



EPIPHANY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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June 2022 Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Desk

Ecclesiastes 3

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

We've been through Advent and Christmas, Epiphany and Lent, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity. And now we enter the second half of the church year, the long green season: of growth. The season of the church, when we explore what it means to be church, to walk alongside Jesus. In places familiar and foreign.

The Thanksgiving for Baptism is replaced by the Confessions and Forgiveness; the Apostle's Creed is again used rather than the Nicene Creed; readings are again Old Testament-Psalm-Epistle-Gospel. We mostly go back to gospel readings from Luke; we haven't heard much from him since the Epiphany season.

It all seems familiar, comfortable, perhaps predictable. In some traditions these weeks are called 'Ordinary Time;' not ordinary as opposed to special, but ordinary because they are counted. Ordinal numbers.

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From the Pastor's Desk cont.

But let's not fall into the temptation of thinking these numbered weeks are less important than others. This is the season we the church, the body of Christ in the world, learn more, lean into our faith and calling, "Root Down and Bloom" as my brother sings (<https://soundcloud.com/duckfoot-johnson/root-down-and-bloom>).

Click here to listen.

This is the time for us, as community, to walk closer with Jesus and with each other. We do it for the sake of the world, to show God's love and care. Sacred journey, sacred work, sacred call.

Nothing ordinary about it.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor LaVonne

Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Diane Kruse - June 3
Twila Hooverson - June 15
Anil Lankapalli - June 30

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



Are you participating in Kroger Community Rewards?

Did you know that you could be raising money for Epiphany Lutheran Church every time you shop at Kroger? It costs nothing to join Community Rewards.

From February 1st to April 30th, we had 10 households who shopped at Kroger and received a total of \$38.43 in donations from this program. It may not seem like much, but every little bit helps!

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

June 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/or via Zoom) at 9 am at Collierville Presbyterian Church

June 5, 2022 Worship Service - Day of Pentecost (Service of the Word)

Wear RED for Pentecost!

June 12, 2022 Worship Service - Holy Trinity Sunday

June 19, 2022 Worship Service - Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022 Worship Service - Third Sunday after Pentecost

Zoom information for Sunday worship services in June

[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



June 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 2022 Financial Update

In April, tithing was above budget. Expenses were at budget. For 2022 YTD, revenue is slightly above budget (by 6%) and expenses are under budget by a more robust 11%. However, our bank account totals are down due to payments from designated funds.

	Apr-22			2022 YTD		
	Actual	Budget	Net	Actual	Budget	Net
Revenue	\$ 8,399	\$ 7,432	\$ 967	\$ 31,493	\$ 29,728	\$ 1,765
Expenses	\$ 7,987	\$ 8,019	-\$ 32	\$ 28,878	\$ 32,276	-\$ 3,398
Net	\$ 412	-\$ 587	\$ 999	\$ 2,615	-\$ 2,548	\$ 5,163

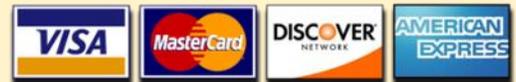
Donate

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.



Don't Forget to Wear RED for Pentecost on June 5th!

Wearing red on Pentecost is a great tradition: it's an outward sign of the inward transformation by the Holy Spirit in each of our hearts. As "tongues of fire" came to rest on these disciples on that first Pentecost long ago, we gather together and then leave still blazing with the fire of hope God offers all through God's Spirit. The red is a sign that the good news of Jesus came to all who were there in a language they could understand from people with whom they would not otherwise have communicated.



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



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REMEMBER

Juneteenth

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CELEBRATE

The Juneteenth (6/19) day of celebration commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, an observance dating back to June 19, 1865. Give thanks to God for the diversity of humankind and pray that God will help, guide and strengthen our commitment to work for the full inclusion of all people in the church, in our society and throughout the world.



On Father's Day (June 20th), give thanks and pray for fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, fathers struggling with parenting, and men without children of their own who serve as loving and caring adults in the lives of children and youth.

10 CELEBRATING YEARS

Epiphany Lutheran Church Celebrates Ten Years as a Congregation

Epiphany Lutheran Church was granted Congregational status on June 2, 2012 at the Southeastern Synod Assembly in Atlanta, Georgia. Pastor Lynda Ernst started Epiphany as a Mission Congregation in 2006 and lead our church until 2012. Pastor Lynda and her husband along with John and I were present for this honor which was presided over by Southeastern Synod Bishop Julian Gordy. Along with Epiphany, Spirit of Peace Lutheran in Richland Hills GA, Pastor Lynda's first mission start, was granted congregational status. This event was a very special to me in the life of Epiphany Lutheran Church. A big Thank You to Pastor Lynda Ernst who had the vision for Epiphany Lutheran Church. Please take time in June to celebrate our 10th anniversary as Epiphany Lutheran Church.
Submitted by Martha Garner



Social Ministries/Outreach News

Socks in the Summer!

For our summer outreach project, we will be collecting socks for Union Mission, Calvary Mission and Alpha Omega. There are tubs designated for this collection near Pastor's office at Collierville Presbyterian Church. You may drop donations throughout June and July. Thank you!



Help us Keep the Blessing Box Stocked!

We need help keeping the shelves at the Blessing Box at Home Place, a small food pantry for those in need of food, full! Please consider donating some non-perishable items to get our pantry fully stocked again - you can see the list of items needed [by clicking here](#).

Epiphany Community Garden

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



Unmute Yourself



Southeastern Synod Assembly
June 3-5, 2022

Southeastern Synod Assembly June 3-5, 2022

Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the Southeastern Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world. We hold Pastor LaVonne, and Wally & Candy Knight in our prayers as they travel to Chattanooga to represent Epiphany at the Synod Assembly.

Why do dogs live less than people??

By Mark Ferrell

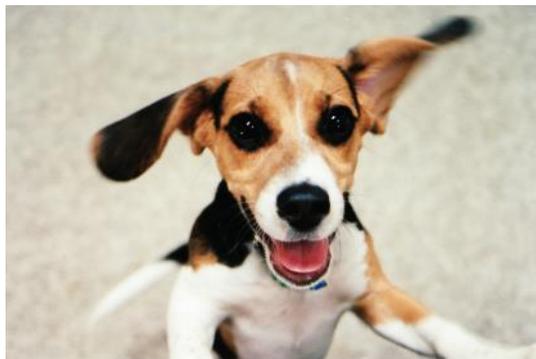


Here's the answer:

Being a vet, I was called to examine a 13-year-old Irish dog named Belker. The dog's family, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little 6-year-old Shane were close to Belker and expected a miracle. I tested the dog and found out he was dying of cancer. I told the family I couldn't do anything for him and offered to

do the euthanasia procedure at home.

The next day, I felt the familiar feeling in my throat when Belker was surrounded by family. Shane seemed so quiet, petting the dog for the last time and I was wondering if he would understand what was going on. In a few minutes, the animal fell peacefully sleeping to never wake up. The child seemed to accept Belker's transition without difficulty. We sat for a moment wondering about the unfortunate fact that dog life is shorter than human beings. Shane, who had been listening closely, said, "I know why."



What he said next surprised me: I had never heard a more heart-warming explanation than this. This moment changed my way of seeing life. He said: "People come into the world to learn to live a good life, like loving others all the time and being a good person, eh? Well, as dogs are already born knowing how to do all this, they don't have to stay as long as we do."

The moral of the story is: If a dog was his teacher, you'd learn things like: When your loved ones come home, always run to say hello. Never pass up an opportunity to go for a walk. Allow yourself the experience of fresh air and wind. Runs, jumps, and plays daily. Upgrade your attention and let people touch you. Avoid "biting" when just a "growl" would suffice. On warm days, lay on the grass. When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

And never forget: "When someone has a bad day, stay silent, sit close and gently make them feel like you're there..." This is the secret of happiness that, even if we don't realize, dogs teach us daily.

Submitted by Chris Kelyman



June 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 6/1	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 6/4	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 6/5	9 am - CPC and Via Zoom	Day of Pentecost Service of the Word Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 6/8	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 6/11	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 6/12	9 am - CPC and Via Zoom	Holy Trinity Sunday Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Mon 6/13	7 pm - Via Zoom	Church Council Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85341174437
Wed 6/15	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 6/18	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 6/19	9 am - CPC and via Zoom	Second Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 6/22	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
Sat 6/25	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 6/26	9 am - CPC and via Zoom	Third Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 6/29	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday



June 2022 Worship Servants

Worship servants still needed for all Sundays in June - 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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Epiphany Lutheran Church

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