

NOVEMBER 2022

NOTATIONS

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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. The following measurements are approximate finished diameters of wreaths.

20" - \$20 30" - \$32 42" - \$50 55" - \$65

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. 5: 9 am - 12 pm & 12 pm - 3 pm
Monday, Nov. 7: 2 - 5:30 pm & 5:30 - 8 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 9: 2 - 5:30 pm & 5:30 - 8 pm
Thursday, Nov. 10: 2 - 5:30 pm & 5:30 - 8 pm

Help with wiring pinecones and making bows is needed before Nov. 5; please call Jalaine about pinecones at 715-536-2928; call DuWayne about bows at 715-571-7275.



Thanksgiving

Joins us for our annual Thanksgiving Eve service, 6:30 p.m. on November 23. This year we will worship at Grace.

God has been so good to all of us: we have abundant earthly blessings, and live in relative wealth. But above all, he sent his Son to live our life perfectly, and to die the death we deserved. Achieving that, he raised our Jesus from the dead guaranteeing that we, too, will live again after death with him in our eternal Home.

Come, you thankful people, come!
Raise the song of harvest home.

November St. Paul's Greeters

November 6

Dan & Rita Pittsley

November 13

Ben Krenz

November 20

Gene & Sharon Bartelt

November 27

Joy Taylor



TIME CHANGE!



Set your clocks **BACK**
ONE HOUR Saturday
evening, November 5!

Grace Financial Update

September Income:	\$ 6,120.69
Sept Disbursements:	\$ 8,412.57
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 4,408.00
2022 Mission Goal:	\$ 5,200.00
Percentage of Goal:	84.77%
Parsonage Garage:	\$ 3,470.00
Garage Goal:	\$ 20,000.00
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 4,215.32
NLHS:	\$ 114.00

St. Paul's Financial Update

September Income:	\$ 5,026.00
Sept Disbursements:	\$ 6,138.09
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 105.00
<i>(2023-2024, begun July 1, 2022)</i>	
YTD NLHS Offerings:	\$ 3,940.00
'22 NLHS Commitment:	\$ 4,500.00
NLHS Debt Reduction:	\$ 3,450.00
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 3,453.00
2022 Mission Goal:	\$ 3,800.00
Good Samaritan Fund:	\$ 1,340.00

Welcome, New Members!

Grace welcomes two new members into our congregation:

- ✝ Kevin Zellner was confirmed on October 2; and
- ✝ Michael Fasse transferred to us from Our Savior.

We are so glad you have joined our family in the faith.



PACE

Our PACE group will meet on Tuesday, November 8, at 7:00 pm at Grace. All are welcome to come; PACE is an organization of members from Grace, St. Paul's, and Trinity-Berlin which plans and conducts VBS, workshops, and outings for all of us.

Choir

Our parish choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, November 16 at 8:00 p.m., at Grace. We encourage all who love to sing to join us!



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR THE CAPSTONE

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever...The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things! The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!" I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done....I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it....Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalm 118, selected verses

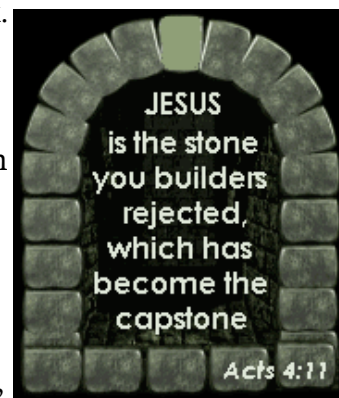
Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's and Grace,

Indeed, we have much for which to give thanks this Thanksgiving, blessings in our lives, our families, our congregations. But we especially give thanks for the Lord's spiritual and eternal blessings, the CAPSTONE of all good things.

When the Greeks and Romans built their wonders of architecture, how carefully they chose the stones to put into place. It's most essential when building a stone structure to put the right stone in the right place. In the case of an arch the most important stone is top center, the capstone. Pull that stone out and the whole structure collapses.

The greatest work of architecture is God's eternal church, and the all-important capstone is Christ Jesus. One would not choose Jesus as the capstone, for in this world of riches he is too poor, in this world of glory he is too bowed down in shame, in this world of power he appears too weak.

He is the stone the builders rejected. The religious leaders who should have been building God's church crucified the Son of God, the Lord of Glory. By so doing, they were, unaware, putting the capstone into place. For in his suffering and death on the cross Jesus established his Church by paying the price for the sins of the world. Victorious over our sin, death and hell, God the Father raised him from the dead. He has become the capstone. He died to live, as he declares in our Psalm: "I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done." He was lost to the cross and grave to be saved, as he affirms in our Psalm, "The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation....I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation." Because our victor said those things as our substitute, it is appropriate and accurate for us to say them of ourselves.



And so, not only November 24, but every day is a day of thanksgiving, a day of rejoicing. Especially we thank the Lord for his salvation, that one day he will take us from this world of sorrows to himself in heaven. And we also rejoice in the earthly blessings he so freely grants us day by day. "This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it....Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Willitz

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:
We lay it before you;
We kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name;
Glad praises we sing.

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Blessed Thanksgiving!

