

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- +For those who mourn:** the family of Malinda Bieberich. Malinda was laid to rest yesterday in the sure hope of the resurrection to life.
- +For the Homebound & Infirm:** Delores Rumble, Edna Mesing, Irene Bieberich, Faye Keuneke, Marge Merriman (all at Woodcrest); Anita Spiegel (home).
- +Birthdays:** Jonathan Borne, Linda Wefel, Colin Melcher, Andy Seddelmeyer, Cori Brege, Paul Hockemeyer, Eric Koenemann, Missy Hockemeyer.

ATTENDANCE | *January 5th*

8:00am 107 Bible Class 60 10:15am 127

OFFERINGS

Need Weekly: \$7,049.84 Received Last Week: \$ \$4,208.05
(+) or (-) Week (\$2,841.79) or (-) Year to date (-\$2,841.79)

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Director of Music: Mrs. Connie Garner.

Field Workers: Seminarians Brendan Harris & Anthony Keilani.

Acolytes: 8am Caleb Dicke 10:15am Calvin Faurote.

Greeters: 8am Matt & Jackie Hamilton & family.
10:15am Sean & Kim MacDowell.

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. Thank you.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>Today:</u>	8am	The Baptism of Our Lord, D.S.
	9:15am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	10:15am	The Baptism of Our Lord, D.S.
	11:30am	Confirmation
	6:30pm-8:30	H.S. Youth at Parsonage #1
<u>Tuesday:</u>	6am	Early Bird @ St. John
<u>Thursday:</u>	7pm	Ladies' Aid Meeting
<u>Next Sun:</u>	8am	The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany-Matins
	9:15am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	10:15am	The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany-D.S.

NEWS AND NOTES, *January 12, 2020*

At St. Paul, Preble

The Baptism of our Lord. Epiphany means, 'appearing,' 'revealing,' or 'manifestation.' Throughout the season of Epiphany, the glory of the Lord is revealed and made manifest in the person of Jesus Christ. Last week, the glory of the Lord was revealed by way of a star and worshipful Magi, bearing their gifts to the infant Christ.

This week, the glory of the Lord is revealed in the Jordan River, as our Lord is anointed by the Holy Spirit and proclaimed by the heavenly Father to be the Beloved Son. At the Baptism of Jesus, the Holy Trinity in all three persons is made manifest. At our Baptism into Jesus – Christian Baptism – the Trinity is present once again, as the baptizand is marked by the Triune Name. "I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

The Lord's baptism and ours are two sides of the same coin. Jesus Christ is baptized into our sin and death as the sin-bearer, the Lamb of God, so that we, at our Baptism, might be baptized into his righteousness and life. Dirty sheep enter the water to be cleansed and forgiven. Christ Jesus enters the water to take upon himself the transgressions of the world, that he might put them to death at the cross, and win for the world forgiveness, life, and salvation. Today we give thanks to God for Baptism – that of Jesus, and ours into him.

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 or anything that a baby might need. Also for mothers: gently used maternity clothes suitable for the workplace. **St. Paul hosts this drive from Sun., Jan 5th to Sun., Feb. 2.**

Elders, Council, Voters' Meetings- A CORRECTION. Last week we had the wrong date for Elders, Council, and Voters in the bulletin. Elders and council will be Jan. 20 and Voters Jan. 21. These dates were changed because of conflict with LBI on the 28th. **The various organizations should get their final reports to the church secretary by January 15th** so that the annual report can be completed before the Church Council meeting on January 20 & 21.

52nd Annual Lutheran Bible Institute - This is the 52nd year for the Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute (LBI) which will take place **January 28, February 4, 11, and 18**, from 7 - 9:15 p.m. at Wyneken **February 25** will be used as an alternate date in case of cancellation due to inclement weather. These continuing education courses, open to students and adults, are conducted by the LCMS churches of the Decatur circuit and taught by local pastors and seminary professors.

Topics for this year include: *Mental health and the Church's Mission*, taught by Rev. Dennis Goff from The Lutheran Foundation in Ft. Wayne; *1 Peter - The Letter of Hope for Christ's Church*, taught by Rev. Leonard Tanksley from St. Peter Lutheran Church (Fuelling); *Guys with Funny Names: Habakkuk, Nahum, Obadiah*, taught by Rev. Dr. Ryan Tietz, from Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne; and *Galatians - Christian Faith and Freedom for Today*, taught by Rev. Samuel Wirgau from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ossian.

There were 142 participants from the Decatur circuit who attended classes last year including ten from Preble. The courses are open to the public so feel free to bring a friend. Tuition is \$10 per adult.

Middle and High School Youth.

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

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.

Northeast Indiana March for Life. Sat., January 18th, 11am - 3pm. Join thousands of pro-life advocates from our region as we march through downtown Ft. Wayne to show that we support life from conception to natural death. The March for Life is an annual pro-life rally held near the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion known as Roe v. Wade. We will leave from Bingen's parking lot at 11am. The rally begins at 12pm at the University of St. Francis Performing Arts Center and the march follows at 1pm. This event is open, not only to our youth, but the whole congregation. Join us.

At Wyneken.

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.

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.