

Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 8am, Divine Service

9:15-10am, Sunday School & Adult Bible Class (on Life Issues)

10:15am, Matins

12-3pm Wyneken Open House

4:30pm Youth Planning Team meeting at the Horning's house

6:30-8pm 12th Grade Summer Mission Trip Informational meeting at Bingen Parish Hall.

Monday: 6pm Elders meeting

7pm Church Council meeting

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study

7pm Quarterly Voters meeting

Wednesday: 8:20am Wyneken Chapel

9:10am and 1pm Kinderchapel

7pm Adult Choir

Thursday: OASIS Youth leave for National March for Life (see notes)

1:30pm Pastor Brege preaches/is celebrant at Woodcrest

4pm Public School Catechism

7pm Sunday School teachers meeting

Friday: 5pm Circuit Pastors gathering

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 8am, Matins

9:15am, Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

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NEWS AND NOTES January 22, 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 in Adult Bible Class we will discuss life issues, as January 22 is the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision to legalize abortion. Come and join in the discussion of this important topic.

⊕ Next Sunday's Adult Bible Class will be a "Fifth Sunday" Bible Class, which means it will be a "Question Box" answering Bible Class.

⊕ Our January quarterly Voters meeting is this Tuesday at 7pm. To prepare for this meeting, tomorrow evening Elders will meet at 6pm and Church Council will meet at 7pm. The Church Council consists of the chairman, vice-chairman, recording

secretary, finance secretary, treasurer, 3 trustees, the elders, all 4 deacons, the "senior" Wyneken school board member and the Sunday School superintendent.

⊕ **YOUTH NEWS: Today:** 4:30pm Youth Planning Team meeting at the Horning's house. **Today:** 6:30-8pm 12th Grade Summer Mission Trip Informational meeting at Bingen Parish Hall. **January 26-29:** National March for Life/LCMS Life Conference in Washington D. C. **March 25-April 2:** 500th Anniversary of Reformation Trip to Germany.

⊕ National Lutheran Schools Week begins today with an Open House from noon to 3pm at Wyneken. Your child(ren) who attend Wyneken will have received special information concerning the activities to occur January 22-27.

⊕ 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 family with their Wyneken children must attend at least 14 services at the church to retain their member tuition status.

⊕ "Dear Ministry Partners, Thank you for joining us as Partners in the Gospel with your support of district/synod, World Relief and CTS. Let's keep the message of salvation going out to the ends of the earth! Jesus came to earth as a baby, died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead giving eternal life to everyone who repents of their sins and believes! Walking Beside You, Pastor Dan May and Indiana District LCMS Staff."

⊕ "Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church, Thank you very much for your generous gift you sent to our Seminary in December 2016. Your gift is greatly appreciated. God's blessings, Tsegaye E. Rebu, Seminary Student"

⊕ Offering envelopes for 2017 are available for pick up at the back of church. If you do not see one with your name, please notify a deacon.

⊕ 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 2017. The award for the best essay will be \$500.00 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, 2017, no matter what year of college. 3. The essay should be doubled spaced, not exceeding three pages. 4. This year's essay theme is: "**How does our confession of fatherhood inform our approach to life issues**" *(see below for help on this topic) 5. The essay should be addressed to the essayist's peers. 6. The essays are to be given to the essayist's pastor by **TODAY**. 7. Submitted essays become the property of the *Decatur Area Lutherans*

for *Life* chapter and may be slightly edited and published. 8. 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. May we by this effort magnify the gift of life. Blessings to all involved. ***"In the Scriptures they are all called fathers [those who stand in for them] because in their responsibility they act in the capacity of fathers and ought to have fatherly hearts toward their people" (Large catechism, paragraph 142) Consider also passages such as: Prov. 1:8; 4:1-4; Matt. 5:45-48; Eph. 6:4; Gal. 4:4-7; Heb. 12:7-10.**

⊕ Don't miss the 49th annual Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute. Four stimulating courses are open to the public: *Praying the Catechism* with Professor John Pless, CTS, Ft. Wayne; *Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Faithfulness* with Dr. Peter Scaer, CTS, Ft. Wayne; *Where's Jesus? Hiding Behind Every Corner* with Rev. James Voorman, Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur; *Ruth: Foremother of Jesus* with Rev. Randall Wurschmidt, Pastor, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ossian, on the Tuesday evenings of January 31, February 7, February 14, and February 21 from 7-9:15pm. It will be held at our Wyneken School. See today's bulletin insert.

⊕ We love babies! And we love their moms and dads! Please consider giving to the *Hope Clinic* by donating new baby items. We will be collecting these items through the month of January so we can bless moms who have chosen life for their child. The following are new items that are always needed: Cribs, mattresses, high chairs, carrier infant car seats (up to 22 lbs.), car seats (up to 40 lbs.), toddler seats, boosters, baby gates, diaper bags, diapers, (especially sizes 4, 5 or 6) and wipes, crib sheets, laundry soap, potty chairs or rings, pacifiers, teething toys, bottles, sippy cups, baby tableware, baby toys, clothes (particularly sizes 12 months through 2T) and formula. We would also like to have children's books for infant through 3 yrs. For our mothers we need gently used maternity clothes in sizes large and extra large that are suitable for work place. Items not needed at this time are onsies, baby powder/baby oil/baby wash. There is a tote at the back of church in which to place these items. Thank you!

⊕ **Save The Date!** Dancing through the Decades! Adult Prom and Silent Auction fundraiser for Wyneken's 50th Anniversary Reunion and Celebration. Tickets will be available starting January 8th at Bingen, Friedheim and Preble churches. **When:** Saturday, March 4, 7pm to Midnight. **Where:** Orchard Ridge Country Club. **Who:** 21 and older supporters of Wyneken. Cost is \$75.00 per couple or \$50.00 per single. Drinks, Hors oeuvres, dancing and a silent auction! We are looking for donations for the silent auction. If you have items you would be willing to donate, or perhaps you would be willing to put together a goodies basket, please contact Bobbi Shane at bobbishaneabc@yahoo.com.

Saint Paul Lutheran Church Preble

Sermon: "Darkness to Light" Matthew 4:12-25

- I. In Darkness
 - A. The people dwell ("sit") in darkness.
 - B. Jesus is present in this darkness which we experience.
- II. Light Dawned
 - A. Christ, the light, began walking (working, preaching, being present) in Galilee.
 - B. "On Them" (People in darkness)
- III. The Light of Christ continually dawns upon God's people.
 - A. It is the Light of Christ's Word & Sacrament bequeathed to the Apostles.
 - B. This dawn of Christ casts out fear.

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

The Communicants

Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

The Nation

Our Sick & Shut-in

Birthdays: Kord Fuelling, Josephine Brege, Emma Keane, Kaylee Scheumann, Gary Selking, Paul Mesing, Ben Steiner, Frank Becker, Mike Wesley, Zach Brune, Blake Bulmahn

SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

8am Worship: 112 10:15am Worship: 152

Adult Bible Class: 85

Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,181.70 Received Last Week: \$5,700.26

(+) or (-) Weekly: - \$1,481.44 (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$6,416.14

⊕ *Worship for Shut-Ins* Scripture Readings and Sermon Summary for January 29, 2017 - **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**. Psalm 15; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12. **"Gas or Water" - Sermon Text:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 by Rev. William Mueller, Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church ` Ft. Wayne, IN.

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