



EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

October 2022 Newsletter

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A Word From Bishop Strickland on Generosity



Our culture measures blessing as money and has completely forgotten, or never known, that it is God who is the originator of blessing. God's not against money. Gather it up. Pass it out. We are living in the story of the abundance that God has provided for us. Spreading wealth, God made us who we are as God's people.

As the church---stewards of God's radically different message---we hold a sacred treasure of truth. To the fearful ones among us who read the daily front

pages, to the proud ones among us who promise us that our efforts will bring all that we need---to all of them and to us God offers fundamentally different news: God's abundance is unearned. God's generosity can shape ours. The life at the top of God's lifeline is fulfilling, rich, satisfying, enough. In this strange new-old time, we can "Make it Simple" by paying attention to God's abundance, and proclaiming it by our own abundant giving.

A steward is a person who takes care of precious property which is not his or her own. We own nothing in this world. Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. God does not need us to give to him. God has given everything to us, so that we want to give to others, as a response to God's love.

Thank you to each of you for all the ways you steward the mysteries of God's grace and for your generosity. In order for your church to continue equipping, empowering, and engaging all of God's people to love and serve; we need your continued support and stewardship.



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October 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. Thank you!**

Sunday Morning Worship Services

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

October 2, 2022 Worship Service w/ Holy Communion - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2022 Worship Service of the Word - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2022 Worship Service w/ Holy Communion - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022 Worship Service w/ Holy Communion - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 30, 2022 Worship Service w/ Holy Communion - Reformation Sunday

Zoom information for Sunday worship services in October

[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



October 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 August, tithing rebounded from the July low to be significantly above budget while expenses pretty well matched budget. 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.

	Aug-22			2022 YTD			
	Actual	Budget	Net	Actual	Budget	Net	
Revenue	\$ 10,785	\$ 7,432	\$ 3,353	\$ 65,175	\$ 59,456	\$ 5,719	10%
Expenses	\$ 7,130	\$ 8,019	-\$ 889	\$ 60,652	\$ 67,365	-\$ 6,713	-10%
Net	\$ 3,655	-\$ 587	\$ 4,242	\$ 4,523	-\$ 7,909	\$ 12,432	

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.



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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.



Giving our Time Using Our Talents & Sharing Our Treasure



October 2, 2022

1 Corinthians 4:2

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

October 9, 2022

Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

October 16, 2022

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

October 23, 2022

1 Timothy 6:18

Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.

A Fond Farewell to Bill & Jennifer Sikes



Epiphany bids a sad goodbye to our long-time members Bill and Jennifer Sikes. They are moving to West Virginia to be with their children and grandchildren. God bless you as you travel and settle in to your new home. You will be missed - please stay in touch!



Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Ed Schumacher - October 5th

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!



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Collierville
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out what's
happening at
your local library!



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Social Ministries/Outreach News

Our project for "God's Work our Hands" was very successful! On September 20th, Epiphany Lutheran Church members made casseroles and dinner for guests at Calvary Rescue Mission. On Thursday, September 22nd our sister church Living Word joined some Epiphany members in food preparation and serving to the guests at the mission. We fed approximately 40 people, including staff members. We prepared homemade casseroles, hot vegetables, salad, bread and brownies and got lots of thumbs up from the guests (who enjoyed 2nd and even 3rd helpings!!) Thank you to all who volunteered to help!



It's Pumpkin Patch Time!



Our next project will be helping CPC with their Pumpkin Patch project. This will be from October 16th (set up day - there will be a crew to unload and people to set up) through October 31st. Since this is in Collierville it will give our members many opportunities to help out. We record our hours and get paid for our time - the monies go to Epiphany! Please sign up and commit your time for this fun outreach event. Everyone is encouraged to dress in family-friendly costumes. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Disaster Volunteers Needed

There are many places in great need of extra hands to help people recover from disasters in GA, TN, MS and with our neighbors in KY. If you are interested in being a part of a Disaster Mission Team or would like help forming a disaster mission team in your congregation or deanery to go and assist after disasters, please [contact Pastor Morgan Gordy](#) and she will assist you in getting started and help get you connected with places to serve.



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.

Upcoming Events



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 1, 2022 @ 11 am
Living Word Lutheran Church

SAFETY: All animals must be leashed or in a secure carrier.

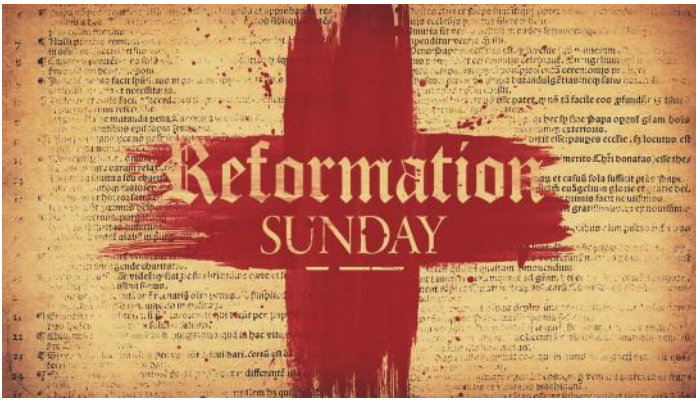


Coffee Hour & Fellowship following worship October 2 and 16th

Reformation Sunday October 30th

Reformation Sunday honors Martin Luther's bold action on October 31st, 1517. On that date Luther posted his statement of faith, known as the 95 Theses, on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, thus beginning the Protestant Reformation.

Please join us for worship that day at 9 am!



Epiphany Fall Gathering November 5th at 5 pm

Giving of our Time, Using our Talents and Sharing our Treasure

Our fall gathering/fellowship will be in the parking lot at Collierville Presbyterian Church. This is a time to celebrate our garden crew's success for this year's planting season and to fellowship with members and friends. Also, this will be the end of our 2023 Stewardship Campaign and your stewardship committee requests that everyone bring their pledge card to our gathering. Our main dish for our picnic will be fried chicken provided by the church; there will be a signup soon for members to bring sides. Also our own Roger Pace will provide live entertainment, as we have enjoyed his music for the last two years. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 5th.



Annual Christmas Party

Can you believe that the first Sunday of Advent is November 27th, and it's only 84 days until Christmas? We will hold our Annual Christmas Party at the home of Lois Ketcham on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 11 am - 1 pm. Brunch will be served and a menu will be out soon. We are looking forward to getting together to celebrate!

October 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.
Sat 10/1	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 11 am - Living Word Lutheran	Community Garden Workday Pet Blessing
Sun 10/2	9 am - CPC and Via Zoom 10 am Coffee Hour/Fellowship	17th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 10/5	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 10/8	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 10/9	9 am - CPC and via Zoom	18th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 10/12	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 10/15	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 10/16	9 am - CPC and via Zoom 10 am Coffee Hour/Fellowship	19th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
10/16 - 10/31	CPC	Annual Pumpkin Patch (see page 5 for more information)
Mon 10/17	7 pm - Via Zoom	Church Council Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85341174437
Wed 10/19	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 10/22	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 10/23	9 am - CPC and via Zoom	20th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 10/26	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
Sat 10/29	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 10/30	9 am - CPC and via Zoom	Reformation Sunday Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095



October 2022 Worship Servants

Worship servants still needed for all Sundays in October - 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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