

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+Thanksgiving: for the birth of Mallorie Faye McCullough to Cody and Maddie McCullough Wednesday, February 12; and for the birth of Oakley Jeffrey Elwer to Travis and Karmen Elwer on Monday, February 17. May these be vouchsafed unto Baptism for their rebirth as the children of God!

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

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

+Birthdays: Ed Albert, Janine Albert, Maddie Vitatoe, Riley Nower, Mike Wesley, Nancy Schueler, Addison Butcher, Jim Melton, Nichole Dicke, Patriot Tinsley, Dave Reinking.

ATTENDANCE

2/16 8:00am 103 Bible Class 68 10:15am 97

OFFERINGS

Need Weekly: \$7,049.84 Received Last Week: \$5,415.10
(+) or (-) Week (-\$1,634.74) Year to date (-\$13,384.44)

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Field Workers: Seminarians Brendan Harris & Anthony Keilani.

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

Greeters: 8am Eugene & Helen Bulmahn.
10:15am Mike & Diana Hoffman.

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 9:15am 10:15am 11:30am	The Transfiguration of our Lord Bible Class and Sunday School The Transfiguration of our Lord Public School Confirmation <i>No H.S. Youth tonight-catechesis retreat</i> Early Bird @ St. John
<u>Tuesday:</u>	6am	
<u>Wednesday:</u>	5:45pm 7pm	Lenten Supper hosted by 7th-8th grade Ash Wednesday—Divine Service
<u>Next Sun:</u>	8am 9:15am 10:15am 11:30am	First Sunday in Lent, Matins Bible Class and Sunday School First Sunday in Lent, DS 4 Public School Confirmation

NEWS AND NOTES | *February 23rd, 2020*

At St. Paul, Preble

The Transfiguration of Our Lord is celebrated today. The text for our meditation is Matthew 17:1-9. Jesus takes three disciples up a mountain and is transfigured before them. His appearance changes. His ordinary raiment shines dazzling white. The glory of the divinity shines through the humanity of Jesus. For one brief moment, the disciples of Jesus see their Lord with the cloak of his humility pulled back. They behold him as the angels and saints in eternal glory behold the Son of God, and they are utterly astonished.

With Jesus are Moses and Elijah. The Law and Prophets. All of Scripture bears witness to Jesus. They discuss with the Lord “his exodus,” St. Luke says. That means his cross. What is the conversation of heaven? What fills the saints in glory with delight? It is nothing else than the gospel of Christ crucified for sinners. The saints glory eternally in that sacrificial death, for it is the moment of Satan’s undoing. It is the moment of our salvation.

St. Peter wants to stay on that mountain. The glory of Jesus is a blessed sight. He doesn’t want to journey below where sin and darkness await them. But the Father rebukes Peter: “This is my Son; listen to him.” Christ must go to the cross, as he says three times before his death, to save the world. With this heavenly vision, the Church sees a picture (a “type,” as the Hymn of the Day says), of her own blessed future. When Christ comes again to raise the dead, we will appear with him in such glory. This experience will be joyful beyond all telling. For now, the whole creation awaits the revealing of the sons of God even as we pray for the same, “Come soon, Lord Jesus.”

This morning we rejoice to have Pr. Brege present with us to celebrate and teach. His plan is to present on his recent trip to Israel with Lynn in the Bible Class, complete with pictures. Please join us for Bible Class.

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 signup 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.

Individual Confession/Absolution. During Lent, Pastor Yeager invites the congregation to meet with him in order to privately confess those sins which weigh heavy on the heart, and to hear the Lord's word of forgiveness spoken personally and individually. The time is 6:30-7:30am Sundays in his office. No appointment is required. See page 292 in the hymnal to review the Rite.

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.

Noodles. A warm thank you to all who helped make noodles this year!

Middle and High School Youth.

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.

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.

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.

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3rd, 4th & 5th Grades Musical: The students in grades 3-4-5 under the direction of Mrs. Gavrun, will present "*At the Bandstand*" on Tue., March 17 with a 1:00pm and 6:30pm performance. Parents, grandparents are welcome

to come to the 1:00pm performance. Doors for the afternoon performance will open at 12:45pm and at 6:10pm for the evening performance.

2020-2021 Spring Enrollment Forms: Enrollment forms went out in the mail on Monday, February 3 and families should have received enrollment forms by now; if not, please call the school office right away. Enrollment forms are to be returned to the school no later than March 2. (\$100 late fee)

Asphalt repair/bids sought. The Wyneken School Board is seeking bids to repair sinking asphalt around drain basins in the school parking lot. If you have an interest, contact Chad Baumann at maintenance@wyneken.org or 260-223-3633. If we do not receive bids within the Association, outside bids will be sought. Bids are requested by March 11, 2020.

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 kari butcher31@gmail.com to purchase tickets.

Circuit, District, and Synod.

Senior Citizens' Lunch at New Hope, Ossian March 5th, 11:30am. The ladies will provide a free lunch and Soarin' Hawk Raptors will give a presentation on raptors with live birds (!). RSVP to the Church Office by Tue., March 3 to 622-7954. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Soup and Sandwich Dinner with Craft and Bake Sale, Sun., March 8, at Wyneken. This meal is put on by the members of Zion, Friedheim. The menu will include homemade soups, sandwiches, salads and desserts. The meal will be served from 10am-1pm, and carryout service will also be available.

AYCE Fish/Tenderloin Dinner at St. John, Bingen with craft and bake sale is on Sunday, March 15 from 10:30am-1:30pm. Carry-out service available.

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.