

### Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 8am, Matins

9:15-10am, Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

10:15am, Divine Service

4:30pm Youth Planning Team meeting

6:30-8:30pm HS Youth Gathering & Bible Study at Horning's

Monday:

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study

Wednesday: 1pm Wyneken Chapel

9am and 12:15pm Kinderchapel

6pm Adult Choir

7pm Wednesday Lenten Service

Thursday: Pastor at BOD meeting in Indianapolis

Friday:

Saturday: 8am Lutheran Laymen's Breakfast (see notes)

6-7pm Pastor in Church for Private Confession

Next Sunday: 8am, Divine Service

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### **NEWS AND NOTES March 19, 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 (823) is the "Hymn of the week". Our Wyneken children have learned stanza 1 this past week.

⊕ We are studying the book of Hebrews in Adult Bible Class. Join your brothers and sisters in our discussion of God's Word, and join them also in refreshments which volunteers frequently prepare for Bible class hour.

⊕ All day this Thursday Pastor Brege will be in Indianapolis at the Indiana District Board of Directors meeting. As first vice-president this is an obligatory meeting; however, urgent needs of members take priority over this meeting.

⊕ During the 40 days of Lent we will have our special 7pm services every Wednesday. We will be following the theme: *The Salutory Gift: Lent Meditations on the Lord's Supper*. This Wednesday our brief Homily will consider: *Blest Communion*.

⊕ Pastor Brege will be in the church this Saturday, 6-7pm, to give private absolution. Our Catechism says, "Which sins should we confess? Before the pastor we should confess those sins only that we know and feel in our heart."

⊕ With a view toward this year being the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Early Bird Bible Study is studying the profoundly Biblical Augsburg Confession. This Bible Study meets every Tuesday 6-7am, and is open to anyone desiring to attend. It is taught by the three "Wyneken" pastors (Brege, Dahling, Brock).

⊕ YOUTH NEWS: **March 19:** Youth Planning Team meeting 4:30pm, High School Youth Gathering & Bible Study at the Horning's House 6:30-8:30pm. **March 25-April 2:** 500th Anniversary of Reformation Trip to Germany. A complete schedule of events is in today's bulletin. There are also extra copies at the back of church.

⊕ 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.

⊕ Worship for Shut-Ins Scripture Readings and Sermon Summary for March 26, 2017 - Fourth Sunday in Lent. Psalm 142; Epistle: Eph. 5:8-14; Gospel: John 9:1-7, 13/17, 34-39. **"Wash the Mud!"** - Sermon Text: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 by Rev. William Mueller, Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church ~ Ft. Wayne, IN. A blind man meets the Lord and receives an invitation to wash the mud - wash the mud and be healed. Jesus also does the same with us. Wash the mud and be cleansed of spiritual blindness.

⊕ St. John, Bingen is having their annual Fish/Tenderloin Dinner with Craft and Bake Sale today from 10:30am-1pm.

⊕ 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.

⊕ If you didn't receive a *Portals of Prayer*, pick one up **today**. Remember it doesn't take much room in a suitcase along with the Lenten Devotion booklet, to go on Spring Break, so take the Lord with you.

⊕ Easter is April 16th this year and we will again be beautifying our church with

flowers. If you would like to purchase flowers from Heller's Nursery there are order forms located at the back of church. Please fill out the form and put it in the box along with payment. (Checks are to be made out to **St. Paul Ladies Aid**). The deadline is **TODAY**.

⊕ Plan now to attend the annual Lutheran Laymen's League Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 25, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2131 Getz Rd, Ft Wayne, beginning at 8:30am. The featured speaker will be the Speaker of **The Lutheran Hour**, Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. Tickets are available from the congregational LLL Ambassador or at the door. The cost is \$7.00 per person, or \$14.00 per family for breakfast. Plan to arrive by 8am.

⊕ The Pack Away Hunger campaign will be on Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1, in the cafeteria at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. Pack Away Hunger is a nonprofit organization offering a meal with superior nutrition. The Nutri-Plenty™ meal contains Mathile M+ Micronutrients™, a scientifically-proven blend of 21 vitamins and minerals shown to help alleviate and also reverse the effects of micronutrient malnutrition in young children. Seventy five percent (75%) of the meals packed will remain in Adams, Wells, and Allen Counties. We have several food pantries in the community that have expressed interest in receiving the meals, as well as, after school back pack programs. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) will be distributed internationally to the country of Haiti through an international partner network. The need for these meals is just as great now as it has been in past years. If you are interested in donating funds to help offset the \$16,200 needed to make our goal, please make your check payable to Pack Away Hunger and mail it to: Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Friedheim, Attn: Pack Away Hunger, 10653 North 550 West, Decatur, IN 46733. Checks should be mailed no later than Friday, March 10th. **Volunteers who will be coming to Wyneken on Friday, March 31 to help with the Pack-Away-Hunger event must have a Limited Criminal Background Check completed before that day. These forms are available in the school office and are to be returned to the school office.**

⊕ 2017-18 School Enrollment: Enrollment forms for the 2017-18 school-year were due to the school by MARCH 10. As of Monday, March 6, the Prekindergarten morning class is FULL (14 students). Any new prekindergarten enrollments will be put in the afternoon class. The Preschool has a maximum class size of 12 children per session (Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday morning only). You will be notified after our return from spring break of your acceptance in to the preschool – prekindergarten programs and in which class your child has been placed. Please return your enrollment forms right away as we need to know numbers for next year.

⊕ Once again our Ladies Aid will have a Gently Used Sale and Bake Sale, Friday, **April 21st** from 8am -4pm, and **Saturday, April 22nd** from 8am - 11am. Noodles will

## Saint Paul Lutheran Church Preble

Sermon: "A Well, Water, Wedding, Worship" John 4:5-26

- I. Jesus is "alone" at Jacob's well.
  - A. Here lived the "half-Jew" Samaritans.
  - B. Here is a woman of Samaria, an outcast.
- II. The well gives water.
  - A. Jesus and the woman were prepared to drink.
  - B. But Jesus is here to give the water of eternal life.
- III. At such a well weddings were established.
  - A. There are several Old Testament examples.
  - B. The ultimate wedding is God with His people.
- IV. God's bride, the Church, worships Him in Spirit and Truth.
  - A. In Christ, the Bride worships no more at a specific city (Jerusalem).
  - B. Christ, the Bridegroom, is here for all, including the Samaritans!

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

*The Communicants*

*Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

*The Nation*

*Surgery:* Bob Keuneke; Hank Gallmeyer

*Our Sick & Shut-in*

*Birthdays:* Jeremiah Lenegar, Emilie Reinking, Brooks Gerke, Dean Gallmeyer, Connie Jeffrey, Bernita Haines, Beth Merriman, Marcy Gilbert

## SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

### Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

8am Worship: 69    10:15am Worship: 116

Adult Bible Class: 48    Midweek Worship: 56

### Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,181.70    Received Last Week: \$8,741.00

(+) or (-) Weekly: + \$1,559.30    (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$22,681.93

also be available for purchase. Please wait to bring donations until after second service on April 16th.

⊕ 2017 Decatur Circuit Lutherans for Life Essay Scholarship Contest: The scholarship was open to any member of a Decatur Circuit Lutheran Church who will be attending college in the fall of 2017. To enter for a chance to win the scholarship, each student submitted an essay answering the question: *How does our confession of fatherhood inform our approach to life issues?* Each essay was then reviewed by the pastor's of the Decatur Circuit and a winner was selected. The winner of this year's \$500 LFL Essay scholarship contest is Leah Ness of Faith Lutheran Church in Roanoke.

⊕ Please join Zion-Friedheim Church for a trip to our nation's capital, Washington, D. C. It will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit one of the most historic and scenic cities that our country has to offer. Reservations are sure to fill up quickly, so make yours today and don't miss out. To receive the Early Bird Discount, the registration form along with the non-refundable deposit (\$250.00 per person) must be turned in by March 27, 2017.

⊕ The music of the Lenten season will be presented by the Kantorei of Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne on Sunday, March 26 at Kramer Chapel beginning at 4pm.

⊕ You are invited to a family-friendly German Potluck and Trivia Night on Friday, March 31 at 6pm at the Selking Farm (2633 W. 1100 N. Decatur, In - 1/2 mile east of Hwy. 27). This event continues the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and will be a fun opportunity for members (and friends) of Preble, Friedheim, and Bingen to enjoy fellowship. Pre-registration is not required, but it would be helpful if a member of your trivia team contacted Pastor Brock (260-301-1640) so we make sure to set up enough tables and have enough trivia supplies. There will be a free-will offering taken with proceeds going towards Bingen's 175th Anniversary in 2020).

⊕ Don't miss this special event: a one-time showing of the NEW Martin Luther film & an optional Q & A Panel Discussion which will be held Monday, April 17th from 6:30-8:40pm at the Carmike 20 (3930 E. Dupont Rd. Ft. Wayne - near Parkview North). All tickets must be purchased in advance. Visit the St. John, Bingen website and click on the movie event link to reserve and purchase your tickets. Over 100 tickets have already been purchased.

⊕ Upcoming dates for LWML: April 22, 2017 - Spring Praise Service, Faith Lutheran Church, Roanoke 8:30am registration 9am service. "LWML Celebrating 75 Years of Commending Christ From One Generation to Another". April 23, 2017 - Spring LLL/LWML Rally, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Ossian 3pm Speaker Rev.

Peter Brock.⊕ "Prayer list" for members to use as they bring the needs of others before God's throne of grace: Carol Bieberich' cancer has returned; Cathy Terhune (nee Jeffrey) has miraculously shown improvement!; Bonnie Gallmeyer; Penny Smith; Ruth Brege re-diagnosed with pre-leukemia.

⊕ God our Father can draw water from rock (Exodus 17:6), reconcile His own enemies (Romans 5:10), and salvage the powerless (Romans 5:6). Surely He will overhaul the hopeless circumstances and lost causes our pains and mistakes have brought about (John 4:17-18). Indeed, we not only witness it but participate in it as well (Exodus 17:5). *Keeper of our souls, work faith in us and those we serve to await great transformation at Your hand. Amen.*

⊕ The lessons for next Sunday are Is. 42:14-21; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41(John 9: 1-7, 13-17, 34-39).