

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+For the Sick and Recovering: Kay Rose, Bonnie Gallmeyer, Ron Selking.
+For the Homebound & Infirm: Delores Rumble, Edna Mesing, Irene Bieberich, Faye Keuneke, Marge Merriman (all at Woodcrest); Kay Rose (home); Anita Spiegel (home).
+Birthdays: Dan Bleeke, Gene Bulmahn, Brittney Gallmeyer, Eve Yeager, Tori Miller, Karlanna Bieberich, Spencer Shoup, Laverne Borne, Bobby Keuneke, Anita Spiegel, Brian Gallmeyer, Theresa Haines, Leroy Werling, Sam Albert

ATTENDANCE

2/9 8:00am 87 Bible Class 64 10:15am 121

OFFERINGS

Need Weekly: \$7,049.84 Received Last Week: \$
(+) or (-) Week (-\$) or (-) Year to date (-\$8,525.31)

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Director of Music: Mrs. Connie Garner.

Field Workers: Seminarians Brendan Harris & Anthony Keilani.

Acolytes: 8am Kade Fuelling 10:15am Ben Enterline

Greeters: 8am Jim & Rhonda Brune
10:15am Steve & Connie Kreigh

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 6th Sunday after Epiphany-Matins
	9:15am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	10:15am	The 6th Sunday after Epiphany-D.S.
	11:30am	Public School Confirmation
	6:30pm	Wyneken Service and Game Night
<u>Tuesday:</u>	6am	No Early Bird @ St. John
	7pm	Lutheran Bible Institute, Session 4
<u>Wednesday:</u>	7pm	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday:</u>	7pm	Ladies Aid & LWML
<u>Fri-Sun.</u>		Pastor Yeager @ Youth Trip, Michigan
<u>Next Sun:</u>	8am	The Transfiguration of our Lord—D.S.
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NEWS AND NOTES | *February 16th, 2020*

At St. Paul, Preble

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany is a continuation of the Gospel of St. Matthew, this week, focusing on verses 21-37 of chapter 5. With these words of our Lord Jesus, we learn what righteousness God calls for in his Law.

The Fifth Commandment says, “*You shall not murder.*” The Lord says that refraining from murder is not enough. One’s heart must be cleansed of vengeful anger and hatred. Likewise, the Sixth Commandment says, “*You shall not commit adultery.*” But refraining from adultery is not enough. For adultery, like murder, begins in the heart, with lust. Not only must one’s hands be kept free from sinning. But the Law calls for a pure, clean heart.

Who can attain such righteousness? No one. Here, Christ would have us see two things. First, he would have us see our inability to keep the Law and thus our need for a Savior. No one can achieve the holy life that pleases God on his or her own. As St. Paul teaches, by works of the Law, no man will be justified. But second, Christ would have us learn that the righteousness God’s Law requires, that righteousness which no man can of himself accomplish, is fulfilled in Jesus. Christ Jesus himself is the embodiment of the beatitudes.

Christ, and he alone, is the merciful one, the meek one, the one pure in heart, the one hungering and thirsting for righteousness, the one persecuted for righteousness’ sake. He is the blessed salvation of God. The Law is fulfilled

in Christ. His righteousness is given to us in Baptism and received by faith. Thus, salvation is a free gift of God's grace, and not by works of the Law.

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th at 7pm. We will gather for Lenten midweek services Wednesday at 7 o'clock. Last year, the pre-service suppers were a great hit and we would like to continue to have families, groups and organizations in the Church host these this year also, at 5:45pm during the midweek Wednesdays in Lent. The youth/confirmands will take the first supper on Ash Wednesday (parents are receiving a letter from Pastor Yeager). There is a sign up sheet in the narthex welcoming *anyone* in the congregation to host one of these midweek suppers. The order of service will be Vespers and our series will be on the Apostles' Creed.

Friday through Sunday, Feb. 21-23, Pastor Yeager will be in Michigan for the youth Catechesis retreat. Pr. Brege will preach and teach next Sunday. Please let Pr. Yeager know of any pastoral emergencies.

Easter flower order forms on credenza in narthex. Orders will be taken from Feb 16 thru March 15, 2020. These are the flowers we use to beautify the nave for Easter. Direct questions please call Kelly Todd at 260-693-7291.

A warm and heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped set up for and make noodles. Your Ladies Aid greatly appreciates your help. God bless you all!

Middle and High School Youth.

H.S. Youth meet for Wyneken service and game night *tonight* at 6:30pm.

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.

Middle School Youth. Bowling and More at Georgetown Entertainment, Sunday, March 15th, 1-5pm. We will meet in the Wyneken parking lot and carpool for unlimited bowling and fun and food. Cost is \$10 per youth.

High School Youth. Escape Room and Bagger Dave's. Sunday, March 8th, 2:30-7pm. We will leave the Wyneken parking lot at 2:30 and head to Escapology (2876 Dupont Road, Ft. Wayne), Fort Wayne's premier Escape Room, then grab a burger and shake afterwards. Cost per youth is \$30.

Wyneken.

The Wyneken School Board has commissioned the **Strategic Planning Committee**, a group comprised of our principal, pastors, and three members

from each of our congregations, to study our school's future needs and to advise the School Board concerning a 5, 10, and 20 year plan for the future of Wyneken. The members of St. Paul serving on the Strategic Planning Committee are Pat Keane, Joe Nower, Mike Rabel, and Pr. Yeager.

The Strategic Planning Committee has established six areas of focus and has created six subcommittees to study these areas over the course of the next two years. I would like to personally thank those who have volunteered to serve on these sub committees for the benefit of our school: **Finance:** Sean McDowell; Brian Steiner; Amanda Borne; **Service:** Cheryl Reinking; Jim and Karen Schueler; **Academics:** Julie Smith, Courtney Butcher, Catherine Faurote; **Staff:** Sarah Reinhart, Jim Melton, Rebecca Hoffman; and **Early Childhood:** Janine Albert, Tim Hoffman, Angie Vogel. These sub committees will perform an in-depth study, report the findings of their research to the Strategic Planning Committee, and advise per future goals.

Wyneken PTL invites you to our Mighty Warrior Gala, February 29th, located at the Eden, 14013 Emmanuel Road, Hoagland, IN 46745. This annual fundraiser supports our school in many and various ways (there is a live and silent auction) and is a fun night of fellowship with Wyneken parents, teachers, and pastors, past and present. Presale tickets only. Contact Kari Butcher at kaributcher31@gmail.com to purchase tickets.

Circuit, District, and Synod.

See Israel with Pastor and Lynn Brege! Have a life changing experience in Israel! Join President Daniel and Lynn Brege as they host a tour of the Holy Land, January 12-21, 2021. See Capernaum, Gethsemane, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, Jerusalem, and much more. The total cost is \$3,997.00 (including a \$500.00 deposit) from Chicago. Early Bird Savings: \$90.00 off by 2/28/20; \$80.00 off by 3/15/2020, etc. To register on line go to: RegisterNow.ittworld.com; tour code: Brege21. For more information brochures and registration forms are available. Questions? Call Lynn at (cell) 260-223-4359 or (home) 260-547-4256.

2020 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference is Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13 at Concordia Univ. Chicago. At this conference, meet and hear: Mollie Hemingway of The Federalist and FoxNews, Mark Hemingway of RealClearInvestigations, Dr. Albert Mohler of Southern Baptist Seminary, Dr. Robert George of Princeton University, Rev. Hans Fiene of "Lutheran Satire," Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller of *Has American Christianity Failed?* and Rev. Will Weedon of "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever." If you have any questions, send an email to lynn@issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.