

## 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: Sean Faurote, Delainey Melton, Erin Engstrom, Jacquie Krauskopf, Caleb Merriman, Carol Selking, Claudia Schueler, Jonathan Borne*

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### Attendance

8am 94 Bible Class 57 10:15am 98  
New Year's Eve 39

### Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,049.90 Received Last Week: \$33,321.06  
(+) or (-) Week 26,271.16 (+) or (-) Year to Date: (\$29,320.20)

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**Director of Music:** Mrs. Connie Garner  
**Seminary Students:** Timothy Schmeisser, Brendan Harris  
**Acolytes for January** 8am Sean Werling 10:15 am Caleb Dickie  
**Greeters:** 8am Wally & Carla Mesing  
10:15am Ben, Catherine, Henry, Charlie & Hannah Faurote

## Weekly Schedule

Today 8am **The Epiphany of our Lord**, DS III, P. 184  
9:15-10am Adult Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:15am **The Epiphany of our Lord**, DS III, P. 184  
11:30am Catechism- Public School

Monday:  
Tuesday:  
Wednesday: 7pm Choir Practice  
Thursday: 11am Adams Heritage 1:30 Woodcrest  
7pm School Board

Friday:  
Next Sunday: 8am **The Baptism of our Lord**, DS III, P. 184  
9:15-10:00 am Sunday School/Bible Class  
10:15am **The Baptism of our Lord**, DS III, P. 184

### NEWS AND NOTES, January 6, 2019

#### At St. Paul, Preble

- ADAMS HERITAGE AND WOODCREST. The Divine Service will be celebrated Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> at both places (Adams H- 11AM; Woodcrest 1:30PM) with St. Paul hosting both services. Speak with Pr. Yeager to assist.
- COMMUNION CARDS: Please include first names as you fill these out, as many families share the same last name.
- 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.
- BABY SHOWER. We love babies! And we love their moms and dads! In support of Sanctity of Human Life, we are providing you with the opportunity to purchase new baby items for the Hope Clinic. We are hosting a Church wide baby shower, so that we can bless those who have chosen life for their child. Please contribute: diaper bags, strollers, diapers (size 4-6), wipes, new baby equipment (cribs, mattresses, high chairs, baby gates, carrier infant car seats, toddler seats/boosters), crib sheets, laundry soap, potty chair or ring, pacifiers, teething toys, bottles and sippy cups, baby tableware, baby toys, baby clothes (newborn through 2T), receiving blankets, formula. Children's books up to age 3. We do not need baby powder or baby oil. For mothers: gently used maternity

clothes suitable for the workplace. **St. Paul will host this drive from Sun., Jan. 6 to Sun., Feb. 3.**

- **ENDOWMENT FUND.** Today is the deadline to submit grant applications for the Endowment fund. Please get these to a member of that committee today.
- **PRAYER REQUESTS/PASTORAL VISITATION.** Pr. Yeager is pleased to bring the prayer requests of the congregation before the Lord in the Prayer of the Church, and to visit those in any need. Please inform him of those suffering sickness or ailments of any kind, especially the members of the Church, and he will include them in the Prayers and pay a visit at a convenient time.

#### **At Wyneken Lutheran School**

- As we celebrate the **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Wyneken Lutheran School**, we recognize the graduates of our school. This week we remember the Wyneken graduating class of 1989. Elizabeth Baron, Trevor Baumann, Matthew Bixler, Jeffrey Bulmahn, Sean Bultemeier, Roger Buuck, Chad Fuhrman, Gregory Gallmeyer, James Johnson, Chad McBride, Karla Menter, Tanya Reef, Robin Schuller, Angela Smock
- **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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.
- **“50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction”** We would appreciate your support and partnership with us as we hold our 50<sup>th</sup> 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 /

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- **Next Week Readings:** Isaiah 43:1-7, Romans 6:1-11, Luke 3:15-22  
**Epiphany: “Christmas for the Gentiles” | Matthew 2:1-12**

Today, the glory of God is revealed through a star that leads the magi to Israel. The magi are astrologers from a far off land, perhaps sorcerers who practiced magic and divination- certainly not those whom you'd expect to fall down before the new-born Lord and worship him with expensive gifts. But Christmas is all about God choosing the weak and foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and humbling the proud, casting the mighty from their thrones, and exalting the lowly. We rejoice because we too are those who were far off from God through sin. But we have been brought near to God through the blood of Christ to worship him in spirit and in truth.

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#### **The Lord’s Supper at St. Paul**

So that the pastors of St. Paul might exercise appropriate pastoral care toward all communicants at the Lord’s Supper, we ask all visitors and all members who have not communed for over a year at this altar to please speak with Pastor Yeager or Pastor Brege before receiving the Lord’s Supper today. Thank you.

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#### **Liturgy Notes:**

- +In the Prayer of the Church, the congregation’s response is, **Lord, have mercy.**
- +The Lord’s Prayer will be prayed with the **congregation.**
- +It is not necessary to stand for the final doxological stanza of Distribution Hymns.

#### **On the Sign of the Cross**

The Sign of the Cross is a good practice for the Christian. When we make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves, we remember our Baptism, the place we were sealed with the Name of the Triune God and given the gifts of the Holy Cross: forgiveness, life, and salvation. In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther encourages all Christians to make the Sign of the Cross each morning and evening, at the Invocation.

In the Divine Service, it is appropriate to make the Sign of the Cross at the Invocation; at the Absolution; at the close of the Nicene Creed; at the Pax Domini; when the pastor blesses each table at the Distribution; and at the Benediction. A good rule of thumb is, whenever you see the pastor make the Sign of the Cross toward the congregation, or whenever the pastor makes the Sign over himself, that is a good time to make the Sign of the Cross. Of course, in the freedom of the Gospel, we are free to make or not to make the Sign of the Cross without burdening our conscience.

Making the Sign of the Cross does not make us superior Christians. It simply serves to remind us of Christ who claimed us as his own when we were baptized.