**Birthday Blessings: Anniversary Wishes: Prayer Families:**

**Nico Conley – Dec 29 Dale & Monica Bienz – Dec 29 Bearman Family**

**Jamie Linker – Dec 31 Ted and Cindy Barger – Dec 29 Berning Family**

**Don Wichman – Dec 31 D. Bienz Family**

**Preston Moore – Jan 3**

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| December 29th, 2024 | | |
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**A Verse from Your Elders.**

*Dec. 29 -* ***Philippians 3 v. 13 – 14*** *“Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”*

Congratulations! The Lutheran Foundation’s Board of Directors has awarded a Lutheran Grant to Martini Lutheran Church (New Haven) in the amount of $46,505.00 for 2025 Parking Lot Repaving.

**Upcoming Service times:**

**New Years Eve Divine Service: 6:30pm December 31st (Led by Pastor Meseke)**

**Epiphany Service: 9:00am January 5th (Led by Seminarian Riley Corrigan)**

**January 11th, Altar Circle will be taking down all of the Christmas decorations.**

**January 12th will be our installation of officers for 2025. We will also resume bible study and Sunday school on January 12th as well. Wednesday night bible study and choir practice will resume on Wednesday, January 15th.**

**OLD SHOES:** Do not throw your old shoes away, bring them to church and throw them in the shoe barrel.  Old and ragged, they are still useful.

Northeast Indiana March for Life

Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on Saturday, January 18th for the March for Life in downtown Fort Wayne. Unite with thousands of pro-life advocates from our region to show that you support life from conception to natural death. The **March for Life** is an annual pro-life rally held near the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in *Roe v. Wade*.

The pre-march Rally will take place at Tincaps Stadium, 1301 Ewing St, Fort Wayne, IN. Doors open at noon, and the rally will begin at 12:30 pm. The March will start after the Rally.

Learn more at [www.ichooselife.org/march](http://www.ichooselife.org/march) or call our office at 260-471-1849

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| *Our Activity for Church* | |
| Last Sunday  Dec. 22nd, 2024 | Sunday: 90  Children’s Christmas Eve: 209  Lessons & Carols: 25  Christmas Day: 48  General: $3,225  Plate: $421  CLS: $220  Total CLS since 8/6: $6,280 towards $16,250  Portal of Prayers: $3  Total Parking lot funds raised: $64,230.05 + $46,505.00 grant  ***Weekly Budget Amount Needed: $3,972.00*** |

**We Remember Those Convalescing at Home or Care Facilities:**

**Jerome Fuhrman**, Home, New Haven

**Ron and Mary Peters**, Home, New Haven

**Rhea Tinker**, Golden Years, Fort Wayne

**Ted Barger**, Kingston Residence, Fort Wayne

**Roxanne Burns**, Golden Years, Fort Wayne

***We Pray for Our Military Personnel***

Please remember in your prayers our military personnel – both members of Martini and the family of Martini members:

*Payton and Olivia Lafrentz*, nephew and his wife of Randy and Laverne Lafrentz

*Faith Poor,* Daughter of Steve and Dawn Poor

*Jacob Duncan*, Fiancé of Faith Poor

*Brandon Bennet, Husband of Corene (Rebber) Bennet*

**2025 dates to remember:**

Voters:

***If you are a Thrivent Financial member, please remember to designate your giving to Martini Lutheran Church. You can go online at*** [***https://www.thrivent.com/***](https://www.thrivent.com/) ***or call (260) 442-3609 to speak to a representative.***

**Central Date to remember**

January 7 School Resumes - Beginning of 3rd Quarter