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

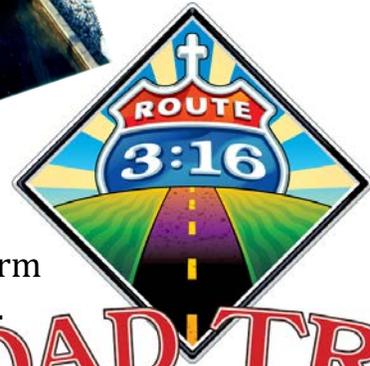


## Vacation Bible School 2022

will take us on a road trip across America! We'll travel to fun and fascinating destinations 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 journey with us July 25-29 at the Berlin Center. Classes will be held from 9:00-11:30 a.m. for grades Pre-K through 6.



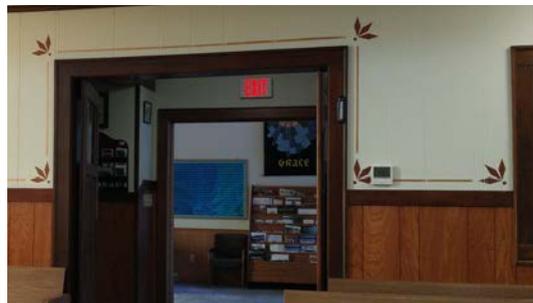
**ROAD TRIP**  
Vacation Bible School



Sanctuary Art



The sanctuary art project at Grace has been completed, and it's a beautiful addition to our worship area! Thank you to the Levich family for providing the paint and supplies, to Tim Hahn for lending his scaffold (as well as assembling and disassembling it), and to Dawn Willitz for designing and painting.



## July St. Paul's Greeters

- July 3**  
Dan & Rita Pittsley
- July 10**  
Ben Krenz
- July 17**  
Gene & Sharon Bartelt
- July 24**  
Joy Taylor
- July 31**  
DuWayne Zamzow

## St. Paul's Financial Update

May Income:	\$ 6,865.05
May Disbursements:	\$ 8,834.11
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 2,002.00
<i>(2022-2023, begun July 1, 2021)</i>	
YTD NLHS Offerings:	\$ 2,255.00
2021 NLHS Commitment:	\$ 4,500.00
NLHS Debt Reduction:	\$ 2,510.00
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 2,024.00
2021 Mission Goal:	\$ 3,800.00
Window/Soffit Project:	\$ 3,921.00
Goal:	\$ 22,000.00
Good Samaritan Fund:	\$ 1,340.00

## Grace Financial Update

May Income:	\$ 7,727.71
May Disbursements:	\$ 8,268.55
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 2,559.00
2021 Mission Goal:	\$ 5,200.00
Percentage of Goal:	41.21%
Parsonage Garage:	\$ 3,285.00
Garage Goal:	\$ 20,000.00
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 4,065.32
NLHS:	\$ 64.00

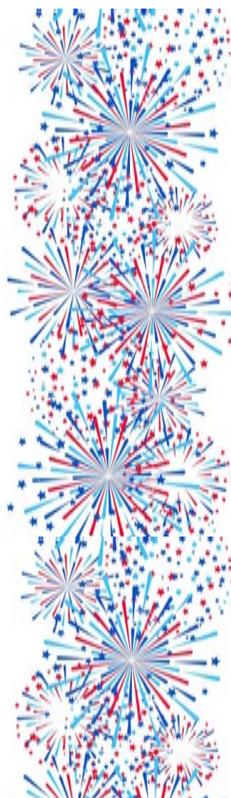
# Wildcat Open!



The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Wildcat Open will be held Saturday, August 13, at the Pine Valley Gold Course in Marathon. This golf outing benefits the Northland Lutheran High School Athletic and STEM programs. Please see the poster and flyers on the back table for registration information.



PACE has purchased 20 tickets for the Wisconsin Woodchucks game on Sunday, July 31. Gates open at 12:05 pm, and First Pitch is at 1:05. Tickets cost \$13: this includes a hot dog and a small fountain soda or water. Sign up sheets can be found in the back at each church, and please let DuWayne Zamzow know you're coming at [dhzamzow@outlook.com](mailto:dhzamzow@outlook.com) or 715-571-7275.



## Kindness Appreciated

It is our custom at St. Paul's to send thank you notes to visitors at our services (thank you, Joline!). We may wonder if this effort has any effect. A couple months ago, we were visited by a professor from Germany; recently DuWayne Zamzow received this reply to our note:

*Dear DuWayne,  
Two days ago, I received a very nice postcard from St. Paul's Church. I was really very glad to learn that I am remembered there. As no person signed (the card was in the name of the congregation), I wanted to ask you to give everybody my very best regards on Sunday. You guys are also not forgotten in Freiburg, Germany.*

Christian kindness and hospitality are godly virtues, and the effort is never wasted!

God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand through storm and night!  
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, do thou our country save by thy great might.

For her our prayers shall rise to God above the skies; on him we wait.  
Thou who are ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye, to thee aloud we cry, "God, save the state!"

**"When you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me." 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.

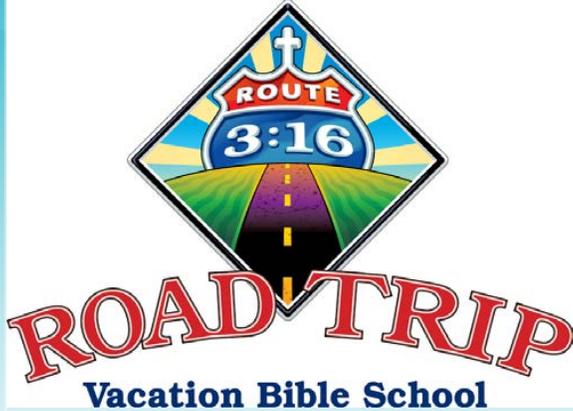
James the Lesser likely died in Egypt by stoning and a beating with a club. Bartholomew (Nathaniel) brought the Word to India, possibly leaving them a text of Matthew's gospel. He is said to have been flayed alive and beheaded while preaching in Armenia.

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



**July 25-29, 2022    9:00-11:30 a.m.**  
**Berlin Center        Grades Pre-K-6**

## VBS Registration

Parent(s) name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Pupil name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Entering grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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Medical conditions? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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