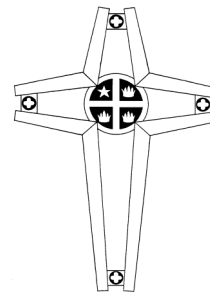


The Star

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God calls us to: "**Grow** our relationship with God,
connect with each other, and **serve** the world."



Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 for a light supper followed by a mid-week Communion service in the sanctuary at 7:00.

We will be taking a look at some of the beloved stories in the Old Testament and will be singing a lovely setting designed for evening services from a new resource called All Creation Sings.



If you are 65 and older, mark your calendar for the return of the Maundy Thursday Senior Luncheon at 1:00 pm on April 6th! At noon we will have our Maundy Thursday Service in the sanctuary, then retire to the fellowship hall for a delicious lunch provided by the Nora Deal Circle.



If you plan to come to the lunch, please call the church office at 336-765-6211 or email Mickey at epiphanystaff@epiphanyws.org so we can put you on the list! Also let us know if you will need a ride.



Lutheran Services Carolina will be hosting a "New Americans" event on March 5th at St. John's Lutheran in Salisbury. If you are interested in going, meet at the church at 1:45 to carpool to the event which starts at 3:00. Contact Patti Deal for information.

Working closely with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and local faith organizations, LSC welcomes refugees and immigrants and helps them transition into a new life and a new culture through the New Americans Program.

This community event will feature an informational session discussing:

Refugee resettlement history; LSC NAP programs – role and responsibility, length, and type of services; Refugees - nationalities, legal status, responsibilities, what do they bring to communities, what do they need; How can communities get involved; and LSC NAP needs - temporary and permanent housing, employment, basic English classes.

[Lutheran Church of the Epiphany: carpool to New Americans Community event in Salisbury \(signupgenius.com\)](#)



Sunday, March 12th



Dear Members of Epiphany:

Your church Council continues to meet on a monthly basis to discuss the various church ministries and finances. We are entering 2023 as a strong congregation.

We have put the pandemic behind us and remain financially solid despite the effects of high inflation on our church operations. Over the last several months, we have added new members and said farewell as others have gone to their heavenly home.

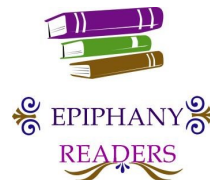
As we approach Spring and Lent, we have in person Lenten suppers and services to look forward to. We will also have an Easter breakfast and Easter egg hunt. Epiphany Builders will travel to Lutherock in April for a building project. We have been able to add \$5,000 to the Capital Replacement Fund as we had a profit in 2022. We have grant funds (COVID relief funds) for EECC that have helped provide some IRA funding for teachers, helped with salaries, and enabled some much needed maintenance projects to be completed. With respect to church facilities, we hope to be able to plan for some renewal of our property to include parking lot repair, sanctuary carpet replacement, pew cushion replacement, and office window replacement to name a few. In the past few months, we have been able to replace some old office chairs and a desk for Pastor Peek. We are also purchasing some filing cabinets for music storage.

In the coming year, we also plan to get involved with Ukrainian refugee assistance. We appreciate the ongoing efforts of all members of Epiphany to create and maintain a church that is thriving and contributing to the community through its many ministries.



**Next meeting: March 15, 2023, 1:30 pm
Fellowship Hall**

The Epiphany Readers' next meeting by Zoom will be at 7pm on Thursday, March 23. The book that will be discussed in March is *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. All are welcome to join in the discussion.



Join Zoom Meeting

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WELCA will be collecting non-perishable food items for Crisis Control Ministry from February 19 through March 12. Their spotlight food for February is instant mashed potatoes and for March is canned fruit, but any non-perishable food is appreciated. We have been given a challenge of 610 food items in honor of Epiphany's 61st birthday. Please include the number of items in your bag somewhere on the outside of your bag. This will help us report our progress toward reaching our goal.

During the month of March the circles are making financial donations to Lutheran Services Carolinas' "Be the Light" campaign which will benefit the Family and Children's program. We encourage other Epiphany members to consider making a contribution to this campaign also.

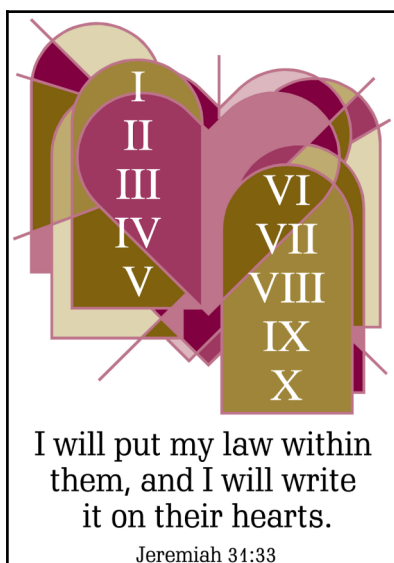
Dates:

Nora Deal Circle-- Thursday, March 9, in the fellowship hall at 11:30 am

Mary Martha Circle-- Tuesday, March 14, in the fellowship hall at 10:00 am

Dorothy Circle--Tuesday, March 14 on Zoom at 7:30 pm

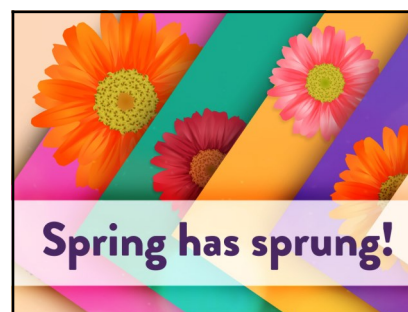




Minute to Win It Game Afternoon and Pizza Dinner

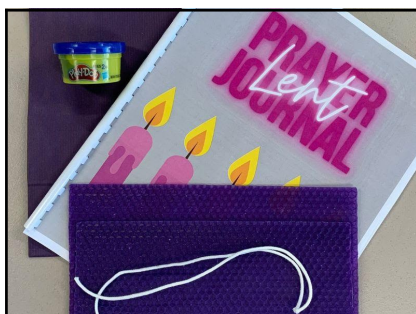
Kids, come join us on **Sunday, March 5th from 4:00-6:00** for an afternoon of hilarious Minute to Win It Games! Minute to Win It games are timed tasks that have to be done with a quirky twist (like building a cup tower without using your hands). After we play games, we'll have pizza delivered and eat dinner together! Please call or email Lauren Saldaña if your children would like to attend and indicate how many pieces of pizza/what toppings they would like.

Last year, our children learned about and memorized the Lord's Prayer during our Lenten Encounter: Faith sessions. This year, we will be learning about the Ten Commandments. Each week we will take a look at two and learn about them in a kid-friendly way. By Easter, our kids will be able to recite the Ten Commandments and have a general understanding of them. If your child would like to participate, but cannot come to Encounter: Faith, let Lauren Saldaña know and we can send materials for them to use each week.



Spring Celebration

The weather is starting to warm up and we can finally get outside to play! Let's celebrate with a trip to the playground for fun and games. All kids are invited to come to **Shaffner Park (900 Yorkshire Rd. 27106) from 2-4 PM on Sunday, March 26th**. Stay the whole time or drop in for a little bit and we'll rejoice at God's presence in the beautiful spring weather! Rain date TBD.



The NC Synod has provided Lent Kits for children to use during the season of Lent. There will be two varieties - a kit for those who can read and write and a kit for pre-readers. We will also have color-in Lent calendars available for each family. Lent kits and calendars for children will be available by the **first Sunday in Lent, February 26th**. You can pick them up that Sunday in Encounter: Faith or after worship, or call/email Lauren Saldaña and we can deliver them to you.



Emerson & Teagan Caesar enjoying the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast



Helping Our Neighbors

EECC will be participating in the annual Crisis Control Cereal Drive during the month of March. Boxes will be set up in the EECC hallway to collect the cereal. Any donations will be appreciated.

Ms. Lisa is recovering at home from recent surgery and Ms. Cynthia will be having surgery this month. We wish them both a speedy recovery. We also welcome back Ms. Meg!

In February we added a staff member, Ms. Jennifer. Say hello when you see her.



Rev. Dr. Mary Hinkle Shore will be the keynote speaker at the 2023 Hope Symposium. The symposium will be held at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Fuquay-Varina on Saturday, April 29th. It will be an opportunity for fellowship, outreach, learning and faith formation. For more information, and to register, visit <https://www.doveandcross.org/hope-symposium/>.

Prayer for Equality

God, creator of all living things, unite us as people of faith to stand side by side with our suffering brothers and sisters. You have created us in Your image and likeness as equals. Our greatest sin occurs when we treat people with disrespect or as if they were created inferior because of the color of their skin. Let us reach out to those most hurt by acts of discrimination. Let our prayers plead for forgiveness for any wrong we have committed. As a community, guided by the Holy Spirit, let us work toward educating society and seek to be models of Your love so that a real conversion can occur. We pray this in Your name. Amen.

(written by Theresa Konitzer)



Kathleen Tucker's next trip to Nora is planned for Monday, March 20th. Items can be left in the parking lot corner of the fellowship hall. She will pick them up on Friday, March 17th at noon. Thanks so very much for your generosity.



Campus Ministry

This month, a number of Lutheran Campus Ministries at schools in the ACC are doing a fundraising competition during March. It's a chance to enjoy the excitement and competitive spirit of March Madness, while benefiting campus ministries. Each campus ministry will be raising funds to support their work: the money each campus ministry raises stays with that ministry. Lutheran Student Movement at Wake Forest will be participating. The competition begins March 7th, along with the ACC tournament.

The money LSM raises will go towards programming and hospitality for our students. Your support makes it possible to do outings such as an evening at Tanglewood to see the Christmas lights before finals, or to host events on campus like the Ecumenical Shrove Tuesday dinner we held this February. Our weekly meals and opportunities to gather with one another are so meaningful and formative for our students.

Ways you can support this campaign:

-Giving! You can give through Epiphany's online giving platform by going to <https://www.epiphanyws.org/give>, clicking "donate" and including "Wake LSM" in the notes section with your gift.

-Spread the news! Share Facebook posts from Epiphany's account on your own timeline, or pass along information to other WFU fans or alumni.

-Following along! Follow along on Epiphany's Facebook page and in the Weekly Star for updates on our progress.

Thank you for your continued support of LSM, and we hope you join us for this slice of March Madness!

If you have milestones to celebrate, please contact Mickey Miller.



Our Epiphany Family

Help us keep our prayer list current by letting us know if there are those who need to be included.



Congratulations to *Emma Clark* on her admission to the fall class of College of Design at NC State! Emma is a very talented artist. She is the daughter of *Carla Youngquist and Scott Clark*.



John & Terry Wooding 3/6
Lewis & Janet Hardy 3/12
Tim Jordan & Norma Wells 3/24

We wish you many more years of happiness!



Preparing ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday.



Ordination of Denise Henry at Epiphany on February 11th.

Congratulations, Pastor Denise!

GIFT OF THE MONTH ITEMS FOR MARCH

- CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY** - Instant grits, saltine crackers
- SAMARITAN MINISTRIES** - Canned fruits & vegetables (large #10 cans), disposable razors, high efficiency laundry detergent packs/pods
- RONALD McDONALD HOUSE** - Paper towels; 13-gallon trash bags; individual snacks & drinks; <https://rmhcpt.org/make-a-difference/wish-list/>
- TRINITY GLEN** - Hair bows, pins, scrunches for hair
- TRINITY ELMS** - Fronts of greeting cards, baby lotion, body wash, bath items, deodorant, snacks, note 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

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Members:	
Patti Deal Matt Imboden Sarah Lischer	Dan Meckley Diana Stindt Pastor Russell Peek

"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."
John 14:14, NRSV

LET US PRAY FOR...

Leaders of church & state, especially

<i>Our Congregation Council</i>	<i>Pastor Russell Peek</i>
<i>Christ's Beloved Community</i>	<i>President Joe Biden</i>
<i>Bishop Elizabeth Eaton</i>	<i>Governor Roy Cooper</i>
<i>Bishop Timothy Smith</i>	<i>Mayor Allen Joines</i>
<i>All victims of war and violence</i>	
<i>The people of Turkey and Syria</i>	

Our sister congregations and our missionary in Mexico

The people of Mupini Parish, Namibia and Pr. David Brondos.
The people of Christ's Beloved Community.

Active duty military personnel, especially

Travis Gerdes
Randal Middleton
David Schultz

Family & friends of the congregation in need, especially

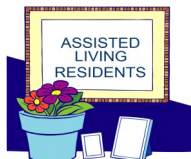
<i>Judy Allison</i>	<i>Pam Holcomb</i>	<i>Jane Ritchie</i>
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<i>Gail Bonsall</i>	<i>Cynthia Jeffies</i>	<i>Karen Rose</i>
<i>Thomas & Mary Cannon</i>	<i>Sebastian Kahabek</i>	<i>Janie Sapen</i>
<i>Clark Family</i>	<i>Greg Kurosko</i>	<i>Jim Schwartz</i>
<i>Rose Debruhl</i>	<i>PJ Lenihan</i>	<i>Nora Schweitzer</i>
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<i>Howard Flichman</i>	<i>Janette Mickey</i>	<i>Michele Stanfield</i>
<i>Tara-Lynn Flick</i>	<i>Kendra Miller</i>	<i>Earl Taylor</i>
<i>Andrea Francos</i>	<i>Angie Mitchell</i>	<i>Stephanie Taylor</i>
<i>Jeffrey Gaither</i>	<i>Mark Moore</i>	<i>Laura Turlington</i>
<i>Pat & Joanne Gill</i>	<i>Allison Morris</i>	<i>Alan Vestal</i>
<i>Jonathan Gomez</i>	<i>Lisa Nichols</i>	<i>Nicole Williams</i>
<i>Carolyn Graham</i>	<i>Robert & Mary Peak</i>	<i>Ruochong Wong</i>
<i>Linda Grale</i>	<i>Andy Powless</i>	<i>John Wooding</i>

Members in need, especially

<i>Sharen Bond</i>	<i>Jim Lippard</i>
<i>Ann Cannon</i>	<i>Kathleen Malone</i>
<i>Chad Kraft</i>	<i>Wanda Rabb</i>

Our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of

Tony Wiley
Robin Noland



Elizabeth Horton, Homestead Hills
Bert Joines, Homestead Hills
Doris Kent, Forsyth Court
Sue Muhler, Brookdale Senior Living
Carl Schlager, The Stratford, High Point



Bonnie Bryant
Joyce Kohfeldt
Cole Lippard

Polly Rector
Virginia Schmitz
Robert Walker

March Birthdays

Kay Conrad	3/1
Ellen Palmer	3/5
Paul Oldland	3/6
Larry Robins	3/6
Glenn Rabb	3/7
Carla Youngquist	3/7
Deni Thrasher	3/7
Terry Lane	3/11
Debbie Spurlock	3/11
Nancy Grush	3/14
Kathy Knecht	3/16
Chelsea Walker	3/16
Tan Bunjang	3/18
Gretchen Pfitzner	3/19
Lauren Saldaña	3/19
Marc Shideler	3/20
Margaret Lanier	3/24
Lillian Robins	3/27
Ava Phillips	3/29
Jackie Pierson	3/29
Terry Wiley	3/31

March Baptisms

Dave Christensen	3/1
John Hood	3/1
Kathleen Malone	3/1
Emma Clark	3/9
Sue Kraft	3/13
Wendy Watson	3/14
Teagan Caesar	3/17
Tracy Smith	3/18
Gretchen Pfitzner	3/19
Jane Lyerly	3/22
Kaitlyn Mullane	3/22
Anna Wellborn	3/24
Susan Schmitt	3/30
Laura Wiley	3/30



We received thanks from:

ELCA World Hunger
 Family Services
 Habitat for Humanity
 Samaritan Ministries
 SPARK for Community
 Thanksgiving Love Offering

Thanks to all of you for providing such a meaningful service for Catherine Lyerly that honored her life perfectly.

Please also thank those who prepared food and set up the reception that allowed friends and family to mingle.

Ann Ragan

Dear Church Family,

I am so glad to have your prayers and words of kindness during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
 Lisa Nichols

Big Things Happening at The Dwelling

At The Dwelling, Winston-Salem, big things are happening. On Sunday, January 8, they hosted their first worship service at the Augsburg Community Center—their brand new building! The new space triples their footprint and allows them to feed more people, provide showers to more people, and become a hub for non-profits which elevates the lives of people living at the margins. Since then, they have had an average worship attendance of 133 people and have fed over 150 people every Sunday. God is already doing even greater things in this community!



[Learn more; read their first-ever Impact Report.](#)

YEAR IN REVIEW



Beloveds,

When we started the Dwelling, I was convinced that God was calling me to start a church intentionally built for our neighbors without homes. It was a crazy idea but one that was rooted in hundreds of conversations at our city's winter overflow shelter. It was clear people longed for a church which reflected their lived experiences, a church where they could lead.

Two years later, I cannot believe the ways that God has blessed our community. In 2022, the Dwelling provided 1,736 showers, 5,639 meals, and had an average worship attendance of almost 100 people in our first full year of worship. The Spirit is moving, and we are confident that God has even greater plans for us in 2023.

2023 began by us moving into our new space--the Augsburg Community Center at 502 N. Broad Street. This new space will provide us with greater opportunities to expand our footprint across the city. We are so thankful to our partners at Augsburg Lutheran for making this dream a reality. January also marks the launch of our "pay-what-you-can" food truck which will provide high-quality, affordable meals to families across our city.

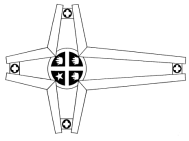
This work is possible because of your generosity. You allow the Dwelling to reject scarcity and operate in abundance. Thank you for a great 2022, and we hope you will come and see us in 2023. Come and visit our new building. Come and be part of the ways God is working in our city and our church.

Come and See!

~Rev. Emily Harkins Norris, Lead Pastor and Developer



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March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 9 am Adult Encounter: Faith 9 am Encounter: Faith 9:40 am Backpack Prep 10am Worship			1 10 am EECC Chapel 3 pm Staff 6 pm Lenten Supper 7 pm Evening Prayer	2 6 pm Choir	3	4
5 Lent 2 4-6 pm Game Night (FH)	6	7 11 am Bible Study (AL) 6 pm Handbells VC Out	8 10 am EECC Chapel 3 pm Staff 6 pm Lenten Supper 7 pm Evening Prayer	9 11:30 am Nora Deal Cir. (FH) 6 pm Worship 6 pm Choir	10	11
12 Lent 3 Daylight Savings Begins	13 7 pm Executive Comm. 7 pm Internship Comm.	14 10 am Mary-Martha Cir. (FH) 11 am Bible Study (AL) 6 pm LSM 6 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Dorothy Circle	15 10 am EECC Chapel 1:30 pm Widows Might (FH) 3 pm Staff 6 pm Lenten Supper 7 pm Evening Prayer	16 6 pm Management 6 pm Choir	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 10 am Epiphany Quilters
19 Lent 4	20 7 pm Congregation Council	21 11 am Bible Study (AL) 6 pm LSM 6 pm Handbells	22 10 am EECC Chapel 3 pm Staff 6 pm Lenten Supper 7 pm Evening Prayer	23 6 pm Choir 7 pm Epiphany Readers	24	25
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