



EPIPHANY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

March 2021 Newsletter

Our Continued Lenten Journey

Forty days is a long time. Our Lenten journey matches Christ's 40 days in the wilderness after his baptism when he was tempted by Satan. Each time Satan put a temptation before him, Jesus was familiar enough with scripture to remind himself and Satan of a verse that spoke against that temptation. We want to read enough scripture often enough that we have that sort of familiarity with it. It is God's Word for us. We'll continue to observe Lent all this month of March. Palm Sunday will come the last Sunday of the month.

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I hope that you are continuing to add disciplines to your life like scripture reading as well as remembering to:

- ⇒ **fast**
- ⇒ **pray**
- ⇒ **practice repentance**
- ⇒ **give alms to the poor**
- ⇒ **practice forgiveness**

as you prepare for the joy of Easter.

The six shadow boxes pictured on the next page are outside my office at Collierville Presbyterian Church. One was created each week during Lent a few years ago. They have remained up as great reminders of these Lenten spiritual disciplines. I encourage you to come by Collierville Presbyterian and look at each one up close so that you can read the various scriptures and see the details of the items that were placed on each one. I know that they cause me to stop and think every time I walk by them.

For those of you who are crafty, you may enjoy making your own poster or diorama, or collection of magazine clippings for each topic.

Peace In Christ, *Pastor TroyAnn*



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. The data below do not include designated funds. We did very well in January with both Revenue and Expenses. Tithing was higher than budgeted primarily because one family gave extra as catch-up for 2020. Expenses were less than budgeted due to our continuing to only paying interest on our Home Place mortgage, not paying full rent while we are worshipping by Zoom, and other activities being curtailed by pandemic restrictions.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenue	\$11,614.45	\$10,156.45	\$1,458.00
Expenses	\$8,622.52	\$9,980.03	\$1,357.51
Net	\$2,991.93	\$176.42	\$2,815.51

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.



Online Worship Services Continuing in March

At this time, we plan on continuing to conduct worship services via Zoom through March - 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

March 7, 2021 Worship Service

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591696688](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591696688)

Meeting ID: 835 9169 6688

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799

March 14, 2021 Worship Service

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81678590722](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81678590722)

Meeting ID: 816 7859 0722

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799

March 21, 2021 Worship Service

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83078938498](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83078938498)

Meeting ID: 830 7893 8498

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799

March 28, 2021 Worship Service

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190172506](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190172506)

Meeting ID: 861 9017 2506

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799

***Please see page 6 for information about
our Lent and Holy Week activities!***

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 28, 2021 Congregational Meeting Results

On February 28, 2021, immediately following our 10 am worship service, we held our congregational meeting. Here are the topics and voting results of that meeting:

- Phil and Lori Goetz volunteered to serve as delegates to this year's Southeastern Synod Assembly, which will be held virtually on Saturday, June 5, 2021. They were elected to serve as delegates by voice vote.
- The 2020 Epiphany Annual Report was accepted by voice vote.
- The revised 2021 Epiphany budget was unanimously approved by ballot vote.
- The Constitution and By-laws changes/ratifications were unanimously approved by ballot vote.
- The following Call Committee members were unanimously approved by ballot vote: John Kelyman, Anil Lankapalli, Carol Rife, and Vicki Scherf.

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

March 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. You may also access our Epiphany Lutheran Church prayer list [here](#).

Midweek Lenten Bible Study

This year, we are offering a midweek Lenten Bible Study on Wednesdays during Lent 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. Below is a list of dates, readings and topics (*click on the date to join the Zoom, and click on the topic to access the materials for that day*).



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



Holy Week

Gethsemane Watch Prayer Vigil

Collierville Presbyterian Church (USA) has invited members of Epiphany Lutheran Church to join them in a Gethsemane Watch Prayer Vigil. The vigil will begin on Maundy Thursday (April 1) at 8 pm and continue through the night until Good Friday morning at 7 pm. Each hour during that time, two people are requested to sign up to be in prayer or reflection either at the church (the church will be open all night) or at home. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service

Epiphany Lutheran Church will hold a Good Friday Tenebrae service on April 2 at 7 pm via Zoom.

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86924992727](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86924992727)

Meeting ID: 869 2499 2727

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799

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.

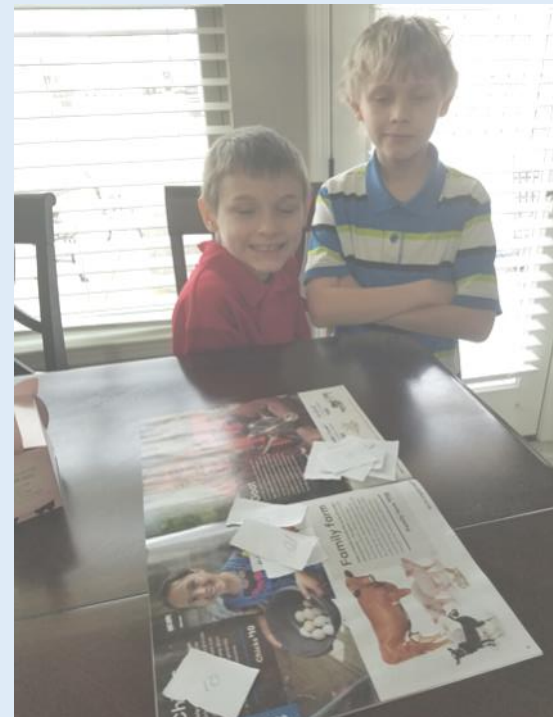
Make it a family affair!



Lois Ketcham shared that she and her grandsons together made their choices for the ELCA Good Gifts project!

She said: "I had my grandsons here this past weekend and one of our first things to do was check out the Good Gifts catalog, read about the benefits and choose. I made slips of paper with \$\$ on them and they made their choices. They chose a batch of chicks, 2 roosters, and the goat and flock of chicks.

They chose a batch of chicks, 2 roosters, and the goat and flock of chicks. Blake did ask why we aren't doing a project for local. I explained all last year it was strictly local Memphis area and this is our one project for out of the United States, and he was ok with it then."



Great choices! Send in pictures of your family making their choices from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog!

Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Lori Goetz - March 9
Jill Bryson - March 11
Bill Sykes - March 16
Marjorie Barnard - March 29

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 website page \(https://epiphanylu.org/synod-news\)](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.



Tune in to the Southeastern Synod social media channels ([YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#)) for mid-week pauses throughout Lent. A member of the synod will read a psalm, and share a reflection and a prayer every week.

Visit the Labyrinth & Lenten stations at Collierville Presbyterian Church!

Members of Epiphany are invited to walk the labyrinth and visit the Lenten stations at CPC. [Watch our Facebook page](#) for posts each week about the Lenten stations.

Stop by when you can. Take your time. Walk the labyrinth, visit the Lenten stations. Do it more than once. Listen to music or walk silently. It is your spiritual journey. [Contact the church office](#) if you do not have a building key and one will be made available.



Church Bulletin Bloopers

(Thanks to Chris Kelyman for sending these in - they are hilarious!)



Thank God for our church administrators. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

- "The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals."
- The Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Brother Jim's sermons.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- Don't let worry kill you off -let the Church help.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- Please place your donation in the envelope a long with the deceased person you want remembered.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge -Up Yours."
- Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.



March 2021 Calendar of Events

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

Wed 3/3	7 pm - Via Zoom	Midweek Lenten Bible Study Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83769346580
Sun 3/7	10 am - Via Zoom	Third Sunday in Lent - Online Worship Service Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591696688
Wed 3/10	7 pm - Via Zoom	Midweek Lenten Bible Study Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83769346580
Sun 3/14	10 am - Via Zoom	Fourth Sunday in Lent - Online Worship Service Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81678590722
Wed 3/17	7 pm - Via Zoom	Midweek Lenten Bible Study Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83769346580
Thurs 3/18	7 pm - Via Zoom	Church Council Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85414162694
Sun 3/21	10 am - Via Zoom	Fifth Sunday in Lent - Online Worship Service Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83078938498
Tues 3/23	7 pm - Via Zoom	Social Ministries Committee Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89471582878
Wed 3/24	7 pm - Via Zoom	Midweek Lenten Bible Study Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83769346580
Sun 3/28	10 am - Via Zoom	Palm Sunday - Online Worship Service Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190172506
Wed 3/31	7 pm - Via Zoom	Midweek Lenten Bible Study Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83769346580

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.



March 2021 Worship Servants

Thanks to our volunteers, the March 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](#)

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

[View current prayers](#)

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

Thank You!



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