

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
February 18/19, 2012

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Who doesn't like to be inspired? Facts motivate some people. Sights motivate others. Today God gives you both sights and facts. Peter, James and John could hardly believe their eyes and ears. God's voice, the God-cloud, Moses and Elijah... there they all stood, and let's not forget Jesus, too, who became radiantly white. Peter wanted to stay on the mountain, but God had plans for them. He has plans for you too, and He gives you the strength and courage to carry them out. On the Mountain of Transfiguration, God prepared the disciples for Jesus' upcoming torture and for their many tests of faith to follow. Lord, we pray, inspire us today through facts and sights surrounding your Son to live for you with deep trust until you take us home. Amen.



Opening Hymn
7:00pm, 8:00am

525

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Baptismal Hymn
10:15am

596

"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

(sts. 1 – 4)

Baptism *Jadyn Marjorie Bahr*

Invocation, Confession and Absolution page 151

Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Hymn of Praise ~ *This is the Feast* page 155

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

Old Testament Reading *2 Kings 2:1–12*

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And 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. ³And 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.” ⁴Elijah 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. ⁵The 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.” ⁶Then 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. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then 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. ⁹When 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.” ¹⁰And 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.” ¹¹And 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. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading *2 Corinthians 3:12–13; 4:1–6*

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not 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. ^{4:1}Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But 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. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music 8:00am and 10:15am *"Jesus, Take Us to that Mountain"*

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²And 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, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And 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." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹And 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn **704** *“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”*

Sermon **“Two Men, that Cloud, and This Voice”** *Mark 9:2–9*

Offering *(Please fill in the Friendship Register found on the end of each pew.)*

Prayers

Service of the Sacrament **page 160**

Note for those desiring to commune... Our biblical practice of close communion seeks to prevent spiritual harm to those who may not have been instructed in the faith, or who do not recognize the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Supper (1 Cor. 11:29). We surely understand that members of other denominations are Christians. However, we confidently believe God’s Word teaches us to receive His Body and Blood in fellowship with those with whom we share a oneness in faith and belief. We respectfully ask our guests who are not a member of a sister LCMS congregation to speak to one of our pastors before partaking of Holy Communion.

Distribution Hymns **609** **570** **627** **414**

Post-Communion Canticle ~ Thank the Lord **page 164**

Post -Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn **680** *“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”*



Serving the Lord in Worship

Liturgy	Rev. Mark R. Palmer	Sermon	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup
Organist	Mrs. Lorraine Doell		
Music	8:00am and 10:15am	Choir	
Acolytes	Jacob Falck	Jake Moede	Amber Zernicke

PRAYERS

In Need of Healing . . . *Reed Luepke, Lori Chladek, Jenny Hacker, Tammie Bunker, Harold Busch, and Robin Reep*



We Pray for . . . the family of *Jack Krull*, who entered eternal glory on Wednesday, February 15 and was given Christian burial at St. Paul on Saturday, February 18.

Altar Flowers . . . to the glory of God and in remembrance of *George Lehrke*, who entered his eternal rest five years ago on February 22nd, placed by the family.

Bulletin Sponsor and Floral Arrangement . . . given in celebration of *Jadyn Marjorie Bahr's* Baptism, by her grandparents Kip Beck and Sally Bahr, with remembrance of her grandparents Margie Beck and Jeff Bahr.

A Rose . . . is placed in honor of *Stella Schutte's* **101st** birthday on February 15.

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Worship Services
10:00am and 7:00pm

Chili Dinner, Sponsored by Ladies Aid
Serving 11:00am – 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall
Chili, Toasted Cheese Sandwiches, Bars and Beverages
Adults \$6.00, Children(ages 6–10) \$3.00, 5 & under Free



“**God’s Gift of Forgiveness**” . . . is the theme for this year’s Lenten services. We find this forgiveness in the seven penitential psalms and in the practice of Confession and Absolution. The sermons and devotions in this series expound on the nature of sin as seen in the psalms, the devastating effects it has on the soul and the conscience, and what we receive through God’s gift of the forgiveness of sins in our Lord Jesus Christ. This year we will be rotating Pastors for a few of the weeks as listed below. Enjoy a meal and a time of fellowship each Wednesday prior to our worship. With the soups, please consider bringing a plate of sandwiches or bars to share.

**God’s
Gift of
Forgiveness**

Ash Wednesday, February 22

Psalm 6 “Save Me Because of Your Unfailing Love”

Lent Midweek 1, February 29

Psalm 32 “Hiding from God or Hiding in God?”
Rev. Eyer, St. Paul–Stony Hill

Lent Midweek 2, March 7

Psalm 38 “Make Haste to Help Me”
Rev. Raddatz, St. James

Guest Preacher Next Sunday!

Pastor Ely Prieto and Miss Hannah Shoup . . . serving in urban mission work in San Antonio and working closely with LINC (Lutheran Inner City Network Coalition) will be our guests at St. Paul Lutheran and St. James from February 26 – March 4. Next Sunday Pastor Prieto will be our guest preacher at the 8:00am and 10:15am services. Hannah and Pastor Prieto will give a Missions Bible study and presentation of their work at 9:15am – 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. They will speak to various groups during the week, and to our school children. We look forward to learning from them, and seeing how our denomination’s missions efforts are working in Texas. They have asked for *no* special offering or compensation, but we would like to have a door offering for those who wish to support their work in San Antonio.

Stewardship Response – February 11 & 12, 2012

OFFERINGS		ATTENDED			
General Fund	\$10,431.90	Saturday	2/11	7:00pm	107
Missions/Charity	1,153.85	Sunday	2/12	8:00am	156
Total	\$11,585.75	Sunday	2/12	10:15am	412
					Total
					675
<p>“<i>Rooted in Christ . . .</i>” Mortgage Fund Total – last week</p>					\$ 950.00
<p>Thrivent Choice Dollars for January</p>					\$11,612.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shut-In Service . . . will be on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 11:30am.

The Cemetery Committee . . . is looking for help with maintaining the cemetery. Duties would include mowing lawn and weed eating. Contact Bob Luepke at 715-758-2703.

Set of Keys . . . were lost on Sunday, February 12. If found, please turn into the office.

St. Paul gratefully accepted contributions to:

"Rooted in Christ...and Growing" Building
Mortgage Fund

In memory of *Carolyn (Mueller) Marlow*, sister of
Wally Mueller

In honor of the 50th wedding anniversaries of
Allen and Audrey Marohl, and
Jim and Jone Grunewald

General Fund

A gift of \$100 from the 55+ group

“Rooted in Christ...and Growing” Building Mortgage Fund

As of January 31, 2012

Receipts during:	Members	Memorials	Special Sources	Non-Members	Interest	Total
January 2012	\$5,913.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 5.30	\$6,093.00

This chart lists only the contributions which will be used to make our monthly mortgage payment to our lender, Thrivent Financial. That amount is \$10,183.00. Since we did not contribute that much, we will, as we did last year, take some of our “cushion” to make up the difference. Fortunately, due to generous end-of-year contributions in 2011, we have \$30,039.66 for that “cushion”. That amount is almost a three-month cushion (the amount the voters specified when our loan with Thrivent was begun).

We are happy to report that 66 St. Paul member giving units participated in January. That is exactly the same number as we had a year ago in January. That’s good news!

One more reason to rejoice: Two of the 66 members who contributed are teen-agers!

Praise the Lord! . . . God has again blessed St. Paul church, school, and preschool through Thrivent. January's \$11,612 is the largest monthly amount we have ever received from this program. Thank you Thrivent and everyone who has chosen us.

Letter from LCMS President . . . In response to President Obama’s announcement regarding a previous mandate that health plans must cover all forms of birth control (even those that can kill the unborn), our denominational president Matthew Harrison has written a letter. Copies are in the narthex, or find it on the home page of our website at www.stpaulbonduel.com.

Lutheran Hour . . . "Repent" (Mark 1:14-15) Tune in next Sunday to hear Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour, Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus, at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM and at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM.

SCRIP News . . . Kwik Trip has announced that they will extend its 5% bonus through the end of December –GREAT NEWS!! Overstock.com is also adding a 2% bonus until 2/24. Great Lakes SCRIP has notified us that it will no longer stock Old Country Buffet and Baskin Robins.

Still not sure what SCRIP is all about? Willing SCRIP collectors after each service on Sunday can answer all your questions, or you may contact the school office, Barb Wichman, or Amy Schmidt.

Lenten Prayer Service . . . St. James LWML invites everyone, all God's people, to attend the 2012 LWML Pre Lenten Prayer Service on Sunday, February 19 at 1:00pm. There will be a mite box collection and refreshments will follow the service.

Softball Coaches Needed . . . to help coach St. Paul softball teams. If interested, please contact Mr. Davis at b.davis@stpaulbonduel.com or 262-305-5035.

Tickets for the Wild Game Feed . . . on Friday, March 23, 6:00pm, will be available in the narthex after each service and in the school office. Cost is \$5.00. If you have any meat you could donate, please contact Bob Buettner at 715-745-6125.

Booster Club . . . is looking for someone to run for the following positions: President, Secretary, and School Board Liaison. If interested in helping the athletic department, please contact Mr. Davis at b.davis@stpaulbonduel.com or 262-305-5035.

If you are eligible to designate dollars for the Thrivent Choice Program, . . . you may have received or will be receiving a letter from Thrivent. It asks if you wish to continue designating St. Paul Church, School, or Preschool to receive your dollars for 2012 on a recurring basis. Please check the box and return the bottom part of the page in the enclosed envelope. Any questions, please contact Phyllis Uelmen at 715-758-8559.

Fourth Annual Soup Luncheon at WRLHS . . . Sunday, February 26, 11:00am-2:00pm. The students will be serving four different kinds of soup, along with rolls, vegetables, and fruit salad. You can even satisfy your sweet tooth with goods from our Bake Sale! Cost is \$7/adult, \$5/children 6-12 years, 5 and under are free. We are always in need of food supplies to make this event happen. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact KJ Hanke at kjhanke75@plbb.us or call 715-745-2400.

The WRLHS Board of Directors . . . has started the process of calling a full-time administrator for Wolf River Lutheran High School. The board has selected a call committee which met with Bob Whipkey from the synod on Feb. 9. We pray that you will partner with us in prayer as the Lord guides Wolf River with this call.

From the Pastor

Ash Wednesday and Lent...

Most of us do not take sin so seriously. In Luther's day, God's people did not take His forgiveness seriously. They did not understand it. They lived in constant fear of hell. Today, we may not fear hell, not because we cherish the cross and empty tomb of Jesus, but because we sometimes see no sin in ourselves. Culture refuses to recognize sin, and this God-forsaking culture is rubbing off on us.

I have never been to private confession. Not once. I never even "announced for communion." The practice died out before I was old enough. Confession used to be private, not public. That makes sense when you think about it. However, as congregations grew in size it became terribly impractical for a pastor to have several hundred parishioners announce for Communion, or come to confess sins and receive absolution. The liturgy then included a section for confession and absolution.

Luther knew the joy of forgiveness. He knew sin attacks faith and causes us to grow cold or careless toward God. Lutherans embrace confession and absolution because it has everything to do with why Jesus died for us, for the forgiveness of our sins. The writers of this year's Mid-Week Lenten Worship services have selected "Forgiveness" as the theme, and are encouraging pastors to offer private confession and absolution for their parishioners. We *are* accepting the encouragement. No one, of course, is forced to come to a brief time of confession and absolution with a pastor, but we will make the time available. One more thought. Pastors are sinners too. (As if you didn't know.) I suggested to Pastor Palmer, "If we are going to make this available to our people, perhaps we ought to "practice what we preach." He said, "Great idea, Shoup. When do you want to see me?" We are each going to take a turn. Please, feel welcome, not pressured or coerced to do the same during Lent this year.

A Time for Confession and Absolution with Your Pastor

What: Page 292-293 in our hymnal, Lutheran Service Book, duration 1-3 minutes

When: Thursdays in Lent, 1:00-2:00pm or 6:30-7:30pm; come without appointment

Where: Come to the church/sanctuary. A pastor will welcome you. Kneel at the altar (like Communion). Pastor and parishioner turn to page 292-293.

During this Lenten season and always, may the joy of Christ's forgiveness unto eternal life fill you with sure hope and real peace.

Pastor Shoup

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- SUN. 2/19** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion
9:00am Fellowship (hosted by SPYRT)
9:15am Hour of Power Bible Study in Youth Room
Bible Class (Fifteen minutes after first service)
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion
SCRIP collected
11:15am Bible Bowl Practice
- MON. 2/20**
- TUES. 2/21** 7:00am Bible Class
8:00am Quilting
- WED. 2/22** 10:00am Ash Wednesday Worship
11:30am Worship – Holy Communion
5:00pm Public School Confirmation Class
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship
- THURS. 2/23** 2:00pm Women’s Bible Study
- FRI. 2/24** SCRIP due by NOON
- SAT. 2/25** 7:00pm Worship
- SUN. 2/26** 8:00am Worship
9:00am Fellowship (hosted by Board of Elders)
Bible Class (15 minutes after worship service)
9:15am Youth Cross Bearer (YCB) meeting in Youth Room
10:15am Worship
SCRIP collected
11:15am Bible Bowl Practice



Acolyte Schedule for Next Week

Ash Wednesday	Kody Jashinsky	Ellie Johnson
Saturday	Anica Oviedo	
Sunday	Benjamin Schmidt	Colin Wussow



**THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD**

Rev. Timothy J. Shoup, Administrative Pastor

Rev. Mark R. Palmer, Associate Pastor

Mr. Gerald R. Schmidt, Principal

Mrs. Lorraine Doell, Music Director

Mrs. Robin Reep, Youth Director

Mrs. Donna Niles, Preschool Director

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