



**St. Paul's**

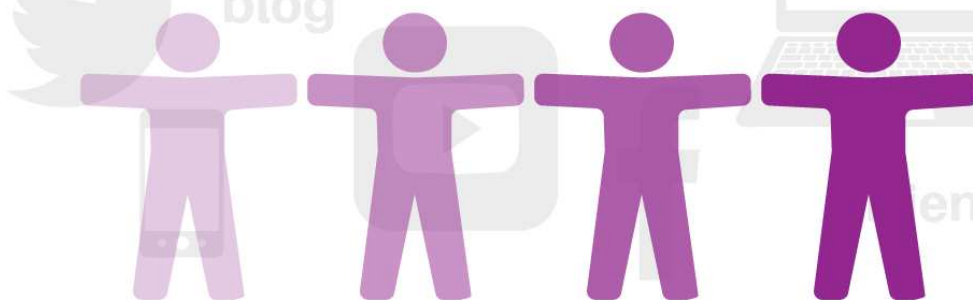
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Reaching, Serving, and Growing Disciples*

**Part 4:  
Over Exposure**

**RE:CONNECTING**

Lenten Reflections on Faithful  
Human Engagement and Media



**Church, School and  
Early Childhood Center**

210 E. Pleasant St.  
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**Worship Schedule**

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

Advent, Lent, Summer special services

March 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 10

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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**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:** *Re:Connecting, Part 4:  
Over Exposure*

Traditional Worship  
**Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 2, pg. 167**

Contemporary Worship  
**Special Order**

## **BIBLE STUDIES**

**Reformation 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 Dale & Mary Weber to the glory of God. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM) and worldwide at wtkm.com.

## BAPTISM

We welcome into St. Paul's church family during the 5:00 pm Worship Service, **Logan Eugene**. He is the son of Ryan & Rebecca (Biesiada) **Tivis**. His sponsors are Tianna La Bau & Anthony Raasch. We will keep Logan in our prayers.

**Flash photography is not allowed during a baptism which takes place during the worship service. The pastor may reenact the baptism after the service for picture-taking opportunities.**

## REACHING DISCIPLES

### LORD'S CUPBOARD

We will be handing out approximately 175 bags for Easter. Current needs are canned corn, fruit cocktail, Jell-O, gravy packets, scalloped potatoes and monetary donations to purchase the hams.

We are looking for people to put together the bags on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9am for about an hour. Sunday the youth will be delivering the bags. Be at church at 11:45 am and we will be back around 1pm. Monday help is needed to hand out the bags be there by 5:15 pm....we will be done a little after 6:30 pm. Please call Jamie Stache if you have any questions 608-444-3556.

### SEWERS NEEDED for Pillow Case Dresses.....

The Orphan Grain Train is in need of dresses to distribute to third world countries. We have a very large supply of pillowcase for anyone to make. These are VERY easy and fun to do, no hemming or pattern involved. Contact Pat Menden (646-3508) for information. Instructions can be picked up by the LWML bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. And as always we need quilt top makers. Material is available (no quilting experience needed).

## SERVING DISCIPLES



**Ephesians 2:10** *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* Even the good we do in this world is a gift from God, prepared beforehand for us to do. And this too is a gift! For isn't doing good also a good thing for the one who does it? So from first to last, from the Lord's free salvation given to us to the good works He's prepared for us to walk in, it is all a gift of God's grace.

**Witness:** The message of Christ doesn't always bring peace on earth. But believing it will bring peace with God.

# GROWING DISCIPLES

## WINE PULL



The popular wine pull will be available at the Hero Crusade. Our goal is to raise \$600. To do that we will offer 30 bottles of wine at \$20 a "pull." Please help us make our goal a reality and consider donating a bottle of wine valued near the \$15 range. Donations can be left in the school office until Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

## 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

## HELP SUPPORT ST. PAUL'S GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2174

The Troop will be selling Girl Scout cookies after all services this weekend. All flavors will be available – cookies are \$4.00 per box. The proceeds from the cookie sale fund the Troop during the school year. It also provides the girls the ability to attend camp at Camp Timber-Lee in East Troy. Thanks for your support!

## NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL ACCREDITATION (NLSA)

St. Paul's Lutheran School will be going through the NLSA process during the 2018-19 school year. It is a process of self-evaluation followed by a visit of objective observers designed to help Lutheran schools improve the quality of their programs. The process is completely voluntary and available for every school that is a part of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or the Lutheran Church—Canada. NLSA is a rigorous national accrediting process designed to evaluate schools based on their unique purpose as Lutheran schools. It helps schools evaluate not only the quality of the academics and programs, but also most importantly the spiritual dimension of the school. We ask for your prayerful support during this process.

## LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

"You were dead in trespasses and sins...like the rest of mankind" (Ephesians 2:1, 3b). One's own capacities or activities don't give human life its value (Ephesians 2:9). The love of God in Christ does that, and it does so universally and infinitely (John 3:16). The very heart of the Gospel holds human life precious, even when impaired by infection or immaturity (Numbers 21:8). We rest refreshed in this grace! *Gracious God, cause fountains of Your grace to flow through us. Amen.*

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*The Fourth Sunday in Lent: Re:Connecting, Part 4: Over Exposure*

*March 11–18, 2018*

## **Re:Connecting, Part 4: Over Exposure (Pastor O'Donnell)**

In Greek mythology Narcissus saw his reflection in the water and fell in love with it. Although he did not realize in the beginning that it was just a reflection, when he understood it, he fell in despair that his love could not materialize. We all have an inner Narcissus, and The LORD calls us to see our vanity for what it is: death (Eph 2.1-10). He calls us out of "over-exposure" to self and to look outside ourselves for life and salvation. As he did with our forefathers in the desert (Nu 21.4-9), the LORD calls us to believe his Word and look up to the One lifted up (Jn 3.14-21)--Christ--whose self-giving at the cross is the epitome of love.

## **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:** In Christ God calls us out of narcissism and into the Way of love.

**Verse:** 1 Corinthians 13:7-8a [Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

**Psalm:** Psalm 132 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>	84	119:73-80	34	5	38	22	43	84
<b>Evening</b>	42, 32	121, 6	25, 91	27, 51	126, 102	107, 130	31, 143	42, 32

**The Catechism: Table of Duties—What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors: 1 Corinthians 9:14; Galatians 6:6-7; 1 Timothy 5:17-18**

<p><b>What the Hearers Owe their Pastors</b>          The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>1 Corinthians 9:14</b></p> </p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> grade+</p>
<p>Anyone who receives instructing in the word must share all good things with his instructor          Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.          A man reaps what he sows.  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Galatians 6:6-7</b></p> </p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> grade+</p>
<p>The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.          For the Scripture says,          "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,"          and "The worker deserves his wages."  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>1 Timothy 5:17-18</b></p> </p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> grade+</p>

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent: *Re:Connecting, Part 4: Over Exposure***

<b>Day</b>	<b>Bible Stories for the Family &amp; School</b>	<b>Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299</b>	
<b>Sun.</b>	The Feeding of the 5,000—John 6:1-15	Gen. 41:28-57	Mark 11:20-33
<b>Mon.</b>	Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin— Mark 14:53-72	Gen. 42:1-34, 38	Mark 12:1-12
<b>Tue.</b>	Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate—Mark 15:1-15	Gen. 43:1-28	Mark 12:13-27
<b>Wed.</b>	Manna and Israel’s Grumbling— Exodus 16:2-21	Gen. 44:1-18, 32-34	Mark 12:28-44
<b>Thur.</b>	The King of the Jews Is Mocked— Mark 15:16-32	Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28	Mark 13:1-23
<b>Fri.</b>	Jesus’ Death and Burial—Mark 15:33-47	Gen. 47:1-31	Mark 13:24-37

**Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul’s**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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** – Maggie Urban—knee surgery; Margaret Voss—Lake Country Rehab; Wayne Gartzke—stroke; Jim Hertneky—recovering from back injury; Glenn Gartzke—Melanoma; Frieda Antoniak—breast cancer; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; My Ubl—healing for multiple health issues; Carol Fellin—cancer; Bill 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—shoulder surgery; Crystal Parker

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Jimi Duer—pancreatic cancer; Marilyn Hastert (Angie Scharnell's stepmom)—liver cancer; Vern Adams; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman's cousin) - breast 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; 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; Dan (stage-four prostate cancer); Crystal Schultz; Joann Romain—kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer

**Other:** Brent Nicholson—pneumonia; Susan—memory issues; Karen Beardsley—Sharon Peterson's sister; Sharon—circulation problems; son of a friend of the Juneau family with meningitis—surgery; Carol (Mark Prange's mom); a member's mom—quick recovery from surgery; Rev. William Meyer; Sicily (3 year-old)—Guillain-Barre syndrome; Shirley Katusich; Merita Dinnauer; 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, Brian—for mental clarity and to gain employment; friend of Heather Gartzke; for David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri

**Baptism:** Logan Eugene, son of Ryan & Rebecca (Biesiada) Tivis—March 10<sup>th</sup>

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

***Hymn of the Week: “The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”***

***LSB 580***

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

***March 17/18, 2018***

***Hymns: 435, 753 (932, 564, 429) 661***

***Re:Connecting, Part 5: The Slavery of Digital Pride (Pastor O’Donnell)***

Jesus is talking to His disciples about the suffering He is about to endure for them (Mk 10.32-34), and then two of His “inner circle” reveal how enslaved their are to their pride by busily attempting to manipulate the future for their benefit. (Mk 10.35-37). We are prideful by nature. Many of us only need take a quick look at our social media or what we focus upon in the coffee shop to see that truth. We need the “new covenant” that Jeremiah prophesied (Jer 31.31-34). We, in our weakness and slavery to self, need not a temporal salvation, but an eternal one (Heb 5.9). Thanks be to God, Jesus fulfilled the old covenant and--grace upon grace--makes us participants in the new covenant of love.



# St. Paul's Lutheran School ~ Celebrating 140 Years

Lutheran State Basketball Tournament: Last weekend we participated in the state tournament with great results. The 8th grade boys' team played hard and lost a close one in their third game. The 7th/8th grade girls' team played four games and came in 3rd place! Good job, Warrior athletes!



Rock River Lutheran Schools Spelling Bee: On Sunday, March 11, several of our students in grades 3-8 will compete with area Lutheran schools – Good Shepherd-Watertown (Host School), Faith,-Watertown, St. John's-Mayville, and St. Stephen's-Horicon. Will St. Paul's continue its undefeated run??

Chapel Offerings: This quarter's Chapel offerings have been designated to a program which provides BibleStick players to military members who are deployed. In addition, the program also allows a BibleStick to be given to the spouse and children. Our goal is \$2,500 which would provide an entire company of 100 men and women with God's Word.



Mission Statement: *Helping God's children grow to be energetic servant leaders for HIM through love, respect, and a commitment to excellence.*

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: March 12<sup>th</sup>—18<sup>th</sup>

### ADVANCE THE MISSION

### REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

TUESDAY March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Operations Committee Meeting Board of Elders' Meeting Praise Team Practice	Room 201 Room 219 Church	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Hymn Sing Lenten Worship Parish Choir Lenten Soup Supper Lenten Hymn Sing Lenten Worship Adult Choir	Church Church Balcony Fellowship Hall Church Church Balcony	12:00 pm 12:15 pm 5:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:30pm
THURSDAY March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
SATURDAY March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Women of Joy Packing Easter Food Bags Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Whelan's Fellowship Hall Church Fellowship Hall	8:00 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY March 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 Youth Deliver Easter Food Bags	Church Lobby Room 219 Room 204 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church Meet in Lobby	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:45 am

# ATTENDANCE

March 3/4

## Church Attendance:

5:00 pm—90

8:00 am—192

10:30 am—147

429 Total; 35 visitors; 394 members

ST. PAUL'S MARCH EPISTLE IS  
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT  
[SPLCO.ORG](http://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>	Parish Choir	SPLS Concert Choir/Handbells	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Colton Koepke	Sami Jo Abel & Lydia DeWitz	Sadie Wilke & Hannah Tuff
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Fisher	Dorothy Duchow	Wendy Tesch
<b>Elders</b>	Bryan Polinske	Chad Eberhardt	Mark Thurow
<b>Greeters</b>	Rick Zastrow	Don & Harriet Groose (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Anne Fait
<b>Lectors</b>	Barb Brockway	Chad Eberhardt	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Gary Pribnow
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Friedrich	Mike Papa	John Melvin

#### NEXT WEEKEND

#### 5:00 PM

#### 8:00 AM

#### 10:30 AM

<b>Readings</b>	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Martha Blanck	Shirley Dibble & Marena Pine	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwiig
<b>Elders</b>	Dave Meyer	Rick Zastrow	Erik Benes
<b>Greeters</b>	John Melvin	Chuck & Jenny Laabs (church) Roger & Pat Gartzke (school)	Jamie Stache
<b>Lectors</b>	Dave Meyer	Rick Zastrow	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Rick Zastrow	Scott Kalien

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### **Numbers 21:4–9 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 164*

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

### **Ephesians 2:1–10 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 1242*

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

### **St. John 3:14–21 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 1130*

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. [Jesus said:] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

March 10/11, 2018