

# Steeple News

## Bible Studies

### **Ladies Bible Study 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month**

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Potluck - Please bring something delicious to share.

Grace Filled Living and In God's Garden

Session Three. What fig trees teach us about

Advent; Receiving Grace

Focus Verse: "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5:1-2

### **Bible Study with Rev. Hans Lillejord**

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

## Game Nights at New Sweden Church

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday this month at 7:00 p.m.

Additional Night: Tues. Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve

All are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship of card games, ping pong and dominoes.

## "DECK THE HALLS"

"Oh, come all ye faithful"... and help us decorate our church for the Christmas season! The more the merrier. We welcome everyone to join us.

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

## Delights of December

Saturday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.

Ladies, if you haven't been able to attend the Delights of December, you have missed "the best event of the year". The Christmas spirit fills the room with lights and beautiful tables decorated in many different settings: nature, Disney, skating rink, Hawaiian theme, and many more. Try to get your ticket in advance and/or use your creative skills to prepare a table that you feel will be a "Delight". Call Terry Ramm at 512-619-2249 for tickets for a delicious meal and a fun filled event of the holidays.

## Poinsettias

We purchased 24 Poinsettias to beautify our Church during the 2024 Christmas Season. They are provided by Down Home Ranch, a facility that provides a residential home for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Elgin. The minimum cost per plant is \$12.50, which helps Down Home Ranch with their programs. Please consider making an additional donation which is used by WELCA to purchase kitchen and bathroom supplies for New Sweden Lutheran Church. You may pick up a special envelope and instructions on Sunday mornings from the greeter stand to make your donation and place in the offering plate or give to Carolyn Balkum. The plants should remain in the sanctuary through the December 25 service, after which you can choose your plant(s) to take home. Please make your check payable to WELCA. Thank you.

## Cemetery Policy

The cemetery policy has been amended. If you would like a copy of the latest policy, please contact the church office or Terry Johnson.

## Please visit our website!

[www.newswedenelca.org](http://www.newswedenelca.org)

Sermons, calendar, events, newsletters, and more can be found here.

## HEB Cards

Reminder about the HEB gift cards...

They make GREAT Christmas gifts!

New Sweden Lutheran Church benefits 4% from the sale of these gift cards at no extra expense to you. Gift cards can be purchased from Kim Strong.

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" Isaiah 9:6*

*Church Services*

Sunday School ----- 9:30 a.m. each Sunday

Worship Service ----- 10:30 a.m. each Sunday

*Holy communion -----First and Third Sundays*

***As the church that serves the countryside,  
we commit ourselves to share in Christ's love in action  
through our congregation, community,  
and the world.***

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 Office Secretary: Susan Rountree

# December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service <i>Holy Communion</i> Flowers: Jamie/Brian Lundgren Parish Hall: Lundgren Reunion	2 11:30 am Swedish Interest	3	4	5 5:00 pm Music & Worship  6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study & Potluck	6	7 9:00 am Decorate church for Christmas
8 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service Flowers: Tammy/Geoff Zimmerman 7:00 pm Santa Lucia & Sing Along	9 7:00 pm Evangelism	10 10:00 am Bible Study	11	12 7:00 pm Game Night	13	14 11:00 am Delights of December
15 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service <i>Holy Communion</i> Flowers:	16	17 7:00 pm Council Meeting	18	19 7:00 pm Game Night	20	21
22 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service Flowers: Cheri Burleson in memory of her mom, Dolly Hood 11:45 am Fellowship/Potluck	23	24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 7:00 am Julotta Service Christmas Day 8:00 am Breakfast	26 7:00 pm Game Night	27	28
29 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service Flowers:	30	31 New Year's Eve 7:00 pm Game Night				

**Acolytes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Josh Ojeda, 8<sup>th</sup> Paloma Ortiz, 15<sup>th</sup> Riley Mabry, 22<sup>nd</sup> Carson Castro, 29<sup>th</sup> Elena Twohig  
**Altar Guild:** Yvonne Carroll, Susan Rountree  
**Communion Assistants:** Jack Atterstrom, Aaron & Natalia Lively  
**Pastor's Communion Assistants:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jack Atterstrom, 15<sup>th</sup> Tracy Ortiz  
**Greeters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Janet Mabry, 8<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Balkum, 15<sup>th</sup> Karen McManus, 22<sup>nd</sup> Kim Strong, 29<sup>th</sup> Gayle Anderson  
**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup> Karen McManus, 8<sup>th</sup> Jamie Lundgren, 15<sup>th</sup> Tracy Ortiz, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Sutton, 29<sup>th</sup> Youth  
**Ushers:** Chris Mabry, David Sisler, JJ Strong