

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church

Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Transfiguration Sunday

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Our Services

Thursday—6:30 p.m.
Sunday—8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
(winter schedule)

Sunday Morning
Service on Cable TV
Channel 20 at 9:00 a.m.

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ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Transfiguration Sunday

February 16th & 19th, 2012

Theme for the Day

Be Strengthened by the Glory of the Lord!

Hymns: 94 v1-3 94 v4-5 95 & 97 & 317 insert

Order of Service: Service of the Word & Sacrament (p. 26-37)

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12a

Elisha witnesses the glory of Elijah being taken up to heaven in a whirlwind. This strengthened him to serve stubborn people, so many of whom refused to repent. May this view of glory strengthen us!

Second Reading: Mark 9:2-9

Three of Jesus' disciples see Jesus transfigured. This awesome glory proves Jesus' great love. He didn't have to suffer and die, He did it to save us. May this glimpse of glory strengthen us, so that we reflect His glory, no matter what the trials of life may bring.

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Sermon Theme:

Reflect the Glory of the Lord !

- 1) Moses' glory fades
- 2) Jesus' glory grows



2 Kings 2:1-12a

¹ When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

³ The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "but do not speak of it."

⁴ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. ⁵ The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," he replied, "but do not speak of it."

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

⁷ Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"

"Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

¹⁰ "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours -- otherwise not."

¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more.

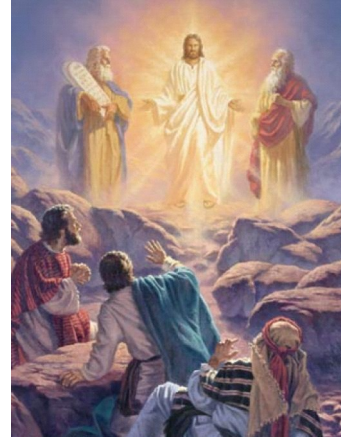


Mark 9:2-9

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters -- one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹² Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³ We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. ¹⁴ But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

¹ Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

ATTENTION, SHEPHERDS - Pick up your materials today !

If you were unable to be at the Shepherd's meeting last Wednesday, please stop in the church office and pick up your material for your sheep. It is important that every shepherd receive their materials no later than today Thank you, shepherds !



GOD BLESS YOUR JOURNEY -- LENT

What a blessing to view Jesus' glory with you today. We, like the disciples, might wish to stay on the top of the mountain. But, no, that wouldn't save the world! Keep Jesus' glory in mind as we worship Him one extra time per week during Lent. We are blessed with special Wednesday serves, beginning with Ash Wednesday this Wednesday. These services review the depths, the great depths to which Jesus stooped to take all our sins away. How He loves us! Come and be strengthened through God's Word. The "hallelujahs" of Easter mean all the more when we have walked with Jesus from the Mt. of Transfiguration to Mt. Calvary and then to the empty tomb. May God bless you and your family in this most holy season, the 40 days of Lent.



DOOR OFFERING FOR THAILAND MISSION - Today

Angie York, our sister in Christ at Bethany Lutheran Church of Fort Atkinson, will be going on a second mission trip to Thailand. This time Sy Vanissaveth, the Development Director for our Escape Teen Center, will accompany the group.

Angie, Sy and others will teach Thai children the stories of the Bible and Thai adults English as a Foreign Language (EFL) classes. Angie, who is a nurse, will provide medical care along with other nurses.

Please note the bulletin insert for supplies needed if you can help in that way. The door offering provides money for the other medicines and materials which will be used for the Thai people. If you want your gift recorded, simply use one of the envelopes in the back of your packet and write "Thai mission" on it.



BLACKHAWK CHORALE - Rehearsals begin today @ 3:30 p.m.

The area WELS "Blackhawk Chorale," under the direction of Pastor Richard Lehmann, begins rehearsals for its spring concerts on Sunday, February 19th. Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons, 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Peace Lutheran in Janesville. Questions? Call Pastor Lehmann at 608-752-0258

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Today, in Fellowship Hall @ 9:15 a.m.



~ The Glory of the Lord ~

Learn the deep meaning and significance of this term—"the Glory of the Lord." Track its appearances in the Old Testament and see how it "all connects" to Jesus.

with Professor Roger Kobleske
from Luther Preparatory School in Watertown

BOY & GIRL PIONEERS CPR & FIRST AID TRAINING – This Monday @ 5:30 p.m.

This Monday at 5:30 p.m. the St. Paul's Boy & Girl Pioneers will have a special meeting at the school. Professionals from the hospital will teach the girls CPR and First Aid. The boys and girls will be divided into groups and will be able to practice on "dummies."

Due to the length of the training we will be meeting from 5:30-7:30 p.m.. **Please note the earlier start time.** We are excited to teach this to the children and we hope all our pioneers can attend.



BE STRENGTHENED IN YOUR WALK WITH JESUS

Praise God for our Bibles we get to read at home, for our Bible based worship services, for the many opportunities for every age level in our congregation has for Bible Study so we can grow in faith.

Soon we will offer another opportunity to grow. It's called, ***GROWING IN CHRIST.*** It's a wonderful 10-week opportunity to enhance our private Bible study skills and to grow in our prayer life as well. Since people's schedules are so varied, we plan to offer Growing in Christ twice a week.

FRIDAY MORNINGS, 9-10 a.m. (Beginning Feb. 17th)

TUESDAY EVENINGS, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Beginning Feb. 21st)

If child care is needed, please let us know. We'll be happy to offer it without cost. ***"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly" - Colossians 3:16***

LENT BEGINS - Ash Wednesday, February 22nd @ 3:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Surprising Words from Our Savior's Passion

Our KING is Crucified !

John 18:36,37

Ash Wed, Feb. 22

Paul Scharrer

Glory Be to Jesus !

John 17:1-5

Wednesday, Feb. 29

Steve Wilkens

It's No Secret !

John 18:19-24

Wednesday, March 7

Mark Bartsch

It's God's Plan

From Beginning to End !

Mark 14:61-62

Wednesday, March 14

Jeff Schallert

Put Your Sword Away !

John 18:4-11

Wednesday, March 21

Lance Hoff

Shed No Tears for Jesus !

Luke 23:26-31

Wednesday, March 28

Michael Duncan



FOOD FOR THE SOUL AND BODY THIS LENT

Lenten Suppers

@ 4:30—6:00 p.m.

Boy Pioneers will serve on

Heather Reu & volunteers

Altar Guild & Men's Club

Girl Pioneers

"Funeral Ladies"

7 & 8th graders will serve on

Wed. Feb. 22nd

Wed. Feb. 29th

Wed. March 7th

Wed. March 14th

Wed. March 21st

Wed. March 28th



GIRL PIONEER SERVICE PROJECT FOR PAKISTAN

The Girl Pioneers have assembled craft-kits for the Sunday Schools in Pakistan. If anyone would like to help with the cost of postage, you may place your gift in the offering plate and write on the envelope— "Pakistan -Girl Pioneers", or contact Cathy Duncan (920) 723-8632 or one of the pastors. We are also sending crocheted baby caps and blankets.



KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION

& OPEN HOUSE - This Saturday, February 25th @ 9 a. m. till noon

Children that are five years old by September 1st, 2012 are eligible for St. Paul's Kindergarten class of 2012-13. All incoming students must be screened.

If your child is enrolled at Heartland or Bethany Preschool, they will be screened during school hours. These families are asked to come to pre-registration and open house from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, February 25th.

If your child is not enrolled at these preschools, please call St. Paul's school office at 563-5349 to schedule an appointment for screening and pre-registration on Saturday, February 25th from 9 a.m. until noon.

"I can't wait to see how God blesses our 2012-13 school year." - Mrs. Schaefer



SKI OUTING ESCAPE TEENS - Friday, Feb 24th



Escape Teen center is planning a field trip to Cascade Mountain for grades 6-12 for skiing and snowboarding. The cost is \$25 per person and includes rental, lift ticket, lesson, lunch and transportation. Contact Karen Kasprck at (920) 517-4138 or kkasp85@gmail.com if interested.

CRAFT WEEKEND FOR WOMEN - Friday & Saturday, March 2nd & 3rd

Craft weekend for women is Friday and Saturday, **March 2nd & 3rd** in the St. Paul's Church Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome, so bring a friend.

We will meet Friday from 4-11 p.m., and/or Saturday will be 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Please bring a snack and whatever you'd like to drink. We do have a refrigerator available.

Bring your scrapbooking, quilting, card-making, or just a book...ANYTHING! Enjoy some time to yourself to get your projects done.

Each person will have a large round table available to them. Space is limited to 20.

Please contact Jenni Staude if you are interested in attending (920) 568-8163 or jenstaude@gmail.com).



NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS - Next Sunday @ 9:15 a.m.

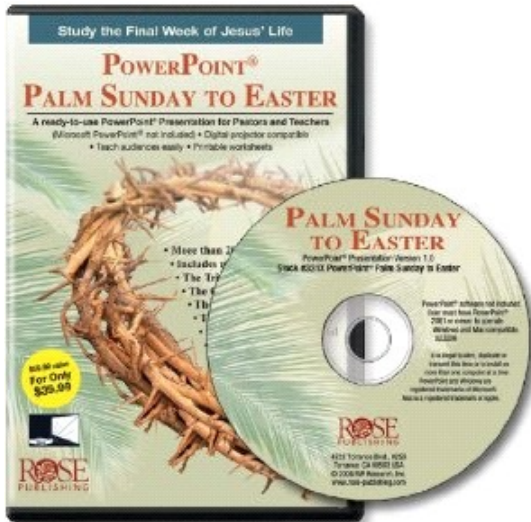
Learn about
Holy Week
as never before

~ Palm Sunday to Easter ~

with maps, charts, timelines

Walk with Jesus

each day of the last week of his life.



Palm Sunday—The King Comes to the City and Temple

Monday—The King Pronounces Judgment

Tuesday—The King's Authority is Questioned and Rejected

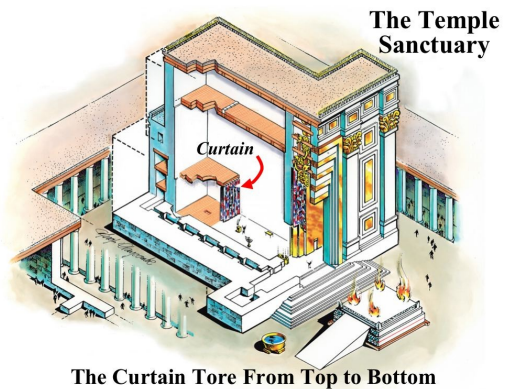
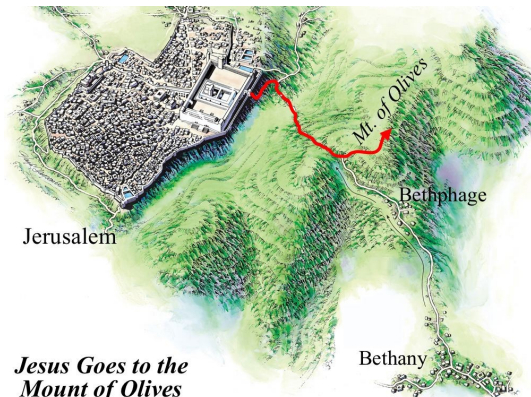
Wednesday—The King Predicts His Own Demise

Thursday—The King Celebrates Passover

Friday—The King Is Crucified

Saturday—The King Rests on the Sabbath

Easter Sunday—The King Rises



DISTRACTED MARRIAGE – Seminar & Marriage Enrichment March 3rd & 4th

Intimacy - with your Lord and with your spouse - requires attention. Without attention, closeness is impossible. Distraction is to intimate conversation as water is to fire.

Join us for the WELS 2012 Marriage Enrichment and Get-Away Weekend The Cove in Lake Geneva on March 3-4. Give your attention to your Lord and receive his blessing. Give your attention to your spouse and enjoy your closeness. Register by visiting www.st-andrew-online.org.



CHILDREN’S CENTER LOAN

Wade Staude, the Treasurer of our congregation, writes—Back in November of 2008 the construction of our beautiful Children’s Ministry area began. Today the congregation is placing its finishing touches to make the area complete. With those finishing touches the church is in the process of converting its construction loan to a conventional loan with Fort Community Credit Union.

At the peak of barrowing the debt level reached \$415,757 on the Children’s Ministry area. In just 3 years that debt has been paid down to \$316,600! What a blessing that we could pay back almost 25% of the loan in this short time! We pray this progress continues!



With its current balance, the church is accumulating approximately \$1,300 of interest per month on this loan. (The church needs to pay \$1,300 per month just to prevent the balance from growing larger) Over \$39,739 in interest has been paid since the addition was started. Let’s continue to work as a congregation and become debt free as soon as possible!

OUR LOVE FOR THE LORD

FINANCIAL – New Fiscal Year starts July 1st

Total at all services 456
 Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. 149
 Sunday @ 8:00 a.m. 178
 Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. 129

BUDGET NEEDS		
Received	Needed	Feb. 12, 2012
\$ 12,548	\$13,654	Last Week

Year-To-Date Shown Monthly (2nd Sunday)

St. Paul's School

SUMMER CAMPS AT LAKESIDE

We have several brochures available for summer camps at LLHS this summer. These are: **Windmill Softball** (girls ages 5-16); **Youth Football** (boys Gr. 6-8); and the Sports Camps for **Basketball** (boys & girls gr. 4-9), **Wrestling** (boys gr. 7-9), **Soccer** (boys & girls gr. 4-9), **Distance Running** (girls & boys gr. 6-9), **Volleyball** (girls Gr. 6-9). Pick up your brochure by the school office. Sign up early as camps fill up fast!



LPS CAMPS

We also have brochures for Luther Prep School Music Camp for students completing grades 6-8 (June 10-15) and their Overnight Basketball Camp (various weeks for grades 6-9). Volleyball & Soccer Camps are also offered.

Lakeside Lutheran High School News

LLHS – THE GRAND EVENT - statistics from Saturday evening

On February 4, 260 supporters of Christian secondary education gathered at Lakeside for the first annual Grand Event. 57 committee members - assisted by 62 Lakeside students - provided an evening of fellowship—along with a delicious meal—and the opportunity to support Lakeside. The highlight of the evening was the live auction. Donated items range from Packers game tickets and memorabilia to a week's rental of a Wisconsin vacation home. The crowd quickly took up the challenge to provide new color guard uniforms for the Warrior Band. 22 bidders each pledged \$75 in a few minutes for those uniforms. Another auction provided \$15,000+ for student assistance.



LLHS STUDENT SERVICE PROJECTS

In the second semester, each Lakeside student is required to perform service time as a component of religion class. Freshmen and sophomores are to perform five hours of service, and juniors and seniors are to complete ten hours. Opportunities for Lakeside students in their home congregations include serving at a Lenten supper or the Easter breakfast, church cleaning, Spring clean-up of church grounds, and serving as a musician in church. There are other qualifying activities, too. This program helps our students understand how they're part of a church family that works together to bless others.

PARENTS ROOM

Is located in the back of the church for those parents who find it necessary to take their child (ren) out of the sanctuary, The sound system and the windows in the Parents room make it possible for you to continue to worship with the congregation.

PORTALS OF PRAYER & MEDITATIONS

are available on the Kiosk in the Narthex or in the Church Office.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS & BULLETINS

are located on the table in the Narthex for those with difficulty seeing.

CHURCH CALENDARS & SCHOOLNEWS-LETTERS

are on the kiosk in the Narthex.

DVD's & VIDEO TAPES

of our worship services are located in the Church Office. To purchase a tape is \$6.00.

RECYCLING

containers are available in the Church Office, for used printer cartridges and toners, McDonald's Jefferson County Receipts, Campbell's labels, Box tops for Education, Kwik Trip Milk Moola, and Kemp's Caps.

RECYCLING ALUMINUM CANS

by Men's Club on every 3rd Saturday from 8:00–11:00 a.m. at the Bus Barn by school. A trailer is available in the parking lot for your bags of aluminum cans.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Harbor Counseling Services-
Ron Paynter 920-723-4283
P.O. Box 291, 211 South Main St., Fort Atkinson

February Flower Committee

Kathryn Scharrer*
920-222-1522
Ruth Schwalenberg
563-7002
Carol Strasburg
563-3007
Jane Thorgerson
563-4431



Sunday - February 12, 2012 **Transfiguration Sunday**

- 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services with Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Studies
- 9:15 a.m. Jesus Kids
- 9:15 a.m. Jesus Cares

Monday

- 1:00 p.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. Escape Teen Center
- 6:00 p.m. Pioneers
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Bd. Of Outreach

Tuesday

- 12:30 p.m. English as a Second Language
- 3 - 7:30 p.m. Escape Teen Center
- 3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation
- 5:45 p.m. Public School Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. English as a Second Language
- 7:30 p.m. Dartball @ Bethany

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

- 3 - 7:30 p.m. Escape Teen Center
- 3:30 & 6:30 p.m. Worship Service
- 4:30—6 p.m. Lenten supper
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

- Escape Teen Center closed
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Service

Friday

- No School
- Escape Teen Center Field Trip to Cascade Mountain

Saturday

Sunday - February 26, 2012

- 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
- 9:15 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Studies
- 9:15 a.m. Jesus Kids
- 9:15 a.m. Jesus Cares

Heart♥Land Preschool (563-5349)
St. Paul's School (563-5349)