



# EPIPHANY

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

## February 2020 Newsletter

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Sunday, February 16, is an extremely important day for the future of Epiphany Lutheran and for how it will proceed in the future. I am extremely excited that Bishop Kevin Strickland has chosen to share that day with Epiphany. He will lead worship, eat a box lunch with us and lead a follow-on conversation that will last a couple of hours. It will cover Epiphany's past, present and future. Bishop Strickland will also help Epiphany set some short term goals for this interim period. Bishop Strickland wants to hear from all of Epiphany's members and wants to hear all voices and opinions on each subject that he lays out for us to discuss.



Sometimes church leaders speak for the whole group and minority opinions or ideas do not get expressed. However, this is one conversation that will be set up by Bishop Strickland so that each person has a chance to express their thoughts and ideas so that he gets a true composite understanding of Epiphany. Sometimes the Spirit speaks through still, quiet voices or speaks when one voice adds an idea to another's voice. You just may be the voice that Epiphany most needs to hear to move forward as God is leading.

Consequently, as your Interim Pastor, I strongly urge each person to be present that day and plan on staying to the end. You matter! Your past experiences, your hopes and dreams, and your ideas matter to Epiphany's future. So, unless you have a very important prior engagement (such as your mother's 100th birthday celebration), please plan on being at Epiphany Sunday, February 16. This is not a Sunday to miss. Epiphany is the body of Christ and it is hard to be a whole body with parts missing. Epiphany needs you to be present that day.

In the interim, please, pray daily for Epiphany and its future direction. Praying and being open to the workings of the Spirit are the most important things you can do to prepare for this sacred time of conversation together.

Grace, peace, and prayers for all,

*Pastor TroyAnn*

### 2020 Worship Servant SignUp Genius

The SignUp Genius for 2020 worship servants has been set up! Please try to sign up a few weeks ahead of time. If you need assistance, e-mail Carol Webster! She will be happy to help you sign up if you have any issues. [Sign up here.](#)



## 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

The Epiphany Council wants to keep everyone informed about how we are doing financially. This month we will take a look back at December 2019 as well as the final 2019 year-end results.

	December			2019 - Year End		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
<b>Revenue</b>	13,966.83	11,327.50	2,639.33	148,113.14	135,930.00	12,183.14
<b>Expenses</b>	13,044.76	13,233.47	188.71	156,361.09	159,758.66	3,397.57
<b>Net</b>	922.07	-1,905.97	2,828.04	-8247.95	-23,828.66	15,580.71
The December financial results beat the projected budget deficit by \$2,828.04.				The 2019 financial performance was \$15,580.71 better than the projected budget deficit.		

### 2020 Council Members

Phil Goetz, President  
Wally Knight, Vice President  
Andria Prouty, Secretary  
Lori Crossmock, Treasurer

### Team Leaders

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### Pastor's Day of Rest

Pastor TroyAnn has changed her Sabbath from Monday to Friday beginning this week.

Thank you for respecting her time off!



## Pastor Tonie's Story

The Southeastern Synod recently shared Pastor Tonie Robinson's story and the ministries of Peace Lutheran Church and Trinity Ministries. [Take a few minutes to read](#) about the work being done (Epiphany is mentioned for its ongoing support of Trinity Ministries and its participation last Christmas in their Angel Tree program.

### Epiphany Annual Report

The 2019 annual report for Epiphany has been completed.

[You can review the report and download a copy here.](#)

Please note that our congregational reports meeting will be held on | February 23, 2020 immediately following the worship service (approximately 11:15 am). Plan to attend!



### Gals of Epiphany Study Continues February 8th!

Please join us (and bring a friend!) for the Gals of Epiphany (GOE) Spring Bible Study on Saturday, February 8th from 9 - 11 am in the Kingsway Library! Be prepared to discuss Chapters 1-3 of our book *Christ of the Celts - The Healing of Creation* by J. Philip Newell. Additional dates - March 14th and April 18th.

### MOE (Men of Epiphany) Study & Fellowship February 8th

Please join us for the monthly MOE (Men of Epiphany) meeting at 8:30 am on Saturday, February 8th for breakfast, fellowship and devotion. Meetings are held at the home of Beth Schnitkey, daughter of retired Pastor Ray Heilener. Please contact [Wendell Kruse](#) or [Carol Webster](#) if you are interested and need the address!



Please remember to pick up a prayer card from the ushers during worship service and hand them in during the offering.

You may also [submit a prayer request online here.](#)

Thank you!





### Upcoming Outreach/Evangelism Opportunities

Date	Activity	Contact
February 2	Spare Change Sunday!	
February 18	Room in the Inn Laundry Pickup	<a href="#">Sign up to help here!</a>

***But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ~James 1:22***

**Worship Servants** - a variety of ways to participate in Sunday morning worship. [Sign up here](#), add our name to the clipboard available on Sunday mornings, or [contact Carol Webster](#) to sign up.

**Epiphany Community Garden** - **The garden is at rest for the winter - all workdays will be on an "as needed basis."** [Contact Wendell Kruse for more information.](#)

**Room In The Inn (RITI)**

**Four volunteers are needed to pick up sheets and towels on the third Tuesday every month through March 2020** to launder and return to Kingsway by the following Sunday - **next date is February 18**. If you have never participated in RITI, you will find it to be a most meaningful experience as a volunteer. [Sign up to help here!](#)

**Collierville Connected Resource Center (CCRC)** - Epiphany is a coalition partner church with the Collierville Connected Resource Center which provides job skills training such as basic computer operation, resume assistance, help with job applications and interview skills, and offers job search tips for unemployed persons. Without at least two volunteers present, the Center cannot open due to Safe Church practices. If you have an hour to spare, CCRC could use your help. Hours are Tuesdays, 9 - 11:30 am and 4 - 7 pm; Thursdays 9 - 11:30am; Saturdays 9 -11:30 am. A one-hour light training session is provided. The CCRC is located in the basement of Sanctuary on the Square, 104 N. Rowlett St., Collierville. See Pastor Monica to volunteer or for more information.

**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.

### Chosen Vessel Ministries Needs Help!

Chosen Vessel Ministries has partnered with Bartlett United Methodist Church to provide a new permanent home for this ministry, The Green House. Over the last several weeks, youth groups and adult volunteers hauled away 4 truck-loads of stuff that was stored in the house, and removed much of the carpet. A youth group is scheduled to paint on Saturday, February 22. On Thursday, February 6, from 10 am - 3 pm, 10-12 volunteers are needed to help with |additional prep work - cleaning, removing window treatments, sweeping, scraping outside trim, etc. [Please contact Linda Barnes](#) if you can help!



## Next Room in the Inn on February 18th!

Once again, we will be helping Kingsway Christian Church with the Room in the Inn program. The Epiphany congregation will be responsible for picking up laundry on the third Tuesday of every month through March (February 18 and March 17). The goal is to pick up the laundry from the Allen Garner Sunday School room between 8 am and 11 am on Tuesdays, and return it by Sunday morning to the same place. Four volunteers needed for each date - [Sign up here to volunteer!](#)



A huge thanks to the Lankapalli family for livestreaming Sunday morning Epiphany worship services on Facebook! If you've missed a service this year, you can still see it! [Click here](#) to see all the Epiphany videos on Facebook.

## Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Jennifer Parker - February 1  
John Crossmock - February 13  
Becca Schumacher - February 13  
Meagan Waddell - February 21  
Lori Crossmock - February 24

Have we missed **your** birthday?  
[Please send the month/day to Carol Webster](#)  
so you can be included!



## Spread the Word about Epiphany on Social Media!



Please consider "checking in" to Epiphany Lutheran Church on Facebook when you come to worship on Sundays. By doing so each time you're here, you supply those who follow you on Facebook with information about Epiphany they might otherwise not know - a map, our physical address, and other helpful information. How do I check in?

- Scroll to the top of your Facebook news feed or profile.
- Click on "What's on your mind?"
- Scroll down & click on "Check in."
- Select Epiphany Lutheran Church as your location.

Also, consider sharing our events on Facebook to let your family and friends know what's happening at Epiphany, and encourage them to attend! And if you share a picture on Facebook or Instagram from an event at Epiphany, be sure to tag the picture with hashtag #epiphanylutheran. And of course, [continue sending your pictures to Carol Webster](#) to post if you prefer. Thank you - we appreciate your help!

# FAITH IN ACTION

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP



## KINGSWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

### WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM

Join us each week to share in a meal, then meet folk in our community to explore stories of the ways faith inspires movement in the world. RSVP to [nicole@kingsway.org](mailto:nicole@kingsway.org) by the Monday before to help the cooks prepare.

### JANUARY

22: Ruth Abigail & Jill Dyson  
29: Feeding the Flock  
Taste Testing

### FEBRUARY

5: Rev. Beatrix Weil  
12: Rev. Sandra Summers  
19: Alise Davis  
26: Ash Wednesday at  
Central Christian Church

### MARCH

4: Dr. Missy Wilkinson  
11: Rev. Kenneth Brown  
18: Rev. Sam Teitel  
25: Michelle Bertrand

### APRIL

1: Dr. Brewer & Anne Russell  
6: Interfaith Lunch Mon at Noon  
9: Maundy Thursday Worship  
10: Good Friday Worship at  
Lindenwood 5:30pm

[WWW.KINGSWAY.ORG](http://WWW.KINGSWAY.ORG)

## February 2020 Calendar of Events

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

Sun 2/2	9 am - Bride's Room, Schaeffer Chapel 9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	<b><i>Spare Change Sunday!</i></b> Youth Meeting Choir Practice Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - Worship w/ Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
Sat 2/8	8:30 - 10 am - Home of Pastor Ray 9 am - Kingsway Library	Men of Epiphany (MOE) Fellowship and Bible Study Gals of Epiphany (GOE) Fellowship and Bible Study
Sun 2/9	9 am - Bride's Room, Schaeffer Chapel 9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	Confirmation Class Choir Practice Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - Worship w/ Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
Sun 2/16	9 am - Bride's Room, Schaeffer Chapel 9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Kingsway Fellowship Hall	Confirmation Class Choir Practice Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - Worship w/ Holy Communion <b>Lunch/Listening &amp; Visioning Session with Bishop Strickland</b>
Tues 2/18	8-11 am Allen Garner Sunday School room - Kingsway Christian Church	Room in the Inn Laundry Pickup
Thurs 2/20	7 pm Kingsway Room 100 - Boardroom	Church Council Meeting
Sun 2/23	9 am - Bride's Room, Schaeffer Chapel 9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel  11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	Confirmation Class Choir Practice Transfiguration of our Lord/Last Sunday after Epiphany Worship w/ Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
Wed 2/26		Ash Wednesday

Happy Valentine's Day



## February 2020 Worship Servants

	2/2	2/9	2/16	2/23
<b>Altar Setup</b>	Phil & Lori Goetz	Carol Rife		
<b>Altar Cleanup</b>	Phil & Lori Goetz	Carol Rife		
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Wendell Kruse	Prannoy Lankapalli	John Garner	John Crossmock
<b>Lector</b>	Diane Kruse	John Crossmock	Linda Barnes	
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	John & Lori Crossmock		John & Lori Crossmock	
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Twila Hooverson	Praharsh Lankapalli	Martha Garner	Lori Crossmock
<b>Communion Linens</b>	Phil & Lori Goetz	Carol Rife		
<b>Coffee</b>	Carol Rife	Anil & Olivet Lankapalli	Linda Barnes	
<b>Council Offering #1</b>	Andria Prouty	Dan Scherf	Lori Crossmock	Phil Goetz
<b>Council Offering #2</b>	Wally Knight	Linda Barnes	Prannoy Lankapalli	Dianne Polly
<b>Confirmation Chaperone</b>	N/A		Linda Barnes	
<b>Children's Church</b>	N/A	Andria Prouty/Jennifer Parker	N/A	

### Worship Servants Needed!

Please [sign up](#) at least four weeks in advance if possible in order to assist in planning. You may also [contact Carol Webster](#) for assistance in signing up.

Want to know more about being a worship servant?

[You can review the duties and guidelines here.](#)



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