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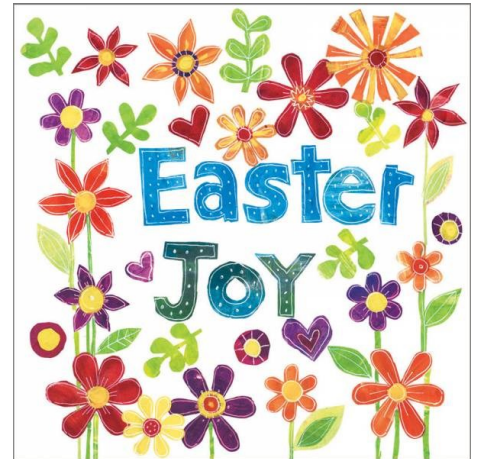
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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May 2019 Newsletter

Sustaining Easter Joy....

That old children's song "April showers bring May flowers" reminds us that sometimes we must endure dark days, but there is always the hope of great joy when those dark days end. This year, the arrival of May means that our celebration of Christ's Resurrection on Easter was only 10 days ago, yet we continue to feel the warm light of the Risen Christ on our faces and in our lives. We celebrate Easter for 8 weeks, until the Feast of Pentecost (this year on June 9), but in truth, every day we awake in gratitude and remember Christ's victory over death. Jesus gives himself on the cross so that we may be reconciled with God, who forgives all our sins for Jesus' sake.



The memory of our Easter festival may fade like May flowers, but Christ's love for us never fades. Jesus promises us that he will never forget or abandon us, and in baptism he has claimed each of us by name. How can we sustain this miraculous Easter joy? By obeying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor; by serving God and neighbor, we can live out the joy given to us through the unselfish, unconditional love of Christ, our Lord and Savior. Christ is Risen, and he raises us up, too, so we may proclaim God's love to the whole world. Alleluia!

Peace to all here. — *Pastor Monica*

Epiphany Revealed...

In this and the next few newsletters, look for the blue "word bubbles" like the one on the right to find out a little more about the people with whom you worship - who they are, what they like, their habits, likes, loves and more! Enjoy your "treasure hunt!" - truly you are all treasures in the eyes of the Lord!



Epiphany's Core Values — Faithfulness, Inclusion, Love

Our Guiding Principles

We accept and appreciate your presence.

We serve everyone.

We grow personally through the word of God.

We are God's hands, feet, and voice to serve our community.

We rejoice and share in the love of God.

Our Purpose — to welcome all, sharing God's promises and love through our actions.

Choir Practice Continues

Thanks to our wonderful choirmaster Hector and the whole choir for the beautiful music at Easter! We will be rehearsing every Sunday until June 9th at 9:15 am.



All are welcome - come make a joyful noise!



**Together
in
Spirit**

2019 ELCA Southeastern Synod Assembly

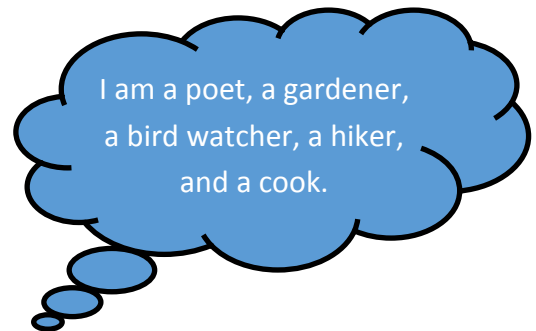
**Forward
in
Faith**

The 2019 Southeastern Synod Assembly will take place from May 31 - June 2, 2019. Pray for discernment for those who are called to stand as nominees and those who are called to serve as voting members. We pray for the new bishop who is elected to serve and for Bishop Gordy as he embarks upon a new chapter in his life. We offer our prayers of thanksgiving for the families of Bishop Gordy and the Bishop-elect for their roles in this journey.

A big thank you to all you participated in our Lenten Online Bible Study and our Lenten Photo Challenge! You offered wonderfully insightful comments on the seven Psalms in the study, and the photos chosen for the challenge beautifully represented the words and spirit of those psalms.

Save the Date!!

“Brunch Church” Sundays June 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21 at 10 am
Collierville Food Pantry Volunteers needed in June every Thursday from 8:30 - 11:30 am. See Andria Prouty for more information.



Service Opportunities



But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ~James 1:22

Upcoming Outreach/Evangelism Opportunities

Date	Activity	Contact
May 4	Making Bee Houses at the Garden	Jennifer Parker
May 19	Casserole Drive for Trinity/Peace	Becca Schumacher
June 6, 13, 20, 27 (8:30-12)	Volunteer at Collierville Food Pantry	Candy Knight & Andria Prouty

Worship Servants - a variety of ways to participate in Sunday morning worship. [Sign up here](#), add our name to the clipboard available on Sunday mornings, or [contact Carol Webster](#) to sign up.

Epiphany Community Garden - **Welcome to spring! We are now working regular garden hours - please come help us grow by volunteering your time on Wednesday and Saturday morning from 8:30 - 11:30 am! [Donate here](#) to help the garden grow - help us fund our efforts for 2019 and beyond!**

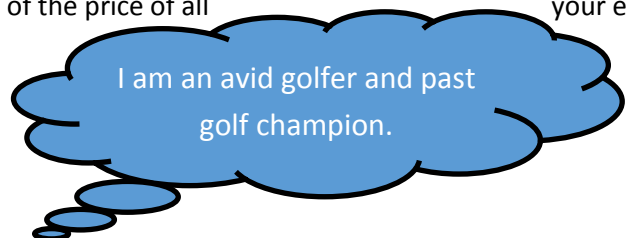
Room In The Inn (RITI)

Volunteers will be needed to help serve and cleanup, and help make the sack lunches the guests will take with them Tuesday morning, as well as to pick up sheets and towels on Tuesday to launder and return to Kingsway within the week. If you have never participated in RITI, you will find it to be a most meaningful experience as a volunteer. ***The RITI program will resume again in November.***

Collierville Connected Resource Center (CCRC) - Epiphany is a coalition partner church with the Collierville Connected Resource Center which provides job skills training such as basic computer operation, resume assistance, help with job applications and interview skills, and offers job search tips for unemployed persons. Without at least two volunteers present, the Center cannot open due to Safe Church practices. If you have an hour to spare, CCRC could use your help. Hours are Tuesdays, 9 - 11:30 am and 4 - 7 pm; Thursdays 9 - 11:30am; Saturdays 9 -11:30 am. A one-hour light training session is provided. The CCRC is located in the basement of Sanctuary on the Square, 104 N. Rowlett St., Collierville. See Pastor Monica to volunteer or for more information.

Amazon Smile - Don't forget! Sign up for [Amazon Smile](#) - 0.5% of the price of all your eligible Amazon purchases go directly to Epiphany!

Kroger Community Rewards - [Click here to register](#) with Kroger's Community Rewards program. We are registered as Epiphany Lutheran Church, organization #39854.





We had a wonderful Palm Sunday potluck luncheon! Thanks to all who prepared food, helped set up and clean, and enjoyed fellowship! A special thank you to the Fellowship Team for hosting the luncheon.

I am a breast cancer survivor



A big thank you to Bill & Jennifer for working the Collierville Volunteer Fair at the Collierville Library!



Thanks to the Kiwanis Club for asking Pastor Monica to speak recently about the importance of Holy Week to Christians and Jews.

I love tackling challenges and questioning everything.



It was definitely a "polka-dot kinda day" on Easter Sunday!



**Happiest of Birthdays
and God's Blessings!**

- Jim Bryson
- Steve Rife - May 1
- Wally Knight - May 3
- Phil Goetz - May 8
- Prannoy Lankapalli - May 15
- Dan Marzahl - May 17
- Gideon Waddell - May 21
- Emmy Crone - May 28

Have we missed **your** birthday?
Please send the month/day
to Pastor Monica so you can be included!



Blessings & best wishes to Epiphany
members Meagan & Adam Waddell,
married 4/27/19!



Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

An enormous thank you to everyone at Epiphany for your kindness following my recent hip replacement! I cannot tell you how much I appreciated all the calls, e-mails, wonderful cards and good wishes - it truly warmed my heart.

I am still in physical therapy, and working toward a full recovery, but am happy to be back at work, and look forward to introducing you hopefully soon to the new and improved Epiphany website I am working on!

Thank you for embracing me as part of the Epiphany family!

I won a silver medal in the Senior Olympic Games in Louisville, KY and an All-American Certificate in the Senior Olympic Games in Cleveland, OH.

I am an army vet, and served for 2 years during the Viet Nam war. I was in Korea while others fought the Tet offensive — I am fortunate.

Upcoming Events & Activities

Bee House Build & Spring Blessing of the Garden 5/4

See flyer on next page and share with friends, family, coworkers and neighbors!



Spare Change Sunday May 5th

As we continue to support the Collierville Food Pantry as part of our outreach and mission efforts, we are instituting "Spare Change Sunday" the first Sunday of every month, beginning May 5. This effort is in addition to providing the pantry with fresh produce from our Community Garden. The Confirmands will decorate a metal pail and take turns passing it around during the offering for you to add loose change, or bills, in lieu of purchasing food items. This will provide the food pantry with the cash to purchase the items most needed. Thank you for your ongoing support of this important outreach!

Casserole Drive May 19th

Epiphany will be collecting frozen casseroles to take to Trinity Lutheran Church in a mission to feed the hungry. Please bring your casserole that Sunday morning and give to Becca Schumacher. Any questions call Becca at 843-422-4066. Thank you all for your help!

I am a big recycler, repurpose-creative person, that enjoys growing herbs.

Come Grow With Us!



Garden work days are here! Come join us every Wednesday and Saturday from 8:30 - 11:30 am (weather permitting).

MOE MOE (Men of Epiphany)
men of epiphany **Saturday, May 11**

The Men of Epiphany (MOE) will meet at 8:30 am at IHOP in Collierville for breakfast, fellowship and devotion. Please join us!

Collierville Youth Fishing Rodeo May 11th

Youth Fishing Rodeo

Saturday, May 13

W. C. Johnson Park

Mark your calendars for the Collierville Youth Fishing Rodeo at W.C. Johnson Park on Saturday, May 11th from 9 am to noon. MOE (Men of Epiphany) will gather at 7:30 AM that morning to set up and manage the registration area for the rodeo and also help with the weigh-in at the conclusion of the event. We need 8 - 10 volunteers - please [contact John Crossmock](#) for more information or to sign up as a volunteer!

For more information, see the flyer on page 8.

Bee House Build & Spring Blessing of the Garden



May 4, 2019
9 am - Noon
Free Family Event!
All Are Welcome!

Please join us for the spring kickoff event for the Epiphany Community Garden! Everyone who attends can build a mason bee house to take home (Hint: Perfect for a Mother's Day gift!), along with instructions on where to place the bee house in their own yard or garden for best results. Light refreshments will be served; bring your own lawn chair!

Other Activities

- Spring Blessing of the Garden by Pastor Monica Weber
- Garden Tour - see what we produce and donate to local area agencies and how you can volunteer!
- Find out more about the Epiphany Blessing Box built by local Scout Prannoy Lankapalli for his Eagle Scout project

Please invite your friends and family to join us as well!



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Youth



Fishing Rodeo

Saturday, May 11th

W. C. Johnson Park
419 W. C. Johnson Park Drive

This is a free children's fishing rodeo open to children ages 12 and under. Prizes and trophies will be awarded for winners in each age category: 6 and under, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12. All participants must bring his/her fishing pole and bait; a fishing license is not required.

Collierville First Pentecostal Church will be distributing free bottles of water.

For more information, please call:
Jennifer Taylor at (901) 457-2770.

Registration: 8am - 9am
Fishing: 9am - 11am
Weigh-in: 11am

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May 2019 Calendar of Events

(Please [check our calendar online](#) for the most up-to-date information)

Wed 5/1	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 5/4	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 9 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday Bee Houses at the Garden (see p. 7 for more information)
Sun 5/5	9 am - Bride's Room/Schaeffer Chapel 9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am	SPARE CHANGE SUNDAY! Confirmation Class Choir Practice Third Sunday in Easter - Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship T2 Council & Team Meeting w/ Wayne Fell (lunch)
Wed 5/8	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
5/10 - 17		Pastor Monica on vacation with son Noah
Sat 5/11	7:30 am - W.C. Johnson Park 8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 8:30 am - IHOP Collierville	Collierville Jr. Fishing Rodeo (see page 8 for more information) Community Garden Workday Men of Epiphany Study & Fellowship (MOE)
Sun 5/12	9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Kingsway Fellowship Hall	NO CONFIRMATION CLASS Choir Practice Fourth Sunday in Easter - Service of the Word Coffee Fellowship
Wed 5/15	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 5/18	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 5/19	9 am - Bride's Room/Schaeffer Chapel 9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	CASSEROLE DRIVE FOR TRINITY! Confirmation Class Choir Practice Fifth Sunday in Easter - Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
Wed 5/22	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 5/25	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 5/26	9 am - Bride's Room/Schaeffer Chapel 9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	Confirmation Class <i>(Last one before summer!)</i> Choir Practice Sixth Sunday in Easter - Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
5/28 - 6/2		Pastor Monica attend SE Synod Assembly/Synod Council Meetings
Wed 5/29	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday



May 2019 Worship Servants

	5/5	5/12	5/19	5/26
Altar Setup	Phil & Lori Goetz	Lori Goetz	Carol Rife	Becca Schumacher
Altar Cleanup	Phil & Lori Goetz	Lori Goetz	Carol Rife	Becca Schumacher
Assisting Minister	Wendell Kruse	Carol Rife	John Garner	
Lector	Diane Kruse			
Greeter/Usher	John & Lori Crossmock			
Communion Assistant	Andria Prouty	Twila Hooverson	Martha Garner	
Communion Linens	Jennifer Parker	Twila Hooverson		
Coffee	Jennifer Parker			
Council Host	Phil Goetz	Ed Schumacher	Chris Kelyman	Andria Prouty
Council Money	Wally Knight	Lori Crossmock	Dan Scherf	Chris Kelyman
Confirmation Chaperone	Marjorie Barnard	Andria Prouty		

Worship Servants Needed!

[Please sign up](#) at least four weeks in advance if possible in order to assist in planning. You may also [contact Carol Webster](#) for assistance in signing up. Thank you!



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