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NOTATIONS

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



LENT 2024

Ash Wednesday is February 14. Join us each Wednesday for worship. Supper will be served at 6:00 p.m., with the service following at 7:00 p.m. Please see the sign-up sheets in the back if you would care to serve one of our suppers!

February 14 – Grace

Pastor Willitz
Grace - Maine/St. Paul's - Naugart
Sympathy

February 21 – St. Paul's

Pastor DeGier
Trinity - Berlin
Accusations



February 28 – Grace

Pastor Behm
Christ - Merrill
Restraint

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



GOD ON TRIAL

February
St. Paul's Greeters - Grace Ushers

February 4

M & J Bartlett G Pagel, D Neumann

February 11

D & R Pittsley J Neumann, K Christian

February 14 – Ash Wednesday

C Neumann, S Christian

February 18

G & S Bartelt M Fasse, J Sturm

February 21 – Wednesday

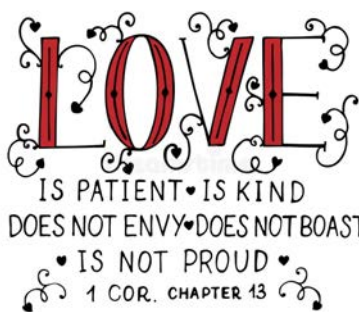
J Taylor

February 25

D Zamzow D Prauzuch, D Blaubach

February 28 – Wednesday

J Levich, M Levich



Grace Financial Update

December Income:	\$12,240.22
December Disbursements:	\$ 8,048.25
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 5,756.00
2023 Mission Goal:	\$ 5,500.00
Percentage of Goal:	104.65%
Parsonage Garage:	\$ 6,005.00
Garage Goal:	\$ 20,000.00
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 6,318.32
NLHS:	\$ 345.00

St. Paul's Financial Update

December Income:	\$18,474.41
December Disbursements:	\$ 21,377.78
YTD NLHS Offerings:	\$ 6,840.00
2023 NLHS Commitment:	\$ 4,750.00
NLHS Debt Reduction:	\$13,496.61
YTD Mission Offerings:	\$ 5,511.00
2023 Mission Goal:	\$ 4,000.00
Good Samaritan Fund:	\$ 840.00

Special Thankyous



Grace Voters extend the following acknowledgements and thanks to:

- Julie Revie for preparing the Annual Reports;
- The Levich and Luedtke Families who served as Christmas committee;
- Our Audit Committee: Duane Blaubach, Michael Fasse, Rachele Neumann, Charles Pagel;
- Alyse Neumann for custodial and groundskeeping work, and for videographing our services;
- Brenda Meyer for maintaining our websites and Facebook pages;
- Our Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teachers;
- Connie Pagel for serving as financial bookkeeper;
- Our Organists Joel Davidson, Bethany Prauzuch, Dawn Willitz, and Dylan Butler;
- All others who volunteer time, talent, and treasure to our congregations.



Church Councils

Our church councils were installed on January 28. Please keep these men in your prayers as they labor on behalf of us all for Christ's kingdom.

St. Paul's

- Lee McCauley, President
- Ben Krenz, Secretary
- Joe Butler, Treasurer
- Bob Zimmerman, Adult Discipleship
- Dan Pittsley, Outreach
- Royal Ahrens, Member Ministry

Grace

- Keith Christian, President
- Jacob Neumann, Secretary
- Gerald Pagel, Treasurer
- Mike Blaubach, Financial Secretary
- Jeff Levich, Elder
- Dan Prauzuch, Elder

Sincere thanks to Tim Hahn, DuWayne Zamzow, and Corey Neumann for their service these past years.



God loved the world
so that he gave
His only Son
the lost to save
That all who would
in him believe
Should everlasting
life receive.

CW391:1



GOD ON TRIAL

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

In this month of February we finally begin to see more sunshine, and the days are getting longer. That reminds us that the holy season of Lent (which means, "lengthening of the days,") is soon upon us.

Easter is coming when we will bask in the sunshine of our Savior's victory over our sin, death, and hell, and rejoice in the eternal life he has won for us now and forever in heaven.

But before that we follow our Savior through his dark and dreadful suffering and death by which he won our salvation.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14. Please join us for worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. that evening at Grace. Come an hour early at 6:00 p.m. for the supper before the service. The following Wednesday (February 21), the 6:00 p.m. supper and 7:00 p.m. service will be at St. Paul's, and we will alternate week by week.

Once again our area pastors will be taking turns preaching for these special services. Welcome them into your midst. We will be preaching on the theme: **God on Trial**.

It might sound strange that God should be on trial, but he most certainly was! Jesus was on trial before his enemies, and he remains on trial before those who reject him today.

Could it be that Jesus is on trial before us? In our times of desperation we ask, "What kind of a God do I have?" We should ask that. And we should watch closely. As we view Jesus on trial, may we realize that we have a God who is innocent, perfect, holy. Yet he became one with us to take our sin and guilt upon himself. God was on trial for us! Jesus was condemned and suffered our punishment to set us free from sin, death and hell. That's what kind of a God we have!

So these coming weeks we gather to view Jesus' bitter suffering and death for us. And then at Easter we will rejoice in the glorious victory of our God, the salvation he won for us.

May the Lord richly bless our Lenten worship!

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Willitz