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# *NEWSLETTER*

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# ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear friends,

Warm greetings in Jesus Christ crucified and risen again!

Five hundred years ago on October 31 in the year of our Lord 1517, an Augustinian monk walked up to the castle church door in Wittenberg and posted 95 theses. He didn't have a dream. He didn't organize any marches. As far as I know, he still doesn't have a monument in Washington D.C. This Martin Luther just wanted to talk. He wanted to know why the teaching of his church conflicted with what he read in Holy Scripture. He wanted to know how works of the law could replace true repentance (contrition and faith). He wanted to know how money relates to mercy and where both fit in relation to the doctrine of justification by grace through faith in Christ alone. The first Martin Luther wanted to know what all this had to do with Jesus, the One who hung dead on a cross one good Friday afternoon.

This month we celebrate the posting of those theses, observing the historic date as the start of the Reformation 500 years ago, and we humbly confess that we still need the Reformation. We still need the Reformation because we still need the Gospel. The Reformation was and is about the Gospel of Jesus Christ crucified for the sins of the world. The Reformation was and is about salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. The Reformation was and is about the righteousness of God, “manifested apart from the law, for we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law” (Rom. 3:21, 28). That's what the Reformation is all about, and that is why we still need the Reformation, “for by works of the law no human being will be justified in God's sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin” (Rom. 3:20).

Since we still need the Reformation, the Gospel, we still need preachers to proclaim it, for how “will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach *unless they are sent?*” (Romans 10:14-15a) Indeed, the Augsburg Confession therefore proclaims that “to obtain such faith God instituted the office of preaching, giving the gospel and the sacraments. Through these, as through means, he gives the Holy Spirit who produces faith, where and when he wills, in those who hear the gospel. It teaches that we have a gracious God, not through our merit but through Christ's merit, when we so believe” (Augsburg Confession, Article V).

“Behold,” Jesus tells his followers in Matthew chapter 10, “I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves...and you will be hated by all for my name's sake...I have not come to bring peace to the earth, but a sword.” As the world has hated Jesus, so it hates His bride the church, for it is His name she bears and His truth she proclaims. John preached it; Luther preached it, on what Sunday do you not hear it: “Your sins are forgiven by the blood of Jesus Christ?” The last two of Luther's 95 theses therefore declare that “Christians should be exhorted to follow Christ, their head, through penalties, deaths, and hells; and let them thus be more confident of entering heaven through many tribulations, rather than through a false assurance of peace.”

Yes, as Jesus says, from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, never more so than in the person of God's own Son, Jesus Christ. This friend of tax collectors and sinners set aside his heavenly crown of peace to take on human flesh and suffer violence—for our salvation. And in that violent sacrifice, in the violence Jesus suffered upon the cross, came peace—peace that is not the absence of war but the fullness of God. Because of Christ, the church does have a peace which she offers and bestows, but that peace certainly does not mean the absence of violence. “Peace I leave with you,” Jesus promises, “my peace I give to you. [But] not as the world gives do I give to you.”

Luther discovered this and in line with all of the Law and the prophets who bore witness to it, he preached that this peace comes apart from the Law, apart from our own efforts and works. He preached peace to all of those like us who have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, but who like us have now been justified by God's grace – peace which God Himself delivers to us in His Word and Sacraments. Around these is the Church built and preserved even in the midst of violence. By God's faith-creating Word, His life-giving Baptism and His faith-sustaining supper, we are given the peace with God that surpasses all worldly understanding. And faith, Luther reminds us, lives by laying hold of these gifts, for they give us Jesus—the Prince of Peace, and He holds the field forever.

Though weak and frail we may be in the midst of this world's violence, however battle-worn and despised we may feel because as the world has hated Jesus so it now hates us, it matters not, for it is not we who fight but God, the Valiant One, who fights for us. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, fights and He wins and He places the crown of victory upon our head while we merely stand by and see the salvation of our God. So be still, and know that He is God, He will be exalted among the nations. There is a river whose streams make glad this St. John city of God. In the holy waters of your baptism, you have indeed made enemies with this world's prince, renouncing his works and renouncing his ways. But he can harm you none. He's judged, the deed is done. For you there is a strong city with lasting foundations, whose builder and architect is God, a mighty fortress, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. Though devils all the world should fill all eager to devour us—we tremble not. For the battle that ensues is in a war already won. Triumphant on the field of victory, the Son of David stands with the severed head of hell's Goliath dangling from his hand, and the kingdom ours remaineth. And so this month again we celebrate Reformation Day. We receive God's gift of peace in His Son, rejoicing that the righteousness of God has been “manifested apart from the law, for we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law” (Rom. 3:21, 28). Once again, we the church militant form ranks in pews to hear the true treasure of the Holy Gospel: “Your sins are forgiven by the blood of Jesus Christ. Go in peace.”

In Christ,  
*Pastor*



## *Christian Stewardship*

Since we still need the Reformation, the Gospel, we still need preachers to proclaim it, for how “will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?” (Romans 10:14-15a) Indeed, the Augsburg Confession therefore proclaims that “to obtain such faith God instituted the office of preaching, giving the gospel and the sacraments. Through these, as through means, he gives the Holy Spirit who produces faith, where and when he wills, in those who hear the gospel. It teaches that we have a gracious God, not through our merit but through Christ’s merit, when we so believe” (Augsburg Confession, Article V).

As Paul makes plain, that we may hear, believe, and be saved, preachers must be sent. And according to the orthodox practice of the church, those who are sent must be educated, examined, called, and ordained. Thankful for the highest caliber of theological education available in the world and offered in residence at our seminaries, we recognize that it comes at a cost too often born by men who struggle to pay down debt while serving God’s flock and providing for their families. To be sure, the Lord blesses us all with the Gospel of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone, the very message and meaning of the Reformation, and this puts our own works in their proper place and perspective. Having paid the debt we owe, Christ now free us to live in His love as the occasion and opportunity arises. In the words of the apostle,

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!” (2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

Striving to fulfill the responsibilities entrusted to the Board of Christian Stewardship by the congregation, our annual 3-week Stewardship Emphasis is planned for October 8-22. This year’s Stewardship Emphasis will include a Lectionary-based Sermon Series by Rev. Dr. Timothy Quill, Pastor Brock, and Rev. Geoff Robinson. Instead of "Stewardship Moments" following the services, we will welcome guest presenters during the Bible Class to hear about the Lord’s work at the following three levels:

- 1) Personal/family/congregational
- 2) District
- 3) Seminary and Synod

**October 8, 2017 - Rev. Dr. Timothy Quill – Seminary and Synod**

**October 15, 2017 - Rev. Phil Krupski – Personal/Family/Congregational**

**October 22, 2017 - Rev. Geoff Robinson - District**

## *Ladies News*

### *LADIES AID*

*Notice: Inviting any interested quilters, we would love to have company working on some comforters and quilts. Visit us on Wednesdays (9am-3pm) in the Parish Hall.*



### *CANCER PADS*



Next sewing date: **TUESDAY**, October 24th, 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*

#### *October Meeting*

**Date:** October 17, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 a.m.

**Place:** Meet in the church parking lot

**Roll Call:** Favorite ark animal

**Program:** Our day trip to The Ark

There is no meeting that evening.

We meet monthly on the 3rd Tuesday. Regular meetings resume in November.

#### *Baptisms:*

Bentley Jacob Fullenkamp – May 7, 2017

Theo Daniel Schwartz – May 31, 2017

Carter Matthew Howard – August 6, 2017

Kori Lyn Scheumann – September 24, 2017

### *November Newsletter and Calendars*

*Deadline is Wednesday, October 18th for all Information*

### *St. John - October Voters' Meeting*

*Monday, October 30th @ 8:00pm*

## Social Committee Announcements



# *Sixth Annual Community Bingen Trunk or Treat*



Bingen plans to host this community event on Saturday, October 21, at 5:30 p.m. You are invited to decorate your trunk and hand out treats in a safe and familiar environment for the kids. Cars, vans or trucks which plan to provide and hand out treats will need to be in the parking lot and set up by 5:00, with trick or treating and supper served from 5:30 to 6:30. Supper includes homemade chili, hot dogs and hot cider. After the trunk or treat, we will have hayrides available and build a fire in the grove. Bring your chairs, a snack to share if you wish, and beverages. In the event of inclement weather, no rain date is scheduled. To reserve your decorated trunk space or if you have any questions, please contact Jani MacDowell at 413-4169 or Brian Horning.

## *Reformation 500 Potluck*

In celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, the St. John Bingen Evangelism and Social Committees would like to invite all members and friends of Bingen to join us for a Reformation Potluck. It will be held in the Parish Hall directly following our 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, October 29. Drinks and table service will be provided, just bring your favorite dish to share. We will give thanks to God for all His blessings and formally welcome our newest members.

*Next Social Committee Meeting – October 3, 6:30 – Brian Horning's office*

## LLL/LWML Upcoming Dates

**October 15, 2017**

Fall LLL/LWML Rally, Zion Lutheran Church – Friedheim 3:00 pm; Speaker: Pastor Otto A Brillinger

**October 22, 2017**

LWML Mite Collection

## Local Events

Citywide Reformation Service at St. Paul's Fort Wayne (downtown):

All are invited to a citywide Reformation service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (1126 Barr Street) on Sunday, October 1 at 3:00 pm. Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, senior pastor at St. Michael Lutheran Church, will be preaching. Jonathan Busarow will direct a choir composed of members from local congregations. Timothy LaCroix will serve as organist. The evening will wrap up with a German meal at St. Paul's. There is no cost for the meal but donations will be accepted. Goeglein's will cater the meal. Make reservations for the meal by emailing [churchoffice@emanuelnh.org](mailto:churchoffice@emanuelnh.org) or call 260-749-2163.

St. Peter – Immanuel Lutheran School

Dan's Famous Fish and Tenderloin is Saturday, October 28 from 4-7 p.m. Ticket prices are: adult \$10, children \$5, and kids 5 and under free. They are located on the corner of State Road 101 and Adams County Rd 1100N. Proceeds will go to re-roof the school.

Hoagland Volunteer Fire Dept:

Sunday, October 15th, 1pm - Longaberger Basket Bingo. Bingo starts at 1pm, doors open at Noon. Pre-Sale tickets are \$20, at the door \$25. Checks should be payable to HVFD Womens Auxiliary. Please mail to Judy Bultemeier, 15927 Barkley Road, Monroeville, IN 46773



## 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.

	<p><b>Upcoming High School Youth Gatherings:</b>          Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – 6:30pm in the Youth Room (Bingen Parish Hall Basement)          Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm in the Youth Room (Bingen Parish Hall Basement)          Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – NO YOUTH GATHERING due to the Arcadia Retreat          Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30pm in the Youth Room (Bingen Parish Hall Basement)          Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – CIRCUIT YOUTH EVENT – SEE BELOW          Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm in the Youth Room (Bingen Parish Hall Basement)</p>
	<p><b>October 12-15, 2017 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-Confirmation Retreat at Camp Arcadia</b>          The 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth will be having their annual fall pre-confirmation retreat at Camp Arcadia on Lake Michigan the weekend of October 12-15. The Catechesis for the weekend will be led by Mr. Horning and Rev. Matt Hoffmann, LCMS Pastor of St Andrews Lutheran Church and School in Park Ridge, IL.</p>
	<p><b>October 29<sup>th</sup> Circuit Youth Reformation 500 Event &amp; Corn Maze</b>          The circuit youth groups are coming together for an evening to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation! We will have dinner &amp; Bible Study and then take a hayride to Steele Farms for their corn maze &amp; bonfire. Please contact Brian Horning 260-301-1496 if you are planning to attend. Cost: \$5</p>
	<p><b>SAVE THE DATE for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual OASIS YOUTH ROLL BAKE FUNDRAISER</b>  <b>Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> 8:00am – 5:00pm (two shifts)</b>  <i>We're making our homemade dinner rolls &amp; cinnamon twist rolls!</i></p>





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“Worship for Shut-Ins” Summary Sheets

### October 2017

#### **October 1, 2017 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21)**

**Psalm:** 25:1-10; **Epistle:** Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18; **Gospel:** Matthew 21:23-27

**“Heat or Light?” - Sermon Text:** Philippians 2:14-16 – *Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer*

Each of us possesses the potential to create heat or light in our world. Followers of Jesus Christ have the power to shine His true light onto a world that stumbles in darkness. Discover how the true “Light of the world”, Jesus Christ, can shine in us and through us.

#### **October 8, 2017 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22)**

**Psalm:** 80:7-19; **Old Testament:** Isaiah 5:1-7; **Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-46

**“God’s Vineyard” - Sermon Text:** Matthew 21:33-46 - *Rev. Paul Shoemaker*

God calls us, His people, His vineyard. That is because even though a vineyard requires much care and attention, the final harvest is well worth it. Jesus paid the ultimate price to make us God’s vineyard.

#### **October 15, 2017 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23)**

**Psalm:** 23; **Epistle:** Philippians 4:4-9; **Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

**“The Wedding Feast” - Sermon Text:** Matthew 22:1-14 - *Rev. Dr. Daniel Bregge*

Salvation, and even heaven itself, are compared to a wedding feast. In this parable Jesus shows how some people reject the feast, and how God, in His generosity, invites the “nobodies” to this feast. We are invited. The only way we can partake of God’s feast is if we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ.

#### **October 22, 2017 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24)**

**Psalm:** 96; **Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; **Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-22

**“Are We There Yet?” - Sermon Text:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 - *Rev. William Mueller*

Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians, giving thanks to God for their faith, love, and hope, as positive examples to other Christians. As children of God, we are on a journey of faith through life. We might be tempted to lose hope, to be diminished in our love, or to let our faith waver. Take courage! God has not left us alone but continues to carry us on!

#### **October 29, 2017 – Reformation Day Observed**

**Psalm:** 46 with Gloria Patri; **Epistle:** Galatians 5:1-2, 13-16; **Gospel:** John 8:31-36

**“Living in the Freedom of Faith” - Sermon Text:** Galatians 5:1-2, 13-16 - *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz*

Living the life of freedom that uniquely flows from a faith relationship with God, human beings yearn for freedom, the fight for freedom, but they can not have the ultimate freedom that they were indeed created for because of their sin. Jesus Christ entered the world to overcome our bondage, our sin, and all that seeks to separate us from the freedom that God created and redeemed us to have and to live for others in Him.

#### **“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](http://www.worshipforshutins.org)

## October Baptismal Birthdays

Linda Abdon  
Jerry Anderson  
Corey Augustyniak  
Alisha Berning  
Norman Berning  
Matthew Bixler  
Norma Boenker  
Tate Boenker  
Bridget Bradtmueller  
Frederick Bultemeyer  
Kaley Butler  
Christopher Caston  
David Caston  
Tina Caston  
Lori Cole  
Patrick Curtis  
Conner Emenhiser  
Wendy Ferrell  
Ian Fifer  
Bethany Fuhrmann  
Matthew Fuhrmann  
Kelly Harris

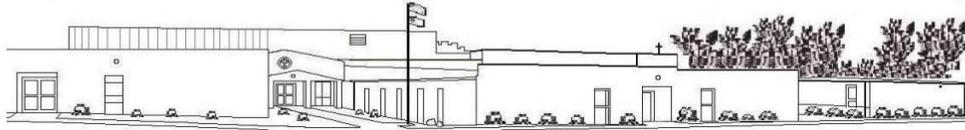
Luke Hartman  
LaDonna Hartmann  
Michael Heckman  
Janine Hicks  
Chloe Hoffman  
Hudson Hoffman  
Tammy Hoffman  
Eden Hoot  
Tracy Hoot  
Roger Hormann  
Jane Kleine  
Barry Krueckeberg  
Casey Krueckeberg  
Meryl Kukelhan  
Dean Lehrman  
Darlene Lepper  
Carly Livensparger  
Reese Loshe  
Joann Murdock  
Janilyn O'Shaughnessey  
Carey Oetting  
Grace Peconge

Jeanette Peters  
Meradith Peters  
Douglas Plas  
Lillian Plas  
Pamela Scherer  
Roger Scherer  
Derek Scheumann  
Jamie Scheumann  
Jared Scheumann  
Mark Schieferstein  
Adam Schlemmer  
Brittany Schreiber  
Betty Schroeder  
Kevin Selking  
Ryley Sivits  
Josiah Snyder  
David Sprague  
Mason Turner  
Jan Witte  
Janet Yunk

## Wedding Anniversaries

10/3	Keith & Cynthia Macke	10/16	Lloyd & Sharon Brenneke
10/3	Donald & Janine Scheumann	10/17	Troy & Sheri Schlemmer
10/4	Robert & Louise Melcher	10/18	David & Joyce Smock
10/4	Kevin & Pam Selking	10/19	Barry & Edith Krueckeberg
10/8	Lee & Phyllis Bryant	10/22	Norman & Cynthia Berning
10/9	Don & Norma Boenker	10/22	Travis & Kelli Yoquelet
10/9	James & Kendra Schlemmer	10/25	Michael & Kari Peters
10/10	Jack & Diane Clear	10/25	Fred & Lori Sauer
10/10	Nathan & Chloe Hoffman	10/26	Don & Nancy Hartman
10/10	Fred & Denise Kunkel	10/26	Dean & Jamie Scheumann
10/11	Heath & Katie Fullenkamp	10/28	Brad & Chris Melcher
10/12	Tyrone & Stacey Boenker	10/29	James & Stacey Pulver
10/15	Timothy & Kimberly Scheumann		

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](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnbingen.com) or contact the church office (639-6178) with your dates. Thank You!



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October 2017

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

The Lord has blessed our school association in so many ways. Our congregations are filled with members committed to providing an excellent Lutheran education through their prayers, financial support, attendance at events, and direct involvement in the lives of children. We are privileged to have a fantastic staff, supportive families, and students who are eager to learn.

The school year is going quickly! Our first quarter will end on October 13. Report cards will be sent home the following week and parent-teacher conferences will be held October 19 and 20. As we look ahead to the future, here are some important dates to keep in mind:

- Tuesday, October 10 - K-8 School Musical - “Echoes of the Hammer” – 1:00pm and 6:30pm performances
- Parent teacher conferences will be held October 19 & 20
- Tuesday, October 24 – Grandparents and Special Friends Day
- No school October 25-27 (Fall Break)
- November 13 – 2<sup>nd</sup> PTL meeting of the year
- No school November 23-24 (Thanksgiving break)
- December 2 - Annual Wyneken Christmas Craft Show
- December 2 – 8 – Scholastic Book Fair
- December 18 - Geography Bee – 1:45pm
- December 19- Christmas music concert – 6:30pm
- December 21 – End of Second Quarter
- December 22 - January 2 - Christmas Break

We have many things going on and hope that you will be able to join us! Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we move forward with the school year. Have a blessed October!

Sincerely,

Andrew Gavrun

*One Lord, one faith, one baptism. Ephesians 4:5*

## Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School

### October 2017 Newsletter

This month we introduce to you the 16 students in our Kindergarten class. Teacher is Ms. Tricia Day.

<u>Students</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Cong.</u>
Jett Beaulieu	Justin/Jenny Beaulieu	(B)
Gracie Berning	Brian/Alisha Berning	(B)
Jonathan Borne	Micah/Amanda Borne	(P)
Drake Bryan	Daniel/Myranda Bryan	(B)
Trey Krueckeberg	Todd/Cynthia Krueckeberg	(F)
Mae Lichtle	Marcus/Angela Lichtle	(F)
Canaan Loshe	Derek/Amanda Murdock-Loshe	(B)
Dylan McBride	Shane/Erika McBride	(B)
Katelyn Money	Clyde/Felicia Money	(B)
Raelee Oetting	Carey/Camille Oetting	(B)
Sydney Rhymer	Aaron/Sarah Rhymer	(F)
Reid Scheumann	Randy/Michelle Scheumann	(F)
Myla Schieferstein	Mark/Jennifer Schieferstein	(B)
Adalynn Schreiber	Andy/Brittany Schreiber	(B)
Jordan Sloffer	Megan Sloffer	(P)
	Tyler Sloffer	
Arianna Snyder	Brian Snyder/Marceia McDonough	(O)



#### Birthday Greetings

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

**Faculty/Staff:** Mrs. Albersmeyer (cook), Mrs. Brewer (grade 5), Mrs. Butcher (grade 4), Mr. Gavrun (principal),

Mrs. Horning (preschool), Mrs. Anderson (grade 2); **Students:** Allana A, Corbin S, Meryl K, Jack R, Colin R, Lela C,

Hannah F, Easton S, Drew B, Delaney C, Gavin S, Ashlyn W, Carmin C, Derick V, Ava R, Jennifer D, Carson M, Joley B, Austin H, Kara S.

#### Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation month. We are especially thankful for our pastors and youth & family life director in our Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School Association. Pastor Dahling (Friedheim), Pastor Brock (Bingen), Pastor Brege (Preble), and Youth & Family Life Director Brian Horning are such a blessing! Thanks be to God for such faithful servants!

#### Kindergarten

The Kindergarten teachers have been busy as bees. In September, we learned about bees and went to an apple orchard to see how the bees pollinate the apples. We made our own apple pies from the apples we picked. We visited a dairy farm for a fun and educational tour of a working dairy farm and participated in other activities related to farm life. In October, we will make a visit to the Preble Fire Station to learn fire safety and view the trucks and equipment the fire fighters use to help us. We have our school musical, "Echoes of the Hammer" on October 10. We will be going to a pumpkin patch to learn about the life cycle of pumpkins and how bees are important for pollination and other fun activities. We end out the month with parent-teacher conferences, Grandparents Day and Fall Break! Fall is a great time to learn in kindergarten.

#### School Musical – "Echoes of the Hammer"

Five hundred years ago in Germany, as the Renaissance made its way into the Holy Roman Empire, a man named Martin Luther dared to influence the Church to its own rebirth. On October 31, 1517, he challenged the Roman Catholic Church to make sure it was holding Scripture as the one, infallible truth. When his hammer struck the church door in Wittenberg, posting his Ninety-Five Theses, Martin Luther opened the door to the spread of God's Word to all the

people. The Good News of salvation through faith in Christ alone, found in Scripture alone, continues to bring beauty, life, and freedom to all who hear it today, throughout the entire world. You are invited to hear this message in musical format, presented by the students of Wyneken and under the direction of Mrs. Jessica Gavrun, on Tuesday, October 10 with performances at 1:00pm and 6:30pm.

#### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter is October 13 (44 days completed). Report cards will go home on October 18. Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 19 and Friday, October 20 after school and evening only. Conference time sign-up forms will be sent home on Friday with each child and are to be returned no later than October 2.

**Wyneken Fall Break is October 25-26-27.** There will be no North Adams buses for Wyneken families on Monday, October 23 & Tuesday, October 24 (Wyneken will be in session on those days).

#### **Wyneken Class of 2019 Fundraiser**

Got any metal lying around and need to get rid of it? Like aluminum, brass, copper, stainless steel, wrought iron or old appliances, leftover building materials, strands of burnt-out Christmas lights, farm equipment, cars and tin roofing. Need somewhere to recycle it? The Wyneken class of 2019 has an open account at OmniSource at OmniSource at 1430 Meyer Rd (between New Haven and Ft Wayne) to allow for donations. You can start taking donations in October. It's easy, just take in your scrap metal and tell them that you would like to donate it to the Wyneken Class of 2019. Not able to get it there or don't have a truck large enough for old pieces or farm equipment, we will come get it for you. To allow for scheduling purposes, please call Mark/Holly Laurent at 260-447-8872 or by email [hlaurent2002@gmail.com](mailto:hlaurent2002@gmail.com).

#### **Hurricane Harvey/Irma Relief**

A number of individuals have asked how they might help assist with those experiencing the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Several have family members, relatives and friends who have been hit by these natural disasters. First and foremost, pray for those individuals and for those who are serving them. Wyneken will be collecting offerings during the fourth quarter for Lutheran World Relief – which is providing assistance and items for those affected. If you wish to make a financial contribution at this time, you may consider visiting <https://www.lcms.org/harvey> for more information. Thank you for your prayers.

#### **Grandparents/Special Guests Day**

**Mark your calendars for Grandparents / Special Guests Day on Tuesday, October 24!** Look for more information to be shared soon on times and activities for that day.



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August 10<sup>th</sup> 2017  
(Approved 9/14/17)

**Members present:** Mr. Andrew Gavrun, Pastor Brege, Aaron Selking, Nick Hoffman, Chad Baumann, Rick Johnson, Brian Steiner, Michael Rabel, Brian Lawson, Matt Knipstein, Josh Hoot, Jim Melton, Chris Caston, & Brian Schlemmer

**Members absent:** Mrs. Cornet

**Guests:** Mrs. Horning, Mrs. Franz, Ms. Klenke

- I. **OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Pastor Brege opened the meeting @ 7:01pm with a prayer.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** MSC - 11 July 2017 Minutes approved as presented
- III. **TREASURERS REPORT:**
  - A. Statement of Activity Review and Discussion for Line items 500 & 600
    1. Line item 672 – Tables and Chairs \$3731.32
      - a. As noted in the June 8<sup>th</sup> Minutes, funding would come from the (\$2,500) from the Farmers Choice Grant and the remaining monies would come out of the Memorial Fund (\$1,231.32)
      - b. Since the Farmers Choice Grant was deposited in the Memorial Fund the last fiscal year, the purchase was this fiscal year and the total monies will come from the Memorial Fund.
    2. Line item 640 - Due to the extended A/C usage in the gym for the floor refinishing, the electric is approximately \$300-\$400 more than normal.
    3. Line item 571 – Childcare still owes money to the school from last year and it was suggested that a payment schedule be set up.
    4. **MSC** – July Report approved as presented
- IV. **NEW ITEMS:**
  - A. Introduction of Board Members
    1. Job Descriptions were passed out
    2. New key FOB's were handed out and old collected
    3. The Constitution & bylaws were distributed
    4. Contact information was collected
  - B. Childcare Report
    1. Childcare Handbooks
      - a. Employee Handbook needs board review and approval
      - b. Parent Handbook has already been distributed at registration
  - C. Election of Officers
    1. President – Brian Steiner
    2. Vice President – Chad Baumann
    3. Treasurer – Michael Rabel
    4. Secretary – Josh Hoot
  - D. Association Meeting Review
    1. Previous reviewed minutes, no discussion
  - E. Registration Day Review
    1. Review and discussion on Tuition Assistance Fund for non-member use.
      - a. Suggestion was made to make another contact to non-members regarding this fund.
  - F. Approval of Tuition Students
    1. **MSC** – Approved
  - G. Other New Business
    1. Grounds/Landscaping
      - a. Review and discussion of email that was sent asking if some bushes could be pulled and if replacement bushes, mulch, or grass would be done after. Some of the other items on the grounds/landscaping was questioned, leading to a suggestion that a subcommittee be formed to review and handle the grounds/landscaping.
      - b. Subcommittee was formed including: Brian Steiner, Brian Lawson, & Brian Schlemmer
    2. Hot Lunch Committee moving forward will need a policy put in place and moved under a current committee
    3. Update Needs for 2017-2018 handout reviewed with discussion

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## V. UPDATE ITEMS

### A. SGO

1. Review and discussion of the contributions made from the (3) churches.
2. Accounts were recommended to be reconciled. Mr. Gavrun and Rick Johnson reconcile and report back at a later date.

### B. Bleacher Railings

1. Installation is being scheduled.

### C. Audit

1. Procedures for both auditors and account holders need to be put in place before next audit.
2. Nan Nidlinger, Rick Johnson, Michael Rabel, and Mr. Gavrun will create a standard format.

### D. Gym Floor

1. Greg Louis has been the primary contact with Jack Laurie Group, and they have determined that a 3<sup>rd</sup> refinishing is required. This will take place during the fall break this year and could extend to the following Monday and Tuesday as they are requesting a longer curing time. They plan on sanding prior to the refinishing.
2. As previously noted, added costs for A/C have reached approximately \$400 due to the refinishing. It was suggested that we attempt to recoup this as a minimum for the inconvenience.

### E. Cafetorium Bad A/C Unit

1. Replacement A/C unit is needed for the east Cafetorium, cost is \$1,200.

### F. RIF Policy

1. Will be reviewed next month
2. New copy requested for new members.

### G. Long Range Planning

1. Will be scheduled with the new officers of the board & any existing that wish to continue on this committee

## VI. CLOSED SESSION – N/A

## VII. ADJOURNEMENT

- A. **MSC** – Closed meeting with The Lord's Prayer @ 8:19 pm.
- B. Next Meeting: Thursday 14 September 2017 @ 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas Hoffman