



# The Star

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Weekly News and Events  
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Epiphany  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

August 27, 2023  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



A Blessing of the Backpacks (and work bags, diaper bags, technology, etc.) will happen **during worship today**. Please have your child bring their backpack, lunch box, or tech item

that they will be using for the upcoming school year and a special blessing will be given. Adults are also welcome to bring their work bag or any other bag to be blessed. Everyone will receive a special button or tag to put on their bag as a reminder that they are a child of God. We invite you to then stay **after worship and help assemble Lutheran World Relief school kits in the fellowship hall**. This is a wonderful opportunity to help others and calm any back-to-school jitters. Refreshments will be served.

**THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY**  
**Office Hours: M-F**  
**9:30 am-12:30 pm, 1:30 pm-5:30 pm**  
**August 27-September 3, 2023**

<b>Sun</b>	Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost Blessing of the Backpacks <b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	<a href="#">YouTube Channel</a> or <a href="#">Facebook Channel</a>	
	LWR Kits (FH)	After Worship
<b>Wed</b>	EECC Chapel Staff Meeting	10:00 am 3:00 pm
<b>Thur</b>	Epiphany Readers	7:00 pm
<b>Sat</b>	Epiphany Quilters (FH)	10:00 am
<b>Sun</b>	Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost <b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	<a href="#">YouTube Channel</a> or <a href="#">Facebook Channel</a>	
	Child Protection Policy Training	After Worship

The church office & EECC will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.



If you would like to volunteer with children or youth in any capacity this year, please make plans to attend our **Child Protection Policy training on Sunday, September 3rd**



in the fellowship hall after worship. We'll go over the tenets of our policy and how we create an environment at Epiphany that is safe for children and youth to grow and explore their faith with trusted adults. If you are unable to attend, Lauren Saldaña can meet over zoom or in person at a time that is convenient to you. If you would like to help in the nursery or with our middle/high youth, please make sure you attend a training session. We would love to have as many wonderful volunteers as we can this year! Let Lauren know if you have any questions.



**Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to accompany our neighbors in Hawaii impacted by these wildfires. Will you consider a gift today?** Click here to give online or you may donate by writing a check to Epiphany and putting "Wildfires" in the memo section.



Parents, don't forget that there are bulletins for children every Sunday! We have a version for readers and pre-readers. Crayons are in your family boxes in the narthex. Please take out any

treasured drawings or creations by Sunday, September 10th as the family boxes are going to be "refreshed" with new materials for kids. Please let Lauren Saldaña know if you have any questions.



Please help welcome back (and feed) our students at Wake Forest in the Lutheran student group. We need meals for 10 that need to be at the church by 5:30 that day. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B48A4A62FAAF58-campus2>  
Contact Patti Deal with any questions.

**LET US PRAY FOR...**

*All who are affected by violence and natural disasters*

**Leaders of church & state, especially**

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA      President Joe Biden  
Bishop Timothy Smith, NC Synod      Governor Roy Cooper  
Pastor Russell Peek      Mayor Alan Joines

**Our sister congregations and our missionary in Mexico**

*Fr. Javier Arias and the people of Christ's Beloved Community  
Pr. David Brondos and the Theological Community of Mexico  
The people of Mupini Parish, Namibia*

**Active duty military personnel, especially**

*Travis Gerdes, Randal Middleton, David Schultz*

**For those who rejoice, especially**

*The Meckley family at the marriage of Matthew to Kim Hughes on August 8th.  
Rebekah Spain and Nick Mearite at the birth of their daughter, Kynneddy Leigh Mearite on August 23rd. Grandparents are Mike & Laura Spain and great-grandmother is Kay Conrad.*

**Family & friends of the congregation in need, especially**


Judy Allison      Jonathan Gomez      Shelly Saldaña  
Sandy Belcher      Carolyn Graham      Janie Sapen  
Ashley Blackburn      Pam Holcomb      Nora Schweitzer  
Thomas & Mary Cannon      Robin Hoots      Liz Shumate  
Clark Family      Katie Lippard      Sue Slezak  
Ray L. Deal      Lisa Madison      Libby Smigel  
Rose Debruhl      Chad Marion      Michele Stanfield  
Paul DeJute      Terry McKinney      Earl Taylor  
Sylvia Ann Derrick      Linda McKenna      Stephanie Taylor  
AJ Devan      Stacey Morgan      Laura Turlington  
Carl Dubose      Allison Morris      Alan Vestal  
Laughlin Eddy      Annette Pardue      Sam Warden  
Emily Ferriter      Robert & Mary Peak      Ellie Wellborn  
Howard Flichman      Mark Pope      Emma Wester  
Tara-Lynn Flick      Andy Powless      Nicole Williams  
Ann Forehand      Karen Rose      John Wooding  
Pat & Joanne Gill           Leigh Yarger

**Members in need, especially**

The Rev. John Beeg      Chad Kraft      Ralph Pritts  
Sharen Bond      Jim Lippard      Wanda Rabb  
Ann Cannon      Lisa Nichols      Peg Schmitt  
Jean Darstein

**Homebound and Assisted Living Members**

Bonnie Bryant      Cole Lippard      Carl Schlager  
Elizabeth Horton      Sue Muhler      Virginia Schmitz  
Bert Joines      Polly Rector      Robert Walker  
Doris Kent

 **Bible Readings for Next Week**  
Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Psalm 26:1-8  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

**8/20/23 ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

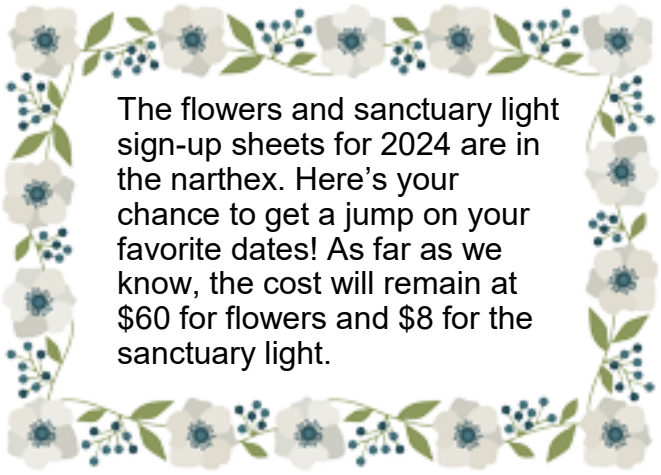
Attendance	82
Visitors	10
Offering	\$7,963.92

**GIFT OF THE MONTH ITEMS FOR AUGUST**  
**CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY** - Cooking oil; saltine crackers  
**SAMARITAN MINISTRIES** - Cold breakfast cereal, pasta (any type), toothpaste (sample size), socks, high efficiency laundry detergent packs/pods, ground beef (50 lbs)  
**RONALD McDONALD HOUSE** - Paper towels; 13-gallon trash bags; individual snacks & drinks; <https://rmhcpt.org/make-a-difference/wish-list/>  
**TRINITY GLEN & TRINITY ELMS** - Kleenex, Puffs, body lotion, body wash, bath items, note cards, fronts of greeting cards  
**CBC FOOD PANTRY** - Volunteers to take food donations from church to CBC and to work stocking shelves/distributing food twice a month  
**EECC** - Cheerios, raisins, applesauce (individual, plain)  
**IBRAHAM FOOD PANTRY** - Diapers/pullups sizes 2-6



We love our kids! We know Sunday worship can be challenging for them. There are several things that are available to help them enjoy worship.

- Children's bulletins for pre-readers and readers are available. Ask an usher.
- Boxes containing crayons, small quiet fidget toys, stickers, and maybe some surprises are available on the shelf in the entryway.
- Children's Bibles are outside the sanctuary for the children to use during worship.
- There is a nursery for little ones.
- We encourage kids to come forward for communion or a blessing.
- And, of course, we welcome kids to join in our Children's Message. Parents, grandparents, or other adults are welcome to accompany the younger children.

 The flowers and sanctuary light sign-up sheets for 2024 are in the narthex. Here's your chance to get a jump on your favorite dates! As far as we know, the cost will remain at \$60 for flowers and \$8 for the sanctuary light.