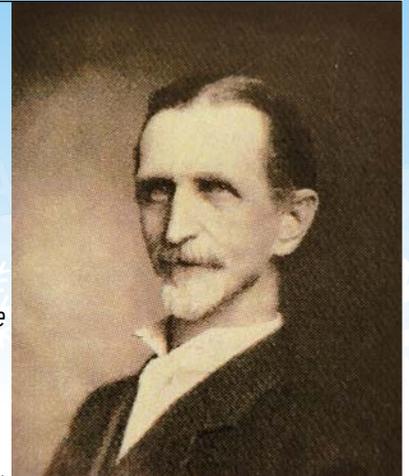


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COMING TOGETHER TO LEARN, LIVE, AND SHARE THE TRUTH OF CHRIST

Pastor William Parisius, Naugart

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This article, "Father and Son: The Pastors Parisius" is an excerpt taken from the WELS Historical Institute Journal, Volume 41, Number 2, Fall 2023, written by Allen K. Schroeder. The article includes forty-two pages of the Parisius ministerial families. William Parisius served Naugart for four years, 1927-1931. (Permission was granted)

William Parisius was born in Germany on November 30, 1868. The family lived in Hanover. William was born into a family with a long line of Lutheran ministers. The unbroken chain of Parisius family Lutheran ministers reached back almost to the time of Martin Luther. It was William's plan to be the latest member of the Parisius family to become a Lutheran minister. He not only had the family pedigree; he also had the capability.

William was enrolled in school in Germany at age five. He was especially adept at learning languages. At age seven, he began to study French as well as German. He began studying Latin as age eight. He added Greek to his linguistic studies at age ten and Hebrew at age thirteen. In 1882, when he was fourteen, William enrolled in a nine-year college program. His college years were completed in 1891. He also served in the German military, rising to the level of lieutenant.

William Parisius attended Ebenezer Lutheran Seminary in Kropp, Schleswig-Holstien, Germany. Ebenezer Seminary was established by Pastor Johannes Paulsen in 1882 exclusively to prepare German speaking ministers for service in North America. Therefore, by studying in Ebenezer Seminary, it was a foregone conclusion that William Parisius would be a pastor in the United States or in Canada. He graduated in 1893

Before emigrating from Germany, William Parisius married Thekla Ibsen. Thekla as born in January 1873, in Kellinghusen, Steinburg, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. They met while William was attending the seminary in Schleswig-Holstein. Thekla was a close relative of Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen. Henrik Ibsen is sometimes called "the father of realism" and "the father of the modern stage."

William Parisius was directed to the Wisconsin Synod. He arrived in Wisconsin in June 1893 and moved to Elroy during the first week in August. He was ordained and installed on August 27, 1893, in Elroy. In early 1896, Pastor Parisius began preaching to a small group in Mauston, Wisconsin. Candidate Emil Zaremba was assigned as the first fulltime pastor of this congregation. Pastor Zaremba was the father of Charlotte Zaremba-Strehlow (Mrs. William) a lifetime member of Grace Lutheran Church, Village of Maine, Marathon County, and lived to be one-hundred and eleven years old. (Fast forward).

In early 1927, Pastor William Parisius received a call from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Naugart. He accepted the call at the age of fifty-eight and moved to Naugart, Wisconsin. Pastor Parisius had a vibrant ministry in Naugart. The joy of his vibrant ministry in Naugart was darkened by the cloud of the Protes'tant Controversy in the Wisconsin Synod. As time passed, the benefit for William Parisius was that he had freed himself from the spirit-draining case of the Protes'tants vs. the Wisconsin synod or, depending on one's

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January

St. Paul's Greeters - Grace Ushers

January 7

Dan & Rita Pittsley J Sturm, K Christian

January 14

Gene & Sharon Bartelt Bob & Breck Blaubach

January 21

Joy Taylor D Prazuch, M Blaubach

January 28

DuWayne Zamzow Bryce & Duane Blaubach

Grace Financial Update

November Income:	\$ 5,929.86
November Disbursements:	\$ 5,297.47
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 5,186.00
2023 Mission Goal:	\$ 5,500.00
Percentage of Goal:	94.97%
Parsonage Garage:	\$ 5,395.00
Garage Goal:	\$ 20,000.00
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 5,550.32
NLHS:	\$ 325.00

St. Paul's Financial Update

November Income:	\$ 8,485.00
November Disbursements:	\$ 6,195.22
YTD NLHS Offerings:	\$ 5,640.00
2023 NLHS Commitment:	\$ 4,750.00
NLHS Debt Reduction:	\$ 7,069.70
YTD Mission Offerings:	\$ 4,986.00
2022 Mission Goal:	\$ 4,000.00
Good Samaritan Fund:	\$ 840.00

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.



NEIGHBORHOOD BENEFIT

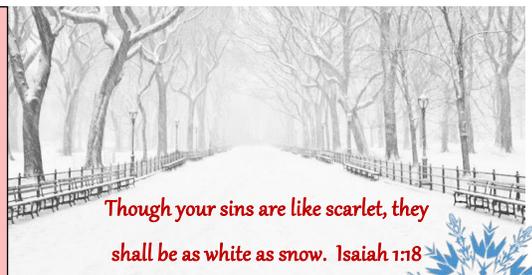
for the Chevy Teske Family

4-11 pm, Saturday, January 27
Willow Springs Garden Hall

AYCE Buffet: \$14/11 years & up,
\$5/5-10, 4 & under free

Food, Karaoke, Raffles, Pie Sale, Pizza Sale,
& More!

St. Paul's is looking for greeters and ushers. Please speak with DuWayne if you are willing to serve.



Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Isaiah 1:18



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loyalties, the case of the Wisconsin Synod vs. the Prostestants. He was now free to devote his energy in the closing years of his ministry to serving St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Naugat.

Though sixty years old in November 1928, Pastor William Parisius was just as vibrant and aggressive in ministry and mission work as ever. Advancing age was no deterrent. The congregation grew to two-hundred and sixty communicant members by the end of Pastor Parisius' four years at Naugat. He continued to be a major proponent of the German school. During his last summer at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in 1930, in addition to his pastoral duties, he taught German School for one-hundred and ten days during the summer months. Assisted by Miss Lealda Lemke (Mrs. Fred Giese), sixty children were taught German language, stories and script along with Bible history and Lutheran doctrine, both in German.

As part of the vibrant German school program, St. Paul's built a combination garage and stable. The stable was to give protection from sun, rain, and snow to the eleven Shetland ponies students rode from up to three miles in the country to attend German school. It is not clear whether the parents, or the church, or a combination of the two supplied the eleven Shetland ponies. At the very least, the church made sure that each child who needed a ride to school had access to a ride. This is the only church of the time of which the author is aware that had such a planned and determined organization for transportation for its German school students.

Pastor William Parisius continued his love for music to the end of his public ministry. For Christmas 1930, his last Christmas in the public ministry, he assembled a mass choir for the Christmas services at Naugat. The choir was anchored by a fifty-voice men's choir. To this men's choir were added the voices of forty women and the voices of sixty children and young people. He who sought a smaller parish due to his advancing age certainly did not settle into a pre-retirement maintenance ministry in the farm country of Wisconsin. Pastor William Parisius remained pastor, teacher, musician, theologian, and evangelist until a heart problem brought his ministry to an end in 1931. Any return to the full-time ministry would depend on the approval of doctors. His last service at St. Paul's, Naugat was on September 27, 1931. The church had grown to two-hundred sixty communicant members and seventy-eight voting members during his pastorate. Pastor William Parisius moved to Victory, Wisconsin, a village south of La Crosse, the week following his final sermon at Naugat.

Late in life, they moved to Stanley. In Fall Creek and Stanley, they had the care of their children, during their old age. Pastor William Parisius died on December 29, 1955, in Stanley. Funeral services were held on January 2, 1956, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fall Creek. Thekla died on June 18, 1961, in Stanley. Her funeral was also held at St. John's Church in Fall Creek.

Let us all with gladsome voice praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, his own Son has given.
O Lord Christ, our Savior dear, bless us and be near us.
Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus, hear us!

CW64:1,4



Jesus Was Born to Bear Our Sins

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

What is the largest Christmas gift you have received? What is the most expensive Christmas gift ever given to you?

By God's grace we realize that the greatest and all-important Christmas gift given to us is from God, and it is his own Son, Jesus. Jesus is the ultimate Christmas gift because he was born to bear our sins.

Do you have some wrong that troubles you this Christmas, and lingers into the new year, some guilt that plagues your heart, some fear that you deserve God's punishment? Surely the answer is "Yes!"

There is good news for you! In December John the Baptist prepared our hearts to receive God's great gift: "Repent, the kingdom of heaven is near!" When Jesus came to the Jordan River, John introduced the gift, "Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Now in January we will hear how Jesus was circumcised to bear our sin. The wise men came bringing gifts to Jesus, but he gave them the infinitely greater gift of forgiveness. John the Baptist baptized Jesus, placing our sin on him.

God's own Son Jesus was born to live a perfect life in place of your guilty sin-filled life in order to give you his perfect holiness. Jesus was born to die on a cross to suffer the punishment for your every wrong and take away your guilt. Jesus was born and died for you to rise from the dead, triumphant over your sin, death and hell, to make his heaven your own. Jesus was born to bear your sins and take them away!

In the New Year, 2024, and always, may God fill your heart with thanks, praise and joy over his greatest Christmas gift!

A most blessed Christmas to you!

Pastor Willitz

