

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- +For the Sick & Recovering:** Tom Reinhart, Malinda Bieberich.
+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: Tom Reinhart, Adam Hart, DonHaines, Mark Bulmahn,
Machelle Fuelling, Malissa Keane, Tucker Hartzell

ATTENDANCE | *December 15th*

8:00am 114 Bible Class 63 10:15am 105

Advent Midweek 2 64

OFFERINGS

Need Weekly: \$7,049.84 Received Last Week: \$6,449.00
(+) or (-) (\$600.84) Week (+) or (-) Year to date (\$67,867.56)

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Director of Music: Mrs. Connie Garner.

Field Workers: Seminarians Brendan Harris & Anthony Keilani.

Acolytes: 8am Eli Steiner 10:15am Zack Macke

Greeters: 8am Ted & Sue Buuck

10:15am Ethan & Cori Brege & family

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	Fourth Sun. in Advent, Divine Service
	9:15am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	10:15am	Fourth Sun. in Advent, Matins
	11:30am	Confirmation Instruction
	5:30pm	Movie Night @ Caston Home
<u>Tuesday:</u>	7pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Vespers
<u>Wednesday:</u>	9am	Christmas Day Divine Service
<u>Thursday:</u>	11am	Divine Service @ Adams Heritage
<u>Next Sun:</u>	8am	First Sun. after Christmas, Matins
	9:15am	Install. New Congregation Officers
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NEWS AND NOTES, *December 22nd, 2019*

At St. Paul, Preble

The Fourth Sunday in Advent sets our minds and hearts to ponder the miraculous conception of our Lord. The text is Matthew 1:18-25. Joseph, betrothed husband of Mary, finds his betrothed with child and seeks to divorce her quietly, until an angel of the Lord tells him the truth: the child in Mary's womb has been conceived by the Holy Spirit. The angel gives Joseph the child's name: he is to be called JESUS, (which means, 'Yahweh is salvation') for he will save his people from their sins. He is the child of whom Isaiah prophesied (7:14), "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son," whom his people shall call Immanuel – God with us – a clear confession of our Lord's divinity. God the Son, begotten of the Father from all eternity, has become incarnate in human flesh to be with us forever. May God grant us to stand in awe of the mystery of our Lord's incarnation!

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. **New officers will be installed December 29th, both services.**

Middle and High School Youth.

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 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 willingness to help control costs and maintain our first-class facility.

School resumes Jan. 2. As we enter January, the third quarter will begin when we return from Christmas break (Jan 2).

PTL Square Dance Jan. 10 from 6:30-10pm at the Eden in Hoagland. Admission is \$5 at the door and children age 3 or younger is free.

Open House. Wyneken will host an open house Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 12:00-3:00pm. This is an opportunity for any new families to visit our school, speak with school personnel, and learn more about the quality education our school provides. If you know of a family who would be interested in attending the open house, please share this info. with them or have them contact the school at 260-639-6177. Letters of invitation will be going home to families in early January.

Lawn and Ground Care Bids Sought for 2020 season. There are 4 parts to the bid: A) Lawn mowing, trimming, maintenance B) Lawn fertilizer and weed control C) Second application of fertilizer D) Shrubbery and mulch maintenance. Please contact the school office at (260) 639-6177 or Chris Caston (260) 701-2276 for complete details of the work to be performed. Those wishing to bid are requested to submit their bid to the Wyneken School Office by March 6, 2020. The bid selection will be conducted at the March school board meeting.

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.

Sister Congregations

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