

N O V E M B E R 2 0 2 3

# NOTATIONS

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

## Thanksgiving

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Eve service, 6:30 p.m. on November 22. This year we will worship at St. Paul's. God has been so good to all of us: we have abundant earthly blessings, and live in relative wealth. But above all, he sent his Son to live our life perfectly, and to die the death we deserved. Achieving that, he raised our Jesus from the dead guaranteeing that we, too, will live again after death with him in our eternal Home. Come, you thankful people, come! Raise the song of harvest home.

### SPECIAL AUTUMN SERVICES

Two traditional fall occasions are coming up! **REFORMATION** will be commemorated on October 29 with Pastor Mark Schlenner officiating. **MISSIONS** will be celebrated on November 5 with Pastor Jeff Grundmeier, with special emphasis on Northland. Don't miss either one!

## Christmas Wreath Workshops

Help us out at our Wreath Workshops! Please watch bulletins for the wreath flyers, by which you can indicate when you can help with assembly, and also place your wreath orders. Workshops are again held at Jalaine Woller's shed, 245404 Sunny Hill Lane, Merrill. The work is enjoyable when we have a good crew, and there is always a hot meal provided! These are the workshop times:



Saturday, Nov. 11:  
9 am – 12 pm & 12 pm – 3 pm  
Monday, Nov. 13:  
2 – 5:30 pm & 5:30 – 8 pm  
Wednesday, Nov. 15:  
2 – 5:30 pm & 5:30 – 8 pm  
Thursday, Nov. 16(*if needed*):  
2 – 5:30 pm & 5:30 – 8 pm

Wreath sizes and cost:

20" - \$20      30" - \$32      42" - \$50

Help with wiring pinecones and making bows is needed before Nov. 11; please call Jalaine about pinecones at 715-536-2928; call DuWayne about bows at 715-571-7275

## NOVEMBER

St. Paul's Greeters

Grace Ushers

**November 5**

Dan &amp; Rita Pittsley      D Neumann, J Sturm

**November 12**

Gene &amp; Sharon Bartelt      M Levich, J Levich

**November 19**

Joy Taylor      D Prazuch, S Christian

**November 22-Thanksgiving**

DuWayne Zamzow

**November 26**

Mark &amp; Joline Bartelt      D Blaubach, K Zellner

We are looking for room dividers for use separating classes during our Family Bible Hour. Do you know of a business that is consolidating or remodeling, and would have dividers to donate or sell reasonably? Please let Pastor know if you hear of anything along these lines.

## Grace Financial Update

September Income:	\$ 6,660.58
September Disbursements:	\$ 10,380.19
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 4,421.00
2023 Mission Goal:	\$ 5,500.00
Percentage of Goal:	80.38%
Parsonage Garage:	\$ 4,900.00
Garage Goal:	\$ 20,000.00
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 5,550.32
NLHS:	\$ 295.00

**HOLY COMMUNION**

will be celebrated on November 12 rather than November 5. Pastor will be out of town at the beginning of the month.

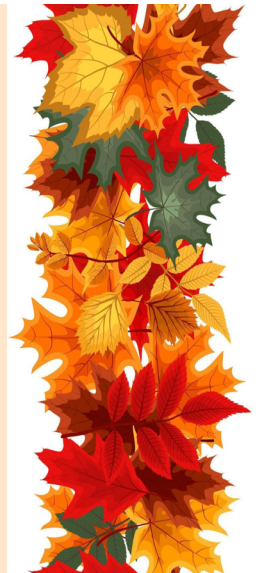
**TIME CHANGE!**

Set your clocks  
**BACK ONE HOUR**  
Saturday evening,  
November 4!

Oscar Gideon Sturm was born on September 21, and made a child of God through baptism on September 23. We pray that God would ever keep this little lamb in his tender care! Welcome to God's family, Oscar!

**PACE**

Our PACE group will meet on Tuesday, November 7, at 7:00 pm at Grace. All are welcome to come; PACE is an organization of members from Grace, St. Paul's, and Trinity-Berlin which plans and conducts VBS, workshops, and outings for all of us.

**Live Nativity!**

The Kronenwetter Mission Core Group is looking for volunteers to help with the Live Nativity, "The Greatest Gift." The event takes place outdoors at Northland on Saturday, December 16. Actors, carolers, and helpers are all needed. Sign up info coming soon. Text, call, or email Pastor Jeff Grundmeier at 906-203-0411 or [jgrundmeier@nlhs.org](mailto:jgrundmeier@nlhs.org) with questions.

**Choir**

Our parish choir will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m., at Grace. We encourage all who love to sing to join us!



## St. Paul's Financial Update

September Income:	\$ 6,040.60
September Disbursements:	\$ 12,963.88
YTD NLHS Offerings:	\$ 5,190.00
2023 NLHS Commitment:	\$ 4,750.00
NLHS Debt Reduction:	\$ 6,049.70
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 4,176.00
2023 Mission Goal:	\$ 4,000.00
Good Samaritan Fund:	\$ 840.00

# Got Milk?

Dear Members and Friends of Grace and St. Paul's,

Where do we get milk? The child will answer, "From the refrigerator." We adults know better: We get milk from the grocery store. The dairy farmer has an even better answer: Milk comes from the cow. It is an amazing thing—a black cow eats green grass and produces white milk. The farmer also understands that the sun must shine and the rain must fall for the green grass to grow for the cow to eat. God gives us the rain, the grass, the cow, the milk and everything else.

During this fall season as we approach Thanksgiving, let's again rejoice in the bountiful harvest the Lord grants us: "The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing." [Psalm 145:15,16] What love from our heavenly Father!

Our heavenly Father demonstrates even greater love for us, nourishing our souls to life everlasting. "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." [Isaiah 55:10, 11]

Our gracious God gave us his own Son, his perfect life in our stead as our righteousness, his substitutionary suffering and death on the cross as our forgiveness, his resurrection as our life eternal. He is our bread of life.

Our Lord's greatest harvest is souls, as the hymn summarizes: "Bring to this sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave, the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save, your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall, and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all." [CW 614:3] May we treasure each day he gives us in his harvest field here to proclaim his saving gospel to precious blood-bought souls, that they too may be a part of our Lord's glorious harvest.

This fall, as we pray, "Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blest;" and, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever;" let us be grateful for the earthly bounty our Lord has bestowed. But let us also be reminded of, and even more grateful for, the eternal heavenly blessings our Lord has given to us.

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Willitz

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. For his mercy endures forever.*  
*Psalm 136:1*





We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!  
 In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:  
 We lay it before you;  
 We kneel and adore you;  
 We bless your holy name;  
 Glad praises we sing.

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Blessed Thanksgiving!

