

Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 8am, Matins [Guest Pastor]

9:15-10am, Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

10:15am, Divine Service

1-4pm Parish Hall is being used

Monday: [Wyneken Spring break this week]

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study

Wednesday: 6pm Adult Choir

7pm Wednesday Lenten Service [Seminarian Nathaniel Jensen preaching]

Thursday:

Friday: [Pastor returns this evening]

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 8am, Divine Service

9:15am, Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

10:15am, Matins

NEWS AND NOTES April 2, 2017

⊕ During Communion distribution, the Communion hymn is sung. As long as people are still communing, the next consecutive hymns in the hymnal are sung. We do not stand for doxological hymn verses during Communion distribution.

⊕ We welcome Rev. Richard Lammert as our guest pastor today. Rev. Lammert is Technical Services Librarian at the Ft. Wayne seminary. May the Lord bless Rev. Lammert here today and as he serves the Lord at the seminary.

⊕ During the 40 days of Lent we will have our special 7pm services every Wednesday. We will be following the theme: *The Salutory Gift: Lent Meditations on the Lord's Supper*. This Wednesday our brief Homily will consider: *The Marriage Feast*.

⊕ With a view toward this year being the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Early Bird Bible Study is studying the profoundly Biblical Augsburg Confession. This Bible Study meets every Tuesday 6-7am, and is open to anyone desiring to attend. It is taught by the three "Wyneken" pastors (Brege, Dahling, Brock).

⊕ This Friday Pastor Brege is scheduled to return from vacation. If there is an urgent situation before he returns, call one of our local LC-MS pastors (e.g. Dahling, Brock, Voorman, Wierschmidt). If there is a death or other such extremely urgent situation, contact our secretary, Lynn Brege, and she can get in touch with Pastor.

⊕ **YOUTH NEWS:** **April 9:** Spring Youth & Parent Informational meeting 6:30pm

in the Bingen Parish Hall. **April 15:** 9am Set up for Easter Breakfast/Lazer Tag at Noon/Easter Vigil Service 8pm. **April 16:** Serve Easter Breakfast (check times). **April 17:** Reformation 500 Movie Night at Carmike Cinemas. **April 30:** FUNdraiser Benefit 3:30pm. **June 3:** Kickball Tournament Fundraiser at Wyneken 10am. **June 11-17:** 8th Grade Alpha Retreat at Camp Arcadia. **June 18-22:** "A Mighty Fortress" Vacation Bible School at Wyneken. **June 24-July 1:** HS Youth Mission Trip & Higher Things Youth Conf. in San Antonio, TX. There is a copy of the OASIS calendar in today's bulletin. More copies are available in the narthex.

⊕ Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. On Maundy Thursday at 7pm we will consider our Lord's institution of Holy Communion, and celebrate it. Continuing with our Lenten theme we will consider *The Covenant Meal*. On Good Friday at 7pm we again uniquely commemorate our Savior's death by joining in a Tenebrae Service. Our brief meditations will consider the instruments of our Savior's suffering and their significance for us. At 8pm on Holy Saturday we join other members of our Decatur Circuit in the Easter Vigil at St. John, Bingen. This very ancient service reminds us of Christ's resurrection relative both to Old Testament texts and to our Baptism. On Easter we will celebrate our Lord's resurrection with a sunrise service (6am) and another Feast of the Resurrection service at 9am. The youth-served Easter breakfast will be from around 7:15am to 8:30am.

⊕ Vacation Bible School Organizational meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 20 at 7pm in the Wyneken Algebra room. All youth & adult volunteers are asked to attend this meeting. The dates for VBS are June 18-22, 2017.

⊕ Our Wyneken parents who attend worship here with their Wyneken children are reminded to initial their column on the special books in the narthex. Recall that each family with their Wyneken children must attend at least 14 services at the church to retain their member tuition status.

⊕ Worship for Shut-Ins Scripture Readings and Sermon Summary for April 9 2017 - Sixth Sunday in Lent. Psalm 118:19-29; Epistle: Phil. 2:5-11; Gospel: John 12:12-19. **"Palm Sunday Exclamation"** - Sermon Text: John 12:13b by Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege, St. Paul Lutheran Church ~ Decatur, IN. On Palm Sunday the people shouted a profound exclamation: They were quoting from the Old Testament, they were labeling the work that Jesus was about to perform, and they were describing Christ's work among us now through Word and Sacrament: "Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord."

⊕ **Reminder:** As agreed by the Voters, the Elders and Church Council will meet on **TUESDAY**, April 18, at 6pm and 7pm. The quarterly Voters Meeting will be on **Wednesday**, April 19, at 7pm.

⊕ **Praise Be to God! and Congratulations!** We celebrate with Mrs. Julie Smith

(Grade 6 teacher) for **10 years** of faithful service in the teaching ministry and with Ms. Rebecca Klenke (Resource teacher) for **40 years** of faithful service in the teaching ministry! Praise be to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for faithful teachers who serve at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. All past and current Wyneken families and students are invited to a celebration for Ms. Rebecca Klenke's teaching 40th anniversary dinner and open house to be held on Sunday, April 23, 11:30am, in the Wyneken cafetorium. Fellowship will begin at 11:30am with lunch being served at 12pm.

⊕ Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School Board is seeking a part-time Business Assistant to serve up to 20 hours per week. This salaried position provides coordination of the business affairs and management of financial resources of Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. Interested individuals should have a degree in business, finance, accounting, or equivalent work experience and should be able to begin their on-site role at the start of July 2017. For more information please contact Mr. Andrew Gavrun (school principal) at 260-639-6177) or principal@wyneken.org. Applicants should submit resume with cover letter by April 18, 2017.

⊕ New Hope Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time preschool director/teacher. If you are interested in this opportunity to share the love of Christ with 3-5 year old children and their families, please call the New Hope church office at 260-622-7954 or send a resume and cover letter to New Hope Lutheran Church, 8824 N. SR 1 Ossian, IN 46777.

⊕ On April 23 at 4pm the mixed seminary choir (Schola Cantorum) will offer the Easter Choral Vespers. All are welcome to this uplifting, Christ-centered presentation.

⊕ A FUNdraiser benefitting Oasis Lutheran Youth Fellowship will be held Sunday, April 30, 2017 in the Wyneken Cafetorium. The Euchre tournament begins at 3:30pm with silent auction, Germany trip presentation, and Spaghetti dinner at 5:30pm. Pre-sale tickets are \$18.00 per person or 2 for \$35.00. Tickets will be available for purchase on Sunday mornings from the youth planning team or by contacting Mr. Horning: (260) 301-1496 or brianhorning@stjohnbingen.com

⊕ Cross Connections is offering a support group for Christian parents of adult children identifying as LGBTQ. Parents are invited to come together in a confidential and safe atmosphere for hope and encouragement. Each month, Cross Connections will provide resources for parents to develop relationships with their sons and daughters. The next meeting will take place Monday April 10th, 6:30-7:30pm at Cross Connections, 4618 E. State Blvd., Suite 2300 (East State Professional Park). This group will continue to meet every 2nd Monday of each month. Those interested are asked to contact Cross Connections at 260-373-0213, ext. 101.

⊕ Pastor Brege would like to begin another Adult Instruction Class. This class is for

Saint Paul Lutheran Church Preble

Sermon: "Jesus Raised Lazarus from the Dead" John 11:1ff

P: Lord, in your mercy **C:** Hear our prayer.

The Communicants

Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

The Nation

Hospitalized: Hank Gallmeyer at IU-Med, Indianapolis

Our Sick & Shut-in

Birthdays: Spencer Gilbert, Madalyn Fravel, Nathan Reinking, Stephanie Ehlerding, Pam Smith, Lynn Brege, Jon Skaggs, Sarah Reinhart, Angie Vogel

SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

8am Worship: 117 10:15am Worship: 104

Adult Bible Class: 66 Midweek Worship: 62

Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,181.70 Received Last Week: \$8,845.60

(+) or (-) Weekly: + \$1,663.90 (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$24,766.22

both members and non-members. For members this class would be for review and for a deeper understanding of what we believe. This class would enable non-members to find out what we believe and confess, and thus enable them to determine if they desire to join our church. A church should not be joined like a club, but a person should become a member only if they agree with what that church teaches. Contact Pastor Brege if you are interested in such a class (547-4176), and let him know what day and time would work best.

⊕ 2017-18 School Enrollment: Enrollment forms for the 2017-18 school-year were due to the school by MARCH 10. As of Monday, March 6, the Prekindergarten morning class is FULL (14 students). Any new prekindergarten enrollments will be put in the afternoon class. The Preschool has a maximum class size of 12 children per session (Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday morning only). You will be notified after our return from spring break of your acceptance in to the preschool – prekindergarten programs and in which class your child has been placed. Please return your enrollment forms right away as we need to know numbers for next year.

⊕ Once again our Ladies Aid will have a Gently Used Sale and Bake Sale, Friday, [April 21st](#) from 8am -4pm, and [Saturday, April 22nd](#) from 8am - 11am. Noodles will also be available for purchase. Please wait to bring donations until after second service on April 16th.

⊕ Please join Zion-Friedheim Church for a trip to our nation's capital, Washington, D. C. It will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit one of the most historic and scenic cities that our country has to offer. Reservations are sure to fill up quickly, so make yours today and don't miss out.

⊕ Don't miss this special event: a one-time showing of the NEW Martin Luther film & an optional Q & A Panel Discussion which will be held Monday, April 17th from 6:30-8:40pm at the Carmike 20 (3930 E. Dupont Rd. Ft. Wayne - near Parkview North). All tickets must be purchased in advance. Visit the St. John, Bingen website and click on the movie event link to reserve and purchase your tickets. Over 100 tickets have already been purchased.

⊕ Dear Friends: We are thankful for so many blessings here at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School! We are grateful for the many gifts our Lord grants to us in this life: His forgiveness, our Savior – Jesus, our family, friends, home, health, safety, and for you as a supporter of our School! A couple months ago, our school board elected to purchase bleacher handrails for our gymnasium in the hopes of providing additional safety for those attending sporting events and other activities in our school gym. It is the hope of our school board to raise \$7,500 to cover non-budgeted expenses to help offset the purchase and installation of these new bleacher handrails. Hopefully these railings will provide much needed support and assistance for many individuals for

years to come. Would you prayerfully consider making a donation to help offset the purchase and installation of these railings for our gymnasium? If interested in making a financial contribution toward the project, you may direct any funds to the school office with “bleacher railings” written on the envelope. Thank you again for your continued prayers and support!

⊕ The joint LLL/LWML Spring Rally of the Decatur Zone will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ossian on Sunday, April 23 at 3:00 P. M. The speaker for the rally will be Rev. Peter Brock. Rev. Brock is Pastor at St. John, Bingen. Rev. Brock will be speaking to us about his teaching experiences working with Christ's people in Tanzania, East Africa and Ghana, West Africa. The business meetings for the LLL and LWML will follow Pastor Brock's presentation with a light lunch following.

⊕ "Dear Friends: On behalf of Concordia Theological Seminary I thank you for your recent donation. Gifts, such as yours, allow us to provide the finest theological education to the future pastors, deaconesses, and missionaries who will serve The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and our partner churches worldwide. I thank God for you and ask for your continued support. Together we partner in an essential mission of forming servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all. Your servant in Christ, Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr., President"

⊕ Spring 2017, Rummage Sale - St. John Lutheran Church, Flatrock, 12912 Franke Road in the Gymnasium Friday, [April 28](#), 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, [April 29](#), 8 a.m. - noon. Bag and Bulk Sale on [Saturday](#) morning: \$3.00 a bag or all you can carry per person in one trip for \$6. Priced items not included in bag or bulk sale.

⊕ A friendly reminder: Please turn off all the lights in the church if you are the last one here; this includes the basement and restrooms also.

⊕ "Prayer list" for members to use as they bring the needs of others before God's throne of grace: Carol Bieberich' cancer has returned; Cathy Terhune (nee Jeffrey) has miraculously shown improvement!; Bonnie Gallmeyer; Ruth Brege; Hank Gallmeyer.

⊕ How precious has the Lord made each human body! He designates them as residences for His own Spirit. He purposes each one to participate in His everlasting life through His Son's resurrection (Romans 8:11). We have the privilege of reflecting His blessing by respecting our body and protecting our neighbor's body. *Almighty Maker, bring about in us Your value and reverence for life in the body. Amen.*

⊕ The lessons for next Sunday are Isaiah 50:4-9a; Phil. 2:5-11; John 12:12-19.