Visit the website for a full list of upcoming events, upcoming services, and current signups.

Youth & Children

Confirmation

Confirmation Lock-In October 6–7
Youth who will be 13 or older by December 3 are invited to prepare for the Rite of Confirmation at our Confirmation Lock-In on October 6–7. Connect with fellow youth, delve into meaningful discussions, and deepen your understanding of our faith, all while enjoying fun and fellowship. Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson will preside over the Rite of Confirmation during the 10:30 am Eucharist on December 3. Please sign up here to participate by Sunday, September 10.

Parish Life

**Call for Children's Formation Teachers**

Our children are treated to a special formation time during the Liturgy of the Word portion of the 10:30 am Eucharist. In order to continue our weekly programming, volunteers are needed to assist with this ministry. Ideally, each adult leader will serve once or twice every four to six weeks. Each lesson and craft are prepared in advance for you, so all that is required is a willingness to be present, share the story, pray with the children, and supervise as they express themselves through a small art project. Regular volunteers need to complete Safe Church, Safe Communities training online. Please reach out to Jeremy Clos if you are willing to engage in this vital ministry.

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**Senior Luncheon**

Senior Luncheon will begin a new season of adventures in dining on September 17. We thank last season’s hosts for introducing us to new experiences and revisiting old favorites.

Each month a different member of the group hosts the luncheon. In a nutshell this is what hosting entails: choosing a restaurant, making the reservation and confirming the number with the restaurant. Once you’ve let Cheryl know where we will be dining, Cheryl will take care of getting the information out to the group, collecting the names of the attendees, and giving the host our final number, so you can confirm the number with the restaurant.

Cheryl has a list of restaurants in the area that we have used in the past, as well as a few we haven’t yet. For more information, or to join the group, please email Cheryl Waechter.
EFM Registration Now Open

Registration has opened for Education for Ministry (EfM) for the autumn of 2023. The EfM group will meet here at Nativity on Monday evenings starting in late September. If you plan to participate in EfM, please register as soon as possible in order to receive your materials. Tuition for 2023-24 is $330. Please contact Stephanie if you need assistance with this fee. The deadline to register is August 27.

Pilgrim: The Eucharist

Pilgrim: The Eucharist continues to meet during the traditional 9:30 am formation time in Corlett Hall. In this six-week series, we will delve deeper into the meaning and significance of the Eucharist, a central sacrament of our faith. You are welcome to drop in and join the discussion at any time.

Social Justice

One Wake Update: Priorities and Invitation

Following the Listening Sessions, One Wake has ratified three new priorities for the organization: housing, mental health, and public transportation. To learn more about this, and to find out what you can do further, read this blog post by Becky Showalter.

Outreach

Pride Packs Begins Again September 3
Sunday, September 3 will begin our monthly food collection for Pride Packs for the 2023–24 school year. Our church supports this program at Leesville Elementary School and provides food for children who are food insecure. These food donations go home with each identified child on Fridays so that they will have food on the weekends. There will be a basket in the Narthex and also a basket on the counter in Estill House for your donations.

You may contribute anything from the Pride Packs list, but this year we especially need 15 oz. cans of vegetables and fruit. Green beans, peas, corn, and mixed vegetables are popular with the children. Fruit such as peaches and pears in natural juice are needed. Pasta and rice products in individual serving sizes are needed. Ramen noodles, mac and cheese, mashed potatoes, and rice products are examples of those items. Thank you so much for your support of these students!

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Rise Against Hunger
Meal Packing Event
Sunday, September 10 after the 10:30 service

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Diocesan Events

Inclusion Zoom: Learning About LGBTQIA+ Youth
The Diocese of North Carolina will host a single-session Zoom on
September 14 from 7 to 8:30 pm for those wishing to learn more about the LGBTQIA+ youth community and how to better serve them. Come learn about vocabulary, pronouns, special concerns, mental health issues, and inclusion. To receive an invitation to the Zoom call, please register.

Nativity Prayer List

We remember the sick and suffering in our community
Alice, Barbara, Betty, Bill, Carol, Dee, Diane, Don, Jack, Jane, Karen, Kelly, Marion, Maxine, Nancy, Stephen, Steve

We pray for our friends, family, and neighbors
Anna, Arybella, Bob, Caroline, Danielle, Danny, Dave, Emma, Gabe, Gemma, Henry, Jackson, John, John, John, Kelvin, Licia, Michelle, Roy, Roy, Sara, Sissy, Vivian

We pray for those expecting a child
Annelise and Lennox, James and Emily. We celebrate the birth of Hunter Alexander Sopko, son of Adam and Sarah and great nephew of Ailsa Tessier

We pray for those preparing for marriage
Taylor and Drew

We pray for those who have died
James Christiansen

If you would like to add someone to the Nativity prayer list, please email Bradley.

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