

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: Shane Cauble, Colin Melcher, Linda Wefel, Cori Brege, Paul Hockemeyer, Andy Seddelmeyer, Eric Koenemann, Kathryn Bender, Missy Hockemeyer

Attendance

8am 101 Bible Class 52 10:15am 110

Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,049.90 Received Last Week: \$4,892.25
(+) or (-) Week (2,157.695) (+) or (-) Year to Date:

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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 Paul & Missy Hockemeyer
10:15am Rich & Karen Fisher

Weekly Schedule

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

Monday:

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study (St. John Parish Hall)

Wednesday: 7pm Choir Practice

Thursday: 7 pm Ladies Aid

Friday:

Next Sunday: 8am **The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**, Matins P.219

9:15-10:00am Sunday School & Bible Class

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NEWS AND NOTES, January 13, 2019

At St. Paul, Preble

- **BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION.** Today at the 10:15am service, Cody McCullough receives the new birth by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism, and is confirmed a member of St. Paul. Rejoice with Cody, his wife Madeline, and their families on this joyous occasion.
- **PICTURE DIRECTORY.** Save the date: from **Feb. 4-9th**, our own Rebecca Hoffman will be taking pictures for a new Church Directory. These pictures and the new directory will come at no cost to you, but you may personally purchase your own portraits from Rebecca after church-wide photo session is over. Please visit <http://www.photographyby-rlh.com/stpaul2019> to sign up for a time. More information will follow in the coming weeks.
- **DECATUR LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE.** This year's LBI will take place on the upcoming Tuesday nights, **Feb. 6, 12, 19, and 26 at** Wyneken from 7-9:15pm. Presenters are Dr.'s Pless, Gieschen, and Rev. Wietfeldt from CTS-Ft Wayne, and Pastor Yeager, who will present on the Book of Hebrews. The cost is \$10 per adult/per course, free for college, H.S., and elementary students. Pre-enroll for LBI with our parish representative Darrel Ehlerding.
- **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.**
- **ASSISTANTS FOR HOLY COMMUNION.** On Sundays where Pr. Brege and the seminarians are not present, Pr. Yeager will need an extra hand with Communion distribution. If you have served as a deacon before and would be interested to help Pr. Yeager, please speak with him at your convenience.
- **FINAL REPORTS.** Please get all final reports to the Church Office today.

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 1990. Heidi Brege, Shelby Bultemeier, Tonya Bultemeyer, Matthew Buuck, Nicole Christman, Amanda Croucher, James Everett, Benjamin Habel, Melissa Hartman, Laura Heckman, Brian Hoffman, Sarah Hoffman, Angel Kolter, Jeffrey Kreigh, Sarah Krey, Kristina Kummer, Marcus Lichtle, Bryan Oetting, Aaron Rhymer, Aaron Scheumann, Holly Scheumann, Christopher Selking
- **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 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 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

The Baptism of our Lord | Luke 3:15-22

Christmas is the celebration of the Son of God who united himself to our flesh and became Man. Because of Christmas, the Son of God was made to be like us in every way, a brother to us in every respect, except without Sin. Now, at the Baptism of our Lord, we see what the Son of God came to do. The Son of God, our Lord Jesus, is baptized to unite himself to our Sin, to take that Sin upon himself, the sins of all humanity, for he is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). The Scapegoat in the Old Testament is a picture of Jesus. Once a year, a male goat was picked from among the flock. On it’s head was laid the sins of all the people. The Scapegoat was sent out into the wilderness. At his Baptism, your Sin along with the sins of all humanity are laid upon your Savior, and Jesus our Scapegoat willingly takes them to the cross to atone for them by the shedding of his blood.

What is the relationship between our Baptism and Jesus’ Baptism? In one sense, Jesus’ Baptism and our Baptism are the opposite of each other. Jesus goes into the water the pure, spotless Lamb of God, and comes out laden with the Sin of the World. We go into the water dirty, we might say, with the stain of Sin. Yet your Baptism washes sins away and forgives you, so that you are new and holy in Christ. We go into the water to have our sins washed away; Jesus goes into the water to take our Sin upon himself. We go into the water to get what’s his (forgiveness, life, salvation) and he goes into the water to get what’s ours (sin, death, the judgment of the Law). We call this, ‘the Great Exchange’: one great exchange is made in the water between Jesus and us.

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.

Liturgy Notes:

- +When there is a Baptism in the Divine Service, as there is this morning at 10:15, the Rite of Baptism will be followed by the Readings.
- +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.