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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 Naugart Center. Classes will be held from 9:00-11:30 a.m. for grades Pre-K through 6.



Notes of Interest –

- Summer worship schedule begins! 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.

Ava Garske and Bryce Blaubach were confirmed in their Christian faith on May 15. We congratulate these two, and pray that God would ever keep them strongly rooted in his Word!



**June
St. Paul's Greeters**

- June 6**
Dan & Rita Pittsley
- June 13**
Ben Krenz
- June 20**
Gene & Sharon Bartelt
- June 27**
Joy Taylor



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 Remodeling Project!

Before....



....and After!



Grace Financial Update

April Income:	\$ 7,297.25
April Disbursements:	\$ 5,863.99
2020 Mission Goal:	\$ 5,000.00
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 1,752.00
Percentage of Goal:	35.04%
Checkbook Balance:	\$ 8,262.73

St. Paul's Financial Update

April Income:	\$ 10,246.21
April Disbursements:	\$ 8,565.67
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 3,0239.00
(2021-2022, begun July 1, 2020)	
YTD NLHS Offerings:	\$ 1,028.00
2020 NLHS Commitment:	\$ 4,000.00
YTD Mission Offerings:	\$ 1,457.00
2020 Mission Goal:	\$ 2,800.00
Good Samaritan Fund:	\$ 270.00



Sunday School, May 23, 2021

The Blood of Jesus, His Son, Purifies Us from All Sin.**1 John 1:7**

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

Repentance is most important in the Christian's life, for the sinner's relationship with the Lord consists of repentance and forgiveness of sins.

We treasure gathering together for worship with our fellow Christians on Sunday morning! We begin with the invocation: *"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."* Those were the sacred and powerful words that began our Christian life as we were baptized "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Through his life-giving word the Holy Spirit worked the miracle of repentance in our hearts, and faith in Jesus Christ for his full and free forgiveness. He washed our sins away and made us God's dear children.

The very next thing we do in our worship service is to return to our baptism by confessing our sin: *"Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner."*

Then through the pastor's mouth we hear our Lord's sure word of forgiveness: *"God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

That strong word of God's forgiveness opens heaven to us! It moves us to sing his praises, to hear his holy word through which we grow in our faith, and to confess that saving faith together. It motivates us to bring our generous thank-offerings to the Lord, and serve him in our lives each day.

For us sinners, life and salvation come only and certainly through the forgiveness of sins won for us by our Savior on his cross and granted to us by our gracious God. The words of the Apostle John are most important: "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." [1 John 1:8—2:2]

Prayer: Lord, forgive me my sins. Lead me to ever confess my guilt to you, and grant me your pardon and your righteousness. Cause me to cling to these alone until you bring me safely to the heaven you have made my own. Amen.

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Willitz

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – **Soaring High!**

July 26-30, 2021

9:00-11:30 a.m.

Naugart Center

Grades Pre-K-6

VBS Registration

Parent(s) name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Pupil name(s): _____ Entering grade: _____

_____ Entering grade: _____

_____ Entering grade: _____

_____ Entering grade: _____

Medical conditions? Please explain: _____
