



EPIPHANY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

August 2022 Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Desk

*You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
~Isaiah 9:3*

As the northern hemisphere turns toward autumn, I find myself reminiscing on the many years and experiences of this time of year.

I see the golden days of harvest back on the farm of my youth. There was joy at the harvest, as well as concern that rain wouldn't come when the grain was ready to be brought in. That the equipment wouldn't break down. That enough hands would be available to get the work done. That the days, long but noticeably shortening, would be long enough. That the market prices would be enough to make a decent living.

And for all that, there was joy. Joy at seeing the golden fields being swathed and combined and bough in. The straw baled and stored for animal bedding. Garden produce also harvested and frozen or canned. Preparations for the long winter ahead.

There was also planting and preparation for other new things. School would start soon; new clothes, new shoes, new supplies all needed to be gotten. Attitudes needed updating too; I'm no longer in that grade, but in the one higher. Trepidation and joy combined. Joy and trepidation also in the minds and hearts of parents watching their children grow so quickly.

Looking back, I see God's action in all of the days of harvest. The joy in growth and ripening of crops and of lives. We are called to care for creation, for each other, for work in the fields that feed us, no matter what our vocation.

And we are called to joy!

Blessings,

Pastor LaVonne



August 2022 Worship Services

Worship time is 9 am Sunday morning, both for in-person and Zoom worship services. We are worshipping in person! All in-person worship services continue to be offered via Zoom for those who are unable or unwilling to attend worship in person. Holy Communion is offered at all in-person worship services unless otherwise indicated. **MASK GUIDELINES: Epiphany and Collierville Presbyterian no longer require masks for in-person worship, but strongly encourage vaccines/boosters, and recommend masks for in-person worship. Thank you!**

Sunday Morning Worship Services

All Sunday worship services are held in person and via Zoom at 9 am at Collierville Presbyterian Church

August 7, 2022 Worship Service w/ Holy Communion - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022 Worship Service of the Word - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022 Worship Service w/ Holy Communion - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022 Worship Service w/ Holy Communion - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Zoom information for Sunday worship services in August

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095)

Meeting ID: 816 2793 2095

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799



August 2022 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.](#)

You may also access our Epiphany Lutheran Church prayer list [here](#). If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, [please e-mail Carol Webster](#).

Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Ray Heilener - August 6
Chris Kelyman - August 8
Olivet Lankapalli - August 10
Jennifer Sykes - August 21
Dan Scherf - August 27
Joann Wieland - August 27

Have we missed *your* birthday?

[Please send the month/day to Carol Webster](#)

(carolepiphanylutheran@gmail.com) so you can be included!



Christian Education Survey



With plans to begin education sessions in the fall, we'd love to know what you are interested in exploring, when and how sessions would work best for you, and what other thoughts you have about the plans. Please let us know what you are interested in and what you are willing and able to commit to. You may [complete the survey here online](#) or [download the form to fill in here](#). If you download the form, you may send it in to Pastor LaVonne or bring it to church.

Deadline is August 15th.

GAME NIGHT



Epiphany Pizza Party and Game Night!

Friday, August 26, 2022 from 6-9 pm
CPC Fellowship Hall

Get ready for a fun night with our Epiphany congregation and Living Word members! We will need help setting up and cleaning up, and we need several people to make cookies for dessert or bring bottled water and soda. And of course bring along your favorite board games!

Please [contact Becca Schumacher](#) to RSVP and volunteer as soon as possible.

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 2022 Financial Update

In June, Epiphany had another good month with tithing above budget and expenses below budget. Note that one family gave the rest of their yearly tithing in June. For 2022 YTD, Revenue is above budget (by 10%) and Expenses are under budget by 10%. However, our bank account totals are down due to payments from designated funds and accounts receivable.

	Jun-22			2022 YTD		
	Actual	Budget	Net	Actual	Budget	Net
Revenue	\$ 8,873	\$ 7,432	\$ 1,441	\$ 49,013	\$ 44,592	\$ 4,421
Expenses	\$ 8,445	\$ 9,419	-\$ 974	\$ 45,946	\$ 51,327	-\$ 5,381
Net	\$ 427	-\$ 1,987	\$ 2,414	\$ 3,067	-\$ 6,735	\$ 9,802

Donate

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)) 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 above.

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



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.





Town of
Collierville
TENNESSEE

[Click here](#) to find out what's happening in your town!

[Click here](#) to find
out what's
happening at
your local library!



Collierville
BURCH
LIBRARY

it's always **FUN** SEPT. 2 - SEPT. 11
at the
Delta Fair

Senior American Day
Wednesday, Sept. 7th

AGRICENTER WING A
Memphis, TN
DELTAFAEST.COM

SCHEDULE

9:30 AM - Marines Present Colors in Wing A

10:00 AM - Delta Fair Senior American Spelling Bee

10:45 AM - The Memphis Police Department Peacemakers

11:30 AM - Senior Talent Contest

1-3 PM - Annual Delta Fair Tea Dance with Jim Mahannah, Jr., Band

ALL DAY - Senior Vendors

FREE ADMISSION AND FREE PARKING SEPT 7th 9AM - NOON FOR AGES 60 AND UP!



[Click here to download an entry form for the Senior American Spelling Bee](#)

[Click here to download the guidelines and entry form for the Senior Talent Contest](#)

Bartlett Library

Meeting Room

5884 Stage Road
Bartlett, TN 38134

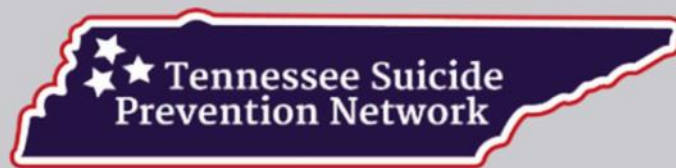
August 11, 2022

11am-1pm



[Click here to Sign Up](#)

QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) Gatekeeper Training for Suicide Prevention is a 1-2 hour educational program designed to teach lay and professional "gatekeepers" the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to respond. Gatekeepers can include anyone who is strategically positioned to recognize and refer someone at risk of suicide (e.g., parents, friends, neighbors, teachers, coaches, caseworkers, police officers). The training is delivered in person by a certified QPR gatekeeper instructor.



"Saving Lives in Tennessee"

TSPN.ORG

Social Ministries/Outreach News

Thank You



for your Kindness

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who brought socks for our summer sock ministry! The socks will be delivered in August to several different local ministries.

Fall Outreach Project - Calvary Rescue Mission

Calvary Rescue Mission is a non-profit, independent, faith-based shelter for homeless men in Memphis, TN. They serve two full meals a day, offer clothing to the homeless, have a 2,500 volume library, and provide nightly chapel services, counseling, a discipleship program, and lodging.



Calvary has volunteer opportunities to help with the evening meals. The staff is served at 5 pm and the clients are served at 5:30 pm. Meals can be prepared in the Calvary kitchen or prepared elsewhere and brought to the mission. We may also partner with Living Word Lutheran Church for this outreach project. Stay tuned for more information, and [visit the Calvary website](#) to find out more about the organization and what they do.

God's Work, Our Hands Shirts



God's work.
Our hands.

If you would like to have a God's Work, Our Hands T-shirt (we are looking at doing a blue shirt with the church logo and possibly the God's Work, Our Hands logo - a women's V-neck shirt and a regular T-shirt for men), please [contact Lois Ketcham](#) for more information.

Planning Ahead - Angel Tree for Peace Lutheran Church

This year, as we did two years ago, we will be doing an Angel Tree for Peace Lutheran Church again. Peace Lutheran will provide us with a list of recipients in a few months. Please contact Lois Ketcham and let her know if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile project.

Stay tuned for more information!



***Not everyone is your brother or sister in the faith,
but everyone is your neighbor, and you must love your neighbor.***

~Timothy Keller

Epiphany Community Garden

Come work with us on Wednesdays and Saturdays 8:30 - 11:30 am



We enjoyed a nice visit with
Pastor Ray on July 7th,
and hope to visit with him again soon!



Farewell from the Prouty Family!

Matt has taken a promotion and we will be moving to just outside of Syracuse, NY. We'll be about 3 hours from our hometown and all of our family. Our eldest, Evan, has decided to get an apartment and stay in Collierville to continue working at Chick-fil-A and finish his studies at the University of Memphis.

Please give our love to the congregation. They were so kind and welcoming to our family when we moved here and knew no one. Being a part of Epiphany was an amazing experience for us. Thank you and we wish the best for this special congregation!

The Prouty Family

August 2022 Calendar of Events

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

	Pastor LaVonne's Office Hours	Pastor LaVonne holds office hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays - please e-mail her to make an appointment.
Wed 8/3	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 8/6	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 8/7	9 am - CPC and Via Zoom	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
8/10 - 8/16	Pastor LaVonne on vacation	
Wed 8/10	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 8/13	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 8/14	9 am - CPC and via Zoom	10th Sunday after Pentecost Service of the Word Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Mon 8/15	7 pm - Via Zoom	Church Council Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85341174437
Wed 8/17	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 8/20	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 8/21	9 am - CPC and via Zoom	11th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 8/24	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 7 pm - Via Zoom	Community Garden Workday Social Ministries/Outreach Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82439156754 Passcode: 596978
Fri 8/26	6 pm - CPC Fellowship Hall	Pizza Party & Game Night
Sat 8/27	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 8/28	9 am - CPC and via Zoom	12th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 8/31	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday

hello,
august

August 2022 Worship Servants

Worship servants still needed for all Sundays in August - please consider volunteering!

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



Worship Servant SignUp Genius

[2022 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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God's work. Our hands.

Epiphany Lutheran Church

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