# Third Weekend of Lent February 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016



Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

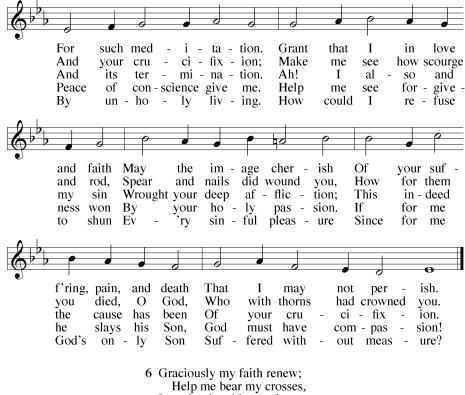
## **Our Worship Service**

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#### WELCOME

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 Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,
 Learning humbleness from you, Peace mid pain and losses.
 May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
 That I may in heav'n above Sing your praise forever.

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN (76 76 D Trochaic) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, alt.

Please Stand

#### THE INVOCATION

- **P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

#### THE CONFESSION OF SINS

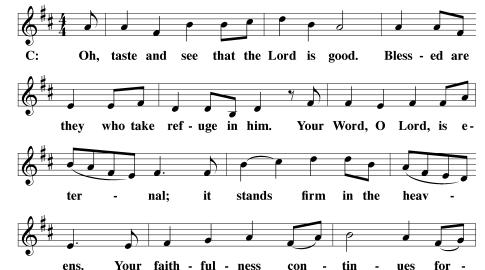
- **P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- P: God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

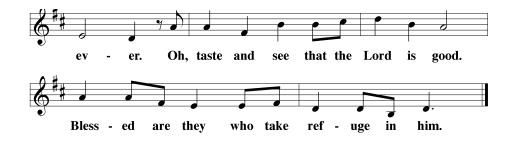


#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

#### **OH. TASTE AND SEE**



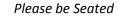


#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





THE FIRST LESSON......Exodus 3:1-8B, 10-15

Because the Israelites suffered in slavery in Egypt, the ever-present and all-powerful God called Moses to lead them out of Egypt and deliver them from their misery.

<sup>3:1</sup>Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.<sup>2</sup> There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. <sup>3</sup> So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." <sup>4</sup> When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup> The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to

Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." <sup>13</sup> Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY ...... Psalm 38 Christian Worship Pg. 81





O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger\* or discipline me in your wrath.

For your arrows have pierced me,\*

and your hand has come down upon me.

My guilt has overwhelmed me\*

like a burden too heavy to bear.

#### Refrain

Psalm continues on next page

All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;\* my sighing is not hidden from you.

I wait for you, O LORD;\* you will answer, O Lord my God.

Come quickly to help me,\* O Lord my Savior.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen.



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St. Paul reminds us that even some of the chosen Israelites fell into grievous sins and lost God's free aift of salvation. If we trust in our own effort to stand firm in the faith, we also will fall. God, however, provides the strength we need to overcome every temptation.

<sup>10:1</sup> For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. <sup>2</sup> They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup> They all ate the same spiritual food  $^4$  and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. <sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters, as some of them were: as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." <sup>8</sup> We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. <sup>9</sup> We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. <sup>10</sup> And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! <sup>13</sup> No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14,15)

#### ANTHEM BY ST. PAUL'S PRESCHOOL, JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

& KINDERGARTEN (10:30 AM ONLY)..... "My Sins Have Been 4-given" By Lynn Groth

My sins have been 4-given, 4-gotten, 4 good! My sins have been 4-given, 4-gotten, 4 good! For God had a plan – he sent his Son The Lord, Jesus Christ, he is the One. My sins have been 4-given, 4-gotten, 4 good!

My Savior, Jesus Christ, was punished for me. My Savior, Jesus Christ, was punished for me. *He died on a cross to set me free;* He rose, and I'll live eternally. My sins have been 4-given, 4-gotten, 4 good.

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THE GOSPEL LESSON......Luke 13:1-9

Traaedies and hardships can strike anyone at anytime. They are reminders that this world is infected with sin. God is patient with us sinners, but if we continue to resist his will for our lives, we will be cut down in the judgment, which is the areatest tragedy of all.

 $^{13:1}$  Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them-do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." <sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vinevard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' 8"'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.""

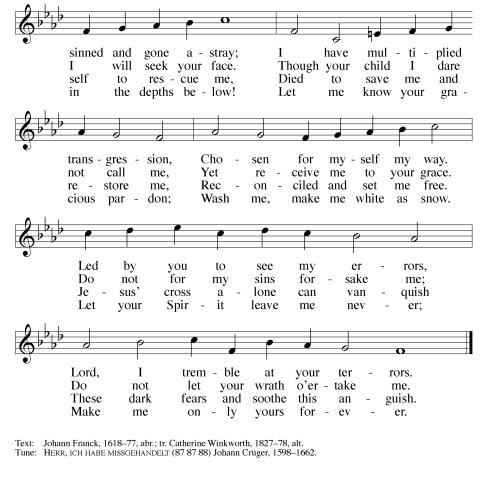


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THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "Lord, to You I Make Confession" Christian Worship #302



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THE SERMON .....Luke 13:1-9

Please Stand

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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#### THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

#### THE OFFERING PRAYER

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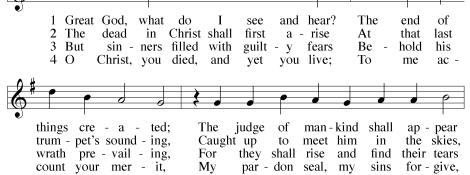
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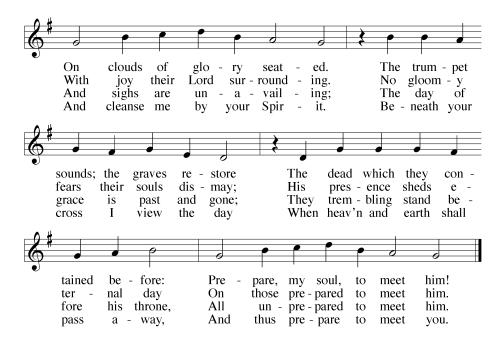
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### Please be Seated

CONGREGATION HYMN ..... "Great God, What Do I See and Hear" Christian Worship #208





Text: *Psalms and Hymns*, Sheffield, 1802, st. 1, alt.; William B. Collyer, 1782–1854, st. 2-4, alt. Tune: Es IST GEWISSLICH (87 87 887) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

#### Please Stand

**P:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### THE BENEDICTION

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

- The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
- The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Please be Seated



 Text:
 John Ellerton, 1826–93, abr., alt.

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### Worship Participants

Liturgist	Pastor Jacob Hoff
Preacher	Pastor Brian Adams
Organist	Mrs. Sharon Larsen
÷	Mrs. Patricia Krizan, Mrs. Dawn Stella
-	Mrs. Nancy Willms, Mrs. Mary Tripoli & Mrs. Carol Toppe

### Announcements

**CHURCH MAILBOXES**: The church mailboxes have been re-alphabetized, so your mailbox may be in a slightly different location. Please look carefully at the names when checking your mailbox.

**VOTERS MEETING:** The Board of Lutheran Schools recommended to the Church Council at its meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> that we have a full-day 5K program for 2016/2017 here at St. Paul's. That would mean that the Kindergarten teacher position would go from being a part-time call to a full-time call. The Church Council agrees with this recommendation and unanimously approved taking the recommendation to the congregation at a special Voter's meeting. Therefore, the Church Council has set a Voters Meeting for February 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. (This will be the only agenda item on that evening.) If the Voters were to approve the recommendation, there would be another Voters Meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm to issue this full-time call.

**BEDTIME BLESSINGS:** On Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> we will be having an event called *Bedtime Blessings*. It is an evening of bedtime stories, snacks, songs, crafts and family devotion. It is for all children between the ages of 3K and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - whether they attend St. Paul's School or not. All children must be accompanied with their parents and pajamas are welcome! There are sign-up sheets on the counter in the back of church or the church/school office.

**GRADE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR/BOOK FAIR:** Our grade school students presented their Science Fair projects this past Thursday evening. The students have left their projects on display through today so that you can take a look at their work. Our Book Fair is also open today, so that you can browse after services!

**YOUTH GROUP SURVEY:** All members of St. Paul's from Grade 7 through Grade 12 should have received a survey about starting a youth group at St. Paul's. If you have completed that survey, you may leave it in the basket on the back counter or place it into Mr. Peter Eppen's mailbox at church.

**ST. PAUL'S MOVIE NIGHT:** As part of St. Paul's 150th Anniversary celebration we are pleased to announce "Lent Movie Night" with a showing of "The Return". This is a story of a young woman who makes her living as a thief. One day she meets someone who will change her life. This is a wonderful way to share the message of salvation and celebrate the season of Lent. Please join us for this inspiring film for all ages on Sunday March 13th at 2:00pm. The movie will be shown in church and has a run time of approximately 1hr and 20 minutes. We will have cookies and juice/coffee after the movie. Feel free to invite your family and friends.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2016:** The dates for this summer's Vacation Bible Camp are July 25-29. We will once again use the staff from Camp Phillip for our VBC. More information will follow later this Spring.

**150<sup>TH</sup> UPDATE:** The new organ has been installed. What a difference it will make as we worship and celebrate what he Lord has given us. We've raised \$50,378.00 through various generous gifts and donations. Thank you! However, we still have a ways to go. We are almost at our goal but we need your help. There are contribution envelopes in the Narthex. Any contribution is welcome and needed!

**MIDWEEK LENT 2016:** "Irony" is not a word that most people would ascribe to Jesus' passion. However, certain events in the gospel accounts—Caiaphas' unintentional prophesy, the Jewish leaders' hypocrisy, and others—are actually quite ironic. This year's theme is **"Ironies of the Passion"** will lead us to learn about the unique and lasting significance of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection. The services are on Wednesdays beginning on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm. The schedule is:

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 10) – "This Man Went Home Justified" (Pastor Adams) Lent 2 (Feb. 17) – "It is Better that One Man Die for the People (Pastor Unnasch) Lent 3 (Feb. 24) – "He Had Been Waiting to See Jesus" (Pastor Gaertner) Lent 4 (Mar. 2) – "We Have No King but Caesar" (Pastor Hoff) Lent 5 (Mar. 9) – "Don't You Fear God" (Pastor Ellenberger) Lent 6 (Mar. 16) – "Not During the Feast" (Pastor Marshall)

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** The theme for our Sunday Bible Class is: *"The House of the Lord."* God intended for Adam and Eve to live forever with him in the Garden of Eden. What a wonderful proposition – perfect people living with the perfect Creator. But Adam and Eve sinned and had to leave the Garden. God could have let them go their own way and then started over. Instead, he again made it possible for him to live among his people. How he did that is the subject of this study. Using examples of the types of homes we might live in, we will see God's plan for making "houses" in which he could live among us here on earth and in eternity. Those "homes" are:

The Lord's First House (The Garden of Eden) The Lord's Mobile Home (The Tabernacle) The Lord's Palace (The Temple) The Lord's Model Home (Jesus Christ) The Lord's Current Residence (The Church) The Lord's Dream House (Heaven) Please come and join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am.

**LUTHER PREP SPRING MUSICAL:** Luther Prep will be performing My Fair Lady March 11-16 at 7:00 PM. For ticket information; call weekdays (920) 261-4352.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** St. Paul's is collecting box tops for our school. There is a container on the counter in the narthex to put them in. This is a great program for our school to earn money. Thank you for your help!

**GET READY TO MAKE A SPLASH:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School is inviting 4th and 6th grade students, on separate nights from 5:30-7:30 p.m., to a fun evening of waterslides and swimming at Country Springs Waterpark Hotel in Pewaukee. There is no cost, however at least one parent must attend with their child. The children will swim and the parents will learn more about WLHS. 4th grade students are invited on Monday, March 7, and must RSVP by Monday, February 29. 6th grade students are invited on Monday, March 14, and must RSVP by Monday, March 7. RSVP by going to www.wlhs.org/news.

WLHS MUSICAL MARY POPPINS: Set in 1910 England, young Jane and Michael Banks have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family how to value each other again. One of the most popular Disney movies of all time, Mary Poppins is now delighting theater audiences. Performances will be held on Friday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. Reserved seat tickets are available at the WLHS reception desk, or by printing out the on-line ticket order form at www.wlhs.org/events. Before the Friday, March 4, performance you can enjoy the Choir Associates Spaghetti Dinner served in the cafeteria from 4:30-7:00 pm. Wisco Kids and Inspiration will perform during the dinner. Tickets will be sold at the door, adults \$8 and children \$6.

**WLHS SACRED CHORAL:** The WLHS Spring Sacred Choral Concert, *Begin the Song of Glory Now*, will be held Saturday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The concert will feature the A Cappella, Cantorei, and Freshman Choirs of WLHS, Inspiration, Jubilation Handbell Choir. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert. **WLHS BOYS TENNIS COACH:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School is looking for boys tennis coaches for this coming season. We are hiring a head varsity coach and a head JV coach for the spring sport. Please contact Athletic Director Jeff Sitz at <u>jeff.sitz@wlhs.org</u> for more information if you are interested in applying. All WLHS coaches must be members of the WELS.

WLHS SUBSSTITUTE KITCHEN JOB OPEINING: Taher, Inc, the exclusive food service management company for Wisconsin Lutheran High School, is currently seeking a substitute associate that would be available to fill in as needed for sick associates, busy days, or catering events. Kitchen tasks include preparing and serving of meals, cashiering, and standard clean up duties. This is a GOLDEN opportunity for someone who has or will have students attending Wisconsin Lutheran High School. This position could lead to part or full time employment in the future if so desired. Please contact Sarah Derouin, Food Services Director at <u>chef@wlhs.org</u> for more information or to set up an interview. If applicable, please include your resume.

**HOST A STUDENT, CHANGE A LIFE:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School's International Program welcomes students from all over the world. Each year a select number of students live with host families. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your Christian faith with individuals who might otherwise never have the chance to learn of their Savior. For more information about becoming a host family for the 2016-17 school year OR for short term respite care for the upcoming Easter Break from March 25-April 3 please contact the Director of the international program, April Goldschmidt at <u>414-453-4567</u> or <u>april.goldschmidt@wlhs.org</u>.

#### Volunteers

#### GREETERS THIS WEEK (February 28 & 29)

8:00 AM – Steve & Theresa Mess 10:30 AM – Roberto & Kendra Matus; Mara & Caleb 6:30 PM – Dave & Janet Long

#### **GREETERS LENT (March 2)**

**3:30 PM** – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students **6:30 PM** – Nancy Adams

#### **GREETERS NEXT WEEK (March 6 & 7)**

8:00 AM – Jeff & Chris Romeis; Nolan 10:30 AM – Ron & Jaime Petricek; Austin, Arthur & Aaron 6:30 PM – Joan Shevey

#### **USHERS FOR FEBRUARY**

8:00 AM – TEAM #2 – Bob Goelz, Todd Flunker, Scott Sievert, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess
10:30 AM – TEAM #6 – Andy Goede, Reed Goede, Nolan Romeis, Cooper Goede, Zach Matthew, Austin Hennen-Petricek, Dawson Ziegler
6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

### **USHERS FOR LENT (March 2)**

**3:30 PM** – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students **6:30 PM** – TEAM #7 – Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz, Randy Raduenz

#### ALTAR GUILD:

February 24 – March 1 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms March 2-8 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

### The Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday, February 28

Worship Service	
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School	
Worship Service	
Science Fair/Book Fair	11:30 AM

#### Monday, February 29

Worship Service	6:30 PM
Voters' Meeting	7:30 PM

#### Tuesday, March 1

PSCIC	6:00 PM
Bedtime Blessings	6:30 PM

#### Wednesday, March 2

School Devotion	8:30 AM
Midweek Lent Service	
Midweek Lent Service	6:30 PM
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
Board of Education Meeting	

#### Thursday, March 3

Teacher Conference	NO SCHOOL
Board of Elders Meeting	6:30 PM

#### Friday, March 4

Teacher ConferenceNO SC	HOOL
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#### Sunday, March 6

Worship Service with Communion	

#### Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am 110, Communed-93; 10:30 am- 155 Communed-104 6:30 pm-50, Communed-45 Total Attendance 315, Total Communed 242 Bible Class 22, Sunday School 9