



**St. Paul's**

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Reaching, Serving, and Growing Disciples*

**Part 3:  
Cleanse Your Temple**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<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 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 THIRD 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 3:  
Cleanse Your Temple*

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

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 Karen Wilson in loving memory of her son, Michael. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM) and worldwide at wtkm.com.

## 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 at little after 6:30 pm. Please call Jamie Stache if you have any questions 608-444-3556.

**LWML** meets Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### 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).

### LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

God made a human body – even one crucifixion destroyed – His sanctuary (John 2:19). Is this why He bluntly forbids murder (Exodus 20:13), because every human body belongs to Him (Exodus 20:2)? Indeed, He has chosen what is weak, low, labeled “not a life” (1 Corinthians 1:27-28) to be His own forever. Neither sin nor flesh’s shortcomings nullify it. *Jealous God, possess us heart, body, and life that we may build up. Amen.*

## SERVING DISCIPLES



**John 2:16** *“And He told those who sold the pigeons, ‘Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.’”* The Lord’s House is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It’s not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead the Church is a place for the Lord’s gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.

**Witness:** We do not stand in the world bearing witness to Christ, but stand in Christ and bear witness to the world.

# 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.

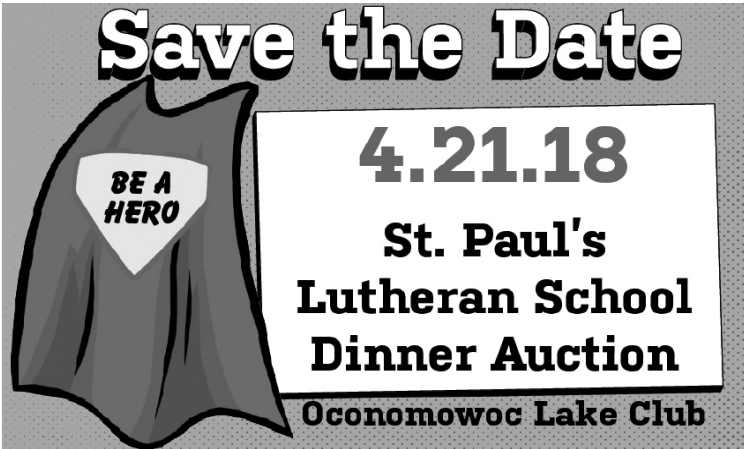
- Set 1: Classes from 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2011 and 2010
- Set 2: Classes from 2001, 1995, 1993, 1987, 1968, 1966, 1961, 1960
- Set 3: Classes from 1955, 1950, 1948, 1947, 1946, 1945, 1943, 1942
- Set 4: Classes from 1939, 1938, 1936, 1933, 1931, 1930, 1929, 1925
- Set 5: Classes from 1924, 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

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

The Troop will be selling Girl Scout cookies after all services on March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 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.



**Save the Date**

**4.21.18**

**St. Paul's  
Lutheran School  
Dinner Auction**

**Oconomowoc Lake Club**

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*The Third Sunday in Lent: Re:Connecting, Part 3: Cleanse Your Temple*

*March 4–11, 2018*

## **Re:Connecting, Part 3: Cleanse Your Temple (Pastor O'Donnell)**

The Ten Commandments (Ex 20.1-17) show us God's will and reveal our sin, so that we have no excuse. In the cleansing of the Temple (Jn 2.13-22) Jesus Christ exposes injustice, reveals idolatry, and proclaims His authority at the promised Messiah or "Savior." That authority is established forever by His death and resurrection. This is why, in his letter to the troubled congregation at Corinth, St. Paul begins with first things: "We preach Christ crucified..." (1 Cor 1.18-31) As the body of Christ and each individual Christian is a "temple" of the Lord, it is time for us to repent--to cleanse our temple--and "believe the Scripture and the word that Jesus has spoken." (Jn 2.22)

## **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's cleansing of the Temple is a call to repentance; that is, a call to reject the culture of slander, to trust in the crucified and risen Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and to live as those redeemed in the image of God.

**Verse:** 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

**Psalm:** Psalm 136 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—To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers: 1 Timothy 3:2-4; 1 Timothy 3:6; Titus 1:9**

<p><b>To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers</b>  the overseer must be above reproach,  the husband of but one wife,  temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> grade+
<p>not given to drunkenness,  not violent but gentle,  not quarrelsome,  not a lover of money.  He must manage his own family well  and see that his children obey him with proper respect.  <b>1 Timothy 3:2-4</b></p>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade+
<p>He must not be a recent convert,  or he may become conceited  and fall under the same judgment as the devil.  <b>1 Timothy 3:6</b></p>	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade+
<p>He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught,  so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine  and refute those who oppose it.  <b>Titus 1:9</b></p>	4 <sup>th</sup> grade+

**The Third Sunday in Lent: *Re:Connecting, Part 3: Cleanse Your Temple***

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>A House Divided—Luke 11:14-28</b>	Gen. 27;30-45; 28:10-22	Mark 9:1-13
<b>Mon.</b>	Palm Sunday—Mark 11:1-19	Gen. 29:1-30	Mark 9:14-32
<b>Tue.</b>	Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany— Mark 14:1-11	Gen. 35:1-29	Mark 9:33-50
<b>Wed.</b>	The Plagues in Egypt—Exodus 8:16-24	Gen. Gen. 37:1-36	Mark 10:1-12
<b>Thur.</b>	Jesus Celebrates the Passover— Mark 14:12-31	Gen. 39:1-23	Mark 10:13-31
<b>Fri.</b>	Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane —Mark 14:32-52	Gen. 40:1-23	Mark 10:32-52

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

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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** – Ken Dinnauer—heart catheterization; Wayne Gartzke—recovering from brain bleed; Jim Hertneky—recovering from back injury; Bobbie Scheuer; Glenn Gartzke—Melanoma; Frieda Antoniak—breast cancer; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; My Ubl—healing for multiple health issues; 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:** 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

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

**Birth:** Odette Sarah Amarah Jolie, baby girl born to Jeff & Tirzah Gresley—February 27<sup>th</sup>

**Birthdays:** Dennis Zastrow—90<sup>th</sup>—March 6<sup>th</sup>  
Darlene Adams—March 6<sup>th</sup>  
Sheila Rams—March 6<sup>th</sup>  
Renee Ebert—March 6<sup>th</sup>  
Isaiah Scheuer—20<sup>th</sup>—March 6<sup>th</sup>  
Diane Gartzke—March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Sue Lindemann—March 8<sup>th</sup>

**Thanksgiving:** Sister of a member successfully completing breast cancer treatment For St. Paul’s Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball Teams’ opportunities to play at State. Thank you for giving these children these talents and the coaches who lead them.

**Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**  
**Hymn of the Week: “To Your Temple, Lord, I Come”**

**LSB 981**

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

**March 10/11, 2018**

**Hymns: 744, 580 (641, 426, 543) 918**

**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.



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

Lutheran State Basketball Tournament: This weekend our 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball teams are competing in the state tournament. Most games are held at Concordia University, Mequon. What an exciting experience for our young athletes! May God bless each of them to play for HIM. Come out and support our teams. Go, Warriors!!



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 month 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 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

### ADVANCE THE MISSION

### REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Lord's Cupboard Open Pantry Stephen Ministry Leaders Stephen Ministry Supervision	Hallway Room 201 Room 201	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
TUESDAY March 6 <sup>th</sup>	LWML Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall Church	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY March 7 <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 8 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
SATURDAY March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Journeyman Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Worship Service 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 (5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades)	Church Room 219 Room 204 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church Room 138	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm

# ATTENDANCE

February 24/25

## Church Attendance:

5:00 pm—288

8:00 am—101

10:30 am—122

511 Total; 38 visitors; 473 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	In His Light
<b>Special Music</b>	Parish Choir	SPLS Concert Choir/Handbells	
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Mason Paar	Hannah Tuff
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Ann Ashworth	Donna Andrus	Sarah Neff
<b>Elders</b>	Arno Kirchenwitz	Bruce Bain	Jon Schmeling
<b>Greeters</b>	Roxie Gerlach	Jim & Judy Braatz (church) Jim & Marlene Steinberg (school)	Karen Meyer
<b>Lectors</b>	Russ Meyer	Dorothy Duchow	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Jamie Stache
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Bratz	Gary Flanagan	Truman Seifert

#### NEXT WEEKEND

#### 5:00 PM

#### 8:00 AM

#### 10:30 AM

<b>Readings</b>	Numbers 21:4-9	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
<b>Acolytes</b>	Colton Koepke	Sami Jo Abel & Lydia DeWitz	Sadie Wilke & Hannah Tuff
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Fisher	Dorothy Duchow	Brenda Jacobosky
<b>Elders</b>	Bryan Polinske	Dave Meyer	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	Jamie Stache
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Friedrich	Mike Papa	John Melvin

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

## **Exodus 20:1–17 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 77*

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

## **1 Corinthians 1:18–31 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 1211*

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

## **St. John 2:13–22 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 1129*

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.