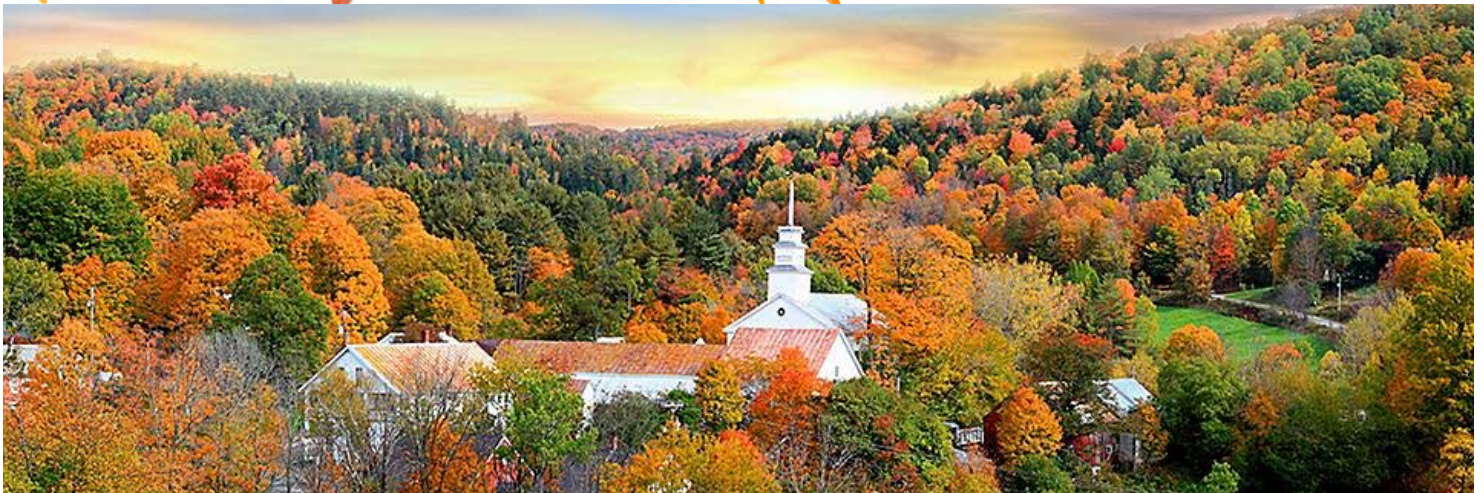


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COMING TOGETHER TO LEARN, LIVE, AND SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST



*Yes, you will go out with joy, and in peace you will be carried along.
The mountains and the hills will break out in shouts of joy before you,
and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12*

Christmas Wreath Workshops

We shall soon see November approaching, and with that come our Wreath Workshops! Please watch bulletins for the wreath flyers, by which you can indicate when you can help with assembly, and also place your wreath orders. Workshops are again held at Jalaine Woller's shed, 245404 Sunny Hill Lane, Merrill. The work is enjoyable when we have a good crew, and there is always a hot meal provided! These are the workshop times:



Saturday, Nov. 11:
9 am - 12 pm & 12 pm - 3 pm
Monday, Nov. 13:
2 - 5:30 pm & 5:30 - 8 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 15:
2 - 5:30 pm & 5:30 - 8 pm
Thursday, Nov. 16(if needed):
2 - 5:30 pm & 5:30 - 8 pm

Wreath sizes and cost:

20" - \$20 30" - \$32 42" - \$50

Help with wiring pinecones and making bows is needed before Nov. 11; please call Jalaine about pinecones at 715-536-2928; call DuWayne about bows at 715-571-7275

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St. Paul's Greeters

Grace Ushers

October 1

Dan & Rita Pittsley D Blaubach, J Sturm

October 8

Gene & Sharon Bartelt S Christian, Bryce Blaubach

October 15

Joy Taylor Bob Blaubach, Breck Blaubach

October 22

DuWayne Zamzow M Fasse, K Zellner

October 29

Mark & Joline Bartelt J Neumann, G Pagel



Grace Financial Update

August Income:	\$ 6,727.38
August Disbursements:	\$ 6,256.86
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 4,066.00
2023 Mission Goal:	\$ 5,500.00
Percentage of Goal:	73.93%
Parsonage Garage:	\$ 4,755.00
Garage Goal:	\$ 20,000.00
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 5,550.32
NLHS:	\$ 145.00



St. Paul's Financial Update

August Income:	\$ 8,461.00
August Disbursements:	\$ 5,459.01
Hurtis Heating & Air	\$ 11,980.00
YTD NLHS Offerings:	\$ 4,470.00
2023 NLHS Commitment:	\$ 4,750.00
NLHS Debt Reduction:	\$ 5,859.70
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 3,701.00
2023 Mission Goal:	\$ 4,000.00
Good Samaritan Fund:	\$ 840.00

FALL 7:00 p.m., October 20

CONCERT

Northland Lutheran High School

WELS YOUTH NIGHT

- Sunday, October 22
- 5:00-8:30 p.m.
- NLHS
- Grades 8 - 12



Wausau area WELS teens and their friends are invited to our first WELS Youth Night of the year. This year Youth Nights have a revamped format, but the same great pizza! In October we are excited to have not just some time in God's Word together, but also spend time with Bob Ross painting some Happy Trees! There will also be "Bob Ross" themed prizes, so you don't want to miss this event. Admission is free; teens are encouraged to invite a friend. While the event is at Northland, it is not just for Northland students. We encourage teens to sign up soon so we can prepare well in advance; space could be limited if you wait too long. Sign up today: go to mysaintpeter.org/wels-youth-night



DON'T LISTEN TO THOSE ANGELS!

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

On October 31 we celebrate Reformation. The Lord through his servant Martin Luther graciously restored to his Church the true preaching and teaching of the gospel.

Martin Luther stated that his favorite Epistle in the Bible was the book of Galatians. That is because Galatians was written to defend the gospel, which was under severe attack. The Christians in Galatia were being told that they had to keep the law in order to gain salvation.

Through inspiration of the Holy Spirit the Apostle Paul defended the true gospel when he wrote to the churches in Galatia. He forcefully explained that Christ Jesus fully earned salvation for us. We are not saved by anything that we could do, but by God's grace alone, through faith alone.

Martin Luther, of course, had to defend the gospel in his day, just as Paul had in his. And we need to just as much today. People like to hear the message that they can somehow gain salvation for themselves. But that destroys the gospel.

One of the most striking passages in Galatians is chapter 1 verse 8: "But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!"

It would be impossible for an angel from heaven to preach a gospel other than the one in the Bible, for the angels in heaven always see the face of God the Father. [Matthew 18:10] The holy angels always do God's bidding, obey his word, and do his will. [Psalm 103:20,21]

Yet how often have people thought that angels were speaking to them a different message! This is how many false religions came about (Mormonism, Islam, etc.). How often are people led to focus on dreams and visions instead of upon God's word! How often are people led astray by messages contrary to the gospel on Christian radio, or in books from Christian bookstores, or materials from who knows where! They might think they're listening to angels. But if their message does not agree with the Bible, those angels are not from heaven, and we shouldn't call them angels. They're demons from hell trying to lead people away from the gospel.

When people get sidetracked from the gospel they often stop gathering with fellow believers and coming to church to hear the true word of God. That is so sad, for the Bible is the one place where God and the angels from heaven truly speak to them.

How important it is that we regularly gather at church to worship, and hear and study the true word of God, and that we study it at home in our daily devotions. Let us cling to our Reformation heritage: Scripture Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone -- The Gospel!

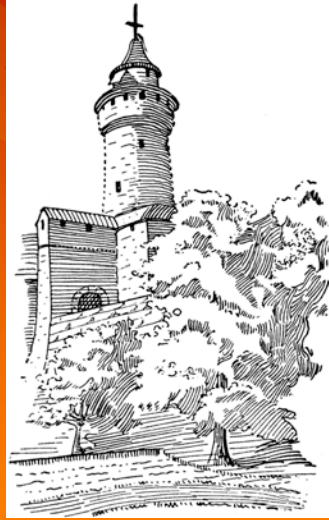
Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Willitz

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A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.



With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

Tho' Devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged, the deed is done.
One little Word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With his good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.



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