

## 25 FEBRUARY 2024

*Psalm 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6*



*Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your / steadfast love,\*  
for they have been / from of old.*

*Hebrews 12:2*



**and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

10:30 a.m. Brian Berning & Daniel Bryan

*Communicants are to be in full confessional fellowship with The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Visitors are kindly asked to read the communion statement below.*

## **Closing Hymn: *Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be* (TLH 346)**

- 1 Jesus! and shall it ever be  
A mortal man ashamed of Thee?  
Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise,  
Whose glories shine through endless days?
- 2 Ashamed of Jesus? Sooner far  
Let ev'ning blush to own a star.  
He sheds the beams of light divine  
O'er this benighted soul of mine.
- 3 Ashamed of Jesus? Just as soon  
Let midnight be ashamed of noon.  
'Tis midnight with my soul till He,  
Bright Morning Star, bids darkness flee.
- 4 Ashamed of Jesus, that dear Friend  
On whom my hopes of heav'n depend?  
No; when I blush, be this my shame,  
That I no more revere His name.
- 5 Ashamed of Jesus? Yes, I may  
When I've no guilt to wash away,  
No tear to wipe, no joy to crave,  
No fears to quell, no soul to save.
- 6 Till then—nor is my boasting vain—  
Till then I boast a Savior slain;  
And oh, may this my portion be,  
That Christ is not ashamed of me!

### **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Confessing the Word of the Lord in love for all who worship here, and acknowledging the biblical truth that unity with Christ at His altar in Holy Communion embodies Christ's gift of unity in faith and practice, we welcome to the Lord's Supper all who are communicant members in good standing of an LCMS congregation. Communicants are asked to register their participation in the "Record of Fellowship," noting their home LCMS congregation if other than St. John, Bingen. If you have any questions about our communion practice, or the Lutheran faith in general, please speak with our pastor after the service.

# **St. John Weekly News ✝ February 25, 2024**

**This Wednesday's Lenten Meal** begins at 5:15 p.m. Ladies Guild will be serving soup and sandwiches.

**2023 Deficit** As noted in the letter you received from the Board of Christian Stewardship, we ended 2023 with a deficit of \$28,927.44. As of our last count on 2/12/24, we have received \$24,487 toward eliminating the deficit. The amount will be updated with each count.

**Email Scams** are very common, unfortunately, and often look like they are coming from someone you know. Please remember no one from the church or school will ever email you asking for a favor or gift card or anything else. If you receive an email that seems odd, call that person directly no matter what the email says.

**Save the date for a baby shower!** All ladies of the church are invited to a diaper and wipes shower for Audrey Armbrecht on Sunday, March 10 at 12:00 in the parish hall. Come join us in celebrating the arrival of a sweet little one!

**Easter Flower Chart** is posted in the parish hallway for anyone interested in purchasing Easter flowers to help beautify the church. Order deadline is March 11<sup>th</sup>. You may also contact Tina Caston 260-701-2272. Thank you.

**Fish & Tenderloin Dinner** all you can eat. Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:30a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Wyneken cafetorium. Adults \$14, Children (6-12) \$10, 5 and under free. Ladies Guild will be sponsoring a free-will bake sale. Donations of baked goods may be dropped off in the cafetorium. All are welcome to donate.

**Wyneken PTL** will be hosting Black Light Bingo on Friday March 1st starting at 6:30pm in the Cafetorium. There will be 10 rounds of family fun with snacks, prizes, and slushies! Free will offering supporting the Wyneken PTL

**The Wyneken Childcare Program** would like to thank members of St. Paul, St. John, and Zion for the prayers and support these past several months. We now have openings in our infant room! If you are in need of childcare services for your infant, please contact Jen Conrad or Janine Albert at 260-639-6064.

**The Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School Board** has extended a call to Mrs. Anyssa Scaer with the intention of filling our open English Language Arts teaching position for the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Scaer is currently serving at Ascension Lutheran School in Fort Wayne. She and her husband John have one child. Please pray for Mrs. Scaer and her family as she contemplates the call to serve here in Decatur

### **Middle School Youth Events**

#### **Today, February 25; 2-6 p.m. – Ice Skating and Coney Island**

We will meet in the Bingen parking lot at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 25 to carpool to Headwaters Park Ice Skating Rink. After skating for a while, we will then head to Coney Island for some life-changing hot dogs, coney-dogs, cheese dogs, chili, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, baked beans, and, of course, pie. We plan to be back to Bingen by about 6 p.m. Parents, please consider serving as a chaperone, and let Pastor Brock know if you're able. He'll buy you a coney-dog or seven. Cost for youth is \$10. Chaperones are free as always.

#### **March 31; Easter Day – Easter Breakfast**

Each congregation customarily has a youth-sponsored Easter breakfast. Details will be provided by your church if applicable. Please take advantage of this opportunity to serve.

### **High School Youth Activities**

#### **Today, February 25; 2-6 p.m. – Ice Skating and Coney Island**

See details above.

#### **Sunday, March 3; 3-8:30 p.m. – Meal for Ronald McDonald House**

We will meet in the Bingen parking lot at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 3 to carpool to the Ronald McDonald House where we will prepare and serve a meal. The Ronald McDonald House, located inside Parkview Regional Medical Center, gives families with a hospitalized child a home base. Ronald McDonald House volunteers and staff become the care team for a family during their stay, offering support services and encouragement throughout their journey.

#### **March 24 (Palm/Passion Sunday); 5-8:30 p.m. – *The Passion of the Christ***

Chris and Tina Caston will again host a movie night at their home (1988 E. 900 N.; Decatur, IN 46733). In connection with the start of Holy Week on that day, Palm/Passion Sunday, we will be viewing *The Passion of the Christ*. Parents and youth please note: This film contains extended, frightening, and intense scenes of graphic violence and gore, and has been rated R by the MPAA for such sequences. The pastors will be in attendance to answer any questions and lead discussion following the film. **Please note the start time of 5 p.m.**

#### **March 31; Easter Day – Easter Breakfast -see details above.**

#### **Sunday, April 7; 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Wyneken Service Night**

## **✝ STEWARDSHIP CORNER ✝**

**Mark 8:32 – “And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.”** Anytime we sin, we are acting like Peter, thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent. Let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.