



**St. Paul's**

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Reaching, Serving, and Growing Disciples*



**Church, School and  
Early Childhood Center**

210 E. Pleasant St.  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
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262-567-5001

**Worship Schedule**

Saturday: 5pm traditional  
Sunday: 8am traditional  
Sunday: 10:30am contemporary

Advent, Lent, Summer special services

*A member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Steven Scharnell, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus  
Jill George, Principal  
Volume 24

Adam Tanney, Youth Director  
Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director  
Christine Flores, Early Childhood Center (ECC) Director

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

Number 6

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:** *Deliver Us From Evil*

Traditional Worship

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

Contemporary Worship

**Special Order**

## BIBLE STUDIES

**Adult Bible Study**

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

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

**490-2879 Sat. (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) - 8:00 a.m. Whelan's**

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by Louise Stenson in loving memory of her husband, Andy. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM) and worldwide at wtkm.com. The **altar flowers** are sponsored by David & Leslyn Mueller in praise to God for their wedding anniversary.

# REACHING DISCIPLES

## LWML

Zone 17 **Prayer Service** will be held on Tuesday, **February 13<sup>th</sup>**, at St. John's, Ashippun at 1:30 pm. Fellowship and refreshments to follow. Everyone is invited to attend as we prepare our hearts for Lent. Men are welcome too! If you are interested in carpooling contact Kathy Mueller at 262-468-6926.

## FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>-MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Our Savior's and St. Paul's volunteers will be welcoming families without shelter to stay for food, fellowship and overnight shelter at Our Savior's on February 25<sup>th</sup> through March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Help us welcome guests and live out our faith in service to our neighbors in need. There are currently 4 families in the program-5 adults and 3 children (10 and two 2 year-olds) and one of the moms is pregnant. Please go to our website to sign up [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org) or directly to the Family Promise sign-up genius <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0544a9ad2ba13-family12> or contact Mary Hickenbottom with any questions at 414.333.3421 or [mary@splco.org](mailto:mary@splco.org). *Thank you for your continued prayers and support of this needed outreach ministry in our community!*

# GROWING DISCIPLES

## CONFIRMATION CLASS ARCHIVES

In an effort to complete our archive of Confirmation Class Pictures, I am asking for your help. If you have a family member OR were a member of the following classes, please contact Pat Borgman at 567-7131. Leave a message if we do not answer right away. Thank you for your help.

- Set 1: Classes from 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2011 and 2010
- Set 2: Classes from 2001, 1995, 1993, 1987, 1968, 1966, 1961, 1960
- Set 3: Classes from 1955, 1950, 1948, 1947, 1946, 1945, 1943, 1942
- Set 4: Classes from 1939, 1938, 1936, 1933, 1931, 1930, 1929, 1925
- Set 5: Classes from 1924, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916
- Set 6: Classes from 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908
- Set 7: Classes from 1907, 1906, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900



**Mark 9:6** "For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified." Soon enough, the disciples' terror turned into joy for when Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity – for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

# WINTER WARM-UP

February 13 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm



## Come in from the cold and warm up with a fun night at St. Paul's Lutheran School's "Step-up & Open House!"

All current and prospective students, along with their families, are invited to check out their classroom for next year and meet with their new teachers.

Activities include:

- Math-focused activities in each classroom
- Current students - "step up" to your next year's homeroom
- Anticipated students - come meet your prospective teacher
- Art project
- Tours of the Early Childhood Center from 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- Light dinner of walking tacos
- Photo booth
- Current families bringing a guest qualify for a prize

St. Paul's is a school that shows genuine love and care for children in an environment that focuses on excellence. We invite you to attend this open house and learn how St. Paul's can become your family, too.

God has great plans for your child! St. Paul's Lutheran School can help your child discover and prepare to reach the potential for which God has planned.

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# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*  
*The Transfiguration of Our Lord: Deliver Us From Evil*  
February 4-11, 2018

## **Deliver Us From Evil (Pastor O'Donnell)**

Form: Lowry Loop

It is a hard thing for people to admit the veil of self-righteousness, but the Word of the Gospel lifts the veil ("Only through Christ is it taken away" (2 Cor. 3:14)). Thus, are we able to behold "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ," who is "the image of God" (2 Cor. 4:4-6). Perhaps especially when we are disappointed, may God grant us a faithful persistence like Elisha, who was able to see the prophet Elijah being taken "by a whirlwind into heaven" and received a "double portion" of his spirit for preaching the Lord's Word (2 Kings 2:9-11). May the Holy Spirit enable us to truly "listen to" Christ; that is, to trust in "Jesus only" (Mark 9:7-8) and live in hope.

## **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**

**Christ-Centered Theme:** Christ conquers evil. All evil. Even our evil. Even the evil done to us.

**Verse:** Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

**Psalm:** Psalm 84 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

	<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sun.</b>
<b>Daily Psalms</b>								
<b>Morning</b>	19	136	123	15	36	130	56	84
<b>Evening</b>	81, 113	97, 112	30, 86	48, 4	80, 27	32, 139	100, 62	42, 32

**The Catechism: Sacrament of the Altar: *What is the Sacrament of the Altar? Where is this written?***

<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: *Deliver Us From Evil***

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Jesus Gives Sight to a Blind Man— Luke 18:31-43</b>	Job 7:1-21	John 4:7-26
<b>Mon.</b>	The Tree of Knowledge and the Tree of Life—Genesis 2:4-17	Job 8:1-22	John 4:27-45
<b>Tue.</b>	Man Eats the Forbidden Fruit— Genesis 3:1-24	Job 9:1-35	John 4:46-54
<b>Wed.</b>	Jesus Sends Out the Twelve— Matthew 9:35—10:20, 40	Gen. 1:1-19	Mark 1:1-13
<b>Thur.</b>	Holy Absolution for the Erring Brother— Matthew 18:14-22	Gen. 1:20-2:3	Mark 1:14-28
<b>Fri.</b>	The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant— Matthew 18:21-35	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 foreshowed 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. **Amen**

**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** – Glenn Gartzke—Melanoma; Frieda Antoniak—breast cancer; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; My Ubl—healing for multiple health issues; Duane Olson—cancer; Carol Fellin—cancer; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Laura Gruen—brain tumor; Louise Lang; Mabel Fredrick; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Marian Faltersack; Rick Ware; Ed Krelwitz; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Beth—Lymphoma; Sue Lentini (Dina Tanner's cousin)—cancer returned; Naomi Morris; Janice (Diane Bleke's sister); Tom—stage 3 bladder cancer; Liz (Barb Allwardt's sister)—colon cancer; the sister of a member with breast cancer; Dylan Coughlin—3 year-old with brain tumor; Kevin Kloss (John Tesch's nephew)—Leukemia; co-worker of Michelle Pagenkopf; Mike—cancer in bones; Roy Hyatt—cancer returned; Quinn—breast cancer; Julie; Kayla (7 years-old)—brain cancer; Linda F—breast cancer; Jack Anderson; Kim B.—breast cancer; Jeanie; Karen Peskie (Mike & Cheryl Reiner's sister-in-law)—Lymphoma; Lea Acord (Pat Borgman's friend); Dan (stage-four prostate cancer); Crystal Schultz; Joann Romain—kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer

**Other:** Sharon—circulation problems; son of a friend of the Juneau family with meningitis—surgery; Cheryl (Mark Prange's mom); son of a member for healing of separated shoulder; a member's mom—quick recovery from surgery; Justin—rotator cuff surgery; Kathleen O'Donnell—knee replacement surgery; Sicily (3 year-old)—Guillain-Barre syndrome; Shirley Katusich; Merita Dinnauer; Andrew (Rick Ware's cousin)—CLL chemo complications & PML Syndrome; Vicki Kuhl—

afib; Sue Jansen (Shirley Dibble's niece); Rebecca Mills; Gail Albright; Chelsea Bunker—severe brain injury; Marlene Wille (wife of Jim, former St. Paul's members)—stage 3 colon cancer; Dan George (Jamie's brother)—liver disease; Karen Nicholson; Armin Tessmann—strength in walking; Michael Hamton; Karen Christenson—dementia & stroke; Regina Mills; Dory Schultz; Phyllis Ecklor (Shirley Dibble's sister); Shawn—vascular problems; Kristal—lung surgery; Jonathan (Marilyn Marohn's nephew)—in need of a kidney; Doug—CCL; Megan Bertram; Clem—high calcium heart; Bob—prostate problems; Linda—diabetic dementia; Barb (Dave Schlomer's mom)—severe headaches; Sharon—probiotic/kidney problems; Pat—afib; Fred (Lynda Rades's brother); Joel (Tina Gartzke's nephew); Clarence; Pam; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan's son)—MS; Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** Justin Michener; PFC Nicholas Lang; 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; Matt, friend of Heather Gartzke; for David; those struggling with addiction-Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

**Anniversary:** David & Leslyn Mueller

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

***Hymn of the Week: "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"***

***LSB 413***

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

***February 17/18, 2018***

***Hymns: 861, 657 (809, 418, 600) 798***

***Re:Connecting, Part 1: Christ or Narcissus? (Pastor O'Donnell)***

Our culture and the technologies that support that culture are increasingly narcissistic. They lead to idolatry and death. In our readings today, The LORD shows us the better way. In the near-sacrifice of Isaac (Gen 22.1-18) The LORD foreshadows the work of Christ and His self-giving love. In our reading from James (1.12-18) the LORD warns us of the dangers of giving ourselves over to sin and points us to the better Way. That Way is manifested in Jesus Christ, who in His baptism (Mk 1.9-11) publicly identifies with us sinners. Afterwards, His temptations on our behalf then begin (Mk 1.12-13), and then begins His public ministry (Mk 1.14-15); that is, our call to repentance and to see, in Him, the way out of narcissism and death, the Way of faith, hope and love.

## ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER

Ash Wednesday is on February 14<sup>th</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.*

### **St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Early Childhood Center is hiring!**

#### **Part-Time Floater/Teacher**

St. Paul's Early Childhood Center is looking for a person who has a passion for teaching, learning and having fun with children. The position will be 20-30 hours per week; working hours would generally occur between 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

#### **Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:**

- Promote feelings of security and trust in infants and children
- Tend to children's personal hygiene needs
- Provide & maintain a safe, loving and nurturing environment for infants and children
- Communicate effectively with infants, children, their parents and staff
- Keep track of children in your care at all times
- Knowing and following the policies and procedures of the Center

#### **Requirements:**

- High school diploma or GED, or higher
- Coursework required includes 2 entry level courses in early childhood (EC I & II), Infant/Toddler course
- CPR
- Demonstrated knowledge of skills that address developmental needs of infants and children

We are willing to assist the right candidate in obtaining the required education/training.

Competitive pay is based on education and experience.

*To apply for this position, email your resume to [christine@splco.org](mailto:christine@splco.org).*

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to be directed to St. Paul's online giving webpage.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS: February 12<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup>  
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

TUESDAY February 13 <sup>th</sup>	LWML Zone 17 Prayer Service Winter Warm-Up (SPLS Open House) Board of Elders Meeting Praise Team Practice	St. John's Ashippun Various Rooms Room 219 Church	1:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY February 14 <sup>th</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 February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
FRIDAY February 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>		
SATURDAY February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Women of Joy Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Whelan's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Worship Service Coffee Fellowship Hour Public School Confirmation 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bible History <i>Time to Grow</i> (Sunday School) Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service Sunday Night Alive (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades)	Church School Lobby Room 219 Room 204 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church Room 138	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm

# ATTENDANCE

February 3/4

## Church Attendance:

5:00 pm—86

8:00 am—97

10:30 am—105

288 Total; 10 visitors; 278 members

ST. PAUL'S FEBRUARY EPISTLE IS  
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      5:00 PM                                      8:00 AM                                      10:30 AM

<b>Music Leaders</b>	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	Look2Him
<b>Special Music</b>	Journeyman	Journeyman	
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Ann Ashworth	Barb Hentz	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwieg
<b>Elders</b>	Bruce Bain	Arno Kirchenwtiz	Erik Benes
<b>Greeters</b>	John Melvin	Ralph & Donna Andrus (church) Don & Harriet Groose (school)	Darlene Adams
<b>Lectors</b>	John Kelling	Jim Steinberg	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Gary Flanagan	Bob Bratz	Scott Kalien

## NEXT WEEKEND      5:00 PM                                      8:00 AM                                      10:30 AM

<b>Readings</b>	Gen. 22:1-18	James 1:12-18	Mark 1:9-15
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	Sadie Wilke & Lydia DeWitz
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Martha Blanck	Leslyn Mueller	Barb Star
<b>Elders</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Dave Meyer	John Melvin
<b>Greeters</b>	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	Roger & Patricia Gartzke (church) Chuck & Jenny Laabs	Kim Tuff
<b>Lectors</b>	Erik Benes	Glenn Gartzke	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Leah Johnson
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Mike Papa	John Melvin

# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

## **2 Kings 2:1–12 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 390*

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

## **2 Corinthians 3:12–13; 4:1–6 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 1227*

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## **St. Mark 9:2-9 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 1074*

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.