

Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 9am, Matins with Baptism

10:15am meeting with 7th & 8th graders with parents

Noon-3pm Middle School Youth Back to School Bash (see notes)

Monday:

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study

Wednesday: 8:20am Wyneken Chapel

Thursday: 9:30-11am Circuit Pastors' Exegetical Study

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 9am, Divine Service

NEWS AND NOTES August 27, 2017

⊕ All 7th and 8th grade children in our congregation, with their parents, will be meeting with Pastor after the worship service on August 27th to discuss the upcoming year of Catechism. Public School 6th graders and their parents may join in the meeting if parents are choosing the option of having their 6th grader in class for three years of Catechism.

⊕ Yes, the Reformation is observed October 31st; Yes, Oktoberfest is in October. However we in the Decatur Circuit are getting a jump on these events as we hold our Reformation & Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 3pm-midnight at the Hoagland Pavilion and Grounds. We will begin with a Divine Service with Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, the LC-MS President as preacher. There will also be German food (\$3.00 for children 10 & under; \$5.00 for adults) and drinks (cost for beer and wine), polka and square dancing, family-friendly education stations, and Reformation 500 merchandise. (All event proceeds will fund the LC-MS Germany Wittenberg Project mission offering) If you would like to make a donation (businesses in particular) to the Reformation Celebration and Oktoberfest, please pick up a contribution form located at the back of church. Make checks out to "Decatur Circuit Reformation 500". Set this date aside and don't miss this celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation!

⊕ With the Reformation Service and Oktoberfest a special meal will be offered. The event and celebration are free. However if you want to attend the special meal, tickets for this meal can be purchased at any time from Tim Ehlerding, who is our congregation's representative for this celebration. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under. We will speak briefly about this in today's announcements.

⊕ September 9th Circuit Reformation 500 Event Parking Volunteers: The circuit

youth groups are taking shifts to serve as parking attendants at the Reformation 500 Service & Oktoberfest. Oasis has been asked to help with the last shift from 10:30pm-Midnight. We need both high school youth and parents to assist. Please contact Brian Horning if you are willing to help.

⊕ As again decided by the Voters Assembly, we will be returning to two Sunday services (8am & 10:15am) on September 10th. This will also be the first Sunday for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. Praise God for these opportunities to grow in God's Word!

⊕ 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 Wyneken child(ren) and their families must attend at least 14 services at the church to retain their member tuition status.

⊕ YOUTH NEWS: H. S. Youth Nights: **8/27** beginning at 6:30pm at the Horning's house. **8/27th:** Middle School Youth Back to School Bash at Pine Lake Waterpark. **Noon-3:30pm.** Cost is \$7.00 per person and adult drivers are free! Meet at St. Paul. Adult chaperones and drivers are needed. Contact Mr. Horning if you can help. 6:30pm H.S Youth Night **9/3, (9/10 TBA due to Reformation 500 Event Clean-up) 9/17, 10/1** in the Youth Room (Bingen Parish Hall Basement); **9/9** 10:30pm-Midnight Circuit Reformation 500 Event Parking Volunteers. Copies of the event calendar are in the narthex on the credenza.

⊕ Mark your calendars for September 16th, this fall. Lutherans for Life is holding their Regional Conference at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, on that Saturday. The theme is "Hope for Life!" Go to: www.lutheransforlife.org/conference to register, and get more info.

⊕ In lieu of a one day summer cleaning, anyone willing to volunteer a little time to help with some extra cleaning, please contact our custodian, Jamie Miller (547-4229). Thank you greatly!

⊕ We will be making noodles September 11-13 beginning at 7am. All are welcome to attend. Come when you can and stay as long as you can.

⊕ Golf Outing - Save the date! The Wyneken class of 2019 is sponsoring this year's golf fundraiser for the Washington D. C. trip. The outing is Sunday, September 17. Golf will begin at noon followed by a dinner at 5pm. Carry-outs will be available for those who would like to contribute but are not able to play golf. We are also looking for hole sponsors and prize donations. Contact any member of the class of 2019 to sign up. For questions, contact Mike Macke at 260-517-3605 or by email at mfm333kl@yahoo.com

⊕ The LWML SRD Workshop will be held at St. John, Bingen on September 17, 2017 beginning at 3pm. There are 26 quilts made from donated material that need to be finished, so lots of helpers are needed. Please bring scissors and, if possible, a large eyed needle. An evening meal will be served.

⊕ The *Portals of Prayer* Devotional Booklets are ready to be picked up. They are located in the basket on the credenza in the narthex. Continue in God's Word through the week by having regular family devotions.

⊕ The LLL/LWML Rally will be held at Zion, Friedheim on October 15, 2017 beginning at 3pm. The speaker is Otto Brillinger who has done mission work in Lithuania and outreach to over 30,000 Lithuanians who migrated to Spain in the Valencia region. A meal will be served.

⊕ "Prayer list" for members to use as they bring the needs of others before God's throne of grace: Carol Bieberich; Cathy Terhune has miraculously shown improvement; Penny Smith.

⊕ Utilizing death to address disappointment makes sense to our sinful minds. Certain circumstances don't feel worth living, and God's ways often seem unsearchable (Romans 11:33). Yet even amid pain the very gates of hell cannot prevail against Christ's righteous will (Matthew 16:18-19, Isaiah 51:5). His Gospel alone comforts what all others dismiss as waste places (Isaiah 51:3). *Son of the Living God, transform our people into Your heavenly kingdom by renewing our minds in Christ. Amen.*

⊕ The lessons for next Sunday are Jer. 15:15-21; Romans 12:9-21; Matt. 16:21-28.

Saint Paul Lutheran Church Preble

Sermon: "Present Your Body As A Living Sacrifice" Romans 12:1-3

- I. Why can you present your body to God?
 - A. Because of Christ's incarnation and bodily life.
 - B. Because of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.
 - C. Because you are united to Christ's body in Baptism.
- II. How can you present your body as a *living* sacrifice?
(Some indeed present their bodies as a *dying* sacrifice!)
 - A. By bodily receiving Word/Sacrament (note: Paul is describing worship)
 - B. By the moral life you live in your body.
 - C. By using your body to help others.

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

Anniversary: Ken and Marlene Schueler celebrate their 60th! Altar flowers praise God for this.

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Our Sick & Shut-in:

Birthdays: Austin Comer, Matt Walters

SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

9am: 204

Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,181.70 Received Last Week: \$17,076.00

(+) or (-) Weekly: +\$9,894.30 (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$54,803.50