



EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

January 2022 Newsletter

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Welcome Pastor LaVonne!



We look forward to welcoming Pastor LaVonne Johnson to our congregation and Epiphany family!

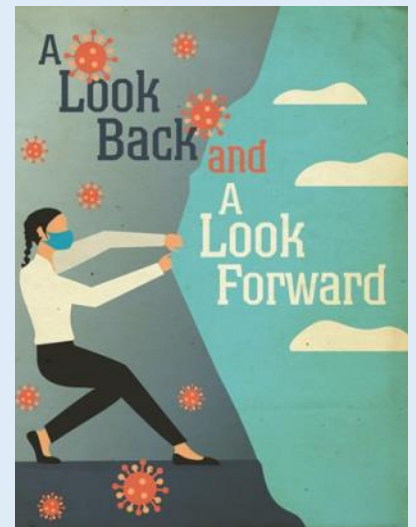
Pastor LaVonne has been serving congregations in the Rocky Mountain Synod, most recently in New Mexico. She is in the process of moving to Tennessee, and will serve as pastor to Epiphany

Lutheran Church as well as Living Word Lutheran Church in Arlington.

Pastor Lavonne says, *"The only good description of God I can come up with is Love. My experience and understanding of God grows bigger and bigger until there is no place that God is not. My passion and ministry is to articulate, share, and point to that great big, messy, loving God."*

A look back and a look forward How COVID-19 has impacted the ELCA—and where we're headed now

““[ELCA churches] have, traditionally, a dedication to community, to doing what's best and what's right, even when it's difficult to do.” [Read more....](#)



January 2022 Worship Services

Worship time is 9 am Sunday morning, both for in-person and Zoom worship services. 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. ***MASK GUIDELINES: With the dramatic increase in COVID-19 cases due to the Omicron variant, masks are "highly encouraged" per Shelby County Health Dept guidelines. Epiphany and Collierville Presbyterian very strongly encourage vaccines, and require 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**

January 2, 2022 Worship Service - Second Sunday of Christmas

January 9, 2022 Worship Service - Baptism of our Lord

January 16, 2022 Worship Service - Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 23, 2022 Worship Service - Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 30, 2022 Worship Service - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Zoom information for Sunday worship services in January

[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



January 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](#).

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

In November, both tithing and expenses were less than budget by a similar amount, so there was no significant change in Epiphany's overall finances.

	Nov-21				2021 YTD		
	Actual	Budget	Net		Actual	Budget	Net
Revenue	\$ 8,565	\$ 9,356	-\$ 791		\$ 115,848	\$ 106,121	\$ 9,727
Expenses	\$ 9,459	\$ 10,340	-\$ 882		\$ 100,651	\$ 115,630	-\$ 14,979
Net	-\$ 893	-\$ 984	\$ 90		\$ 15,197	-\$ 9,509	\$ 24,707

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.



Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Vicki Scherf - January 14
Dick Wieland - January 19
Beth Schnitkey - January 23
Praharsh Lankapalli - January 30

Have we missed **your** birthday?
[Please send the month/day to Carol Webster](mailto:carolepiphanylutheran@gmail.com)
(carolepiphanylutheran@gmail.com) so you can be included!



Thank
You

I write to express my heartfelt appreciation for the Christmas gift. I'm very grateful to all the members and look forward to our continued relationship. Happy New Year and God bless you all.

~Hector Johnson

Thank you so much for the very generous Christmas gift. I am so grateful to work together with all of you, and look forward to a wonderful 2022 as you continue to do God's work. Wishing you all a very joyous, happy and healthy New Year!

~Carol Webster

Southeastern Synod Disaster Response

Severe storms, straight line winds and tornadoes went through our area on December 10 - 11, 2021. We see the immense devastation in Kentucky. We grieve with the families who have lost loved ones and pray for those suffering injury and loss of homes from these horrible storms. In Tennessee many homes were severely damaged or destroyed as well. The needs are great. Right now people in both states are organizing to provide help for the survivors.

[Find out how you can help...](#)



SOUTHEASTERN SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

We need Outreach/Social Ministry Committee Members!

Help us help others! We are desperately in need of committee members to help us plan our outreach activities for the remainder of 2021 and into 2022! Please [contact Lois Ketcham](#) if you are interested in helping.



January 2022 Calendar of Events

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

Sun 1/2	9 am - CPC and via Zoom	Second Sunday of Christmas Service of the Word Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Thurs 1/6	7 pm - Via Zoom	Worship Committee Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84146093977
Sun 1/9	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	Baptism of our Lord Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Sun 1/16	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	Second Sunday after Epiphany Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Thurs 1/20	7 pm - Via Zoom	Church Council Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85341174437
Sun 1/23	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	Third Sunday after Epiphany Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 1/26	7 pm - Via Zoom	Social Ministries/Outreach Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82439156754
Sun 1/30	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095



Collierville
BURCH
LIBRARY

The Collierville Library has some great events planned for the new year! From painting a bookshelf (you can add the titles of the books you read in 2022 as the year goes by!), to puppet shows for children, to classes about understanding your 401k, preventing diabetes, and finding out about genealogy, there is something for everyone!

[Click here to find out more!](#)



January 2022 Worship Servants

Worship servants still needed for all Sundays in January - 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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