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## EPIPHANY ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP

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# Wind Words

Revelation 2:7 "Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the church"



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### Advent



Prepare a way for the Lord

We stuffed the turkey and then stuffed ourselves! Now it's time to finish the shopping and start the gift wrapping, Christmas letter writing, tree decorating and cookie baking.

One celebration you can enjoy this month is the Epiphany St. Nicolas Celebration on December 10<sup>th</sup> - details in this newsletter.

All Epiphany sites will have Christmas Eve services - be sure to join us!

And looking to the New Year please join your fellow Epiphanyites at the Epiphany Celebration on Friday,

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT



#### "The Bottom Line"

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?" Matthew 6:25

So much time and energy is spent worrying about the "stuff" of life. Seriously think about the time we expend on material things such as food, clothing, home and stuff to put inside our homes. We all worry about these things, but they are not what's really important in life. Our relationship with and service to God is truly more important than these things. The bottom line question is whether we trust God to take care of these material things. Are we willing to live by His standards and with what He supplies for us and give our energy and time to more important things?

An excerpt from the *One Minute Devotions* by Carol Larsen.

Dear Lord ~

*In this season of shopping and worrying about finding the right gifts and how much money we are spending let us keep our eyes on Jesus - the one gift that is truly important for Christmas!*

Amen



### The ADVENT Season



**Advent** (from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming") is a season observed in many Western Christian churches, a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. It is the beginning of the Western liturgical year and commences on Advent Sunday, called *Levavi*. The progression of the

season may be marked with an Advent calendar, a practice introduced by German Lutherans. In the Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican calendars, **Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before December 25; in 2011 it falls on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**January 6.**

**Invite a friend to church on Sunday as well as to one of these special services or events.**

**We want to express our thanks to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child by preparing a shoebox - Epiphany Longmont collected 34. We hope to hear from other Epiphany sites about how many shoe boxes they collected. This simple outreach is sure to bring a smile to many children around the world as they find gifts as well as the Gospel message!**

**As we wrap those gifts, bake the goodies and light the Advent wreath candles each Sunday may the Advent season be a wonderful time of reflection and eager anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the greatest gift of the season - Jesus!**

***Merry Christmas***

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Latin *adventus* is the translation of the Greek word *parusia*, commonly used in reference to the Second Coming. As Christians we believe that the season of Advent serves a reminder both of the original waiting that was done by the Hebrews for the birth of their Messiah as well as the waiting of Christians for the Second Coming of Christ.

At Epiphany we enjoy this time eagerly anticipating the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ through our Sunday worship time, the use of an Advent wreath celebrating each of the 4 Sundays leading up to Christmas Day, and scripture telling the story of Mary, Joseph and their journey to Bethlehem for the birth of our Savior.

Hopefully by the first Sunday in Advent, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> your holiday shopping was complete or close to done so you can enjoy less stress through this season of expectant hope with worship, joy and prayer. Then join us for a Christmas Eve service at one of Epiphany's worship sites. Epiphany Longmont will also have a Christmas Day service at 9am on the 25<sup>th</sup>!

The Advent wreath tells the Christmas story of hope, love, joy and peace. Many families with young children use an Advent calendar to count down to Christmas. Whatever you do in anticipation of Christmas Day do your best to stay focused on the coming celebration of the greatest gift in spite of the cultural pressure to make it about material gifts and the stress of shopping and spending!



***Join us at one of the Epiphany sites on Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>:***

#### **EAF Boulder**

***Holy Communion at 5:30pm followed by a joint Candles and Carols service***

***with the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Baptist Church at 6pm.***

#### **EAF Broomfield**

***TBA***

#### **EAF Lakewood**

***TBA***

#### **EAF Longmont**

***Christmas Eve - 5:00 PM Lessons and Carols followed by a 5:45 PM Festive Christmas Holy Communion.***

***Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Morning worship service at 9:00 AM***

### **Epiphany Family Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**In December we celebrate the birthdays of:**

contact Epiphany's youth  
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### Prayer Ministry

Allow our prayer team  
members the privilege of  
praying for you and your  
concerns. Send your  
requests to  
prayer@epiphanyanglican.org

**4** Carol Goddard (Broomfield)  
**4** Abigail Wanninger (Longmont)  
**6** David Jitendranath (Broomfield)  
**8** Dwayne Nickerson (Broomfield)  
**11** Walter Gray (Boulder)  
**12** John Stransky (Longmont)  
**12** Cindy Mollica (Lakewood)  
**14** Ricky Thomas (Longmont)  
**28** Tor Tschanz (Longmont)  
**30** Kary Mayes (Longmont)  
**31** Phoebe Dominquez (Broomfield)  
**31** Tyler Bollegar (Broomfield)

**In December we celebrate the anniversaries of:**

**22** Cindy & Dick Reinking (Longmont)  
**24** Mark & Alexandra Martella (Longmont)  
**27** Dennis & Nancy Bolitho (Longmont)  
**31** Don & Rebecca Stockdale (Broomfield)

If your birthday or anniversary is in December and you are not listed it's because we don't have your information. We want to include you so please send your name and birthday and/or anniversary to [debbieo@epiphanyanglican.org](mailto:debbieo@epiphanyanglican.org) so that we can do so next year! Also let us know if a correction is needed.

### SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAYS IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

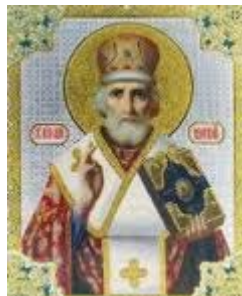
4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

11 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; I Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

18 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Canticle 3; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

25 - Christmas Day: Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-8; Luke 2:1-20

### Upcoming Events



#### Epiphany St. Nicholas Day Party!

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 2:00 pm.** It will be held at the Epiphany Broomfield location (350 Main St.) Come and make Christmas ornaments, decorate cookies and hear St. Nicholas read his story. Please bring a plate of cookies to share. Beverages will be provided. It is also a wonderful time to bring friends. Please join us!

**Who was St. Nicolas?** St. Nicholas of Myra is a popular Christian Saint among children across Europe because of his reputation as a bringer of gifts. Both the North American Santa Claus and the British Father Christmas are legendary figures

whose attributes derive from the myths surrounding St. Nicholas.

### CELEBRATION of EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERVICE

**Epiphany** ~ a Christian festival, observed on January 6, commemorating the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles in the persons of the Magi.



On Friday, January 6, 2012 we will be ALL TOGETHER again for EPIPHANY - at the EAF Boulder site - 6710 Arapahoe Road in east Boulder. The service will be followed by a dessert potluck and coffee fellowship. Put it on your new 2012 calendar and join the celebration!!



### Vocal Worship Workshop

Broomfield lay leader Troy Lynette approached the Epiphany Leadership Team about a vocal workshop for all Epiphany sites music team members. Leadership overwhelmingly approved the idea and we thank Troy for his work at putting the event together. It was great to see so many of the music team members participate! Troy provided the following report about the event.

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, we were blessed to have some of the folks from Vocal Pro (<http://www.vocalpro.org/>) come and lead a workshop for members of Epiphany's worship teams! We shared a meal after church, continued with the workshop all Sunday afternoon, and ended with some individual instruction for those that wanted it. In attendance were Stacy Cialone, David Jitendranath, Troy, Jenn & Lindsay Lynette, Kathy & Wayne Martin, Mariah Sabados, Anna & Deb Simpson, Rick Stewart, and Nate Otte.

Throughout the afternoon, we all received a crash-course in a whole collection of techniques that get our body in the perfect position to sing our very best! We worked everything from our face all the way down to our toes! We all learned very quickly that singing is an athletic activity if done properly and absolutely not just about the voice! They taught us how critical our stance and body position are to allow for excellent breathing and support. Done properly, this takes all the strain off our throat and vocal chords so we can sing more confidently, with more support and with perfect pitch! They also taught us some things about the Physics of sound, and how the human body is the ultimate sound board, able to produce highs, mids and lows! We all gained insight into how to tap into that sound board to produce a more impactful sound when we sing. It was an amazing time of learning and growing for everyone who attended!

Thank you to Fr. Gerry and the Senior Leadership team for their support in making this happen!

If anyone would like more information about the workshop, or VocalPro, please contact Troy Lynette ([troylynette@gmail.com](mailto:troylynette@gmail.com)).

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION CLASSES ON SUNDAYS AT

## EPIPHANY BROOMFIELD

These weekly teachings are led by Fr. Chris+ on Sunday mornings at Epiphany Broomfield from 9:00 to 9:50 AM followed by the worship service at 10:10a.

Questions-please contact Chris Bollegar at chrisbollegar@comcast.net or (303)514-8146.

### Broomfield Christian Education



A new Christian Education class began on **Sunday Nov 20**. We are considering some implications to our previous class on the harmony of science and faith. The following outline is a projection of what is being coverer over the course of the 6 weeks.

Week #1	Faith and Reason (Part 1)
Week #2	Faith and Reason (Part 2)
Week #3	What do we mean by "mystery"?
Week #4	The relationship of God to the world: What about miracles?
Week #5	Literal interpretation of the bible?
Week #6	Adam, Eve and original sin?

Visit the Epiphany website to learn more about the clergy and staff, hear a sermon, see pictures from recent events or check the church calendar. [www.epiphanyanglican.org](http://www.epiphanyanglican.org). Epiphany makes every effort to keep member's contact information up-to-date but we can only do so if you let us know when it changes! Please let us know if you move or have a change to your phone number, home address or email address. All changes should be emailed to [debbieo@epiphanyanglcan.org](mailto:debbieo@epiphanyanglcan.org).

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