

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
6881 S. 51st Street • Franklin, Wisconsin
Pastor Brian Adams

Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

April 5, 2015

Easter Festival Worship

8:30am

Welcome

Good morning and a blessed Easter to all of you! Welcome to this celebration of Jesus' resurrection! We consider it a privilege to worship the living Lord with you this morning. If you have any questions regarding our Sunday services, weekly programs, Christian day school, or pre-school please talk with one of the pastors or call the church office. We look forward to meeting you. Please come again and worship with us very soon!

Some Notes

Restrooms: are located in the hallway to the west of the entrance to the sanctuary.

Cry-room: If you have a young child and are in need of a cry-room, you will find it in the southeast corner in the sanctuary. A speaker there allows you to hear the service.

Friendship Registers: are found on each of the pews. We ask that everyone, both guests and members, sign the worship register so that we might have record of who joined us and invite you to upcoming events.

Prayer before worship: O Lord, you made the dawn of this Holy Easter Day shine with the glory of our Savior's resurrection. Grant that we, who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit, may worship you in sincerity and truth! In Jesus' name. Amen.



"From Grief to Joy" – A Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus

Bells & Welcome

The Opening Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"
Christian Worship #157



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,
Praise e - ter - nal as his love,



Who did once up - on the cross,
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host,



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,
Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Please Stand

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

An Easter Dialogue

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

P: Let us rejoice and give thanks to God for the victory our Lord Jesus Christ won by his death and resurrection. Christ died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

P: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

P: For God, who created light to shine out of darkness, made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

P: For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

P: If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

P: We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

P: Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

(Sung)

Christian Worship #341, verses 3-4

3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o'er the
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -

grave And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For
bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The

those he came to save. His glo - ries now we
won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y

sing Who died and rose on high, Who died e -
crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye

ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

Please be Seated

From Grief to Joy

1. The Grief of Sin; the Joy of Forgiveness

The Scripture Reading Genesis 3:1-15

Sin ruined God's perfect creation. God's perfect joy and peace was lost. Yet, God did not abandon his creation. He promised to once again restore joy by sending a Savior to bring the joy of forgiveness to this world. That Savior would crush the head of Satan.

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" ⁴ "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. ⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." ¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" ¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me — she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Please Stand

Confession and Absolution

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

Please be Seated

From Grief to Joy

2. The Grief of Hardship; the Joy of Hope

The Scripture Reading Job 19:20-27

Job appears to have hit an all-time low. He felt desperate. We might safely say that, of all the characters in the Bible, none was more forsaken than Job – except one, Jesus Christ. During the moments he hung on the cross, Jesus was forsaken by his heavenly Father. He did so in order that you and I might for all eternity be spared that dreadful experience of being forsaken by God. It was this Savior who was Job’s only hope in his despair. In this chapter, Job makes a remarkable confession of that Savior.

²⁰ I am nothing but skin and bones; I have escaped with only the skin of my teeth. ²¹ "Have pity on me, my friends, have pity, for the hand of God has struck me. ²² Why do you pursue me as God does? Will you never get enough of my flesh? ²³ "Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, ²⁴ that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! ²⁵ I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷ I myself will see him with my own eyes — I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Congregation Hymn “Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

Christian Worship #167, verses 1-2

1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de-fense And my Sav - ior,
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; I, too, un - to
now is liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
life shall wak - en. End - less joy my Sav - ior gives;
Rests up - on the hope he's giv - ing, Though the night of
Shall my cour-age, then, be shak - en? Shall I fear, or
death be fraught Still with many an anx - ious thought.
could the head Rise and leave his mem - bers dead?

From Grief to Joy

3. The Grief of Sorrow; the Joy of Peace

Scripture Reading..... John 20:10-20

Mary trailed behind Peter and John, and when they left, she lingered. As she stood weeping in front of the tomb, she still didn't think that Jesus had risen. She was crying hard over her loss of her Savior. When Mary looked inside the tomb, she saw something that wasn't there for John and Peter to see. Two angels in white sat where Jesus' body had laid. She was filled with so much sorrow that she didn't fully realize that these were angels talking to her. After she walks away, she sees Jesus but doesn't recognize him. Then he opens her eyes with one word – "Mary." The joy that must have filled her heart. She runs to the disciples to share her joy. Then Jesus brings His peace to them as well.

¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes, ¹¹ but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her. ¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Congregation Hymn "O Sons and Daughters of the King"
Christian Worship #165, verses 1-3

1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
 2 On that first morn - ing of the week,
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,

Hymn continues on next page →

Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,
 Be - fore the day be - gan to break,
 For thus he spoke un - to the three,
 To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

From to Grief to Joy

4. The Grief of Death; the Joy of Resurrection

Scripture Reading..... 1 Corinthians 15:12-22, 53-57

If the Resurrection of Jesus didn't happen, death could only bring grief. There would be no hope or joy after death. Jesus didn't stay in the grave. His resurrection proves the victory that Jesus won over the devil. Through faith in Jesus, we have the joy of eternal life.

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. ²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ... ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory?"

Where, O death, is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Junior Choir will come forward

Junior Choir Anthem "Share the Easter Joy"

*Go tell the news of the risen Lord. Alleluia, lift up your voice.
Go tell the news of the risen Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia, go share the Easter joy.
Christ is risen from the grave, Alleluia, Alleluia. Let the joyful song be raised,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Christ is risen from the grave Alleluia, Alleluia.
Let the joyful song be raised, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Go tell the news of the risen Lord, Alleluia, lift up your voice.
Go tell the news of the risen Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Go share the Easter joy. Alleluia. Alleluia. Go share the Easter joy!*

During the Congregation Hymn, all the students of St. Paul's School will come forward

Congregation Hymn "He's Risen, He's risen"
Christian Worship 143, verses 3-4

3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
And death, hell, and Sa - tan he van-quished, his foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.

Anthem "We Welcome Glad Easter"
Sung by Kindergarten – Grade 8, Senior Choir, Faculty

Raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing. Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus your King!
We welcome glad Easter when Jesus arose and won a great victory over His foes.
Then raise your glad voices, all Christians and sing.
Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus your King.
Raise your glad voices all Christians, and sing. Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus your King!
We sing of the angel who said, "Do not fear! Your Savior is risen and He is not here."
Then raise your glad voices, all Christians and sing.
Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus your King.
We think of the promise which Jesus did give:
That "he who believes in Me also shall live."
We welcome glad Easter when Jesus arose and won a great victory over His foes.
Raise your glad voices all Christians and sing.
Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King!
Raise your glad voices, all Christians and sing.
Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King!

The students will return to their seats

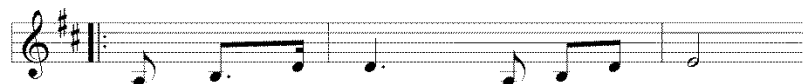
From Grief to Joy
5. Grief turns to Joy for us!

Sermon..... John 16:16-22
"I Tell You the Truth... Your Grief will turn to Joy"

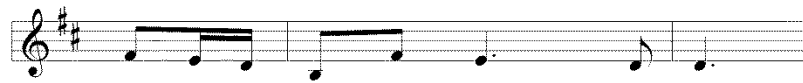
¹⁶ "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me." ¹⁷ Some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father?'" ¹⁸ They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying." ¹⁹ Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me?'" ²⁰ I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. ²¹ A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ²² So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

Congregation Hymn "In Christ Alone"

Christian Worship Supplement #752



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength, my song;
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



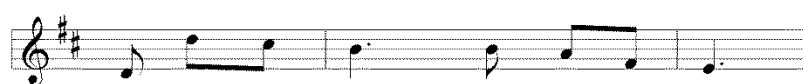
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.

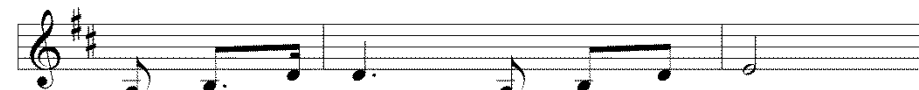


What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man

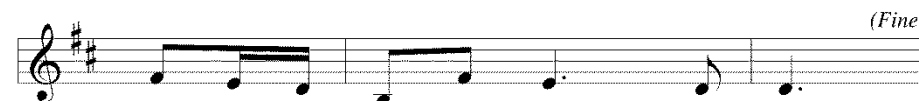


When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
 The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
 Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;

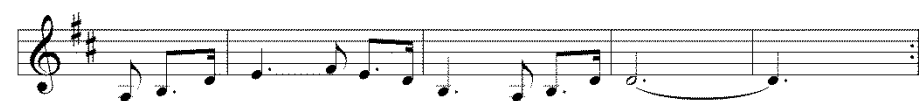
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My Com - for - ter, my all in all,
 For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.
 For I am his and he is mine—
 Till he re - turns or calls me home,



Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 Here in the death of Christ I live.
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



The Offering

Please take a moment during the collection of the offering to sign the "Friendship Register" in each of the pews. We thank everyone for their support of the Lord's work through the offering. The vast majority of our church and school ministry is carried out by what is given in these weekly offerings. May the Lord continue to bless you! And may he use our gifts to be a blessing to many others.

Please Rise

The Easter Prayer

- P: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.
- C: **Christ is risen!**
- P: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.
- C: **He is risen indeed!**
- P: He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.
- C: **Alleluia!**
- P: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.
- C: **We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**
- P: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.
- C: **You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

P: With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: **You are risen!**

P: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

C: You are risen indeed!

P: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

C: **Alleluia!**

P: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

C: **We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**

P: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: **He is risen!**

P: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: **He is risen indeed!**

P: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

C: **Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

P: 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: **A - men. A - men. A - men.**

The Closing Hymn "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Christian Worship #152



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry
guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Worship Participants

Worship Leader Pastor Brian Adams
Organist Miss Heather Schmidt
Senior Choir Director Mrs. Marie Becker

Announcements

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS: There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class on Sunday, April 5th and Sunday, April 12th.

MONDAY, APRIL 6TH WORSHIP: There will be no worship service on Monday, April 6th. (The Monday after Easter.)

FINANCIAL UPDATE: For the eight months ended February 28, 2015, contributions were \$15,239 (4%) **above** budgeted needs. In addition, contributions for the eight months ended February 28, 2015 were **above** the prior year by \$41,536 (13%).

As a result of exceeding our budgeted contributions and being significantly below budgeted expenditures due to having one Pastor, we are in a significantly improved cash position compared to the prior year. In our current position, we should not have to draw on our line of credit during the upcoming months to meet our obligations, which will be a great blessing to the Congregation. We thank you for your past and continued support of the ministry at St. Paul's.

General Fund	Budget	Actual	Ahead / (Behind)
Month of February	42,008	57,619	15,611
Fiscal Year-to-Date	357,067	372,306	15,239
Balance on Line of Credit	-		
Capital Improvement Fund	Budget	Actual	Ahead / (Behind)
Month of February	\$9,000	6,773	(2,227)
Fiscal Year-to-Date	72,000	55,936	(16,064)
Faith Needs Room to Grow		Actual	
Month of February		\$10,305	
Life-to-Date		2,554,910	

LWMS DOOR COLLECTION: Thank you to all who donated \$482 to the free-will offering that was gathered for the LWMS.

TEHAN GREENHOUSE FLOWER ORDER: Tehan Greenhouses, Inc., located at 1515 E. Rawson Avenue in Oak Creek, has agreed to join our Scrip Program again this year. They are offering us a great deal on hanging baskets, flats and all other items they have to offer. Starting today, we will be

selling these certificates to our St. Paul's school and church families and friends. There is a flier on the counter in the narthex with more information to order.

PASTOR CONFERENCE: On Monday, April 13th, 9:00am – 4:00pm, St. Paul's is hosting the Western Lakes Pastor Conference. The Conference is made up of about 50 pastors in the Milwaukee area. The host congregation will also provide refreshments and lunch for the conference. In order to help with the cost, there are sign-up sheets on the counter in the narthex for people to donate food items for that day. Thank you for helping us out.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE OF DEDICATION—Join us for a service of dedication on Sunday, April 26, at 1:30 p.m. as Wisconsin Lutheran High School gives thanks and praise for the completed building expansion. The service will take place in the auditorium with guest preacher Pastor Aaron Christie (Trinity, Waukesha). An open house with tours, appetizers, and presentations in the new spaces will be held from 2:30-5:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

THE WISCONSIN SINGERS CONCERT—Wisconsin Lutheran High School is excited to again host The Wisconsin Singers, a premier group of students who have auditioned from across the state and who entertain more than 40,000 annually with their stellar vocals, stunning choreography and spectacular big band sound.

Wisconsin Singers will present a concert of Broadway show tunes in the auditorium at Wisconsin Lutheran High School on **Sunday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, and \$10 for students and seniors**, and can be purchased at WLHS or by calling [414-453-4567](tel:414-453-4567). The concert will include the Wisco Kids show choir and Inspiration vocal jazz ensemble.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SPRING RALLY: The LWMS Milwaukee Metro South Circuit cordially invites grandmothers, mothers, and daughters of all ages to attend their Mother/Daughter Spring Rally - which will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Muskego, S66W14325 Janesville Road, Muskego, WI. Registration is from 8:00 - 8:15am - with the rally starting at 8:30am. Join with your sisters in Christ to hear the mother/daughter team of Karen and Talia Spiegelberg share how fun and easy mission work as a family can be - and that you don't have to go to overseas mission fields to share the love of Jesus! You're also invited to stay for our FREE 'Tea' (light lunch) following the rally. Feel free to fancy dress for a tea - if you so desire (don't forget your hats, ladies!) Door prizes and a 'fashion show' follow. For more information and a map, the LWMS Spring Rally flyers are located in the church narthex. There is no cost to attend our rallies (but a freewill offering is collected to support LWMS/WELS missions). Hope to see you at our rally!

COMMUNION SCHEDULE CHANGES: With the all the special services in this month, there are some changes in the communion schedule April. The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated on the following dates in April. They are:

April 12 & 13 – Communion in all Services

April 19 & 20 – Communion in all Services

Following the weekend of April 19/20, we will return to the regular schedule of having communion offered on the 1st and 3rd weekends. Please take note of these adjustments for April.

ALL INVITED TO ROLLER SKATE! The Milwaukee District of Lutheran Girl Pioneers is holding its annual roller skating party at Incredi-Roll, 10928 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, on Tuesday, April 7th from 6-8p.m. This is a private event for Girl Pioneers, their families, friends and congregations. Everyone is invited! The cost is \$5.00 per person which includes skate rental. Please join us for a fun evening of roller skating!

SAVE THE DATES: Our Vacation Bible Camp dates for this summer have been set with the staff from Camp Phillip. Our VBC program will be on July 6-10 from 9am – 3pm. Registration forms and help forms will be available at a later date. We just wanted to let everyone know what the dates are for this summer.

SPECIAL MLC CONCERT: We are pleased to invite you to a unique concert. *Mass of the Children* by John Rutter will be presented on Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1052 White Rock Ave., Waukesha, WI. This work is scored for adult choir, children’s choir, soloist, and orchestra. Participating in the concert will be the Martin Luther College Choir from New Ulm, MN along with children’s ensembles from Our Redeemer Lutheran, Madison, Trinity Lutheran, Waukesha, and WISCO, Milwaukee all accompanied by an orchestra from the Waukesha area. Soloists for the performance are Jonathan Laabs and Emily Lai. Each ensemble will perform individually as well as joining in the performance of Rutter’s work. Please join us for this special event.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE UPCOMING EVENTS:

Gary's Gallop: Wisconsin Lutheran College will host the 12th-annual Gary's Gallop 5k run/2-mile walk on April 11 at the college’s Outdoor Athletic Complex. Advance registration is \$20. For information or to register online, visit wlc.edu/garysgallop.

Theatre Production: Wisconsin Lutheran College’s Theatre Department presents "The Miser" by Molière April 16, 18, and 23-25 at 7:30 p.m. and April 19 at 2:30 p.m. Visit wlc.edu/boxoffice or call 414.443.8802 to order \$10 tickets.

WELS Regional Handbell Festival—Everyone is invited to the 36th annual southwest regional WELS Handbell Festival concert “Celebrate Christ with Ringing” on Sunday, April 19, at 2:00 p.m., at

Wisconsin Lutheran High School (330 N Glenview Ave). Handbell choirs from around southwestern Wisconsin will gather for a full day of practice before presenting their concert on Sunday. Admission is free and seating is general admission.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK Easter (Sunday 4/5)

6:00 AM - Don & Marge Gebert

8:30 AM - Roberto & Kendra Matus; Mara & Caleb

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (4/12 & 13)

8:00 AM - Andrew & Renate Nazimek

10:30 AM - Tim & Michelle Yenter; Lauren & Mason

6:30 PM - Richard & Kathy Hintz

USHERS FOR APRIL:

8:00 AM TEAM #4-Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser

10:30 AM TEAM #8-David Destrampe, Daniel Desrampe, Paul Larsen

6:30 PM TEAM #9-Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

April 1-14 – TEAM #4; Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

April 15-21-TEAM #1; Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunrise Service 6:00 AM

Easter Breakfast..... 7:00 AM

Easter Festival Service 8:30 AM

Monday, April 6

NO School Easter Break

NO Evening Service

Tuesday, April 7

No PSCIC

Sunday, April 12

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM

No Adult Bible Study/Sunday School

Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM –186; 10:30 AM –175; 6:30pm – 34; Total Attendance - 395

Bible Study - 26; Sunday School - 8