

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+For the Sick and Recovering: Bonnie Gallmeyer, Ron Selking; Dick and Ruth Bultemeier (first principal of Wyneken and his wife-failing health); Randy Geyer, the city of Nashville, TN; victims of flu and Coronavirus.

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

+Birthdays: Hank Nussbaum, Jordan Sloffer, Chase Baker, Eric Blum, Alan Bieberich, Cynthia Reinhart, Josie Miller.

ATTENDANCE

3/1 8:00am 74 Bible Class 64 10:15am 122

3/3 *Midweek service* 76

OFFERINGS

Need Weekly: \$7,049.84 Received Last Week: \$6,387.26
(+) or (-) Week (\$662.58) Year to date (\$17,463.86)

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Director of Music: Mrs. Connie Garner.

Field Workers: Seminarians Brendan Harris & Anthony Keilani.

Acolytes: 8am Evan Sovine 10:15am Sam Albert.

Greeters: 8am Micah & Amanda Borne & family.
10:15am Ralph & Sharon Ewell.

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 Second Sunday in Lent—D.S. 4
	9:15am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	10:15am	The Second Sunday in Lent—Matins
	11:30am	Public School Confirmation
	2:30-7pm	Youth, Escape Room and Bagger Daves
<u>Tuesday:</u>	6am	Early Bird, St. John
<u>Wednesday:</u>	5:45pm	Lenten Supper
	6pm	Choir Practice
	7pm	Lent Midweek 3—Vespers
<u>Next Sun:</u>	8am	Third Sunday in Lent, Matins
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NEWS AND NOTES | March 8, 2020

At St. Paul, Preble.

The Second Sunday in Lent gives us the Gospel from St. John 3:1-17. Nicodemus, a Pharisee and a ruler of the Jews, comes to Jesus by night, searching for the truth. Certainly the “signs” or miracles Jesus has been performing on the sick testify that this one is from God. Who is Jesus? And how does his kingdom come? Of these questions, Nicodemus is in the dark. He cannot grasp the mysteries of God’s kingdom by his own reason or strength. By nature, we are unable to believe in our Lord or come to him. So Jesus tells him that he will never see or enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born again, or as the Greek says, born *from above*. This heavenly new birth by water and the Spirit (John 3:5) is Holy Baptism, where we all receive the washing of renewal and regeneration by which God imparts saving faith that we might believe in our Lord Jesus Christ and take hold of him (Titus 3).

Then, the Lord Jesus shows Nicodemus precisely how the Kingdom of God comes. Just as the Serpent was exalted in the wilderness (Numbers 21), to be the cure from the judgment of snakebites, so that everyone who looked on the Bronze Serpent was cured, so is Jesus Christ exalted upon the holy Cross, that everyone who looks on the Son in faith receives the cure from sin and death. It is within this context that St. John writes the familiar sixteenth verse of chapter 3: For God so loved the world, or, For God loved the world *in this way*—that he gave his only-begotten Son and exalted him on the cross, so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Individual Confession/Absolution. During Lent, Pastor Yeager invites the members of St. Paul to meet with him in order to privately confess those sins which weigh heavy on the heart and conscience, and to receive Absolution, that is, God's forgiveness. 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.

Lenten Midweek Services continue for the next four Wednesdays at 7pm. Our series is the Apostles' Creed. A hosted (free) supper will happen at 5:45 each Wednesday evening, hosted by various individuals and groups at St. Paul, and all are invited to come and partake. Thanks to Pr. Brege and our Seminarians for preaching, and for those who have agreed to host meals.

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.

Mission trip opportunity. How would you like to work alongside God in the mission field sharing His love with others who do not know Him or? You can start the journey today on a MOST Ministries short term mission team. Our church will partner with MOST Ministries, a LCMS organization based out of Ann Arbor, MI. Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST Ministries) is a Christian non-profit organization that connects, trains, and sends short-term mission teams throughout the world, in response to requests from missionaries and church bodies. MOST Ministries provides for the physical and spiritual needs of more than 10,000 people each year. St. Paul is excited to offer an eyeglass mission trip in June 2021 to Central America. Everyone, high school age and over are welcome. No medical skills needed – MOST will train the team in the simplified eye exams, supply the eye glasses needed, as well as arrange for the interpreters, lodging accommodations, and travel necessities. If we have enough interest and team members, we could also include VBS for the children. See see: <https://www.mostministries.org>. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of our church team. Talk to Cheryl Reinking if interested: creinking@wyneken.org.

Middle and High School Youth.

High School Youth. Escape Room and Bagger Dave's. today, 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.

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.

Wyneken.

Seeking help at Wyneken Childcare. Do you have a love for children? The Wyneken Child Care has some part-time positions open. If interested or desiring more information, please contact Christine Cornett, Director of the Wyneken Child Care program, at 260-639-6064.

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. Bids are requested by March 11, 2020.

Pack Away Hunger is April 3-4. Meals will be packed for malnourished children, mostly in local counties. The goal is for volunteers to pack 40,000 meals over the course of those days. Saturday, April 4th, we will need 220+ volunteers. Shifts from 9-11:30 and 1-3:30pm. If you would like to volunteer please contact Dawn Buuck at zionfrdhn.pahunger@gmail.com or contact her by telephone at 260-724-7952 by Saturday, March 28th.

Circuit, District, and Synod.

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.

Annual LLL Breakfast Saturday, March 21st at 8:30am at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2131 Getz Road, Ft. Wayne, IN 46804. Registration begins at 8am, breakfast 8:30, cost is \$10/person. For info contact Rich Kraus at 260-437-7990 or by email kraus51@hotmail.com. All are welcome!

St. John, Flatrock Rummage Sat. March 20, 8-5pm, Sun. March 21, 8-noon.

See Israel with Pastor and Lynn Brege! Join President Daniel and Lynn Brege as they host a tour of the Holy Land, January 12-21, 2021. The cost is \$3,997.00 (including a \$500.00 deposit) from Chicago. \$80.00 off by 3/15/2020, etc. To register on line go to: RegisterNow.ittworld.com; tour code: Brege21. Questions? Call Lynn at (cell) 223-4359 or (home) 547-4256.