

## 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: Fred Bieberich, Deb Kunkle  
+Those who Mourn: The family of Connie Bulmahn at the passing of her mother  
+The Homebound and Infirm: Delores Rumble, Edna Mesing, Fred and Irene Bieberich, Malinda Bieberich  
+Birthdays: Eric Brege Josie Phillips, Helen Bulmahn, Josephine Brege, Kord Fuelling, Emma Keane, Kaylee Scheumann, Gary Selking, Paul Mesing, Ben Steiner, Frank Becker

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### Attendance

8am 68 Bible Class 51 10:15am 114

### Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,049.90 Received Last Week: \$6,612.00  
(+)or(-) Week (437.84) or (+)or(-) Year to date(2,595.49)

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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 Joe, Julie, Shelby, Samantha, Grace, Riley & Parker Nower  
10:15am Sean, Jennifer, Hailey, Calvin, Aiden & Oliver Faurote

## Weekly Schedule

Today 8am **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany** Matins, P. 219  
9:15-10am Adult Bible Class & Sunday school  
10:15am **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**, Matins, P.219  
Monday: 7pm Wyneken School Board Meeting  
Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study (St. John Parish Hall)  
Wednesday: 7pm Choir Practice  
Thursday:  
Friday:  
Saturday: 12 pm March for Life  
Next Sunday: 8am **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Epiphany** Matins, P. 219  
9:15-10:00am Sunday school & Bible Class  
10:15am **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Epiphany**, DS III, P 84

### NEWS AND NOTES, January 20, 2019

#### At St. Paul, Preble

- **ELDERS AND COUNCIL.** WILL MEET NEXT Monday at 6 and 7pm. **VOTERS' MEETING** is next Tuesday at 7pm.
- **PICTURE DIRECTORY.** Save the date: from **Feb. 4-9<sup>th</sup>**, 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 **PHOTO-RLH.COM/STPAUL19** 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. 5, 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..

#### 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 1991. Joshua Augustyniak, Robin Boenker, Jennifer Brege, Brittini Christman, Bart Comer, Koren Fifer, Bruce Fuhrman, Matthew Fuhrmann, Jon Gallmeyer, Erin Hormann, Joel Johnson, Jason Kreigh, Erin Lehrman, Jason Selking, Krista Selking, Jill Wetzel, Chad Wiegmann
- **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 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 / [krose272@gmail.com](mailto:krose272@gmail.com) or Erin Hull 260-580-2709/ [erin hull@outlook.com](mailto:erin hull@outlook.com)
- **Forms for Gala** are in the narthex to sponsor a table and menu please fill out and return to Wyneken or contact Kari Butcher 260-223-2277
- Next Week Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, I Corinthians 12:12-31, Luke 4:16-30

#### In the Area

**MARCH FOR LIFE**. As we begin the 46<sup>th</sup> year of legalized abortion in America, we remember the 61 Million children missing. Join thousands of

pre-life advocated from Allen county and surrounding areas for a march through downtown to show that you support life from conception to natural death. The march is **Saturday, Jan 26th at 12pm. Meet at St Francis Performing Arts Center and March to the Federal Bldg. will commence at 1pm**

#### The Wedding at Cana | John 2:1-12

All throughout the Old Testament, God promises that when the Messiah comes, there will be a wedding feast with wine and much rejoicing. In Isaiah 25:6, God promises to Israel, “On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.” Even more, God promises in the Old Testament that at this great wedding feast, he himself will be the Bridegroom, and Israel will be his bride: “I will betroth you to me forever,” God says to in Hosea 2:19. Again God says to Israel in our OT reading for today, “As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.”

All of these texts are behind today’s Gospel. At first reading, the Lord’s first miracle in Cana doesn’t seem to make much sense. We understand miracles of healing and rescue. But why would Jesus choose his first miracle to be the transforming of water into wine, at a wedding when everyone had already imbibed to the full? Nobody needed the wine for health or survival. It seemed unnecessary and even frivolous that he would spend a miracle on this!

But then, when we realize that Jesus is himself the very Messiah come to wed his chosen people to himself we start to understand. At the miracle of the changing of water into wine, we see that Jesus is the Bridegroom. We see the OT promises about the Messiah coming, and bringing a wedding feast, are here fulfilled in him. When he comes, the waiting—and fasting! is over. His is the kingdom of feasting and rejoicing. He is the Bridegroom. We, the Church, are his bride. He blesses us superabundantly, giving us more than we need, even though we neither deserved nor merited his love, because he is a God of grace. He makes our cups to overflow with the wine of grace and favor. He takes us to be his own when he gives his life for us, sacrificially unto death, to cleanse us of every sin and make us his radiant and spotless bride.

#### 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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