

Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 8am, Divine Service

9:15am Sunday School Christmas practice and Adult Bible Class

10:15am, Matins (with Baptism)

Monday: 6pm HS Youth meet in Youth Room (Bingen Parish Hall Basement)

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study

9am & 1pm Kinderchapel

9:30am-4pm Circuit Pastors meeting at the Seminary

Wednesday: 8:20am Wyneken Chapel

2:40pm Pastor Brege has Bible study with the Wyneken faculty

3:30pm Public School Catechism

6pm Adult Choir

7pm Advent Worship

Thursday: 9:30-11am Circuit Pastors Bible Study

7pm Wyneken School Board meeting

Friday:

Saturday: 6-7pm Private Confession in the Church

Next Sunday: 8am, Matins

9:15am Sunday School (FINAL Christmas Practice)& Adult Bible Class

10:15am, Divine Service

1-4pm Youth Christmas Caroling (see notes)

NEWS AND NOTES December 10, 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.

⊕ Today's opening hymn (344) is the Hymn of the Week. Our Wyneken children worked on stanza 1 this past week.

⊕ We rejoice together today as Colton Timothy Butcher is baptized into Christ after the opening hymn of the 10:15am service. Colton, born 11/17/17, is the son of Jared and Courtney (nee Hoffman), and his sponsor is Micah Borne. Brian Butcher will stand as official witness. May we each recall our baptism with great joy!

⊕ The following children celebrate baptism birthdays in the month of December: Tyson Minnich, Katelyn Borne, Katelyn Reinhart, Ashlyn Williams. In recognition of this they will be asked forward for a brief children's message at the beginning of the 10:15am service.

⊕ In Adult Bible Class we are studying the book of Hebrews. Join your brothers and

sisters in our discussion of God's Word, and join them also in refreshments which volunteers frequently provide for Bible Class hour.

⊕ Our Sunday School Christmas Program has begun. If parents want their children to be in our program, the children should be at every practice. Christmas Eve is a Sunday, and currently we have NOT planned a practice that morning, since there will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class with our single 9am service.

⊕ During the Advent season 8th graders will frequently be the ones lighting the Advent wreath, reciting a prophecy of Christ from the prophet Isaiah.

⊕ As Advent is a penitential season, Pastor Brege will be in the church this Saturday 6-7pm to offer private absolution. See the usual order for this on pages 292, 293 in the hymnal.

⊕ At this Wednesday's 7pm Advent Service our seminarian, Pat Baldwin, will be preaching. His sermon will be based on Isaiah 9:6: "His name shall be called...The Mighty God". We pray the Lord's blessings on our seminary Field Workers as they continue to grow in needed skills to become pastors.

⊕ 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.

⊕ Do you have a love for children? The Wyneken Child Care has some part-time positions open. If interested or desiring more information, please contact Christine Cornett, Director of the Wyneken Child Care program, at 639-6064.

⊕ We would like to invite all those who helped with noodle making, cookie decorating and the bazaar to join us for our Ladies Aid Christmas Party, Thursday December 21 at 6:30pm. The meal is \$9.00. Reservations are due December 20. Please call Jamie Miller (223-4797), Barb Bulmahn (223-0506) or Jan Blum (223-3532). Please bring a gift for your Secret Pal and also a gift for a man.

⊕ We would like to have a set person lined up to shovel the sidewalks when necessary on Sunday mornings. This individual would be paid for this work. If interested, contact one of our Trustees: Nolan Scheumann, Tom Reinhart, Brian Todd.

⊕ Though not noted at the recent Voters meeting, our next elders, council and voters meetings are planned for January 22 and 23.

⊕ The Orphan Grain Train needs our help. The catastrophic effects of Hurricane Harvey are enormous. Over 50 inches of rain fell in some areas of Texas and the

devastation is incredible. Thrivent Financial has offered to match gifts up to \$3,000,000.00 to 8 organizations and the Orphan Grain Train is one. (On a first come first served basis.) Qualifying gifts must be given through Thrivent.com. (Gifts sent directly to Orphan Grain Train will not be matched.) To take advantage of this opportunity follow these simple directions: Go to www.thrivent.com. On the home page click on "Help Now" on the left hand side. Click on "Continue" and then fill in the information to make your gift. (Note that credit card gifts will have a fee deducted from your gift so donations made directly from a checking or savings account will be most beneficial.) Each gift will be doubled until the entire \$3,000,000.00 has been met or December, 31, 2017, whichever is first. It is impossible to overemphasize the extent of this disaster. Orphan Grain Train will be involved in restoring this area for years to come. May our dear Lord Jesus bless your consideration of such a gift! *Rev. Ralph G. Schmidt CFRE, Director of Donor Advising*

⊕ Dear St. Paul Congregation: We are richly blessed to have an established endowment fund that has given us the opportunity to support our youth programs, mission trips and various capital projects in excess of \$170,000.00. Grant applications for St. Paul-Preble Endowment Fund 2018 grants are now being accepted through **January 7th**. The funds can be used for the following: 1. **Missions:** Local, regional and world projects; 2. **Youth:** Support for youth of all ages. 3. **Worship and Music:** Support for the worship activities of our congregation. 4. **Capital Projects:** Major renovations and building of new facilities. All members are encouraged to participate in this process. No fundraising is required! Please give extra thought and consideration to potential uses for these funds. Application forms and Bylaws can be found on the tables in the rear of the church. Completed forms or any questions should be addressed to Steve Kreigh, Scott Ainsworth, Sue Buuck, Barry Melcher, or Mike Werling.

⊕ OASIS YOUTH: HS Youth gatherings on the following Sunday evenings beginning at 6:30pm: **Dec. 11 (6pm), Jan. 7, 21, 28. Dec. 17** 1-4pm ALL Youth Shut-in Christmas Caroling. We will gather in the youth room at Bingen to prepare our baskets of cookies, fruit, etc. and then divide them into caroling groups. We will be Caroling for as many of the tri-congregation shut-ins as possible. All families are invited to bring two dozen homemade Christmas cookies/treats. This is a great opportunity to serve our loved ones and also earn volunteer service hours. **Adult drivers needed!** Please RSVP with Mr. Horning 260-301-1496; **Dec. 22** Middle School Youth Lock-IN; **January 27** 11am-2pm All Youth March for Life in Ft. Wayne. Extra copies of the OASIS calendar of events are in the Narthex.

⊕ If you did not get an advent devotional booklet "Love Came Down" make sure to pick one up in the narthex [this morning](#). You may also get these devotions free on the

Saint Paul Lutheran Church Preble

Sermon: "A Proper Introduction" Mark 1:1-8

- I. The Gospel is being introduced.
 - A. The Gospel of Mark
 - B. The Gospel...the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
- II. John prepares the world for the Savior's introduction.
 - A. The prophets predicted John as the way-preparer.
 - B. John "prepares the way" for God's presence among sinners.
- III. The way is prepared with God's people repenting.
 - A. John preached a baptism of repentance for forgiveness.
 - B. The people came to the Jordan, confessing their sins.
- IV. John introduces the Awesome One.
 - A. John is not worthy to untie Christ's sandals.
 - B. After dying and rising, Christ will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

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

The Communicants

Baptism: Colton Timothy Hoffman (see notes)

Deaths: Dick Rambo, father of Karla Marbach; Gary Comer, father of Bret Comer; Marcia Ladd, mother of Carla Mesing, Orv Schlegel, former teacher at Wyneken *Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

The Nation

Surgery this week: Betty Becker

Our Sick & Shut-in:

Birthdays: Gerry Bulmahn, Tim Hoffman, Beth Reinhart, Jeff Stout, Amy Bieberich, Jackie Hamilton, Alan Haines, Tyler Korte

SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

8am Worship: 136 10:15am Worship: 106

Bible Class: 49 Midweek Advent Service: 61

Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,181.70 Received Last Week: \$13,014.50

(+) or (-) Weekly: +\$5,832.80 (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$63,494.00

internet at <https://www.lhm.org/daily> devotions.

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