2827 W. Harrison Avenue, just north of St. Luke's Hospital. A new module starts Monday, March 15, and ends Thursday, April 29. Classes are held Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. No experience is necessary. Volunteer by contacting Lori Stankiewicz, Interim Director, at 414-645-0492 (please leave a message) or [eslab@onecommail.com](mailto:eslab@onecommail.com).

# MINI-MESSENGER

## Upcoming Events

**St. Paul's Business Builders Networking Group Meeting** is Tuesday March 16, 7:00 – 8:30 a.m. in the Grace Room. "Video Benefits to Business" will be presented by Sean Tepper, President of Choice Productions. For more information contact Craig Lesser at [ca-lesser@lsrtechnology.com](mailto:ca-lesser@lsrtechnology.com) or 262 -613-4142.

**Church Library**—We are inviting everyone to visit the church library and see the display of Easter and Lenten books and videos. Take advantage of these wonderful materials for your family. Due to limited material, we do ask that you only check out one or two items, so that others will have an opportunity to check out material. Enjoy our library.

**Cemetery Decorations**—Weather permitting, any remaining wreaths in the cemetery will be removed and disposed of the week of March 21st.

## Opportunities to Serve

**Lenten Soup Supper**— Is there any group, organization or friends willing to step forward to host the Soup Supper on March 24? Please contact Sandi Asti at [jasti@wi.rr.com](mailto:jasti@wi.rr.com) or 414-425-3820.

**Easter Festival Choir**—Lift your voice in praise to our resurrected Lord with the special Easter Festival Choir. You are invited to join us for rehearsals on Thursdays 7:30-8:30 p.m. from now until Easter. We will be singing for the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. festival services. The choir is being accompanied by the orchestra, so every voice is a blessing!

**Christian Education** – interested in making a difference in someone's life by helping them receive a Christ-centered education? This past school year, our LESTA (Lutheran Elementary School Tuition Assistance) Fund provided a record number of 26 grants that assisted 40 students at our school with over \$39,000 of assistance. The current balance of the fund is \$17,000 and the Tuition Committee would love to be prepared to assist our many families who are asking for tuition assistance during these more difficult economic times. Gifts can be given by utilizing the blue envelope that is included in the monthly offering envelope packet that is mailed to you or by mailing them to our church office and indicating "LESTA" on your gift.

## School News

**Annie Jr.**— Our LES grade school students are working hard on a wonderful version of the Broadway musical Annie. The performance dates are April 23 and 24. Since this performance is funded nearly completely outside the budget, we could use some help. First of all, we are looking for some set items. We're looking for a Depression style apple seller cart (could be a square wooden wheelbarrow), an older plain wooden desk and a more ornate wooden desk, a 1940s telephone, and an older looking park bench. Also, if anyone would have a lead on a red Annie dress, that would be greatly appreciated. Finally, if you are willing to help sponsor the performances with a financial gift, please drop that off or send it in to the school office. Thank you!

**Lutheran Elementary School Tuition Assistance (LESTA)** - Thank you to those who have contributed to both the K-8 and PreK LESTA Funds. Applications for tuition assistance for PreK - Grade 8 for the 2010-2011 school year must be submitted to the Tuition Committee by May 15, 2010. Families must reapply each year. Application forms for tuition assistance are available in the school office. This form is only necessary if applying for financial assistance.

**Secondary Christian Education Tuition Assistance (SCETA)** - Thank you to those who have contributed to the SCETA fund. St. Paul's members attending Wisconsin Lutheran High School or Luther Preparatory School for the 2010-2011 school year are encouraged to apply for grants from this fund. Grants are awarded primarily according to financial need. Applications for SCETA Fund grants are available in the school office. The application deadline is April 15, 2010.

## **WE WON'T HAVE TO WAIT 38 YEARS!**

“I think I heard my husband’s heart stop!”

The wife of a building committee member was smiling as she told me of her husband’s reaction to the sermon introduction last week. I had said we’d have to wait 38 years for occupancy.

The reality is we already have temporary occupancy of our new addition. Permanent occupancy will be granted after the outside site work is completed. Workers are still completing a few minor items. Furnishings are scheduled to arrive just before Easter. Site work will not be completed until summer vacation.

### **Our First Use**

Sally Wallner in her new position as Community Outreach Coordinator and Justin Walz as our school Athletic Director are developing guidelines for use of this new space both for members of the congregation and community organizations. We recognize this new facility as a gift from our gracious God. We want to make every effort to use this addition to fulfill our mission: “By every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ.”

We are planning a “sports exposition” to kick off the use of our new main gym right after Easter break. If you would like to help in planning this event, please contact Sally Wallner at 414.218.5197 or sallywallner@yahoo.com.

Formal dedication of the addition will take place on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Before this “grand opening” event, we want to have the outside work complete and the addition in use by our school children, school parents and community.

### **Plant a Seed Offerings**

During the spring of 2008, we made promises of \$1.1 million in offerings for building improvement and expansion. In spite of the financial difficulties that many members of our St. Paul’s family are having, we have already given \$\_\_\_\_\_. This fiscal year we are averaging over \$5,000 in *Plant a Seed* building fund gifts each week. We give thanks to our gracious God for each gift.

The October 3<sup>rd</sup> dedication service will serve as a kick-off to a stewardship program in October highlighting the blessings of this new addition. In early November each of us will be asked to prayerfully consider making multi-year promises or extending our current promises so that we can pay for this construction as quickly as possible.

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## **Parking Expansion**

We are thankful for the dedicated work of so many to keep this project at the \$3 million budget. The repaving of our current parking lot is included in the project. However it has become increasingly evident during construction that we should consider expanding our parking. The Executive Board is looking at a variety of options and will likely bring a recommendation for parking expansion this spring.

<b>FOR THE RECORD</b>
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Our offerings (as of 02-28-10)

February weekly average	\$30,200
February weekly plan	\$27,000
March weekly plan	\$28,900
April weekly plan	\$30,800
Mission Partners (\$20,000 by 06/30/10)	\$14,986
Plant a Seed (campaign-to-date)	\$735,361



## The Three Big “Stickies”

*Judges 10:6-19, page 245*

### 1. Sin is sticky strong.

- As we talk about the cycle of sin among God’s people at the time of the Judges, do you see any parallels in your own life? If so, what are they?
- What “convenient theology” do God’s people sometimes espouse? I’ll t\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_ **I**n \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- What is the Biblical definition of repentance? A change of h\_\_\_\_\_ and m\_\_\_\_\_.
- Practically speaking, then, what does godly repentance look like in our lives? We h\_\_\_\_\_ our s\_\_\_\_\_ ...and?
- What more “worldly” form of repentance often manifests itself in our lives?

### 2. God’s righteous anger is sticky stronger.

- What does God know about the wayward heart of man? He is i\_\_\_\_\_ e\_\_\_\_\_.
- What attribute of God is even more frightening than the stickiness of our sin? His h\_\_\_\_\_.
- Write down **LESSON ONE** of this text in your own words:

### 3. God’s compassionate heart is sticky strongest.

- What stickiness do we find in this text that’s even stronger than our sin and God’s righteous anger? (v. 16)
- Why did God change his mind and decide to send a deliverer to save his people? What was NOT the reason?
- Where was the tension between God’s righteousness anger and his heart of compassion finally resolved? o\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_.
- Write down **LESSON TWO** of this text in your own words:
- Write down **LESSON THREE** of this text in your own words:

If we truly want to turn **FROM** our sin, we must turn **T\_\_\_\_\_ G\_\_\_\_\_!**

### My Next Steps This Week

- Read Hebrews 12 and contemplate its message in the light of this week’s sermon.
- Pray that God gives you a heart that truly hates sin and the wisdom to turn to him for forgiveness and for strength in your personal battles against sin.
- Memorize James 4:7,10 “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you...Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.”