

Announcements for December 15, 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. Sick's room for Treats and Opening before heading to your separate classes.
- ♦ **Catechesis/Christmas Program Practice Announcements:**
Wed. Dec. 18th: From 4-5p Christmas Program practice. (No CAT) and
Sat. Dec. 21 at 10:30a.
- ♦ **Game Night:** The Jordans host Game Night, Fri. Dec. 13, 6-8p
- ♦ **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. A baked potato bar and sparkling juice will be provided, please bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share. BYOB.
- ♦ **Thank you:** Pr. Seyboldt: for providing the cream-colored paper for the Daily Catechesis. Thank you, EVERYONE, for being patient while we had to use Canary Yellow. The cream paper, in terms of the amount/price we needed, was ALWAYS out of stock. So, the monthly calendars will now be on Canary Yellow until we use it up. Many Thanks again!
- ♦ **Caroling for the Shut-ins:** Sat. Jan. 4th 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 the Jordan Family in Celebration of Marissa's Birthday! Happy Birthday.
- ♦ **Collection for: Dec. 8, 2024:** \$2,250.01
(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 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

TODAY	<i>Divine Service of Communion</i>	9a
	Coffee & Refreshments	10:30 a
	Rhein/Siek	
	SS: Opening/Treats/Class Promptly	After Service
	Bible Study	10:45a
MONDAY	Vespers	6:30p
WEDNESDAY	Greek Class	3-4p
	No CAT – Practice for Program	4-5p
	Children’s Choir/Youth Bible	5-5:40p
	Meal:-	5:45-6:30p
	Divine Service	6:30p
FRIDAY	Jordans Host: Game Night	6-8p
SATURDAY	St. Thomas DS	9a
	with Private Conf. & Absolution following	
NEXT SUNDAY	<i>Divine Service of Communion</i>	9a
	Coffee & Refreshments	10:30a
(Dec. 22)	Siek/Senne	
J. Tomaw	SS: Treats/Opening/Class Promptly	After Service
	Children’s Christmas Program	10:45a

You may also want to keep in mind, in your observance of
 daily prayer at home readings for next Sunday:
 December 22: Rorate Caeli : Advent IV
 Deuteronomy 18:15–19 / Philippians 4:4–7 / John 1:19b–28.

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.