

Saint Matthias Lutheran Church Easley, SC



SAINT MATTHIAS MATTERS

Monthly Newsletter

January 2024

Pastor's Ponderings

Meaning of epiphany

1: a Christian festival held on January 6 in honor of the coming of the three kings to the infant Jesus Christ

2: a moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way

(from Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

As we enter this season, sandwiched between Christmas and Lent, let us take a moment to ponder the epiphany of the appearance of God With Us, Emmanuel, Jesus Christ. As the magi (e.g. "wise men," "kings," of whom we do not know the exact number) came to see God revealed in humanity, so too we engage with this God every moment of our lives, whether we are conscious of it or not. But, if we became more conscious of that engagement, what epiphanies would we have? What are some new things that the Holy Spirit can teach us through faith?

As we enter 2024, let us seek those new epiphanies in our lives as we continue to be the light that Jesus shines through, giving love to our world that desperately needs love.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:5)

Epiphany Blessings, Pastor Sean

Worship with us! Every Sunday at 10 am Followed by Coffee Fellowship

January at a Glance

1/7: Un-Decorate Sanctuary following Coffee Fellowship

1/8: WELCA at 5:30 pm

1/10, 17, 24, & 31: Bible Study at 6:30 pm

1/13: Young Adult Outing-Details TBA

1/14: Council at 11:30 am

1/15: Book Club at 6 pm

1/17 & 31: SHINE Soup Kitchen at 3 pm

1/21: Congregational Meeting following Worship; Sunday School at 11:30 am

1/28: Sunday School at 11:30 am

Currently taking donations:

Food and toiletries for United Christian Ministries (Micah's Wagon)

> SMLC Preschool-Hand soap Paper towel rolls Baby wipes

SHINE Soup Kitchen

We cook and serve on Jan. 17 & 31 starting at 3 pm
Contact Maria Hollis for more info: hollis.ingrid@yahoo.com

Book Club
Monday, January 15 at 6 pm in
Large Classroom
We are reading "Letters from Sweden" by
David Schaffer
(son of Pastor Bill and Mary Schaffer)

Worship Volunteers

Assisting Ministers Acolytes

1/7: Liz Roesch Adelaide St. Peter

1/14: Selena Brinson Lucy Brown 1/21: Melody Clark Eli Durham

1/28: Helen Turnage Chelsea Brown

Ushers Altar Guild

1/7: Rachel Duncan & Laura St. Peter Liz Roesch

1/14: Needed Carolyn Watt

1/21: Florence & Wing Fung Susan Jolly

1/28: Needed Terri Pschorr

Flowers

1/7: Dee Bostick

1/14: *Needed*

1/21: Florence & Wing Fung

1/28: Terri & Tucker Pschorr in memory of Fran Olson

Coffee Fellowship

1/7: Adelaide St. Peter

1/14: Geraldine Weyermann

1/21: Florence & Wing Fung

1/28: *Needed*

Looking Ahead in 2024

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 13 at 6 pm

Ash Wednesday Worship February 14 at 1 & 6:30 pm

Lenten Wednesday Bible Study February 21-March 20 at 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Worship March 28 & 29 at 1 & 6:30 pm

Easter March 31

Pentecost/Graduate Sunday May 19

Christmas Eve Worship Tuesday, December 24 at 10 am & 7 pm

Prayer List

Please contact Pastor Sean to add any requests or make changes at stmatthiaspastor@gmail.com

Members of St. Matthias

Susan Jolly & family; Liz Roesch & family; Cheri & John Diggelmann; Miller-Perez family; Zuber family; Brinson family; Lyerly family; Ed & Melody Clark (as they mourn the death of Melody's sister); Hollis family; Nancy Langford; Annemarie Gleason; Janice Riddle & family; Vicki Blay Valera; and members residing in Senior Living: Barbara Dunlap, Ben & Shirley Houston, L.C. "Smitty" & Betty Smith

Relatives and Friends of St. Matthias

Kaera Martin (cousin of Selena Brinson); Donna Norman & family; Roger Diggelmann (brother of John Diggelmann); Bonnie Heath; Sandy Roper & family; Barbara Conyers (sister of Geri Stenzel); Maxine Loop (sister of Ginger Cox); Donna MacLaskie (niece of Shirley and Ben Houston); Linda Dooley (friend of Geri Stenzel); Maribeth Hlupic (sister of Annemarie Gleason); Heather Podraza (daughter of Cheri Diggelmann); Tabitha Capps (our Preschool Director) & family; Tracy Munzert (former member); Kala Jansen (friend of Laura St. Peter); Linda Roman (coworker of Diana Brown); Parents of Lee Morgan

January Birthdays Robby Hydrick 1/6 Greyson Bogle 1/10

John Diggelmann 1/13 Melody Clark 1/21 Carolyn Finley 1/21 Ben Zuber 1/22

Karen Zuber 1/23 David Watt 1/25

January Anniversary
Russell and Selena Brinson 1/8

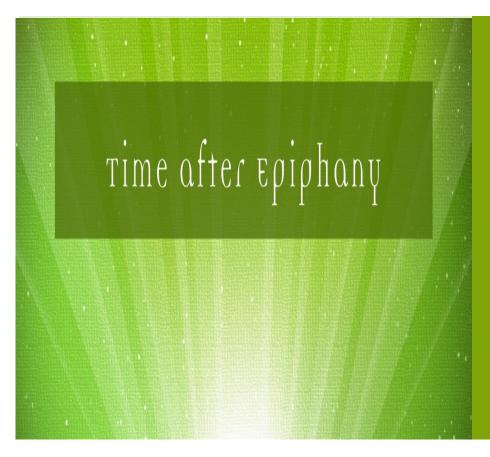


Choir Practice Tuesdays at 7 pm All are welcome!



Monday, Jan. 8 at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall

All women welcome!



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