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

December 3, 2023
First 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!

TOY DONATIONS



On **Monday, December 4th**, I will be making a special trip with new toys, books, games, underwear, and socks for the more than 600 children who our Epiphany elves help to make Christmas a happy and joyful time. These items should be unwrapped and placed in the designated fellowship hall area.

I never take this project for granted, but am always overwhelmed with the love and generosity that flows from Epiphany to these faraway mountains.

Peace and Joy,
Kathleen Tucker

"A Very Special Child" Film Presentation after worship 12/10



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 10th** to view this wonderful puppet show video in the fellowship hall. We'll have popcorn and celebrate the hard work of our creative artists!

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY	
Office Hours: M-F	
9:30 am-12:30 pm, 1:30 pm-5:30 pm	
December 3-10, 2023	
Sun	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Adult Encounter:Faith (Library) 9:00 am Kids Encounter:Faith (EECC caf.) 9:00 am Handbells Warmup (sanc.) 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	Capital Campaign Steering Comm. 6:30 pm Executive Committee 7:00 pm
Tues	Bible Study (AL) 11:00 am LSM 6:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm
Wed	EECC Chapel 10:00 am Staff 3:00 pm Advent Supper 6:00 pm Mid-Week Eucharist 7:00 pm
Thur	Choir 6:00 pm
Fri	Youth Christmas Party 6:00-9:00 pm
Sun	<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 Kids Christmas Filming 3:00-5:00 pm

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 5, 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 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

*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	Ann Forehand	Shelly Saldaña
Ashley Blackburn	Pat & Joanne Gill	Nora Schweitzer
Dale Blewett	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 Yarner

Members in need, especially

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

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 40:1-11
 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
 2 Peter 3:8-15a
 Mark 1:1-8

11/26/23 ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Attendance	96
Visitors	10
Offering	\$4,550.16



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



**Angel Tree for
 Ibrahim Elementary Families**

Many thanks to those who pulled tags from the angel tree! There will lots of excited kids this Christmas.

For each child, please buy a pair of socks, a warm hat/toboggan, gloves/mittens, and an additional gift or toy. The Outreach Committee will buy an age-appropriate book for each child and face masks to add to each gift bag.

Place gifts (wrapped or unwrapped) in a large plastic garbage bag or gift bag and attach the ornament as the gift tag identifying your child. Gifts should be under the Angel Tree by **Sunday, December 10th**.



It's time to order poinsettias and/or World Hunger Poinsettias! The cost this year is \$10 and the deadline is December 10th for flowers and December 17th for World Hunger Poinsettias.

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