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# NOTATIONS

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



## Lent 2022

This year's Lenten series is entitled, "The Crucial Hours." Join us each Wednesday evening beginning with Ash Wednesday communion service at Grace on March 2. Worship is at 7:00 pm, with supper at 6:00 pm.

March 2 – Grace, Pastor Willitz: **A Part for the Whole?**

March 9 – St. Paul's, Pastor Behm: **I Will Keep the Passover**

March 16 – Grace, Pastor DeGier: **Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You**

March 23 – St. Paul's, Pastor Bittorf: **They Bound Him**

March 30 – Grace, Pastor Iwinski: **The Semblance of Legality**

April 6 – St. Paul's, Pastor Russow: **What to Remember When You Are Seized with Remorse**

## 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, April 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!



St. Paul's Greeters - March

- March 6  
Joy Taylor
- March 9  
DuWayne Zamzow
- March 13  
Mark & Joline Bartelt
- March 20  
Dan & Rita Pittsley
- March 23  
Ben Krenz
- March 27  
Gene & Sharon Bartelt



# Lilies



will soon be available for purchase for our Easter services. Please watch for the sign up on the table if you wish to place a lily.

## Together We Shine

Northland Lutheran High School's primary fundraiser is coming up March 6! Set the date aside, and plan to attend—it's always a warm and wonderful day of fun, food, and fellowship. Alyse Neumann and Dawn Willitz are once again representing our parish in the Soup Cook-off, 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 these hours of food and fellowship.



Northland Lutheran High School  
Band & Choir Concert  
3:00 p.m. - March 13, 2022

*Remembering the Passion & Resurrection of our Lord*

### Grace Financial Update

January Income:	\$ 6,479.42
January Disbursements:	\$ 6,782.26
2022 Mission Goal:	\$ 5,200.00
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 480.00
Percentage of Goal:	9.23%
Checkbook balance:	\$ 10,060.30

### St. Paul's Financial Update

January Income:	\$ 9,092.15
January Disbursements:	\$ 8,735.49
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 1,762.00
<i>(2022-2023, begun July 1, 2021)</i>	
YTD NLHS Offerings:	\$ 145.00
2021 NLHS Commitment:	\$ 4,500.00
NLHS Debt Reduction:	\$ 265.00
YTD Mission Offerings:	\$ 570.00
2021 Mission Goal:	\$ 3,800.00
Window/Soffit Project:	\$ 3,580.00
Goal:	\$ 22,000.00
Good Samaritan Fund:	\$ 1,340.00

## Let Jesus Serve You

Dear members of Grace and St. Paul's,

If Jesus and his disciples came to visit at your home, you would want to be the finest host and serve your Lord well.

Martha of Bethany graciously opened her home to Jesus and his disciples. Martha was preoccupied with all the preparations for the meal and their stay. She wanted everything to be the best for her Savior. Martha is to be commended for her hard work, dedication, and love for her Savior.

But Martha's sister Mary sat at Jesus' feet, listening to him teach. Martha asked Jesus to tell Mary to help her with all the work.

But instead of encouraging Mary to help her sister serve him, Jesus instead lovingly admonished Martha, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." [Luke 10:41-42]

What did Mary choose that was better? She chose to listen to Jesus' word, to hear and receive his message of grace, forgiveness and salvation. She chose to let Jesus serve her.

Jesus came to our world not to be served by us, but to serve us, and to give his very life to save us. [Mark 10:45] That's important for us to remember. Yes, we want to serve our Lord, but what is far more important and must always come first is to let him serve us with his gracious word!

As we now begin the Lenten Season, it is essential that we let Jesus serve us in his word as we see him living for us to give us his perfect holiness, dying for us to take away our horrible sins, and then on Easter rising from the dead, triumphant over our sin, death, and hell, making heaven our very own.

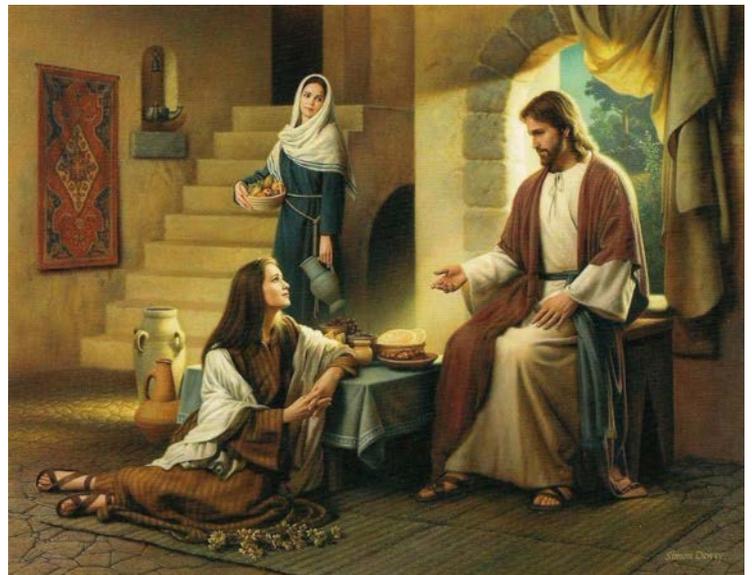
Though Jesus often told his own disciples about his coming suffering, death, and resurrection, they did not understand it. So, when it happened, they ran and hid, and their attempted acts of service turned out to be at best acts of futility. They were more bent on serving than looking to their Savior serve them.

In glaring contrast to that, we are told how Mary later anointed Jesus in preparation of his death and burial. [John 12:1-8; Matthew 26:6-13] Why did Mary of all people understand Jesus' death? Because she sat at his feet and listened to his word, and looked to him to serve her as her Savior. That enabled Mary to serve better, because she understood that first and foremost, her Savior was serving her.

On the long road of Jesus' passion, may you see your Savior serving you every step of the way. Indeed, that will lead you to ever serve him more and better, because first and foremost, he has served you!

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Willitz



*Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!  
'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.*

