

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+For the Sick and Recovering: Bonnie Gallmeyer; Ken Schueler; Marcia Selking; Jeff Schueler; Dick and Ruth Bultemeier; Randy Geyer; our county, state, and nation as it suffers under the Coronavirus pandemic.
+For the Homebound & Infirm: Delores Rumble, Edna Mesing, Irene Bieberich, Faye Keuneke, Marge Merriman (all at Woodcrest); Anita Spiegel (home).
+Birthdays: Avree Fisher, Jack Hamilton, Mary Yeager, Taylor Rhymer, Bret Comer, Keith Dicke, Emilie Reinking, Jeremiah Lenegar.

ATTENDANCE

3/8 8:00am 60 Bible Class 48 10:15am 112

3/11 *Midweek service* 60

OFFERINGS

Need Weekly: \$7,049.84 Received Last Week: \$3,253.75
(+) or (-) Week (\$3,796.09) Year to date (\$21,259.95)

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Director of Music: Mrs. Connie Garner.

Field Workers: Seminarians Brendan Harris & Anthony Keilani.

Acolytes: 8am Isaac Freidt 10:15am Matt Rabel.

Greeters: 8am Jared & Courtney Butcher & family.
10:15am Dean & Cindy Gallmeyer & 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	Third Sunday in Lent, Matins
	9:15am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	10:15am	Third Sunday in Lent, D.S.4
	11:30am	Public School Confirmation
	1-5pm	Middle School Youth Bowling /Georgetown
	6:30-8:30pm	Wyneken Service and Game Night
<u>Tuesday:</u>	6am	Early Bird, St. John
<u>Wednesday:</u>	5:45pm	Lenten Supper
	6pm	Choir Practice
	7pm	Lent Midweek 3—Vespers
<u>Thursday:</u>	7pm	Ladies Aid
	11, 1:30pm	<i>Heritage, Woodcrest Services postponed</i>
<u>Next Sun:</u>	8am	Fourth Sunday in Lent, D.S. 4
	9:15am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	10:15am	Fourth Sunday in Lent, Matins
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NEWS AND NOTES | *March 15th, 2020*

At St. Paul, Preble.

The Third Sunday in Lent gives us the Gospel from St. John 5:4-26. In the town of Sychar of Samaria, Jesus meets a woman by Jacob's well. It is high noon, and Jesus is thirsty. He asks the woman for a drink. It was the height of all scandal that Jesus would have been speaking with a woman, let alone a Samaritan woman. She is surprised at Jesus' request. Jesus says, if she would have known who it was who asked her for water, she would have asked him, and he would have given her living water. The water of which Jesus speaks is the water that is joined with God's Spirit, the life-giving water of God's divine mercy, rich in grace, poured out in order to join sinners to Christ—the one from whose pierced side living water flowed out upon the holy cross, together with his blood. The woman has a checkered past. She has had five husbands, and the man she is currently with is not her husband. Christ, the omniscient Son of God knows this, along with every facet of her pained life. He has crossed the many boundaries that separated him from this woman, because he would be her true husband, the Bridegroom of all the fallen children who have played the harlot and wandered from God. The time is coming, Jesus says, when God will not be worshipped in Jerusalem or on any mountain of Samaria, but wherever the Holy Spirit is present with the living water of salvation, there is God the Father present in worship for the saints.

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 three 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 **through today only**. 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 share God's love with others? 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 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.

Middle School Youth. Bowling and More at Georgetown Entertainment, today, 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 Gathering tonight from 6:30-8:30pm. Wyneken service and game night. Join your fellow Lutheran youth at Wyneken as we clean lockers, lights, try (and fail) to defeat Pr. Yeager in a game of basketball.

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

Wyneken.

Seeking help at Wyneken Childcare. The Wyneken Child Care has some part-time positions open. If interested or desiring more information, please contact Christine Cornett, Director of the Child Care program, at 639-6064.

SCRIP: As you prepare for Spring and Spring Break, remember to stock up on Scrip! Whether it's fixing up the home or yard, replacing outgrown or worn out clothing, eating out or catching the latest movie releases, "We have Scrip for that!" A very limited amount of Scrip is available daily in the school office. For large orders, please see a Scrip representative. At St. John, Bingen-Teegen Brock (260-301-1606); St. Paul, Preble-Jennifer Faurote (260-223-1509); Zion, Friedheim-Cheryl Lengerich (260-701-4326). An order form is available on the Wyneken website, www.wyneken.org.

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.

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.