



THE EXAMINER

The Newsletter of Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church

December 2014

December 7 – Consecration Sunday

"To each is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." – 1 Corinthians 12:7.

Consecration Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Celebration Dinner at 5 PM.

Events at Epiphany Church include a special service for the consecration of our commitments to serve and support the Gospel in 2015, and a special evening banquet and outdoor illumination! Together we will celebrate the Spirit who inspires and leads the mission of God's people.

Rob Hamlin will be the chef for our evening meal. Please plan to participate by:

- ♥ *completing your **Commitment-Pledge cards**, and bringing them to the morning worship and placing them in the box in Commons or Narthex. Time and Talent sheets can also be placed in these boxes.*
- ♥ *making your **dinner reservations** by December 2.*

The Consecration Sunday Team is looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Sharing Our Gifts



for the Glory of God.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

December 24 – "The True Light Coming into the World"

Christmas Eve Worship – the Nativity of Our Lord

3:00 and 5:00 – Children's Christmas Eve Service with Tableau and Candlelight

At this service, all of the children are welcome to be angels and shepherds during the reading of the Gospel lesson. Halos and staffs will be given to all children to use during the service. Those wishing to be angels will stand in the side aisles, and the shepherds will stand in the center aisle. Entrance cues will be given to help the angels and shepherds. There will be baskets in the Commons to return the halos and staffs for future use.

7:00 and 9:00 PM – Festive Christmas Eve Communion Services with Candlelight

With shepherds, angels, and fellow Christians around the world, we worship at the birth of Jesus Christ. The Most High God is in a lowly manger – the God whom the universe cannot contain is enfolded in Mary's arms – the presence of Almighty God is found in the trusting vulnerability of a newborn! The mystery of the incarnation of God in Christ Jesus awes the faithful with the wonder of God's grace.

Wishing you and yours an Advent full of hope, and a Christmas full of joy.



Christmas Eve



December 28

8:30 am & 11:00 am Holy Communion Service

No Sunday School



Sharing Our Gifts for the Glory of God

1 Corinthians 12

Each year we are asked to look at our lives and how God has blessed us. We should ask ourselves how we can become more effective in sharing God's love through how we use the gifts we've been given. Epiphany Lutheran Church sets aside a specific date as "Consecration Sunday" each December.



for the Glory of God.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Our children and youth know what Reformation Sunday, Easter Sunday, Sundays in Advent and All Saints Sunday mean but what will you say when they ask, "What is Consecration Sunday?" The verb to consecrate means to devote or dedicate. Consecration is the ceremony for this dedication. What do we consecrate?

We dedicate our time, our talents and our financial support to worship God and do His work on earth.

What about our time? We take time to work, go to school, care for our family members, enjoy seeing friends, play sports and exercise, and volunteer, to name just a few uses of our time. The time we devote to God's church and ministries helps others by demonstrating God's love for all. Epiphany has many, many varied ministries that require different amounts of time and persons to make them successful. The ministries include worship, faith formation, evangelism, fellowship, community service and stewardship ministries. Some require short periods of time while others may take longer to complete. There are plenty of options from which to choose.



Talents? You probably know what you do well or what you enjoy doing. We are all blessed with varying talents and finding persons to fill specific roles can be a challenge for a church. But if we can all review what the needs are and consider taking on a specific role, the possibilities for success are very great.

This year an updated Time and Talents document with descriptions of what each ministry may need in the way of time and talents is provide for each family. You are asked to complete the accompanying form and return it to the church by Sunday, December 7, Consecration Sunday. It will be reviewed and used by group leaders to fill roles in ministry programs. This is an opportunity for you to explore different ministries in which you may be able to use talents you have or learn a new role.

Financial means? Support of the church and its ministries has always been a need. Even Jesus had followers who financially supported his teaching. We are called to share with others what God has given us. We do that by prayerfully reviewing our personal situation and committing our financial support for the following year. The two big changes in our budget for 2015 are the addition of a new associate pastor and the purchase of Grace House. The maintenance and replacement of essential infrastructure of our properties is an ongoing expense.



Please pray for guidance in how you can share in the work of Epiphany Lutheran Church this next year.

Please plan to join us on Sunday, December 7, 5 pm in Price Hall, for the consecration of our gifts, the dinner celebration and the illumination of our front property to remind us and the community of God's presence in our lives.

In Jesus name,
Bruce Garringer, On behalf of the Stewardship Ministry Team

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

IN A GALILEE FAR, FAR AWAY

You never know what you might encounter in this Galilee, but you can come find out as our Children and Youth of the congregation take us on an adventure that will be out of this world. The Christmas Musical will be held on Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please come support our music and faith formation teams and help in your preparations for Christmas! There will be lots of fun for all along with a reception following the performance.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

As we prepare for the Christmas Musical, there will be several additional rehearsals at various times. Please pay close attention to the following schedule. We look forward to a great production! In order to provide our best possible work, it is very important that you make every effort to attend each rehearsal.

Singing Saints

Wednesday, December 3	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 6	9:00 a.m. – noon
Wednesday, December 10	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 13	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 14	Sing at Both the 8:30 and 11:00 services Report to church at 3:00 p.m. Musical at 4:00 p.m.

Please note that we also sing on Christmas Eve – at either the 3:00 p.m. or the 5:00 p.m. service.

Cherub Choir

Wednesday, December 3	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 10	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 13	PARTY AND REHEARSAL – party begins at 11:30 and goes until 1:00 Rehearsal is 1:00 -1:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 14	Report to church at 3:00 p.m. Musical at 4:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC MINISTRY

We will begin rehearsing chancel choir anthems for the 9:00 p.m. service during Wednesday evening rehearsals on December 3. If you would like to sing with us at this service, it is a great way to have a “short term commitment.” Please join us in the music room at 7:30 p.m. starting December 3. We will rehearse the Christmas Eve music first.

Calling all Epiphany Brass – please let Kevin know if you are available and willing to play for the 7 and 9 p.m. services on Christmas Eve. We will arrange rehearsals based on the availability of those playing.

Singing Saints – we will sing one song from the Christmas musical at both the 3:00 and the 5:00 p.m. services on Christmas Eve. There is no extra rehearsal. Those that are there for each service will join in the chancel at the appropriate time. So, no matter which service you come to, you can participate!



ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL REMINDERS

Please be reminded that there are NO rehearsals on Sunday, December 28. Rehearsal will resume on January 4. Additionally, there are no rehearsals on December 24 or 31; rehearsals will resume on January 7.

2015 offering envelopes will be available for pick up in the Commons, after December 5. Please stop by to take yours home today.

****Please remember to turn in your 2015 Commitment Cards.** Place them in one of the decorated boxes located in the Commons or Narthex. Extra cards are near each box.



2014 Contributions - Your offerings help us meet all of our congregational commitments. For them to be credited to the 2014 year, please have all contributions in the church office by Sunday, December 28.

If not, we will not be able to give you the 2014 credit.

Results from the Annual Congregational Meeting:

At the Congregational Annual Meeting on November 16, the following members of Epiphany were elected to serve three-year terms on Council—Amy Boyle, Lyle Gleason and Ramona Schaeffer.

Additionally, the motion was passed to accept the adoption of the 2015 financial budget of \$693,734.

The following motions were passed by the congregation:

Be it hereby resolved that the congregation of Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church hereby delegates to the Congregational Council the authority annually to name the persons or organizations to receive the funds in the dedicated Thanksgiving, Christmas, Lenten, and Easter offering accounts and to direct the treasurer to disperse the same.

Congregational Meeting



And, whereas a significant portion of a year's income is received in December, and whereas December is typically too busy a month for church administration to finish paying expenses because of other duties, And whereas Council's authority to administer an annual budget ends on December 31 of that year, now therefore we, the congregation of Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church, authorize and empower the Church Council at its discretion after January 1, 2015 to disburse funds from non-dedicated 2014 surplus not to exceed \$10,000, with any such amount not disbursed by March 1, 2015 reverting to unrestricted surplus.

Poinsettia Plants—You Still Have Time!

Poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones will be used in the chancel on December 24. To place an order, fill out the form found in the pew racks or on the display in the

Commons and turn in with check payable to Epiphany Lutheran Church, marked Poinsettias. Each plant is \$11.00. Your check should accompany your order.

December 7th is the deadline for orders. Plants may be picked up following the 9:00 pm service on December 24th or during the week when the church office is open.



Note from the Worship Team:

Many of you may have noticed that we received Holy Communion on two recent Sundays by coming down the center aisle. This modification comes as the Worship Team discussed the need to offer a different distribution method for Holy Communion on Sundays when we anticipate a higher-than-usual attendance. There are some Sundays where attendance is close or equal to what it would be for one of our Christmas Eve or Easter Sunday services, the other two times we traditionally forego kneeling at the altar to receive Holy Communion by way of the center aisle. Ideally (we thought amongst ourselves) our attendance would always be that high! Maybe some of you have that prayer as well.

We understand the need to be good stewards of people's time on Sunday mornings, especially when there are activities and faith formation offerings planned immediately following the worship services. Overall, the staff and the Worship Team do not anticipate this change to take place very often, at least in the near-term. In its discussions, the Worship Team noted that going up the center allows each person to look straight ahead at the person who is giving the bread and—much more importantly—at the cross. On most Sundays, our method for Holy Communion distribution will continue involve kneeling at the communion rail and returning to the pews by the center aisle. As a reminder, our tradition is to celebrate Holy Communion at both services on festival Sundays, like Reformation Sunday and All Saints Sunday.

We know it “feels different” to some to receive communion this way, but we thank you for understanding the Worship Team's consideration of ways to make our worship most hospitable to everyone.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Phillip



Dear Friends,

You have made us feel so very welcome in Richmond and in the Epiphany community and we are so grateful for all your kindnesses and signs of friendship.

Thank you, especially, for promising to pray for us as I join the staff and we work with you to share the good news of a Living Lord in our neighborhood and beyond. Let us pray mightily that the Holy Spirit will be the power that sustains us and guides our work!

Thank you also for allowing us to rent Grace House, which is beautiful and cozy. We were completely overwhelmed to arrive and find the basket of gift cards to restaurants, the botanical gardens, home goods stores, and groceries in the area. We are enjoying exploring the area even more thanks to your generosity.

You have taken us in as family. My prayer is that in our work together we can extend friendship, care, and love to many more people so that they know the God who, in Christ, cherishes each one of us.

We are so glad to be on the journey with you.

Pastor Joseph, Sarah, and Lucia



Overflowing With Thanks

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday Morning Offerings—9:45 am

Epiphany's Household Finances Join members of our Finance *The Great ADVENTure* Join us Sunday, November 30 in Price Hall for our cross-generational event as we begin the Advent season.

The Five Love Languages of Children Please join Kristy Anderson and Sarah Robbins as we explore the love languages of children. We are using Gary Chapman and Ross Campell's book by the same title for our discussion. This class meets in Room 103 of the Christian Education Wing.

Lutherans Confess: What is the Book of Concord? Join Diaconal Minister Christy Huffman and Seminarian Nathan Huffman in the Price Hall as we continue exploring the confessions of the Lutheran Church.

Christmas Origins and Traditions: Join Pastor Tom Bosserman in the Chapel during the Sundays of December as we take a look at everything you wanted to know about Christmas traditions, but were afraid to ask.

Tuesday Morning Offering

The Beginning: Genesis Join us Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am in the Chapel. Our study of Genesis continues as we gain a foundational understanding of the key people, places, messages, and events in Genesis, while building community and deepening faith. We will **NOT** meet Tuesday, December 23 or 30.

Wednesday Evening Offerings

Parent Chat While the children are making a joyful noise to the Lord, join us in Room 101 from 6:30-7:00 pm for light-hearted chats.

The Beginning: Genesis Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the **Chapel**. Our study of Genesis continues as we gain a foundational understanding of the key people, places, messages, and events in Genesis, while building community and deepening faith. We will **NOT** meet Wednesday, December 24 or 31.

Thursday Morning Offering

Moms' Bible Study Join us Thursday mornings. A nursery for children opens at 9:15 am and discussion starts at 9:30 am. We meet to share in the study of God's Word and a time of fellowship with moms. We continue our study of Proverbs.



Adult Sunday School

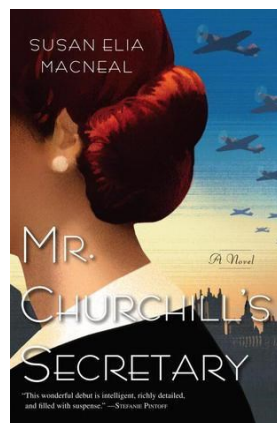
Book Discussion Group

All are welcome to join us the third Monday of each month at 10:30 am in the Parlor, as we discuss the month's book and share in fellowship together.

We will not meet in December, but make plans to join us

Monday, January 19, 2015— *Mr. Churchill's Secretary* by Susan Elia MacNeal. Terry Price will lead our discussion.

If you have any questions about the Book Discussion Group, please contact Christy Huffman at 282-6066.



Prime Time

A new group at Epiphany is forming to provide opportunities for fellowship. (The suggested age range is 45 plus, but all are welcome.) The first event will be a Christmas Concert with *The Virginians Barbershop Chorus* and *Sweet Adelines International* on Saturday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. at Collegiate School's Hershey Center for the Arts (Oates Theater), 103 N. Mooreland Road. Tickets are \$20 (\$17 for ages 65 and up). Contact Susan Hockman at 360-5864 for more details or to purchase tickets. Look for more information coming soon on future events.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

The Great ADVENTure

Sunday, November 30, 2014



Make plans to join us for our annual Cross-generational Advent Event on November 30 at 9:45 am in Price Hall.

There will be activities and goodies for all ages as we begin the season of Advent in preparation for Christmas.

*****Advent Devotions for all ages will also be available for you to take home.*****



Sunday School Project—Christmas Giving Tree

Be on the look out for the *Giving Tree* in the Commons starting Sunday, November 30.

Sunday School in December

Sunday, November 30

Sundays, December 7, 14, 21

Sunday, December 28

The Great ADVENTure, Price Hall

Regular Sunday School Classes

No Sunday School

The Spark and Whirl lessons during December will focus on John the Baptist and Annunciation. Take some time to share in these stories with your children as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. You can find the stories of John the Baptist in Mark 1:1-8, John 1:6-8, 19-28. You can find the story of the Annunciation in Luke 1:26-38.

Children Faith Formation Team

We are looking for 6-8 persons to serve on our Children Faith Formation Team. This team will meet face-to-face two times a year, and will touch base via email throughout the rest of the year. This team will support the various ministries for our children and youth, including Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Advent Event, Rally Day, devotional resources, Splash!, and Sunday School service projects. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, January 11, 2015 in the Chapel. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Christy Huffman, if you are interested in serving.

COMMUNITY SERVICE MINISTRY

HHOPE Pantry News

As most of you know, Epiphany's HHOPE Pantry distributes food to over 15 needy families in our community every other week. That is over 150 of our neighbors that HHOPE helps feed on a biweekly basis. Thanks to the hard work of our HHOPE team members and your generosity, Epiphany is able to make a real and lasting impact on the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. What a blessing Epiphany must be to those who would otherwise struggle to put food on the table.

Although you may be aware of this ministry, did you ever stop to consider what it takes to make those distribution Saturdays happen? Here's a quick rundown. Starting the Sunday after a distribution, the team begins gearing up for the next one. Shoppers go to the Central Virginia Food Bank to restock food supplies. The supplies then must be taken to the church and put away. Currently, the food supply at CVFB has been very low and several team members must go in the evenings after work to discount retailers, and/or Kroger to pick up the missing food supplies. After purchasing the food supplies, the team members then go to church, weigh and inventory each item, and put them away. The pantry must be kept in compliance with the CVFB and state regulations. This requires certain team members to attend classes at CVFB. Monthly reports must be submitted to the CVFB and new guest requests must be processed. In addition, distribution bags that are returned each distribution Saturday are collected and washed during the week to be used the next time. Team members also meet on the Friday nights before a distribution Saturday to pack bags and organize for the next day. Volunteers for distribution Saturdays must be solicited and coordinated. All of this must be done in order for Saturday distributions to occur.



All of this work is carried out every other week by our tireless and devoted HHOPE Ministry Team. But allow me to let you in on a little secret. There are only SEVEN of them! As the Team Leader to Epiphany's Community Service Ministry Team, I can tell you that our HHOPE Ministry is the most time intensive of all our outreach ministries. These good people could use some help. If you have a passion for helping others, why not join The HHOPE team? As the saying goes, "many hands make light work". If you would like to find out more about the HHOPE ministry and how you can get involved, please free to contact Susan Freeze at susan.freeze@verizon.net or Beth Barger at the Church Office, or me at wawestin@comcast.net.
Walt Westin

HHOPE Reports

August: Households served: 28 (7 seniors, 57 adults, 55 children)
Total Pounds distributed: 1,242

September: Households served: 39 (8 seniors, 60 adults, 53 children)
Total Pounds distributed: 1,069

October: Households served: 32 (11 seniors, 62 adults, 59 children)
Total Pounds distributed: 1,164

30/40-SOMETHINGS, (or anyone else):

Christmas Cookie exchange & Christmas cheer! Join us on Monday, December 22, 4-7 pm in the Star Lodge. The kids are out of school for the holidays! Let's get together to celebrate the season! Bring a batch of your favorite Christmas Cookies. If they are homemade, please bring copies of the recipe. We will have Christmas music or movies playing, fire in the fire place. We will also be packaging some of the cookies to take to Epiphany homebound members. Depending on attendance, we may order pizza. Contact Marcie Perryman m.perryman@yahoo.com w/ questions.



Our Mission

And Jesus came and said to them, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Our Faith

We believe in God, the Father almighty; and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord;
and in the Holy Spirit and the Church.

Our Salvation

By grace through faith

Our Life

Faith active in Love



Mark your calendars for January ~

Margaret Miller Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 13, 10 am in the Star Lodge.
Co-leaders are: Cheryl Froom, (804-754-7129) and Donna Josephson, (804-883-5955).

The Clara Sullivan Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 14, hosted by Karen McQueen. Leader Leanne Spletzer (254-2849 or spletzer@aol.com).



The Heidi Michaelson Circle meets on Thursday, January 8, in the evening. Please contact Tatter Hartmann if you are interested in joining our group. (tatterh@hotmail.com or 804-741-0276)

CHRISTMAS TEA

SPONSORED BY THE CIRCLES
OPEN TO ALL WOMEN OF EPIPHANY

The annual Christmas Tea for Epiphany Women will take place
DECEMBER 10, 2 PM

Plan to join us for Russian Tea and Coffee,
Plus Savory and Sweet Goodies Galore

Christmas Music and Christian Fellowship Galore

Our charity this year will again be Harbor House, a shelter for abused women.
A list of recommended gift items will be posted on the bulletin board in the Commons.



Thank you sent to the Church Council and congregation

Dear Council,

I want all of you to know how appreciative and grateful I am of your support. Sissy meant the world to me.

Sincerely,

Dave Gorsline

To our Epiphany family,

Thank you for remembering mom with flowers and cards during her illness.

All of your prayers were felt and appreciated. She will be coming home

Friday much improved and feeling so much better.

Yours in Christian Fellowship,

Mary Cathron and Florence Brown



Dear Pastor Phillip and members of Epiphany;

It is with a full heart and sincere gratitude that myself, Ginny and Pat offer to you our heartfelt thanks.

While we are filled with faith through the resurrection of our Lord, it is most difficult to lose a beloved spouse and father.

The many cards, phone calls and other expressions of your love and support have lifted and carried myself and my girls in ways you may never know. We are humbled by your love and care.

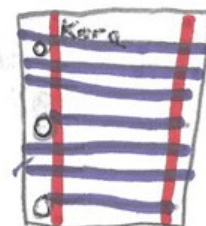
The reception after the service was lovely and we are most appreciative for all that you did to help us celebrate my John.

In Christ love we are,

Wanda Umlauf, Ginny and Pat

Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for the many
school supplies you brought us!
They are being used by students
and teachers. We appreciate your
thoughtfulness! 😊

Sincerely,
Kara and the students
at crestview



EPIPHANY LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS



It is so hard to believe that the Christmas season is upon us! This year has really flown by here at ELNS. I want to say thank you to those of you who donated books, came to our Holiday Stop & Shop, or even volunteered with set up or clean up. It is greatly appreciated! It looks like we raised about \$1500 this year to help us make improvements to the playgrounds.

We are looking forward to our Christmas celebrations here at ELNS. This year we will be doing a whole school performance in the sanctuary on Friday, December 19 at 10 a.m. You all are invited to attend and see our little ones sing some really sweet Christmas songs!

After the performance, children and parents are invited to join us in Price Hall for a Christmas party before school lets out for a couple of weeks.

Our registration for the 2015/2016 school year will begin for current students and church members on January 5. Tuition rates and registration forms will be posted to our website by January 1. If you are looking for a school for your little one(s), make sure that you schedule a tour in the coming weeks to see all of the exciting changes that are taking place and what Epiphany Lutheran Nursery School can offer you and your children. There will also be brochures available in the education wing if you would like to take one to a friend. If you have any questions or want to schedule a tour, you can reach me via phone at 282-7506 or via email at nurseryschool@epiphanyelca.org.

Sincerely,
Jessica Hendricks
Director

Christmas Giving Tree

It's hard to believe that Christmas will be here soon and that means it's time to for our Christmas Giving Tree ministry. The Christmas tree is up in the Commons and decorated with 100 red and green stars representing the wants and needs of 50 children at Ridge Elementary School. Please take a star, put your information on the sign up sheet, and shop for the particular gift requested. All gifts should be returned in holiday gift bags by the end of the 11:00 service on Sunday, December 14. Any questions? Please give Cheryl Hamm a call at (804) 399-7650.



Epiphany Youth Group News

+ December 2014 +

Epiphany Youth Group is a ministry for and of youth in grades 7-12

High School Lock-In

Sunday, December 21 to
Monday, December 22

immediately following the Tacky Light Tour
and

Christmas Party (see right)

Bring a sleeping bag, a pillow, a change of
clothes, overnight items, etc.

Please sign up in the Commons.

Consecration Sunday: December 7

5-7 youth volunteers are needed to help with
the congregational meal on Consecration
Sunday. 4-7pm. Please sign up with Mark
Schuetze or on the Bulletin Board.

Winter Celebration:

January 23-25, 2015

Virginia Synod's Youth event for youth
in grades 9-12

Early registration deadline for Epiphany
youth is **Sunday, December 7.**

Please make checks out for \$100.00 to
"Epiphany Lutheran Church."

Youth who would like to attend should give
consideration to attending regular Epiphany youth
events so that relationships within our youth group
will have a chance to form before embarking on a
trip. Those registered for the Detroit Gathering this
summer are asked to register.

Christmas Caroling/Tacky Light Tour and Christmas Party

Sunday, December 21, 4:00-7:30pm

Meet at the Star Lodge

We'll caravan to sing carols for several homebound members and visit some
of Richmond's finest Christmas decorations on the way! We'll meet back at
the Fellowship Hall for pizza and S'mores and holiday cheer.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons and/or on Facebook so
we know how many are planning to attend.

DRIVERS NEEDED! Please contact Mark Schuetze and Pastor Joseph if you
are able to drive in the caravan.



16 Epiphany 7th and 8th graders and 6 adult chaperones attended the "Lost and Found" Synod event at Eagle Eyrie in late November. Turner Barger, one of our youth, served on the Planning Team for the event.



Timothy Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, December 3 @ 7:00pm
Star Lodge

December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10:30 am Bible Study, Chapel 7 pm HHOPE Meeting, Chapel	3 11 am Healing/Holy Communion Service, Chapel 5:30 pm Wednesday Evening Meal, Price Hall 6:00 pm Singing Saints 6:30 pm Cherub Choir, Parent Chat & Bible Study 7 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	4 9:30 am Mom's Bible Study, Chapel	5	6 9-Noon Singing Saints
7 Second Sunday of Advent Consecration Sunday 8:00 am Chancel Choir 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Blood Pressure Readings, Parlor 9:30 am Ringers 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion 5 pm Consecration Dinner & Grand Illumination	8 7 pm Evangelism Meeting, Chapel	9 10:30 am Bible Study, Chapel 11:30am Men's Manna Lunch 7 pm Council Meeting, Chapel	10 11 am Healing/Holy Communion Service, Chapel 2 pm Epiphany Women Christmas Tea 5:30 pm Wednesday Evening Meal, Price Hall 6 pm Singing Saints 6:30 pm Cherub Choir/ Parent Chat & Bible Study 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	11 9:30 am Mom's Bible Study, Chapel	12	13 10-11:30 am HHOPE Distribution, Narthex 10:30 – 1:30 pm Cherub Choir/Party 1-4pm Singing Saints
14 Third Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30 am Ringers 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4 pm Christmas Musical, Sanctuary	15	16 10:30 am Bible Study, Chapel 11:30am Men's Lunch	17 11am Healing/Holy Communion Service, Chapel 6:30 Bible Study 7 pm Jr Handbells 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	18 9:30 am Mom's Bible Study, Chapel 11:30am Men's Lunch	19	20
21 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Blood Pressure Readings, Parlor 9:30 am Ringers 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion Noon – 2:30 pm Lil Youths Christmas Party, Star Lodge High School Youth Lock-In	22 10:30 am Book Discussion, Parlor 4-7:00pm 30/40's and up, Christmas Cookie Exchange/ Fellowship, Star Lodge	23	24 Christmas Eve Worship The Nativity of Our Lord 3:00 and 5:00 pm – Children's Christmas Eve Service with Tableau and Candlelight 7:00 and 9:00 pm – Festive Christmas Eve Communion Services with Candlelight Office closes at Noon	25 Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
28 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 11:00 am Worship	29	30	31 Office Closes at Noon			

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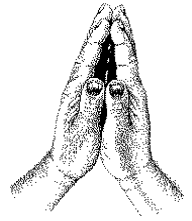
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MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS

During illness or recuperation ~

For the families and friends of those who died ~

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them ~



December Baptism Birthdays

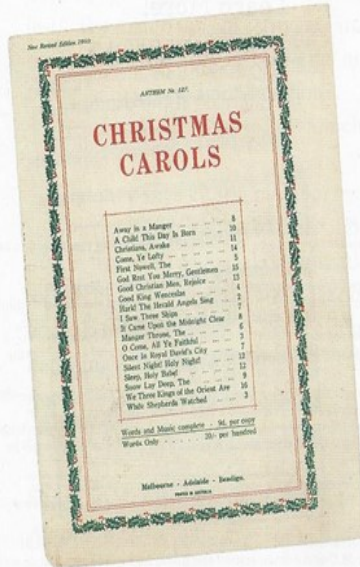


From the Archives...

December 21, 1965 – a contract was awarded to James Fox and Sons for construction of the educational building for a cost \$160,707. Limitation of funds prevented the construction of a fellowship unit for an estimated additional cost of \$80,000.

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Here We Come A-Wassailing?

Fewer of us adults go caroling than we did as kids. But gift giving remains a strong tradition. Here's how Americans say they celebrate the Christmas holiday differently now than they did as kids.*

	CHILDHOOD	NOW
Go caroling	36%	16%
Decorate a tree	92%	79%
Attend religious service		
Christmas Day or Eve	69%	54%
Pretend Santa visits	72%	31%
Buy gifts	89%	86%

*% who did each activity as a child, and % who planned to in December 2013

Source: Pew Research Center, Dec. 3-8, 2013



Thou Shalt Not Steal

It seems that some people didn't learn the Ten Commandments. The Bible may be the world's No. 1 bestseller, but according to *The New York Times*, some booksellers say it's also the most shoplifted book. And the authors of *1,227 Quite Interesting Facts That Will Blow Your Socks Off* say it's the most stolen book in the U.S.

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MINISTERS WANTED

Contact Beth Barger at 746-5756 or thebargers@comcast.net for any of the ministries listed below or for information about additional areas in the life of Epiphany Church.

LAMB's Basket -- Epiphany sends volunteers each month to the Community Food Pantry at 8419 Oakview Ave, near Staples Mill and Hermitage Roads. Directions are listed below. Contact Beth to volunteer or sign up in the Commons, and call the pantry at 565-8007 for additional information. Inclement weather? Check channel 8 for closings or if Henrico schools are closed, then the LAMB's Basket is closed.

Epiphany's dates in December

Friday, December 19; 9:30am-1pm

Directions From Epiphany

Take Glenside Dr North, Left on Staples Mill Rd.
Turn Right onto Hermitage Rd.
Left onto Oakview Ave.

Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church
1400 Horsepen Road
Monument Ave. at Horsepen Road
Richmond, VA 23226

Address Service Requested

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U. S. Postage Pd.
Richmond, VA
Permit # 711

Phone: 804-282-6066
Fax: 804-282-6067
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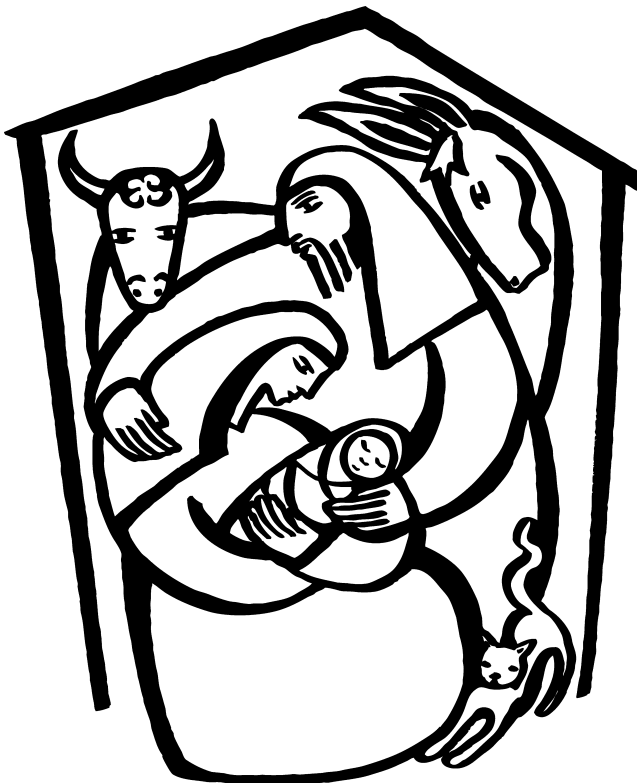
Worship Times

Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Healing/Holy
Communion 11:00 a.m.

****December 28 Worship****
8:30 & 11:00 am
No Sunday School



a congregation of the ELCA



May the Love of God
fill you with peace
as we celebrate
the coming of Christ