

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



December 2008



2008 CHRISTMAS EVENTS

PASTOR TROY

The Christmas season is here, and our church would love nothing more than for you to share in the worship and special events that we have planned at EPC. Our hope is that this year you will be surprised by the wonder of what is continuing to do through his church in the power of Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please schedule these events and bring your friends and neighbors, as we participate in the real meaning of this season - the truth that God became flesh and dwelt among us.

November 30 - First Sunday in Advent

Morning Worship, 10:30 am: Lighting of the First Advent Candle

December 7 - Second Sunday in Advent

Morning Worship, 10:30 am: Lighting of the Second Advent Candle / Lord's Supper.

December 14 - Third Sunday in Advent (Two Events)

Morning Worship, 10:30 am: Lighting of the Third Advent Candle. This Sunday we will be having our annual Children's Program entitled: *Away In A Manger*.

Special Christmas Dinner, 4:30-7:00 pm: This year we will have a special Christmas Dinner at the newly remodeled Escalon Community Center. The city has graciously offered us the use of the Community Center in appreciation for EPC hosting the community Senior programs while the center was being remodeled. This will be a special evening with a program for all ages - see signups in the Faith Center in the coming weeks. The sign-ups are needed so that we can get an approximate count of the number of people attending. We have a number of teams set up to put the event together, to lighten the load and to ensure that your evening there will be a relaxed and enjoyable affair. Please bring family, friends, neighbors to this unique event - all are welcome!

December 21 - Fourth Sunday in Advent (Two Events)

Morning Worship, 10:30 am: Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle. This Sunday the Chancel Choir will be leading us in worship, which includes the Christmas Cantata entitled: *And Glory Shone Around*.

Christmas Caroling, 4:00-6:00 pm: Join us as we travel to houses in the community of Escalon, singing Christmas carols - followed by hot drinks and snacks in the Faith Center.

December 24 - Christmas Eve

Evening Worship, 5:30 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight service of Lessons and Carols

We hope to see you there and to enjoy this special season together, as we remember Jesus' coming to earth and learn what it means to live as Christians because of it.