

# ***Announcements***

◆ 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.

◆ New and returning officers of the congregation are inducted into office in the Divine Service this morning. Please remember these individuals in your prayers as they serve us in their various capacities this year. Also, many sincere thanks for those who have served us so faithfully in the past year.

◆ There will be a Voters' Meeting this morning, following refreshments, downstairs in the church hall. Members of Emmaus are encouraged to remain and to participate in this way in the life of our congregation.

Catechesis class for younger and beginning catechumens meets at the same time, as does Pastor Grobien's catechesis class for the older children.

Care for the younger children (under four years of age) is provided in the nursery downstairs, so parents and siblings can attend one of the classes.

◆ Pastor Grobien will be team-teaching an intensive course in Christian ethics for the Deaconess students at the seminary in Fort Wayne this week. Please remember him in your prayers as he is serving the Church in this way.

◆ Emmaus will be gathered to celebrate the Feast of the Confession of St. Peter this Wednesday (18 January), Divine Service beginning at 7:00 p.m.

On Wednesday of next week (25 January), we will likewise be gathered to celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, also beginning at 7:00 p.m.

◆ Family and friends of Emmaus are cordially invited to attend an adaptation of William Shakespeare's play, *The Taming of the Shrew*, performed by a conglomeration of the youth. There will be a performance held at 4:30 in the afternoon on Sunday the 22nd of January, and at 4:30 in the afternoon on Saturday the 28th. Both performances will take place in the basement of the church, and we advise that anyone wishing to attend should arrive ten to fifteen minutes prior to the start of the show so they will have time to find their places and settle in before the performance begins. If anyone has any questions relating to the play, please contact Miss Alena Grobien.

- ◆ Please take note of the Crock Pot Cook-Off fundraiser to be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, South Bend, on February the 4th. Funds will go toward the Veen-to-Kenya fund. For more information, talk to Elizabeth McGrath.
- ◆ The Altar flowers this morning are provided by Robert & Herta Johnston to the glory of God, in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary.
- ◆ COLLECTIONS FOR 8 JANUARY 2012: \$ 2,160.89  
In order to meet our financial obligations and commitments, an average of \$2090 is needed each week.
- ◆ IN THE LORD'S SERVICE THIS MORNING: (ELDER) Walter Sanders; (USHERS) Erik Horner & Nathaniel Rhein; (ACOLYTE) Luke Harrison; (ORGANIST) Sandra Rhein; (GREETERS) Carrol McCarty & Pat Nering.
- ◆ Rev. D. Richard Stuckwisch, Pastor            Home Phone: (574) 233 – 0574
- ◆ Rev. Gifford Grobien, Assistant Pastor       Home Phone: (574) 231 – 9572

## ***On the Church Year***

*“Many of the Epiphany customs are associated with water or with wine, as we might infer if we remember that Epiphany was once the day to celebrate Christ’s baptism and the miracle at Cana. In the ancient lectionaries these readings had once been a part of the propers for the day, and Luther favored a return to the account of Christ’s Baptism, rather than that of the Wise Men. [In the newer lectionary, the Baptism is observed on the First Sunday after the Epiphany.]*

*“In Palestine, the Jordan was naturally the site of a great procession and a blessing of the water. Elsewhere, too, streams and wells often received a religious blessing. The pious often drove their cows and sheep through such streams, carried home vessels of water from the blessed streams or wells, or dipped their crucifixes and statues in them. Water blessed on Epiphany was often given to the sick or sprinkled about the house.*

*“Among the Greeks Epiphany is a day when the fishing fleet is blessed. The priest reads the Scriptures and then casts a crucifix into the water. A score of divers swim to recover it. The lucky one gets a handsome reward and the acclaim of all who are watching. This happy custom occurs not solely in Greece but wherever the Greeks have settled, especially in Florida and California.*

*“In England the day was known as Twelfth Night, as in Shakespeare’s play Twelfth Night. Among the English the day was a grand climax to the Christmas season, with huge feasts, banqueting, gambling, and reveling.*

*“But under any of its names, Epiphany, Twelfth Night, The Feast of the Kings, Old Christmas, or the Baptism of Our Lord, the day was an important one. In the ancient church it ranked behind only Easter and Pentecost. Until 50 years ago it was a Roman Catholic day of obligation, as was Ascension. Since it usually fell on a work day, however, it was eventually disregarded, perhaps to conform more easily to the pattern of the American office and factory.*

*“At one time Epiphany had its own octave [a celebration on the eighth day], which was often associated with the blessing of animals. Though the blessing has remained, the octave, alone of all the major and ancient festivals which had an octave, has now fallen by the wayside.”*

#### *The Sundays after the Epiphany*

*“Until after the time of Gregory the Great the Sundays after Epiphany do not seem to have had any liturgical significance. They simply filled in the time between Christmas-Epiphany and Pre-Easter [Septuagesima, etc.]. In the oldest service books there were from 4 to 10 Sundays after Epiphany, but in the time of Gregory, with the growth of Lent and Septuagesima, the number varied from 1 to 6, depending on the date of Easter. The theme of the Epiphany season is the manifestation of Christ’s glory in His ministry.*

*“Generally the propers for these Sundays were historically similar in Roman, Lutheran, and Anglican uses, especially the Epistles and Gospels. Variations would begin to occur with the fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, where Introits and Graduals were repeated, and with the fifth and sixth, which were used as ‘wandering’ days to fill in, as needed, at the end of the Pentecost season.*

*“The Lutheran reformers, however, worked out a maximum number of propers from the ancient lectionaries for both the Epiphany and Pentecost seasons, to avoid the need for ‘wandering Sundays.’ They also appointed the last Sunday after the Epiphany as the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The Feast of the Transfiguration was historically celebrated on August 6, where it would normally fall on a weekday and often be neglected. The Lutherans considered it sufficiently important to include it among the Sundays of the festive Epiphany Season.”*

***(From THE YEAR OF THE LORD, by Theodore J. Kleinmans, CPH 1967)***

# ***Walking with Our Savior this Week***

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Divine Service of Communion</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
	<i>with the induction of new and returning officers</i>	
	Coffee & Refreshments	10:30 a.m.
	Voters' Meeting	10:45 a.m.

*Pastor Grobien teaching an intensive at the Seminary this week*

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Vespers</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	Bible Class	7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY**      *Pastor's Writing Day (but do call in cases of emergency)*

**WEDNESDAY**      THE FEAST OF THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER  
**Divine Service of Communion**      **7:00 p.m.**

**THURSDAY**      *Pastor's Family Day (but do call in cases of emergency)*

<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>Divine Service of Communion</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
	Coffee & Refreshments	10:30 a.m.
	Bible Class / Catechesis	10:45 a.m.
	<i>The Taming of the Shrew (play)</i>	4:30 p.m.

*You may also want to keep in mind, in your observance of daily prayer at home:*

*This Wednesday (18 January) is the Feast of the Confession of St. Peter  
Readings: Acts 4:8–13; 2 Peter 1:1–15; and St. Mark 8:27—9:1*

*The Appointed Readings for next Sunday, the Third after the Epiphany:  
Jonah 3:1–10; 1 Corinthians 7:29–35; and Saint Mark 1:14–20*



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Location: 3903 Portage Road

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