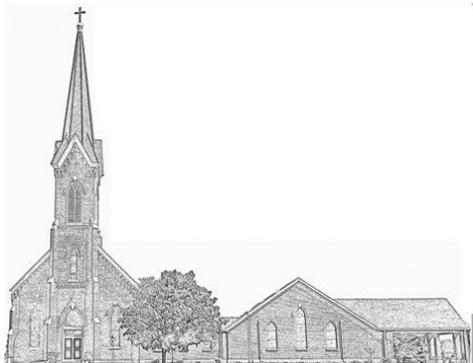


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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Old Testament, the Lord commanded Israel to observe certain Sabbaths, feasts, and memorials through which they were reminded of and received His mercy and redemption and by which they marked the passage of time. The New Testament church has been given no such command. Nevertheless, the writer to the Hebrews exhorts us "to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another" (**Hebrews 10:24-25**). To that end, our Lutheran Confessions state "that those rites should be observed that can be observed without sin and that contribute to peace and good order in the church, for example, certain holy days, festivals, and the like" (*Augsburg Confession*, Article XV).

With that understanding, we have great cause freely to rejoice in the gift of the Christian calendar (the Church Year). Ordered around the life of Jesus Christ and His body, the church, the Seasons, Readings, Hymns, etc., provide a wonderful rhythm and orientation by which our days and weeks are wrapped up in the life and saving work of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Of course, all of these come from and are directed by the Word of God, and the Church Year therefore follows the Lectionary (a list of Bible Readings for each Sunday and festival of the Church Year that is used by Christian churches around the world). The Lectionary ensures that the whole counsel of God is heard and proclaimed, and it invites God's faithful people to understand their particular time, place, and circumstances within the transcendent history of God's salvation.

Following the Lectionary as always, this year's month of October contains four significant Sundays for our life together here at St. John, Bingen. The Bible Readings appointed for the first three Sundays make these weeks an appropriate time for our annual Stewardship Emphasis. The Bible Readings themselves present us with the following themes, through which the Lord will remind us of all He has done and continues to do for us, to which we rejoice in the opportunity faithfully to respond as God's redeemed stewards:

October 6, 2019 - Christian Stewardship: **Increase Our Faith**

OT - Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 - "The righteous shall live by faith"

E - 2 Tim. 1:1-14 - "I am reminded of your sincere faith"

G - Luke 17:1-10 - "The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'"

October 13, 2019 - Christian Stewardship: **Increase Our Thanksgiving**

OT - Ruth 1:1-19a - "Where you go I will go"

E - 2 Tim. 2:1-13 - "The grace that is in Christ Jesus"

G - Luke 17:11-19 - "Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers"

October 20, 2019 - Christian Stewardship: **Increase Our Prayer**

OT - Genesis 32:22-30 - "Jacob Wrestles with God"

E - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 - "Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed"

G - Luke 18:1-8 - "The Parable of the Persistent Widow"

On the fourth Sunday of October, we will observe Reformation Day. This important occasion celebrates the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Him crucified for us men and for our salvation as we receive saving faith from God through His Word and respond with thanksgiving to the truth that we are saved by grace for Christ's sake. Receiving our faith and salvation as God's gracious gift to us, we cling firmly and unapologetically to this truth which sets us free (**John 8:32**), recognizing and rejoicing in the marks of the church the Lord has given us - the pure preaching of God's Word and the proper administration of His Sacraments.

The Church Year is a gift, and it is our joy and privilege humbly to receive it freely and with thanksgiving. I therefore pray that the Lord would grant you the faith that finds you in church to receive His blessings in Word and Sacrament throughout this month of October.

In Christ,
Pastor

Upcoming Youth Events

Middle School Youth Events



Wednesday, October 23; 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Father/Son Seminary Visit

All middle school and high school boys and their fathers are invited to visit Concordia Theological Seminary on this Wednesday of Fall Break. We will leave from Bingen's parking lot at 9 a.m., attend chapel, tour the campus, sit in on a class, meet some faculty and staff, and get a glimpse into the process of pastoral formation. Even if there is little to no interest in studying toward the Office of the Holy Ministry, this is nevertheless a great opportunity to visit this treasure of the church that's right in our back yard.

Sunday, October 27; 3-7 p.m. – All-Youth Reformation Gathering at Gormans' Home

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to Joe and Lin Gormans' home for an afternoon of fellowship and food. Their address is 10644 N 550 W; Decatur, IN 46733. Their driveway is directly across from the Friedheim school building.

High School Youth Activities

Sunday, October 6 – Bonfire and Gathering at Parsonage #1

Sunday, October 13 – Wyneken Service Night

Sunday, October 20 – Bonfire and Gathering at Parsonage #1



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Higher Things, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, July 13-17, 2020



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2020 Higher Things Conferences

Save the date for next year's Higher Things Conference in Tennessee! Higher Things is an annual youth conference offering youth and young adults an opportunity for worship, catechesis, and fellowship with other Lutheran youth from around the country. Talk to a slightly older friend who attended one of these with our youth group in the past - they will tell you how edifying and fun Higher Things is. We are only in the beginning stages of planning, simply collecting names of those who are interested in going at this point. If you are interested in going, please contact Pr. Yeager at andrewtyeager@gmail.com or 260-226-0375. Toward the end of the year, we will need to register our group, and each youth will be responsible for the \$100 registration fee. We will plan fundraisers and seek other avenues of support to

defray the cost of the remaining registration, van rental, etc. We will also seek to do something fun for a day in Knoxville (Suggestions?). Adult chaperones for every 7 youth are needed too. More information will be forthcoming.

175th Anniversary of St. John Lutheran Church

✠ *One LORD, One Faith, One Future* ✠

NEW ITEMS

Request for Historically Significant Photographs – 1995-2020

Please e-mail to the church office any photographs you have that capture something of congregational and/or historic significance. These may be included in the 175th book or other publications. If you need your photograph(s) scanned, please contact the church office or Pastor Brock.

Bingen Show-and Tell

The first Sunday of every month in 2020, perhaps excluding the summer months, we will hear from our fellow members during the Bible Class hour about the history of Bingen, share fun stories and memories, and rejoice in the Lord's continual blessings and grace upon this place for 175 years. If you would like to present an interesting item, story, or remembrance during one of these Sundays, please contact Lynn Selking.

The 175th Anniversary committee continues its work preparing for a year of celebration and thanksgiving in 2020. Please take a moment to see the "bricks" that are "building" the model of St. John Lutheran Church in the south hallway of the Parish Hall. These "bricks" are inscribed with a special thanksgiving for a blessing the Lord has granted to one of our families, members, or friends through the ministry of St. John, Bingen. If you would like to "purchase" a "brick," you may pick up a mission offering sheet in the entry of the church. An explanation of our 175th Anniversary Mission Offering is included in the first 175th Anniversary newsletter, which is also available in the entry of the church.

In brief, and in thanksgiving to God for blessing this holy little flock over the years, the congregation has designated a 175th Anniversary Mission Offering with the goal of raising \$175,000 by the end of 2020 to support the mission and mercy work being carried out in Tanzania, Africa. Just as St. John was founded through the missionary efforts of Rev. Wyneken, so do we desire to show forth our faith and gratitude by offering \$1,000 in mission funding for every year the Lord has strengthened and sustained His church at Bingen. These funds will be used in the following areas: 1) the albino orphanage being constructed on the campus of the Mwadui Lutheran Boarding School; 2) the Lutheran seminary in Shinyanga; and 3) scholarships for international students to study at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.

The committee has also set up an historic display in the Parish Hall. 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.

Historic notes:

June 5, 1904 Resolved: use a corner of the field next to church for erecting hitching posts.

June 5, 1904 Resolved: Install steam heat in the church.

February 26, 1905 Pastor was elected permanent chairman of the congregation.

From St. Johns Bulletin, Volume 1, No. 6: "Doings of our Society Members"

- Ella Reiter worked so hard the night of the St. John's festival she was so hoarse she could hardly talk.
- Mr. Herbert Mailand toured to Toledo with Mr. and Mrs. E. Lageman to visit with relatives.
- Mr. Herman Weber is now driving a new automobile. It's a Star with lights.
- Theodore Reiter went to Celina, Ohio, thinking he would see the ocean.
- The Theodore Scheumann twins, Florence and Julia, celebrated their 17th birthday anniversary, Saturday evening, August 23rd.
- Miss Corena Bultemeyer visited with friends in Logansport.
- A watermelon party was held at August Koenemann's Sunday evening, August the tenth. A very enjoyable time was had by everybody.
- Miss Marcella Hobrock was to Hamilton Lake August 24th. Were you alone Marcella?

✠ *Christian Stewardship* ✠

In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. And the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words: “We are all beggars. This is true.”

And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free. Ironic, isn't it? That, in order to be free, you must be a beggar; you must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas or birthday present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don't much like being in someone's debt.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. But we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. And this is His legacy to the Christian Church. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

And, if we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything – forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This is not because of any worthiness or merit in us, but it is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace.

On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. And you receive. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the life-blood of the Christian Church. God justifies us, and He declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This is not because of our works; this is because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther would point us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled “We are all beggars. This is true.” We are beggars. But we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us, who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – even in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless, we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace.

So inexhaustible are the riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism and Holy Communion – that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are not only inexhaustibly satisfied but have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.

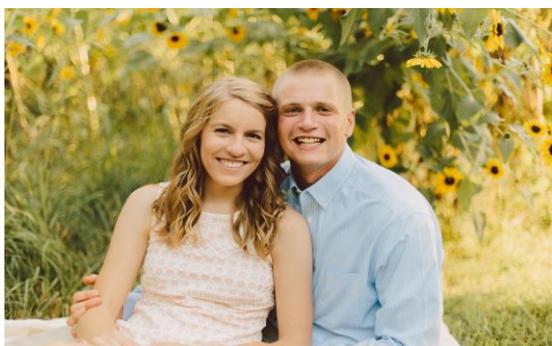
2018 Annual Report -

The 2018 Annual Report is now available. Because of the transition in the office of treasurer and change in accounting software, certain financial items appear differently than in previous annual reports. Please bring any questions you have to the Voters' Meeting on October 28, where the report will be presented and explained, after which there will be opportunity for questions to be asked and answered for everyone to hear at the same time. We give thanks to God for Nate Selking, Delin Kleine, and Jeff Kiess, for their extra time, effort, and diligent work in this time of transition.

Getting to Know Our Seminarists/Fieldworkers:

Chase Lefort (Born: 1/5/97): I'm from Raleigh North Carolina. My parents still live there, and I have a brother and a sister-in-law in Atlanta. They had their first kid in July. Her name is Ellison and she's adorable! I went to school at College of Charleston in SC, where I studied German, Business, and History, and didn't spend nearly as much time at the beach as I should have. I spent the past Summer helping out a pastor in Nebraska and South Dakota, and it was pretty wild. I got to do puppet shows for a bunch of Native American kids, spent time with recovering drug abusers, and learned how to water ski. It was a total blast! My idea of a good weekend includes barbecue, backpacking, or spending time with friends and a couple of beers.

Isaiah Armbrecht (Born: 11/13/96): I am from Williamsburg, IA, near Iowa City and right along I-80. I recently graduated from Concordia Nebraska with a degree in History, a minor in philosophy, and having completed both Greek and Hebrew. My mother and father met at that school and are both Lutheran school teachers. My dad, Andy, has been teaching at the same school (Lutheran Interparish in Williamsburg-supported by 4 local churches) for over 30 years now. My mom, Donna, has not taught full-time since I was born, due to my other siblings being born. However, she does a lot of volunteer work at the school and is the organist at our church. I have 3 other siblings, 2 sisters and a brother, all younger. My sister Emma is a sophomore at Concordia Nebraska, my other sister Lydia is a junior at Williamsburg High School, and Simeon is an 8th grader at Lutheran Interparish.



I am engaged to a wonderful young woman I met at Concordia Nebraska, Audrey Rich. She has one year left there, due to biology, chemistry, and psychology majors and plans to attend Manchester University in Ft. Wayne for pharmacy school. We are planning on getting married July 25th in Lincoln, NE, where she was born, at Pr. Maronde's previous church. We met and really got to know each other because we both sang in the A Capella Choir for 4 years of college together. I am in this year's edition of the seminary Kantorei and look forward to singing with these guys.

I play some basketball and will still run outside on the occasion, to stay in shape. I like to bike around and Ft. Wayne's trails seem nice so far. I like to read, generally theology, but occasionally I will read some history and/or mysteries.

Ladies Aid - Quilting every Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Ladies of Bingen, we are making a call out for help. You may join us for a few hours or all day. Bring your own sack lunch to enjoy. There is a business meeting on the second Wednesday of the month. We will be quilting a wall hanging soon to commemorate our 175th year celebration.



Cancer Pads - Next sewing date: **Tuesday, October 15th** from 8 – 11 a.m. Contact person is Marilyn Kiess.

Ladies Guild – Next meeting is Tuesday, October 15th, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Program: Make Corn Husk Dolls **Roll Call:** Have you ever husked Corn? **Serving:** Marilyn Bulmahn and Tari Emenhiser

LWML

October 13, 2019 LLL/LWML Fall Rally – Peace Lutheran Church – Berne, 201 South Fulton, Berne, Indiana at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Josef Henning, pastor of Emmanuel-Soest will speak of his life experiences and life with our brothers and sisters in Christ living in South Africa.

Card Games – **Thursday, October 10th** and on every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 1:30 p.m. We meet in the Parish Hall for cards, snacks and fellowship. **All are welcome to join us!**



Membership Directory Updates/Changes



Matthew Gresley – 402 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204; 260-409-0207
Ben Hoffman – 13835 Morgan Road, Monroeville, IN 46773; 260-415-0041
Christopher & Heather Johnson – 4325 Horman Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46816
Nicole Norton – 1135 Lake Ave. Apt. 2, Fort Wayne, IN 46805; 260-615-0919
Darin & Gwen Scheumann – 260-341-1299



Eighth Annual Community Trunk or Treat

St. John Lutheran Church, Bingen plans to host this fun community event on Saturday, October 26th, at 5:30 p.m. at St. John Bingen, 11555 N. US Hwy 27, Decatur, IN. 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 church parking lot and set up by 5:00 p.m., with trunk or treating and supper served in the church parish hall from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated trunks! **If you are interested in having a trunk and passing out treats, please call the church office at 639-6178 or email Jani MacDowell at jmacdowell27@gmail.com by October 22nd.** Supper will include homemade chili, hot dogs, donuts and cider. After the trunk or treat, weather permitting, we will have hayrides available. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets.



Social Committee Looking for New Committee Members

The social committee would like to welcome anyone who is interested in joining our committee to help with our events. We are always looking for new ideas, and we try to keep our activities simple to plan and fun to work. With years of experience, the meetings are quick and helping at the events is a great way to get to know others in our church and our community. Even if you only want to help with some of our events, we would love to have you. Some of our most popular events include the upcoming Mission Festival Potluck, Trunk or Treat, Chili Cook-Off, Tin Caps games/tailgating, bus trips, and a festive Christmas event.

New – If you have young children and want to join us, Emily Schwartz has graciously offered to watch your kids during the meetings, just let one of us know. If you are interested in being a part of our committee please join us at our upcoming meeting or event, or contact Mick Scheumann, Doug or Briana Schwartz, Jan Zelt or Jani MacDowell for more information.

Mark Your Calendar for Other Upcoming Events

- Eighth Annual Trunk or Treat – Saturday, October 26th
- Reformation Potluck – Sunday, October 27th

Next Social Committee Meeting – October 10th, 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Community Events

Thursday, October 3, 2019 – Senior Citizen (55+) Lunch and program at New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian - 11:30 a.m. Special Program: Chaplain, Lt. Col. Michael Frese will speak on the topic “Military Chaplain Duties at War and at Home.” Lt. Col. Frese is the Wing Chaplain at the 122nd Fighter Wing at Ft. Wayne International Airport and a recipient of the Purple Heart Ribbon. A free will offering will be accepted to cover the cost of the food. RSVP by calling the church office 260-622-7954 by Tuesday, October 1st.

Sunday, October 6, 2019 – Monroeville Lions Club Pulled Pork Dinner – Drive-thru & Carry-out only from 11 a.m. – until gone at the Monroeville Fire Station. Cost: \$8 per dinner.

Friday, October 11, 2019 – Zion, Decatur’s Annual Soup and Sandwich Day! 11 a.m.-1 p.m. & 4 p.m.- 6 p.m. MENU: Chicken Noodle, Potato and Vegetable Soups; Chicken Sandwiches, Sloppy Joes, Chili Dogs & Hot Dogs; Chef Salad, Toss Salad, Fresh fruit, Applesauce and Cottage cheese; Pies, Cakes and Drinks. Prices range from \$1.50 - \$5 per item. Soups can be purchased in quart containers for \$6; Chicken and Sloppy Joe – 16 oz. for \$12

Sunday, October 13, 2019 – St. Peter, Fuelling’s Swiss Steak or Chicken Breast Dinner with a Bake Sale and Bazaar Serving: 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Price: \$9 adults; \$5 Children (12 and under) MENU: Swiss Steak/Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Roll, Salads and Desserts. Dine-In or Drive-Thru.

Thursday, October 24th and Friday October 25th – Fall Rummage and Bake Sale at Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Soest)), 9909 Wayne Trace, Fort Wayne; Thursday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m.-Noon - Bag Sale 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5.

Thursday, October 24th and Friday October 25th – Fall Rummage Sale at Martini Lutheran Church. 333 E. Moeller Road, New Haven, IN 46774; Thursday 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m.-Noon - \$2 Bag Sale.

Sunday, October 27th – Hoagland Volunteer Fire Department 18th Annual BINGO at the Fire Station. Doors open at noon; BINGO starts at 1 p.m. Pre-sale tickets \$20, at the door \$25. Make checks payable to ‘HVFD Woman’s Auxiliary’ and mail to Kathy Minich – 14601 Soaring Hawk Trail, Hoagland, IN 46745.



Reformation Potluck

In celebration of Reformation, The St. John Bingen Evangelism and social committee would like to invite all to join us for the Reformation Potluck. It will be held in the Parish Hall directly following our 10:30 am. service on Sunday, October 27th. Meat, drinks and table service will be provided, just bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.



Thursday, October 31, 7:00 p.m. in Kramer Chapel
Windsbacher Knabenchor
Boys Choir of Windsbach, Germany

Luther Hostel - Creation and the New Creation - November 6–8

This annual seminary retreat is for both laity and church workers, to learn and gather for worship and fellowship on the campus of CTSFW. Lectures this year will focus on Creation and the New Creation: A Consideration of God's People in Genesis and Revelation.

Cost: \$200, includes meals

Register: www.ctsfw.edu/LutherHostel

Bus Trip to Branson at Christmas Time – November 11-15, 2019



Highlights: *Ted Drewes on Route 66, Bass Pro Shop, Branson Mill & Craft Village, Sight & Sound Theater for the 'Miracle of Christmas', Paradise Grill, Christmas Wonderland, The Brett's Christmas, Lunch at the Stage Door Canteen at the Lawrence Welk Theater, Christmas with Daniel O'Donnell Show, Charlie's Steak & Ribs Dinner Feast, The Dutton Family Christmas Show, Christmas Light Tour, The Hughes Brothers Holiday Show, Dick's 5/10, and Lambert's Café.*

Tour includes: All Attractions (6 shows), 9 meals (4 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 3 Dinners), 4 Nights of Quality lodging, Luggage Handling (1 piece), Travel via Motorcoach, Escorted by S & S Travel, Inc.

Cost: per person \$927 double, \$862 Triple, \$831 Quad, or \$1120 Single

Deposit of \$100 per person with reservation and Balance Due by October 11, 2019.

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Jan Zelt 260-639-3136

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October *Baptismal Birthdays*

Linda Abdon
 Jerry Anderson
 Corey Augustyniak
 Alisha Berning
 Norman Berning
 Matthew Bixler
 Norma Boenker
 Tate Boenker
 Bridget Bradtmueller
 Myranda Bryan
 Fritz Bultemeyer
 Kaley Butler
 Christopher Caston
 David Caston
 Tina Caston
 Lori Cole
 Patrick Curtis
 Conner Emenhiser
 Wendy Ferrell
 Cayla Fuhrman
 Bethany Fuhrmann
 Matthew Fuhrmann

Camielle Gebhart
 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
 Carey Oetting

Janilyn O'Shaughnessey
 Grace Peconge
 Jeanette Peters
 Meradith Peters
 Madalyn Pulver
 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

October *Wedding Anniversaries*

10/3 Keith & Cynthia Macke
 10/3 Donald & Janine Scheumann
 10/4 Robert & Louise Melcher
 10/4 Kevin & Pam Selking
 10/8 Lee & Phyllis Bryant
 10/9 Don & Norma Boenker
 10/9 James & Kendra Schlemmer
 10/10 Jack & Diane Clear
 10/10 Nathan & Chloe Hoffman
 10/10 Fred & Denise Kunkel
 10/11 Heath & Katie Fullenkamp
 10/12 Tyrone & Stacey Boenker

10/13 Christopher & Heather Johnson
 10/15 Timothy & Kimberly Scheumann
 10/16 Lloyd & Sharon Brenneke
 10/17 Troy & Sheri Schlemmer
 10/18 David & Joyce Smock
 10/19 Barry & Edith Krueckeberg
 10/22 Norman & Cynthia Berning
 10/22 Travis & Kelli Yoquelet
 10/25 Michael & Kari Peters
 10/26 Don & Nancy Hartman
 10/27 Justin & Rachel Baumgartner
 10/28 Brad & Chris Melcher

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!



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October 2019

October 6, 2019 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 62; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:1-10

“Spirit of Power” - Sermon Text: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 - Rev. Bill Mueller

God always gives what God’s people always need at the time it is always most effective. The Apostle Paul reminds us that God has not given us a spirit of timidity but the Spirit of Power. What does this mean? While it doesn’t mean we can leap tall buildings, it does mean God does not desert us in the midst of extreme challenges. In fact, He is with us to grow us in faith in Jesus.

October 13, 2019 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:1-10; Luke 17:11-19

“I’m Grateful” – Sermon Text: Luke 17:11-19 – Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

“I’m Grateful” not only is the appropriate response all the blessings of body and soul given to us by our great God, but it also has the power to change the lives of those around us and even shape the world in which we live. An attitude of “I’m Grateful” is a gift from God in response to the gifts of God, especially the “inexpressible Gift” of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

October 20, 2019 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Luke 18:1-8

“Total Protection” - Sermon Text: Psalm 121 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

We live in a dangerous world. But Psalm 121 assures us that we have total protection from God. The good news is that God guards us in all aspects of our life.

October 27, 2019 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost *Reformation Observed

Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

“Trust in Jesus” - Sermon Text: John 8:31 - Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast, Jr.

The Reformation was a miracle done purely by God’s grace, which returned the church’s focus to faith in Jesus Christ. Today the church is struggling in the United States with continuing decline. But that is nothing new, as John 8:31-26 shows us. The basic message has been the same yesterday, today, and into the future: Trust in Jesus.

Worship Anew can be viewed every SUNDAY:

7:00 a.m. EPTA-TV 21.2 [NBC]

8:00 a.m. MyTV 21.3

11:30 a.m. WINM-TV 12/38 [TCT]

4:00 p.m. & Monday 10:00 a.m. Comcast 55 & Frontier 25 [PEG]

*** Note:** This is just a short list of viewings on our local channels; more are available with other providers.

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October 27, 2019



8:00 a.m. Divine Service

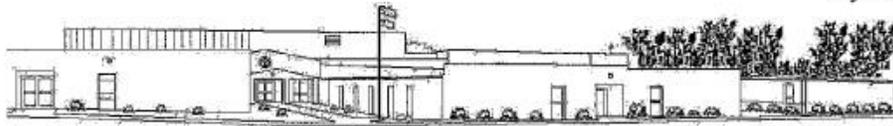
9:15 a.m. Sunday School /Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

12:00 noon Reformation Potluck

LWML Mite Collection Day

3:00 p.m. MS/HS Youth Reformation
Gathering at the Gormans' Home



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Principal – Andrew Gavrun

October 2019

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 11. Report cards will be sent home the following week and parent-teacher conferences will be held October 16 and 17. As we look ahead to the future, here are some important dates to keep in mind:

- Parent teacher conferences will be held October 16 & 17
- No school October 21-25
- Friday, November 8 – Grandparents and Special Friends Day
- November 11 – 2nd PTL meeting of the year
- No school November 28-29 (Thanksgiving break)
- December 7 - Annual Wyneken Christmas Craft Show
- December 2 – 7 – Scholastic Book Fair
- December 12- Christmas music concert – 6:30pm
- December 17 – Christmas musical grades K-2 – 6:30pm
- December 19 - Geography Bee – 1:00pm
- December 20 – End of 2nd quarter
- December 23 - January 1 - 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
Principal

“The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.” Judges 6:12

**Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School
October 2019**

This month we introduce to the 25 students in our Kindergarten class. Teachers are Ms. Tricia Day and Mrs. Sarah Anderson.

Mrs. Sarah Anderson

<u>Students</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Cong.</u>
Molly Baker	Brad/Laura Baker	(P)
Addison Butcher	Jared/Courtney Butcher	(P)
Maxxwell Conrad	Aaron Conrad	(F)
	Hayley Wilfong	
Zander Emenhiser	Kyle/Amanda Emenhiser	(B)
Hannah Faurote	Ben/Catherine Faurote	(P)
Charlotte Franz	Darin/Amber Franz	(F)
Cole Frecker	Kurt/Amy Frecker	(B)
Callen Gorman	Joey/Lexi Gorman	(F)
Emersyn Knipstein	Kurt/Tracy Knipstein	(O)
Everly Oetting	Carey/Camille Oetting	(B)
Oscar Selking	Greg/Jodi Selking	(B)
Owen Whalen	Eric/Jennifer Whalen	(B)
Mary Yeager	Rev. Andrew/Heather Yeager	(P)

Ms. Tricia Day

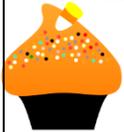
<u>Students</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Cong.</u>
Jude Adams	Kasey/Miranda Adams	(P)
Drew Black	Chris/Cheryl Black	(F)
Maclynn Butcher	Adam/Kari Butcher	(F)
Morrison Everett	Karly Everett/Brooks Blanton	(F)
Austin Fuhrmann	James/Karrie Fuhrmann	(F)
Peyton Holt	Casey/Maybelle Holt	(B)
Haven Hosler	Justin/Taffie Hosler	(B)
Callen Knipstein	Matt/Michelle Knisptein	(F)
Charlotte Long	Scott/Tessa Long	(F)
Cali McBride	Chad/Jill McBride	(B)
Olivia Palacios	Troy/Kathy Palacios	(B)
Keaton Steiner	Alex Steiner	(P)
	Mandalynn Steiner	(F)

Birthday Greetings

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

Faculty/Staff: Mr. Gavrun (principal), Mrs. Albersmeyer (cook), Mrs. Brewer (5th grade teacher),

Mrs. Butcher (4th grade teacher), Mrs. Anderson (kindergarten); **Students:** Corbin Saalfrank, Everly Oetting, Meryl Kukulhan, Jack Riehm, Colin Ripley, Lela Cutler, Hannah Faurote, Easton Sauer, Drew Black, Gavin Short, Emersyn Knipstein, Derick Vogel, Ava Roemer, Jennifer Dressler, Kennedy Groce, Dieder Scheumann, Penelope Franz, Andrew Yeager, Kara Smith.



Kindergarten News

Kindergarten is off to a great start! There are two classes of kindergarten this year. We have been studying bees, and butterflies in science. Which has given us some fun field trips to go on, such as Southwest Bee Conservatory and Advanced Tree Technology. We are studying letter recognition and sounds along with practicing our handwriting. We have been exploring with math manipulatives and talking about school rules in social studies. At Jesus Time we have learned how God created the world and about Adam & Eve, Noah, and Abraham. We love going to our special classes: computer, library, gym, music and choir. We finished our first round of NWEA testing. We are excited to keep learning and growing as the year goes on.
Mrs. Anderson and Ms. Day

Wall of Honor

Monday, November 11, is Veterans' Day. We know that our freedom isn't free. Because of the sacrifices of many brave men and women, we can enjoy the many rights and privileges that this country has to offer. We would like to honor our many veterans. In order to do this, we will be assembling a Veterans' Day Wall and **we need your help.** We are asking for pictures of family and friends that have served or are currently serving in the military. We will be sending home, with each student, a form to fill out and send in with the picture. The form should include the name of the person in the photo, name of person submitting the photo, relationship to you, branch of service and when that person served. Add a note if the person died while in service. Forms were sent home with each child on September 30th. Extra forms will be available at the office. If you'd like to honor someone, but don't have a picture, please go ahead and fill out a form, that person will also be honored on the wall.

Wyneken Rewards Programs

The following programs are all great, simple ways for families to help us earn money for the school. Encourage your friends and family members to participate in these programs. *Aunt Millie's School Spirit Program*, Many Aunt Millie's and Sunbeam bread products are eligible. Look for the School Spirit UPC, clip and send to school; *BoxTops for Education*, NEW THIS YEAR: download the app and scan your grocery receipts AND Clip box tops from participating products (some still have them); *Coke Rewards for Schools*, Save caps from Coke product bottles, cut out code printed inside Coke products 12-packs and 24-packs and send to school; *Kroger Community Rewards*, Enroll online to link your Kroger Plus card and earn money every time you shop.

SCRIP

SCRIP Coordinator is Heather Yeager (St. Paul, Preble). SCRIP representatives are- Jennifer Faurote, Preble; Jim/Kendra Schlemmer, Bingen(temporary); Cheryl Lengerich, Friedheim. A new Scrip representative(s) for St. John, Bingen (volunteer position) is needed as soon as possible. Please prayerfully consider serving your church and school in this capacity. If interested, contact Mr. Gavrun at Wyneken at principal@wyneken.org or 260-639-6177. Thank you.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

End of First Quarter is October 11 (46 days completed). Report cards will go home on October 15. Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 16 and Thursday, October 17, after school and evening only.

WYNEKEN WILL CLOSED OCTOBER 21-OCTOBER 25 FOR FALL BREAK.

Accepting Snow Removal Bids

Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is accepting snow removal bids for the 2019-2020 school year. All bids shall be returned to the school office or a current school board member by Monday, October 7th, 2019 – 3:30 pm.

Bids should include the following:

Parking Lot: Per occurrence rate for 2" to 5"; Per occurrence rate for 5.1" to 8"; Per hour rate for over 8".

Sidewalks: Per occurrence rate for 2" to 5" plus ice melt; Per occurrence rate for 5.1" to 8" plus ice melt; Per hour rate for over 8" plus ice melt.

Other: Ice melt application to parking Lot; To apply salt during snow event cost; To apply salt only event cost.

Snow removal is to occur anytime school or daycare is in session – lot will need to be cleared by 6:00 am. The school may also call you for special circumstances of less than 2" at our discretion.

Mark Your Calendars! Grandparents/Special Guests Day for Grandparents / Special Guests Day on Friday, November 8!

Look for information to be shared soon in our weekly newsletter and on the Wyneken website on how to register your attendees for the event.

Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration or its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

Wyneken School Board Minutes

August 8, 2019

Approved 9/5/19

Members present: Andrew Gavrun, Chris Caston, Brian Bulmahn, Brian Lawson, Pastor Dahling, David Sprague, Michael Rabel, Jim Melton, Todd Kolter, Josh Hoot, Micah Borne, Aaron Scheumann, Brian Clemons, and Brian Schlemmer.

Members absent: None

Guests: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Voshell, and Stephanie Clemons.

- I. **OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Meeting opened with the reading of the mission statement by Michael Rabel, followed by a prayer by Pastor Dahling.
- II. **APPROVAL JULY OF MINUTES: MSC-** Approved as presented.
- III. **NEW ITEMS:**
 - a. Introduction of new board members:
 - i. Aaron Scheumann, Micah Borne, and Brian Clemons
 - b. Review of BOE responsibilities:
 - i. Review of committees and members of each committee.
 - ii. Review of job descriptions.
 - c. Election of officers:
 - i. The officers elected to each position for the 2019-2020 school year
 1. Chairman- Chris Caston
 2. Vice Chairman- Jim Melton
 3. Secretary- Brian Bulmahn
 4. Treasurer- Todd Kolter
 - d. Childcare Report:
 - i. Review of report
 - ii. Review of financials.
 - e. Association meeting review:
 - i. Review of minutes from July meeting
 - f. Registration day review:
 - i. Registration went smoothly
 - ii. Total student count- K-8: 189, Preschool: 12, PreK: 16
 - g. Approval of tuition students:
 - i. **MSC-** Approved as presented.
 - h. Grading/ report cards:
 - i. Review of current grading guidelines.
 - ii. Request made to change from K-2 utilizing a non-grading report card and 3- 8 using letter grades to K utilizing a skills based report card, while grades 1-3 will use a combination of letter grades and skills and letter grades to be given in grades 4-8.
 1. **MSC-** to make the change
 - i. Credit account:
 - i. Maintenance committee requesting the school apply for a credit account for Menards for maintenance purchases.
 - ii. **MSC-** to apply for a Menards credit card with a \$2,000 per month limit for maintenance supplies with Chad Bauman as an authorized user.

- j. Other new business:
 - i. PTL:
 - 1. PTL president Stephanie Clemons presented that she would like more communication between the board and the PTL
 - 2. She would like a member of the PTL to be present at board meetings and for a board member to be present at PTL meetings
 - ii. Policy needs:
 - 1. A list was given to the board from Principal Gavrun for recommended new policies and policy updates
 - 2. Work day:
 - a. On a recent Saturday work day, lunch was purchased for the volunteers.
 - b. Request was made as to which account the purchase is to be taken from.
 - c. **MSC-** to approve the lunch purchase of \$109.19 to be paid through the Thrivent Choice account

IV. UPDATE ITEMS:

- a. Upcoming meetings:
 - i. School board training session- August 22- 7-8pm
 - ii. TLSP presentation- September 12- 6:30pm
- b. Remind text alert app:
 - i. \$1,170 to renew remind text alert app (cost total to cover two years of service) to be taken from Thrivent Choice
 - ii. Approved via email on July 29, 2019
- c. SGO:
 - i. 80 students approved for SGO, 2 students have since left making the total 78 students for a total of \$123,942.
- d. Audit:
 - i. Audit went well.
 - ii. Nan Nidlinger will not participate next year. She has been a valuable asset. She is taking steps to help streamline the process moving forward
- e. Maintenance items:
 - i. Parking lot light work to begin next week.
 - ii. **MSC-** to approve astronomical timer for parking lot lights. Funds taken from the maintenance budget.
 - iii. Painting nearly complete in the childcare hallway.
 - iv. Ms. Day is in need of a new garden hose for the learning garden. Board urges her to request funds from the PTL.
 - v. The septic project is now complete.
- f. Job descriptions:
 - i. Personnel committee is to continue to work on job descriptions.
- g. Strategic planning:
 - i. Meeting date has been changed to September 21.
 - ii. Association approved all names recommended.

V. REPORTS:

- a. Principal's report:
 - i. Thank you to all of our school board members for their faithful service! A special thank you to Brian Lawson, Michael Rabel, and Josh Hoot for their service as they complete their term on the board.
 - ii. Many thanks to all who have come to help with preparing the school for the next school year! These tasks could not have been done without many helping hands.
 - iii. A special back to school BBQ cook-off is being organized for Saturday, August 10 as a joint social event with SPI. This event will be fun for all ages! Arrive around 3pm and join in some games and fellowship. Food and judging of the BBQ will begin at 5pm.
 - iv. As a reminder, North Adams busing will not be available the first two days of school.
- b. Teacher report:
 - i. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Voshell report- Thank you to the board. First day of school went well.
- c. Hot lunch report:
 - i. No report
- d. Maintenance report:
 - i. Discussed above
- e. Budget and policy committee:
 - i. To meet soon
- f. Personnel committee:
 - i. To meet to work on job descriptions
- g. Salary committee:
 - i. No report
- h. Public Relations committee:
 - i. No report
- i. Other reports:
 - i. None

VI. CLOSED SESSION: None

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Dahling. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
-Respectfully submitted, Brian Schlemmer