

Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 8am, Divine Service

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

10:15am, Matins

Monday:

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study

1pm 3rd-5th grade Musical

6:30pm 3rd-5th grade Musical

Wednesday: 1pm Wyneken Chapel

9am and 12:15pm Kinderchapel

6pm Adult Choir

7pm Wednesday Lenten Service

Thursday: [Starting today, Pastor is gone for a week; see notes]

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 8am, Matins [Guest Pastor]

9:15am, Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

10:15am, Divine Service

1-4pm Parish Hall is being used

NEWS AND NOTES March 26, 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.

⊕ The Grades 3-5 Musical will be presented at both 1pm and 6:30pm this Tuesday. All are welcome.

⊕ 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.

⊕ This Thursday, God willing, Pastor Brege will be leaving for a week of vacation. He will be traveling to northern Michigan to work with his brother on his house. If there is an urgent situation, call one of our local LC-MS pastors (e.g. Dahling, Brock, Voorman, Wierschmidt). If there is a death or other such extremely urgent situation, contact our secretary, Lynn Brege, and she can get in touch with Pastor. Pastor is scheduled to return next Friday, April 7.

⊕ During the 40 days of Lent we will have our special 7pm services every Wednesday. We will be following the theme: The *Salutary Gift: Lent Meditations on*

the Lord's Supper. This Wednesday our brief Homily will consider: *Rest For the Weary*.

⊕ 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:** **April 9:** Spring Youth & Parent Informational meeting 6:30pm in the Bingen Parish Hall. **April 15:** 9am Set up for Easter Breakfast/Lazer Tag at Noon/Easter Vigil Service 8pm. **April 16:** Serve Easter Breakfast (check times). **April 17:** Reformation 500 Movie Night at Carmike Cinemas. **April 30:** FUNdraiser Benefit 3:30pm. **June 3:** Kickball Tournament Fundraiser at Wyneken 10am. **June 11-17:** 8th Grade Alpha Retreat at Camp Arcadia. **June 18-22:** "A Mighty Fortress" Vacation Bible School at Wyneken. **June 24-July 1:** HS Youth Mission Trip & Higher Things Youth Conf. in San Antonio, TX. There is a copy of the OASIS calendar in today's bulletin. More copies are available in the narthex.

⊕ Vacation Bible School Organizational meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 20 at 7pm in the Wyneken Algebra room. All youth & adult volunteers are asked to attend this meeting. The dates for VBS are June 18-22, 2017.

⊕ 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 April 2, 2017 - Fifth Sunday in Lent. Psalm 130; Epistle: Romans 8:1-11; Gospel: John 11:17-27, 38-53. **"The Death of a Friend"** - Sermon Text: John 11:17-27, 38-53 by Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emmanuel Lutheran Church ~ New Haven, IN. The death of a loved one changes our world. Jesus had a friend who died and He felt great sorrow at the loss. The Good News is that Jesus has conquered death. As Jesus says, "He who believes in Me shall never die."

⊕ **Praise Be to God! and Congratulations!** We celebrate with Mrs. Julie Smith (Grade 6 teacher) for **10 years** of faithful service in the teaching ministry and with Ms. Rebecca Klenke (Resource teacher) for **40 years** of faithful service in the teaching ministry! Praise be to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for faithful teachers who serve at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. All past and current Wyneken families and students are invited to a celebration for Ms. Rebecca Klenke's teaching 40th anniversary dinner and open house to be held on Sunday, April 23, 11:30am, in the Wyneken cafetorium. Fellowship will begin at 11:30am with lunch being served at

12pm.

⊕ Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School Board is seeking a part-time Business Assistant to serve up to 20 hours per week. This salaried position provides coordination of the business affairs and management of financial resources of Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. Interested individuals should have a degree in business, finance, accounting, or equivalent work experience and should be able to begin their on-site role at the start of July 2017. For more information please contact Mr. Andrew Gavrun (school principal) at 260-639-6177) or principal@wyneken.org. Applicants should submit resume with cover letter by April 18, 2017.

⊕ New Hope Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time preschool director/teacher. If you are interested in this opportunity to share the love of Christ with 3-5 year old children and their families, please call the New Hope church office at 260-622-7954 or send a resume and cover letter to New Hope Lutheran Church, 8824 N. SR 1 Ossian, IN 46777.

⊕ The select seminary men's choir ("Kantorei") will be offering Lenten Evening Prayer at 4pm today. On April 23 at 4pm the mixed seminary choir (Schola Cantorum) will offer the Easter Choral Vespers. All are welcome to these uplifting, Christ-centered presentations.

⊕ Cross Connections is offering a support group for Christian parents of adult children identifying as LGBTQ. Parents are invited to come together in a confidential and safe atmosphere for hope and encouragement. Each month, Cross Connections will provide resources for parents to develop relationships with their sons and daughters. The next meeting will take place Monday April 10th, 6:30-7:30pm at Cross Connections, 4618 E. State Blvd., Suite 2300 (East State Professional Park). This group will continue to meet every 2nd Monday of each month. Those interested are asked to contact Cross Connections at 260-373-0213, ext. 101.

⊕ 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.

Saint Paul Lutheran Church Preble

Sermon: "The Blind See" John 9:1-17, 34-41

- I. Jesus encountered a man born blind.
 - A. His disciples asked why.
 - B. Jesus, for THIS man, gives another reason he was born blind.
 - C. Jesus heals the man with mud!
- II. Jesus uses this account to illustrate a greater blindness.
 - A. The Pharisees were spiritually blind; so we must be warned.
 - B. Those not seeing, may see.
 - C. Those who see, may become blind.

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

The Communicants

Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

The Nation

Surgery: Hank Gallmeyer at IU-Med, Indianapolis

Travel: Those from our circuit in Germany (see insert)

Our Sick & Shut-in

Birthdays: Amanda Borne, Megan Berry, Emily Sovine, Alan Hamilton, Amy Kreigh, Jim Brune

SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

8am Worship: 83 10:15am Worship: 116

Adult Bible Class: 61 Midweek Worship: 47

Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,181.70 Received Last Week: \$3,433.51

(+) or (-) Weekly: -\$3,748.19 (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$26,430.12

⊕ 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**.

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

⊕ 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.

⊕ 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.

⊕ Dear Friends: We are thankful for so many blessings here at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School! We are grateful for the many gifts our Lord grants to us in this life: His forgiveness, our Savior – Jesus, our family, friends, home, health, safety, and for you as a supporter of our School! A couple months ago, our school board elected to purchase bleacher handrails for our gymnasium in the hopes of providing additional safety for those attending sporting events and other activities in our school gym. It is the hope of our school board to raise \$7,500 to cover non-budgeted expenses to help offset the purchase and installation of these new bleacher handrails. Hopefully these railings will provide much needed support and assistance for many individuals for years to come. Would you prayerfully consider making a donation to help offset the purchase and installation of these railings for our gymnasium? If interested in making a financial contribution toward the project, you may direct any funds to the school office with “bleacher railings” written on the envelope. Thank you again for your continued prayers and support!

⊕ 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.

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