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## January 2020 Newsletter



We are very excited to announce that Bishop Kevin Strickland, who was installed on October 5, 2019 as the Bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Synod, has offered to visit Epiphany Lutheran Church.

He will be conducting a "Listening and Visioning" session with the entire congregation on February 16th in the Kingsway Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10 am worship service until about 2 pm - lunch will be provided. "Listening" enables us to review where our congregation has been, and "Visioning" is about where we want to go as a church. Please plan on attending and let your voice be heard!

Stay tuned for more information!

### New 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.](#)



### Congratulations to our new Epiphany Council Members for 2020!

Congratulations and thank you to our new church council members for 2020 - Linda Barnes, Prannoy Lankapalli, and Dianne Polly - we appreciate your willingness to serve! We give a hearty thank you to Chris Kelyman, Jennifer Parker, Ed Schumacher and Martha Garner who are leaving council, and thank them for all their hard work on behalf of Epiphany and our church community!

Pictured L to R: Wally Knight, Pastor TroyAnn Lankapalli, Lori Crossmock, Phil Goetz, Prannoy Lankapalli, Andria Prouty and Linda Barnes. (Not pictured - Dianne Polly)

## 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 November 2019.

Financial Focus on November 2019		
November offerings	\$12,055.43	
November total revenue (Interest, Kroger, Amazon Smile, etc.)	\$12,151.36	
November Expenses	\$11,149.88	
Offering surplus + Expense savings	\$1,001.48	
Land mortgage payment	\$1,020.00	
Net revenue for November	-\$18.52	
For November, our financial result was a -\$18.52 deficit.		

## 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!



# Service Opportunities



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

## Upcoming Outreach/Evangelism Opportunities

Date	Activity	Contact
January 5	Spare Change Sunday!	
January 21	Room in the Inn Laundry Pickup	<a href="#">Sign up to help here!</a>

**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 summer - all workdays will be on an "as needed basis."** [Contact Wendell Kruse](#) for more information.

### Room In The Inn (RITI)

**Three to 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 January 21**. 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. **(August - October 2019 - \$38.15 generated through this program!)**

Many thanks to all of you who helped make Christmas special for the children at Peace Lutheran in Memphis!

Also, because of your generous giving, Epiphany was able to donate \$495 to the Collierville Food Pantry in 2019.

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you!



## *Life at Epiphany December 2019*



*Interactive Nativity Scene*



*Men of Epiphany Breakfast*



*Decorating the Christmas Tree*



*Christmas Fellowship and Party!*



## MOE (Men of Epiphany) Study & Fellowship January 11th!

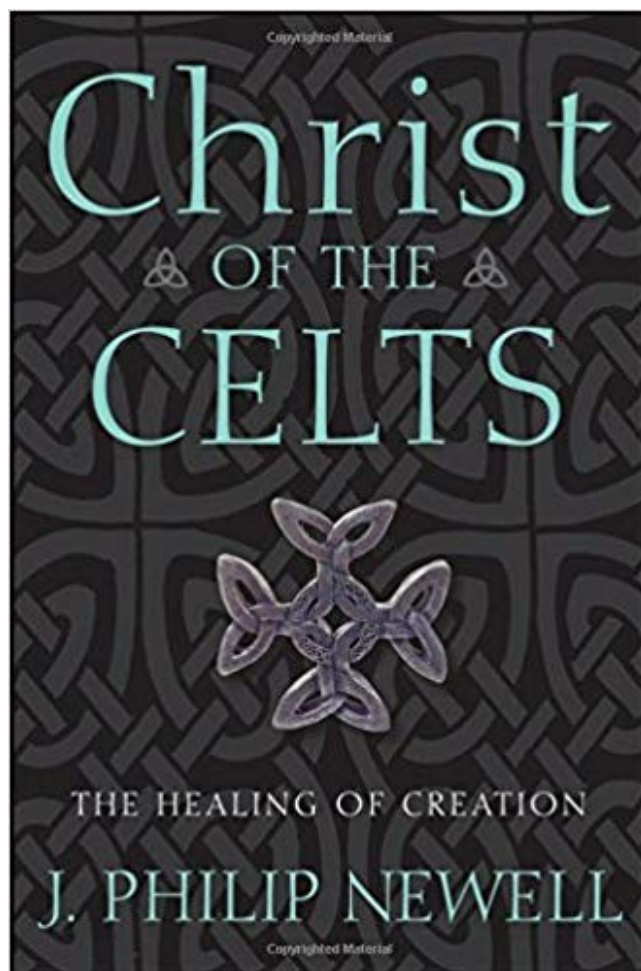
Please join us for the monthly MOE (Men of Epiphany) meeting at 8:30 am on the 2nd Saturday of every month for breakfast, fellowship and devotion. Meetings are held at the home of retired Pastor Ray Heilener. Please contact [Wendell Kruse](#) or [Carol Webster](#) if you are interested and need the address!



## Gals of Epiphany Study Resumes January 11

Please join us for the Gals of Epiphany (GOE) Spring Bible Study! We will be meeting the second Saturday from January through March 2020 (January 11, February 8 and March 14) from 9 - 11 am in the Kingsway Library. Please bring a friend!

For this study, we will be using the book "Christ of the Celts - The Healing of Creation" by J. Philip Newell. According to Publishers Weekly, "Diagnosing the human soul with a longing for peace in the face of fear and fragmentation nurtured by global political forces and fundamentalisms, Newell offers the ancient traditions of Celtic Christianity as a way forward in healing humankind and the earth." This is one of Pastor TroyAnn's favorite books! The book is available through [Barnes & Noble](#) and [Amazon](#). Please read chapters 1 and 2 prior to our first meeting on January 11th.



## Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!



Adam Waddell - January 12th  
Vicki Scherf - January 14th  
Dick Wieland - January 19th  
Beth Schnitkey - January 23rd  
Praharsh Lankapalli - January 30th

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



## Next Room in the Inn on January 21st!

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 from January through March (January 21, 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. Three to four volunteers needed for each date - [Sign up here to volunteer!](#)

If you missed our beautiful Christmas Eve Service, thanks to the Lankapalli family, you can [watch it online!](#) Also, watch for future worship services online on Facebook!



## Our thanks to all Epiphany Lutheran for opening their hearts and garden to us!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for letting our family be blessed through working in the garden. My kids and I have all grown through the experience. We are stronger, smarter and more appreciative of how food is produced. The kids saw through hands-on experience with close to 40 hours of work of how rain, wind, bugs, weeds, temperature and much, much more could help or hurt the plants. I believe whole-heartedly the experience gave them an appreciation for God's grace in providing for them, how miraculous it is that we have food on our plates when so much can go wrong. It is an act of God that so much goes right.

We all enjoyed meeting others who care about God's creation and seek to help others through the humblest of manners on our knees in the dirt. I can't help but appreciate the root word of humble, humus, which means earth, when we get down and get dirty to serve.

Thank you for allowing my kids and me to make mistakes, for gently teaching us how to do something better, for answering numerous questions while working, or to take the time to make a project longer to include a little girl who is curious, and wants to help. You made her feel valued and that is invaluable. You helped my son feel needed and to care for others in his words, "I have to do it, I don't want them to hurt themselves." You gave another little girl who can be shy, who loved to investigate nature and explore the garden with you, work quietly beside you, after which you showed appreciation for her hard work and interest in her as a person.

We grew vegetables to give, which was good and right to do; but the most important product produced in the garden this year, in my opinion, was my kids, who grew and produced good fruit from the experience.

I hope all of you are very blessed this Christmas Season, and you will be doubly blessed with peace from our King in your hearts.

Blessings in Him, Renee Akers and the gang (Walter, Orianna, Esther, and Zane)



### From Hector

I'm extremely grateful for the generosity shown to me by the church during the festive season. I pray for God's abundant blessings, new strength and great health for everyone as we enter the new year. Happy New Year.

### From Carol

Many, many thanks to everyone in the Epiphany congregation for your generous Christmas gift! I greatly appreciate your kindness. It is my privilege and pleasure to work with all of you, and I look forward to serving you in 2020, and to helping grow Epiphany's mission and ministry. Wishing you health, happiness, abundance, joy and love in the New Year!

## January 2020 Calendar of Events

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

Sun 1/5	10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	<i>Spare Change Sunday!</i> Epiphany Sunday/2nd Sunday of Christmas - Worship w/ Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
Sat 1/11	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 1/12	9 am - Bride's Room, Schaeffer Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	Confirmation Class Baptism of our Lord - Worship w/ Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
Thurs 1/16	7 pm Kingsway Room 100 - Boardroom	Church Council Meeting
Sun 1/19	9 am - Bride's Room, Schaeffer Chapel 10:30 am - Kingsway Church	Confirmation Class Second Sunday after Epiphany - Joint Worship Service with Kingsway Christian Church
Tues 1/21	8-11 am Allen Garner Sunday School room - Kingsway Christian Church	Room in the Inn Laundry Pickup
Sun 1/26	9 am - Bride's Room, Schaeffer Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	Confirmation Class Third Sunday after Epiphany - Worship w/ Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship

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!





## January 2020 Worship Servants

	1/5	1/12	1/19	1/26
Altar Setup	Bill & Jennifer Sykes	Phil & Lori Goetz	N/A	
Altar Cleanup	Bill & Jennifer Sykes	Phil & Lori Goetz	N/A	
Assisting Minister	Wendell Kruse		N/A	
Lector	Diane Kruse		N/A	
Greeter/Usher			N/A	
Communion Assistant			N/A	
Communion Linens	Jennifer Sykes	Phil & Lori Goetz	N/A	
Coffee	Jennifer Parker		N/A	
Council Offering #1	Martha Garner	Ed Schumacher	N/A	Wally Knight
Council Offering #2	Jennifer Parker	Chris Kelyman	N/A	Lori Crossmock
Confirmation Chaperone	N/A	Marjorie Barnard		
Children's Church	N/A		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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