

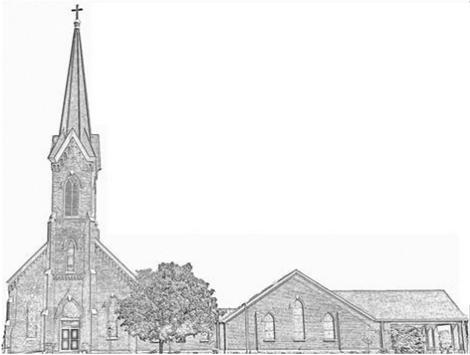
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Dear Friends in Christ,

Most people know what “good samaritan” means. At least, they think they know what it means. The phrase comes, of course, from Jesus’ parable which goes something like this:

Bruised, beaten, and helpless, the man who had fallen among thieves lay on the roadside. He was half dead, needing rescue and healing. If help had not come soon, he would surely have perished. A priest and a Levite walk by on the other side of the road. They ignore the plight of the helpless, dying man.

But then comes this Samaritan—a foreigner of mixed race and religion, and therefore despised by the people who thought they were better than others. When he sees the poor, wounded man, Luke says that he had “compassion.” He was moved in the gut, as Jesus is moved at the sight of people who suffer. The Samaritan wastes no time in helping the injured man, immediately binding up the man’s wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He places him on his own animal and takes him to an inn. But the Good Samaritan doesn’t stop there. He places the man into the care of the innkeeper, gives him money for expenses, and promises to repay the innkeeper for anything further upon his return.

If all of this was just a lesson in morality, to remind people what they should do for others, then Jesus’ parable would give us no comfort, no hope, no salvation. So what does it mean? With this parable Jesus paints a beautiful portrait of our salvation. He shows us just how desperate our condition is on account of sin, and He shows the gift of rescue and healing that He comes to bring. The dying man in the parable provides a picture of all the fallen sons of Adam.

Wounded by sin, beaten by the devil’s attacks, robbed of our righteousness and our good standing with God, we, too, were “dead in the trespasses and sins” (**Ephesians 2:1**). Like this man, we were helpless and destitute. Left to ourselves, we would have most certainly perished eternally. Eternal death and damnation are a just reward for our sins.

Who could help us? The Law? Could Moses raise us up from spiritual death to life? The parable would seem to suggest that this is not so. The priest and the Levite represent Moses and the Law of Sinai, which do not heal but only kill. The Law is good; its commandments are pure. But they cannot help or heal the wounded and beaten sinner.

So along comes this foreigner called Christ. He is not from these parts, you might say. He has come from heaven. And He is despised by the world. As the prophet Isaiah foretold: “He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief” (**Isaiah 53:3**). But this man comes anyway. The Son of God saw our wretched state and had compassion. He came and did what the Law and Moses could not do. He has bound up the wounds of sinners. He has carried our sins and griefs and sorrows to the cross. And by His stripes, by His wounds, by His death at the hands of men, we are healed (cf. Isaiah 53:5).

The healing medicine of Christ’s forgiveness is given in Holy Baptism, by which we are buried and raised with Christ. For like the man fallen among thieves, “you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:11). Still, the cancer of our sin continues to rear its ugly head. We need ongoing treatments. And this is why our loving Savior has brought us into the inn of His Church and placed us into the care of His innkeepers. In this way, He continues to administer the healing medicine of His forgiveness, life, and salvation. And he does this in a unique and special way in the Lord’s Supper.

In that salutary gift, the same Christ who healed every disease among men, the same Christ who bound up the brokenhearted, the same Christ by whose stripes we are healed, comes and does for us what He did for so many wounded souls in the Gospel. We come to the Lord's Table wounded by our sins, helpless and in need of mercy and healing. And Jesus sees our miserable condition and has compassion on us. He comes to us weak and weary sinners and gives to us the healing medicine of His crucified and risen body and blood. Like the Samaritan in the parable, Christ binds up our wounds and pours on us the oil and wine of His good Spirit, to comfort wounded consciences.

As we have heard throughout the Lenten season, this bread from heaven, healing medicine, blest communion, rest for the weary, nuptial feast, covenant meal, and feast of victory – Christ's true body and blood – is truly a medicine of immortality. Whoever receives this medicine, trusting in its power and benefits, truly has eternal life. Whatever sicknesses and ailments we now endure will no longer annoy in the life to come, for we know that the healing that Christ has begun here will be brought to completion at the day of the resurrection.

Our Lutheran forefathers understood well the healing power of the Sacrament as well as our lifelong need for this sacred gift. The Ancient Fathers of the Church understood this as well, as we see in the words of St. Ambrose who wrote: "Because I always sin, I always need to take the medicine" (Augsburg Confession, Article XXIV 33). These venerable Fathers in the faith understood that because the sinful flesh is with us from cradle to grave, there is never a time that we do not need this healing gift.

So what about you? Do you have need of consolation? Do you have a wounded conscience? Have you lived as if God did not matter and as if you mattered most of all? Are you plagued by sin and the temptations of the devil? Then this medicine of our Lord's body and blood is for you. It is for your healing and sanctification. We give thanks to God during this Lenten season that through this salutary gift, Christ's healing hand reaches out to us and heals us. "Take, eat!" "Drink of it, all of you!" These are the words of your Great Physician, your Good Samaritan, Jesus Christ, who feeds you for the journey through this world's Lent with a foretaste of the Easter Feast of Victory that has no end.

In Christ,
Pastor

Holy Week – April 9-16

(See explanation of Holy Week on the following pages)

Passion Sunday (with the Procession of Palms) + April 9

The Procession of Palms
The Passion Reading
The Service of the Sacrament



Holy (Maundy) Thursday + April 13: THE SALUTARY GIFT: Covenant Meal

(First part of the sacred Triduum, the three-day observance of Christ's Passover)

The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution
The Service of the Word
The Service of the Sacrament
The Stripping of the Altar

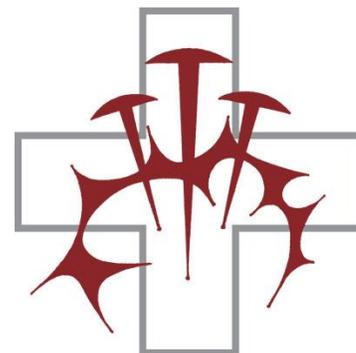


Good Friday + April 14: THE SALUTARY GIFT: Sacrificial Banquet

(Second part of the sacred Triduum, the three-day observance of Christ's Passover)

1pm *Chief Service*
The Passion of Our Lord
The Bidding Prayer
The Reproaches
The Service of the Sacrament

7pm *Tenebrae Vespers*
The Passion of Our Lord
The Bidding Prayer
The Reproaches (with the extinguishing of candles)
The Strepitus



Holy Saturday + April 15

(Third part of the sacred Triduum, the three-day observance of Christ's Passover)

Decatur-Circuit Easter Vigil Service @ St. John + Bingen, 8pm

The Service of Light
The Service of Readings
The Service of Holy Baptism
The Service of Prayer
The Service of the Word



The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 16, 2017

THE SALUTARY GIFT: Feast of Victory

6:30am: Festival Divine Service

8:00am: Easter Breakfast

10:30am: Festival Divine Service

Passion Sunday (*with the Procession of Palms*) – April 9, 2017

8am & 10:30am - Divine Service

The Procession of Palms
The Passion Reading
The Service of the Sacrament

Holy Week, the culmination of this Lenten season, begins on Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 9. Passion (Palm) Sunday is both somber and joyful. A procession with palms and hosannas to commemorate our Lord's entry into Jerusalem begins the service, striking a victorious note as we sing *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*. Sunday School-age children are invited to gather in the Parish Hall 15 minutes prior to the 10:30am Divine Service in order to process into the church with palm branches and support the congregation's worship with their singing. The hosannas of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem quickly give way to the extended reading of the Passion Narrative, this year from Matthew's Gospel. ("Passion" is from the Latin *passio* which means "suffering") This reading, which will be read responsively and punctuated by the singing of Lenten hymns, sets before the gathered faithful all that our Lord did on our behalf. Thus is Christ's Church prepared to travel through Holy Week, the most important week of the entire Church Year.



Holy (Maundy) Thursday - April 13, 2017

1pm & 7pm - Divine Service

The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution
The Service of the Sacrament
The Stripping of the Altar



Holy (Maundy) Thursday marks the first of three sacred days known as the *Triduum Sacrum* (Latin for "sacred three days"). The Triduum includes Holy (Maundy) Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The name "Maundy Thursday" (from the Latin *mandatum*, which means "commandment") comes from the Lord's words in John 13:34: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." To emphasize the primacy of our Savior's actions for us (as distinct from *our* actions which respond in faith to God's actions for us), the name "Holy Thursday" is commonly used, helpfully inclusive not only of the Lord's washing of the disciples' feet and commandment to love, but also of His institution of the Lord's

Supper on the night when He was betrayed. Holy (Maundy) Thursday includes the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution, signaling the end of the Lenten preparation with the absolution and peace of Christ that stand at the center of the Triduum. The Stripping of the Altar concludes the service, demonstrating the depth of Christ's servanthood in preparation for the Church's observance of Jesus' death on Good Friday. Because the Triduum is seen as one service in three parts or days, no Benediction is spoken at the conclusion of the Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service. The Triduum continues uninterrupted with the Chief Service on Good Friday.

Good Friday – April 14, 2017

1pm - Good Friday Chief Service

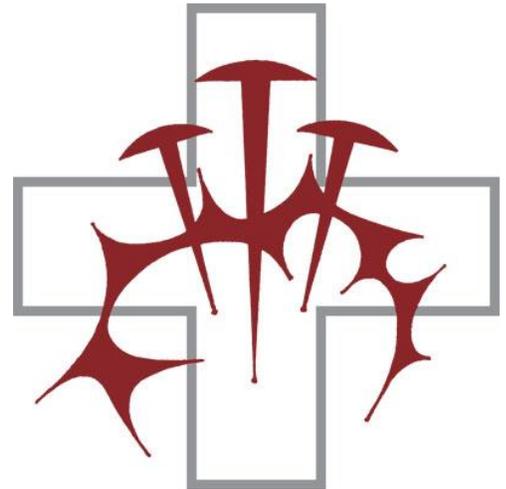
The Passion of Our Lord
The Bidding Prayer
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The Service of the Sacrament

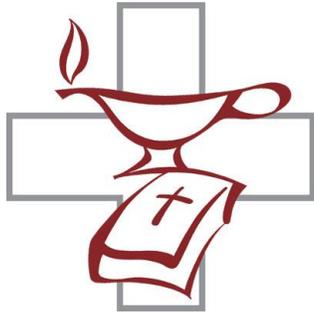
7pm - Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers

The Passion of Our Lord
The Bidding Prayer
The Reproaches (with the extinguishing of candles)
The Strepitus

Good Friday stands at the heart and center of the sacred Triduum, even as Christ's death on the cross, which it commemorates and celebrates, stands at the heart and center of the Christian faith and life. The name for Good Friday may originally have been "God's Friday," but it is certainly also "good" because of the good gifts Christ won for us on this day. The services of this day are marked by the Church's deepest humility and most solemn reverence, for she gives her attention to the cross and Passion of her dear Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Church's sorrow and contrition do not give way to despair, however; nor does she mourn the death of Christ. Good Friday is not observed as a funeral for Jesus, and we do not seek to self-cultivate feelings of sadness or pity for our Savior as His Passion is read. Rather, this is a day for repentance over sin and restrained joy and praise for the redemption that our Savior accomplished for us on the cross. Thus, in repentant faith the Church gives thanks for Christ's atoning sacrifice and lays hold of His redemption in the hearing of His Gospel and in the eating and drinking of His body and blood.

At 1pm on Good Friday will be the Chief Service, appropriately scheduled during the hours our Savior hung upon the cross. It contains a number of ancient elements, particularly the reading of the St. John Passion, the Bidding Prayer, and the Reproaches. The concluding hymn, *The Royal Banners Forward Go*, ensures that the final note of the service is one of triumph, for God's faithful know the end of the story. At 7pm on Good Friday will be the Tenebrae Vespers. The service of Tenebrae (meaning "darkness") consists of the extinguishing of the church lights. A more recent addition to Tenebrae, often referred to as the "strepitus" (meaning "loud noise"), occurs after the last candle is extinguished. While the action has a variety of interpretations, including the scourging of Jesus by the soldiers and the earthquake at the moment of Christ's death, its placement in our Triduum services suggests another common understanding - the closing of Christ's tomb. As with the concluding hymn in the Chief Service, the return of the Light of Christ at the end of the Tenebrae Vespers ensures that the final note of the service is one of triumph as we anticipate the joys of Easter in the certain knowledge of Christ's resurrection from the dead. Because these services constitute the center part of the Triduum, the Good Friday Chief Service and Tenebrae Vespers have neither entrance rite nor benediction; these holy three days conclude with the Vigil of Easter.





Holy Saturday – April 15, 2017

8pm - Easter Vigil

The Service of Light

The Service of Readings

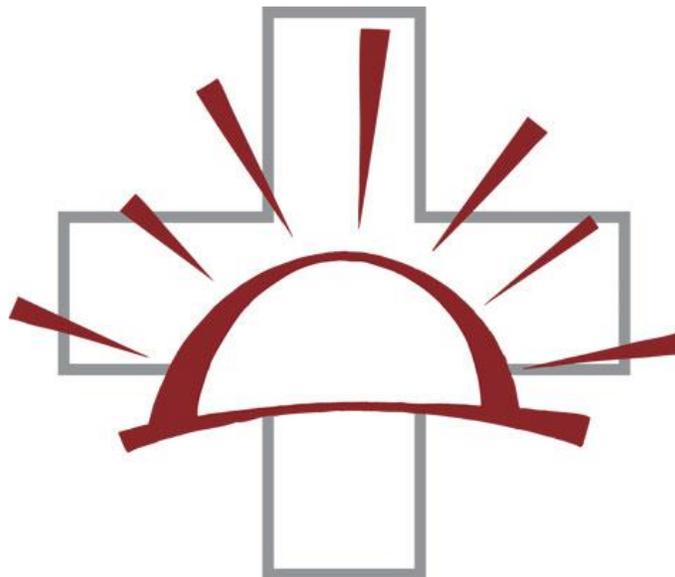
The Service of Holy Baptism

The Service of Prayer

The Service of the Word

The Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday brings the Holy Triduum to a festive completion. In much the same way as Holy (Maundy) Thursday is the completion of Lent and the beginning of the Triduum, so the Easter Vigil both completes the Triduum and ushers in the Fifty Days of Eastertide. This transition is poignantly manifested in the course of the vigil, which progresses purposefully from darkness to light. In some places throughout the early centuries of the Church's life, the people of God would hold vigil, which means "keep watch," through the night in expectation of Christ's return. As the Church gathered in vigil, she waited in hopeful expectation for the appearance of the resurrected Christ in those most recently born in Him, and, therefore, those who had prepared throughout Lent to be joined to Christ were baptized at the vigil. At the dawn of the new day at Easter sunrise, the newly baptized joined the entire Church in the chorus of alleluias at Christ's resurrection from the dead.

While making a vigil through the night may not be common today, Christians nonetheless gather on Holy Saturday to wait in expectation for the news of Christ's resurrection and for His second coming. As a service of watching that ushers in the resurrection, the Vigil of Easter is traditionally comprised of six parts: 1) the Service of Light; 2) the Service of Readings; 3) the Service of Holy Baptism; 4) the Service of Prayer; 5) the Service of the Word; 6) the Service of the Sacrament. Here at St. John (and this year we are again privileged to host other congregations in our circuit for this Vigil Service), we do not hold vigil through the whole night as in the time of the ancient Church, and so the Service of the Sacrament is not included in our Easter Vigil, but is reserved for Easter morning itself. However, because the Vigil of Easter marks the final day in the sacred Triduum and ushers in our celebration of the Resurrection, the service ends with the Benediction (which has not been heard since the beginning of the Triduum) and the Easter Acclamation: Christ is risen!



The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Day)

April 16, 2017

6:30am & 10:30am - Festival Divine Service



The celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead hardly needs introduction. Having faithfully prepared throughout the Lenten season to keep the Feast of Easter in spirit and in truth, focusing our attention particularly closely on Christ's Passion during Holy Week, our Alleluias ring out joyfully as we hear the blessed news: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" Because Lent (and Holy Week particularly) has served as an extended preparation for the feast of Easter, even including the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution on Holy (Maundy) Thursday, no rites of preparation (that is, Confession and Absolution) are necessary to this evangelical and festive Divine Service on Easter Day. Thus, the Service moves immediately to the altar during the Processional Hymn and proceeds with the Introit, the formal beginning of the Service of the Word.

Having omitted our "alleluias" throughout the Lenten season, marking our "farewell to alleluias" when our Sunday School children processed their "Alleluia Banners" out of the church on Transfiguration Sunday, our "alleluias" now return with jubilation in Easter Sunday's Processional Hymn, *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*. To assist with this, our Sunday School-age children are invited to gather in the Parish Hall 15 minutes before either the 6:30am Easter Sunrise Service or the 10:30am Easter Day Service to pick up the alleluia banners they made for Transfiguration Sunday and process the "alleluias" back into church during the Processional Hymn. They are then welcome to rejoin their parents in the pews wherever the parents are seated. This opportunity for the Sunday School-age children is available at both the Easter Sunrise Service (6:30am) and Easter Day Service (10:30am). In both services, the children who participate will process just ahead of the Adult Choir before rejoining their parents in the pews.

I pray that the Lord blesses your Lenten pilgrimage, bringing you faithfully to the Feast of Easter, even that great Feast of Victory which has no end!

*In Christ,
Pastor Brock*

Christian Stewardship

Easter is a moveable feast. Easter isn't on the same calendar date every year in the way that Christmas is always celebrated on December 25. The date for Easter each year always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox. And once you find the date of Easter, everything else finds its place—Good Friday and Maundy Thursday, Ash Wednesday and the Transfiguration, the Ascension of our Lord and Pentecost.

All this is a long way of saying that Easter determines everything. Easter defines everything. It orders not only the entire church year, but it orders our very lives. It defines and gives meaning to our lives, as well to the things that happen in them. And since Easter defines everything, that means it changes everything too. It redefines who we are and where we stand with God and with one another. Easter makes all things new.

Without Easter, Jesus would not be raised from the dead. Without Easter death would still reign, we would still be in our trespasses and sins, and our faith and hope would be in vain. But Jesus is raised from the dead. Easter changes everything. It makes all things new. Therefore, darkness is overcome with light, wrath with peace, fear with hope, angst with rest, sadness with joy, hatred with love, sin with righteousness, and death with life. Easter changes everything, redefines everything, determines everything. Easter makes all things new.

Thus, Easter also changes our attitude about giving. For if God gave us His own Son into death so that we will live, how will He not give us everything else we need? He will, and He does. He provides for us. He even gives us the gifts that we give back to Him for service in the church. Easter demonstrates that we have a God who loves us, a God who provides for us, a God who presses us into His service, a God who has made us new in the death and resurrection of His Son.

For when you give to the church, you pass along those things that God alone has given to you. You pass along the message to others that Easter changes everything and makes all things new, even as it has done this for you. This is not a burden, but pure joy. For God has given you a part in the administration of His kingdom. He provides for the needy through your hands. He ensures that the Gospel is preached and the Sacraments are given out through the work of your hands and in the gifts that you give. And He honors and blesses this work and generosity as it redounds to those around you.

So when you sit down on the first day of the week to make your offering to the place where Easter is proclaimed and where the gifts of Easter are given out, remember: Easter changes everything. It makes all things new. More than that: Easter has changed you and made you new. Because Jesus who was crucified for our transgressions is raised for our justification.

Voters' Meeting

Please plan to attend the Voters' Meeting on Monday, April 25, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

A.D. 2020 – 175th Anniversary of St. John, Bingen

+ *One LORD, One Faith, One Future* +

Historic Display

The 175th Committee has set up an historic display in the Parish Hall. Two cases of historic items are updated monthly, with one case filled with new items and the second case containing the items from the previous month. If you have any historic, Bingen-related items of interest (such as pictures, documents, or artifacts) that you would like to loan for the display, please contact committee chairman Lynn Selking or archivist Linda Abdon. All items will be kept in a locked display case and returned when the display is changed. Please be sure to give Lynn or Linda your contact information along with a description of the item you are loaning, so we may be sure to return it to you.

Mission Offering

In thanksgiving for 175 years of God's grace at Bingen, we have designated a 175th Anniversary Mission Offering with the goal of raising \$175,000 by December 26, 2020 to support the church's mission and mercy work in Tanzania, Africa and for international students studying at Concordia Theological Seminary. Members and friends of St. John, both past and present, are invited to show forth their thankfulness to the Lord by supporting this special mission project from now through 2020. Further information and forms for "purchasing" a "brick" for the church model are available in the entry of the church.

Historic notes from congregational minutes:

- 1955 Ground was broke for St. John's Lutheran School.
- 1969 The new parsonage was dedicated.
- 1971 The teacherage was dedicated.

Upcoming Bingen Social Events



Cards - Next Date : May 11th. **Cards is cancelled in April because of Holy Week**** Every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 1:30pm we meet in the parish hall for cards, snacks and fellowship. All are welcome to join us!**



Next Meeting

April 10 – 6:30 pm in Brian Horning's church office.

Ladies News

LADIES AID



Come and join us on Wednesdays April 5, 12, 19, and 26. We start at 9am and finish by 3pm. We take a break for lunch, and a little fellowship. There is always a place for you to come and quilt. Please mark your calendars to join us!

CANCER PADS



Next sewing date: **TUESDAY**, April 18th, 8am to 11am Join us if you can! You will be helping people who greatly appreciate it. Sheet donations are always welcome. They can be dropped off in the Parish Hall- Guild Storage Room.

LADIES GUILD

April Meeting – LWML Mite Collection

Date: April 18, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Parish Hall

Roll Call: Have you ever had a ticket????

Activity: Sheriff Shane Rekeweg – The new jail Q & A

Serving: Evie DeBolt & Danelle Westrick

All ladies are welcome to come and join in on the fun. We meet monthly on the 3rd Tuesday.

The Ladies Guild would like to thank you for the wonderful dessert donations to the bake sale. They all looked delicious!

Hoagland Days The Ladies Guild will have a booth at Hoagland Days, June 15-17. We are asking for donations of Eckrich hotdogs and A&W canned diet and regular root beer for our root beer floats. Please watch for Eckrich hot dog and A&W root beer sales, to donate to the Ladies Guild for this fundraising event at Hoagland Days. It is all made possible through your donations. Hot Dogs may be placed in the Parish Hall storage room refrigerator and the root beer can be placed in that room as well. Also, volunteers are needed. Would you consider donating 2 hours of your time to help work the booth? This is a church fund raiser. Please call Danelle Westrick at 260/615-1019 or Pam Bultemeier at 260/409-7103 with a time you would like to volunteer. Or email at nellie_mc@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support!

Flower Sale: Wyneken 7th grade class will be selling flower gift certificates for: Heller's, Main's, Petal Pushers, and the Grainery. Sales will start in early April thru Mother's day. We will be selling them at the script table, school office, or any 7th grade student. Thank you for your support.





Oasis Lutheran Youth Fellowship

Jesus said, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will **FLOW** rivers of living water.'" John 7:37-38

Oasis LYF exists to foster **F**ellowship–**L**eadership–**O**utreach–**W**orship and we encourage **ALL** youth of the congregation in grades 6-8 and 9-12 to participate in our association youth groups.

- † **April 9: Spring Youth & Parent Informational Meeting 6:30pm in the Bingen Parish Hall**
- † **April 15:** 9am Set up for Easter Breakfast / LazerTag at Noon / Easter Vigil Service 8:00pm.
- † **April 16:** Serve Easter Breakfast at St. John, St. Paul, and Zion.
- † **April 17:** Reformation 500 Movie Night at Carmike Cinemas (Dupont Rd) 6:30pm
- † **April 30: Euchre Tournament Fundraiser at Wyneken 3:30pm**
- † **June 3:** Kickball Tournament Fundraiser at Wyneken 10:00am
- † **June 18-22:** "A Mighty Fortress" Vacation Bible School at Wyneken
- † **June 24-July 2:** High School Youth Mission Trip & Higher Things Lutheran Youth Conf. – San Antonio, TX

Join us on April 15th for a great time of Lutheran Youth Fellowship!

Schedule for April 15th Event for 6th-12th Grade Youth

- 9am Set up for Easter Breakfast
- 11:30am PIZZA at Wyneken
- 11:55am Carpool to LazerX
- 12:25pm Check-in at LazerX
- 1:40 – 2:25pm 3 Lazer Tag Battles (middle school vs. high school)
- 3:00pm Arrive back at Wyneken
- 8:00pm Decatur Circuit Easter Vigil Service at St. John Bingen

Cost: \$10 per person (includes pizza and 3 games of laser tag)

Invite your friends and RSVP to Mr. Horning (260) 301-1496

brianhorning@stjohnbingen.com

LAZERTAG ARCADE





500 Years of Reformation

Trip to Germany

March 25 – April 2, 2017

A group of Lutheran students and adults from our congregation and the Decatur Circuit traveled throughout Germany, March 25 – April 2. As they walked in the footsteps of Luther and the Reformers in this the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, they created a blog (online journal) to document and share their journey. We hope you enjoy reading the student's daily blogs and viewing their pictures!

www.luthersfootsteps.wordpress.com

Also included on the blog site is a downloadable version of the group devotion book, which includes special devotions written by the pastors of the group participants: Pastor Brege, Pastor Brock, Pastor Dahling, Pastor Koeneman, Pastor Moehring, and Pastor Voorman. We encourage you to join us in the study of God's Word!

T O U R N A M E N T



A FUNdraiser Benefitting
Oasis Lutheran Youth Fellowship

Sunday April 30th, 2017

3:30pm

Wyneken Cafétorium

Silent Auction, Germany Trip Presentation, &
Spaghetti Dinner at 5:30pm

Pre-sale Tickets are \$18 per person -or- 2 for \$35

Tickets will be available for purchase on

Sunday mornings from the youth planning team

or by contacting Mr. Horning: (260) 301-1496 brianhorning@stjohnbingen.com





Please join us for our upcoming
500th Anniversary of the Reformation
Special events!

Movie Event Hosted by St. John Bingen Board of Evangelism

Don't miss this special event: a one-time showing of the NEW Martin Luther film:



Monday April 17th

6:30-8:40pm

Carmike 20 Fort Wayne
(Near Parkview North)
3930 E Dupont Rd

Tickets are \$10 per person

IMPORTANT: All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased from the church office during the week OR a special web site set up for the screening. Click on the link that is on the welcome page of our church website. www.stjohnbingen.com

CTSFW Reformation Lecture Series – April 30th

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, continues to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with the Reformation Lecture Series. On Sunday April 30th from 4-5pm Dr. Lawrence R. Rast, Jr. will present “The Reformation After the Reformation: Interpreting Martin Luther After February 18, 1546” in Luther Hall. We will carpool from Bingen at 3pm and go out to eat after the lecture.

Decatur Circuit Reformation Celebration

Divine Service & Oktoberfest

*Preacher: Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS
President*

Saturday September 9, 2017

3pm-12midnight

Hoagland Pavilion & Grounds



◆ Reformation Walk Family Education Stations	◆ German Food & Drinks ◆ Polka & Square Dancing Bands	◆ Marktplatz with Reformation 500 Merchandise
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www.reformation500celebration.com



Easter Sunday is April 16th and the St. John Bingen Youth will once again prepare and serve the annual Easter Breakfast! Preparations are scheduled for Saturday, April 15th at 9:00am in the Wyneken Cafetorium. **All 6th-12th grade youth of Bingen and their parents are asked to come help set-up the kitchen and cafetorium,** and EVERYBODY is invited to come break the Lenten Fast with us on Easter morning! We will begin serving immediately following the sunrise

service and continue to serve until 10am. The menu will feature homemade egg casseroles, breakfast sausage, biscuits and gravy, pastries, fresh fruit, regular & decaf coffee, juice, and milk. *A free-will donation will be received to help support the youth and their trip to the Higher Things Lutheran Youth Conference in June.*

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School Organizational Meeting is Scheduled for **Thursday APRIL 20TH at 7:00PM** in the Wyneken Algebra Room All youth & adult volunteers are asked to attend this meeting.

SAVE THE DATE for Vacation Bible School being held **June 26-29, 2016** from 6-8pm (Dinner at 5:15pm) hosted by St. John Bingen, St. Paul Preble, and Zion Friedheim.

Vacation Bible School is a high energy, high impact week of discipleship in our church every year. This year's VBS theme, "*Mighty Fortress*", will take us on an adventure of learning and experiencing more about God's might and grace in His Son, Jesus our Savior. "*In Jesus the victory over sin, death, and the devil is won!*"

Registration is open for potty trained kids ages 3 – those going into grade 6! Get excited to learn from our Bible storytellers, sing fun songs, work on crazy crafts, and *more*.

OUR EASY ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE FOUND ON THE VBS PAGE OF THE CHURCH WEBSITE!

We need lots of adult & youth volunteers to make our VBS possible. Please contact Director, Brian Horning or Asst. Director, Elizabeth Boenker if you would like to volunteer.

- June 18 - 22, 2017**
- FREE Family Dinner: 5:15pm**
- VBS: 6:00–8:00pm**
- Wyneken Lutheran School**



LWML Events

April 22, 2017, Spring Praise Service, Faith Lutheran Church – Roanoke
8:30 AM Registration 9:00 AM Service

“LWML Celebrating 75 Years of Commending Christ From One Generation to Another”

April 23, 2017, Spring LLL/LWML Rally, Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Ossian
3:00 PM Speaker: Rev. Peter Brock

September 17, 2017, SRD Workshop, St John Lutheran Church – Bingen 3:00 PM

October 15, 2017, Fall LLL/LWML Rally, Zion Lutheran Church – Friedheim
3:00 PM Speaker: Pastor Otto A Brillinger

March 31-April 1, 2017 LWML Indiana District Retreat – Farmstead Inn, Shippshewana, Indiana

June 22-25, 2017, LWML 37th Biennial Convention – Albuquerque, New Mexico Any lady interested in attending please contact Marlene Conrad, 260-547-4597. The LWML Indiana District and Decatur Zone has financial assistance available.

Lutheran Life Villages Events

Lutheran Life Villages Bargain Bonanza Garage Sale - May 4-6th

Sales hours are Thursday and Friday (4th-5th) 9am - 5pm. Saturday hours are 9am - 12 Noon. The Sale is located at 4540 Bluffton Rd., Fort Wayne at Roller Dome South. **This is a new location**

Upcoming Events

Pulled Pork Dinner, Silent Auction, and Bake Sale will be on April 8, 2017 at Cornerstone Youth Center from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Dinner served 11 am until gone. Dine in or carry out is \$8.00. This is a fundraiser to benefit Alzheimer’s Association by “Walk In My Shoes” team.

Whole Hog Sausage & Pancake Brunch will be on Sunday April 9, 2017, 9:00am to 1:00pm at Poe Fire Station. Adults \$7.50, Children (6-12) \$4.00, Children 6 and under free

Gently Used Sale Also Bake Sale & Noodles Friday April 21, 2017 from 8 AM-4 PM and Saturday April 22, 2017 from 8 AM- 11 AM St. Paul (Preble) Lutheran Church -- Corner of 750N and 450W Adams County \$2.00 a bag on Saturday

Rummage and Bake Sale at Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Soest), 9909 Wayne Trace, Fort Wayne on Thursday April 20, 2016 from 8am to 6pm and Friday April 21, 2016 (Sack Sale) from 8am to noon.

Semi-Annual Rummage Sale at Emanuel New Haven (800 Green Street) on Thursday, April 27 from 9am – 7 pm and on Friday, April 28 from 9 am to 2 pm. A \$2 bag sale will be held on Friday.

May Newsletter and Calendar

Deadline: Wednesday April 19th

Calendar Information - Organizational Information - Special Events - Etc.



April

April 2, 2017 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 130; **Epistle:** Romans 8:1-11; **Gospel:** John 11:17-27, 38-53

“The Death of a Friend” - Sermon Text: John 11:17-27, 38-53

by Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church ~ New Haven, IN

The death of a loved one changes our world. Jesus had a friend who died and He felt great sorrow at the loss. The Good News is that Jesus has conquered death. As Jesus says, “He who believes in Me shall never die.”

April 9, 2017 – Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

Psalm: Psalm 118:19-29; **Epistle:** Philippians 2:5-11; **Gospel:** John 12:12-19

“Palm Sunday Exclamation” - Sermon Text: John 12:13b

by Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege, St. Paul Lutheran Church ~ Decatur, IN

On Palm Sunday the people shouted a profound exclamation: They were quoting from the Old Testament, they were labeling the work that Jesus was about to perform, and they were describing Christ's work among us now through Word and Sacrament: "Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord."

April 16, 2017 – The Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day

Psalm: Psalm 118:15-29; **Epistle:** Acts 10:34-43; **Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10

“This Is The Day!” - Sermon Text: Psalm 118:24

by Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church ~ Fort Wayne, IN

Can you point to one day that changed the entire course of your life? Absolutely! Jesus' Easter Sunday victory over death has changed your eternity as well as how you face each day of your life. “THIS IS THE DAY that the Lord has made” is a hope-filled, joy-filled reality because Jesus Christ IS risen!

April 23, 2017 – Second Sunday of Easter

Psalm: Psalm 63:1-8; **Epistle:** 1 Peter 1:3-7; **Gospel:** John 20:19-31

“In Trials, Rejoice!” - Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:3-7

by Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Concordia Theological Seminary ~ Fort Wayne, IN

The apostle Peter encourages us to rejoice even in trials, and he tells us why we can do this. God has caused us to be born again to a living hope. Also, the genuineness of our faith is found through trials.

April 30, 2017 – Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-14; **Epistle:** 1 Peter 1:17-25; **Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

“Resurrected Redeemer” - Sermon Text: Luke 24:21

by Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege, St. Paul Lutheran Church ~ Decatur, IN

The Emmaus disciples had hoped that Jesus was the long awaited Redeemer. Alas, they thought He had failed, because He had been crucified. Amazingly this crucifixion is precisely the center of our redemption!

“Worship for Shut-Ins” can be viewed every Sunday:

7:00 am: NBC Channel 21.2

8:00 am: Comcast Cable Channel 252 & FiOS 9
Digital 33.2

11:30 am: DIRECTTV - Christian Television (TCT) Channel 377
WINM-TV 12/38 (TCT)
DISH 7442
Comcast 10 & FiOS 12

4:00 pm: Comcast Cable Channel 55 & FiOS 12

“Worship for Shut-Ins” can be viewed every Monday:

10:00 am: Comcast Cable Channel 55 & FiOS 25

“Worship for Shut-Ins” can also be found on the following website - click "Online Worship":

www.worshipforshutins.org

April Baptismal Birthdays

David Albersmeyer
Natasha Augustyniak
Joley Beaulieu
Jailen Bebout
Cynthia Berning
David Berning
Stacey Boenker
Barry Bradtmueller
Cynthia Bradtmueller
Verlin Bulmahn
Shane Bultemeier
Jason Clear
Gary Comer
Larry Conrad
Thomas Croucher
Thomas DeBolt
Linda Eckerley
Amy Frecker
Colleen Fuhrmann
Larry Fuhrmann
Stanley Fuhrmann

Matthew Gresley
Dale Heckman
Faye Holt
Daniel Hormann
Carolyn Kiess
Sarah Kleine
Joyce Klosterman
Alicia Kneuss
Brian Lautzenheiser
Judith Lepper
Lucas Lepper
Miguel Lopez
Keith Macke
Shirley Mailand
LaDonna McBride
Robert McIntosh
Emily Nelson
Sarah Norder
Corey Oetting
Robin Peters
Annette Ray

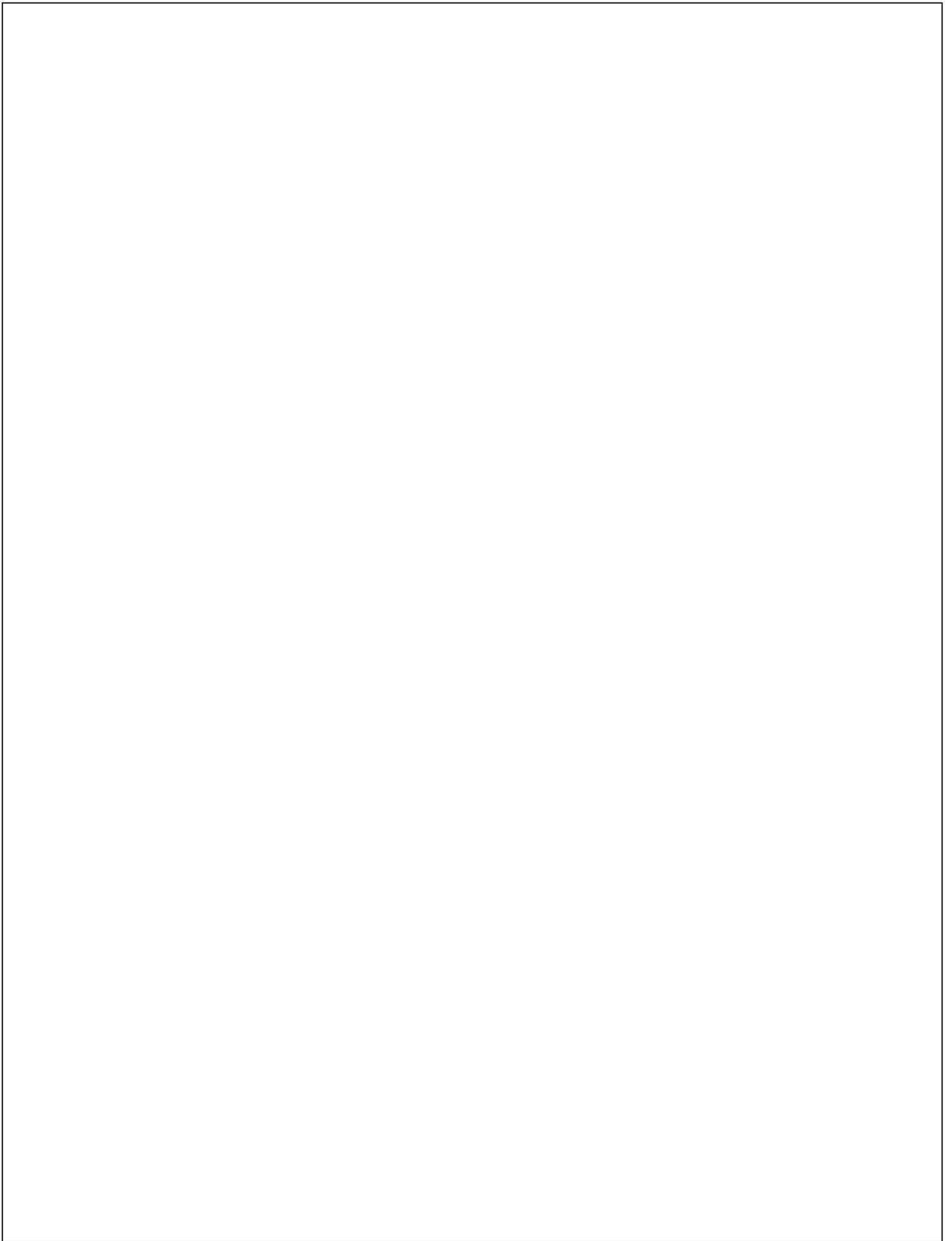
Brenda Reynolds
Gene Reynolds
Margaret Rice
Megan Sauer
Jay Scheumann
Richard Scheumann
Samantha Scheumann
Dawn Schieferstein
Joshua Schlemmer
Stephanie Schroeder
Barry Schultz
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Pam Selking
Sandra Selking
Christopher Souder
Tiffany Witte
Madison Yoquelet
Preston Yoquelet
Janice Zelt
Lester Zelt

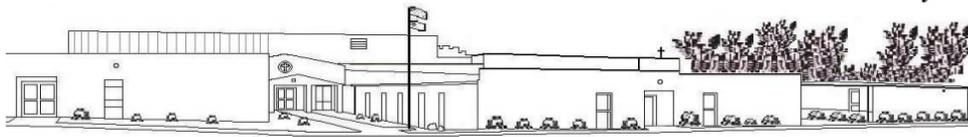
April Wedding Anniversaries

4/6 Jon & Heidi Yoquelet
4/9 David & Bonnie Caston
4/11 Jerry & Pat Anderson
4/12 Jeff & Tonda Witte
4/14 Barry & Cynthia Bradtmueller
4/14 Jason & Megan Sauer
4/14 Tim & Janice Grover
4/18 James & Tiffany Yoquelet

4/19 Brett & Brooke Oetting
4/22 Chris & Robyn Mahlan
4/22 Harold & Marlene Schieferstein
4/24 Daniel & Lacie Sauer
4/24 Aaron & Melinda Scheumann
4/30 Dean & Jami Hoffman
4/30 Delbert & Donna Scheiman

We celebrate with those who have their Baptismal Birthday or Wedding Anniversary this month. If we have left you out, please know it was not intentional, but that our membership records do not reflect your special dates. We invite you to forward your dates to us so that we may recognize you and yours in the future. As the office continually reviews our membership household information, we will make requests of this type of info so that we don't leave you out in the coming year. Please feel free to e-mail churchoffice@stjohnbingen.com or contact the church office (639-6178) with your dates. Thank You!





REACH, TEACH, SEND IN CHRIST

April 2017

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I love the season of spring! I am ready for days outside, enjoying God's wonderful creation, and rejoicing in the beauty of it all. Spring is a time of rebirth and new life as we see trees bud and flowers bloom. This renewal of life reminds me of Second Corinthians 5:17 *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."* Because of Christ, HIS death and resurrection, we are forgiven! A new creation!

We are in the midst of enrolling students for the 2016-2017 school year. All current students should have received letters to indicate their plans for re-enrollment. I encourage any families who may be interested in sending their child(ren) to Wyneken to contact the school office at 639-6177 or email me at principal@wyneken.org.

Our students in grades 3-8 have completed the first round testing through ISTEP+. This tests their knowledge of the standards in math, English/Language Arts, science, and social studies. The students in grade 3 also have completed the IRead – 3 assessment.

March 31st our students, along with students from Ascension, Central, Emmaus, and St. John Emmanuel were participants in the annual servant project called Pack Away Hunger. This annual event is organized by Zion, Friedheim and includes many people from each of our Association churches and the surrounding community. Over 60,000 meals were prepared for the Pack Away Hunger project.

We celebrate with Mrs. Julie Smith (Grade 6 teacher) for 10 years of faithful service in the teaching ministry and with Ms. Rebecca Klenke (Resource teacher) for 40 years of faithful service in the teaching ministry! Praise be to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for faithful teachers who serve at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School.

All past and current Wyneken families and students are invited to a special celebration for Ms. Rebecca Klenke's teaching 40th anniversary dinner and open house to be held on Sunday, April 23, 11:30am, in the Wyneken cafetorium. The celebration will begin at 11:30am with lunch being served at 12:00pm.

May the Lord bless you each and every day and may He continue to bless Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School!

Mr. Andrew Gavrun
Principal

Through Jesus Christ, it is the mission of Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School to REACH children with the love of Christ, TEACH them of God's Word and world, and SEND them out as faithful stewards in God's Kingdom.

Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School
April 2017 Newsletter

This month we introduce to you the 22 students in our 6th grade class. Teacher is Mrs. Julie Smith.

<u>Students</u>	<u>Parents/Guardians</u>	<u>Cong.</u>
Remington Bultemeier	Corbin/Lisa Bultemeier	(F)
Chase Cornett	Bryan/Christine Cornett	(F)
Henry Doctor	Brent/Susan Doctor	(O)
Sydney Keane	Patrick/Malissa Keane	(P)
D J Kitson	Don/Beth Kitson	(F)
Henry Kukulhan	Chad/Laura Kukulhan	(B)
Eli Laurent	Mark/Holly Laurent	(B)
Lucy Lichtle	Marcus/Angie Lichtle	(F)
Leyna Mack	Mike/Laura Macke	(P)
Kyle McBride	Todd/Jodi McBride	(B)
Claire Nelson	Emily Nelson	(B)
	Cameron Nelson	(B)
Mackenna Saalfrank	Chad Saalfrank	(B)
	Taffie Hosler	
Lucas Schlemmer	Jim/Kendra Schlemmer	(B)
Noah Short	Ryan/Karen Short	(F)
Ben Sprague	David/Jennifer Sprague	(B)
Skyler Steiner	Alex Steiner	(P)
	Kathryn French	
Ashlyn Walker	Brian/Amy Walker	(F)
Abby Werling	Jason Werling	(F)
	Megan Werling	
Haleigh Wesley	Michael/Beth Wesley	(P)
Madeline Wilder	Phil/Abby Wilder	(B)

Birthday Greetings



Happy Birthday and God's blessings to our Wyneken family members celebrating birthdays in April.

Staff- Mrs. Lynn Brege (*aide*), Mrs. Kathy Palacios (*kitchen*). **Students-** Alex Manor, Carson McBride, Xavior Palacios, Gwen Laurent, Skyler Steiner, Zander Emenhiser, Trey Krueckeberg, Mae Lichtle, Anna Lawson, Owen Lee, Tyler James, Arianna Snyder, Noah Short, Evan Selking, Caleb Selking, Emmett Dicke, Oliver Faurote.

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 call or see a Scrip representative. At St. John, Kendra Schlemmer (260-701-2931); St. Paul, Dawn Melton (260-223-3454); Zion, Michelle Knipstein (260-413-6249). A Scrip order form is also available on the Wyneken website, www.wyneken.org.

Praise Be to God & Congratulations!

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Spring Enrollment

Enrollment forms for the 2017-2018 school year are now past due. Please return it to the office right away. The morning Pre-Kindergarten class is now full. Any further enrollments will be placed in the afternoon class. We still have openings in the Pre-school program for the Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday sessions. You will be notified after our return from spring break of your acceptance in to the preschool – prekindergarten programs. For families enrolling a new student in our Kindergarten program and whose child is not currently in our Pre-K program, you will be contacted at a later date for a kindergarten screening. Kindergarten forms for immunizations, medical, dental and eye exams for new students will be mailed in April.

PTL Meeting on April 10, @ 7pm

This is our final business meeting with election of officers, discussion of fundraisers for the next school year and budget finalized for the next school year. PTL is a great way to keep yourself and your family involved in the many activities at Wyneken. Please join us and share your thoughts and ideas for fun family activities and fundraisers! Free child-care is provided.

Dear Friends: We are thankful for so many blessings here at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School! We are grateful for the many gifts our Lord grants to us in this life: His forgiveness, our Savior – Jesus, our family, friends, home, health, safety, and for you as a supporter of our School! A couple months ago, our school board elected to purchase bleacher handrails for our gymnasium in the hopes of providing additional safety for those attending sporting events and other activities in our school gym. It is the hope of our school board to raise \$7,500 to cover non-budgeted expenses to help offset the purchase and installation of these new bleacher handrails. Hopefully these railings will provide much needed support and assistance for many individuals for years to come. Would you prayerfully consider making a donation to help offset the purchase and installation of these railings for our gymnasium? If interested in making a financial contribution toward the project, you may direct any funds to the school office with "bleacher railings" written on the envelope. Thank you again for your continued prayers and support!

ISTEP-2 Testing

Students in grades 3-8 will begin their Spring ISTEP-II testing on April 18 through May 5. We ask that you please not make appointments, if at all possible, or plan vacation days during this time.

April Events & Activities

March 31-April 1, Pack Away Hunger event; **April 10**, PTL meeting 7pm; **April 11**, 5th-6th grades to McMillen Health; **April 13**, Maundy Thursday; **April 14**, Good Friday, No School; **April 16**, Easter Monday, No School; **April 23**, Ms. Klenke (resource teacher) Special Anniversary Celebration of 40 years teaching; **April 25**, Wyneken Spring Association Meeting, 7pm; **April 28**, TLSP Honor's breakfast(4 students); **April 28**, Speech Contest, 1pm.

The Wyneken 2017-2018 Calendar is available to view on our website at www.wyneken.org.

Wyneken School Board Minutes

February 9, 2017

(Approved March 9, 2017)

Members present: Mr. Andrew Gavrun, Pastor Dahling, Aaron Selking, Chad Baumann, Rick Johnson, Josh Hoot, Michael Rabel

Members absent: Nick Hoffman, Brian Steiner, Brian Lawson, Matt Knipstein

Guests: Mrs. Franz, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Cornet, Mr. Horning

Business:

- I. Pastor Dahling opened the meeting with devotions at 7:07 pm.
- II. **MSC** - To approve the minutes of January 12, 2017 as amended.
MSC – To approve the minutes of January 31, 2017 as presented
- III. **MSC** - To approve the treasurer's report as presented.

IV. NEW ITEMS

- A. Childcare report
 1. State inspection is coming up – preparing for it.
 2. Compiled a summary of billing information for board review from the last half of January. Start of gathering data to give direction on where fees need to be to support the addition of the health insurance.
- B. RIF policy
 1. Read through the suggested policy.
 2. Policy committee to dissect to ensure it fits with the Constitution and Bylaws. Review with school attorney before presenting back to the board.
- C. Sub rate (Janitorial)
 1. Discussed substitute janitor pay – currently at \$50/day. Rate last changed in 2003.
 2. Salary committee to meet to bring proposal to the board.
- D. Camp Arcadia Proposal
 1. Mr. Horning attended the meeting to present reasoning for request for exception for the 8th grade trip in October 2017.
 2. Would be treated as a field trip on October 13th. Those who don't attend would attend school.
 3. Tabled decision until March meeting.
- E. E-Learning Day
 1. February 20th which was President's Day will become and E-learning day due to February 9th inclement weather day.

V. UPDATE ITEMS

- A. Budget Estimates 2017-2018
 1. Discussed budget to set the rates for the next school year.
 2. **MSC** to set the following rates for 2017-2018 school year
 - a. Preschool - \$70/month – 10 months
 - b. Prekindergarten - \$100/month – 10 months
 - c. Member 1st child - \$1620
 - d. Non-Member 1st child - \$4190
- B. Business Management
 1. Tabled until the next meeting.
- C. Class Size
 1. No report
- D. Staffing
 1. Focusing on Kindergarten needing second teacher due to class size increase.
 2. Have nine candidates for interview including internal candidates.
 3. Pool is low from the Concordia University System this year for new graduates.
- E. Bleacher Railings
 1. Will be shipping at the beginning of March.
- F. Key FOB
 1. Last line has been run to the ball room/playground doors. All panic bar items are in. Finishing installation.
- G. Long Range Planning
 1. Meeting has been set for February 16th at 7:00 pm.

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VI. REPORTS

A. Principal's Report

1. January 3 – classes resume from Christmas Break
2. January 5 – report cards from 2nd quarter go home
3. January 13 at 1:45 pm is our school spelling bee
4. January 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL – make up day (if needed)
5. January 19 – Camp Lutherhaven will be here for a special presentation
6. January 22 – is our school open house for interested families
7. January 22 – 28 is National Lutheran Schools Week – special events are being planned
8. January 26 at 6:30 pm – Wyneken students will hold a “Wax Museum” – highlighting various individuals in history.
9. February 2 – Parent teacher conferences
10. February 3 – PTL Square dance
11. February 6 – Midterm for 3rd quarter – midterm grades to be sent home on February 9th
12. February 13 – PTL meeting at 7:00 pm

B. Teacher's Report

1. Several classes have field trips – Kindergarten has factory visit, 4th – 8th grade is going to see a Chinese opera in March at Canterbury.
2. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Smith went to PE workshop – lot of valuable information to apply to classes.

C. Hot Lunch Report

1. School Wellness policy to be in place by June or July.
2. Need to form a Wellness Committee – looking for volunteers.

D. Maintenance Report

1. Lights came in for the replacement – need to install.
2. CMS came out to work on roof leaks above the middle wing.

E. Budget & Policy Committee

1. Budget is complete.

F. Personnel Committee

1. Working on staffing.

G. Salary Committee

1. No report.

H. Public Relations Committee

1. No report.

I. Other Reports

1. None.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Open session moved to closed session at 9:52 pm.
- B. Discussion on Child Care budget.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- MSC** – to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer at 9:52 pm
Next Meeting – to be held Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Rabel

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