

Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 9am, Matins

2-4pm Fred & Irene Bieberich Open House (see notes)

Monday:

Tuesday: 5-8pm Pastor is on Christ Academy panel (see notes)

Wednesday: 7-8pm Summer Adult Bible Class (see notes)

Thursday: 9:30-11am Circuit Pastors' Exegetical Study

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 9am, Divine Service

NEWS AND NOTES June 25, 2017

⊕ As our organist, Connie Garner, serves today with the Decatur Circuit Choir, we have Mrs. Nancy Koeneman as our guest organist. Thank you, Nancy, and blessings on your service of the Lord today.

⊕ We continue our summer Adult Bible Class this Wednesday at 7pm. We are studying Reformation Themes (e.g. faith, grace, justification). We grow and nourish our faith ONLY through God's Word. You are encouraged to join your brothers and sisters in this one hour Bible Class.

⊕ Pastor Brege was invited to be a participating pastor at the Christ Academy this Tuesday at the Seminary. The Christ Academy is for young men interested in entering the Holy Ministry. Pastor Brege will be on a panel with other pastors, answering questions and discussing work as a pastor.

⊕ This Wednesday, June 28th (not June 26th!) Fred and Irene Bieberich commemorate their 70th wedding anniversary! In celebration of this milestone, St. Paul members are invited to an Open House at Evergreen Apartments today from 2-4pm.

⊕ Just recently two of our members moved to nursing and health care facilities. Malinda Bieberich was moved to Adams Heritage (Monroeville), room 107. Lorien Cress was moved to Ossian Health Care, room 315. If you get a chance, stop and visit these and others from our church who are in such facilities.

⊕ July 11th commemorates Pastor Brege's 35th year in the ministry. We will be celebrating this anniversary on July 9th with a reception to follow after the worship service.

⊕ 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

Wyneken child(ren) and their families must attend at least 14 services at the church to retain their member tuition status.

⊕ YOUTH NEWS: The Hornings are organizing a weekend camping trip this summer for all Oasis alumni, college students, and other young adults of Bingen, Friedheim, and Preble. We are looking at August 4-6 and are planning to include a day of river tubing. Please contact Brian if you are interested. 260-301-1496.

⊕ Worship for Shut-Ins Scripture Readings and Sermon Summary for July 2, 2017 - The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Psalm 89:15-18; Epistle: Romans 7:7-13; Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42. **"Rejoice in HIS Reward"** - Sermon Text: Matthew 10:34 by Rev. James L. Elsner. "Rewards are wonderful! Signs I've done something right - and well. Life should be that way - especially for Christians. It's not though. For Jesus has something better for us.

⊕ Portals of Prayers - If you didn't receive your copy last Sunday, please pick one up TODAY. The new devotions start this Saturday.

⊕ Pastor Brege would like to begin another Adult Instruction Class. This class is for both members and non-members. For members this class would be for review and for a deeper understanding of what we believe. This class would enable non-members to find out what we believe and confess, and thus enable them to determine if they desire to join our church. A church should not be joined like a club, but a person should become a member only if they agree with what that church teaches. Contact Pastor Brege if you are interested in such a class (547-4176), and let him know what day and time would work best.

⊕ LUTHERAN NIGHT - You are invited to a night with the TinCaps on Monday, July 31. The time is 7:05pm and the cost is \$8.00 (if ordered by Monday, July 17th) with one dollar of each ticket going to fund scholarships for students attending Lutheran South Unity School in Southeast Fort Wayne. For more information contact Jennifer Sylvester with the TinCaps at (260) 407-2801 or email at sylvester@tinCaps.com

⊕ The LWML Treatshop will be held Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Carmel Indiana. Registration begins at 9am (\$10.00) and will last until 4:15pm. The opening chapel service begins at 9:30am. The theme is "Love One Another - Serve the Lord". Additional information and registration forms are located on the credenza in the narthex.

⊕ Rev. Justin Herman, Pastor of University Lutheran Church in West Lafayette, Indiana is requesting information about new and returning college/university students so he can forward the information to the appropriate LCMS campus ministry or contact congregation. It doesn't matter which college/university your child is

attending. You may go to www.in.lcms.org, click on "Outreach", then click "Campus Ministries" and submit contact information.

⊕ St. John Lutheran Church (Bingen) invites you to join them in a 3-day tour, September 12-14. The tour will include a trip to the Creation Museum, the New Ark Encounter, a Riverboat Cruise, a Dinner Theater and other tour events. Registration forms are located in the narthex with a detailed itinerary. A deposit of \$50.00 per person is required with reservation and the balance is due August 12, 2017.

⊕ "On behalf of Concordia Theological Seminary I thank you for your recent donation. Gifts, such as yours, allow us to provide the finest theological education to the future pastors, deaconesses, and missionaries who will serve The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and our partner churches worldwide. I thank God for you and ask for your continued support. Together we partner in an essential mission of forming servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all. Your servant in Christ, *Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr.*, President"

⊕ "Prayer list" for members to use as they bring the needs of others before God's throne of grace: Carol Bieberich; Cathy Terhune has miraculously shown improvement; Hank Gallmeyer; Leroy Werling; Penny Smith.

⊕ The lessons for next Sunday are Jer. 28:5-9; Romans 7:1-13; Matt. 10:34-42.

Saint Paul Lutheran Church Preble

Sermon: "Death or Eternal Life?" Romans 6:23

- I. The wages of sin is death.
 - A. Sin is the breaking of God's Law.
 - B. The breaking of God's Law causes (pays out) death.
 - C. Death: Separation
- II. The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 - A. Christ paid off sin and death, so we would have the free gift.
 - B. The free gift of salvation is given through the means of grace.
 - C. Possessing the free gift in Christ we now have eternal life.

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

Anniversary: Fred & Irene Bieberich celebrate their 70th!

Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

The Nation

Hospitalized: Tom Sheets at Parkview (Randalia); Delores Rumble at Adams Memorial

Our Sick & Shut-in:

Birthdays: Tessa Dicke, Joe Kozlowski, Ron Korte, Siera Helmick, Rhonda Smelser, Daniel Vogel, Gus Nussbaum, Clayton Minnich, Rhonda Brune, Caitlin Merriman, Mike Macke, Ryan Byerly, Kenzie Fuelling, Drew Kolter

SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

9am: 177

Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,181.70 Received Last Week: \$3,548.25

(+) or (-) Weekly: -\$3,633.45 (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$40,912.96