



EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

February 2021 Newsletter

We have moved!

As of February 1, 2021 we have officially moved our physical location for worship services to [Collierville Presbyterian Church \(USA\)](#). Collierville Presbyterian Church (CPC) is located at the corner of Poplar and Peterson Lake Road at 202 W. Poplar Avenue, Collierville, TN 38017. That is directly across from the old high school which is now the University of Memphis-Collierville Campus. Our mailing address (P.O. Box 1805, Collierville, TN 38027) has not changed.

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For now, we will continue to worship via Zoom due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but we will advise when in-person worship services will resume. We may have the opportunity once the weather is a little warmer to hold worship services outdoors. The CPC office administrator, Linda, is at the church Monday - Thursday from 9 am - 1 pm.

Pastor TroyAnn will hold regular office hours at CPC on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 2:30 pm, and at other times by appointment. There is a "Ring Doorbell" sign on the door - please ring the doorbell if the door is locked during regular hours and wait a few minutes. You may also call Pastor TroyAnn's telephone (815-980-8993) or go directly to the first glass door on the Peterson Lake Rd. side of the building which is a direct entrance to Pastor TroyAnn's office. Stop by soon to visit and see the new facilities!



Preparing to Have a Good Lenten Experience

This month Lent starts with Ash Wednesday, February 17th. The 40-day observance will continue until Easter on April 4th. During this time, we want to focus on how we can grow closer to God and prepare ourselves to walk with Jesus thru his last 40 days of life. People usually do this by self-examination and trying to repent and remove things from their lives that are sinful or that keep them from focusing on God. They try to grow closer to God by spending more time in the Divine's presence.



They also add things to their lives like extra prayer and Bible reading, reading spiritual books, and by extra service to others. Often folks might refrain from specific entertainment practices and eating certain foods. This might mean watching less TV or reading less pleasure books and reading more spiritual books. Folks might avoid expensive cuts of meat or eating meat on certain days or not eating out as often. People focus on simple less time-consuming meals during Lent. You may drink coffee made at home rather than drinking coffee from Starbucks. All of this is so that you might use the money saved to give to the poor and use the time saved to spend in prayer and spiritual practices. It is not done so that you might lose weight unless you feel God is calling you to do so to better serve Christ through that discipline. Walking extra and praying while you walk could be a Lenten practice.

The one piece of celebratory news during Lent is that Sundays are always days when we celebrate Christ's resurrection, so they are not counted in the 40 days of Lent. They are always feast days all year long. Remember family dinners on Sunday growing up or with your own children? I imagine for many of you they were often special and that is as it should always be even during Lent.

I hope you will talk with your family or a friend or two and decide what Lenten practices fit your family's lifestyle. Decide how you will use money saved for mission projects and decide how you will use extra time saved to draw closer to God.

I pray that this will be the best Lent ever for you and that you will feel spiritually prepared for the Resurrection of Christ come Easter.

Peace and prayers, *Pastor TroyAnn*

Prayers for Drew Spencer-Bell and Jason Bell's Family

Many of you remember Jason Bell from his time as organist at Epiphany Lutheran Church. Please keep Drew Spencer-Bell and his family and Jason Bell's family at the death of Jason on January 24th. Sympathy cards may be sent to Drew at the following address:

Drew Jason-Bell
1315 McMurtry Court
Honolulu, HI 96818



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 our financial situation. This month we will take a look at the final 2020 numbers. Epiphany applied for and received a SBA PPP loan of \$12,500 at the end of May. This money will be used for salaries and rent during the pandemic. The PPP loan is included in our revenue; this loan, along with Covid-related expense savings, enabled Epiphany to end the year with a surplus of \$5,642.52.

	December			2020 Jan - Dec		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenue	16,300.69	10,985.76	5,314.93	147,236.71	131,830.00	15,406.71
Expenses	11,449.42	12,565.99	1,116.57	141,594.19	152,793.20	11,199.01
Net	4,851.27	-1,580.23	6,431.50	5,642.52	-20,963.20	26,605.72

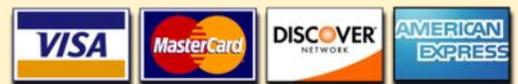
The December numbers were better than the projected December budget deficit by \$6,431.50

The 2020 numbers are less than the projected 2020 budget deficit by \$26,605.72. (This number includes the SBA PPP loan of \$12,500.)

Even though we are not meeting in person, our expenses continue. 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, ELCa Good Gifts) 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 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.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 21, 2021 Congregational Meeting Please plan to attend!

On February 21, 2021, immediately following our 10 am worship service (around 11:15 am), we will be holding an important congregational meeting. Topics to cover include:

- Election of Synod Delegates (voice vote)
- Acceptance of Annual Report (voice vote)
- Revised 2021 Budget (ballot)
- Ratification of Constitution and By-Law changes (ballot)
- Election of Call Committee (ballot)

Please take the time to review the following documents prior to the meeting:

[2/21/21 Congregational Meeting Agenda](#)

[FY 2021 Revised Budget](#)

[2020 Annual Report](#)

[Join Zoom Meeting \(https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88151786022\)](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88151786022)

Meeting ID: 881 5178 6022

Please [contact Phil Goetz](#), outgoing council president, or [Wally Knight](#), incoming council president, with any questions.

February 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.](#) These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and

outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world.

Online Worship Services Continuing in February

At this time, we plan on continuing to conduct worship services via Zoom through February - please watch your e-mail for any changes in our schedule. Please join us for these "virtual" worship services and a time of fellowship with our Epiphany community on Sundays at 10 am. Check your weekly e-blast for the bulletin link and to download the prayers, readings and hymns for the week. [Download this document](#) for a complete set of Zoom instructions.



Sunday Morning Worship Services

February 7, 2021 Worship Service

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88577261369](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88577261369)

Meeting ID: 885 7726 1369

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799

February 14, 2021 Worship Service

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84866721434](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84866721434)

Meeting ID: 848 6672 1434

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799

February 21, 2021 Worship Service

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88151786022](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88151786022)

Meeting ID: 881 5178 6022

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799

February 28, 2021 Worship Service

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81858806994](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81858806994)

Meeting ID: 818 5880 6994

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799

Please see page 6 for our Ash Wednesday and Lent activities!



On Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021, Pastor TroyAnn will hold a drive-in Imposition of Ashes at two times:

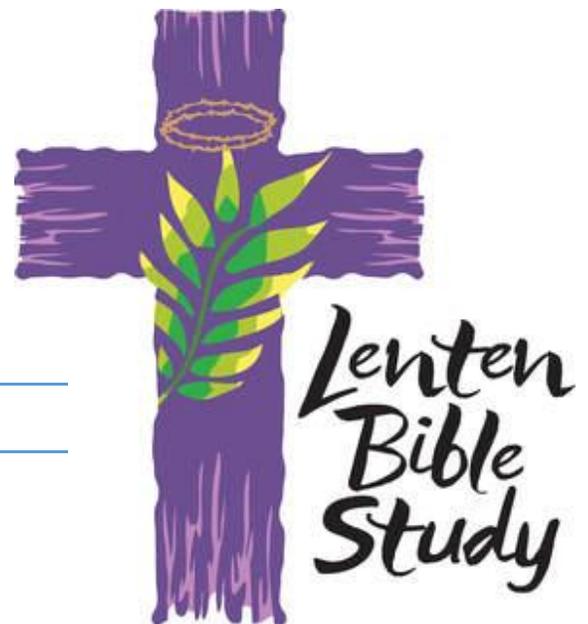
- ⇒ **2:00 - 3:30 pm**
- ⇒ **6:00 - 7:30 pm**

The imposition of ashes will take place in the parking lot. You may remain in your car for the imposition of ashes, or choose to get out if you wish. During those times, you may also wish to explore the grounds of our new location, Collierville Presbyterian Church.

Midweek Lenten Bible Study

This year, we will have a midweek Lenten Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom. You will receive an e-mail every Monday with the information for Wednesday’s study and the Zoom link.

The study will be based on the second reading from the previous Sunday’s service. Here is a list of dates, readings and topics.



Date	Reading	Topic
February 24	1 Peter 3:18-22	I am Baptized!
March 3	Romans 4:13-25	God’s Promise
March 10	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	God’s Wisdom
March 17	Ephesians 2:1-10	Grace Comes
March 24	Hebrews 5:5-10	The Suffering Christ
March 31	Philippians 2:5-11	Humility in All Circumstances

40-40-40

Lenten Hunger Walk

February 17 - April 3, 2021

40 Days. 40 Miles. \$40

Sign up at
ELCA-SES.org
TODAY!



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40 Days of Lent. 40 miles. \$40 to ELCA World Hunger.

Bishop Kevin Strickland invites everyone to join him in walking a mile every day over the forty days of Lent, and raising through sponsorship or contribution, \$40 for ELCA World Hunger.

Here is a link to the ELCA World hunger giving page:

<https://community.elca.org/elcaworldhunger>

[Sign up here to indicate your commitment to join the Lenten 40-40-40 Hunger Walk.](#)

Winter Global Mission Project - ELCA Good Gifts

Our Winter Global Mission Project will be the ELCA Good Gifts program, which offers more than 50 gifts that grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives.

From February 1st to March 17th, members of our congregation can choose one or more gifts to give, or work together with other members to purchase a larger gift. From chickens to a whole family farm, to providing safe water for a village or helping children receive an education, there are gifts for everyone! You can view all the available gifts in the catalog by clicking the picture to the right or visiting the [ELCA Good Gifts website](#).



Once you have decided on a gift, you may send a check to Epiphany (please mail it to: Epiphany Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 1805, Collierville, TN 38027 and include a note about the gift you wish to purchase). You may also click on the PayPal button on the home page of the Epiphany website to donate and select the option "ELCA Good Gifts" or [click this link to reach PayPal directly](#) - any funds received via PayPal will be pooled together to purchase gifts from the Epiphany congregation, OR you may send [Lois Ketcham](#) a note and let her know what gift you wish to purchase with those funds.



Chicks

Help a family spread their wings. When chicks grow up to become chickens, their eggs not only provide an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals — they can also help start a small business and generate a steady source of income.



Rooster

Add a rooster to the chicken coop, and help the farm grow! More chickens on the farm mean more eggs to eat and sell at the market.



Fruit-tree seedling

Special varieties of fruit trees are known to thrive in the driest of conditions. **These low-maintenance trees are an investment in the community that can span generations**, protecting the soil from erosion and providing nutritious fruit to children and adults alike.



Blanket

Share love and warmth with a survivor in the aftermath of a disaster or emergency with the gift of a blanket — **a gift that provides comfort, rest and a reminder that someone cares.**



Mosquito net

In many places around the world, **just one bite from an infected mosquito can transmit malaria and lead to serious illness or death.** A mosquito net can protect those most at risk — especially small children and older adults — from this life-threatening disease.



Clinic visit for a child

Getting a child to the clinic when she or he feels sick or needs a checkup is critical. **This gift can make sure families don't have to choose between life-saving healthcare and food for the family** by covering the cost of a clinic visit and offering peace of mind.



School supplies for a child

Far too many of the world's children don't go to school because they can't afford the supplies. By providing school books, paper and pencils, **you provide the building blocks for a brighter future.**



Stock a backpack with food

More than 30 million children in the United States depend on federal school-meal programs to stay well-nourished and ready to learn. **This gift helps children maintain the same level of nutrition over the weekend and when school is not in session.**

Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

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

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



Synod News

Please visit our new website page (<https://epiphanylu.org/synod-news>), where news from both the ELCA and the Southeastern Synod will be posted, as well as videos from both organizations.

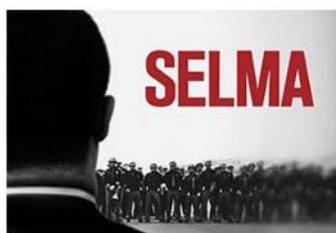


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Movie Viewing & Discussion



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Sunday, February 21, 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



Bishop Eaton has written an interesting column in the [Living Lutheran](#) magazine about being “*Connected, Generous and Free to Serve.*” [Click here to read the article.](#)

February 2021 Calendar of Events

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

Sun 2/7	10 am - Via Zoom	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - Online Worship Service Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88577261369
Sun 2/14	10 am - Via Zoom	Transfiguration of our Lord - Online Worship Service Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84866721434
Wed 2/17	2 - 3:30 pm - CPC 6 - 7:30 pm - CPC	Drive-In Imposition of Ashes for Ash Wednesday
Thurs 2/18	7 pm - Via Zoom	Church Council Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85163955508
Sun 2/21	10 am - Via Zoom 11:15 am - Via Zoom	First Sunday in Lent - Online Worship Service Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88151786022 Congregational meeting immediately following worship
Wed 2/24	7 pm - Via Zoom 7 pm - Via Zoom	Midweek Lenten Bible Study Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83769346580 Social Ministries Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89471582878
Sun 2/28	10 am - Via Zoom	3rd Sunday after Epiphany - Online Worship Service Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88519774502

Gals of Epiphany

*Stay tuned to hear about our next study after Lent -
more information coming soon!*



MOE (Men of Epiphany) Study & Fellowship On Hiatus

The MOE meetings are currently on hiatus. We hope everyone is staying healthy and sheltering in place at home as much as possible.

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

March 2021 Worship Servants

Thanks to our volunteers, the February slots are full! Each week while we are worshipping via Zoom, we need an assisting minister and lector to help out - please consider volunteering! If you have any questions about serving for Zoom worship, please contact [Vicki Scherf](#) or [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 is live now!](#)

If you need assistance, [e-mail Carol Webster](#) - she will be happy to help you sign up if you have any issues!

Please [send your prayer requests to Carol Webster](#). You may also [submit a prayer request online here](#).

Thank You!



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