

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+For the Sick and Recovering: Bonnie Gallmeyer, Ron Selking, Pendency Selking.

+For the Homebound & Infirm: Delores Rumpel, Edna Mesing, Irene Bieberich, Faye Keuneke, Marge Merriman (all at Woodcrest); Anita Spiegel (home).

+Birthdays: Rob Keuneke, Stephanie Williams, Amanda Rabel, Jonathon Fuelling, Leyna Macke, Josh Borne, Laurie Lehman.

ATTENDANCE

1/26 8:00am 84 Bible Class 67 10:15am 118

OFFERINGS

Need Weekly: \$7,049.84 Received Last Week: \$5,065.01
(+) or (-) Week (\$1,984.83) or (-) Year to date (-\$4,826.62)

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Acolytes: 8am Skyler Steiner 10:15am Drew Kolter

Greeters: 8am
10:15am

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 Pur. and Presentation of our Lord-D.S.
	9:15am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	10:15am	The Pur. and Presentation of our Lord-D.S.
	11:30am	Public School Confirmation
<u>Tuesday:</u>	6am	No Early Bird @ St. John
	7pm	Lutheran Bible Institute
<u>Wednesday:</u>	7pm	Choir Practice
<u>Saturday:</u>	8am	Strategic Planning Committee at St. John does not include Sub-Committee members
<u>Next Sun:</u>	8am	The 5th Sunday after Epiphany-Divine S.
	9:15am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	10:15am	The 5th Sunday after Epiphany- Matins

NEWS AND NOTES | February 2, 2020

At St. Paul, Preble

The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of our Lord is today, February 2nd. Forty days after Christmas, the mother of our Lord and his guardian take the infant Christ to the temple in accordance with the Law, so that they may be purified as Moses commanded, with the sacrifice of two turtledoves. In the temple, they are met by two people: Anna the prophetess, and Simeon, who had received a word from the Holy Spirit that he would not die before seeing the Lord's Christ. Simeon is described as one who was "waiting for the consolation of Israel." In this way, Simeon is an icon of the entire Old Testament, waiting for God to make good on his promises to send the Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ, to accomplish the salvation of the world.

Upon seeing Jesus, Simeon takes the child in his arms and blesses God with the words that are familiar to us as Lutherans. He sings the *Nunc Dimittis*: *Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen the salvation you have prepared in the sight of every people, a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.* Simeon is singing to God, in effect, that he is ready to go and die, to depart this life and divorce this world with all of its cares and trouble, for God has fulfilled his Word. He has seen and beheld his Christ. Therefore, Simeon has what he needs to depart in peace. We sing this hymn after the Holy Communion because, having received Christ under bread and wine, we too are made partakers of Christ, and the life and salvation he won for us. We too, like Simeon, have beheld Christ, and thus are ready to depart in peace.

Wyneken's 3rd-5th Graders sing in the first service this morning during the Offering, "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace." We give thanks to God for their song, and we pray that God would continue to bless our school, its teachers, staff, and students, keeping us faithful to the Lord and his Word.

Noodles will be made this week Feb. 3, 4, and 5. Come when you are able and stay as long as you like. Call Kelly Todd with questions, 639-7291. We are setting up today after the second service. Please help if you can.

A Big Tree has been felled across 450W. The Trustees would invite anyone seeking free firewood to come and have at it- first come, first serve. What is not collected by members will be taken away in February.

52nd Annual Lutheran Bible Institute – This is the 52nd year for the Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute (LBI) which will take place, **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.

Anita Spiegel is turning 80 on Feb. 20th. We will have a card shower for her. Please place all cards on pastor's desk and we will see that she gets them. **The Lutheran Foundation (TLF)** is offering \$1,000 scholarships on a first come, first served basis to the four-week Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival (LSM) to be held at Valparaiso University June 28-July 26. High school students who are members of TLF partner congregations must be accepted by May 1 to qualify. While the actual per-student cost of LSM is about \$6,000, gifts from hundreds of donors reduce tuition to \$2,495. The TLF scholarship, matched 50% by LSM, reduces the tuition to \$995. This fee is all-inclusive, covering musical instruction, room and board, etc. For more information visit www.lsmacademy.org or call 612-879-9555.

Middle and High School Youth.

No Youth tonight. Enjoy the Super Bowl, because somebody has to.

Feb. 9th H.S. Youth Gathering next Sun. at Parsonage 1 from 6:30-8:30pm.

Ice Skating and Coney Island Sunday, Feb. 9th, 1—5:30pm. **This is a Middle School Event for those in the 6th-8th Grade.** We will meet at the Bingen parking lot at 1pm and head to Headwaters Park to ice skate. We will then head to Coney Island for hot dogs. Please let Pr. Yeager or Pr. Brock know if you plan to participate by Feb. 7th. Skating is \$5, eating is ~\$5-10.

Winter Whiteout Weekend Retreat. This event is for 8th-12th graders. We will leave promptly after school Friday, Feb. 21 and return Sunday, Feb. 23. Cost is \$75 per person. Skiing or snowboarding is an additional \$21 (includes rental and 1-hour lesson). This event will involve skiing and also catechesis. Please ask Pr. Brock for an informational packet if you do not have one. Packets were distributed to 8th graders and all H.S. youth at the gatherings.

Higher Things Conference 2020. We will attend the Higher Things Conference next summer at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, July 14-17, 2020. If you are interested, please contact Pr. Yeager to register.

At Wyneken.

School Closing Reminder: Wyneken will be closed on Friday, February 14 for a Teacher Professional Development Day and on Monday, February 17 for President's Day. Due to the cancellation on December 16, 2019 we will be implementing a planned e-Learning day on Monday, February 17.

Spring Enrollment for 2020-2021: Enrollment forms for the 2020-2021 school year are being updated and will be mailed very soon to all currently enrolled families and new families who attended the open house. If you know of a family who was not able to attend the open house and is interested in receiving information please call the school office at 260-639-6177.

Wyneken PTL Meeting: There will be a Wyneken PTL meeting on Monday, February 10 at 7pm. This is a regular business meeting with discussion of projects and fundraisers sponsored by the PTL. If you have never attended a meeting, please come join us. We would love to hear your ideas and input! Childcare is provided free by the 7th/8th grade class.

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.

