

**Did You Know**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Notes about St. Paul's Lutheran School**  
**Muskego, Wisconsin**

Did you know...When St. Paul's Lutheran School opened in the fall of 1968, there were only two teachers, Principal Owen Dorn teaching grades 4-5 and Miss Karla Falck teaching grades 1-3?

(see pic of Principal Owen Dorn in 1982)

Here's the full-story...

In the fall of 1967 the church Council recommended to the congregation to begin a Christian day school as a special thank offering to the Lord for his undeserved grace to our congregation for the past 110 years. After a series of meetings and surveys taken in the congregation, it was finally decided by a good majority to begin such a venture of faith in the fall of 1968. On September 4th, 1968, St Paul's Lutheran School opened its doors in the first five grades. The first two teachers to accept the calls of St. Paul's congregation were Mr. Owen Dorn, who was called to serve as principal and teach grades 4 and 5, and Miss Karla Falck, who was called to teach grades 1 to 3.

In January of 1970 our congregation, following the example of most congregations in our synod, decided to build a teacherage for Mr. Dorn and his family. The teacherage was built behind the school on Gaulke Drive, and was dedicated on Sunday, November 22nd, 1970. The total value of the parsonage at that time was over \$35,000. But because much labor was donated by members of the congregation, the total cost of the teacherage came to about \$23,000. Since such church own homes are tax-free and since rent continually rises, this decision by the congregation also proved to be one of good stewardship.

A bonus note: Mrs. Crystal Bourdo of our staff was in that first class with Miss Falck!



**Did You Know...The school expanded with an addition within just five years of being open?**



After opening in fall of 1968, God continued to bless St. Paul's School with a growing enrollment and more dedicated teachers. Each year another class was added to the school and another teacher to the staff.

On June 8th, 1972, the first 8th grade class graduated from our school. But by 1971 already it was becoming evident that the facilities of the Youth Center would not be large enough to accommodate our growing enrollment in school. And so a building committee was chosen to bring plans and cost for directions for an addition to the school.

The congregation approved the addition to the school, and on Sunday, November 1st, 1971, the congregation and school children met at the north end of the Youth Center after services for the groundbreaking ceremonies. Architect for the \$177,000 addition were Gazinski, Schilze, and Zamanovic of Milwaukee, the same architect who designed the new Muskego City Hall.

The new addition, connected to the north end of the Youth Center, contained five classrooms, a library, church offices, conference room, storage rooms, and heating plant. This new edition was dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday, October 1, 1972. (see picture of Pastor Zink)



Pastor Zink leading ground-breaking ceremonies

On the day of dedication Pastor Zink told the congregation, "Today we have the privilege of dedicating to the glory of God a new addition to our Christian Day School. At the same time we are celebrating the 115th anniversary of our congregations existence. May our dedication of this new school addition say to the world around us - St. Paul's congregation supports the great need of our generation and all generations to come, the need for Christian education and education centered in Christ and based on his Word."

HAPPY LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK!

Mr. Fitzsimmons



Tornado damage to school

**Did You Know.....**that a tornado blew off part of the school roof after graduation in 1977? And that another school addition happened in 1989?

Here's more...

After the graduation ceremony in May of 1977, a tornado blew the roof off parts of the school. Damage was repaired by the time school started in autumn.

On May 28th, 1989, groundbreaking took place for another addition to the Christian Day School. The addition cost \$407,000 and included four classrooms, an office complex, locker rooms, and a large storage room. Dedication took place on January 21, 1990, following the 10:15 a.m.

church service. Elmer Heileman, chairman of the building committee, handed over the keys to the new addition to Adam Smith, a second grade student. He in-turn presented them to Richard Garbe, president of the congregation.