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# NOTATIONS

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



He is Risen

He's risen, he's risen,  
Christ Jesus, the Lord:  
He opened death's prison,  
The incarnate Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven,  
In jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain  
The praises prolong.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Maundy Thursday, April 1

- 7:00 pm Holy Communion Worship at Grace

### Good Friday, April 2

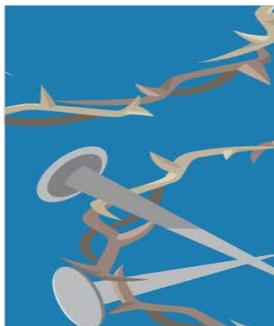
- 1:30 pm Tenebrae Service at St. Paul's

### Easter Sunday, April 4

- 7:00 am Breakfast at St. Paul's
- 8:00 am Holy Communion Worship at St. Paul's
- 9:30 am Breakfast at Grace
- 10:30 am Holy Communion Worship at Grace

Celebrate the  
resurrection of  
our Lord!

Happy  
EASTER



## St. Paul's Greeters - April

**April 2 – Good Friday**

Dan & Rita Pittsley

**April 4 – Easter**

Ben Krenz

**April 11**

Gene & Sharon Bartelt

**April 18**

Joy Taylor

**April 25**

Mark & Joline Bartelt



# Lilies



may be ordered for our Easter worship. Please sign up TODAY if you wish to order one or more.

## A Good Samaritan Fund

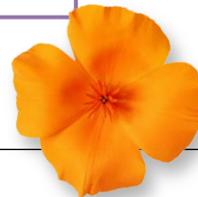
has been established at St. Paul's through which we can help those in need. If you wish to contribute, please earmark your offering. Thank you for your generosity and commitment!



I am the resurrection and the life. Jn 11:25

## Grace Financial Update

January Income:	\$ 7,394.38
January Disbursements:	\$ 5,421.25
2021 Mission Goal:	\$ 5,000.00
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 979.00
Percentage of Goal:	19.58%
Checkbook balance:	\$ 6,688.78



## St. Paul's Financial Update

February Income:	\$ 7,560.00
February Disbursements:	\$ 5,080.91
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 2,621.00
<i>(2021-2022, begun July 1, 2020)</i>	
YTD NLHS Offerings:	\$ 753.00
2021 NLHS Commitment:	\$ 4,000.00
NLHS Debt Reduction:	\$ 360.00
YTD Mission Offerings:	\$ 774.00
2021 Mission Goal:	\$ 2,800.00
Painting Project:	\$ 3,232.00



Northland Lutheran High School is once again selling Local Deals coupon books. The books cost \$20, \$14 of which goes directly back to the school, and they are filled with hundreds of dollars worth of discounts and freebies at area businesses. If you wish to purchase one or more, please speak with Brooke Neumann or Jack Hahn.



## Work Day at Grace

In preparation for our painting project, a work day will be held on Saturday, April 10, beginning at 9:00 am. Many hands would be appreciated!



## The Opposite Reactions to Tragedy

Dear members and friends of Grace and St. Paul's,

The unthinkable happens: the horrific accident; the dreaded disease; the untimely death of a dear father, mother, son, daughter, husband or wife; the deep hurt, abuse and loss caused by someone we loved and trusted. The surrounding details only make the event more tragic.

We scream: **"NO!!!"** Then we are left struggling to figure out how to deal with the incomprehensible situation. One reaction would be to conclude that God has let me down, that God doesn't care about me, he's abandoned me, he is punishing me, or maybe he doesn't even exist. The devil wishes to lead us to despair in the evil day, and drive us from the loving arms of our Savior.

But God uses evil for our good, even though on this side of eternity we may not possibly begin to understand "how" or "why." Through the Apostle Paul, who experienced great difficulties, our Lord grants us the gracious assurance, "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" [Romans 8:28]. God grant that we grow in our understanding and acceptance of his grace.

The greatest tragedy of all time occurred when Jesus, God's own Son, our Savior, was arrested, condemned, crucified, killed and buried. It caused Mary Magdalene to weep uncontrollably outside his tomb. It caused the Emmaus disciples to walk the road with faces downcast. It caused Thomas to disbelieve. The devil thought he had won the victory.

But God was carrying out his greatest good! Jesus rose triumphant over our every tragedy, and over sin, death, and hell. He won for us forgiveness, life, and heaven. Mary Magdalene clung to her Savior. The Emmaus disciples ran the road with burning hearts. Thomas declared, "My Lord and my God!"

Search the Scriptures and find that from Eden's garden to Judgment Day every episode of God's grace and salvation is couched in a situation of tragedy. Should we expect that it will be any different in our lives? Certainly not! When disaster strikes should we think that something has gone wrong in God's gracious plan? Certainly not! Does that make our difficulties easy to bear? Certainly not! But our Lord is with us every day to carry us safely through. Jesus rose from the dead. He has granted us the victory!

May the tragedies in our lives throw us into the loving arms of our risen Savior!

**He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord; He opened death's prison, the incarnate Word!  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song and earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.**

**The foe was triumphant when on Calvary the Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer, for Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**

**But short was their triumph; the Savior arose, and death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.  
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high; He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.**

**Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more; Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions his blood does atone; redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.**

**Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice; proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain, who now sits in glory and ever shall reign. (CW 143)**

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Willitz

# Worship Options

Despite COVID-19, we still have a full and active worship life with several options, so each family can go to church as they feel comfortable.

## Face-to-Face



Join us each Sunday in church for regular congregational worship! Masks encouraged.

8:00 am at St. Paul's      10:30 am at Grace  
9:15 am Family Bible Hour at St. Paul's

## YouTube Worship



Join us each week from your home. Links to our YouTube services are emailed to our members each Sunday, and can be found on our congregations' Facebook pages. Call 715-675-3751 to be added to the email list, or to add a friend.

## Radio Worship

Join us each Sunday in your car in the St. Paul's parking lot! Hymnals available just inside the door.



8:00 am at St. Paul's, 99.7 FM

