

Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 8am, Divine Service

9:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

10:15am, Matins

Monday:

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study

7pm Lutheran Bible Institute (see notes)

Wednesday: 8:20am Wyneken Chapel

3:30pm Public School Catechism

7pm Adult Choir

Thursday: 7pm Ladies Aid meeting

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: (Mission Emphasis; Guest Preacher; see notes & insert)

8am, Matins

9:15am Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

10:15am, Divine Service

12-3pm Wyneken Open House

3pm Circuit Forum at Bingen

6:30pm HS Youth Gathering

NEWS AND NOTES January 14, 2018

⊕ 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 (402) is the Hymn of the Week. Our Wyneken children worked on stanza 1 this past week.

⊕ Jonathan Borne and Gabriel Fuelling celebrate Baptism Birthdays this month. Pastor will have their baptism recognition briefly at the beginning of the 10:15am service.

⊕ Adult Bible Class affords a time for special consideration of God's Holy Word. Why not make a special resolution to be more into Holy Scripture in 2018! Join your brothers and sisters at St. Paul as we continue our study of the epistle to the Hebrews. As a bonus, volunteers often treat the group to refreshments!

⊕ And why not fulfill your 2018 Bible Study resolution by attending the Lutheran Bible Institute (see insert) which begins this Tuesday evening, 7-9:15pm!

⊕ Seminary Field Worker Patrick Baldwin writes: "Dear Brothers and Sisters in

Christ, Thank you very much for your extremely generous gift to us! We are truly thankful to the Lord that He placed us with you all. It's hard to believe we only have half a year left...time flies when you're with wonderful people! Thank you again for all you do for us! In Christ, *Patrick, Whitney and Isaac Baldwin.*"

⊕ 2018 offering envelop boxes are now available. These boxes are located in the narthex of church. Please see a deacon if you need assistance in locating yours. If you did not receive a box for 2018 and would like one, please contact John Schueler or Alan Zimmerman. Whenever possible, please use these envelopes if you would like to have your donation recorded to your account as this helps the recording process of the financial secretary.

⊕ Members 2017 year end contribution statements are now available. These statements are located in the deacons area in the narthex. If you have any concerns about the accuracy of this information, please contact John Schueler.

⊕ A week before yesterday Rev. John Fehrman shared with Pastor Brege that he would be able to come to our church January 21st and preach and then share during Bible Class what The CLEF (Confessional Lutheran Education Foundation) is doing around the world. This is the organization through which Pastor Brege went to Sri Lanka and the Philippines. The Elders and Pastor agreed that we should take up Rev. Fehrman on his self-invitation. See also today's insert.

⊕ **Wyneken Memorial Open House** - On Sunday, January 21, 12noon - 3 p.m., Wyneken will host an open house for anyone interested in learning more about our school. Please share this information with anyone who might be interested in more information about Wyneken - family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc.

⊕ Next Sunday at 3pm at St. John, Bingen, the circuit pastors and the lay delegates from each circuit congregation will officially join in a Circuit Forum, primarily to verify our "new" Circuit Visitor, and to discuss the upcoming District Convention to be held June 14 and 15. Any member is welcome to attend this Forum.

⊕ 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.

⊕ The various church organizations should get their final reports to our church secretary by **January 17th** so the annual report can be completed before the Church Council meeting on January 22nd.

⊕ Come and learn at the annual Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute (LBI). This year's classes are at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. Students and adults can choose

from four simulating courses: "Eating God's Salvation Meal, the Highlight of Worship", "What Will Make Me Happy?", "Jonah: On a Tough Mission for a Tender God", and "Praying in the Midst of Suffering". LBI classes meet on Tuesday nights January 16-February 6 from 7-9:15pm. For more inform, contact Bob Keuneke.

⊕ 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.

⊕ CHANGE OF MEETING DATE: As noted last Sunday, the elders and council meetings are planned for January 22. Since Lutheran Bible Institute is on the next evening (the 23rd), we will change our 7pm Voters meeting to Wednesday, January 24th, instead of the 23rd.

⊕ We love babies! We love their moms and dads! In support of Sanctity of Human Life, we are providing you with the opportunity to purchase **new** baby items for The Hope Clinic. We are hosting a church-wide baby shower, so that we can bless moms who have chosen life for their child. The following items are always needed: diaper bags, diapers (especially sizes 4, 5 or 6) and wipes, **new** baby equipment (cribs, mattresses, high chairs, baby gates, strollers, carrier infant car seats, car seats for up to 40 pounds, and toddler seats/boosters), crib sheets, laundry soap, potty chair or ring, pacifiers, teething toys, bottles and sippy cups, baby tableware, baby toys, baby clothes (newborn through 2T), receiving blankets, and formula. We would especially like to have children's books for infant through at least 3 years of age. Items not needed at this time include: baby powder and baby oil. For our mothers, we need gently used maternity clothes in sizes large and extra-large that are suitable for the work place. We thank you in advance!

⊕ OASIS YOUTH: HS Youth gatherings on the following Sunday evenings beginning at 6:30pm: **Jan. 21, 28.** Sunday, **January 21** at 6:30pm is the HS Youth Sanctity of Life Gathering. There will be a special presentation on the sanctity of human life (womb to tomb). We will prepare banners and signs for the Ft. Wayne March for Life. **January 27** 11am-2pm All Youth March for Life in Ft. Wayne. Extra copies of the OASIS calendar are in the Narthex.

⊕ Plan on attending the 44th Annual Allen County March for Life which will be held Saturday, January 27. The rally begins at 12 noon at the University of St. Francis Performing Arts Center (431 W. Berry St., Ft. Wayne) with keynote speaker Kelsey Vander Vliet. The march through Ft. Wayne will begin immediately following the rally at approximately 1pm. All life is a gift from God.

⊕ 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). **Music Events** *All the following music events*

Saint Paul Lutheran Church Preble

Sermon: "A New Genesis" Mark 1:4-11 (and Gen. 1:1-3)

- I. The earth is without form, void, and full of darkness.
 - A. Thus it was at the beginning of creation (and before the flood)
 - B. At His baptism, Jesus takes this upon himself.
 - C. We live in a dark, formless void before being baptized.
- II. The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
 - A. Thus it was in the beginning of creation (and after the flood)
 - B. Thus it was at Jesus' baptism.
 - C. Thus it is at our baptism.
- III. God said, "Let there be light."
 - A. Thus it was at the beginning of creation (and after the flood, a rainbow).
 - B. God speaks at Jesus' baptism, and a new light shines.
 - C. Brought to faith in Jesus, light shines for us out of darkness.

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

The Communicants

Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

The Nation

Diagnosed with stage 4 cancer: Irene Rose, sister of member Kay Rose

Our Sick & Shut-in:

Birthdays: Shane Cauble, Colin Melcher, Linda Wefel, Cori Brege, Paul Hockemeyer, Andy Seddelmeyer, Eric Koemann, Missy Hockemeyer, Eric Brege, Josie Phillips

SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

8am Worship: 87 10:15am Worship: 102

Adult Bible Class: 67

Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,049.90 Received Last Week: \$3,910.00

(+) or (-) Weekly: -\$2,931.50 (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$2,931.50

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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⊕ Can anything good come (John 1:46) from surprise pregnancy? How about from defending embryos? From chronic suffering? Incapacitated or unresponsive persons? Truly, truly! Jesus has bought these bodies and lives for God with His own blood (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). He has forever foreseen their purpose even despite our failures and pains. *Lamb of God, let us come and see Your grace that we may go and show it. Amen.*

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