

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- +For the Sick & Recovering:** Bonnie Gallmeyer; Leslie Miller.  
**+For the Homebound & Infirm:** Delores Rumble, Edna Mesing, Irene Bieberich, Faye Keuneke (all at Woodcrest); Malinda Bieberich (Heritage), Anita Spiegel (home); Marge Merriman (home).  
**+Birthdays:** Megan Sloffer, Avery Gallmeyer, Rob Ehlerding, Gerry Bulmahn, Beth Reinhart, Tim Hoffman, Deb Wiegmann, Jackie Hamilton, Alan Haines.

### ATTENDANCE | *December 1st*

8:00am 109                      Bible Class 56                      10:15am 109

Advent Midweek 1 Dec. 4 57

### OFFERINGS

Need Weekly: \$7,049.84    Received Last Week: \$12,242.05  
(+) or (-) 5,192.21    Week (+) or (-) Year to date (\$66,813.58)

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**Director of Music:** Mrs. Connie Garner.

**Field Workers:** Seminarians Brendan Harris & Anthony Keilani.

**Acolytes:** 8am Hilton Bluhm    10:15am Sam Albert.

**Greeters:** 8am Gerry & Laurna Bulmahn.

10:15am Gary & Kim Fravel.

### **Holy Communion at St. Paul.**

Communicants at this Altar are to be members in good standing of St. Paul or a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. So that our pastors might exercise appropriate spiritual care toward all those who commune, we kindly ask all visitors and members who have not communed in the past year to speak with one of our pastors before communing today.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>Today:</u>	8am	Second Sun. in Advent, Matins, P. 219
	9:15am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:15am	Second Sun. in Advent, D.S. 3, P. 184
	11:30am	Confirmation
	6:30-8:30pm	Youth Gathering at Parsonage 1
<u>Tuesday:</u>	6am	Early Bird Bible Study
<u>Wednesday:</u>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Advent Midweek 2</b>
<u>Next Sun:</u>	8am	Third Sun., in Advent, Divine Service
	9:15am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	10:15am	Third Sun., in Advent Order Of Matins
	11:30am	Confirmation Instruction

NEWS AND NOTES, *December 8th, 2019*

### **At St. Paul, Preble**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**, we meditate upon the Holy Gospel from Matthew 3:1-12, which gives us the ministry of John the Baptist, the last of the Old Testament prophets and the Lord's forerunner, sent to prepare the way of Jesus. Advent is a season of preparation. Just as we are preparing for the yearly celebration of our Lord's birth among us at Christmas, as Christians we are also preparing for our Lord's second Advent in glory, when he comes to judge the living and the dead, and give salvation and eternal life to those who have been waiting for his appearing. For the world, the Last Day will be one of judgment. But for those who are been prepared for his coming, it will be a Day of rejoicing and salvation. So how are we prepared to meet our Lord Jesus? In the same way John's hearers were prepared for Jesus: by hearing the call to repentance, confessing our sins, and receiving a Baptism which washes, forgives, renews, and sanctifies us in Christ. The entire Christian life is one of repentance: a daily dying to sin and rising to the new, Spirit-filled life of faith toward God, and love toward the neighbor. This is the preparation the Holy Spirit gives through the Word as we await with joy the coming of our Savior.

**The Slate of Officers** for 2020 were chosen at this year's Voters' Assembly. We rejoice with those elected and give thanks to God for the continued willingness of individuals to serve St. Paul in much

needed ways. The newly elected officers are: Chairman- Mike Hoffman; Vice Chairman- Steve Kreigh; Recording Secretary- Mike Rabel; Finance Secretary- Sean MacDowell; Treasurer- Jim Brune; Trustee- Tom Reinhart; Elder- Ralph Selking; Deacons- Ron Korte and John Schueler; School Board- Eric Vogel; S.S. Super- Tim Hoffman. Newly elected officers will be installed December 29<sup>th</sup>, both services.

**Advent Midweek Services** continue 7pm Wednesdays, Dec. 11, 18. We will use the first three petitions of the Lord's Prayer, together with Martin Luther's *Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio* as our theme. The service on Christmas Eve is 7pm, and the Service on Christmas Day is 9am.

**Ladies Aid Christmas Party** on Thurs., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Everyone who has helped make noodles is encouraged to attend, bring your man, a gift for your man, and your appetite, as the evening meal will be provided. Please let us know if you are coming by calling Jamie Miller 223-4797, Cheryl Reinking 565-4223, or Kelly Todd 639-7291.

**Endowment Fund** applications available in the narthex and need to be filled out and submitted by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 for consideration. Please give these to Jim Brune or submit them unfolded into the Treasurer's box in the narthex for the Endowment Committee.

### Middle and High School Youth

**High School Gathering tonight** 6:30-8:30pm at Parsonage 1.

**Crafts and Caroling** December 15<sup>th</sup> 12 -4pm at Bingen Parish Hall. We will meet for lunch and Christmas crafts before traveling to a couple nursing homes for caroling and distributing the Christmas crafts.

**Movie Night at Caston Home**, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:30-8:30pm. Chris and Tina Caston will host another movie night at their home (1988 E 900 N, Decatur). Come and enjoy their incredible home theater! Pizza and popcorn provided. Butter if you wish. Note start time is 5:30pm.

**Washington D.C. March for Life, Jan. 22-25<sup>th</sup>**. Walk in the National March for Life with hundreds of thousands of pro-life individuals, sight-see the Smithsonian museums and Monuments, and tour the Capitol with Congressman Banks. We leave Wednesday night, January 22, and arrive home Saturday morning, January 25. We are

partnering with Allen County Right to Life for this trip. While there is still room for every one of our high school youth to participate, spots are limited and going fast. **If you want to go, inform Pastor Brock or Pastor Yeager (pastorbrock@gmail.com; andrewtyeager@gmail.com) as soon as possible and register on-line at ichooselife.org/DC.** Cost per student is \$100. You will also need to bring \$40-50 for food. **(Please write check to Oasis Youth. Do not pay on-line.)** Parents may call Pastor Yeager with any questions, including how to communicate this to the student's high school for an excused absence.

**Higher Things Conference 2020.** At our annual youth group planning meeting, we decided to attend the Higher Things Conference next summer. The Conferences will be held at four locations across the country. We settled on the Conference happening at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, July 14-17, 2020, because of date and location. If you are interested in going, please contact Pr. Yeager.

### At Wyneken.

**Painters Needed!** The Wyneken School Board is looking for volunteers to paint the lower grade hallway and locker rooms. **When:** Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM; Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM; Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. **Positions Needing Filled Are:** Taping and area prep, Washing of walls and surfaces, Painting of trim and jams, Cutting in, Rolling of walls. Verbal commitments may be called to Chris Caston at (260) 701-2276. E-mail commitments may be e-mailed to Chris Caston at [chris@icav.us](mailto:chris@icav.us). Bring a ladder, if you have one available. THANK YOU! in advance for your consideration and willingness to help control costs and maintain our first-class facility.

**Wyneken PTL** invites you to our Mighty Warrior Gala, February 29, 2020 located at The Eden, 14013 Emmanuel Rd., Hoagland, IN 46745. This annual fundraiser supports our school in many and various ways and is a fun night of fellowship with Wyneken parents, teachers, and pastors, past and present. Presale Tickets only. Contact Kari Butcher 260-223-2277 or [kaributcher31@gmail.com](mailto:kaributcher31@gmail.com) to purchase tickets.

**Square Dance at the Hoagland Hayloft.** Friday, December 13 at 7:30pm, \$10/person and includes 1 free drink ticket. Doors open 7:30.