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NOTATIONS

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



LENT 2023

Ash Wednesday is February 22. 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 22 – St. Paul's

Pastor Willitz, Grace - Maine/St. Paul's - Naugart
His Final Steps Led to His Enemies

March 1 - Grace

Pastor DeGier, Trinity - Berlin
His Final Steps Led to a Tomb

March 8 – St. Paul's

Pastor Behm, Christ - Merrill
His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration

March 15 - Grace

Pastor Bittorf, St. Peter - Rib Lake/St. Andrew's - Goodrich
His Final Steps Led to His Father's House

March 22 – St. Paul's

Pastor Russow, Zion - Stetsonville
His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree

March 29 – Grace

Immanuel - Medford
His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks



**HIS
FINAL
STEPS**

February

St. Paul's Greeters / Grace Ushers

February 5

J Taylor Bob Blaubach, Bryce Blaubach

February 12

DuWayne Zamzow G Pagel, D Neumann

February 19

M & J Bartelt S Christian, K Zellner

February 22 (Ash Wednesday)

D & R Pittsley

February 26

G & S Bartelt J Levich, M Blaubach



Thank you to
DuWayne Zamzow
for 50 years of
directing Choir!
You are much
♪ appreciated. ♪

Grace Financial Update

December Income:	\$10,987.73
December Disbursements:	\$ 7,465.37
2022 Mission Goal:	\$ 5,200.00
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 5,549.00
Percentage of Goal:	106.71%
Parsonage Garage:	\$ 4,060.00
Garage Goal:	\$ 20,000.00
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 4,475.32
NLHS:	\$ 189.00

St. Paul's Financial Update

December Income:	\$ 9,010.00
December Disbursements:	\$11,468.52
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 1,698.00
<i>(2023-2024, begun 7/1/22)</i>	
YTD NLHS Offerings:	\$ 5,437.00
2022 NLHS Commitment:	\$ 4,500.00
NLHS Debt Reduction:	\$ 4,290.00
YTD Mission Offerings:	\$ 4,721.00
2022 Mission Goal:	\$ 3,800.00
Good Samaritan Fund:	\$ 840.00

Special Thankyous



Grace Voters extend the following acknowledgements and thanks to:

- Julie Revie for preparing the Annual Reports;
- The Christian Families who served as Christmas committee;
- Louis Zastrow for donating the Christmas bags;
- Our Audit Committee: Keith Christian, Michael Fasse, Brenda Meyer, Charlie 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;
- The Levich Family and Dawn Willitz for the chancel painting project;
- Jerry Pagel for his many repair and upkeep projects at church and parsonage;
- Connie Pagel for serving as financial bookkeeper;
- Our Organists Joel Davidson, Bethany Prazuch, Dawn Willitz, and Dylan Butler;
- All others who volunteer time, talent, and treasure to our congregation.

Join us for Adult Bible Class! We meet every Sunday during Family Bible Hour, 9:15 a.m. at St. Paul's. We have been studying Luther's Large Catechism; Martin



Luther had a wonderfully frank and picturesque way of explaining things. We are finishing up Baptism, and will soon begin the Lord's Supper.

Church Councils

Our church councils were installed on January 29. 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
Tim Hahn, Secretary
Joe Butler, Treasurer
Bob Zimmerman, Adult Discipleship
DuWayne Zamzow, Outreach
Royal Ahrens, Member Ministry

Grace

Keith Christian, President
Corey Neumann, Secretary
Jerry Pagel, Treasurer
Mike Blaubach, Financial Secretary
Jeff Levich, Elder
Dan Prazuch, Elder



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



His Final Steps

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

Way back in Genesis 12, the LORD told Abraham, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you." [v.1] The Lord led Abraham to the Promised Land of Canaan. There Abraham walked about for the rest of his life, building altars in numerous places and worshiping the God of the promise. There his son Isaac and grandson Jacob walked and worshiped. God later gave this Promised Land to their descendants, that they might spend their lives walking and worshiping upon it.

Why is this important? Because this is the land on which the promised Savior would walk. That Savior would be born to Abraham and his descendants, through them, from them, and for them, to walk on this land. In and of itself it was not the land that was so special, but the awesome things the Savior would do on that land. He would carry out the ultimate worship, fulfilling his heavenly Father's will for us all!

Jesus walked perfectly, without any sin, on that land. He did so in place of all people on the entire earth to give them his righteousness, God's holiness. In his final steps Jesus walked to the cross and was crucified for all, suffering the full punishment, and paying the price for the sins and guilt of all: yes, even for you and me.

That was not the end. Jesus rose from the dead. Triumphant over our sin, death, and hell, he walked again. He ascended into heaven. And he will stand upon this earth one final time on the Last Day. God's own Son made that land his home to redeem mankind, to buy us back from sin, death, and the devil, in order to make his heaven our home.

This year Ash Wednesday is on February 22. Lent and our midweek Lenten worship services begin for six weeks. Please join us for these special Wednesday evening services. Our area pastors will again follow a preaching rotation focusing on the theme, "**His Final Steps.**" How important that we watch our Savior walk our road of life and death for us. And more than that—his road of resurrection—and ours in him.

Draw us to thee, for then shall we walk in thy steps forever and hasten on where thou art gone to be with thee, dear Savior.

Draw us to thee, Lord, lovingly; let us depart with gladness that we may be forever free from sorrow, grief, and sadness.

Draw us to thee; oh, grant that we may walk the road to heaven! Direct our way lest we should stray and from thy paths be driven.

Draw us to thee that also we thy heav'nly bliss inherit and ever dwell where sin and hell no more can vex our spirit.

Draw us to thee unceasingly; into thy kingdom take us. Let us fore'er thy glory share; thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Willitz