

# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Kinder Place

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)

Transfiguration  
of the  
LORD



210 East Pleasant Street  
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066  
Church Office: 262-567-5001 Website: [www.spcco.org](http://www.spcco.org)

Worship Schedule: \*Saturday 5:30 pm \* Sunday 8:00 am Traditional \*  
\* Sunday 10:30 am Contemporary \*

**St. Paul's Mission Statement: "Reaching, Serving and Growing Disciples"**

February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Steven Scharnell, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus  
Jonathon Pickelmann, Principal  
Volume 23

Adam Tanney, Youth Director  
Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director  
Christine Flores, Kinder Place Director

Office Hours - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Number 9

WELCOME to everyone, especially our guests.  
Your presence is important to us.

St. Paul's is an evangelical Christian congregation, embracing historic Christian teaching on all doctrines, centered on Jesus Christ. Our desire is to bring the Gospel both to those who are searching for answers to the meaning of life and to those who desire a closer relationship with God. We here at St. Paul's have chosen to align ourselves with the teachings of the Lutheran Reformation, due to the clarity with which these help us to see the true meaning of God's Word. Specifically, St. Paul's is a ministry of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, one of America's truly biblical churches!

- **Members and guests:** please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate to indicate your presence today. For Holy Communion, please read our confession and indicate your agreement with our beliefs by checking the box next to the names of those communing.
- Those sharing our beliefs, especially from parishes in fellowship with us, are welcome to receive.
- If you desire Holy Communion but hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, please speak with a Pastor or an Elder.
- Non-communing, baptized children are welcome to come to the table for a blessing.

**Please note:** Half the inner circle of individual glasses in each tray contains water with **one drop** of communion wine for those hesitant to drink larger amounts of wine. Those glasses with wine are rose in color.

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

**Come to worship.** As the prelude begins, worshippers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare to enter into the experience of worship.

**Pastor:** Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

**Theme:** *That Changes Everything!*

Traditional Worship

**Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 3, pg. 184**

Contemporary Worship

**Special Order**

## **BIBLE STUDIES**

**A Walk Through the Bible**

**567-5001 Sun. - 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall**

**Salvation**

**567-8195 Tues. - 7:00 p.m. Muecke's Home**

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by Margaret McClintock in loving memory of her husband, Richard. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM) and worldwide at [wtkm.com](http://wtkm.com).

## REACHING DISCIPLES

### LWML

EVERYONE is invited to the LWML Zone 17 annual Prayer Service on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 p.m. at St. John's, North Prairie as we prepare our hearts for Lent. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. Men are welcome! If you would like to carpool please contact Kathy Mueller (262-468-6926).

### CHURCH CARPETING

St. Paul's Ladies Aid has a goal of replacing the carpeting in church this year. They have pledged \$10,000 of their own money towards the project. To date they have received \$2,610 in donations from members. As the Church Properties Committee has offered to help remove the old carpeting, in order to save on the cost, we are already over halfway there.

A SAMPLE OF THE NEW CARPETING IS ON DISPLAY IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX. Please take a second to view the sample.

As we still need about \$8,400, we are asking members to prayerfully consider helping us reach our goal. Checks can be made payable to St. Paul's Ladies Aid with a memo of "Carpet Fund". Watch the church bulletin for updates on funding and thank you for your help.

## SERVING DISCIPLES

### LCMS STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES

**Luke 18:35** "As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging." The last known words of Martin Luther were found scratched on a slip of paper next to his death bed: "We are all beggars, this much is true." All that we have is a gift of God. We are all beggars before Him. Knowing this can leave us with nothing but thankfulness in our hearts .

## GROWING DISCIPLES

### EVER-READY MINISTRY

The Ever-Ready Ministry at St. Paul's is inviting you to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. We will be having game day. Come for fun and some good snacks. All those ages 55+ are welcome to join us—bring a friend with you for a fun time of fellowship.

### YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6-7:30: Middle School and High School SNA.

More information about future youth events to come soon!

Feel free to contact Wendy Petersen at [wnpetersen@gmail.com](mailto:wnpetersen@gmail.com) or Adam Tanney at [adam@splco.org](mailto:adam@splco.org) if you have any questions about youth group or upcoming events.

## **Family Promise Volunteer Sign-Up February 26<sup>th</sup>- March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Share the Love!** Our Savior's and St. Paul's volunteers will be welcoming the families who do not have a place to stay for food, fellowship and overnight shelter at Our Savior's Church from February 26<sup>th</sup>-March 4<sup>th</sup>. Help us welcome guests and live out our faith by giving the gift of your time in service. **Currently there are 2 families in the program-a total of 2 adults (one is 8 months pregnant) and 5 children (4 years-old, two 8 year-olds, a 10 and a 11 year-old).** Please sign-up for any of the service opportunities (making food, serving the food, spending some time in the evening with the families, setting up on the 26<sup>th</sup> or taking the stuff down on the 4<sup>th</sup>, or staying overnight) by going to our church website: [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org) or contact Mary Hickenbottom [414-333-3421](tel:414-333-3421) or [mary@splco.org](mailto:mary@splco.org) Thank you for your willingness to serve and please continue to pray for these families and for the volunteers!

### **ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER**



Ash Wednesday is on March 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a 12:15 pm worship service and a 6:30 pm worship service. Prior to the evening service, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm, St. Paul's Journeymen will be serving dinner. The menu is as follows:

**Chicken**  
**Green Beans**  
**Mashed Potatoes**  
**Desserts**  
**Beverages**

*A free-will offering will be collected and proceeds will go to Larry Hansen.*

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

The Transfiguration of Our Lord: *That Changes Everything!*

February 26—March 4, 2017

## ***That Changes Everything!***

In the Transfiguration Jesus revealed His divine nature: "He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun" (Matt. 17:2). Thus, Moses and Elijah, Peter, James, and John witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in the Lord Jesus, a fulfillment to which the Father testified in echo of the promise to Moses (Deut 18:15) and Jesus' own Baptism: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 17:5). Indeed, the Transfiguration points to the Resurrection of Jesus, which "more fully confirms the prophetic word." Therefore, we "do well to pay attention" to the Word "as to a lamp shining in a dark place." (2 Peter 1:19). That is, through faith our minds are transformed, for we understand that the divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the Word of His apostles, who were "eyewitnesses of his majesty" (2 Peter 1:16). Therefore, "the appearance of the glory of the Lord" is no longer "like a devouring fire" (Ex. 24:17). In fact, through faith we understand that as "Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel" went up the mountain with Moses and "beheld God, and ate and drank" (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.

## ***The Order of Meditation and Prayer***

*Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

### ***Invocation***

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### ***Apostles' Creed***

**Verse:** John 6:35b I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

**Christ-Centered Theme:** Jesus' transfiguration reveals His divine nature, confirming His Word as trustworthy, and thus transforming our minds.

**Psalm:** Psalm 89:18-29 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Daily Psalms</b>								
<b>Morning</b>	103	5	42	5	38	22	43	84
<b>Evening</b>	117, 139	84, 29	103, 133	27, 51	126, 102	107, 130	31; 143	42, 32

**The Catechism—The Sacrament of the Altar:**

<p><i>What is the Sacrament of the Altar?</i> It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> grade+
<p><i>What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?</i> These words, <b>Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,</b> show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> grade+
<p><i>How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?</i> Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: <b>Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.</b> These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: <b>forgiveness of sins.</b></p>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade+

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord: *That Changes Everything!***

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299ff.	
Sun.	A Blind Man Receives His Sight— Luke 18 :31-43	Job 21 :1-21	John 8 :39-59
Mon.	The Lord Promises Deliverance— Exodus 6:1-13	Job 30 :16-31	John 9 :1-23
Tue.	The Lord Gives Signs—Exodus 6 :28—7 :25	Job 31 :1-12, 33-40	John 9 :24-41
Wed.	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21</b>	Gen. 1 :1-19	Mark 1 :1-13
Thur.	The Plagues—Ex. 8 :1-4 (7-10) 13-25, 32 ; 9 :1-4, 7-35; 10 :3-6 (7-11) 20-29	Gen. 1 :20-2 :3	Mark 1 :14-28
Fri.	The Death of the Firstborn Is Announced— Exodus 11:1-10	Gen. 2 :4-25	Mark 1 :29-45

**Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's**  
O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshadowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

### **Daily Themes for Prayer**

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

### **In Our Prayers this Week**

**Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS** – Nathan Blanck—recovering from shoulder surgery; Bob Gauerke; Kaylyn Nord—knee injury; Larry Hansen; Bill (rehab) & Margaret Voss; August Fortmann; Ken Groenke; Tim Bratz; Laura Gruen—brain cancer; Esther Hart; Louise Lang; Marguerite Schneider; Ethan Meyer—brain tumor; Mabel Fredrick; Agnes Thurow; Alice Feldschneider; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Marian Faltersack; Iris Jahnke; Rick Ware; Ed Krelwitz; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Cheryl—recovering from cancer surgery; Grandpa Dave (family friend of Nagel's)—bladder cancer; Beth Etzel—stage four pancreatic cancer; co-worker of Michelle Pagenkopf; Mike—cancer in bones; Dawn Hirn—ovarian cancer; Ron Olson (Laura Rohowetz's father); Roy Hyatt—cancer returned; Daina Boppr—breast cancer; Quinn—breast cancer; Isaiah Butler—Lymphoma; Dan Rogers (Jon Schmeling's brother-in-law)—bladder cancer; Julie; Joanne Montanegro-Greinke; Michael Graham; Jenny Lemke (friend of the Uttech's); Kayla (7 years-old)—brain cancer; Cheri (Tina Gartzke's friend); Linda F—breast cancer; Jack Anderson; Kim B.—breast cancer; Brian Keller; Jeanie; Karen Peskie (Mike & Cheryl Reiner's sister-in-law)—Lymphoma; Lea Acord (Pat Borgman's friend); Donald—bladder cancer; Jan; Mike Ball; Jessica; Chris Moha—breast cancer; Amy (Heather Gartzke's friend); Pat (Renee Ebert's aunt)—ovarian cancer; Ray Liska; Sue; Jim; Cheri Benz—breast cancer; Cami—healing; Tim—lung cancer; Pastor William Meyer (Don Meyer's brother)—Lymphoma; Dan (stage 4 prostate cancer); Crystal Schultz; Joann Romain—kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski - throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer; Sarah Beine (stage 4 cancer)

**Other:** Judy (Amy Hackbarth's friend)—spot on lung; Jonathan (Marilyn Marohn's nephew)—in need of a kidney; Doug—CCL; Megan Bertram; Jane Nordstrom (Lois Wolf's mom)—continued healing & good test results; Rose (Pastor Krug's aunt); Kelly Braswell (BJ Lavota's sister)—MS; Bob King; Barb Schlomer (Dave's mom)—severe headaches; Dale Berger (Victoria's brother)—recovering from stroke; Cory—healing; Kathy Kraklau (Susan DeWitz's mom)—stroke; Mary—

thyroid nodules; Brayden Stacey—2 year-old with brain tumor; Ken; Don; Bruce—open heart surgery; Curt G; Maddie Ratzow's grandma's eye & her grandpa's shoulder; Donald Ryan (Gail Frosch's dad); Ashlin—stage 4 renal failure; Clem—high calcium heart; Ken (Kathie Ware's twin brother)—congestive heart failure; Mary Dinnauer (Matt's aunt); Bob—prostrate problems; Linda—diabetic dementia; Sharon—probiotic/kidney problems; Kelly; Brian Kloskowski—MS; Logyn; Pat—afib; TJ Easley (Dawn Lower's brother-in-law); Mora; Carol Duchow (Dorothy's sister-in-law)—hospice; Fred (Lynda Rades's brother); Lynne Kramer (Susie Meyer's dad); Joel (Tina Gartzke's nephew); Dwain Kline (Jennifer Truchan's grandpa)—Hospice; Clarence; Pam Leimer (Pat Borgman's cousin)—stroke; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan's son)—MS; Kelly Kulas; Charles Tuff (Alzheimer's); Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** PFC Nicholas Lang (South Korea); Sgt. Tyler Peartree; Zach Howard, Theresa; Phil Preston; Captain Chad Kelling; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke, Jacob, Brian, Randy, Kyle, Jake, Jeff, Matt, Tom, Brad, Ben, Mike & Rob

**Those serving God as missionaries:** Christie Nelson (China), Ray Wigdal (China), Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer

**Those in need:** Our Shut-Ins; Russ Meyer; Linda Meyer; the Stephen Ministry program—for the teachers and students; the Ellenberger family; Josh, for help with alcoholism; David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

***Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism***

***Hymn of the Week: "Jesus on the Mountain Peak"***

***LSB 415***

**Looking forward to the First Sunday in Lent**

**—March 4/5, 2017**

***Hymns: 594, 657 (600, 834, 746) 837***

***Sanctuary of the Champion (Pastor O'Donnell)***

Following His Baptism, Jesus is "led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil" (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father's voice and waits upon His Father's hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives "by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18–19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more "have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many" (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience "leads to justification and life for all men" (Rom. 5:18).

## LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

**Transfiguration of Our Lord** – What glory Almighty God lent to humankind by transfiguring His Son as He inhabited our flesh! Jesus not only shows us this everlasting Fatherhood and Sonship, but He bestows it upon us, wretched as we are! Perhaps our greatest honor consists in likewise using our privileges and resources to exalt the lowliest of persons into this majesty. *O Light Everlasting, keep us mindful that all humankind is made for Your favor as much as we ourselves are. Amen.*

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A RADIO BROADCAST?

Our radio broadcast over WTKM is a very important outreach for our congregation. Below are the dates open for the year **2017**. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of these Sundays. The cost is **\$95.00**. We praise God for this valuable community outreach. **You may also contribute any amount to the “radio fund” at any time.**

Mar. 12	May 14	Sept 3	Dec. 3
Mar. 19	Jun. 4	Sept. 17	Dec. 10
Apr. 2	Jun. 18	Nov. 5	Dec. 17
Apr. 16 (6 am)	July 23	Nov. 19	
Apr. 30	Aug. 6	Nov. 23	

If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast please fill out the bottom portion of this page and hand it into the church office.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>ND</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

Please dedicate to \_\_\_\_\_

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For the most current information on St. Paul's happenings, please visit our website at [splco.org](http://splco.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS: February 27<sup>th</sup>—March 5<sup>th</sup>  
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Stephen Ministry Training	Room 201	6:00 pm
TUESDAY February 28 <sup>th</sup>	LWML Prayer Meeting Praise Team Practice Financial Oversight Committee Mtg.	St. John's NP Church Library	1:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ash Wednesday Worship Ash Wednesday Dinner Ash Wednesday Worship Adult Choir Praise Team Practice	Church Fellowship Hall Church Balcony Church	12:15 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30pm 8:45 pm
THURSDAY March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ladies Aid Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall Church	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
SATURDAY March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Church Fellowship Hall	5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Worship <i>Time to Grow</i> (Sunday School) Public School Confirmation Class Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship	Church Various Rooms Room 219 Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

# ATTENDANCE

February 18/19

**Church Attendance :**

5:30 pm—125

8:00 am—116

10:30 am—198

439 Total; 48 visitors; 391 members

**ST. PAUL'S MARCH EPISTLE IS NOW  
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT  
SPLCO.ORG.**

**FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN**

We rejoice to have families with small children participating in our worship services. There are baskets available with items that might be helpful for your children behind the back pews.

**THIS WEEKEND**

**5:30 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30 AM**

<b>Music Leaders</b>	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	Look2Hi m
<b>Special Music</b>	Journey men	Journey men	SPLS Concert Choir
<b>Acolytes</b>	Clayton Petersen	Molly & Sadie Wilke	Hannah Tuff & Warren Thurow
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Margie Hertneky	Donna Andrus	Sarah Neff
<b>Elders</b>	Rick Zastrow	Bryan Polinske	Scott Kalien
<b>Greeters</b>	Roxie Gerlach	Shirley Smart (church) Karen Meyer (school)	Al & Kathy Mueller
<b>Lectors</b>	Glenn Gartzke	Gar y Ketchum	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Gar y Pribnow
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Steve Hansen	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Rick Zastrow	Dan Friedrich	Scott Kalien

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**5:30 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30 AM**

<b>Readings</b>	Gen. 3:1–21	Rom. 5:12–19	Matt. 4:1–11
<b>Acolytes</b>	Colton Koepke	TBD	Nathan Oelsner
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Martha Blanck	Shirley Dibble & Marena Pine	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Elders</b>	Dave Meyer	George Menden	Jon Schmeling
<b>Greeters</b>	Rick Zastrow	Don & Harriet Groose (church) Gar y Pribnow (school)	Tom & Denise Showen
<b>Lectors</b>	Amy Hackbarth	Cheryl Tesch	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Papa	Bob Bratz	Truman Seifert

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

### **Exodus 24:8-18 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 82*

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

### **2 Peter 1:16-21 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 1299*

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

### **St. Matthew 17:1-9 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 1045*

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017