

Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 8am, Divine Service (with installation of officers)
9:15-10am, Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:15am, Matins with Baptism (with installation of officers)

Monday:

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study
9:45am-4pm Circuit Pastors meet at Seminary

Wednesday: 8:20am Wyneken Chapel
9:10am and 1pm Kinderchapel
2:40pm Pastor leads faculty Bible Study
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday: 4pm Public School Catechism
7pm Wyneken School Board meeting

Friday: 1:45pm Pastor Brege leads Wyneken Spelling Bee

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 8am, Matins
9:15am, Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
10:15am, Divine Service

NEWS AND NOTES January 8, 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.
- ⊕ We rejoice together today as Avery Rebecca Gallmeyer receives the washing of regeneration in Holy Baptism. Avery, the daughter of Matthew and Brittney (nee Hockemeyer) was born December 9, 2016. Her sponsors are Emerson Brown, Kristen Gallmeyer, and Brianna Strome. May we each recall with joy our solid connection to Christ in our Baptism.
- ⊕ This morning in each service we will have the installation of newly elected and appointed church officers. This will occur just after the sermon.
- ⊕ Today we again resume Adult Bible Class and Sunday School., 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.
- ⊕ Two individuals "connected" to our church departed this life recently. Carol Hackman, former member who had recently been attending from time to time,

departed this life on 12/30/16. Pastor Brege had her funeral at the Haggard/Sefton funeral home last Thursday (1/5). Florence Nower, mothers of member Joe Nower, departed this life last week in Decatur. Her funeral will be in St. Louis.

⊕ Reminder: Our next Elders and Church Council meetings will be Monday, January 23 at 6pm and 7pm. The Voters meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday, January 24.

⊕ **YOUTH NEWS: 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.

⊕ We are looking for a new volunteer to keep track of the Baptism birthdays for our children, as we monthly call them forward for special remembrance. We thank Janine Albert for having done this for many years. Contact either Janine or Pastor Brege for more information.

⊕ 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.

⊕ The *Portals of Prayer* Devotion booklets for January-March are now available in the Narthex. Please pick one up and use them for your daily family devotions.

⊕ Offering envelopes for 2017 are now available for pick up at the back of church. If you do not see one with your name, please notify a deacon.

⊕ The following have church mail-boxes in the "Deacon's area" in the narthex: Financial Secretary, LWML, Ladies Aid, Youth, LLL, Deacons, Trustees, Treasurer. Please check these boxes if you are linked to one of these positions/organizations.

⊕ Attention all members! Grant applications for St. Paul-Preble Endowment Fund 2017 grants are due January 9th. The Lord has blessed our congregation with funds that can be used for a variety of uses. These include; 1. **Missions:** Local, regional and world projects. 2. **Youth:** Support for youth of all ages. 3. **Worship and Music:** Support for the worship activities of our congregation. 4. **Capital Projects:** Major renovations and build of new facilities. All members are encouraged to participate in this process. No fundraising is required! Please give extra thought and consideration to potential uses for these funds. Application forms and Bylaws can be found on the tables in the rear of the church. Completed forms or any questions should be addressed to Steve Kreigh, Scott Ainsworth, Kim Fravel, Ed Albert, or Bob Keuneke.

⊕ 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.

⊕ Save the date for the Ft. Wayne March for Life on January 21st! The rally will begin at 12pm at the University of St. Francis Performing Arts Center, followed by the March at 1pm.

⊕ 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.

Saint Paul Lutheran Church Preble

Sermon: "Christ's Baptism: Trinitarian Work For Us" Matthew 3:13-17
I. The Son of God steps into Baptism for us.
II. The Holy Spirit descends in Baptism for us.
III. In Baptism the Father identifies us with the Beloved.

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

The Communicants

Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Call: Rev. Josef Henning has been called to pastor Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Soest

Deaths: Carol Hackman; Florence Nower (see notes)

Baptism: Avery Rebecca Gallmeyer (see notes)

The Nation

Our Sick & Shut-in

Birthdays: Erin Engstrom, Caleb Merriman, Carol Selking, Claudia Schueler, Colin Melcher, Shane Cauble, Linda Wefel

SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

New Year's Eve 7pm: 63 New Year's Day: 110

Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,181.70 Received Last Week: \$2,247.00

(+) or (-) Weekly: - \$4,934.70 (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$4,934.70

⊕ Music of the Christmas and Epiphany seasons will be presented by the Kantorei of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana on Sunday, January 15 beginning at 4pm in Kramer Chapel.

⊕ 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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