

AUGUST 2019

NOTATIONS

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



**VBS
2019**



**I'm in the same boat with Jesus,
And that's where I want to be.
I'm in the same boat with Jesus,
No matter how rough the sea.
Jesus won't let me sink;
He proved it on Calvary.**



WELS Synod Convention

Our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod meets in convention July 29-August 1, in New Ulm, MN. Our congregations will be represented by Pastor Willitz and Tim Hahn. Pray for our convention, that the work of our dear synod may be conducted smoothly and in good order, for the benefit of God's kingdom and the furtherance of the gospel.

PACE Meeting

PACE will meet at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 6, at Grace. All are welcome to come and be a part of this tri-parish organization! With the combined efforts of Trinity-Berlin, St. Paul's, and Grace, the PACE group organizes and carries out our annual VBS, Friendship Sunday, wreath workshops, card crafting, and joint ventures to games and events. Come help us spread the Good News of Jesus through our work in the area!



August St. Paul's Greeters ----- Grace Ushers

August 4
Lee McCauley
August 11
Calvin & Betty Patterson
August 18
Dan & Rita Pittsley
August 25
Ben Krenz

August 4
S Christian, B Blaubach
August 11
C Neumann, C Mathwich
August 18
M Blaubach, K Christian
August 25
D Mathwich, B Mathwich



Join us for our annual Friendship Sunday! Grace, St. Paul's, and Trinity will join together for worship at the Trillium Creek barn, followed by a potluck fellowship meal. Grace will provide the meat this year, with everyone sharing salads, sides, or desserts to complement the meal. Trinity will handle set-up, and St. Paul's the clean-up. Please use this opportunity to invite friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors to worship with you. We have such a great message to share with those we love: forgiveness of sins, peace with God, and eternal life in heaven!

St. Paul's Financial Update

June Income:	\$ 7,222.00
June Disbursements:	\$ 6,067.91
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 2,958.00
(2019-2020, begun July 1, 2018)	
YTD NLHS Offerings:	\$ 2,287.25
'18 NLHS Commitment:	\$ 3,500.00
YTD Mission Offerings:	\$ 1,145.00
2018 Mission Goal:	\$ 1,800.00
Front Sidewalk Fund:	\$ 225.00

Grace Financial Update

June Income:	\$ 6,675.98
June Disbursements:	\$ 6,745.40
2019 Mission Goal:	\$ 4,330.00
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 2,232.24
Percentage of Goal:	51.55%
Parsonage Garage Fund:	\$ 375.00
Checkbook Balance:	\$ 855.51

Mission Festival



Mission Festival 2019 has been scheduled for Sunday, October 6. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Phil Henselin of the WELS Institution Ministries; he will tell us about the Prison Ministry our synod carries out across the nation. Pastor Henselin will preach at both services, and conduct the Fellowship/Bible Hour in between at St. Paul's. All are encouraged to attend; please bring something nice for our fellowship snacks if you wish!

**I WAS IN PRISON
AND YOU CAME TO
VISIT ME** MATTHEW 25:36b



Our Strieter League is once again sponsoring an August campout and paintball expedition for all our youth, age 6th grade on up. We will camp in the Grace woods Friday evening, August 16, and go paintballing at Grand Valley Adventures the following day. Campfire, songs, and Bible studies are included. Campers will be served snacks Friday evening, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Cost of the outing is \$50, which covers all meals and the paintballing. Ask Pastor for registration and permission forms today!



Special Funds

have been set up at both churches for some needed upgrades. Special donations toward all these projects are encouraged.

At St. Paul's, the goal for a front sidewalk is \$2,500; we also need \$3000 for painting trimwork. Donations toward the Christian Education Fund are strongly encouraged.

Grace is hoping to raise \$13,000 - \$16,000 for a new parsonage garage. Please give generously!



Using God's Gifts

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. Romans 12:6

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



The verse above served as the Memory Treasure on one of our recent Bible School days. We asked the children: Who is good at running, catching or hitting a ball? Who can jump, sing, play piano or another musical instrument? What else are you really good at? God gave these gifts according to his grace; we have done nothing to deserve them. We should thank him and use them in service to him and for his glory.



And now we ask both the children and the adults: Who is good at studying God's word, good at worshiping God at church and at home? Who is good at praying for others, encouraging others, or good at giving gifts of money to support our missionaries preaching God's word around the world? These are blessed things we all can do. We don't deserve the privilege of doing these things. We should thank God for these blessings, and use all of our abilities to serve him.



Who is able to encourage their parents, and brothers and sisters in God's word? Who is able to teach their children God's word? Who is able to teach their grandchildren God's word? If you cannot now, God willing, you may be privileged to one day! Who is able to teach God's word at Vacation Bible School, Sunday School and church? These are such blessed things that we don't deserve the privilege of doing. May we thank God for these blessings, and use all of our abilities to serve him.

Who is able to live the perfect life that God requires? Now, that's a harder question. We have often failed in using the gifts God has given us to serve him. So who is able to live perfectly? Only Jesus. He lived perfectly so God could count his perfection as ours. Who alone has died the death and suffered the full punishment for all of our wrongs and failures? Only Jesus, when he paid the debt we owed on the cross. And who rose from the dead, triumphant over our sin and death, so that we will rise from death and live with him forever in heaven? Only Jesus.

God has given us all of our abilities, and he has won our forgiveness and eternal life in heaven. What a privilege it is to use all of our abilities to serve him each day here on earth, and then to praise him for all eternity in heaven!

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Willitz



What's happening at Northland?

25th Annual Wildcat Open Saturday, September 14

- Pine Valley Golf Course
- 11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start, Four-Person Scramble (all groups/singles welcome)
- Adults: (19 & over) \$75
- Students: (18 & under) \$45
- Meal Only: \$25
- Benefits Athletics and Engineering Programs
- Cost includes 18 holes, Cart, Lunch, Door Prizes



13th Annual 5K Run/Walk Saturday, September 21

- 10:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. sign-in)
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch & Awards
- \$25 for Individuals
- \$75 for Families (immediate members)
- Benefits Tuition Fund
- Cost includes Lunch and T-shirt



Register for one or both at nlhs.org