

# April 21, 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.
- ♦ Is anyone planning on ordering the new book, *A Complete Guide to Christian Symbols*, by Edward Riojas (\$49.99)? This collection of more than 600 hand-drawn Christian symbols by artist and author Edward Riojas will teach you the extensive history of the worship symbols you see daily. If we get enough of us to sign up (and pay for it), I would be happy to put together a bulk order. Let us help each other save some money and shipping expenses. I think we can easily reach 10-25 copies ordered to save 15-20% and split the shipping between us all. I will put a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex, (cash/check made out to Stephens) is due to Rebecca Stephens by Sunday, May 5.  
<https://www.cph.org/a-complete-guide-to-christian-symbols>
- ♦ **Thanks be to God for this wonderful time to Celebrate:** One of our own is celebrating a very special milestone, Garold Grossnickle is turning 100 years old on Friday, April 26! There is a card on the table in the Narthex if you still would like to sign it, you have this week and next. Unfortunately, he will not be able to attend church. If you would like to send him a card or give him a ring on the phone, I am sure he would take much joy in the correspondence. Here is his contact information. To call/send a card to Garold please use ~ (574) 250-0325 ~ Garold Grossnickle, 60801 Carl Street, South Bend, IN, 46614 ~ From his family: "Many heartfelt thanks for helping us celebrate! We appreciate you taking a moment to celebrate with our dad!"
- ♦ **Greetings to Send:** There is a card for Curt Dare on the table in the Narthex and it will be available during Bible Study. Sadly, the birthday card that was sent out came back as 'non-deliverable'. So, we will try again! Here is the most current address we have for Curt: 6870 HWY 599, Pippa Passes, KY, 41844.
- ♦ **Altar Flowers:** Today's Altar flowers are lovingly placed by the family of Garold Grossnickle, in honor of his 100th birthday. All Glory and Thanks be to our Heavenly Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!
- ♦ **Collection for: April 14:** \$3,619.00 (+\$1,900 Designated Funds)  
To meet our financial obligations, an average of \$3,347.00 is needed each week.

- ♦ **Save The Date(s): Saturday, May 11 at 2p:** *Ladies Painting Party* in the Fellowship Hall (more information will follow in the coming weeks)
- June: (Dates/Time TBD):** Men's Cookout, Bike Ride & Ice Cream, and Game Night
- July: Day/Time TBD** – Neighborhood Outreach Cookout
- Sunday, August 11 after Bible Class:** *Church Picnic* in Rum Village

## Walking with Our Savior this Week

<b>TODAY</b>	<b><i>Divine Service of Communion</i></b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
	Coffee & Refreshments	10:30 a.m.
	Sarah Rhein/Jordan	
	Bible Study	10:45 a.m.
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Brief Spoken Vespers</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Catechesis	2:30-3:45 p.m.
	Children's Choir & Youth Bible Study	4:15 p.m.
	Meal: Rose	5:00 p.m.
	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b><i>Divine Service St. Mark</i></b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
	Garold Grossnickle's 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday!	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Private Confession & Absolution	11-12:00 p.m.
	Constitution Meeting	3:00-5:00 p.m.
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b><i>Divine Service of Communion</i></b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
	Coffee & Refreshments	10:30 a.m.
(Apr. 28)	Matthew & Alyssa Horner/Jordan	
	Bible Study	10:45 a.m.

Pastor Stephens' office hours: Monday and Wednesday, 8:15-noon  
*In need of Pastoral Care – call/text any time, day, or night (201)572-6962*

\*Private Confession and Absolution available anytime by appointment

Announcements can be sent by email [emmaus1923secretary@gmail.com](mailto:emmaus1923secretary@gmail.com) or texted to 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:

Readings for next Sunday: *Cantate: Easter V*  
 Isaiah 12:1–6, James 1:17–21, John 16:5–15.



# Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday ~Garold Grossnickle ~

Garold was born on April 26, 1924, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. His mother had traveled by train with her two young children from Marilla, Michigan to stay with her sister for a short time. Garold grew up on a beautiful 240-acre farm in Marilla with his four sisters and one brother and his loving father and mother, Sharon and Esther Grossnickle, and where many of his well-loved nieces and nephews still reside nearby. His grandfather, Hezekiah Grossnickle, helped found The Marilla Church of the Brethren where Garold went to Sunday School and was Baptized in the Manistee River. He walked to his two-room schoolhouse in grades one through eight and graduated from Mesick High School where he lettered in three sports - football, basketball, and baseball.

After serving in WWII, Garold met and married the love of his life, Marion Coleman. They were married in East Lansing, Michigan in 1949 and Garold was confirmed in The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. They were married for seventy-one years and have three children, Linda (John) Reid, Christine Grossnickle, and Paul (Michelle) Grossnickle who were Baptized and Confirmed and married at Emmaus and all graduated from Valparaiso University debt-free which was a goal of Garold's.

Garold, Marion, and her parents, Clyde and Edna Coleman, became members of Emmaus in 1950 and said they chose Emmaus because the people were so friendly. Garold was an Elder at Emmaus for twenty-five years, a Sunday School teacher at Emmaus for twenty-five years, and the Registrar for Vacation Bible School for many summers. Garold was Captain of the Emmaus Softball Team, on the Emmaus Bowling Team with great friends, and chartered a Euchre Club with other couples from Emmaus that played together for almost fifty years.

Garold is the first Grossnickle to become a Centenarian. He knew Pastor Kleinhans, Pastor Radke, Pastor Seitz, Pastor Smith, Pastor Niemoeller, Pastor Zehnder, Pastor Stuckwisch, and Pastor Stephens. He loved singing and worshipping with all of the caring congregations throughout the years. His children grew up watching their father reading the Bible, saying beautiful prayers, treating everyone with Kindness and Wisdom, and loving and serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Garold graduated from Michigan State College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture and Applied Science and from Michigan State University with a Masters in Business Administration. He was employed by The Bendix Corporation as an Engineer where he holds patents on train brakes and plane landing gear. He went on to be the District Manager of Equitable Life Assurance where he helped many people plan for their future.

Garold now enjoys his four grandchildren, Hannah (Michael), Sam (Jordyn), Cora (Will) and Jacob (Ashley). He especially enjoys visiting with his two great-granddaughters, Maddie and Betty, and is anticipating the arrival of his great-grandson in June.

God has Blessed Garold with a Joyful Mind, an Unwavering Faith, and a Heart of Gold. Garold is admired and respected by family, friends, and business associates. He is known for his kindness, fairness, and leadership. But it is truly the Love of God shining through him to all that makes him a most outstanding man.

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