

Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 8am, Matins

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

10:15am, Divine Service

6:30pm High School Youth Gathering at Horning's house

Monday: [Pastor will be gone at a District obligation]

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study

11am Pastor records for Worship for Shut-ins

Wednesday: 8:20am Wyneken Chapel

9:10am and 1pm Kinderchapel

7pm Adult Choir

Thursday: 4pm Public School Catechism

7pm Ladies Aid meeting

Friday:

Saturday: 12pm March for Life in Ft. Wayne (see notes)

Next Sunday: 8am, Divine Service

9:15am, Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

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.

NEWS AND NOTES January 15, 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.

⊕ In Adult Bible Class we are just beginning our study of the book of Hebrews. Want to learn about angels? The first chapter of Hebrews compares Jesus to angels. 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.

⊕ Next Sunday's Adult Bible Class 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.

⊕ Reminder: Our January quarterly Voters meeting is January 24 at 7pm. To prepare for this meeting, on January 23 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.

⊕ This Saturday, January 21st, is the Fort Wayne March for Life. The rally will begin at 12pm at the University of St. Francis Performing Arts Center, followed by the March at 1pm. For those who are interested in going we will meet at Wyneken school at 11am to leave at 11:15am. We can car-pool as needed. For those interested we will be stopping at Coney Island after the march.

⊕ **YOUTH NEWS: January 15:** 6:30pm High School Youth Gathering at the Horning's house. **January 21:** 11am meet at Wyneken School to attend the Fort Wayne March for Life & Rally (begins at 12pm) for ALL youth and families. We will stop at Coney Island afterwards. Estimated completion time is 2:30pm. **January 22:** 4:30pm Youth Planning Team meeting at the Horning's house. **January 22:** 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.

⊕ Member Tom Sheets is in need of assistance particularly in wrapping his legs from his feet to his knees. This needs to be done frequently (daily or every other day would be best). Medical background is helpful to do this. Contact Pastor Brege if you can do this (547-4256).

⊕ National Lutheran Schools Week will begin next Sunday 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.

⊕ Please pick up a *Portals of Prayer* Devotion booklet for January-March and use it for your daily family devotions.

⊕ 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.

⊕ In order for the secretary to have the annual report ready for the January Church Council meeting, all reports need to be turned in by Wednesday, January 18th. There is a box provided for these reports in the secretary's office in the church basement.

⊕ 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 January 22, 2017. 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.

⊕ As we have paid seminarians mileage, etc., they write: "Thank you for the extremely generous gift you have given to us!! We are truly thankful to the Lord to have been placed with such a supportive congregation! During our time back in Wyoming, I got to put to use the skills practiced here at St. Paul's. I am looking forward to growing even further with you. Your servant in Christ, Pat." "Thank you all so much for the gift...I can't even tell you how much that helps me cover the cost of seminary. I regularly thank God for the blessings he has provided me through this congregation. In Christ, Nathaniel Jensen." Patrick Minato has likewise expressed to

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- Sermon: "Behold, The Lamb" John 1:29ff
- I. Lamb
 - A. Lambs were the most common sacrificial animal in Old Testament worship.
 - B. Jesus is here identified as "God's Lamb".
 - II. God's Lamb takes away the sin of the world!
 - A. Sacrificial creatures could convey forgiveness, not create it.
 - B. God's Lamb creates forgiveness.
- P:** Lord, in your mercy **C:** Hear our prayer.
Death: Thomas Garner, father of member Lynn Garner
The Communicants
Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Call: Rev. Josef Henning has been called to pastor Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Soest
The Nation
Our Sick & Shut-in
Birthdays: Cori Brege, Paul Hockemeyer, Andy Seddelmeyer, Eric Koenemann, Missy Hockemeyer, Eric Brege, Helen Bulmahn

SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

8am Worship: N/A 10:15am Worship: N/A

Adult Bible Class: N/A

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

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⊕ 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.

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