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NOTATIONS

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



Vacation Bible School 2021

will take us to California's Gold Country; the rainforests of Brazil; Yellowstone National Park; the Sleeping Bear Dunes of Lake Michigan; and the paradise of Maui! Soaring High is a virtual hot air balloon expedition through Bible lessons, scriptural truths, crafts, treats, and songs. A registration form can be found on the back of this newsletter. Sign up the kids, and soar high with us July 26-30 at the Berlin Center. Classes will be held from 9:00-11:30 a.m. for grades Pre-K through 6.



Notes of Interest –

- Summer worship schedule: St. Paul's, 8 a.m.; Grace, 9:30 a.m.
- 1941 hymnals are available. Pick one or two up to keep at home.
- "Road to Emmaus" DVDs are available. Take a couple to share with unchurched friends and neighbors.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETINGS!

July 11

Grace at 10:30 am
St. Paul's at 6:30 pm


July 18

Joint Meeting at St. Paul's at 10:45 am

**July
St. Paul's Greeters**

- July 4**
Mark & Joline Bartelt
- July 11**
DuWayne Zamzow
- July 18**
Dan & Rita Pittsley
- July 25**
Ben Krenz





St. Paul's Council resolved to install a furnace humidifier to help maintain and preserve the pipe organ. The cost is \$2,600.00. Contributions toward this project are welcome.



Grace Financial Update

May Income:	\$ 7,973.49
May Disbursements:	\$ 5,863.99
2021 Mission Goal:	\$ 5,000.00
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 2,822.00
Percentage of Goal:	56.44%
Checkbook Balance:	\$ 8,861.03

St. Paul's Financial Update

May Income:	\$ 7,740.75
May Disbursements:	\$ 7,356.54
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 3,173.00
(2021-2022, begun July 1, 2020)	
YTD NLHS Offerings:	\$ 1,678.00
2021 NLHS Commitment:	\$ 4,000.00
NLHS Debt Offerings:	\$ 2,900.00
YTD Mission Offerings:	\$ 1,822.00
2021 Mission Goal:	\$ 2,800.00
Good Samaritan Fund:	\$ 320.00



Theodore Donald Sweere, son of Josh & Nichole Sweere and grandson of Dan & Rita Pittsley, was baptized into the Christian faith in a private service on June 6. May God ever keep this little lamb in his baptismal grace through his holy Word!

God took the soul of **Marilyn Krueger** to her heavenly home on June 5. We pray that her loved ones are comforted by the Lord's assurance of forgiveness and everlasting life.



We welcome **Mike & Grace Ohde** to St. Paul's! We pray that God richly bless you among us.



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

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

This summer in our worship services we are presenting a sermon series on the Ten Commandments. These commandments are a summary of God's moral law, what he requires of all people of all times.

God's law serves all people as a **curb**, keeping their wicked actions within bounds. Even unbelievers have God's law written in their hearts. So that law should lead even unbelieving rulers in our nation and the world over to rule their people curbed by God's law.

The more important thing that the commandments teach us is that we have not kept them, nor are we able to keep them. Not a single one of them is possible for us to keep, as we shall see on closer examination in our sermon series. God's law serves as a **mirror**, showing us our ugliness, our blemishes, faults, failures and shortcomings. The commandments show us our sin, and that we are under the wrath and condemnation of our holy God, condemned to death and hell. In that respect the commandments are not comforting to us.

However, the greater thing we want to learn is that Jesus kept the Ten Commandments, every one of them, perfectly, all the time, every day of his life. He did that for you, as your substitute. His righteous life is your righteousness. Then he suffered the full punishment for all of your sins against the commandments on his cross. He endured your guilt, death and hell. Your sin is paid for and forgiven. This is the Gospel.

This glorious salvation of our God changes our hearts and moves us to want to serve him and live according to his will. His commandments are our **guide**. They tell us Christians, surrounded by a sinful world, the way of life that is pleasing to God. So we, God's people, delight in his law. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." [Psalm 119:105] Guided by the law we have the privilege of living our Christian lives according to God's gracious good will surrounded by his boundless blessings.

Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible with 176 verses. It is a wonderful presentation of the beauty and wonder of God's holy law for his redeemed people. Take time to read through this Psalm in your Bible. Let's note just a few of the verses:

I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word. Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight. I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts. [Psalm 119:14-16, 35, 45]

Our Lord bless you as you live guided by his law in his great grace!

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Willitz

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – **Soaring High!**

July 26-30, 2021

9:00-11:30 a.m.

Berlin Center

Grades Pre-K-6

VBS Registration – Please return to Linda Krenz as soon as possible

Parent(s) name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Pupil name(s): _____ Entering grade: _____

_____ Entering grade: _____

_____ Entering grade: _____

_____ Entering grade: _____

Medical conditions? Please explain: _____
