

Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 8am Worship with Holy Communion
9:15-10am Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
10:15am Worship, Matins
10:30am Pastor Don Sauls retirement (see notes)
1-3:30pm Middle School Youth & Family Ice Skating (see notes)
7-9pm High School Epiphany Party (see notes)

Monday:

Tuesday: 6-7am Early Bird Bible Study
11am Pastor records for Worship for Shut-ins

Wednesday: 8:20am Chapel at Wyneken

9:10am, 9:30am, 1pm: Kinderchapel
6pm Public School Catechism
7pm Choir Practice

Thursday:

Friday: 6pm Circuit Pastors and Wives Epiphany Gathering

Saturday: 10am Adult Instruction Class

Next Sunday: 8am Worship, Matins

9:15-10am Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
10:15am Worship with Holy Communion
4pm Epiphany Choral Evening Prayer at the Seminary (see notes)

NEWS AND NOTES January 12, 2014

⊕ 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.

⊕ The following children celebrate Baptism birthdays in the month of January: Claire Nelson and Megan Byerly. They will be asked to come forward at the beginning of the 10:15am service. May we each rejoice that we have been united with Christ in our Baptism.

⊕ Those responsible for annual reports associated with any church organization should get them to our secretary as soon as possible.

⊕ As has been done in previous years, to give time for annual reports to be compiled, submitted and collated in our congregation's annual report, our January Elders, Council and Voters meetings will be at the end of the month; Elders and Church Council: January 27; Voters: January 28. If you are a man 21 or older and have been a member of the congregation for over a year, we strongly encourage you to become a voter and assist in leading your church.

⊕ On January 26th our guest Bible Class speaker will be Dr. Rune Imberg. He will speak to us about current struggles in his home country of Sweden, as well as seminary work in Kenya. Dr. Imberg earned his Th.D. in Church History from Lund University, Sweden, in 1987. He is founder of the Alternative to Abortion, Gothenburg (AAG) and chairman. He was a missionary in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya from 1990-96. He served for several years as rector of the theological seminary at Matongo, Kenya. He is the author of *A Door Opened by the Lord: The History of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya* (Goteborg: Forsamlingsforlaget, 2008). He taught at LM Engstrom Gymnasium, Gothenburg, Sweden, 1996-98. He has been a member of the faculty at the Lutheran School of Theology, Gothenburg, since 1996.

⊕ We will continue discussing Galatians in our Adult Bible Class today. Come, and enjoy the refreshments as a bonus!

⊕ Our Wyneken parents who attend worship here with their Wyneken children are reminded to initial their column on the special books in the narthex.

⊕ "Prayer list" for members to use as they bring the needs of others before God's throne of grace: Bonnie Gallmeyer, diagnosed with cancer; Carol Bieberich's cancer has returned but she is improving; Ruth Ann Penrod suffering with cancer; Kurt Braun accident sufferer; Carol (Mrs. Ron) Selking diagnosed with leukemia; Cathy Terhune (nee Jeffrey) is in failing health from the return of cancer.

⊕ **YOUTH NEWS: Middle School Youth & Family Ice Skating** today from 1-3:30pm at Headwaters Park Ice Rink, downtown Ft. Wayne. The cost is \$3.00 for 13 and under, \$5.00 for 14 & older. Skate rental is \$2.00. Adult drivers are needed! To RSVP or to ask questions contact Brian Horning (810)-341-4418 (ok to text) or brianhorning@stjohnbingen.com. **High School Epiphany Party & Gift Exchange** today from 7-9pm at the Horning's home. A spin on our regular Sunday night Bible study, featuring holiday snacks and a white elephant gift exchange. **Sunday January 26th:** Mandatory youth & parent meeting about this summer's high school mission trip to Florida. **Friday February 14th:** Valentines Day Dinner Theater Fundraiser.

⊕ A reminder to all members that for gifts to be recorded for 2013 they must be dated not later than 12/31/2013. These gifts must be received by the Financial Secretary on or before January 13th so that statements and year end reporting can be completed. Any gifts received after that date may not be recorded for 2013.

⊕ 2014 Offering Envelopes can be found in the narthex. Please ask a Deacon if you need assistance finding yours. Please discard any unused 2013 envelopes after January 1st. If you have any question about boxes for 2014 please contact Ed Albert at 547-4171.

⊕ Mr. Bultemeier has obtained some nice display cases. He would like to display memorabilia from the three church-schools before they joined together to become Wyneken. Do St. Paul members have things (e.g. pictures) from the St. Paul School they would like to display in these cases at Wyneken? Call the school or just bring them there.

⊕ **EPIPHANY CHORAL EVENING PRAYER AT CTS** We invite you to enjoy a celebration of the Epiphany season by attending the Epiphany Choral Evening Prayer service at Concordia Theological Seminary, 6600 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne. The service takes place **Sunday, January 19, at 4:00 p.m.** in Kramer Chapel on the seminary campus. A shuttle will be available for those who need assistance getting from the Welcome Center (front parking lot) to Kramer Chapel. The Seminary Kantorei, a sixteen-voice choir of students studying for the Office of the Holy Ministry at CTS, will lead the service. The choir is directed by Kantor Richard Resch and Associate Kantor Kevin Hildebrand serves as organist. The Rev. Randall Wurschmidt, CTS admission counselor, will be the preacher. For additional information contact Music@ctsfw.edu or [260-452-2224](tel:260-452-2224).

⊕ The *Lutherans For Life* chapter here in the Decatur area is again sponsoring an essay contest for any student who will be enrolled in college in the fall of 2014. The award for the best essay will be \$500 in scholarship money. The parameters for this contest are: 1. An essayist must be a member of one of the LC-MS congregations in the Decatur Circuit, and may submit only one essay. 2. The essayist must be entering a full-time quarter/semester of college in fall, 2014, no matter what year of college. 3. The essay should be double spaced, not exceeding three pages. 4. This year's essay theme is: **Discuss personhood as it relates to a baby in the womb.** 5. The essays are to be given to the essayist's pastor by January 22, 2014. 6. Submitted essays become the property of the *Decatur Area Lutherans for Life* chapter and may be slightly edited and published. 7. If at all possible, the essayist should remain anonymous to the judging pastors. The Decatur area pastors will judge the essays; a pastor will be ineligible to judge if he has a relative who submits an essay. Judgment will be based upon clarity of thought and expression pertaining to the given theme.

⊕ Since January is considered *Life Month* we will be having a "Diaper Drive" for *The Hope Clinic*, with locations in Decatur and Berne. *The Hope Clinic* is committed to giving women, men, and their children hope by striving to be the first choice when facing unplanned pregnancies in Adams County and surrounding areas. They offer support programs for women and men who are struggling to meet the challenges of providing material needs for their children and they offer educational assistance to parents in their endeavors to increase their parenting skills. There is a porta-crib in the

St. Paul Lutheran Church Preble

Sermon: "Jesus Identified By God" Matthew 3:13-17

We are identified with Jesus in our Baptism.

- I. God the Son identifies Himself...
 - A. with sinners.
 - B. as needing to fulfill all righteousness.
- II. God the Spirit identifies Jesus...
 - A. by coming upon Him in the form of a dove.
 - B. as the Christ.
- III. God the Father identifies Jesus...
 - A. as His beloved Son.
 - B. as the One with whom He is well pleased.

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

Communicants

The Nation

Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

In failing health: Carol (Mrs. Ron) Selking

Hospitalized: Alice Bittner at Adams Memorial; Fred Ehlerding at Lutheran

Our Sick & Shut-in:

Birthdays: Clair Nelson, Shane Cauble, Colin Melcher, Linda Wefel, Cori Brege, Paul Hockmeyer, Haley Kitson, Andy Seddelmeyer, Eric Koenemann, Katie Bender, Missy Hockmeyer

SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

8am Worship: 72 10:15am: 111

Adult Bible Class: 65

Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$6,749.54 Received 12/31/13: \$1,330.00

(+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$15,794.12

Need Weekly: \$6,749.54 Received 1/5/14: \$3,554.50

(+) or (-) Weekly: -\$3,299.69 (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$3,299.69

Narthex to collect the diapers. Let's try to fill it!

⊕ If you've never attended the Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute (LBI), make this the year you DO! LBI classes meet on Tuesday nights February 4-25 at Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur. Come and learn! Choose from four courses of study: "Understanding God and the Bible through Genesis" (now being taught by Pastor Peter Brock), "The Book of Ephesians", "The Augsburg Confession", and "The Lord's Supper in the Old Testament". Minimal time commitment...Low cost...No Homework! For more information, contact your LBI congregational representative (Bob Keuneke) or call 724-7177.

⊕ The results for the Scrip contest are in! What an incredible year! We had sales over \$80,000 and a profit of nearly \$ 3,870.00!! Thank you to everyone who purchased scrip and helped to make this a record breaking year. We will be filling lot's of teacher's wish lists this year and treating the Wyneken students and staff to a Pizza Party!

⊕ The Women's Bible Study will begin the new year meeting on Tuesday, January 21st at **6:30pm** in the church Parish Hall. All ladies are welcome.

⊕ As our church can now record worship services on DVD, Confirmations, Baptisms, Christmas services and the like can be copied upon request. If there is a special worship service you would like to have copied, see our secretary Lynn Brege. The cost will be the value of a recordable DVD (\$2.00) or you can bring your own, if desired.

⊕ We are cordially invited to the final worship service in which Pastor Donald Sauls presides and preaches as a called and ordained servant at Peace Lutheran Church, Berne, Indiana on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 10:30am. A retirement dinner will be held after worship service. A surprise open house will be held from 2-4pm in the church sanctuary.

⊕ The 40th annual Fort Wayne March for Life is Saturday, January 18, 2014. The rally will start at noon at 431 West Berry Street with the march immediately following. The rally will feature keynote speaker Angela Minter of Sisters For Life, a Kentucky-based, non-profit dedicated to defending the sanctity of life at every stage from conception to mature adulthood.

⊕ Our home made noodles are gone! We will be making more on January 20, 21, 23 and 24. We begin at 7am. All are welcome to join us. Come when you can and stay as long as you are able.

⊕ To support Typhoon disaster recovery, Thrivent will double¹ Choice Dollars® directions to the relief agencies listed below, through **Jan. 31, 2014**, or until \$500,000 has been awarded. In addition, the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation will

match \$1 for every \$2 of personal donations to the response agencies below, up to \$500,000 or until Dec.31, 2013, whichever comes first. If fully realized, the donations plus the match will have a \$1.5 million impact! To participate, just send your donation to one of the below response agencies—that's all you need to do! We will take it from there. **To direct Choice Dollars:** Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Click on "Choice Dollars" and log in. Search the catalog for the organization. Click on "Direct Now." The three Lutheran relief agencies participating in the Typhoon Haiyan response are: [Lutheran Disaster Response](#) (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - ELCA) [LCMS Disaster Response](#) (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) [Lutheran World Relief](#)

⊕ If there ever appears to be the possibility of canceling church due to inclement weather, turn to radio station WZBD (92.7FM) or to channels 15 (WANE) or 21 (WPTA) where Pastor will try to get the cancellation announced.

⊕ If you wish to borrow anything from church please contact Kelly Todd, the Ladies Aid "Kitchen Lady" at 639-7291 or (260) 466-7494.

⊕ "Yes, children are sinful—just like their parents and grandparents. But baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God sees us as His adopted sons and daughters in Christ. Jesus won for God's children the privilege of becoming heirs of the heavenly kingdom. This not only bestows value but defines purpose." *Linda D. Bartlett, www.titus2-4life.org* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

⊕ The lessons for next Sunday are Isaiah 49:1-7; I Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:29-42a.