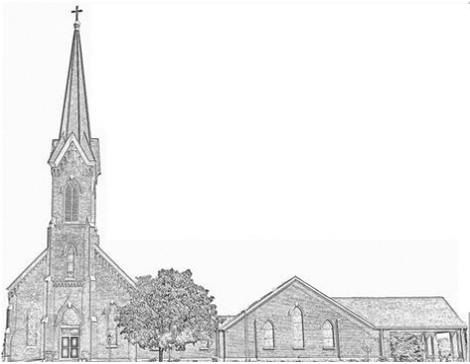


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# ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH † BINGEN

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! What joy we receive in the angel's news: "Do not be afraid. You seek Jesus who was crucified. He has risen as he said." Knowing full well that Christ our Savior has done it all for us, that he took upon himself the full weight and consequence of our sin, the loneliness of God's abandonment, and the depth of hell's abyss, and that He overcame all of that for all of us, we delight in Jesus' invitation and exhortation to gather together in corporate worship wherein God serves us with His Word and Sacraments. The month of May is a wonderful time for the worship life of our congregation, filled with opportunities to receive and rejoice in the gifts of our Savior's cross and resurrection that heal all our ills and feed our faith. Indeed, the month of May includes several very significant days both for the church year and for our life together at St. John, Bingen.

On **Sunday, May 2**, our 8th-grade children will have the opportunity publicly to confess their faith through the **Rite of Confirmation**. Confirmation links the catechumens to their Baptism, celebrates the reception of the Lord's Word among them, and, according to the custom here at St. John, welcomes them to the Lord's Table in Holy Communion. The Rite of Confirmation emphasizes God's work in Baptism (where *God makes us* to be members of His holy Christian Church), the gift of faith, and the benefits of the Lord's Supper for all who believe. The reception of catechumens to the Sacrament of the Altar assumes that ongoing instruction in the faith is the way of life for the faithful Christian. Not only the catechumens themselves, but parents, sponsors, and all of us should ponder sincerely the sacred vows these children of God make to their Lord on Confirmation Day:

- 1) *to hear the Word of God and to receive the Lord's Supper faithfully;*
- 2) *to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death; and*
- 3) *to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it.*

On **Sunday, May 9**, we give thanks to our gracious Lord specifically for His wonderful gift of faithful and loving mothers. Although this is not a holy day on the church's calendar, Jesus, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, so highly esteemed His mother that even as God incarnate He dutifully honored and cherished her. We, then, likewise give thanks to our heavenly Father for the blessing of our earthly mothers, and rejoice that Christ's Easter makes certain a joyful reunion with those who have fallen asleep in their Savior.

**Thursday, May 13** is **The Ascension of Our Lord**. In both the Apostles' and the Nicene Creed, we confess that 40 days after Christ rose from the grave on Easter Sunday, He "ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty." Though, regrettably, many have lost interest in this festival in recent times, Ascension Day is one of the chief feasts of the Christian church year, always observed on the 6th Thursday of the Easter Season. The Lord's Divine Service to us begins at 7pm.

**Sunday, May 23** is **The Day of Pentecost** and the first of our two **Mission Festivals** in 2021. The Church lives and moves and has her being through the gracious work of the Holy Spirit. Without God's Spirit, no one could come to Christ or believe in Him. The fifty-day celebration of Easter ends with this joyous festival of Pentecost. The risen and ascended Savior has sent the Holy Spirit to be our Sanctifier, entering our hearts at Holy Baptism, nurturing us through the Word, and enabling us to understand the Gospel and to live a life that honors God and serves our neighbor. Mission Fest I offerings are designated to support the Lord's work at Westfield House in Cambridge, England.

**Sunday, May 30** is **Holy Trinity Sunday**. "Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us." That is the high doxology we confess as we celebrate a unique festival of the church year - the Festival of the Holy Trinity. Having celebrated the greatest event in God's history of salvation, the death and resurrection of the Son of God, we pause at the Feast of the Holy Trinity to consider the essence of God. Most

church holidays, of course, are based upon events - particularly, the events of Jesus' life. Christmas, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost all recognize the actions of our Lord in the history of salvation. But on this festival day we celebrate a feast that recognizes the very being of the Triune God whom we worship and give Him thanks and praise for the greatest gift God gave His people—His holy, triune name: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be this Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him. But let us also confess that this teaching is hard for us. Certainly God's substance is beyond our sin-stained comprehension. Still, He has graciously revealed Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. When we want to summarize all the Holy Scripture says about God as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, we call God the Holy Trinity. Even beyond the glorious summary of the persons and work of God found in the Creeds, to speak of God as the Holy Trinity says at one time all the many things that the Scriptures say about God. Our worship never ceases confessing our faith in the triune God and giving glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

In Christ's baptismal waters, by His faith creating Word, and with His sin-forgiving body and blood in the Lord's Supper, there is a victorious way through the Lent of our life to that glorious Easter Resurrection. I pray that this Easter season leading to Pentecost fills your heart and your mind with the peace that Christ was born to bring you, with the comfort and assurance of the forgiveness of sins that He died to give you, and with the hope and joy that Christ rose to fulfill for you. To be sure, throughout this festive month of May, Christ will be right where He has promised to be - in His Word and blessed Sacraments - forgiving sins, preaching the Gospel, and feeding His flock with Himself.

In Christ,

*Pastor*

## **Worship Schedule Change on May 2**

On May 2 and the Sundays following, Divine Services will be at 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m. The 8 and 9:30 a.m. Divine Services will be self-seating. The 11 a.m. Divine Service will be designated seating to encourage distancing for those who find that helpful. 8<sup>th</sup>-grade Confirmation will be at the 11 a.m. Divine Service on May 2. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

## **Upcoming Youth Events**

### **Middle School Youth Event**

**Sunday, May 23 – Sky Zone – Details TBD**

### **High School Youth Activities**

**Sunday, May 2 – Confirmation Day – No Youth Event**

**Sunday, May 9 – Mother's Day – No Youth Event**

**Sunday, May 16; 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Gathering at Parsonage 1**

**Sunday, May 23 – Sky Zone – Details TBD**

**Sunday, May 30 – Memorial Day Eve – No Youth Event**

## *News from the Geneva Lutheran Mission*

The pew just under the edge of the balcony on the lectern side of the sanctuary seats some very special people during the 10:30 Sunday Divine Service. Yes, we Sauls (Pastor Donald, Sandy, and Allen) think we're pretty special, but this article isn't about us. The folks at the other end of the pew are also very special, and I would like to introduce them to you all. They are the members of the Geneva Lutheran Mission. This effort to reach people in our own backyard with the Good News of Jesus, His birth, suffering, death, and Resurrection for the sins of the whole world has the support of the Decatur Circuit, and is undertaken as a ministry of St. John, Bingen.

Among those whose lives are being touched by the Gospel is John Johnson, who has been at the Saturday catechism study and Sunday worship with us. During Lent his health took a southward turn, so you know him lately from the prayer list. Soon as he is able, he will restart catechesis with Pastor Sauls.

Then there is Phyllis Oldaker. Phyllis attended our Thursday Bible study in Geneva and Sunday worship at St. John faithfully, and began catechesis, but during a particularly difficult time in her life dropped out for awhile. Thanks be to God she is back among us for Bible study and worship, and will continue her study of Luther's Small Catechism in May, with hopes to be received into the membership at St. John sometime later in the summer.

Judy Kendrick and Kathy Timmons (red hair) have been faithful in Bible study and at worship for over one year, and have completed their catechism study. They were received into membership at St. John just before Easter, and the 10:30 folks have seen them with us at the altar of the Lord for Holy Communion, to receive the body and blood of Christ for their soul's salvation. All of these folks have been uplifted by the preaching, the liturgical worship, and the fellowship of the saints which they have heard and experienced here at St. John. Their hope is to one day have a preaching and worship site in Geneva. We continue to pray for the Lord of the church to bring that to pass.

Again, thanks be to God, the Limberlost apartments community room is to re-open in May, and we will be able to restart "Coffee, Doughnuts, and Conversation with Pastor Sauls". The conversation is about God's holy Word, the sacred liturgy of the Church, Luther's Small Catechism, and other worshipful topics. We just can't advertise our gatherings that way! For the past year we have met in Judy's apartment, where the seating is limited. The community room will accommodate fifteen or more people, with distancing observed. Several people have expressed a desire to join us for Bible study, and may also be interested in attending worship services with us, and being catechized. Of course, anyone who lives at the Limberlost may attend. Many of the residents there do not attend church or know Jesus as their Savior. We also have had interest expressed by residents of the Geneva Shores apartments, and some of the apartment complexes in Berne.

Thank you all for your prayers during my recent ailment (the "evil virus"). God has heard your prayers and mine, and while I still have a way to go before I am fully recovered, He has graciously restored to me the breath of life so that I might carry on this important work for the Kingdom of Christ.

God bless you as you rejoice in His resurrection and life, for it is seal and guarantee of your resurrection and life eternal.

In Christ,

Pastor Sauls (retired?)

## ✠ *Christian Stewardship* ✠

*“April showers bring May flowers.”* In many parts of our country this old idiom still rings true. Proper amounts of rain and sunshine combine to produce beautiful flowers. It is a kind of “action/reaction” pattern of life. In this pattern, we find an application for our lives as God’s stewards and managers of all of life and life’s resources. Martin Luther’s explanation to the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed speaks of how God is our Maker and Provider. God richly provides us with all that we need to support this body and life. The word “**all**” is used nine times in Luther’s explanation. Our Almighty Father in heaven has made us and all creatures, gives us all we need and defends us against all danger and guards and protects us from all evil.

So what has this to do with Christian stewardship? In the closing paragraph of Luther’s explanation of the First Article, he explains: *“**All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**”*

The truth of the matter is that our Heavenly Father provides everything that we need in this life. His greatest gift is His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came willingly to this sinful world to offer up His holy life for the sins of the world—yours included. That takes care of our spiritual welfare. That is the most important gift, but God also lavishes all kinds of physical gifts upon us as His people.

God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment (1 Timothy 6:17b), but He also wants us to use all these blessings in unselfish ways to bring glory to His holy name and blessings to those people around us, just like April showers bring May flowers. Our faithful management and use of God’s gifts makes life more beautiful and fragrant for us and for others.

How we use our time, abilities and financial resources makes a big difference. How we manage our relationships, God’s creation, our own bodies and the privilege of sharing the good news of Jesus also makes a big difference. ***We give thanks to God for calling us to be His stewards who are privileged to manage all of life and life's resources for His purposes!*** May God’s Holy Spirit work richly in, with and among us so that we live each day as God’s redeemed children who are growing in the divine traits of loving and giving!

*\*The St. John Mission Fest I Offerings have been designated to support the international mission work of **Westfield House in Cambridge, England**, the theological college of the Lutheran Church in England.*

**Voters’ Meeting** – Monday April 26, 2021 at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



*Marvin Schroeder is having his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on April 28, 2021. We thank and praise our gracious Lord for granting length of days in this present life to Marvin. We pray the Lord's continued care and loving-kindness toward Marvin throughout all the days of his life.*

*Marvin's Address: Woodcrest Assisted Living, 1300 Mercer Avenue Apt.#200, Decatur, IN 46733*

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

Families are like quilts: love pieced together; stitched with smiles and tears; colored with memories; and bound with love. Why not join the family of Ladies Aid quilters and/or crafters? Young and old, experienced or non-experienced, come for fellowship and work a few stitches on the beautiful pieces of fabric that has been sewn into quilts. Bring a sack lunch and join us on every Wednesday of May.

**Cancer Pads** - Next sewing date: **TUESDAY**, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 11 a.m., Contact person is Marilyn Kiess.

**Ladies Guild** - All ladies of our congregation are welcome to join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

**Date:** May 18, 2021

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Parish Hall

**Roll Call:** Name your ancestry

**Program:** Nathan Bienz-History and Journey of Our Area

**Dogs-n-Suds Stand at Hoagland Days, June 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>** - Bingen will again have the Chili dog and Root Beer Float food booth. Start looking for those deals on hotdogs and canned A&W root beer to donate for our booth. Please put hotdogs in freezer in refrigerator in back storage room and Root beer on the floor. Also needed are volunteers to work the booth. Please prayerful consider giving 2 hours of your time to help. Contact Danelle Westrick at (260) 615-1019. Thank you!

**LWML**

The 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML Convention is being held face-to-face in Lexington, Kentucky June 24-27, 2021. Our Decatur Zone delegate is Vicki Schallhorn, Bethlehem-Ossian.

Any of the following NEW items may be donated as a "Gift from the Heart". Recipients include Assurance for Life Ministry (Lexington), MOST Ministries, and Food Bank Support at Fort Wayne and St. Louis Concordia Seminaries. Baby toiletries (shampoo, soap, lotion) – Baby bath towels, wash cloths, burp cloths, baby wipes, crib sheets, laundry baskets (small or collapsible), disposable diapers (size three), clothing for sizes newborn-12 months, diaper bags, toys (teething rings, rattles), small "First" Christian books (board books, vinyl books). Other items needed are gift cards in denominations of \$ 10, \$20, and \$ 25 (Walmart or Target), and new and "like-new" eyeglasses.

Contact person for your donated items to be picked up is Marilyn Bulmahn, 260-919-5007. Deadline is June 10<sup>th</sup>.



## Membership Directory Updates/Changes

Kyle & McKayla Macke – 5324 Flatrock Road, Hoagland, IN 46745

Jean Uffelman – Coventry Meadows Assisted Living – 7833 West Jefferson Blvd. Apt.123,  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804 (260) 435-2146 (landline) or (260) 445-7556 (cell)

Carole Sheehan – 2906 Lincolndale Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46808; (260) 210-3871

## CTSFW – Upcoming Events

### 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LECTURE SERIES

“Luther on Trial at the Diet of Worms” Speaker: Dr. Cameron A. MacKenzie

- **Sunday, April 25, 2:30 p.m.** in the Sihler Auditorium & Live Stream @ [ctsfw.edu](http://ctsfw.edu) and Facebook

### MUSIC & WORSHIP SERVICE

- **April 25, 4:00 p.m.** Easter Hymn Festival with the Schola Cantorum

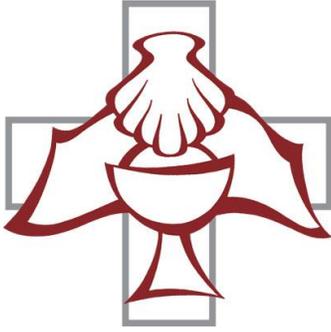
### CALL & ASSIGNMENT SERVICES

- **Vicarage and Deaconess Internship Assignment Service** - Monday, April 26, 7 p.m.
- **Candidate Call Service** - Tuesday, April 27, 7 p.m.

Services will be available for live viewing at [callday.ctsfw.edu](http://callday.ctsfw.edu). As the day approaches, this site will also include a list of all those receiving assignments or calls, and then will be updated with the calling congregations and vicarage or internship locations following their announcement in the service.

### GRADUATION DAY

- **FRIDAY, MAY 21<sup>st</sup>**
  - 10:00 a.m. **Baccalaureate**
  - 2:00 p.m. **Commencement Organ Recital**
  - 4:00 p.m. **Commencement**



## 2021 Confirmation Class - May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Hayden Edward Amstein** – Jeremiah 29:11 *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

**Alexander Arden Flower** – 2 Timothy 1:13-14 *Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.*

**Meryl Elizabeth Kukelhan** – Colossians 2:6-7 *Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

**Gwen Ann Laurent** – Psalm 103:2-5 *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

**Reese Elizabeth Loshe** – Revelation 2:10b *Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

**Carson Michael McBride** – John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

**Tessa Nicole Melcher** – 1 Timothy 4:7-8 *Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.*

**Carissa Sue Selking** – Colossians 3:17 *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

**Evan Nathaniel Selking** – Romans 8:38-39 *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Camden Noah Zwick** – James 4:7 *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*



*Sola Scriptura*  
SCRIPTURE ALONE



*Sola Fide*  
FAITH ALONE



*Sola Gratia*  
GRACE ALONE

## May *Baptismal Birthdays*

**Meg Amstein**  
**Louann Augustyniak**  
**Tyler Augustyniak**  
**Emary Bender**  
**Kim Bergman**  
**John Bixler**  
**Don Boenker**  
**Roxana Boenker**  
**Marah Bradbury**  
**Lloyd Brenneke**  
**Sharon Brenneke**  
**Gregory Bultemeier**  
**Judith Bultemeier**  
**Ludella Bultemeier**  
**Patty Buuck**  
**Sonia Croucher**  
**Donald Dressler**  
**Constance Embler**  
**Tari Emenhiser**  
**Zander Emenhiser**  
**Diana Fuelling**  
**Paul Fuelling**  
**Marlene Fuhrman**  
**Austin Fuhrmann**  
**Rae Lynn Fuhrmann**  
**Bentley Fullenkamp**  
**Josiah Gavrun**  
**Sophia Gilreath**  
**Christopher Hartman**

**Stanley Heckman**  
**Abigail Hoffman**  
**Adam Hoffman**  
**Benjamin Hoffman**  
**Dean Hoffman**  
**Jonis Hoffman**  
**Jordan Hoffman**  
**Austin Holt**  
**Cynthia Holt**  
**Jill Holtzclaw**  
**Myron Huffman**  
**James Hull**  
**Ava Johnson**  
**Madison Johnson**  
**Michael Kiess**  
**Gregory Krauss**  
**Frederick Krey**  
**Gwen Laurent**  
**Holly Laurent**  
**Taylor Lepper**  
**Steven McBride**  
**Emma Norder**  
**Kathryn Palacios**  
**Olivia Palacios**  
**Xavior Palacios**  
**Cody Peters**  
**Jennifer Reese**  
**Quinton Sauer**

**Barbara Scheumann**  
**Dietrich Scheumann**  
**Drake Scheumann**  
**Janine Scheumann**  
**Layni Scheumann**  
**Melanie Scheumann**  
**Michael Scheumann**  
**Nathan Scheumann**  
**Chris Schieferstein**  
**Jennifer Schieferstein**  
**Kylene Schieferstein**  
**Arnita Schroeder**  
**Marvin Schroeder**  
**Scott Schroeder**  
**Douglas Schwartz**  
**Theo Schwartz**  
**Alyssa Selking**  
**Caleb Selking**  
**Oscar Selking**  
**Angela Smock**  
**Jennifer Sprague**  
**Cheryl Stockman**  
**Robert Thorn**  
**Lynnda Wilson**  
**Jeff Witte**  
**Piper Witte**  
**Christian Zwick**  
**William Zwick**

## May *Wedding Anniversaries*

**5/1 Roger & Lisa Hormann**  
**5/5 Jean Paul & Maranda Gigli**  
**5/8 Roy & Theresa Hammond**  
**5/8 Ron & Cynthia Holt**  
**5/11 Nathan & Kelly Hyde**  
**5/11 Frank & Christina Salerno**  
**5/12 Ronald & Judith Bultemeier**  
**5/14 Rick & Kelly Johnson**  
**5/14 Carey & Camille Oetting**  
**5/14 Andrew & Samantha Scheumann**  
**5/16 Art & Dawn Norton**  
**5/17 John & Kalene LaFuente**  
**5/18 Kurt & Amy Frecker**  
**5/18 Dale & Kendra Heckman**  
**5/18 Michael & Patricia Scheumann**  
**5/19 Douglas & Cynthia Bennett**

**5/19 Roger & Fay Koenemann**  
**5/19 Timothy & Robin Peters**  
**5/19 Darin & Gwen Scheumann**  
**5/20 Rev. Christopher & Bethany Maronde**  
**5/21 Thomas & Misty DeBolt**  
**5/22 Trent & Jane Kleine**  
**5/22 Jeffrey (Scott) & Linda Knowlden**  
**5/23 Keith & Joan Bultemeier**  
**5/23 Grant & Laura Kukelhan**  
**5/24 Arthur & June Krauss**  
**5/26 Jeff & Carolyn Kiess**  
**5/27 Ryan & Aimee Messman**  
**5/28 Nathan & Kendra Shelton**  
**5/28 Rick & Dianna Troutner**  
**5/29 Jared & Heather Bultemeyer**  
**5/30 Stephen & Meg Amstein**

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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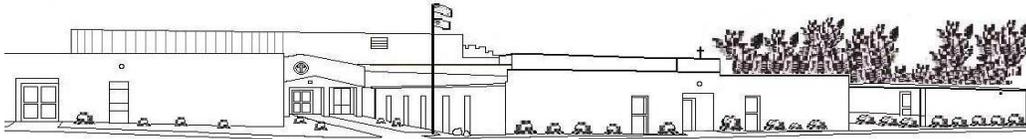
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***REACH, TEACH, SEND IN CHRIST***

May 2021

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

The month of May is here and we are preparing to conclude the 2020-2021 academic calendar. It has been a different school year. A school year filled with anticipation, uncertainty, questions, and modifications due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, it has been a wonderful school year. One filled with thankfulness, joy, love, giving, and abounding in blessings.

We are extremely thankful for being able to hold in-person instruction throughout 20-21. We rejoice in the support given to Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School through prayer, volunteers, dedicated staff, and financial contributions. We are blessed to share the Good News on a daily basis with our students, their families, and with one another. Praise be to God for the 2020-2021 school year and all HE has done and continues to do!

Our last day is currently set for May 21. The graduation service for our eighth graders will be held at 7pm, Thursday, May 20 at St. John Bingen.

We continue to enroll children for the 2021-2022 school year. Share Wyneken with your friends, family members, and neighbors! If you know of someone interested, have them contact the school office at 639-6177 or email me at [principal@wyneken.org](mailto:principal@wyneken.org).

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  
May 2021 Newsletter**

**This month we introduce to you the 25 students in the 2nd grade class.  
Teachers are Mrs. Nancy DeFrain and Mrs. Courtney Butcher.**

**Mrs. Butcher**

<u>Students</u>	<u>Parent/Guardian</u>	<u>Cong</u>
Gracie Berning	Brian/Alisha Berning	(B)
Hannah Brock	Rev Peter/Teegen Brock	(B)
Evie Clemons	Brian/Stephanie Clemons	(F)
Cash Conrad	Sam/Jennifer Conrad	(F)
Addyson Lengerich	Adam/Cheryl Lengerich	(F)
Jacqueline Mere	Cameron/Katie Mere	(B)
Evelyn Nidlinger	John/Casey Nidlinger	(F)
Trace Scheumann	Andrew/Samantha Scheumann	(B)
Connor Sielschott	Adam/Angela Sielschott	(F)
Easton Teixeira	David/Melanie Teixeira	(B)
Adalie Voshell	Matt/Carolyn Voshell	(F)
Ethan Young	Jeff/Cassandra Young	(O)

**Mrs. DeFrain**

<u>Students</u>	<u>Parent/Guardian</u>	<u>Cong</u>
Levi Adams	Kasey/Miranda Adams	(P)
Delilah Baumgartner	Justin/Rachel Baumgartner	(B)
Sawyer Beard	Jared/Ashley Beard	(F)
Elena Bultemeier	Davon/Dianna Bultemeier	(O)
Clara Gavrun	Andrew/Jessica Gavrun	(B)
Cooper Hakes	Lucas/Alicia Hakes	(B)
LoraLynn Hurst	Brandon/Kimmy Hurst	(F)
Kenley Knipstein	Kurt/Tracy Knipstein	(O)
Brooklyn Muldoon	Gina Grant	(B)
Case Oetting	Brett/Brooke Oetting	(B)
Morgan Scherer	Ryan/Shelly Scherer	(B)
Cassidy Schlemmer	Brian/Kristie Schlemmer	(F)
Ellie Stoppenhagen	Drew Stoppenhagen	(F)

**Birthday Greetings**

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

**Faculty/Staff:** Mr. Marvin Drier; **Students:** Josiah Gavrun, Keaton Steiner, Cole Frecker, Maclynn Butcher, Evelyn Nidlinger, Ethan Young, Delilah Baumgartner, Joshua Vogel, Paige Black.



**SGO Applications**

Applications were mailed in early April to families with children who are enrolled in grades K-8<sup>th</sup> for this current school year and for any new families for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. **Application deadline is June 1, 2021.** Please call the school office if you have not yet received one. This is for families with students in Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grades only.

**SCRIP**

A limited amount of Scrip is available daily in the school office; for large orders, please contact a Scrip representative. At St. John, Bingen-Teegen Brock (260-301-1606); St. Paul, Preble-Jennifer Faurote (260-223-1509); Zion, Friedheim-Cheryl Lengerich (260-701-4326). An order form is available on the Wyneken website, [www.wyneken.org](http://www.wyneken.org) or go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), open Join A Program, and use organization code 7CA2BE4B468.

**Looking Ahead**

ILEARN Testing (Apr 19-May 14); 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC trip (May 3-8); National Day of Prayer (May 6); Preschool/Pre-K Zoo trip (May 6); BOE meeting (May 6); 7<sup>th</sup> grade Henry Ford Museum (May 7); Last day for AR Testing (May 11); Speech Contest (May 11); Fine Arts Night (May 11); All library books returned (May 12); 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation (May 20); Fun day, Last day (May 21).

### Wyneken Volunteers

We are so very blessed by the parents who voluntarily and faithfully serve our school in so many different capacities – PTL, Scrip representatives, janitorial/sanitizing helpers, coaches, athletic boosters. You are truly appreciated and a blessing to our school, Thank You.

### Wyneken Childcare Positions

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

### Custodian Substitutes

We are seeking an individual or individuals willing to substitute for our custodian, evening hours. If interested/available, please contact Andrew Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or [principal@wyneken.org](mailto:principal@wyneken.org).

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

March 11, 2021

Approved 04/08/2021

**Members present:** Andrew Gavrun, Pastor Yeager, Brian Clemons, David Sprague, Brian Bulmahn, Adam Sielschott, Todd Kolter, Eric Vogel, Greg Selking, Aaron Scheumann, Mrs. Cornett

**Members absent:** Micah Borne

**Guests:** Ms. Springer, Ms. Wilson

### **I. OPENING DEVOTIONS:**

- a. Meeting opened at 7:00 pm with prayer by Pastor Yeager

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **MSC** -To approve February minutes

### **III. TREASURER'S REPORT –**

- a. Treasurer's report was reported by Greg Selking
  - i. There are 20 families who have not made a payment since registration. This has a total balance of \$41,048.43. Accounts are to be paid by April 1.
  - ii. Childcare is still behind in payments but is working hard to become current. Current balance is 35,712.80 owed to Wyneken.
  - iii. \$1050 was returned to PTL from the 50th anniversary account.
    1. **MSC**- Approved treasures report

### **IV. NEW ITEMS**

- a. Childcare report
  - i. There has been an increase in daycare students and our daycare rooms are filling.
  - ii. We continue to look for additional daycare employees.
  - iii. Researching the possible use of Renweb to track daycare check-in and checkout of students. Mr. Gavrun and Mrs. Reinking have been able to get the system set up for use.
  - iv. Discussed having families submit a monthly schedule of estimated daycare usage for the month ahead to in order to more adequately prepare for staffing needs
  - v. Discussed the possibly of adding childcare as a line item on budget as some days the daycare is used by more students than bus service.
    1. We have approximately 65 families that utilize the services of daycare, about 95 students total that are utilizing on a regular basis.
    2. Childcare is an entry way into more students enrolling in school.
  - vi. The board discussed the possibility of using PPP or district funds to assist with daycare expenses. This may assist in recouping the expenses from when the daycare was closed for 3 months due to COVID-19.
    1. Our pastors would like us to keep this in house.
    2. Mr. Gavrun read some language from the Equality Act and portions of a letter sent by Synod President Harrison. Mr. Gavrun encouraged the board to review

the “Protect Your Ministry” documentation provided by the LCMS and asked that the board actively reviews current policies to ensure they are line with the guidance in the “Protect Your Ministry” documentation.

3. The board affirmed that Wyneken does not have a history of taking governmental funding will not do so in the case of PPP because of possible future implications.
- b. Spring Association meeting agenda
    - i. April 27th at 7pm in the gym.
    - ii. Recognition of Staff Anniversaries
    - iii. Strategic Planning Commission
    - iv. Adding line items to budget for daycare.
    - v. Anticipated budget for 2021-2022 school year.
  - c. Reviewed 2021-2022 early enrollment projections based on early registration
    - i. There are a number of new families who have scheduled tours of the school with the possibility of enrollment for the upcoming school year
  - d. Teacher contracts
    - i. With enrollment projections in hand, the board discussed classroom and teaching needs for the next school year and have some uncertainty regarding the need for an additional teaching position in the younger grades. A suggestion was made to move further discussion regarding this into closed session following the regular session, which was agreed upon by the members in attendance.
  - e. Make-up day for the inclement weather cancellation on Feb 18
    - i. **MSC**- to use Easter Monday as a planned e-Learning make-up day.
    - ii. The board conveys thanks to our teachers for their time and dedication toward continued improvements with e-Learning.
  - f. Other new business
    - i. The Lutheran Schools Partnership is in need of two school board members to serve as delegates on behalf of Wyneken.
      1. Brian Clemons and Dave Sprague have agreed to serve in this capacity. Another board member will be needed to serve following Mr. Sprague’s service on the board at the end of this school year.
  - g. Carpet in the school office is in need of being replaced
    - i. Mr. Baumann has secured quotes and has plans to possibly use square carpet tiles
      1. The project is estimated to cost around \$2000 to replace
      2. **MSC**- Carpet the desk area and VCT flooring in the entryway of the office and not to exceed \$2500 during summer from maintenance fund.
  - h. Teacher reimbursement for continued education
    - i. The board discussed the ongoing resolution to provide funding for teacher education and the possibility of making changes to the existing resolution.
    - ii. It was asked what policies might exist in our churches for our pastors concerning this. Mr. Gavrun will seek to obtain further information concerning this and report back to the board at the meeting next month.

## V. UPDATE ITEMS

- a. Strategic planning commission
  - i. The subcommittees are continuing with their meetings at this time.
- b. Job descriptions
  - i. Librarian and child care worker descriptions drafts are complete for review
    1. The board is encouraged to review the drafted worker descriptions as shared and will further discuss these at the next meeting
- c. COVID plan – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
  - i. Discussion centered around the possibility of field trips in the remaining quarter of the year
    1. The board reviewed a drafted plan that allows for field trips with specified limitations in light of COVID-19
      - a. The drafted plan states the following: Localized field trips may be permitted in the fourth quarter, so as long as students are unlikely to come in contact

with large groups of individuals, COVID-19 exposures are low in the area, North Adams transportation is available and used, and appropriate COVID prevention measures are able to be observed and practiced. Field trips outside of the immediate area or those that may potentially expose students to groups of individuals outside of our region will be discussed and decided upon on a case by case basis and must be approved by the Wyneken Board of Education.

- i. Further discussion centered around normal trips that transpire outside the local vicinity with special attention being called to grade 6 – Camp Lutherhaven, 7th grade - Henry Ford Museum, and 8th grade – Washington, DC.
  1. A finalized decision concerning the grade 8 trip to DC will follow April 16, as additional changes and guidelines are likely to shift in the DC area and the board wishes to make decisions concerning travel to that area with the information available at that time. The Mayor of DC is currently discouraging school trips to the area.
  2. Discussion regarding protocols and safety measures that will be taken if the trip is able to come to fruition and additional discussion was had regarding what needs to take place if the trip is unfortunately able to take happen.

ii. **MSC-** To approve COVID 4th quarter plan.

d. Comprehensive board policy manual

- i. Plan to revisit soon

## **VI. REPORTS**

a. Principal's Report

- i. Students and staff packed several thousand meals for Pack Away Hunger on March 5. Many thanks to Pastor Dahling and all who helped with the organization of this.
- ii. March 16 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- iii. March 17 – Initial subcommittee findings due to SPC
- iv. March 18 – Report cards for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter are sent home
- v. March 20 – Bingen Men's fish fry set up
- vi. March 21 – Bingen Men's fish fry
- vii. March 22- 26 – Spring break
- viii. April 1 – Maundy Thursday
- ix. April 2 – No School – Good Friday
- x. April 5 – No school – Easter Monday
- xi. Other information

b. Teachers' Report

- i. a printed report was provided to board members

c. Hot Lunch Report

- i. Hot lunch staff is currently working on quotes and information regarding the possibility of adding a generator for the freezer and walk in cooler.

d. Maintenance Report

- i. Working to coordinate summer projects
  1. finish painting
    - a. Cafetorium
    - b. Newest addition
  2. Flooring in office
  3. Strip & wax flooring in cafetorium/repaint stripes

e. Budget & Policy Committee

- i. No report

- f. Personnel Committee
  - i. Having some interest in athletic job
  - ii. Had some interest in filling the open pre-k position.
- g. Salary Committee
  - i. No report
- h. Public Relations Committee
  - i. No Report
- i. Other Reports
  - i. None
- j. Closed Session
  - i. Moved to closed session at 9:25pm to discuss enrollment and staffing
  - ii. Closed session was ended at 9:59pm.
- k. Enrollment & staffing
  - i. **MSC**-Due to the projected enrollment the board moves to eliminate a redundant teaching position in the lower grades
  - ii. **MSC**- due to the previous motion to eliminate a redundant position, the board elects to regretfully allow the current teaching contract for Mrs. DeFrain to expire at the end of this school year.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Next Meeting – Thursday, April 8, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

*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.*