

### Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 8am, Divine Service  
9:15-10am, Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
10:15am, Matins  
6:30pm Spring Youth and Parent Informational meeting (Bingen Parish Hall)

Monday:

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study

Wednesday: 7pm Adult Choir

Thursday: 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday: 7pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service

8pm Easter Breakfast set up

Saturday: Noon OASIS Youth Lazer Tag (see notes)

8pm Easter Vigil Service (at St. John, Bingen)

Next Sunday: 6am, Easter Sunrise Divine Service

7:15-8:30am Easter Breakfast served by the youth and parents

9am, Easter Divine Service

### **NEWS AND NOTES April 9, 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.

⊕ Our sister in Christ, Bernita Haines, departed this life on April 1. Her funeral was April 7. We rejoice in our Good Shepherd who laid down his life and took it up again in resurrection, so that we, united with Him in our Baptism, would be certain of everlasting life.

⊕ Today 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.

⊕ Next Sunday, Easter Sunday, 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.

⊕ **EASTER BREAKFAST:** We are still in need of food donations for our Easter breakfast, scheduled between Easter morning services (7:15-8:30am). Please see the sign up sheets located at the back of church. This has primarily been a youth event (anyone in grades 6-12) but we will gladly accept donations from anyone in the congregation. Food items will need to be dropped off prior to the start of the breakfast. We will also need help setting up, serving and cleaning up on Easter Sunday. Youth who will be attending the 9am service are asked to come for set up and serving the first half and those attending the Sunrise service are asked to help serve the second half and to clean up. This event can not be a success without the help of many individuals. There will be no set up scheduled for Saturday morning but anyone interested in helping to prepare and decorate the tables can do so Friday evening after the Good Friday service. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Faurote (223-1509). Thank you for your help as we look forward to the joyous celebration of our Lord's Resurrection!

⊕ 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 (Bregge, Dahling, Brock).

⊕ **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. Copies of the OASIS calendar are available in the narthex.

⊕ 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 16 2017 - The Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Day. Psalm 118:15-29; Epistle: Acts 10:34-43; Gospel: Matt. 28:1-10. **"This Is The Day!"** - Sermon Text: Psalm 118:24 by Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Ahlsmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church ~ Ft. Wayne, IN. Can you

point to one day that changed the entire course of your life? Absolutely! Jesus' Easter Sunday victory over death has changed your eternity as well as how you face each day of your life. "THIS IS THE DAY that the Lord has made" is a hope-filled, joy-filled reality because Jesus Christ IS risen!

⊕ Reminder: 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.

⊕ 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

## Saint Paul Lutheran Church Preble

Sermon: "Palm Sunday Exclamation" John 12:12-19

- I. The Palm Sunday crowd chanted to Jesus from Psalm 118.
  - A. Arguably this was the most commonly spoken Psalm of the Jews.
  - B. It is a Psalm that predicts the Savior.
- II. The Palm Sunday crowd spoke of His current work.
  - A. Hosanna...Save, Now!
  - B. Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.
- III. The Palm Sunday crowd spoke of His continuing work.
  - A. Hosanna: "Save Now" we still say.
  - B. Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

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

*The Communicants*

*Death:* Bernita Haines

*Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

*The Nation*

*Our Sick & Shut-in*

*Birthdays:* Randy Merriman, Matt Macke Jr., Alan Zimmerman, Skyler Steiner, Will Fisher, Karley Hockemeyer, Alex Shady, Kim Vitatoe, Sophia Brege, Cheryl Reinking, Mike Hoffman

## SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

8am Worship: 85    10:15am Worship: 118

Adult Bible Class: 48    Midweek Worship: N/A

Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,181.70    Received Last Week: \$4,959.60

(+) or (-) Weekly: -\$2,222.10    (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$26,988.32

& 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.

⊕ 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](mailto: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 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.

⊕ 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.

⊕ 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.

⊕ On Saturday, April 29th, we will be spreading mulch around the church. If you would like to help with this project, please contact Brian Steiner (547-4310).

⊕ A friendly reminder: If you would like to place flowers on the altar for a special occasion or just because, please sign your name on the flower chart located in the entryway of church. Those ladies assigned to a particular month (noted on the calendar) can help you with any questions you may have concerning altar flowers.

⊕ "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.

⊕ In affirming life, we aim not to establish superiority but to deliver salvation. Jesus' servant Gospel forgives us, and redeeming others requires nothing different. We approach both defensive and desperate hearts with this same graceful humility and grateful compassion which He has given us (Philippians 2:6-8). *Dear Savior, renew my heart, mind, and conduct with Your unconditional love. Amen.*

⊕ The lessons for next Sunday are (6am) Exodus 14:10-15:1; I Cor. 15:1-11; John 20:1-18. (9am) Acts. 10:34-43 (or Jer. 31:1-6); Col. 3:1-4; Matt. 28:1-10.