



# EPIPHANY

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

## September 2021 Newsletter

### Newsletter

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### Koinonia Fellowship and New Commitments



The Greek word Koinonia is used in the New Testament to talk about the church's unique fellowship and to talk about our communion with each other as well as how we connect to Christ and the Holy Spirit thru Holy Communion. It is a word that is used to describe Christians common life in general. It describes how diverse groups like Jews and Gentiles were able to come together in Christ. As mentioned it talks of how we communion in the body and

blood of Christ with his essence and finally it can reference how we share in divine revelation and with God's self.

One of the things that COVID-19 has done to churches is scatter the flock and weaken the Koinonia or fellowship of the believers or members of a church. We've had some physically at church, some attending on Zoom, and some just getting out of the habit of regular attendance. When this scattering occurs, we miss each other as the church is meant to happen in community. We are meant by God to be in fellowship or Koinonia with one another. We can have our beliefs and they may hold strong, but it is in being part of a Christian community that we serve each other, and it is in community that we find Christian conversation and fellowship. This spiritual conversation should be deeper and different from the regular conversations of the day unless those other conversations are also with Christian friends and are on a spiritual level. Churches thrive when a congregation trusts each other well enough to share their joys and their concerns so that they might pray for one another.

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Churches thrive when all come together to love each other and to make plans as to how to best love their community together.

Right now, we are struggling with a new COVID-19 variant (the Delta variant) and some need to stay in and be extremely cautious, but if you are going to work and to other activities, might I suggest that church be one of those

activities. You are a part of the Epiphany body of Christ and when you aren't here when you could be, this body doesn't function as well as it can. You are missed. Now this is not to in any way push people who shouldn't be at church for health reasons to be here, but it is meant to encourage the rest of us to do our best to come and to be part of the regular worshipping body of Christ. It is also not meant to minimize the faithful commitment of those who do come regularly.

September is often a month of new beginnings. New plantings in your garden, new grades in school, new teachers, new clothes for the fall season are all things that happen in September. The summer vacation season also slows for many. It is also often a time when churches have back to church rallies and people recommit to regular church attendance. I encourage all members of Epiphany to recommit to regular church attendance hopefully in person, but if for health reasons that isn't a good idea, then we'll see you on Zoom.

Grace, peace, and prayers,

Pastor TroyAnn



### Lutheran Disaster Relief



The headlines are filled with the devastation from Hurricane Ida, which made landfall near New Orleans on Aug. 29 — exactly 16 years after Hurricane Katrina. As a strong Category 4 storm, Hurricane Ida's 150 mph winds, torrential rain and strong storm surge caused widespread flooding and wind damage in southeastern Louisiana and coastal Mississippi.

Please consider a gift to support survivors of Hurricane Ida. Gifts to "U.S. Hurricanes" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes until the response is complete.

[Click here to donate.](#)

## September 2021 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: Shelby County instituted a mandatory mask mandate on August 20th. It requires masks in all indoor public settings for people over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status. The Epiphany church council has approved mandatory masks for all upcoming worship services. Thank you!*** Also, please follow reasonable social distancing as much as possible.

*Please join us following the worship service for coffee fellowship - it's a great opportunity to meet and get to know our CPC friends as well!*



**All Sunday worship services are held in person (and via Zoom) at 9 am at Collierville Presbyterian Church followed by coffee fellowship!**

September 5, 2021 Worship Service - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021 Worship Service - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021 Worship Service - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021 Worship Service - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

### ***Zoom information for ALL worship services in September***

[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



### **Worship Servants Needed!**

Please [click here](#) to sign up to serve as a worship assistant at an upcoming worship service. We need assisting ministers/lectors, altar guild, greeters/ushers, PowerPoint and music tech assistance and help with coffee fellowship.

## 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

Tithing was slightly larger than budget in July. Expenses continue to be less than budget due to a renegotiated mortgage contract and other activities being curtailed by pandemic restrictions. In summary, July was another good month for Epiphany from a financial perspective.

	Jul-21				2021 YTD		
	Actual	Budget	Net		Actual	Budget	Net
Revenue	\$ 9,620	\$ 9,356	\$ 264		\$ 74,722	\$ 68,695	\$ 6,027
Expenses	\$ 9,361	\$ 10,690	-\$ 1,329		\$ 64,177	\$ 74,578	-\$ 10,401
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 259</b>	<b>-\$ 1,334</b>	<b>\$ 1,593</b>		<b>\$ 10,545</b>	<b>-\$ 5,883</b>	<b>\$ 16,428</b>

### 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, **God's Work, Our Hands**) 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. **From May - July, 10 households contributed \$34.60 to Epiphany!**





## Movie Viewing & Discussion



**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

Movie begins at 3pm EST / 2pm CST  
with discussion to follow

**Sign up at *ELCA-SES.org***



*This event is sponsored by the  
Diversity & Justice task force  
of the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA*

13th is a 2016 American documentary film by director Ava DuVernay. The film explores the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States;" it is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1865, which abolished slavery throughout the United States and ended involuntary servitude except as a punishment for conviction of a crime.



### **September 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.](#)

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](#).

HAPPY  
*Labor Day*

LABOR DAY

## September 2021 Social Ministries/Outreach Update

### God's Work, Our Hands Service Project

"God's work. Our hands" Sunday takes place on September 12, 2021. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

On Sunday, September 12, we will meet at Collierville Presbyterian Church at 1 pm for a service project to help beautify the grounds of the church with new plants on both sides of the walkways!

To prepare, we need to purchase a number of plants, as well as mulch. We will purchase a variety of plants, including Emerald Green Arborvitae, Stella De Oro Daylily, Wintergreen Boxwood, Purple Diamond Loropetalum, Big Blue Liriope, Emerald Gold Euonymus, and Compact Japanese Holly. The estimated cost of materials is \$800 - 900, and [donations can be made via PayPal](#) (please select the option "God's Work, Our Hands" when donating).

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Sept. 12  
2021



### 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.

### Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Rob Rife - September 2

John Kelyman - September 7

Linda Fisher - September 25

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!





***From Hector Johnson***

I write to express my sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the council and entire membership for the prayers, numerous cards, calls and financial support that I have received since my mum passed. Please extend my family and my personal gratitude to the council and members for their love and support.

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***From Steve & Carol Rife***

Dear Friends at Epiphany,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful pottery Loving Cup bowl. It was such a pleasant surprise to receive a gift from you! The bowl is lovely and unique - we love the colors and how they blend together. We will remember all of you every time we see it and use it.

We are settling into our new life: getting unpacked and finding places for everything. Rob visited to help us unpack – we are so happy to be closer to each other. We are meeting our neighbors who all seem very friendly. Most are about our age and either retired or close to it. We are looking forward to connecting again with the friends we left behind when we moved to Germantown.

Thank you again for thinking of us and for the beautiful bowl. We hope you will keep in touch!

Steve and Carol Rife  
47 Alexia Ct.  
Longview, WA 98632

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***From John and Lori Crossmock***

Dear Epiphany Friends,

Thank you very much for the unique Loving Cup! It will remind us of our time and friendships at Epiphany Lutheran.

As we settle into our new home, we wish Epiphany much success in the future.

Thanks again,  
John and Lori  
3109 Ironhill Dr.  
Springfield, IL 62711



## Epiphany Community Garden at Home Place is Thriving!

*Thanks to all our volunteers! Come work with us Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:30 am - 11:30 am!*



**2,230 pounds of fresh veggies harvested and donated to area ministries as of August 25th!**

A huge thanks to all of our volunteers who make our garden possible! We are currently in the planning stages for our fall crops - what do you think will be growing in our garden?

If anyone is willing to prepare seed tapes for the garden, please [contact Wendell Kruse](#) for more information.

VEGETABLE	PLANTING INTERVAL	SEED OR PLANT SIZE	ROWS BETWEEN	ROWS WITHIN ROW	DATE TO FIRST HARVEST	LENGTH OF HARVEST
Brown, Bush Bean	July 15 to Aug. 15	1/4 lb.	24 to 36	3 to 4	82 to 102	4 weeks
Broad Bean	July 15 to Aug. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Cabbage	July 1 to Aug. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Cabbage Choline	July 1 to Aug. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Cauliflower	July 1 to Aug. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Collards	July 1 to Aug. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Cucumber, Pickling	July 1 to Aug. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Cucumber, Slicing	July 1 to Aug. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Kale	July 1 to Aug. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Kohlrabi	July 1 to Aug. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Lettuce, Leaf	July 1 to Aug. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Muskmelon	July 1 to Aug. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Potatoes, Irish	July 1 to Aug. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Radish	Aug. 1 to Sept. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Spinach	Aug. 1 to Sept. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Squash, Summer	July 1 to Aug. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Tomatoes	July 1 to Aug. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Turnip Greens	Aug. 1 to Sept. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks
Turnip Roots	Aug. 1 to Sept. 15	66 plants	24 to 36	18	60 to 70	4 weeks



## September 2021 Calendar of Events

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

	10 am - 2:30 pm every Tuesday 10 am - 2:30 pm every Thursday	Pastor TroyAnn's Office Hours
Wed 9/1	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 9/4	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 9/5	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	15th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095</a>
Wed 9/8	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 9/11	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 9/12	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom  1 pm - Collierville Presbyterian	16th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095</a> God's Work, Our Hands Service Project
Wed 9/15	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Thurs 9/16	7 pm - Via Zoom	Church Council Meeting Join here: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89872071374">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89872071374</a>
Sat 9/18	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 9/19	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	17th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095</a>
Wed 9/22	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 7 pm - Via Zoom	Community Garden Workday Social Ministries Committee Join here: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89471582878">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89471582878</a>
Thurs 8/19	7 pm - Via Zoom	Church Council Meeting Join here: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89066624385">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89066624385</a>
Sat 9/25	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 9/26	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	18th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095</a>
Wed 9/29	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday



*GOE (Gals of Epiphany) and  
MOE (Men of Epiphany) meetings  
are currently on hiatus.*



## September 2021 Worship Servants

**Worship servants still needed for all Sundays in August** - please consider volunteering! If you have any questions about serving for either in-person or Zoom worship, please contact [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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God's work. Our hands.

Epiphany Lutheran Church  
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