

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- +**Those who travel:** members of St. Paul to March for Life, D.C.
- +**For the Homebound & Infirm:** Delores Rumble, Edna Mesing, Irene Bieberich, Faye Keuneke, Marge Merriman (all at Woodcrest); Anita Spiegel (home).
- +**Birthdays:** Eric Brege, Helen Bulmahn, Kaylee Scheumann, Kord Fuelling, Emma Keane, Gary Selking, Paul Mesing, Ben Steiner, Eden Brege.

ATTENDANCE | *January 12th*

8:00am 81 Bible Class 60 10:15am 119

OFFERINGS

Need Weekly: \$7,049.84 Received Last Week: \$\$
(+) or (-) Week (\$) 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 Beau David 10:15am Aiden Faurote

Greeters: 8am Les & Pan Smith.

10:15am Ed & Janine Albert & 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. Thank you.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>Today:</u>	8am	The 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany-Matins
	9:15am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	10:15am	The 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany- D.S.
	11:30am	Confirmation
<u>Monday:</u>	6pm	Elders Meeting
	7pm	Council Meeting
<u>Tuesday:</u>	6am	Early Bird @ St. John
	7pm	Voters Meeting
<u>Wednesday:</u>	7pm	Choir Practice
<u>Next Sun:</u>	8am	The 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany-D.S.
	9:15am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	10:15am	The 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany- Matins

NEWS AND NOTES, *January 19th, 2020*

At St. Paul, Preble

The Second Sunday of Epiphany gives us the Holy Gospel from St. John 1:29-42a. John the Baptist witnesses to Jesus as the Lamb of God, the atoning sacrifice who bears the sins of all mankind. Once Jesus’ ministry begins, John’s ministry has served its purpose and must come to a close – “he must increase,” John says about his younger cousin, “and I must decrease.” Two of John’s disciples, one of whom is named Andrew, follow Jesus, and brings his brother Peter to Jesus.

While Peter becomes the spokesman for the Apostles and receives credit for his confession of Jesus as the Christ (Mt. 16:16), Andrew is the first Apostle of our Lord, and the first to call Jesus Messiah. Like John the Baptist, Andrew proves to be a faithful witness to Christ. He brings the boy with the five loaves and two fish to Jesus (Jn. 6:9) and later, expedites a meeting between Jesus and the Greeks (Jn. 12:20-22). Like Andrew, we are witnesses to Christ by bringing friends and family to meet him where he comes to us in Word and Sacrament.

Pastor Yeager is out of town this Wednesday through Saturday at the Washington D.C. March for Life, along with two members from St. Paul. Please direct any pastoral emergencies to Rev. Dahling 223-0903 and keep our H.S. youth group in your prayers as we travel.

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.**

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.

Woodcrest. St. Paul has the Divine Service at Adams Woodcrest on Thur., January 30th at 1:30pm. Help with wheelchairs is appreciated.

Middle and High School Youth.

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.

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.

National Lutheran Schools Week. Jan. 26-31. As part of our NLSW celebration this year, we will be collecting items and monetary donations for Operation Gratitude, which serves deployed troops, first responders, veterans, recruit graduates, wounded heroes and caregivers, as well as military families.

Items needed include: Shower or Body Wipes (10 ct packs or less), Travel size deodorants (0.5oz), Disposable Razors, Travel size hand sanitizers (2oz), Travel size lotions (1oz), Emery Boards (0.5oz), Travel size mouthwash (1.2oz), Travel size nail clippers, Gallon Freezer Bags.

If you would prefer to send in a monetary donation, please place it in an envelope marked "Operation Gratitude." Checks are made payable to *Wyneken*. We will use the donations to purchase additional items. Please send in all donations to Wyneken by Monday, January 27. The students will work together during NLSW to put together care packages with the items we collect. Thank you for your participation in this service project!

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. Contact the school office At (260) 639-6177 or Chris Caston (260) 701-2276 for complete details.

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 260-223-227 or kaributcher31@gmail.com to purchase tickets.

