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

December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent



Today after worship Advent Wreath and Craft Making Party

Come celebrate the start of the Advent season and make some special crafts to take home. We'll have treats and hot cocoa and enjoy fellowship as we prepare for the birth of Christ. This event is intergenerational and all are welcome to attend!

"A Very Special Child" Film Presentation after worship 12/17

This year, Epiphany kids are filming a puppet show based on the program "A Very Special Child" by Rev. Anna Strickland. This puppet show is part of A Sanctified Art's Advent series "How does a weary world rejoice?". It is written in several acts to tell the Christmas story from the book of Luke and follows the interwoven birth stories of Jesus and John. Please plan to stay after worship on **Sunday, December 17th** to view this wonderful puppet show video in the fellowship hall. We'll have popcorn and celebrate the hard work of our creative artists!



Just a reminder that any donations that you want to count for 2023 must be postmarked by midnight on December 31st. If you are bringing it in person, it must be here before January 1st. If you have any questions, please call Mickey at 336-765-6211.

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Office Hours: M-F

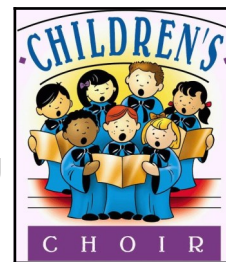
9:30 am-12:30 pm, 1:30 pm-5:30 pm

December 10-17, 2023

Sun	Last day to order poinsettias! <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> Adult Encounter: Faith (Library) 9:00 am Kids Encounter: Faith (EECC caf.) 9:00 am Pack Backpacks (FH) 9:30 am Worship 10:00 am
	YouTube Channel or Facebook Channel Advent Wreaths & Crafts (FH) After Worship
Mon	Endowment 6:00 pm Congregation Council 6:30 pm
Tues	Mary-Martha Christmas Lunch 11:00 am Bible Study (AL) 11:00 am Handbells 6:00 pm Dorothy Circle 7:00 pm Children's Choir 7:00 pm
Wed	EECC Chapel 10:00 am Staff 3:00 pm Advent Supper 6:00 pm Mid-Week Eucharist 7:00 pm
Thur	Nora Deal Circle (FH) 11:30 am Choir 6:00 pm
Fri	EECC Christmas Program 5:00 pm
Sun	Third Sunday of Advent Adult Encounter: Faith (Library) 9:00 am Kids Encounter: Faith (EECC caf.) 9:00 am Pack Backpacks (FH) 9:30 am Worship 10:00 am
	YouTube Channel or Facebook Channel Kids Christmas Pageant (FH) After Worship

Underlined events are available online by clicking on the event.

Children's Choir - practices starting in December



If your children would like to sing in the Christmas Eve service, please let Lauren Saldaña know (lsaldana@epiphanyws.org).

There will be practices on Tuesday nights, December 12, and 19, from 7:00-7:30 during the week with Mr. Patryck and we will also practice with Mrs. Lauren during Encounter: Faith at 9:00 on Sundays. Children will be singing the song "Little Hands" by Carol McClure. The children will sing at the 7:00 Christmas Eve service on Sunday, December 24th.

LET US PRAY FOR...

All who are affected by violence and natural disasters

Leaders of church & state, especially

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

Our sister congregations and our missionary in Mexico

Pastor Emily Norris, Deacon Brooke De Jong, and the people of the Dwelling
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, Connor Oldland, David Schultz

Family & friends of the congregation in need, especially

Judy Allison	Pat & Joanne Gill	Nora Schweitzer
Ashley Blackburn	Jonathan Gomez	Liz Shumate
Hannah Kestner Bockover	Carolyn Graham	Sue Slezak
Thomas & Mary Cannon	Pam Holcomb	Libby Smigel
Clark Family	Robin Hoots	Michele Stanfield
William Collette	Katie Lippard	Stephanie Taylor
Judy Crouch	Chad Marion	Laura Turlington
Rose Debruhl	Terry McKinney	Alan Vestal
Paul DeJute	Linda McKenna	Sam Warden
Sylvia Ann Derrick	Allison Morris	Emma Wester
Carl Dubose	Kirsten Nuss	Lynn Wiemann
Dot Elvington	Annette Pardue	Nicole Williams
Howard Flichman	Robert & Mary Peak	Leigh Yamer
Ann Forehand	Shelly Saldaña	

Members in need, especially

The Rev. John Beeg	Jim Lippard	Paul Oldland
Sharen Bond	Jane Lyerly	Wanda Rabb
Ann Cannon	Jean Mock	Susan Tellefsen
Chad Kraft		

Homebound and Assisted Living Members

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

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to

Lauren Saldaña and her family at the death of her stepmother, Linda Davis.

Nancy Grush and her family at the death of her brother-in-law, Dale Blewitt.

GIFT OF THE MONTH ITEMS FOR DECEMBER

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY - Saltine crackers

SAMARITAN MINISTRIES - Bib aprons, dish cloths, men's warm winter gloves, socks, toboggans

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE - Paper towels; 13-gallon trash bags; individual snacks & drinks; <https://rmhcpt.org/make-a-difference/wish-list/>

TRINITY GLEN & TRINITY ELMS - Fingernail files, polish, 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

Dear Members of Epiphany,

For 15 months, between August 2022 and October 2023, my husband, John, battled advanced prostate cancer. On November 3, 2023, he lost his battle, and we lost him.

I remember talking with Pastor Russell in September of 2022 about John's diagnosis and treatment. He told me that we did not have to battle this alone - that Epiphany was our church family, and would be right by our sides.

And he was right.

It's hard to put into words what your support has meant to me and my family, and express how grateful we are. We have literally felt the arms of Jesus around us in every hug, heard his voice in your words of encouragement and hope, gained his strength from your prayers, and known his love in your concern and condolences.

Thank you. We love you all.

Terry Wooding



Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

12/3/23 ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Attendance	104
Visitors	5
Offering	\$19,284.48



Today is the last day to order poinsettias (the flowers). The cost this year is \$10. You may still order World Hunger Poinsettias until December 17th.

Order forms are available in the narthex on the glass table.