

January 28, 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.*
- ♦ **Family Bible Class:** Pastor Stephens will continue our study on the Gospel of Saint Matthew. Sunday School Classes are also in session.
- ♦ **Confirmation Sunday: Today-** Congratulations on your Confirmation - Kimberley Siek - God's blessings today and always!
- ♦ **Potluck Lunch is TODAY:** Deac. Rhein has been hosting an Annual Retreat for six Deaconess Students from Concordia Chicago. Thank you for welcoming them so warmly. We hope you all will join us for potluck lunch at Noon, after Bible Class. Thank you to those of you who brought a main dish, a dessert, and spending lively fellowship with us. Safe travels back to Chicago.
- ♦ Please take a look at the **Lenten Soup Supper sign-up** on the bulletin board in the Undercroft; help us fill in the available slots. Also, please look at the **Coffee and Refreshments sign-up** and help fill those open dates! Thank you all!
- ♦ **Beautification Committee Meeting: Sunday, February 11** after Bible Class. To prepare for that meeting we are asking the parents of Emmaus to provide us with some feedback. We would like to turn the "glass 'meeting' room" into a space that will better serve the needs of families with small children and feeding mothers with infants/little ones, to use during service. Let us know what you would like to see in this room. Please contact Matthew Horner by phone at (574)-252-1571, or by email at hornermcl@gmail.com.
- ♦ **Interested in Homesteading?** - Matthew and Alyssa Horner will be hosting a "Homesteading" get together on Saturday, March 16th. Please join us for a time of fellowship and discussion on our stewardship of the gift of natural resources that God has given us. Contact Matthew Horner (hornermcl@gmail.com) for more information.
- ♦ **Palm Burning: YES!** It is that time of year *already!* If you have old palm branches, palm crosses, etc. at home; please bring them in by February 11 for Pastor Stephens to burn for ashes. This year Ash Wednesday is February 14, Palm Sunday is March 24, and Easter is March 31.
- ♦ **Pastor Zell's New Address:** Rev. Jeff and Marie Zell, 725 E. Emilie St., Rensselaer, IN 47978
- ♦ **ALTAR FLOWERS:** Altar Flowers last week were given in Celebration of Caleb Tomaw's Birthday. Altar Flowers this week are given in Celebration of Benjamin Horner and Azreille Ritzman's Birthdays! Happy Birthday!

- ♦ **COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 14:** \$4,701 **and JANUARY 21:** \$1,748.45.
To meet our financial obligations, an average of \$3,314 is needed each week.

Walking with Our Savior this Week

TODAY	<i>Divine Service of Communion</i> Coffee & Refreshments /Senne Bible Study	<i>9:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.
MONDAY	Brief Spoken Vespers	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Catechesis Children's Choir & Youth Bible Study Meal: Tomaw Evening Prayer	2:30-3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	Homeschool Roller Skating <i>Divine Service</i> <i>The Presentation of Our Lord</i>	2:30-4:30p <i>6:00 p.m.</i>
SATURDAY	<i>Private Confession & Absolution</i>	<i>11-12:00 p.m.</i>
NEXT SUNDAY (Feb. 4)	<i>Divine Service of Communion</i> Coffee & Refreshments Tomaw/Tomaw & Stephens Bible Study	<i>9:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>10:45 a.m.</i>

Pastor Stephens' office hours: Monday and Wednesday, 8:15-noon

*Private Confession and Absolution also available by appointment

Announcements can be sent by email to the church secretary at emmaus1923secretary@gmail.com or text Rebecca Stephens at (201) 572-6962.

Please have announcements submitted by 12n on Friday.

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

The appointed readings for next Sunday: *Sexagesima*:

Isaiah 55:10-13, II Corinthians 11:19-12:9, St. Luke 8:4-15.