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Lent 3 + + + March 4, 2018

Prayer: “Thanks we give and adoration, For the gospel’s joyful sound; May the fruits of Your salvation, In our hearts and lives abound! Ever faithful, ever faithful, To Your truth may we be found.” Amen. (Hymn #329, v. 2)

The Service of Word and Sacrament

(The Hymnal, page 26.)

The Hymns: 385 – 401 – 126, v. 5 – 397/393 – 379.

Organist: Linda Nottling.

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 – God had brought Israel to Mt. Sinai and there made a covenant with them. He was to be their God, they were to be His people. His law showed them how to live as His people. His grace motivated them to do so.

Psalm 19, page 70.

The Epistle Reading: Romans 8:1-10 (sermon text).

Worship Note: During Lent we omit the “Verse of the Day.”

The Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22 – Jesus, the obedient Son, would not tolerate the defilement of His Father’s house with greed and money-making schemes. The Jews questioned His authority to do this. Our Lord points them to His work as our Savior – His death and resurrection – as the proof of His divine authority.

The Sermon: Romans 8:1-10 –

Lent – “No Condemnation!”

I. A blessed fact “for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

II. A life-changing fact – “God’s Spirit lives in you.”

For our prayer after the offering we will use the responsive prayer for Lent on page 125 in the front of the hymnal.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Since the Sacrament is also a public declaration of a unity of faith we practice Communion Fellowship. We ask that only members of our congregation or the Wisconsin Synod receive the Sacrament. Thank you.

This Week at St. John’s

Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council meeting
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	SonBEAMS
	3:15 & 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Vespers (Gr. 6-8 sing early; Ladies’ Choir sings late)
	5:45 p.m.	Ladies’ Choir practice
Saturday		Daylight Savings time begins
Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class

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Our greeter is Shirley Parks (early).

Last Week: 169 (92+77) gathered around God’s Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. 20 came to Sunday School and 47 came to Bible class. Offerings received:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed:	\$7,802	\$273,070
Received	\$7,217	\$273,032

This includes \$1,170 for school tuition.

The offering hymn for March is #126, verse 5.

Welcome! At last week’s voter’s meeting we received into membership Nick and Krista Sanchez (and Easton and Phoenix) by transfer from St. John’s, Newburg. God grant that we be blessings to each other as together we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus.

Transferred: At last week’s voter’s meeting Linda Foote was transferred to St. Paul’s, Neosho, and Shawn and Tina Brown (and Cody, Chloe and Zoe) were transferred to St. Peter’s, Fond du Lac.

The voter’s meeting was recessed for the time being. We are studying three different bids for a new sound system for church. Please watch future bulletins and the website for when the meeting will be resumed to act on the sound system.

Lenten Vespers: 92 (81+11) people used our Lenten services to gather at the foot of our Savior’s cross. There is room for even more – for ALL – even as Jesus died for us ALL. May we ALL use this special opportunities to grow closer to Him who loves us so much.

Time Change: Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday night as we go on daylight savings time.

Special Choir: We would like to have a high school/young adult group sing for the Lenten service on March 14 at 7:00 p.m. We will practice after 1st service on March 11. Please sign-up in the fellowship hall. Any questions, contact Linda Nottling. See you there!

Candy Bar Sales: Our school children will be selling Seroogy's candy bars as a fundraiser between services today. The cost per candy bar is \$1.50. Money raised will go toward playground equipment repairs.

Luther Preparatory School will have their Sacred Spring concert next Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Luther Preparatory School will present the musical "Beauty and the Beast" next Friday-Sunday, March 9, 10 and 11, at 7:00 p.m. All reserved tickets are \$10.00; bleachers (not reserved), grade school students and seniors (65+) are \$7.00. Tickets are on sale now. For more information please call (920) 261-4352 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or visit www.ticketsource.us/lutherprep.

St. Stephen's OWLS will be hosting a musical program by St. Stephen's students next Tuesday, March 13, for seniors 55 and older. The program begins at noon with a potluck meal (please bring a dish to pass) followed by the presentation.

Adult Softball League: Looking for some fun recreational softball this summer? We are looking for men and women to play softball again this summer. If you are interested, please check out the sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall.

"Seniors on the Go" We are thinking of about having interested members join us for our twice-a-month school hot lunches. If you are interested in attending our school hot lunch, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. No decisions have been made yet: we are trying to get an idea of how many would be interested. More information will be coming depending on interest.

"Meditations" are available in the entry-way. The new issue starts today. The cost is \$4.00. Please remember to return your old ones so they can be used for prison ministries.

Play: The Winnebago Lutheran Academy drama department will present Agatha Christie's "A Murder is Announced" on Friday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 17, at 2:00 & 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5:00 (adults) and \$3.00 (students) (\$2 more at the door). Tickets are on sale in the WLA office or at hometowntickets.com. (over)

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