

### Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 8am, Matins

9:15am Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

10:15am, Divine Service

Monday: 6:30pm Nominating Committee meeting

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study

9am & 1pm Kinderchapel

7pm Sunday School Teachers Christmas meeting

Wednesday: 8:20am Wyneken Chapel

3:15pm Public School Catechism

7pm Adult Choir

Thursday: 9am Thanksgiving Day Worship

Friday:

Saturday:

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### **NEWS AND NOTES November 19, 2017**

⊕ As our guest organist today we welcome Nancy Koeneman. Thank you, Nancy. To God be the glory for all that is done in our worship services.

⊕ The bulletin cover was inadvertently run off with the incorrect hymns listed. The correct hymns are: 508, 781, 643ff, 698.

⊕ 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 (508) is the Hymn of the Week. Our Wyneken children worked on stanza 1 this past week.

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

⊕ The Nominating Committee for our congregation's elected and appointed positions will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30pm. If a member would like to be considered for an elected position please contact one of the following: Steve Kreigh, Ron Korte, Nolan Scheumann or Pastor Brege.

⊕ Sunday School teachers, for various reasons we will be meeting early to establish our Children's Christmas Program. Set aside Tuesday, November 21, 7pm for this meeting. Also note that since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, we will have to begin our Sunday practices on the Sunday right after Thanksgiving.

⊕ 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.

⊕ With all of the catastrophes and human displacement occurring around the world (even in our own U. S. from the recent hurricanes), members are encouraged to donate to charitable agencies such as Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Church Charities. When giving, for instance, to LCC, they are a dollar for dollar charity...whatever you give toward a SPECIFIED need, will be given completely to that need.

⊕ This Thursday at 9am we get to celebrate Thanksgiving Day! Indeed it is a privilege to gather and express our thanks to the Giver of every good thing. We will also join in the Thanksgiving meal (which is what Eucharist means), and we will receive a door offering for those in need (The main recipient is Lutheran World Relief).

⊕ 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.

⊕ The 25th annual Wyneken craft show is December 2, 2017 9am-3pm. Lunch will be served from 11am-1pm. Please come enjoy the crafts and do a little Christmas shopping while supporting the Wyneken students as they raise funds for their Washington D. C. trip.

⊕ The Orphan Grain Train needs our help. The catastrophic effects of Hurricane Harvey are enormous. Over 50 inches of rain fell in some areas of Texas and the devastation is incredible. Thrivent Financial has offered to match gifts up to \$3,000,000.00 to 8 organizations and the Orphan Grain Train is one. (On a first come first served basis.) Qualifying gifts must be given through Thrivent.com. (Gifts sent directly to Orphan Grain Train will not be matched.) To take advantage of this opportunity follow these simple directions: Go to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com). On the home page click on "Help Now" on the left hand side. Click on "Continue" and then fill in the information to make your gift. (Note that credit card gifts will have a fee deducted from your gift so donations made directly from a checking or savings account will be most beneficial.) Each gift will be doubled until the entire \$3,000,000.00 has been met

or December, 31, 2017, whichever is first. It is impossible to overemphasize the extent of this disaster. Orphan Grain Train will be involved in restoring this area for years to come. May our dear Lord Jesus bless your consideration of such a gift! *Rev. Ralph G. Schmidt CFRE, Director of Donor Advising*

⊕ SAVE THE DATE! Wyneken's 2nd Annual Adult Prom and Silent Auction is scheduled for March 10th, 2018. This year's proceeds go towards Wyneken's Parent Teacher League (PTL). Tickets are on sale online now- go to Wyneken's Facebook page, click Events and then click the Wyneken Adult Prom and Silent Auction link. If you are unable to purchase online, please contact Abby Wilder.

⊕ "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; Penny Smith; Eileen Hintz is suffering from bone cancer; Marilyn Harvey; Rae Fuhrmann (long time Wyneken teacher).

⊕ The Voters are now accepting bids for the following contracted positions: Music Director, Secretary, Grounds Keeper, Custodian. Submit such a bid to one of the Trustees.

⊕ 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](http://www.ctsfw.edu) or phone [260.452.2100](tel:260.452.2100). On **November 28**, CTSFW will participate in **Giving Tuesday**, an online donation event that takes place on the **Tuesday** after **Thanksgiving**. Built on the theme "Serving Future Servants," CTSFW will create an emergency care fund for students. Operating under the Student Adoption Program, the new fund will allow the CTSFW Financial Aid Office to assign money as needed, when most needed, whether for a situation as serious as a medical emergency, as frustrating as car trouble for a fieldworker trying to reach his or her fieldwork church or as simple as an unexpected bill. For updates on the campaign, visit [www.facebook.com/ctsfw](http://www.facebook.com/ctsfw) or type "#servingfutureservants" into the Facebook search bar. The last Seminary Guild meeting of the year, "Christmas with the Kantorei," will be held in Kramer Chapel on **December 12** at **1:00 p.m.** Fellowship with the Guild while enjoying the beautiful music provided by the Kantorei. For more information, contact CTSFW Guild President Joyce West at [joyciew43@gmail.com](mailto:joyciew43@gmail.com) or [419.258.2232](tel:419.258.2232). **Music Events** *All the following music events 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*

## Saint Paul Lutheran Church Preble

Sermon: "Investing Christ's Riches" Matthew 25:14-30

- I. God entrusts His valuable property (especially His Word) to His servants.
  - A. Differing amounts: differing abilities and responsibilities.
  - B. Even the smallest amount is extremely valuable.
  - C. His servants are to "invest" His property (get the Word out! Mature the faith of others.)
- II. The Word will multiply when "invested".
  - A. From those with more, more is expected.
  - B. The Word is not to be "buried".
  - C. Failure to invest the Word is a sign of unbelief.

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

*The Communicants*

*Harvest*

*Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

*The Nation*

*Hospitalized:* Jim Merriman at Parkview

Marilyn Werling at Lutheran

*Birth:* boy born to Courtney & Jared Butcher on 11/17

*Receiving Hospice Care:* Hank Gallmeyer

*Our Sick & Shut-in:*

*Birthdays:* Audrey Fravel, Blake Gerke, Cassidy Comer, Kylee Pearson, Ed Korte, Daniel Scheumann, Les Smith

## SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

8am Worship: 111 10:15am Worship: 122

Bible Class: 59

Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,181.70 Received Last Week: \$4,316.75

(+) or (-) Weekly: -\$2,864.95 (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$75,900.31

*Vespers Seminary Schola Cantorum Thursday, January 18 5:00 p.m. Symposia  
Vespers and Organ Recital  
Rev. Timothy Frank*

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