

### Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 8am, Divine Service

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

10:15am, Matins

11:15am Catechumens & Parents meet with Pastor (see notes)

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

Monday:

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study

9:30am-4pm Circuit Pastor meet at the seminary

Wednesday: 1pm Wyneken Chapel

9am and 12:15pm Kinderchapel

6pm Adult Choir

7pm Wednesday Lenten Service

Thursday: 1:30pm Pastor Brege is Preacher/Celebrant at Woodcrest

7pm Ladies Aid meeting

Friday:

Saturday: 6-7pm Pastor in Church for Private Confession

Next Sunday: 8am, Matins

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### **NEWS AND NOTES March 12, 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 (708) 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.

⊕ Today the 8th grade catechumens and their parents will be meeting with Pastor Brege after the second service. We will be discussing Examination and Confirmation and all the responsibilities these entail.

⊕ 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: *Healing Medicine*.

⊕ 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 will this Tuesday begin a study of 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 12: High School Youth Gathering & Bible Study at the Horning's House 6:30-8:30pm. 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.

⊕ LLL Lenten devotion booklets are available for every family. Please pick up yours and regularly have family devotions.

⊕ The members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Friedheim, are having their annual Soup and Sandwich Dinner, with a Craft and Bake Sale, today at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. The meal will be served from 10am-1pm. Carry-outs are available.

⊕ Worship for Shut-Ins Scripture Readings and Sermon Summary for March 19 2017 - Third Sunday in Lent. Psalm 84:1-4 (Antiphon: v. 5); Epistle: Romans 5:1-8; Gospel: John 4:5-30. "Come Away...to the Well" - Sermon Text: John 4:13-14 by Rev. James L. Elsner, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church ~ Stroth, IN. Even though good, clean, fresh water is a good thirst-quencher, we try to improve it as a sports drink or a soft drink. But, what's quenching your "spiritual" thirst?

⊕ 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.

⊕ 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 March 19.

⊕ 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

## Saint Paul Lutheran Church Preble

Sermon: "Seeing the Kingdom" John 3:1-17

- I. God so loved the world.
- II. He gave His only Son.
- III. Whoever believes in Him should not perish.
- IV. But have eternal life.

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

*The Communicants*

*Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

*The Nation*

*Our Sick & Shut-in*

*Birthdays:* Chase Baker, Alan Bieberich, Eric Blum, Cynthia Reinhart, Jack Hamilton, Avree Fisher, Taylor Rhymer, Bret Comer, Keith Dicke

## SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

8am Worship: 106    10:15am Worship: 124

Adult Bible Class: 74    Midweek Worship: 54

Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,181.70    Received Last Week: \$4,428.09

(+) or (-) Weekly: -\$2,753.61    (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$24,241.23

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