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# NOTATIONS

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

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring....



## PACE Christmas Wreath Project

The Wreath project was another success: 115 wreaths were made and sold this year. Thank you to Jalaine and Jon Woller for use of their workshop; to Michael and Lyle Schuster for providing the boughs; to Darrell and Jodi Neumann for use of their clamping tables; and to our many volunteers. Several people constructed bows and wired pine cones ahead of time. We had a Thrivent grant of \$250 for supplies and a total of \$2962 was raised for the Christian Education Funds at our 3 churches.

## Christmas Schedule

### Christmas Eve

St. Paul's –  
5:30 pm, Carol Sing  
6:00 pm, Children's  
Christmas Service

Grace –  
10:30 am, Children's Christmas  
Service

### Christmas Day

St. Paul's –  
8:00 am, Worship

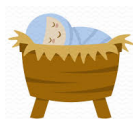
Grace –  
10:30 am, Worship



### New Year's Eve

Holy Communion worship: St. Paul's, 8:00 am & Grace, 10:30 am

*Church decorating at  
St. Paul's has been  
done in loving memory  
of Herman & Irmgard  
Bartelt by their  
children.*



## CHRISTMAS COMMITTEES

Grace: the Krause, Levich, & Luedtke families

St. Paul's: the McCaughley, Ehlke, & Ohde families

*Thank you for your service!*



...news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

## December

St. Paul's Greeters - Grace Ushers

### December 3

Dan & Rita Pittsley      Bob Blaubach, M Blaubach

### December 10

Gene & Sharon Bartelt      Breck and Bryce Blaubach

### December 17

Joy Taylor      J Sturm, D Prazuch

### December 24

DuWayne Zamzow      G Pagel, S Christian

### December 25

Mark & Joline Bartelt      C Neumann, J Neumann

### December 31

K Christian, M Fasse



## Grace Financial Update

October Income:	\$ 6,771.78
October Disbursements:	\$ 6,550.76
Wausau Roofing:	\$ 5,132.25
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 5,036.00
2023 Mission Goal:	\$ 5,500.00
Percentage of Goal:	91.56%
Parsonage Garage:	\$ 5,075.00
Garage Goal:	\$ 20,000.00
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 5,550.32
NLHS:	\$ 295.00

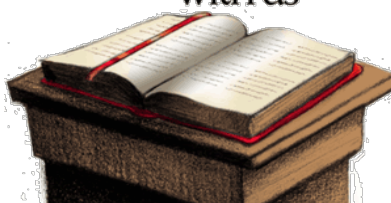
## St. Paul's Financial Update

October Income:	\$ 8,654.80
October Disbursements:	\$ 8,951.73
YTD NLHS Offerings:	\$ 5,490.00
2023 NLHS Commitment:	\$ 4,750.00
NLHS Debt Reduction:	\$ 6,609.70
YTD Mission Offerings:	\$ 4,666.00
2022 Mission Goal:	\$ 4,000.00
Good Samaritan Fund:	\$ 840.00



**PACE Christmas Card workshop** will take place at Trinity on December 2 at 1:00 pm. Come lend a hand with our Christmas greetings to shut-ins, visitors, members in the military, and college students.

Study <sup>the</sup> Bible  
with us



## Family Bible Hour

Remember that Family Bible Hour will shift to Grace beginning January 7! Please join us each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. for an hour of God's word.



### Transfer to the Church Triumphant—

Our Lord has taken the soul of Robert Sessions to heaven. Bob entered heavenly glory on November 5; the funeral service took place at Grace on November 15. We rejoice in Bob's victory, and pray the Lord would comfort his loved ones with the peace and joy of the promise of eternal life.

## Bethlehem's Child

### Annual Christmas Concert

Northland Lutheran High School

3:00 p.m., December 17





O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.



## "Come to Me!"

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

We now begin a new church year and the Advent Season as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. "Advent" means "coming." We fervently pray, "Lord Jesus, come to me!" The gracious Lord of our salvation will not let us down this year. He comes to us in three ways.

Our Lord Jesus **came** to us. The very Son of God was born here on our unworthy earth in the lowliest of circumstances -- the son of a humble virgin Mary, placed in a cattle manger for his first bed. He came to live our lowly life perfectly for us. He came to die our death and suffer our hell on his cross. He came to rise from our death, triumphant over our sin and hell.

Our Lord Jesus **will come** to us. He will come to us again on the Last Day in glory with all his holy angels, King of kings and Lord of lords. Jesus will come to raise us from the dead, glorify us, and bring us, his own chosen ones, home to the bliss and glory of heaven for all eternity.

Our Lord Jesus **comes** to us. Through his holy word and sacraments he comes to us day by day and week by week at church and in our homes. He assures us, "Your sins are forgiven! Heaven is yours!" He gives to us the most blessed invitation and greatest Christmas gift!

He who has, will and does so faithfully come to us most graciously invites us to come to him, "Come to me!" **"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."** [Matthew 11:28]

Jesus graciously invites us to come to him this Christmas with our tiresome problems in our lives, in our families, in our world, in our congregation. He who came to us at Christmas grants his gracious answers. Our Savior invites us to unload our burden of guilt and wrong upon him, for he paid for it all. He assures us, "Your sins are forgiven! Heaven is yours!"

May this Savior who came for us, will come again to take us home, and continues to come to us each day be your central and greatest Christmas gift and blessing!

A most blessed Christmas to you!

Pastor Willitz