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April 2021 Newsletter

New Worship Service Schedule and Information!

Exciting news! Beginning Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, we will begin worshipping in person on alternate Sundays. On Easter Sunday, in-person worship will take place at Collierville Presbyterian Church (CPC), located at 202 W. Poplar Avenue, Collierville, TN 38017. Worship will begin at 9 am (change from 10 am).

Social distancing and Covid protocols will be observed, and masks will be required; we will be following all Southeast Synod, CDC and CPC guidelines for safe worship.

In-person worship services will also continue to be offered via Zoom for those who are unable or unwilling to attend worship in person.

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Here is the worship schedule for the month of April:

April 4: Indoor worship at CPC at 9:00

April 11: Remote worship via Zoom at 9:00

April 18: Indoor worship at CPC at 9:00

April 25: Remote worship via Zoom at 9:00

We will offer Holy Communion at all in-person worship services.

Vicki Scherf will be contacting those who have volunteered to schedule specific services. If your vaccine regime has recently completed and you wish to join the volunteers, please [contact her](#).

As we work to adjust to our new worship location, and resume in-person worship, we want your feedback on how we can make things better! Please contact a member of the worship committee (Lori Goetz, Carol Rife, Lois Ketcham, Scott Fisher, John Garner, Anil Lankapalli, Vicki Scherf) to offer any suggestions.

We look forward to beginning some in-person worship soon, and continuing our online fellowship as well!

Peace In Christ, *Pastor TroyAnn*

April 2021 Worship Services

IMPORTANT: Worship time is changing from 10 am to 9 am Sunday morning, both for in-person and Zoom worship services. In-person worship services will also continue to be offered via Zoom for those who are unable or unwilling to attend worship in person. For in-person worship, social distancing and Covid protocols will be observed, and masks will be required; we will be following all Southeast Synod, CDC and CPC guidelines for safe worship. Communion will be offered at all in-person worship services.



Sunday Worship Schedule

April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday Worship Service - 9 am

In Person at Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87906004897](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87906004897)

Meeting ID: 879 0600 4897

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799

April 11, 2021 Worship Service - 9 am

Zoom Worship Service Only

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89136470935](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89136470935)

Meeting ID: 891 3647 0935

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799

April 18, 2021 Worship Service - 9 am

In Person at Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82499053751](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82499053751)

Meeting ID: 824 9905 3751

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799

April 25, 2021 Worship Service

Zoom Worship Service Only

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89689355709](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89689355709)

Meeting ID: 896 8935 5709

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799

Please see page 3 for information about Holy Week!



[Visit our website for an online listing of all Holy Week worship services!](#)

Collierville Presbyterian Church Maundy Thursday Worship Service - April 1, 2021 at 7 pm

Collierville Presbyterian Church is holding a Maundy Thursday worship service on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 7 pm. All are welcome! During this somber service, attendees will share communion in remembrance of The Last Supper followed by a moment to place their sins upon the cross. The service ends with the stripping of the sanctuary.

Collierville Presbyterian Church Gethsemane Watch Prayer Vigil April 1-2, 2021

Collierville Presbyterian Church (USA) has invited members of Epiphany Lutheran Church to join them in a Gethsemane Watch Prayer Vigil. The vigil will begin on Maundy Thursday (April 1) at 8 pm and continue through the night until Good Friday morning at 7 pm. Each hour during that time, two people are requested to sign up to be in prayer or reflection either at the church (the church will be open all night) or at home.

[Click here to sign up.](#)

Good Friday Tenebrae Zoom Worship Service - April 2, 2021 at 7 pm

Epiphany Lutheran Church will hold a Good Friday Tenebrae service on April 2 at 7 pm via Zoom. Please join us for a Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service at 7 pm via Zoom. The service of Tenebrae, meaning "darkness" or "shadows," has been practiced by the church since medieval times.

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86924992727](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86924992727)

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Southeastern Synod Good Friday Stations of the Cross - April 2, 2021

Leaders from throughout the Southeast Synod will be sharing 14 Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 2. These will be posted on social media (YouTube and Facebook) every 30 minutes, beginning at 7 am EST / 6 am CST. These reflections will be about 2 minutes each. [Click here for more information.](#)

Easter Sunday Worship Service - April 4, 2021 at 9 am

On Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, we will hold an in-person worship service in the Collierville Presbyterian Church sanctuary. You may also join the service remotely via Zoom

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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

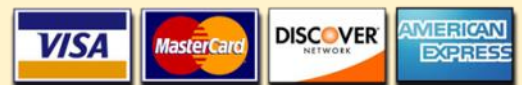
We did very well in February with both Revenue and Expenses. Tithing was higher than budgeted by more than \$600. Expenses were less than budgeted due to our continuing to only pay interest on our Home Place mortgage, not paying full rent while we are worshipping by Zoom, and other activities being curtailed by pandemic restrictions.

	Feb. 2021				2021 YTD		
	Actual	Budget	Net		Actual	Budget	Net
Revenue	\$ 10,786	\$ 10,156	\$ 629		\$ 22,358	\$ 20,313	\$ 2,045
Expenses	\$ 8,715	\$ 10,713	-\$ 1,998		\$ 17,359	\$ 20,693	-\$ 3,334
Net	\$ 2,071	-\$ 557	\$ 2,627		\$ 4,999	-\$ 380	\$ 5,379

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 also accept tithes and offerings as well as payments to special funds (Property Fund, Food Pantry Fund, ELCA Good Gifts) 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 also click on the PayPal logo here.

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



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



Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Candy Knight - April 7

Greg Parker - April 11

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

Please send the month/day to

Carol Webster

(carolepiphanylutheran@gmail.com)

so you can be included!



Synod News



Please visit our website page (<https://epiphanylu.org/synod-news>), where news from both the ELCA and the Southeastern Synod will be posted, as well as videos from both organizations.

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton offers her Easter message on YouTube. Click here to watch it! You may also read her message (and see a hymn from the ELCA's newest worship resource, *All Creation Sings*, about the transformation of Mary's grief into joy).

April 2021 Prayers



Every month, the ELCA provides its Prayer Ventures for member congregations. The link to the monthly prayers can always be found on our website on the Christian Education page, along with an ELCA Daily Bible Reading and Luther Seminary's God Pause Daily Devotion.

Here is the link for this month's prayers. These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our

neighbors, communities and world. You may also access our Epiphany Lutheran Church prayer list here.

I try to imagine what it must have been like on that first Easter morning when there wasn't the knowledge of the resurrection. When, instead, it was all about death and disappointment. And I imagine Mary Magdalene coming to the tomb in order to care for Jesus' body, to prepare it for burial. The story was over. The hope was gone. And then someone shows up in the garden, and Mary can't recognize him. Thinking that he's the gardener, she says, "Sir, tell me where you've taken the body so that I may bring it back here."

Imagine a woman, literally, thinking that she could carry the deadweight of a man. All of that grief, the heaviness of that physically as well as spiritually, and just then Jesus speaks her name. "Mary," he says, and her eyes are open. And she can see Jesus because she has been seen by Jesus. Her name has been called by the risen Lord, and now she is part of the resurrection story that happens for all of us in baptism. Jesus has called all of us by name and knows every one of us. And we too now are part of the resurrection story. Her mourning was turned into dancing.

I'm going to leave you with this hymn from our newest worship resource, *All Creation Sings*, about the transformation of Mary's grief into joy. Happy Easter, dear Church.



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Woman, Weeping in the Garden



1 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, who has
2 Wom - an, wait - ing in the gar - den, af - ter
3 Wom - an, walk - ing in the gar - den, Je - sus
4 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, weep for
5 Wom - an, danc - ing from the gar - den, find the



pushed the stone a - side? Who has tak - en Je - sus'
men have come and gone, af - ter an - gels give their
takes you by sur - prise; when the gar - d'ner calls you,
joy, for you have seen Je - sus, the Mes - si - ah,
oth - ers and pro - claim Christ is ris - en as he



bod - y, Je - sus Christ the cru - ci - fied?
wit - ness, si - lent - ly you watch the dawn.
"Mar - y!" faith and joy meet in your eyes.
ris - en; Christ, of whom the proph - ets dream.
prom - ised; tell the world he knew your name!

Woman, Weeping in the Garden

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Happy Easter, dear Church.



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What's Happening at Home Place

In March, we started working at the Community Garden again, and things are hopping (just in time for Easter!!) Our volunteer garden crew has gotten a lot done in just a few weeks. We've had a lot of rain recently, but we have also been fortunate to have some beautiful weather!

We have reworked the soil and tilled many of the beds to get them ready for planting. We've also worked in compost and shredded/mulched leaves. And we've already planted onion slips, turnip greens, radishes, peas, and potatoes! AND we performed maintenance and got the mowers and other garden tools ready to go!



Thanks to all our volunteers!
All are welcome to come work with us
Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:30 am - 11:30 am!

Winter Global Mission Project - ELCA Good Gifts

Thanks to you, our Winter Global Mission Project, the ELCA Good Gifts program, was a HUGE success! We raised a total of \$1,389.57 for this campaign; any undesignated funds were spent on larger gifts chosen by the Social Ministries committee. Here's what you purchased!

- Micro loans (2)
- Vocational training
- Water filters (2)
- Soap and Sanitation items
- Portion of an irrigation project
- Latrine
- Backpacks (5)
- School Supplies for backpacks (5)
- Community garden and bees combo
- Goat and chicks combo
- Piglets (3)
- Goats (3)
- Global Barnyard
- Chicks (2 batches)
- Roosters (3)
- Bees



Thank you to all in the congregation and friends who contributed to this very worthy cause - stay tuned to hear about more upcoming projects!



April 2021 Calendar of Events

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

Thurs 4/1	7 pm - CPC 8 pm - CPC or at home	Maundy Thursday Worship Service Gethsemane Prayer Vigil
Fri 4/2	7 pm - Via Zoom	Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86924992727
Sat 4/3	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 4/4	9 am - In Person - CPC 9 am - Via Zoom	Easter Sunday Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87906004897
Wed 4/7	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 4/10	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 4/11	9 am - Via Zoom	Second Sunday of Easter - Online Worship Service Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89136470935
Wed 4/14	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Thurs 4/15	7 pm - Via Zoom	Church Council Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84315897297
Sat 4/17	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 4/18	9 am - In Person - CPC 9 am - Via Zoom	Third Sunday of Easter - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82499053751
Wed 4/21	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 4/24	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 4/25	9 am - Via Zoom	Fourth Sunday of Easter - Online Worship Service Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89689355709
Wed 4/28	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 7 pm - Via Zoom	Community Garden Workday Social Ministries Committee Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89471582878

Gals of Epiphany

*Stay tuned to hear about our next study after Lent -
more information coming soon!*



MOE (Men of Epiphany) Study & Fellowship On Hiatus

The MOE meetings are currently on hiatus. We hope everyone is staying healthy and sheltering in place at home as much as possible.

April 2021 Worship Servants

We still need worship servants for our April 18 in-person worship - please consider volunteering! If you have any questions about serving for either in-person or Zoom worship, please contact [Vicki Scherf](#) or [Pastor TroyAnn](#).

Want to know more about being a worship servant? [You can review the duties and guidelines here.](#)



Worship Servant SignUp Genius



[2021 SignUp](#)

If you need assistance, [e-mail Carol Webster](#) - she will be happy to help you sign up if you have any issues!

[View current prayers](#)

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

Thank You!



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