

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

April 2020 Newsletter

A Message from Pastor

Dear Epiphany Friends,

I hope and pray this note finds you well as you shelter in place, home school, work from home, or go out to serve as a needed support person for the rest of us. Whatever your status may God be with you.

This week we read “Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest heaven.” This is what the people shouted on Palm Sunday as Jesus road into Jerusalem on a donkey. They waved palms as a sign of triumph and victory and put their cloaks on the road in front of him. They welcomed him as their Messiah that day.

I hope and pray that as we draw closer to the end of Lent and to Holy Week that you are more open to spiritual things and are ready to welcome the Christ into your heart in a deeper more meaningful way.

We'll be conducting our online worship services on Zoom during Holy Week (please see page 4 of this newsletter for information and instructions) and for the month of April. If you need assistance figuring out Zoom, please call me at 815-980-8993.

Grace, peace and prayers, *Pastor TroyAnn*



Herr Nikolai Von Klaus (aka Nickee) at our antique prayer bench. He felt right at home being the “Amen Choir” for our prayer time during last week’s FaceTime service.

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.

Epiphany Financial Update

The Epiphany Council wants to keep everyone informed about how we are doing financially. This month we will take a look back at February 2020.

	February			2020 - Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenue	8,480.47	10,985.84	-2,505.37	22,231.42	21,971.68	259.74
Expenses	12,009.01	12,566.11	557.10	25,619.05	25,132.22	486.83
Net	-3,528.54	-1,580.27	-1,948.27	-3,387.63	-3,160.54	-227.09

The February numbers exceeded the projected February budget deficit by \$1,948.27.

The YTD numbers exceed the projected 2020 budget deficit by \$227.09.

Even though we are not meeting in person, our expenses continue. As always, you may mail your check to Epiphany (see address below) or give via ACH bank draft ([click here for instructions](#)).



We are now accepting donations, offerings and payments to special funds (Easter lilies, Pastor Tonie's gift fund, and Outreach Mission Grant) through PayPal. [Please visit our website](#) and click on the PayPal button at the top of the home page to donate. (You may have to refresh your website or delete cookies to use the button more than once.)



You may mail checks to: Epiphany Lutheran Church. P.O. Box 1805, Collierville, TN 38027

Please consider a gift for Pastor Tonie Robinson of Peace Lutheran Church. You may note it on your check or choose that option when paying with PayPal. Thank you.

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.



Please Help - Outreach Mission Grant

Through the Transition Committee's work with Rev. Patti Axel at the Southeastern Synod, we have learned about an opportunity to receive a matching grant for outreach. I recognize that everyone is focused on the here-and-now with COVID-19, but it will eventually pass and the Transition Committee is making plans for our future. We are thinking about focused advertising on segments of the community aligned with our beliefs by being a sponsor at Germantown Community Theater, Powell Community Theater in Collierville, and maybe GPAC (as a stretch goal). Pastor Patti agrees that this is a potentially cost-advantageous way to bring in new visitors.

Now for the part where you come in. Council has identified some areas of the budget that can be used as seed funds, but we need more from the congregation to make the matching grant meaningful. Therefore, I am asking you to either go to the Epiphany website (epiphanylu.org) to make a donation via Paypal or a credit card (make sure you choose Outreach Matching Grant from the dropdown list) or you can write a check (put Outreach in memo) and send it to our mailing address (PO Box 1805, Collierville, TN 38027).

I need to submit the matching grant paperwork by April 14 so time is of the essence. If you do write a check, it would be a good idea to let Lori Crossmock (epiphanytreasurer1@gmail.com) know in case it is in transit when we submit. If you have any questions, please let me know (plmeagoetz@bellsouth.net).

Phil Goetz, Council President

Palm Sunday



What if everyone on Sunday April 5 in the morning, puts a branch on the door of their house or on the window, to celebrate Palm Sunday?

It could be any green branch you can get. This would help, despite the social distancing, to be connected as we enter into the Holiest of Weeks.

We may be physically isolated, but not separated. We are united as the body of Christ. We are the Church.

(Thanks to the [Missionaries of the Holy Spirit](#) for the idea!)

Show Us Your Easter Finery!

Since we can't be together in person for this year's Easter Worship Service, we're going to do a virtual "Easter Parade!"

Send in a picture of yourself and your family wearing the Easter attire you'll be sporting for our online Zoom worship service (will it be a special Easter bonnet? A spring dress or suit? Your sweatpants or jammies?) to Carol Webster by April 14, and we'll put together a collage or slide show for you!

[E-mail Carol Webster](#)



*Easter dresses for online
church this year*



Holy Week Schedule

April 5 Palm Sunday

Online Worship Service & Coffee Fellowship via Zoom - 10 am

April 10 Good Friday

Online Worship Service via Zoom - 7 pm

April 12 Easter Sunday

Online Worship Service via Zoom - 10 am

Please follow the instructions below for worshipping with us via Zoom. We will be sending out a link after each service for those cannot join us on Zoom at that time. Contact Carol Webster or Pastor TroyAnn if you have any questions or need assistance.

Palm Sunday

[Palm Sunday Zoom Instructions](#)

[View or download the prayers and readings for the April 5, 2020 worship service here.](#)

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://zoom.us/j/197956275](https://zoom.us/j/197956275)

Meeting ID: 197 956 275

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799



Good Friday

[Good Friday Zoom Instructions](#)

The Last 7 Words of Christ

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://zoom.us/j/618239449](https://zoom.us/j/618239449)

Meeting ID: 618 239 449

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799



Easter Sunday

[Easter Zoom Instructions](#)

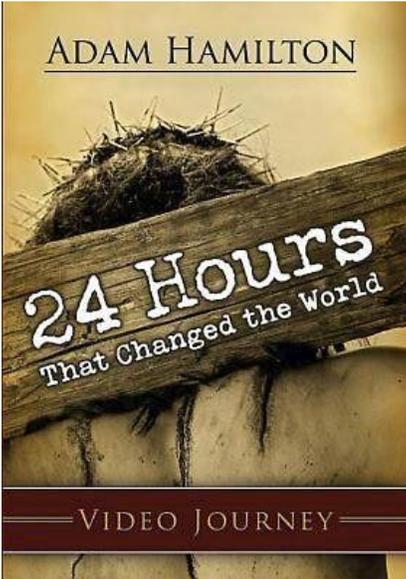
Hallelujah, He Is Risen!

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://zoom.us/j/489651434](https://zoom.us/j/489651434)

Meeting ID: 489 651 434

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799





Wednesday Night Online Lenten Fellowship & Study

What a difference a day makes. You hear people say that phrase all the time. It could not be truer than when talking about the last day of Jesus' life. In *24 Hours That Changed the World*, Adam Hamilton will help you experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death like never before. He retraces the day that changed human history in his usual straightforward yet easy, conversational style that speaks to both long-time Christians and those who are simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion.

Please join us for this online study led by Pastor TroyAnn on Zoom!
[Take a minute to preview the DVD for this study!](#)

April 1 - Chapter 5 - *The torture and humiliation of the Christ*
Click this link to join the Zoom session - <https://zoom.us/j/803253300>
Meeting ID: 803 253 300

April 8 - Chapter 6 - *The Crucifixion* (Click this link to join the Zoom session - <https://zoom.us/j/996109336>
Meeting ID: 996 109 336 (Call-in number: 312 626 6799)

April 15 - Chapter 7 - *Christ the Victor* (Click this link to join the Zoom session - <https://zoom.us/j/412368677>
Meeting ID: 412-368-677 (Call-in number: 312 626 6799)

Wednesday Nights April 1 - April 15 at 7 pm via Zoom

[Please join our Facebook Group](#) - we will be posting private and confidential updates here as needed including prayer requests. We can also host discussions - this is a great way to stay connected to and communicate with everyone in our church family who is on Facebook. If you have Facebook friends who are congregation members and have not yet joined this group, please invite them to join!



MOE (Men of Epiphany) Study & Fellowship April 11th is Canceled

Due to the Covid-19 virus, the MOE meeting for April 11th has been canceled. We hope everyone is staying healthy and sheltering in place at home as much as possible. We hope to see you in May!



Final Spring Gals of Epiphany Study On April 18th via Zoom!



Please join us (and invite a friend!) for the final session of the Gals of Epiphany (GOE) Spring Bible Study on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 9 - 11 am. We will be meeting via Zoom and discussing the book *Christ of the Celts - The Healing of Creation* by J. Philip Newell.

Click this link to join the Zoom session: <https://zoom.us/j/792644667>
Meeting ID: 792 644 667 (Call-in number: 312 626 6799)

Easter Lily Order Form - Deadline April 6!



It's not too late to order your Easter Lilies - limited quantities available! The cost this year is \$12 per plant. Please make checks payable to Epiphany Lutheran Church or pay via PayPal (click the donate link on the website and choose the option "Easter Lilies." Turn in your forms to Chris Kelyman - ***last day to order is April 6!*** Since we are not holding in-person Easter worship services, you will be able to pick up your lily on Good Friday at the home of Martha Garner. Contact Chris Kelyman (901.619.4708 or cabkelyman@aol.com) or Martha Garner (901.619.8939 or

mngarner@bellsouth.net) with any questions. We will be sharing a picture of all the lilies for Easter!

Name _____

No. of plants _____

Total \$ amount _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Check # _____



Pastor Ray baptizing his great-granddaughter Peyton Avery Adams!

L to R:
Pastor TroyAnn Pouloupoulos,
Riley Emerson (big sister already baptized by Pastor Funk)
Tyler Allen (Dad)
Alaina Brianne Adams (Mom) with Peyton
Beth Schnitkey (grandmother)
Pastor Ray Heilener (Great-grandfather)

Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Candy Knight - April 7

Greg Parker - April 11

Elijah Crone (Meagan & Adam) - April 24

Have we missed ***your*** birthday?

[Please send the month/day to Carol Webster](#)
so you can be included!



Epiphany Community Garden Update

The garden team has begun regular workdays on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:30 am - 11:30 am. The team will practice good social distancing procedures, and workdays may be canceled as necessary due to Covid-19 precautions or weather issues. [Please contact Wendell Kruse](#) with any questions!



During these times of COVID-19/Coronavirus, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton provides some thoughts as many of us are quarantined. [Click here](#) or click the picture to listen.



The digital threat of the coronavirus

Hackers. They'll use anything for their personal gain, and coronavirus is no exception. People are desperate to get their hands on up-to-date information, and desperate people are more likely to fall for a phishing scam... Current scams include please for help coming from pastors (including ours), industry-targeted e-mails, World Health Organization spoofs, remote worker e-mail scams, and access to coronavirus maps.

[Please take a moment to read this article](#) about some of these current scams and how you can best protect yourselves. The article also provides some links to legitimate sites providing information on Covid-19.

April 2020 Calendar of Events

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

Wed 4/1	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 7 pm - Via Zoom	Community Garden Workday Lenten Bible Study - 24 Hours That Changed The World
Sat 4/4	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 4/5	10 am - Via Zoom	Palm Sunday - Online Worship Service
Wed 3/11	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 7 pm - Via Zoom	Community Garden Workday Lenten Bible Study - 24 Hours That Changed The World
Fri 4/10	7 pm - Via Zoom	Good Friday - Online Worship Service
Sat 4/11	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 4/12	10 am - Via Zoom	Easter - Online Worship Service
Wed 4/15	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 7 pm - Via Zoom	Community Garden Workday Lenten Bible Study - 24 Hours That Changed The World
Thurs 4/16	7 pm - Via Zoom	Church Council Meeting
Sat 4/18	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 9 am - Via Zoom	Community Garden Workday Gals of Epiphany (GOE) Spring Study and Fellowship
Sun 4/19	10 am - Via Zoom	Second Sunday of Easter - Online Worship Service
Wed 4/22	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 4/25	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 4/26	10 am - Via Zoom	Third Sunday of Easter - Online Worship Service
Wed 4/29	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday



April 2020 Worship Servants



Since we are meeting online for the month of April, we do not need any worship servants. We are meeting virtually via Zoom, so if anyone would like to volunteer to do the readings for Good Friday (we need 6-7 readers) or any other Sunday in April, please [contact Pastor TroyAnn](#).

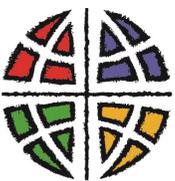
SignUp Genius remains up and ready for use as soon as we know when we are resuming in-person worship services at Schaeffer Memorial Chapel.

2020 Worship Servant SignUp Genius

The SignUp Genius for 2020 worship servants has been set up! Please try to sign up a few weeks ahead of time. If you need assistance, e-mail Carol Webster - she will be happy to help you sign up if you have any issues! [Sign up here](#). Want to know more about being a worship servant? [You can review the duties and guidelines here](#).



Please [send your prayer requests to Carol Webster](#). You may also [submit a prayer request online here](#). Thank you!



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God's work. Our hands.

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