

The Star

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

December 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Christmas Blessing

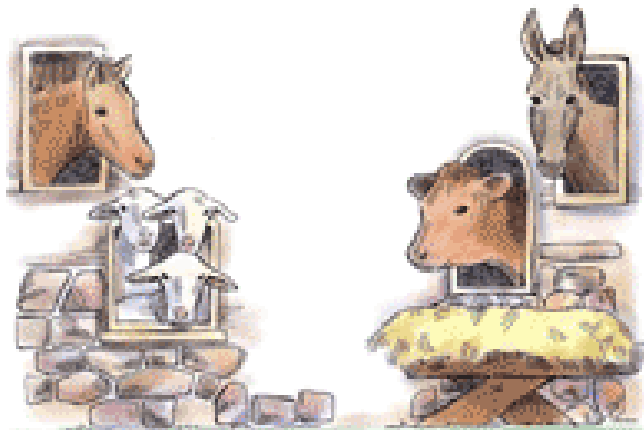
I will light candles this Christmas
Candles of joy, despite all the sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch.
Candles of courage where fear is ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens.
Candles of love to inspire all my living.
Candles that will burn all the year long.

— Howard Thurman

Do you want to brighten the day of our sick and isolated members? Sign up to send cards of comfort. Each person signing up is responsible for an entire month. The church provides cards and stamps. Here is the link for the SignUpGenius. Contact Patti Deal for further information phdheelfan@yahoo.com.

[Lutheran Church of the Epiphany: Epiphany Cards 2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Merry Christmas
from all of us on
staff! Thank you for
all you do
in God's name.



THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY
Office Hours: M-F
9:30 am-12:30 pm, 1:30 pm-5:30 pm
December 24-31, 2023

Sun	Advent Lessons & Carols - Christmas Eve Worship	10:00 am
	YouTube Channel or Facebook Channel	
	Christmas Eve Service	3:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 pm
Mon	Christmas Day - Office Closed	
Tues	Handbells	6:00 pm
Wed	Choir	6:00 pm
Sun	First Sunday of Christmas Worship	10:00 am
	YouTube Channel or Facebook Channel	
Mon	New Year's Day - Office Closed	

Underlined events are available online by clicking on the event.

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1, 2024!



Thanks to your generosity, we've met our goal of fully funding 5 farms for the ELCA's Good Gifts! Each farm has a cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds, and agricultural training to help create a world of difference for a family living in hunger and poverty.

With your extreme generosity, we could provide 6 or 7 farms and provide even more help. You can give between now and January 7, Epiphany Sunday by check or by making a secure, one-time gift at epiphanyws.org/give.

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

Members in need, especially

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

Homebound and Assisted Living Members

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



Bible Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 61:10—62:3
 Psalm 148
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:22-40

12/17/23 ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Attendance	102
Visitors	1
Offering	\$12,929.02

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



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.



Lessons & Carols

10:00 am Today



3:00 and 7:00 Tonight

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS