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NOTATIONS

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



PACE

PACE will meet on May 3, 7:00 pm at St. Paul's. We will be planning Vacation Bible School, and any other summer activities people have in mind.

Join us!



Both Grace and St. Paul's celebrated Easter with our traditional Easter breakfasts and festive worship services. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Confirmation

We will be confirming four young people on May 15.

Congratulations to all, and may God bless you as you make your vows, and ever keep you firm in the faith!

St. Paul's

Kaitlyn Butler
John Zunker

Grace

Malachi Levich
Silas Weber



St. Paul's Greeters - May

May 1

Joy Taylor

May 8

DuWayne Zamzow

May 15

Mark & Joline Bartelt

May 22

Dan & Rita Pittsley

May 29

Ben Krenz



Congratulations to our high school graduates! We thank God for his constant guidance and care for you thus far, and pray that you remain in his Word and ways. May he bless you always.

Hailey Mathwich



Jacob Neumann

Grace Financial Update

March Income:	\$ 8,810.12
March Disbursements:	\$ 7,535.36
2022 Mission Goal:	\$ 5,200.00
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 1,221.00
Percentage of Goal:	23.48%
Checkbook balance:	\$ 7,910.22

St. Paul's Financial Update

March Income:	\$ 8,282.00
March Disbursements:	\$ 9,723.79
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 1,902.00
<i>(2022-2023, begun July 1, 2021)</i>	
YTD NLHS Offerings:	\$ 1,340.00
2021 NLHS Commitment:	\$ 4,500.00
NLHS Debt Reduction:	\$ 1,441.00
YTD Mission Offerings:	\$ 1,376.00
2021 Mission Goal:	\$ 3,800.00
Window/Soffit Project:	\$ 3,675.00
<i>Goal:</i>	\$ 22,000.00
Good Samaritan Fund:	\$ 1,340.00

Moms, grandmas, aunts, and nice next-door ladies are all wonderful gifts from God, given to love and nurture us along life's way. We certainly thank him for these special people, and wish them God's blessings on Mother's Day and every day.



Lord God, in this world of darkness and evil, the light of your saving gospel continues to shine. Through that good news you have brought people around the world from the darkness of sin and death into your marvelous light. But evil exists and Satan's work in this fallen world continues. As many in Ukraine are experiencing unimaginable hardships and suffering, we ask that you would be with them. Protect them; provide for them; and above all, strengthen their faith and trust in you and your promises. We commend them to your gracious care, knowing that you have promised to be with them always. Even though they are now walking in the shadow of death, enable them to fear no evil. We ask you, in your love and wisdom, to restore peace and safety to those now enduring the horrors of war and bloodshed and to continue to let your gospel message be the comfort and hope that so many desperately need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Christ's Resurrection Appearances

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

Early Easter morning an angel from heaven rolled back the stone from the entrance to Jesus' tomb. He did not do so to let Jesus out; Jesus had already risen triumphant over our sin, death and hell. The angel rolled the stone back to let the dear women in, to see that Jesus had risen, and then to give them the glorious message, "He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you." [Luke 24:6]

One might think that would be enough. But our gracious Lord did not leave it at that. Our risen Savior showed himself to his followers and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. "He appeared to them over a period of forty days." [Acts 1:3]

Jesus appeared to the women on Easter morning. [Matthew 28:9-10] We recall Jesus' heartfelt appearance to Mary Magdalene outside the tomb. [John 20:14 ff]

Jesus appeared specifically to Peter [1 Corinthians 15:5], no doubt to assure him of forgiveness for his horrible denials. The resurrected Christ walked with the two disciples to Emmaus, causing their hearts to burn within them as he explained the holy Scriptures to them.

On Easter evening Jesus appeared to the disciples behind locked doors in Jerusalem. A week later he appeared to them again, especially for the sake of doubting Thomas. [John 20:24 ff]

The great resurrection chapter of the Bible, 1 Corinthians 15, reports to us that Jesus "appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time." "He appeared to James, then to all the apostles." He appeared to the apostle Paul.

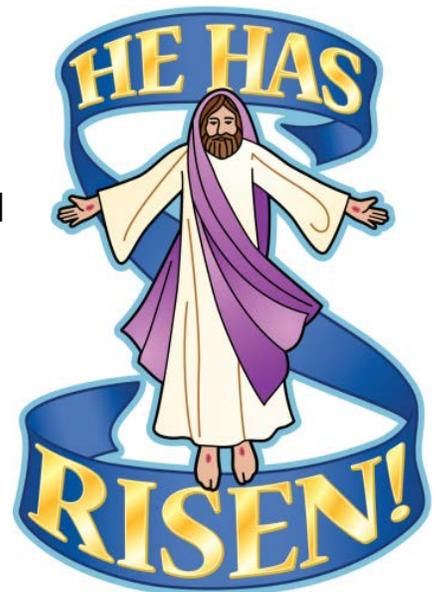
The risen Christ showed himself alive to his disciples at the sea of Galilee, once again filling their nets with fish, and granting them the privilege of enjoying a personal breakfast with him. [John 21] He then he had another heartfelt talk with Peter.

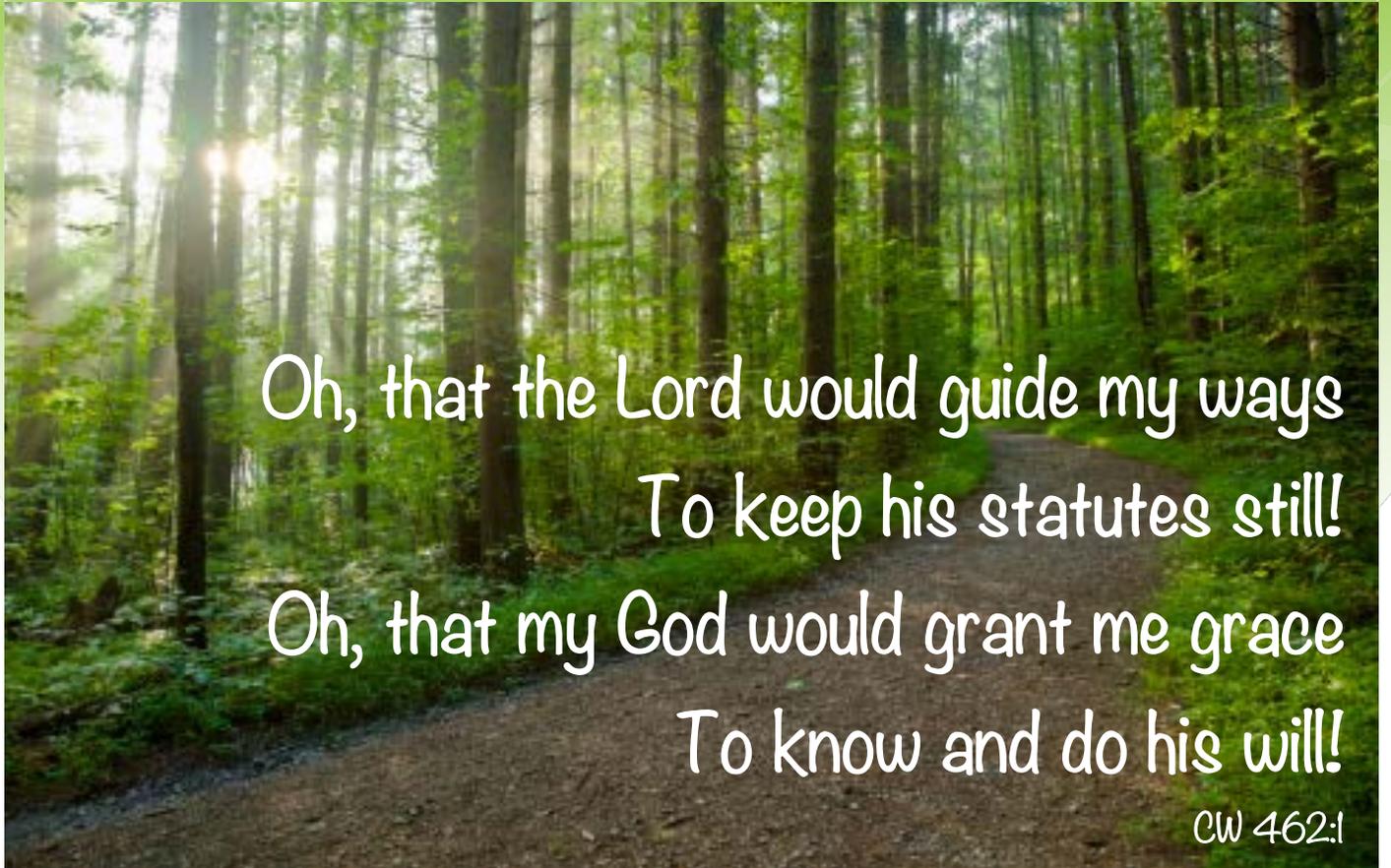
Scripture's list is not intended to be exhaustive, but abundantly sufficient. "Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." [John 20:30, 31]

May our Lord bless us this Easter season through his victorious message: Hell is vanquished! Your sins are buried and gone in Christ's emptied grave! God has raised you with Christ as his holy one! You are his now and forever in heaven!

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Willitz





Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do his will!

CW 462:1

