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NOTATIONS

COMING TOGETHER TO LEARN, LIVE, AND SHARE THE TRUTH OF CHRIST

Lent 2024

This year's Lenten series is entitled, "God on Trial." Join us each Wednesday evening for a cozy supper and meditative worship. Services begin at 7:00 pm, with supper at 6:00 pm.

March 6 – St. Paul's—Pastor Bittorf
St. Peter – Rib Lake &
St. Andrew's – Goodrich
Testimony

March 13 – Grace—Pastor Russow
Zion – Stetsonville
Misconceptions

March 20 – St. Paul's
Immanuel – Medford
Truth



Holy Week

Join us for our special Holy Week service as we praise our Lord for bearing our sins through his suffering and death, thank our God for his amazing plan of salvation, and rejoice in Christ's glorious resurrection which guarantees us eternal life with him. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Worship

March 28, 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's

Good Friday Genebrae Service

March 29, 7:00 p.m. at Grace

Festive Easter Worship

March 31, 8:00 a.m. at St. Paul's
10:30 a.m. at Grace

Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. at St. Paul's, and 9:30 a.m. at Grace.



PACE to Craft Easter Cards

Our PACE group will be making Easter cards to send out to prospects, shut-ins, and those away at college or in the military. We use these holiday greetings to share God's love, and to invite all to our special Easter services. The craft day will be held on Saturday, March 2, at Grace, beginning at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to come lend a hand!

As this project is one of our regular outreach efforts, we ask all of you to submit names and addresses of friends and neighbors who don't have a church. Forgiveness of sins and hope of heaven are the greatest things we can give them!



March
St. Paul's Greeters - Grace Ushers

March 3

Mark & Joline Bartelt Bob Blaubach, Bryce Blaubach

March 6-Lent

Dan & Rita Pittsley

March 10

Gene & Sharon Bartelt Breck Blaubach, Mike Blaubach

March 13-Lent

Mike Fasse, Jacob Neumann

March 17

Joy Taylor Gerald Pagel, Duane Blaubach

March 20-Lent

DuWayne Zamzow

March 24-Palm Sunday

Mark & Joline Bartelt Scott Christian, Keith Christian

March 28-Maundy Thursday

Dan & Rita Pittsley

March 29-Good Friday

Darrell Neumann, Corey Neumann

March 31-Easter Sunday

Gene & Sharon Bartelt Jeff Levich, Malachi Levich

Lilies



are available for purchase for our Easter services. Sign up on the table in the back if you wish to place a lily.

Together We Shine

Northland Lutheran High School's primary fundraiser is coming up, noon on April 21! Set the date aside, and plan to attend—it's always a warm and wonderful day of fun, food, and fellowship. The event begins with a Soup Cook-off (taste them all and choose your favorite), and there are many wonderful items to bid on in the silent auction. Thank you to our members who have contributed auction items! Come, join the fun and help support our area Lutheran high school.



A hearty thank you to all who prepare and serve the nourishing Lenten suppers! We all enjoy the food and fellowship.



PACE has organized a summer trip to see a Brewer game and some of our Synod's sites in the Milwaukee area. Flyers with more information are available in back. Please sign up to indicate interest!

Tanner Thomas Myles Meyer, son of Christopher Meyer and Tiffany Krzanowski, was baptized into the Christian faith on February 4. Witnesses were Logan & Shannon Kummerow. May God ever keep this little lamb in his baptismal grace!




Grace Financial Update

January Income:	\$ 6,810.04
January Disbursements:	\$ 7,189.15
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 425.00
Parsonage Garage:	\$ 6,160.00
Garage Goal:	\$ 20,000.00
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 6,318.32
NLHS:	\$ 0.00

Daylight Savings

Time begins March 10! Set your clocks **AHEAD ONE HOUR** the night before.



Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School will be held July 22-26, 9:00-11:30 am at the Berlin Center.



St. Paul's Financial Update

January Income:	\$ 6,974.08
January Disbursements:	\$ 6,205.28
YTD NLHS Offerings:	\$ 370.00
2023 NLHS Commitment:	\$ 5,000.00
NLHS Debt Reduction:	\$ 430.00
YTD Mission Offerings:	\$ 400.00
2023 Mission Goal:	\$ 4,500.00
Good Samaritan Fund:	\$ 840.00

We Would Like to See Jesus

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. They came to Philip who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

"Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. John 12:20-33

As we travel through Lent and approach Holy Week, we make the all-important bold request of the Greeks who were drawn to our Lord that first Holy Week: "We would like to see Jesus."

What Jesus vividly shows us of himself is far different and far more than we could ever expect.

Jesus shows us the greatest humiliation, suffering, loss, and death. Like a kernel of wheat falling to the ground, he must give up all, that we might be born in him only to experience suffering and give up all in this evil world.

Jesus shows us the hour of judgment, as he, carrying *our* sin, is condemned with this wicked world and the devil (the prince of this world). Far from avoiding this hour, Jesus insists upon enduring it. This is the hour of his eternal victory for you!

Jesus shows us glorification. Yes, that is the unexpected and prominent word of these verses: "glorify." The Father spoke from heaven. His name is glorified in Christ who would carry out God's eternal saving will for us. Jesus is glorified, and in him we are glorified.

Read the triumphant verses again and see how secure your salvation is even before your Savior's most dreadful, most glorious hour. This is our Jesus. In the midst of this dark world, plagued by the devil's terrors, may our Savior draw us unto himself to see his victory and the glory he has won for us.

*Draw us to thee that also we thy heavenly bliss inherit
And ever dwell where sin and hell no more can vex our spirit. CW 170:4*

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Willitz

*Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree! CW127:1,4
 'Tis the Christ, by man rejected, yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.
 'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
 Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'tis the true and faithful Word.*

*Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;
 Christ's the rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast.
 Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt—
 None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.*

