



EPIPHANY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

March 2019 Newsletter

Take on something new for Lent....

What, it's March already? Time does seem to fly by...except maybe during Lent, when the Alleluias disappear and we pull out our long gloomy faces. This year Lent is a bit later than we're accustomed to. Spring will have sprung just as Lent-observing Christians have settled into our respective denial practices, like 'giving up' stuff that's not good for us. Once again, I'm asking Epiphany members to 'take on' something new, versus 'give up' something in Lent. But I'm also making it easier for you.

Here's the deal: midweek Advent & Lenten worship has never been very popular or well-attended at Epiphany. I put out a survey in January, asking you about Lenten worship preferences, and received very few responses. So when life gives you lemons, you make Lenten-aid...



At a recent ELCA Lenten Preaching Retreat, I realized that Epiphany is very blessed by a healthy number of folks who routinely read the Gospel proclamations we post on our website and social media. One pastor colleague pointed out that the people who read and "Like," share or comment on our posts are part of our mission field, even if they never darken our chapel door. And if they're making the effort to pay attention to our messages, they might be hungry for more. That's a huge opportunity to share the Gospel's Good News, and it's also building community. If we fail to engage these folks in our mission, then we're failing as witnesses to the Resurrection.

Starting on Ash Wednesday, anyone who follows or finds us online or on social media can participate in a 7-week digital Bible study highlighting Lenten Psalms. Links will be posted across all our media platforms that connect to Epiphany's YouTube channel, where several short videos will examine a Psalm, discuss its significance according to Martin Luther, and ask you to reflect on related key issues. You can respond to those questions by commenting directly on the YouTube channel. And best of all: this 'study' is accessible 24/7, from the comfort of home, work, or while you wait in the carpool line.

Epiphany has never tried anything like this before, so I'm asking you to 'show up' and participate, especially since you don't have to leave the house or drive at night! Share the link with your friends coast-to-coast, and give me your feedback. God's unconditional grace is worth sharing, so let's share it in a new way.

Lenten 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.

From Your Church Council...

- To help welcome our visitors, Epiphany members are asked to reserve the last pew on the organ side of the Chapel. Also, please move to the middle of a pew to allow for late-comers and guests who may need to be seated.
- Beginning in March, we will only have coffee fellowship on the last Sunday of each month (and for special occasions such as new member receptions, baptisms, etc.) Thanks to Greg & Jennifer Parker for purchasing and donating the new Coffee Carafe, to be used for Coffee Fellowship. The percolators previously used to make coffee are unwieldy and unsafe, and will be donated to an area non-profit. Persons who sign up to host Coffee Fellowship on the last Sunday of the month should take the carafe home the week prior to their hosting date, to brew coffee at home and bring it to Coffee Fellowship. Please store the clean carafe in the coffee cabinet for the next coffee host to use.
- **Epiphany Emergency Assistance Policy, approved by Council February 19, 2019**
To respect God's people and show them hospitality while guarding the safety of our members and guests, Epiphany Lutheran Church will respond to requests for financial aid by non-members in a manner consistent with Kingsway Christian, on whose site we worship. These persons will be offered a \$5.00 MATA bus pass, sufficient to transport him/her to a shelter from the Germantown area, along with a card displaying phone numbers for MIFA's 24-Hour Hotline and the Room in the Inn shelter. A MATA bus stop is located near Schaeffer Chapel on Exeter Road. If the person does not have a phone, Epiphany's pastor or a council member will offer to make those calls for him/her. At the recommendation of social service agencies, Epiphany members are strongly discouraged from distributing cash, gift cards or offering rides. If a person seeking aid becomes belligerent or disruptive, Epiphany will contact local authorities for assistance, as needed.

The Band's Getting Back Together!

Hector invites anyone who would like to sing in the Epiphany Choir for special Easter Sunday music to join us for rehearsals throughout Lent at 9:15 am on Sunday mornings.

Come Make A Joyful Noise!



Service Opportunities



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

Upcoming Outreach/Evangelism Opportunities

Date	Activity	Contact
March 6th	Drive-By Ashes & Cuppa Joe to Go	Pastor Monica
March 9th	Prannoy Lankapalli Little Free Pantry Project	Lankapalli Family
March 19th	Laundry for Room in the Inn	Jennifer Parker
April 27th	Making Bee Houses at the Garden	Jennifer Parker

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.

Please review the needs for our special Lent and Easter worship services.

Epiphany Community Garden - **Please stay tuned for information on when garden work will resume (we will have some special work days soon for maintenance, garden prep, etc.) Thank you to ALL who were such a big part of making our garden grow last year! [Donate here](#) to help the garden grow - we need funding to get started on a bumper crop for 2019!**

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.

[Sign up to help with laundry on 3/19.](#)

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.



LENT

Lent and Easter Schedule

March 6 - Ash Wednesday

6:30 - 8 am Drive-Through Ashes, Prayers and Cuppa Joe to Go
Noon Imposition of Ashes
6 pm Worship Service

Wednesdays beginning March 6

Weekly Online Bible Study with Pastor Monica
Access using this link: tiny.cc/EpiphanyLentStudy

April 14 - Palm Sunday

Procession and Worship Service at 10 am
Potluck luncheon following service

April 18 - Maundy Thursday

Worship Service at 6 pm

April 19 - Good Friday

Tenebrae Worship Service at 7 pm

April 21 - Easter

Worship Service at 10 am



Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Jill Bryson

Lori Goetz - March 3

Bill Sykes - March 16

June Waddell - March 19

Marjorie Barnard - March 29

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



Lent



Lenten Photo Journey

Psalm 51

3/6 Mercy
3/7 Truth
3/8 Wisdom
3/9 Cleanliness
3/10 Joy
3/11 Gladness
3/12 Praise
3/13 Salvation

Psalm 91

3/14 Shadow
3/15 Refuge
3/16 Trust
3/17 Wings
3/18 Darkness
3/19 Angel
3/20 Love
3/21 Trouble

Psalm 27

3/22 Light
3/23 Strength
3/24 Heart
3/25 Beauty
3/26 Voice
3/27 Goodness
3/28 Courage
3/29 Voice

Psalm 63

3/30 Water
3/31 Wilderness
4/1 Hands
4/2 Power
4/3 Glory
4/4 God
4/5 Lips

Psalm 32

4/6 Forgiveness
4/7 Blessing
4/8 Silence
4/9 Prayer
4/10 Waters
4/11 Song
4/12 Teach
4/13 Summer

Psalm 126

4/14 Seed
4/15 Dream
4/16 Laughter
4/17 Nations
4/18 Stream
4/19 Tears
4/20 Sorrow
4/21 Wonder

As we journey through this season of Lent, we invite you to join us with an image-a-day reflection practice and share with our community how you perceive a particular word each day. Share your photo each day on one of our social media sites:

Facebook (EpiphanyLutheran/
Instagram (epiphanylutherancollierville)

Be sure to use these hashtags:
#epiphanylutheran and #lentenphotos2019
You can also hashtag the word of the day (ex. #mercy)



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We give thanks for the Baptism of Elijah and Emmy Crone on February 24th!



Upcoming Events

MOE (Men of Epiphany) Saturday, March 9th



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



GOE (Gals of Epiphany) Mary Magdalene Study Continues March 9 at 9 am

All women of Epiphany and Kingsway Christian are invited to join us as we examine recent scholarship surrounding Mary Magdalene's life and her important participation in Jesus' ministry. Mary Magdalene was among the first witnesses to the Resurrection, but in the Medieval Era was suddenly viewed as a threat to male power in the Church. Study materials will include a series of articles and The Gospel of Mary Magdalene. Remaining GOE meeting dates for this study are on the following Saturdays: March 9, April 13 and May 11, at 9 am in the Kingsway Christian Library. For more information, [email Pastor Monica](#).

Laundry Day for Room in the Inn - March 19th

We need three volunteers to help pick up laundry from the Room in the Inn overnight stay. Volunteers will pick up sheets and towels on Tuesday, March 19 to launder and return to Kingsway within the week. [Sign up here](#).

HELP!

Please help us share all the wonderful things happening at Epiphany by posting pictures of events, get-togethers, choir rehearsals, confirmation, council meetings, worship, etc. on the [Epiphany Facebook page](#), or sharing pictures on Instagram with the hashtag #epiphanylutheran.

OR you can send them to [Carol Webster](#) to post! Thank you!

Lenten Bible Study

Pastor Monica is conducting a 7-week online Lenten Bible study which will take a deeper look at a few of the Psalms that we read during the season of Lent from Ash Wednesday through Wednesday of Holy Week. Every session examines a different Psalm, taken from the Revised Common Lectionary for the previous Sunday. We will also be using the ELCA Lenten Devotions booklet, "Lasting Hope," a booklet of daily devotions written by a variety of ELCA pastors that serves as a guide in our Lenten journey.

Each study session includes a reading of the Psalm, then we'll learn what Martin Luther had to say about it. Pastor Monica will offer a few of her own thoughts for your consideration, and at the end of every lesson, she'll pose one or two key questions for you to reflect on. You will be able to post your comments to the YouTube page for each lesson.

To find out more, please view the video introduction to this Bible Study on YouTube by clicking the box below.

Epiphany Lutheran Church
2019 Lenten Online Bible Study
www.epiphanylu.org

**The first lesson will be posted
on March 6, Ash Wednesday.**

Little Free Pantry Eagle Scout Project at Home Place

Our very own Prannoy Lankapalli has elected to build a "Little Free Pantry" to be located at Home Place by the Community Garden as his Eagle Scout project. The first workday will be held on March 9 at 9 am. To find out more about Little Free Pantries, [visit the website](#).

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March 2019 Calendar of Events

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

3/1		World Day of Prayer
Sun 3/3	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 & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
Wed 3/6	6:30 - 8 am Kingsway Circular Driveway Noon - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 6 pm - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	Online Lenten Bible Study Begins! Drive-Through Ashes, Prayers and a Cuppa Joe to Go Imposition of Ashes Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Sat 3/9	8:30 am - IHOP Collierville 9 am - Kingsway Library 9 am - Home Place	Men of Epiphany Study & Fellowship (MOE) Gals of Epiphany Study & Fellowship (GOE) Prannoy Lankapalli Little Free Pantry Work Day
Sun 3/10	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 First Sunday in Lent - Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
Wed 3/13		Online Lenten Bible Study
Sun 3/17	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 Second Sunday in Lent - Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
Mon 3/18	Kingsway Christian Church	Room in the Inn
Tues 3/19	7 pm - Kingsway Boardroom	Laundry Pick-Up for Room in the Inn Church Council Meeting
Wed 3/20		Online Lenten Bible Study
Thurs 3/21	3:30 pm - Home Place	Youth Leadership Collierville Work Day at the Community Garden
Sun 3/24	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 Third Sunday in Lent - Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
Wed 3/27		Online Lenten Bible Study
Sun 3/31	10 am - St. Luke Lutheran Church, Cordova, TN	ELCA Multi-Congregation Worship Service with Bishop Gordy



March 2019 Worship Servants

	3/3	3/6	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/31
Altar Setup	Ed & Becca Schumacher		Carol Rife	Phil & Lori Goetz		N/A
Altar Cleanup	Ed & Becca Schumacher		Carol Rife	Phil & Lori Goetz		N/A
Assisting Minister	Adam Waddell			Carol Rife		N/A
Lector	Diane Kruse					N/A
Greeter/Usher	Dianne Polly		Ed & Becca Schumacher			N/A
Communion Assistant		Andria Prouty				N/A
Communion Linens	Jennifer Parker		Carol Rife			N/A
Coffee	Jennifer Parker	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
Council Host	Chris Kelyman		Ed Schumacher	Andria Prouty	Jennifer Parker	N/A
Council Money	Dan Scherf		Wally Knight	Martha Garner	Ed Schumacher	N/A
Confirmation Chaperone	Adam Waddell	N/A		Marjorie Barnard		N/A
Remember Your Baptism Asst.		N/A				N/A

Worship Servants Needed for Ash Wednesday, March 6th!

The 2019 Worship Servant sign-up process will remain on SignUp Genius. [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. Thank you!



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