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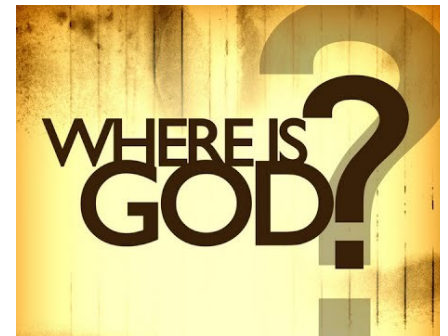
## LUTHERAN CHURCH

Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

## June 2019 Newsletter

### Where is God....

Have you ever asked “Where is God?” It’s tempting to ask this question as we watch the news, confronted with daily reports of tragedy, violence and hatred. Yet God is with us: on Pentecost, we celebrate Jesus’ sending of the Holy Spirit to be our constant Advocate, Comforter and Guide. The Spirit of God reminds us of God’s constant presence in our lives, accompanying us through the events of a world mired in sin. The holy fire of the Spirit that we receive in the sacrament of baptism lives within us forever, and by the Spirit we are never separated from God, or God’s unconditional love. The Spirit is at work in ways we may not always notice: by Pentecost our Synod will celebrate the election of a new bishop, the result of the Spirit leading our Assembly to raise up the right person. In mid-June, I will gather with pastor colleagues at Lutheran Theological Seminary of the South for a continuing education Spiritual Direction intensive. What I learn in these long days of study is invigorating, insightful and useful, but the Spirit-filled conversations that emerge are what deeply connect us and empower us as Christians who live as the universal Body of Christ.



It can be difficult to notice the Spirit at work when we can’t always see it, but Jesus tells us in John 3:8 that the wind of the Spirit blows as it pleases—God’s Holy Spirit can never be restricted, and will always do God’s will. God’s constant Advocate and Comforter, the Holy Spirit, is alive within you. Trust the Spirit, and follow its lead whenever you wonder where God is, because it will always redirect your path back to the God of all grace.

Peace to all here. — *Pastor Monica*

### 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 Revealed...*

In this and the next few newsletters, look for the blue “word bubbles” like the one on the right to find out a little more about the people with whom you worship - who they are, what they like, their habits, likes, loves and more! Enjoy your “treasure hunt!” - truly you are all treasures in the eyes of the Lord!



# SUNDAY BRUNCH CHURCH

## Brunch Church!

We will have a special Brunch Church series for five Sundays from June 23rd - July 21st. We will conduct worship from 10 am - 10:20 am, then serve food and conduct our study discussion as we eat together. Brunch Church will end by 11:30 am with a brief cleanup.

On Brunch Church Sundays, please bring "potluck" brunch items to serve, including a serving utensil.

Also, we have a special SignUp Genius signup for Brunch Church - [please click here](#) to sign up to serve on these five Sundays.

I like Pokemon,  
Legos, basketball,  
and lacrosse.

## Updated Epiphany Lutheran Church Directory

The directory has several new updates - be sure to [view and download a copy](#) so you have the most up-to-date contact information for everyone.

(Password: Luther2019)



## Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Diane Kruse - June 3  
Twila Hooverson - June 15  
Janice Heilener - June 26  
Anil Lankapalli - June 30

Have we missed **your** birthday?  
Please send the month/day  
to Pastor Monica so you can be included!



I should have been a nurse/  
doctor or a decorator.

I love tackling challenges  
and questioning everything.



# Service Opportunities



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

## Upcoming Outreach/Evangelism Opportunities

Date	Activity	Contact
June 6, 13, 20, 27 (9 - 11:30 am)	Volunteer at Collierville Food Pantry	Candy Knight & Andria Prouty
	<i>No Service Activities in July</i>	Wendell Kruse
September 14	Rise Against Hunger/God's Work Our Hands	Pastor Monica

**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. **Special Brunch Church Sign Up!**

**Epiphany Community Garden** - **We are working regular garden hours throughout the summer - please come help us grow by volunteering your time on Wednesday and Saturday morning from 8:30 - 11:30 am!** [Donate here](#) to help the garden grow - help us fund our efforts for 2019 and beyond!

### Room In The Inn (RITI)

Volunteers will be needed to help serve and cleanup, and help make the sack lunches the guests will take with them Tuesday morning, as well as to pick up sheets and towels on Tuesday to launder and return to Kingsway within the week. If you have never participated in RITI, you will find it to be a most meaningful experience as a volunteer. ***The RITI program will resume again in November.***

**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.

I am one of nine children  
born in 11 years (no twins).

## ELCA presiding bishop issues letter on abortion

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton says “Talking about abortion has never been easy in this country, and the same holds true in the ELCA. Please take a few minutes to read the [ELCA social statement on Abortion](#), as the church “seeks to travel a moderating path by supporting abortion as a last resort.”

I am a thoughtful, introverted bohemian.



Congratulations to Prannoy Lankapalli on completing his Eagle Scout Project - our beautiful new Epiphany Blessing Box at Home Place.



The Bee House Build was a huge success! Many thanks to everyone who came out for this fun event (and at least the rain held off for a few hours!)

I am a creative person who enjoys making clothing and various other craft projects when I have time from taking care of grandchildren.

I am creative and love working with my hands — quilting, gardening, and crafts.

## Kingsway Wednesday Night Fellowships

Kingsway is holding Wednesday Night Fellowships on June 12, July 17 and Aug 21. Instead of potlucks, they will have cooks for all three meals; if you would like to attend, please [e-mail Nicole Moore](#) or call her at 901-683-3505.



Thanks to Dick Wieland for the two beautiful wooden crosses now hanging in our pergola at Home Place!

## What's Happening at Home Place?

For gardeners, May 4th was a "beautiful day at the garden!" The Bee House Build was successful, and the rain held off until nearly 11 am. Our Master Gardener friend, Carl Wayne Hardeman, attended and took a garden tour, and was happy to receive a bee house. He is interested in purchasing a few more and offered to pay \$20 per house. Also, Val Tingly visited, made a bee house and toured the garden. She's also a Master Gardener and works on a team at the Victory Garden located at the Christian Church on Byhalia.

Work in the garden continues! Our friend Val Tingly of the Collierville Victory Garden contributed excess plants (65 tomatoes, peppers, egg plants and cantaloupe) that they received from a nursery on Sladen, MS. We're excited about this perfect gift and most grateful for this contribution! We planted them on May 25th in various beds in Section A&B. That same day, we planted additional pole beans, weeded and planted sunflower seeds by the back fence. We also fed the worm pods, which appear to be thriving!

We had a new volunteer as well - Anu, a rising senior at Collierville High School. We look forward to seeing him in the garden in the next few weeks before he and his family leave Collierville.

Finally, our work crew made good progress (rafters on, ready for decking) on the machine shed project - check out the pictures below! As always, a huge thanks to our Garden Crew...we couldn't do this without you!



I was born and raised on a farm, milked cows, worked in fields, and took vacation to plant and harvest tobacco.

I play piano, but mostly by ear: I took 9 years of lessons until my teacher realized I wasn't reading the music. Then, as an adult I took lessons to learn what I should have the first time!

## Upcoming Events & Activities

### Spare Change Sunday June 2nd



As we continue to support the Collierville Food Pantry as part of our outreach and mission efforts, we are instituting "Spare Change Sunday" the first Sunday of every month. This effort is in addition to providing the pantry with fresh produce from our Community Garden. The Confirmands will pass around a metal pail during the offering for you to add loose change, or bills, in lieu of purchasing food items. This will provide the food pantry with the cash to purchase the items most needed. Thank you for your ongoing support of this important outreach!

### Confirmation Hymnal Bookmark Project This Sunday 6/2 at 9:15 am

Come help make new Ribbon Bookmarks for Epiphany's Hymnals. Please bring craft scissors if you have them. We will meet in the Bride's Room. Please [contact Andria Prouty](#) for more information.

### Collierville Food Pantry Volunteers in June

Thanks to all who signed up to volunteer at the Collierville Food Pantry in June! Volunteers will work on Thursdays from 9 am - 11:30 am.

June 6 - Joann Wieland & Praharsh Lankapalli  
June 13 - Ed & Becca Schumacher  
June 20 - Scott & Linda Fisher  
June 27 - Lori Crossmock & Rick Barnard

I love all things southern, from the outdoors to design.

### MOE (Men of Epiphany) Saturday, June 8

The Men of Epiphany (MOE) will meet at 8:30 am at IHOP in Collierville for breakfast, fellowship and devotion. Please join us!



Please [contact Andria Prouty](#) as soon as possible if you are interested in volunteering for [St. Andrews Episcopal Church](#) Vacation Bible School from June 10-14 @ 9 am - Noon! [Click here for more information and to register.](#)



**Please remember to wear RED on Pentecost Sunday, June 9!**

I am an introvert stepping outside my comfort zone.

## June 2019 Calendar of Events

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

Sat 6/1	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
5/28 - 6/2		Pastor Monica attends Synod Council meetings/Synod Assembly Returning to office 6/5 after taking her Sabbath and holiday days.
Sun 6/2	9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 9:15 am - Bride's Room 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	<b>SPARE CHANGE SUNDAY!</b> Choir Practice Confirmation Project - Hymnal Bookmarks Seventh Sunday of Easter - Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
Wed 6/5	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Thurs 6/6	9 - 11:30 am - Collierville Food Pantry	Volunteer Work Day - Joann Wieland & Praharsh Lankapalli
Sat 6/8	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 8:30 am - IHOP Collierville	Community Garden Workday Men of Epiphany Study & Fellowship (MOE)
Sun 6/9	9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Kingsway Fellowship Hall	<b>DAY OF PENTECOST - PLEASE WEAR RED!</b> Choir Practice Day of Pentecost - Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
6/11 - 6/16		Pastor Monica attends Lutheran Theological Seminary of the South Spiritual Direction certification course
Wed 6/12	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Thurs 6/13	9 - 11:30 am - Collierville Food Pantry	Volunteer Work Day - Ed & Becca Schumacher
Sat 6/15	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 6/16	10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	First Sunday after Pentecost/The Holy Trinity - Service of the Word Coffee Fellowship
Tues 6/18	7 pm - Kingsway Board Room	Council Meeting
Wed 6/19	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Thurs 6/20	9 - 11:30 am - Collierville Food Pantry	Volunteer Work Day - Scott & Linda Fisher
Sat 6/22	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 6/23	10 am - Kingsway Fellowship Hall	Second Sunday after Pentecost - Brunch Church!
Wed 6/26	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Thurs 6/27	9 - 11:30 am - Collierville Food Pantry	Volunteer Work Day - Rick Barnard & Lori Crossmock
Sat 6/29	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 6/30	10 am - Kingsway Fellowship Hall	Third Sunday after Pentecost - Brunch Church!



## June 2019 Worship Servants

	6/2	6/9	6/16	6/23	6/30
<b>Altar Setup</b>	Carol Rife			N/A	N/A
<b>Altar Cleanup</b>	Carol Rife			N/A	N/A
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Wendell Kruse	John Crossmock	Carol Rife	N/A	N/A
<b>Lector</b>	Diane Kruse	Adam Waddell			
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	John & Lori Crossmock	Ed & Becca Schumacher			
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Twila Hooverson	Lori Crossmock			
<b>Communion Linens</b>	Carol Rife			N/A	N/A
<b>Coffee &amp; Cookies</b>	Carol Rife				
<b>Cleanup</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A		
<b>Council Offering #1</b>	Jennifer Parker	Wally Knight			
<b>Council Offering #2</b>	Ed Schumacher	Martha Garner			
<b>Confirmation Chaperone</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Worship Servants Needed!

NOTE: [SPECIAL BRUNCH CHURCH SIGNUP](#)

[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.



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