

Prayers of the Church

+St. Paul Lutheran Church
+The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, our Congregations and Sister Churches
+Rev. Matthew C. Harrison, Synod President
+Rev. Andrew Yeager, Pastor of St. Paul
+Rev. Daniel Brege, Pastor of St. Paul, President of the Indiana District
+President Donald Trump, the Legislature and Supreme Court of the United States
+Governor Eric Holcomb, the Legislature and Judiciary of Indiana
+The Sick:
+Those who Mourn:
+The Homebound and Infirm: Delores Rumple, Edna Mesing, Fred and Irene Bieberich, Malinda Bieberich
+Birthdays: Ella Sovine, Molly Baker, Tim Ehlerding, Joe Nower, Gabriel Fuelling, Kade Fuelling, Norm Schuele, Taylor Blum, Lisa Scheumann

Attendance

8am 82 Bible Class 53 10:15am 146
Christmas Eve 303 Christmas Day 133

Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,049.90 Received Last Week: \$16,823.26
(+) or (-) Week) \$9,773.36 (+) or (-) Year to Date: (\$55,591.36)

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Director of Music: Mrs. Connie Garner

Seminary Students: Timothy Schmeisser, Brendan Harris

Acolytes for December: 8am Ben Enterline 10:15am Sam Albert

Greeters: 8am Dick & LaVerne Borne
10:15am Gary & Kim Fravel

Weekly Schedule

Today 8am Page 203 Divine Service Setting 4
9:15-10am Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
10:15am pg. 203 Divine Service Setting 4
11:30am Catechism- Public School
12 Noon-7pm Fellowship Hall in use
7pm New Year's Eve Service

Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: School Resumes
Thursday:
Friday:
Next Sunday: 8am pg. 184 Divine Service Setting 3
9:15-10:00 am Sunday school and Bible Class
10:15am pg. 184 Divine Service Setting 3

NEWS AND NOTES, December 30, 2018 **At St. Paul, Preble**

- ADAMS HERITAGE AND WOODCREST. For those involved with pushing wheelchairs and bringing our residents to the Divine Services at Woodcrest- I am now in the rotation also at Adams Heritage. I will visit both places next on Jan. 10th (Adams H- 11AM; Woodcrest 1:30PM) and would certainly appreciate your help if available. Please see me if you would like a schedule.
- Installation of Officers elected and appointed will be next Sunday in both service. Please attend
- FINAL REPORTS. The various church organizations should get their final reports to our church secretary by January 11th so the annual report can be completed before the Church Council meeting on January 28th.
- ENDOWMENT FUND. Do you have an idea on how the St. Paul Endowment Fund can be used for the following items? 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 building of new facilities. All members are encouraged to consider potential uses for these funds. submit ideas and quotes for any of the items listed above for the 2019 year. In the recent years more than \$222,000 has been used to support the above items. Application forms and Bylaws can be

found on the table in the rear of the church. Grant applications will be accepted thru January 6th. Any questions call Sue Buuck, Barry Melcher, Ethan Brege, Catherine Faurote or Mike Werling.

At Wyneken Lutheran School

- As we celebrate the **50th anniversary of our Wyneken Lutheran School**, we recognize the graduates of our school. This week we remember the Wyneken graduating class of 1988. Jeremy Aumann, Tyrone Boenker, Kathlyn Brandt, Kristie Braun, Corbin Bultemeier, Larkanne Bultemeyer, Robert Buuck, Marnie Caston, Brian Fuhrmann, Jennifer Gallmeyer, Marcie Keuneke, Gina Kreigh, Adam Liby, Shane McBride Jason Scheumann, Joshua Scheumann, Nathan Selking, Mabelle Smith, Malissa Smith
- **Wyneken Open House:** Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 12:00-3:00pm. This is an opportunity for any new church families and those with pre-school, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten aged children and any new families to visit our school, speak with school personnel, and learn more about the valuable education we offer. If you know of a family who would be interested in, please share this with them or have them contact the school at 260-639-6177.
- **January Events & Activities:** **January 3**, Classes will resume; **January 3**, School Spelling Bee@1:45pm; **January 18**, birthday lunches with the principal; **January 21**, No School, MLK day (planned e-Learning day); **January 25**, Grade 3 to the Shriners Circus; **January 25**, Pep Session, 2pm; **January 27**, School Open House @12-3pm; **January 27-Feb 1**, National Lutheran Schools Week; **February 1**, Family Game Night, 6:30pm; **February 1**, Mid-term of 3rd quarter.
- **“50th Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction”** We would appreciate your support and partnership with us as we hold our 50th Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction March 2. This special event helps reduce the number of smaller fundraisers our school does while helping to benefit our students, teachers, and staff through the dollars raised. Portion of the proceeds from this event will be used to help update and improve the school’s playground. We are seeking donations for the silent auction as well as sponsorship. Your donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. All donors will be featured in our event program! For any information call Kari Butcher 260-223-2277 / krose272@gmail.com or Erin Hull 260-580-2709/ erinhull@outlook.com
- **Next Week Readings:** Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Coming Home for the Holidays

Luke 2:22-40

Coming home for the holidays is a great tradition. Christmas for many involves traveling back to our roots, to our parents or grandparents, that we might celebrate with them in the joy and merriment of the Christmas season.

In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus, 40 days old, comes home for the holidays. That is, he come to his Temple, the house of God. In the prophet Malachi we read, "The LORD whom you seek shall suddenly come to his temple."

Why do Mary and Joseph bring the baby Jesus to the temple? To do for him according to the Law- to present a sacrifice for him, and for the purifying of Mary from childbirth. This is the beginning of our Lord's active obedience under the Law for us. He fulfills what we could not: perfect righteousness. He was "born under the Law to redeem them that we under the Law." Gal. 4:4. Through faith in the perfect righteousness of Christ, we are justified and saved.
