

Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 8am, Matins

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

10:15am, Divine Service

6:30pm HS Youth meet in Youth Room (Bingen Parish Hall Basement)

Monday: 6pm Elders

7pm Church Council

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study

9am & 1pm Kinderchapel

7pm Voters meeting

Wednesday: 8:20am Wyneken Chapel

3:15pm Public School Catechism

6pm Adult Choir

7pm Advent Worship

Thursday: 1:30pm Pastor is Preacher/Celebrant at Woodcrest

Friday: 6:30pm Wyneken Teachers, Staff and School Board Christmas Party

Saturday: 6-7pm Private Confession in the Church

Next Sunday: 8am, Divine Service

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NEWS AND NOTES December 3, 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 (332) is the Hymn of the Week. Our Wyneken children worked on stanza 1 this past week.

⊕ 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.

⊕ Today we begin a new church year, which is initiated with the season of Advent. Advent is a penitential season, preparing hearts for the celebration of the birth of the Savior. During this 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. This Private Confession/Absolution will again be

offered on December 16th. See the usual order for this on pages 292, 293 in the hymnal.

⊕ 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.

⊕ REMINDER: Our Budget and Elections Voters meeting will be this Tuesday, December 5th at 7pm. The Elders and Church Council will prepare for this by meeting tomorrow evening (Dec. 4th) at 6pm and 7pm.

⊕ 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.

⊕ This Thursday Pastor Brege will be preacher and celebrant at the Woodcrest Communion Service for LC-MS members who are residents there and at Evergreen Assisted Living. We thank in advance those who will come to assist in this service.

⊕ Since our congregation does not consider any workers, other than Pastor Brege, to be employed by the congregation, we are once again accepting bids for the following positions: Music Director, Custodian, Grounds Keeper, Secretary. Submit such bids to one of our Trustees (Nolan Scheumann, Tom Reinhart, Brian Todd) or to our church secretary or to Pastor Brege. Bids should be in by tomorrow evening's Church Council meeting.

⊕ 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.

⊕ "Dear Saints at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Thank you for your gift of \$1,126.00 we received in November for our General Fund at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne. Gifts like yours make it possible for us to increase the tuition aid grants each year for our seminarians and deaconess students...We appreciate your prayers and generous support as together we fulfill the mission of the Seminary to teach the faithful, reach the lost, and care for all...Rev. Mark Steiner."

⊕ The Ladies Aid Christmas Party is Thursday, December 12th at 6:30pm. Cost is \$9.00 per person. Please bring a gift for your Secret Pal and also a gift for a man/guest. For reservations please call Jamie Miller (223-4797, Barb Bulmahn (223-0506) or Jan Blum (223-3532) by December 20th.

⊕ 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. 3, 11, Jan. 7, 21, 28. Dec. 17** 1-4pm ALL Youth Shut-in Christmas Caroling (Adult drivers needed); **Dec. 22** Middle School Youth Lock-IN; **January 27** 11am-2pm All Youth March for Life in Ft. Wayne. OASIS calendar of events are in today's bulletin as well as extra copies in the Narthex.

⊕ Check out the upcoming events offered by Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne. For additional information concerning all events, please go to www.ctsfw.edu or phone [260.452.2100](tel:260.452.2100). Christmas with the Kantorei," will be held in Kramer Chapel on **December 12 at 1:00 p.m.** Fellowship with the Guild while enjoying the beautiful music provided by the Kantorei. For more information, contact CTSFW Guild President Joyce West at joyciew43@gmail.com or [419.258.2232](tel:419.258.2232).

Saint Paul Lutheran Church

Preble

Sermon: "Riding Into Jerusalem For Us"

- I. He comes as the promised Christ.
 - A. He fulfills prophecies and pictures of this.
 - B. He comes to be our peace.
- II. Riding into Jerusalem, Jesus is acclaimed as Savior.
 - A. "Hosanna!" They cry. This means, "Save, now."
 - B. They cry, "Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord."
- III. He rides into Jerusalem to establish David's eternal kingdom.
 - A. He is the long awaited "Son of David".
 - B. He will die and rise from the dead within a week of this Palm Sunday.

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

The Communicants

Harvest

Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

The Nation

Cancer: (stage 4) diagnosis for James Johnson, grandfather of Bobby Shane

Our Sick & Shut-in:

Birthdays: Karmen Elwer, Jim Reinking, Jill Wefel, Jeff Keuneke, Robby Ehlerding

SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

8am Worship: 95 10:15am Worship: 128

Bible Class: 61

Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,181.70 Received Last Week: \$12,824.91

(+) or (-) Weekly: +\$5,643.21 (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$69,326.80

Music Events All the following music events take place in Kramer Chapel and are open to the public. **Sunday, January 14 4:00 p.m.** Epiphany Evening Prayer Seminary Kantorei **Wednesday, January 17 5:00 p.m.** Symposia Choral Vespers Seminary Schola Cantorum **Thursday, January 18 5:00 p.m.** Symposia Vespers and Organ Recital Rev. Timothy Frank.

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