

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

March 2020 Newsletter

Unfortunately, congregation members are still getting occasional scam e-mails purporting to be from Pastor TroyAnn (as are other pastors nationwide and ELCA synod officials). A reminder that any urgent requests from the church will come through our official weekly e-blast or a personal phone call from Pastor TroyAnn. We will **never** ask for gift cards, money, or money orders unless it is in person or in our official e-blast. Although the e-mails may look like they come from Pastor TroyAnn, please check the e-mail address itself (scammers work hard to make them look legitimate) - the **ONLY** e-mails that Pastor TroyAnn uses are pastor@epiphanylu.org or revtroyann@gmail.com. Please [contact Carol Webster](#) if you receive one (forward the e-mail) so she can submit an official complaint to the FTC.



Epiphany 2019 Year in Review



What a year! 2019 was filled with fellowship, worship, mission, outreach, faith formation and yes, some changes, for our church family! Click on the picture to the left (or copy and paste this link into your browser - <https://youtu.be/sHP2HYzER7Y>) to view our 2019 Year in Review video! **The video is UNLISTED on YouTube** - only those who are given the link can view it. What's your favorite memory?

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

| | January | | |
|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Difference |
| Revenue | 13,750.95 | 10,985.84 | 2,765.11 |
| Expenses | 13,610.04 | 12,566.11 | 1,043.93 |
| Net | 140.91 | -1,580.27 | 1,721.18 |

The January financial results beat the projected budget deficit by \$1,721.18

Click the picture below to access the latest directory



Epiphany 2019 Annual Report and February 23 Congregational Meeting Minutes

If you have not had a chance to do so, [please click here](#) to access a copy of the 2019 Epiphany Annual Report for review.

Thank you to all who attended the Epiphany Congregational Meeting on February 23, 2020. You may view and download the minutes from the meeting by clicking [here](#).

Please note that we are in the process of forming a Transition Committee. [Let Phil Goetz know](#) as soon as possible if you are interested in joining the committee - the work that will be done is very important to the future of Epiphany.



Choir practice resumes on March 1, 2020 at 9:15 am. We will be practicing for Easter! Please join us - new members are heartily welcome!



Weaving God's Story
and Our Story
into the World

2020 Southeastern
Synod Assembly

June 5-7, 2020 | Chattanooga, TN

A big thank you to Phil & Lori Goetz for volunteering to represent Epiphany Lutheran Church at the upcoming Synod Assembly!



Upcoming Outreach/Evangelism Opportunities

| Date | Activity | Contact |
|----------|--|--|
| March 1 | Spare Change Sunday! | |
| March 17 | Room in the Inn Laundry Pickup | <u>Sign up to help here!</u> |
| April 30 | Flower planting day w/ Kingsway | Wally Knight |
| May 3 | Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser w/ Kingsway | Dianne Polly |

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 - **Workdays at the garden have started! We are not yet on a regular schedule - check the church calendar or [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 - **the last date for the spring is March 17**. 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!](#)

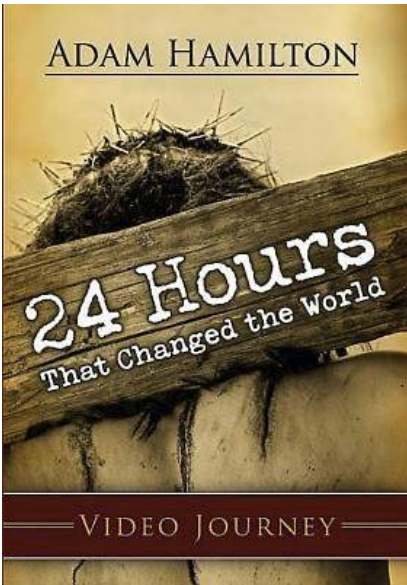
Collierville Connected Resource Center (CCRC) - Epiphany is a coalition partner church with the Collierville Connected Resource Center which provides job skills training such as basic computer operation, resume assistance, help with job applications and interview skills, and offers job search tips for 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.



Wednesday Night Lenten Fellowship & Study



What a difference a day makes. You hear people say that phrase all the time. It could not be truer than when talking about the last day of Jesus' life. In *24 Hours That Changed the World*, Adam Hamilton will help you experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death like never before. He retraces the day that changed human history in his usual straightforward yet easy, conversational style that speaks to both long-time Christians and those who are simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion. Hamilton draws on insights from history, archaeology, geography, and the Bible and takes us to the Holy Land where he provides a deeper understanding of the most amazing day in history. We visit the sites where those earth-shaking events took place, and we walk where Jesus walked along the road that led to the pain and triumph of the cross. Please join us for this study led by Pastor TroyAnn and bring a friend! [Take a minute to preview the DVD for this study!](#)

Wednesday Nights during Lent (March 4 - April 8) at 7 pm
Kingsway Christian Church - Allen Garner Conference Room

Next Room in the Inn on March 17th!

For the last time this spring, 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 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!](#)



MOE (Men of Epiphany) Study & Fellowship March 14th

Please join us for the monthly MOE (Men of Epiphany) meeting at 8:30 am on Saturday, March 14th for breakfast, fellowship and devotion. Meetings are held at IHOP in Collierville (1035 W Poplar Ave.). All are welcome!



Gals of Epiphany Study Continues March 14th!



Please join us (and bring a friend!) for the Gals of Epiphany (GOE) Spring Bible Study on Saturday, March 14th from 9 - 11 am in the Kingsway Library! Be prepared to discuss Chapters 4-6 of our book *Christ of the Celts - The Healing of Creation* by J. Philip Newell. Our last study will be on April 18th.

Did you miss the first two sessions? Catch up by watching them on our YouTube Channel! [Session 1](#) [Session 2](#)

Easter Lily Order Form



Now is the time to order your Easter Lilies - limited quantities available! The cost this year is \$12 per plant. Please make checks payable to Epiphany Lutheran Church and place your payment in the offering plate. Turn in your forms to Chris Kelyman - **last day to order is March 29th!** You may take your lilies home after the Easter service! Contact Chris Kelyman (901.619.4708 or cabkelyman@aol.com) or Martha Garner (901.619.8939 or mngarner@bellsouth.net) with any questions.

Name _____

No. of plants _____

Total \$ amount _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Check # _____



Thank you Bishop Strickland!

We are so thankful for Bishop Strickland's visit to Epiphany on Sunday, February 16th, and grateful for his participation in worship and the time he took for our listening and visioning session following the service.

Don't' forget to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7th! Otherwise, you'll be late to church.....or is it early???



Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Jill Bryson

Lori Goetz - March 9

Bill Sykes - March 16

June Waddell - March 19

Marjorie Barnard - March 29

Have we missed **your** birthday?

[Please send the month/day to Carol Webster](#)

so you can be included!



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.

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!



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!

March 2020 Calendar of Events

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

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| Sun 3/1 | 9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel | <i>Spare Change Sunday!</i> Choir Practice First Sunday in Lent - Worship w/ Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship |
| Wed 3/4 | 7 pm - Allen Garner Conference Rm. - Kingsway Christian Church | Lenten Bible Study - 24 Hours That Changed The World |
| Sun 3/8 | 9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel | Choir Practice Second Sunday in Lent - Worship w/ Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship |
| Wed 3/11 | 7 pm - Allen Garner Conference Rm. - Kingsway Christian Church | Lenten Bible Study - 24 Hours That Changed The World |
| Sat 3/14 | 8:30 am - IHOP Collierville 9:00 am - Kingsway Library | Men of Epiphany (MOE) Fellowship & Bible Study Gals of Epiphany (GOE) Fellowship & Bible Study |
| Sun 3/15 | 9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel | Choir Practice Third Sunday in Lent - Worship w/ Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship |
| Tues 3/17 | 8-11 am Allen Garner Sunday School room - Kingsway Christian Church | Room in the Inn Laundry Pickup |
| Wed 3/18 | 7 pm - Allen Garner Conference Rm. - Kingsway Christian Church | Lenten Bible Study - 24 Hours That Changed The World |
| Thurs 3/19 | 7 pm Kingsway Room 100 - Boardroom | Church Council Meeting |
| Sun 3/22 | 9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel | Choir Practice Fourth Sunday in Lent - Worship w/ Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship |
| Wed 3/26 | 7 pm - Allen Garner Conference Rm. - Kingsway Christian Church | Lenten Bible Study - 24 Hours That Changed The World |
| Sun 3/29 | 9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel | Choir Practice Fifth Sunday in Lent - Worship w/ Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship |



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March 2020 Worship Servants

| | 3/1 | 3/8 | 3/15 | 3/22 | 3/29 |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Altar Setup | Olivet Lankapalli | Phil & Lori Goetz | | | Carol Rife |
| Altar Cleanup | Olivet Lankapalli | Phil & Lori Goetz | | | Carol Rife |
| Assisting Minister | Wendell Kruse | | Carol Rife | | |
| Lector | Diane Kruse | | | | |
| Greeter/Usher | Candy & Wally Knight | | | | |
| Communion Assistant | Praharsh Lankapalli | | | | |
| Communion Linens | Twila Hooverson | Phil & Lori Goetz | | | Carol Rife |
| Coffee | Dianne Polly | | Becca Schumacher | | |
| Council Offering #1 | Andria Prouty | Dan Scherf | Lori Crossmock | Phil Goetz | Andria Prouty |
| Council Offering #2 | Wally Knight | Linda Barnes | Dianne Polly | Wally Knight | Prannoy Lankapalli |
| Children's Church | N/A | Jennifer Parker/Carol Rife | N/A | | N/A |

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.](#)
 Want to know more about being a worship servant?
[You can review the duties and guidelines here.](#)



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 Schaeffer Memorial Chapel
 7887 Poplar Ave.
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