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NOTATIONS

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

Set Sail!

Vacation Bible School is setting sail for an adventure with Jesus this summer! PACE will once again head up our joint Vacation Bible School for St. Paul's, Grace, and Trinity. The VBS is scheduled for July 22-27, 9 - 11:30 am each day. Registration forms can be found in this newsletter, and at church. Classes will be held for Pre-K through grade 7; older children may serve as helpers. Let's set sail with Jesus!



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Woodchucks Baseball

PACE is sponsoring an outing to a Wisconsin Woodchucks baseball game. We'll be cheering our Woodchucks on July 19 when they take on Traverse City. The game will be played at Athletic Park, 324 E. Wausau Ave. A \$13 ticket includes reserved seating, a brat or hot dog, drink, cap, and fireworks. Please sign up in the back if you wish to go; St. Paul's contact is DuWayne Zamzow; at Grace, see Dawn Willitz.



Scholarship Applications

at St. Paul's are available from Tim Hahn. Please speak with him ASAP; the applications should be in by the end of May.



THANK YOU!

Pastor & Dawn sincerely thank the Christian family, Jeremy Sturm, and Tim Hahn for the recent purchase and installation of a new storm door on the parsonage back porch. It was a project that needed doing, and the results are extremely satisfactory, and deeply appreciated.



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

June 2
Mark & Joline Bartelt
June 9
DuWayne Zamzow
June 16
Lee McCauley
June 23
Calvin & Betty Patterson
June 30
Dan & Rita Pittsley

June 2
D Neumann, W Zastrow
June 9
S Christian, D Mathwich
June 16
J Neumann, D Blaubach
June 23
M Blaubach, C Neumann
June 30
C Mathwich, D Neumann



Ark Encounter + Creation Museum

PACE and company are off on an Old Testament adventure to Kentucky. June 10-13 our intrepid travelers will bus to see the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY, and the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY. With other special outings in Cincinnati planned, the tourists should have lots to share with us on their return.

Grace Financial Update

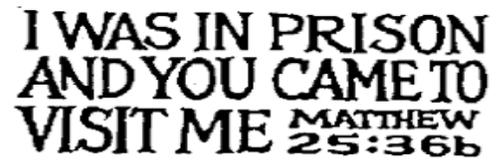
April Income: \$ 8,262.62
April Disbursements: \$ 5,388.88
2019 Mission Goal: \$ 4,330.00
YTD Mission Offering: \$ 1,446.81
Percentage of Goal: 33.41%
Parsonage Garage Fund: \$ 270.00
Checkbook Balance: \$ 1,774.39

St. Paul's Financial Update

April Income: \$ 8,246.00
April Disbursements: \$ 5,816.59
Christian Ed Fund: \$ 2,683.00
(2019-2020, begun July 1, 2018)
YTD NLHS Offerings: \$ 1,392.50
2018 NLHS Commitment: \$ 3,500.00
YTD Mission Offerings: \$ 600.00
2018 Mission Goal: \$ 1,800.00
Front Sidewalk Fund: \$ 125.00

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!



Sunday School Missions

The Sunday School offerings for the year have been designated for Northland Lutheran High School's debt reduction campaign. The children gave \$89.75 this past year.

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; these funds will be disbursed at the end of June.

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



Then they will hand you over to be persecuted, and they will put you to death. You will be hated by all nations because of my name. Matthew 24:9

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

It is amazing how the events of Easter, Christ's Ascension, and Pentecost changed Jesus' disciples. They had been timid, disgruntled, frightened followers, but now they had a risen Savior, and the Holy Spirit emboldened them to do amazing things. At Christ's command they went out into the world and proclaimed his saving gospel, traveled far, endured great hardships, and most of them were put to death as martyrs for Christ.

The New Testament proclaims much of their activity and some of their deaths. While not always totally reliable, historical writings of that time and church tradition also relate numerous reports about their work and how they were sent from this earth to their eternal home in heaven. Following is a brief sampling.

James the Elder died at the command of Herod Agrippa I in Jerusalem in 44 AD. His death is recorded for us in Scripture: *At about that time, King Herod laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church, in order to mistreat them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. Acts 12:1-2*

Philip died in Turkey, after laboring in the provinces of Phrygia and Galatia. He is thought to have angered the proconsul because his preaching had converted the official's wife. He was scourged, then crucified, then run through with a spear to hasten his death in 54 AD.

Matthew and Andrew both died in 60 AD. Matthew worked from Iran to Ethiopia, with varying accounts that he died by crucifixion and/or beheading in Ethiopia. Andrew worked in western Greece, and tradition tells that he was bound to an X-shaped cross from which he preached until his death.

Peter is believed to have been crucified upside down in Rome around 64 AD. We read of many of his activities in the book of Acts.

We know much about the Apostle Paul from Acts. Paul is thought to have been beheaded following imprisonment in Rome, somewhere between 64 and 67 AD during the rule of Nero.

Jude (Thaddeus) traveled through Arabia, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Persia. Accounts vary as to his form of death (being shot through with arrows, or crucifixion), but it is thought he was martyred in Beirut in 65 AD.

Thomas met his end in India, where his preaching enraged pagan priests. He was shot with arrows, and finally run through with a spear in 72 AD.

Simon, it is thought, traveled as far as Britain, where he perished in 74 AD. Most accounts state that he was sawn in half.

James the Lesser likely died in Egypt by stoning and a beating with a club. Bartholomew (Nathaniel) brought the Word to India, possibly leaving them a text of Matthew's gospel. He is said to have been flayed alive and beheaded while preaching in Armenia.

John is believed to be the only apostle to die of natural causes at an advanced age in Ephesus. We know he did not escape persecution, though, as he wrote the book of Revelation while enduring exile on the island of Patmos.

The Holy Spirit fills our hearts, and the risen Savior emboldens our lives. We certainly pray that if called upon to do so, we would not shrink back, but willingly and bravely face death for our confession of our Savior and the preaching of his saving gospel. We also treasure our privilege of living in God's grace and serving him each day.

Your friend in Christ,
Pastor Willitz

June

Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing his praise in the congregation of his favored ones. Psalm 149:1

2019

Grace/St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Churches

Pastor Joel Willnitz, 715-675-3751 (office), 989-751-3684 (cell)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8 am HC Worship (StP) 9:30 am HC Worship (Gr)	3 Western Wisconsin District Conference LPS, Watertown	4	5	6	7 1:45 pm Bell Tower Devotion	8
9 8 am Worship (StP) 9:30 am Worship (Gr)	10 PACE Trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Kentucky	11	12	13	14	15
16 Father's Day 8 am HC Worship (StP) 9:30 am Worship (Gr)	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 8 am Worship (StP) 9:30 am Worship (Gr)	24	25	26	27	28 Trinity Family Campout	29
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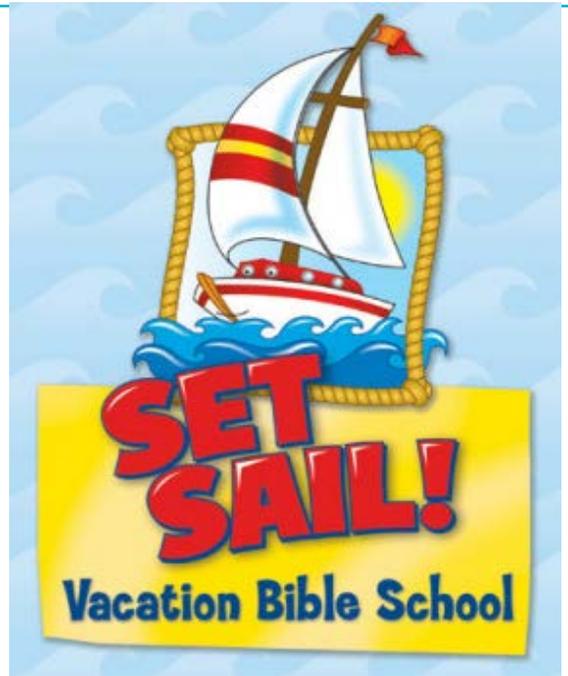
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Vacation Bible School Registration

FAMILIES: To help us in planning our VBS, please register your child early. Return your completed form by July 1, 2019, to:

Linda Krenz
8303 County Road O
Wausau, WI 54401

Classes for Pre-K through Grade 7; Grade 8 children are welcome to serve as helpers. For more information, call Pastor Willitz, 715-675-3751, or Pastor DeGier, 715-536-6588.



*9:00 - 11:30 a.m. * July 22 - 26, 2019 * Town of Berlin Center*

Parent(s) name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Pupil name(s): _____ Entering grade: _____

_____ Entering grade: _____

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Does your child have any allergies or medical conditions? Please explain them here:

SHARING THE SAVIOR: If you plan to bring neighbors and/or relatives, please give us an estimate of the total number of students and what grades they will be entering.

*Grace Lutheran-Maine, Wausau * St. Paul's Lutheran-Naugart, Athens * Trinity Lutheran-Berlin, Merrill*

Trinity Family Campout

Trinity-Berlin is hosting a family campout June 28-30 in their church woods. We are welcome to join them for a few days of family fun and fellowship. Call Pastor DeGier for more information at 715-536-6588

