

Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 8am, Divine Service

9:15am Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

10:15am, Matins

Monday:

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study

9am & 1pm Kinderchapel (held Tuesdays instead of Wednesdays)

11am Pastor Brege records for Worship for Shut-ins

Wednesday: 8:20am Wyneken Chapel

4pm Public School Catechism

7pm Adult Choir

Thursday: 9:30-11am Circuit Pastors' Exegetical Study

7pm Sunday School teachers meeting

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 8am, Matins

9:15am Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

10:15am, Divine Service

2-3:30pm Life Chain (see notes)

NEWS AND NOTES September 24, 2017

⊕ During Communion distribution, the Communion hymn is sung. As long as people are still communing, the next consecutive hymns in the hymnal are sung. We do not stand for doxological hymn verses during Communion distribution.

⊕ Our new Field Worker from the Seminary is Timothy Schmeisser. Timothy comes to us from St. Joseph, Missouri. We pray that we may be a blessing to him and he to us.

⊕ Today's opening hymn (555, stanzas 1-5) and sermon hymn (555, stanzas 6-10) is the Hymn of the Week. Our Wyneken children worked on stanza 1 this past week.

⊕ In Adult Bible Class we will continue our study of the Epistle to the Hebrews. Come, join in this valuable time of give and take in relation to God's Word.

⊕ Today is the ALL Youth Nelsons Chicken Fundraiser. Oasis Youth have sold Nelson's Chicken to raise funds for their 2017-2018 events and projects. Be sure to pick up your chicken today after our 10:15am service. There are always some extra that can be purchased.

⊕ Wyneken parents who attend worship here with their Wyneken children are

reminded to initial their column on the special books in the narthex. Recall that each Wyneken child(ren) and their families must attend at least 14 services at the church to retain their member tuition status.

⊕ **YOUTH NEWS:** **10/1** High School Youth Gathering in Youth Room (Bingen Parish Hall Basement). **9/24** Nelson's Chicken Fundraiser; **10/12-15** 8th Grade Pre-Confirmation Retreat at Camp Arcadia.

⊕ 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.

⊕ This Thursday (7pm) Sunday School teachers will meet with Pastor Brege to go through the lessons for the month of October. Unless Pastor Brege is absent on the last Thursday of a month, this will be the day set aside for this meeting.

⊕ Please join us as we stand for life! There will be a Life Chain next Sunday, October 1 from 2-3:30pm beginning at the corner of 5th and Monroe Streets (In front of St. Joseph Catholic School). We will make a human chain to show our support for life from the womb to the tomb.

⊕ Reminder: Next Monday (Oct. 2) the Elders and Church Council will meet (6pm and 7pm). Tuesday at 7pm is our quarterly Voters Meeting. We expect the men (21 & older) of the congregation who have been members for at least a year to lead the congregation through the Voters Assembly.

⊕ Our Wyneken School already has a beautiful campus. To help maintain this beauty, we need assistance to re-landscape the main entranceway and Wyneken sign area of the school on October 14th. We will be removing all the existing bushes in these two areas, redefining the beds and planting new plants. We will also be putting a boarder of rock between the older wings of the school and planting grass. We plan to start at 8am and work until finished. Please contact Brian Steiner (260-547-4310) to let him know if you can assist or have any questions. Thank you.

⊕ With all of the catastrophes and human displacement occurring around the world (even in our own U. S. from the recent hurricanes), members are encouraged to donate to charitable agencies such as Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Church Charities. When giving, for instance, to LCC, they are a dollar for dollar charity...whatever you give toward a SPECIFIED need, will be given completely to that need.

⊕ **Bingen Married Couples Retreat Registration is OPEN:** It is not too late to register for the married couples retreat that St. John Bingen is hosting the weekend of **September 29th-October 1st** at the Blue Gate Inn in Shippshewana, featuring guest speaker Rev. Dr. Todd Biermann. Registration forms available in the back of church.

The priority date to make your hotel reservations in the "St. John" block is Monday **September 4th**. If you have any questions about this exciting opportunity, please contact Brian Horning, Mark & Rhonda Scheumann, Kevin & Tracy Brown, or Don & Danelle Westrick.

⊕ Fall Rummage Sale at St John-Flatrock Lutheran Church, 12912 Frank's Rd-in the gymnasium **Friday**, Sept. 29, 8am-5pm Saturday, **Sept 30**, 8am-noon. Bag and Bulk Sale on **Saturday**-\$3.00 a Bag or as much as you can carry for \$6.00.

⊕ In lieu of a one day summer cleaning, anyone willing to volunteer a little time to help with some extra cleaning, please contact our custodian, Jamie Miller (547-4229). Thank you greatly!

⊕ The LLL/LWML Rally will be held at Zion, Friedheim on October 15, 2017 beginning at 3pm. The speaker is Otto Brillinger who has done mission work in Lithuania and outreach to over 30,000 Lithuanians who migrated to Spain in the Valencia region. A meal will be served.

⊕ "Prayer list" for members to use as they bring the needs of others before God's throne of grace: Carol Bieberich; Cathy Terhune has miraculously shown improvement; Penny Smith; Ruth Brege; Eileen Hintz is suffering from bone cancer.

⊕ God's plans and actions don't always look good (Isaiah 55:8-9), especially when unforeseen events saddle us with panic and labor (Philippians 1:22). But He provides purpose and worth even in times of trouble (Philippians 1:20-21). Great reward awaits all who settle themselves into His generosity (Matthew 20:9, 15). *Lord Most High, lead us to speak the Word without fear, for the sake of all our fellow laborers. Amen.*

⊕ The lessons for next Sunday are Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32; Phil. 2:1-4 (5-13), 14-18; Matt. 21:23-27 (28-32).

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Sermon: "God's Generosity" Matthew 20:1-16

- I. God is so generous He saves us completely, for eternity.
 - A. Christ's purpose was to give His life for our ransom.
 - B. He accomplished all salvation; we contribute nothing.
- II. He allows us to work for Him (The king of the universe calls us into service!)
 - A. He calls and seeks us, not vice versa.
 - B. It is His vineyard, not ours.
 - C. He calls us to serve, making our work important.
 - D. He welcomes varying abilities/experiences.
- III. He does not reward us ("pay" us) with salvation based on our works.
 - A. Works have always followed faith.
 - B. In Christ, the last are treated as first.
 - C. The "first" (convinced they are God's favorites) are treated as "last".
 - D. A central lesson of the parable: Grace!

P: Lord, in your mercy **C:** Hear our prayer:

The Communicants

Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

The Nation [hurricane devastation]

Going for testing: Jim Merriman to Cleveland Clinic

Our Sick & Shut-in:

Birthdays: Maddie Albert, Barb Bulmahn, Ben Blum, Emily Ehlerding, John Schueler, Arleen Byrd, Mike Werling, Nick Nussbaum, Terry Selking, Nick Reinking

SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

8am Worship: 117 10:15am Worship: 98

Bible Class: 67

Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,181.70 Received Last Week: \$10,933.90

(+) or (-) Weekly: +\$3,752.20 (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$56,893.06