

# Announcements for December 8, 2024

*A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests, friends both old and new. We pray that God has blessed your time among us with His Word and Holy Spirit. We cordially invite you to join us this morning for coffee and other refreshments downstairs following the Divine Service; and we ask that you please sign the guest book at the back of the church.*

- ♦ **Bible Class:** Pastor Stephens will continue our study on the Gospel of Saint Matthew. Sunday School Classes are in session. Children should gather in Mr. Siek's room for Treats and Opening before heading to your separate classes.
- ♦ **Catechesis/Christmas Program Practice Announcements:**  
Wed. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>: From 4-5p Christmas Program practice. (No CAT)
- ♦ **Baby Sprinkle and Meal Trains:** Please see yellow half sheet for more details
- ♦ **New Years Eve Barn Party:** All are invited to join the Roses at Rowland's Dad's Arcade Barn and house after the Divine Service. Estimated start time at 8pm. 53036 County Road 7, Elkhart, IN 46514. Kid-friendly movies and toys will be upstairs for those too young to play. Kids must be accompanied and supervised by their adults. A baked potato bar and sparkling juice will be provided, please bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share. BYOB. See Facebook group or ask the Roses if you have any questions. Hope you can join us!
- ♦ **Caroling for the Shut-ins:** Sat. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> around 10am, after the Divine Service, we will gather outside to distribute carol booklets & carpool to 4 shut-ins. Dress warm. All ages and abilities are welcome! RSVP on the Emmaus FB page or text/call 574-612-1056 Kristen Senne. Thank you!
- ♦ **Altar Flowers:** The Altar flowers are given by Dave and Joan Garber in Honor of Advent.
- ♦ **Collection for: November 24, 2024:** \$5,437.01  
(Average needed each week~\$3,347.00)

## Advent and Christmastide Service Schedule

6:30p Monday Vesper Services: Dec. 9, 16, 23

6:30p Wednesday Advent Divine Services: Dec. 11, 18

9a DS Sunday, December 15 – Gaudete : Advent III

9a DS Saturday, December 21 – Saint Thomas

9a DS Sunday, December 22 – Rorate Caeli : Advent IV

During Bible Class – Children's Christmas Program

6p DS Tuesday, December 24 – Lessons and Carols ...cont.

11p DS Tuesday, December 24 – Midnight Mass: The Vigil of the Nativity  
of Our Lord: Dominus Dixit

9a DS Wednesday, December 25 – The Nativity of Our Lord in the Day : Puer Natus

\*Extended Schedule to follow \*\*Divine Service DS

## Walking with Our Savior this Week

<b>TODAY</b>	<b><i>Divine Service of Communion</i></b>	<b>9a</b>
	Coffee & Refreshments	10:30 a
	Rhein/Jordan & Stephens	
	SS: Opening/Treats/Class Promptly	After Service
	Bible Study	10:45a
<b>MONDAY</b>	Vespers	6:30p
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Greek Class	3-4p
	No CAT – Practice for Program	4-5p
	Children’s Choir/Youth Bible	5-5:40p
	Meal:-	5:45-6:30p
	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>6:30p</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Private Confession & Absolution	11a-12n
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b><i>Divine Service of Communion</i></b>	<b>9a</b>
	Coffee & Refreshments	10:30a
	Rhein/Siek	
(Dec. 15)	SS: Treats/Opening/Class Promptly	After Service
J. Tomaw	Bible Study	10:45a

You may also want to keep in mind, in your observance of  
daily prayer at home readings for next Sunday:

*Populus Zion (Advent II)*

Song of Solomon 2:8b-14, Romans 15:4-13, St. Luke 21:25-33.

Pastor Stephens’ office hours: Wednesday, 9:30-noon

*In need of Pastoral Care – call/text anytime, day, or night (201)572-6832*

\*Private Confession and Absolution available anytime by appointment.

Weekly/Monthly Announcements can be sent to Rebecca Stephens by email at  
emmaus1923secretary@gmail.com or by phone/text at (201) 572-6962.

# NEW YEARS EVE BARN PARTY

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the Roses at Rowland's Dad's Arcade Barn & House  
after the Divine Service

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young to play.  
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Questions: See Facebook group or ask the Roses.  
Hope you can join us!



## 2024 Church Service Schedule

### Advent, Christmas, the 12 Days of Christmas & New Year's

Schedule Starts Sunday, December 1, 2024 \*DS (Divine Service)

Mondays Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 – Vespers at 6:30p

Wednesday Advent Services Dec. 4, 11, 18 – DS 6:30p

#### Adventide

9a Sunday, December 1 – Ad Te Levavi : Advent I

9a Sunday, December 8 – Populus Zion : Advent II

9a Sunday, December 15 – Gaudete : Advent III

9a Saturday, December 21 – Saint Thomas

9a Sunday, December 22 – Rorate Coeli : Advent IV

(following treats, during Bible Study) *The Children's Christmas Program*

#### Christmastide

6p Tuesday, December 24 – Lessons and Carols

11p Tuesday, December 24 – The Nativity of Our Lord at Midnight

9a Wednesday, December 25 – The Nativity of Our Lord in the Day

6p Thursday, December 26 – St. Stephen

6p Friday, December 27 – Saint John

9a Saturday, December 28 – Holy Innocents

9a Sunday, December 29 – Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity

6:30p Monday, December 30 – The Sixth Day of Christmas

6p Tuesday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

10a Wednesday, January 1 – The Circumcision and Naming of Our Lord

6p Thursday, January 2 – Ninth Day of Christmas

6p Friday, January 3 – Tenth Day of Christmas

9a Saturday, January 4 – Eleventh Day of Christmas

9a Sunday, January 5 – The Second Sunday After Christmas

6:30p Monday, January 6 – The Epiphany of Our Lord

6:30p Monday, January 13 – Baptism of Our Lord

9a Saturday, January 18 – Confession of St. Peter

*\*Pastor will be attending Symposia January 20-25 at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne*

## Baby Sprinkle and Meal Train

**Baby Sprinkle:** Please place gifts for Azrielle and Oly'Anna in their Baby Bins.

**Azrielle (due Dec. 15)** is expecting their first child. They are in need of diapers: cloth supplies or disposable (sizes NB, 1, 2). There are a few items left on their Amazon registry [https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/29V42DN7Q8B56?ref=br\\_search\\_v2\\_desktop\\_res\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/29V42DN7Q8B56?ref=br_search_v2_desktop_res_1).

**Oly'Anna (due Dec.31)** is having their fourth son. They are not registered anywhere; they are well supplied as they have three boys previously. However, after having three previous children, Oly is kindly asking for funds to buy NEW postpartum/nursing clothes. They are in need of paper products, easy snacks for Benedict, Clarence, and Jerome. Also, new coloring books, activity books, and crayons for the boys would also be very helpful.

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**Meal Train:** For both families, frozen meals prior/post would be appreciated to have on hand. (Current addresses are in the Directory)

**Azrielle:** Meals: for two. Gluten allergy: NO soy, barley, rye, wheat, spelt, bulgur, triticale, Kamut. Special request: meat.

**Oly'Anna:** Meals for two adults and three children. Avoidances: food dyes, seed/vegetable oils. They are asking for those who would like to bring food/meals to please do so the week *after* he is born, since they will have help during the first week. Many thanks!

“Thank you all for the helpful gifts that we’ve received during our pregnancy, and for your fellowship in these months of me attending Emmaus as a new member!”

*~Benjamin and Azrielle Horner~*

“Thank you all for your support and prayers while we welcome this new gift of God into our family. We look forward to having you join us in the Baptism of our new Baby. God bless you all!”

*~Matthew and Oly'Anna Harrison  
and Benedict, Clarence, and Jerome~*