

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+For the Homebound & Infirm: Delores Rumpel, Edna Mesing, Irene Bieberich, Faye Keuneke (all at Woodcrest); Malinda Bieberich (Heritage), Anita Spiegel (home); Marge Merriman (home).
+Birthdays: Tyler Korte, Ken Selking, Connie Kreigh, Braden Melton, Andi Sloffer.

ATTENDANCE | *December 8th*

8:00am 94 Bible Class 64 10:15am 112

Advent Midweek 2 (12/11) 54

OFFERINGS

Need Weekly: \$7,049.84 Received Last Week: \$6,596.70
(+) or (-) (\$453.14) Week (+) or (-) Year to date (\$67,266.72)

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Director of Music: Mrs. Connie Garner.

Field Workers: Seminarians Brendan Harris & Anthony Keilani.

Acolytes: 8am Jack Hamilton 10:15am Ben Enterline.

Greeters: 8am Tim & Susie Ehlerding.

10:15am Rich & Sue Fisher.

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

Today: 8am Third Sun. in Advent, Matins, P. 219
9:15am Sunday School & Bible Class
10:15am Third Sun. in Advent, D.S. 3, P. 184
11:30am Confirmation
12 noon -4pm Youth Gathering, Crafts & Caroling

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study

Wednesday: 7pm **Advent Midweek 3**

Thursday: 1:30pm Divine Service @ Woodcrest
6:30pm Ladies Aid Christmas Dinner

Saturday: 10am-7pm Fellowship Hall Reserved

Next Sun: 8am Fourth Sun., in Advent, Divine Service
9:15am Bible Class and Sunday School
10:15am Fourth Sun. in Advent, Order of Matins
11:30am Confirmation Instruction

NEWS AND NOTES, *December 15th, 2019*

At St. Paul, Preble

Today is the Third Sunday in Advent, or Gaudete Sunday, the week of the rose candle. We will meditate on Matthew 11:2-15, which gives the story of John the Baptist, languishing in prison. He sends some of his disciples to Jesus to ask, Are you the coming one, or shall we look for another? Many wonder if John the Baptist doubted whether his cousin was truly the Messiah. John preached from the Old Testament that when the Messiah came, he would bring fire, retribution against the enemies of God, and deliverance for his people. But the ministry of our Lord is hidden under weakness and suffering. Where is the vindication long promised? To the outsider, our Lord's death – and that of John's – looked like total failure. But the Lord comforts John.

“Go and tell John what you hear and see.” Blind see, deaf hear, lepers are cleansed, and the poor have good news preached to them. All markers of Messianic activity. All pointers that the kingdom of God had finally come in Jesus. If John needed the reassurance of Christ's word for the strengthening of his faith, so it is for us. We return to the Word. The Word strengthens our faith for the troubles of this life and bids us trust in the one who saved us by his death and resurrection.

Final Advent Midweek Service continue 7pm Wednesday Dec. ,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. 19th at 6:30pm. Everyone who helped with the annual bazaar and making noodles throughout the year 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 31st, 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.

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 29th, both services.

Middle and High School Youth.

Crafts and Caroling Today: 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 22nd 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. 22-25th. 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 Pr. Yeager now.** 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 21st from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM; Saturday, December 28th from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM; Tuesday, December 31st 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. 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 to purchase tickets.

Bethlehem LWML has homemade Mincemeat available for sale. \$10 per quart. Contact Delores Scheumann if interested, 260-622-6084