



EPIPHANY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

May 2021 Newsletter

Easter, Ascension, Trinity Sunday and Pentecost

We're in the midst of a busy 50 days on the Christian Calendar. We had Holy Week followed by the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. Christ then spends 40 days on earth walking amongst his disciples, showing his resurrection body, eating with them, teaching, praying, and encouraging him. That is the Easter Season we are in right now. Celebrating the presence of the resurrected Christ as he walked the earth and showed evidence of rising from the dead. We want to celebrate this Easter season and be as thrilled by it as the disciples were to see him again and here him encourage them.

On the 40th day after the resurrection, Christ much to his disciple's chagrin ascended into heaven. They felt lost, abandoned, and still could not understand his full mission. He had come to teach, preach, heal, and share the love of God with them and the people of Israel. They did not understand that he had to leave for the Holy Spirit to come to every believer and give them the same powers and understanding of God's love that Christ himself had. They again waited alone in sadness and confusion not fully understanding God's plan. Christ had told them the plan that they would receive power from on high but as usual, the ways of God are hard to decipher if our own preconceived ideas or feelings overlay them. They waited 10 more days for a total of 50 days after the Resurrection until the Jewish Harvest Festival of Shavuot and then the Holy Spirit descended upon all of them filling the void that Christ had left. The Spirit provided all the love, the knowledge, the power, and sense of fellowship that they had with Christ. In fact, because the Spirit was not limited by either time or space and could be with each individual Christian all at one time, It more than filled the void that they had.

Christ showed what an unseeable, unknowable God was like when he came to earth as a God-Man. Jesus was also willing to show us obedience and was willing to die for us and all the rest of the world. He gave us saving grace when we believe in him, and the Holy Spirit continues in us to nurture mature, teach and guide us now. ***Enjoy and celebrate all these 50 days of the Easter season until we get to Pentecost on May 23rd. Then be prepared to wear red to church as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.***

Peace In Christ, *Pastor TroyAnn*

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May 2021 Worship Services

IMPORTANT: Worship time is now 9 am Sunday morning, both for in-person and Zoom worship services.

In-person worship services will also continue to be offered via Zoom for those who are unable or unwilling to attend worship in person. For in-person worship, social distancing and Covid protocols will be observed, and masks will be required; we will be following all Southeast Synod, CDC and CPC guidelines for safe worship. Communion will be offered at all in-person worship services.



Sunday Worship Schedule

May 2, 2021 Sunday Worship Service - 9 am
In Person at Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom

May 9, 2021 Worship Service - 9 am
Zoom Worship Service Only

May 16, 2021 Worship Service - 9 am
In Person at Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom

May 23, 2021 Worship Service
Zoom Worship Service Only

May 30, 2021 Worship Service - 9 am
In Person at Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom

Zoom information for ALL worship services in May

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095>

Meeting ID: 816 2793 2095

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799

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

March was another very good month for Epiphany. Several families gave extra tithes for Lent which boosted our revenue. Expenses were less than budgeted due to our only paying partial interest on our Home Place mortgage, not paying full rent while we are worshipping by Zoom, and other activities being curtailed by pandemic restrictions.

	Mar. 2021			2021 YTD		
	Actual	Budget	Net	Actual	Budget	Net
Revenue	\$ 13,426	\$ 10,156	\$ 3,269	\$ 35,783	\$ 30,469	\$ 5,314
Expenses (incl. Loan)	\$ 8,602	\$ 10,385	-\$ 1,783	\$ 25,961	\$ 31,078	-\$ 5,117
Net	\$ 4,823	-\$ 229	\$ 5,052	\$ 9,822	-\$ 609	\$ 10,431

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 click on the PayPal logo here.

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.



Help Restock the Little Food Pantry (Blessing Box) at Home Place!

The Little Food Pantry is routinely stocked with non-perishable food items; all in the community are invited to use it as needed, and donate as well. With increased need in our community, the Little Food Pantry/ Blessing Box is almost empty. Please help restock the Blessing Box - [click here to find out what is needed!](#)



Synod News

The Southeastern Synod Diversity & Justice Task Force is sponsoring a movie viewing and discussion with the movie *The Hate U Give*. Please join us for this important conversation. Movie viewing will begin at 3 pm EST / 2 pm CST, with discussion to follow.

[Click here for more information or to register.](#)

Movie Viewing & Discussion



Sunday, May 16, 2021

Movie begins at 3pm EST / 2pm CST
with discussion to follow

Sign up at ELCA-SES.org

*This event is sponsored by the
Diversity & Justice task force
of the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA*



May 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](#).

What's Happening at Home Place

Things were busy at the garden in April! We tilled, pulled weeds, mowed, spread compost, shredded leaves, and planted corn, cucumbers, Brussel sprouts, potatoes, nasturtiums, calla lilies and more! We even planted buckwheat seeds to attract our pollinators (#savethebees!). A special welcome to our Judge's Club volunteers who are working with us to complete their community service hours (see the letter of thanks from Judge Lee Ann Pafford Dobson on page 6!).



***Thanks to all our volunteers!
All are welcome to come work with us
Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:30 am - 11:30 am!***

Together Again!

What a blessing it was to gather for outdoor fellowship on Easter Sunday!



Collierville Municipal Court

LEE ANN PAFFORD DOBSON
Judge

PATRICK LAFFERTY
Court Clerk



MARK S. McDANIEL
Prosecutor

CHARLES W. BELL
Prosecutor

NICHOLAS J. PIEROTTI
Prosecutor

MARY THORSBERG
Prosecutor

Town of Collierville

March 16, 2021

Mr. Wendell Kruse
Epiphany Community Garden
2135 Kimbrough Woods Place
Germantown, TN 38139

Re: Juvenile Probation Program's Community Service Hours

Dear Mr. Kruse,

Thank you for your letter of March 2, 2021, in regard to the tremendous success the Epiphany Community Garden experienced last year. And I'm very glad to learn the "Judge's Club" made a positive impact in helping cultivate the more than 2,300 pounds of produce for local charities.

As I have said before, the Epiphany Community Garden is an ideal opportunity for our juveniles to fulfill their community service hours and I'm proud my Court is a part of this charitable effort benefiting local hunger ministries. I have spoken with my Court Clerk, Mr. Patrick Lafferty, and he has informed me that he recently spoken to you and that our Traffic Clerks are actively promoting the Community Garden to Juveniles, and their parents, when signing up for the Juvenile Program.

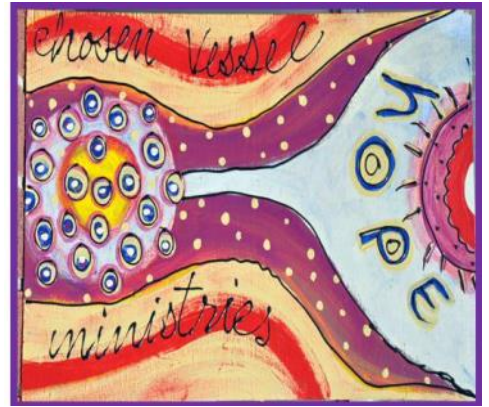
Again, thank you for contacting me and sharing how helpful our juveniles were last year and I'm sending best wishes the 2021 season will be even more successful. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Lee Ann Pafford Dobson
Judge

Social Ministries/Outreach

Thank you to everyone who has written cards to women in the Chosen Vessel Ministries program! Especially during these days when contact with others has been limited because of the pandemic, receiving cards and letters and knowing that others care makes a huge difference in the lives of those who are incarcerated or otherwise isolated.



Collierville Fishing Rodeo

Thank you to all who came out to help with the Collierville Fishing Rodeo! It was a big success!



Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Steve Rife - May 1
Wally Knight - May 3
Phil Goetz - May 8
Prannoy Lankapalli - May 15
Dan Marzahl - May 17

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



May 2021 Calendar of Events

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

Sat. 5/1	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 5/2	9 am - In Person - CPC 9 am - Via Zoom	Fifth Sunday of Easter - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Mon 5/3	7 pm - Via Zoom	Reopening Committee Meeting
Wed 5/5	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 5/8	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 5/9	9 am - Via Zoom	Sixth Sunday of Easter - Online Worship Service Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 5/12	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 5/15	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 5/16	9 am - In Person - CPC 9 am - Via Zoom	Seventh Sunday of Easter - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 5/19	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Thurs 5/20	7 pm - Via Zoom	Church Council Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86201704560
Sat 5/22	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 5/23	9 am - Via Zoom	Day of Pentecost - Online Worship Service Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 5/26	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 7 pm - Via Zoom	Community Garden Workday Social Ministries Committee Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89471582878
Sat 5/29	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 5/30	9 am - In Person - CPC 9 am - Via Zoom	Holy Trinity Sunday - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095

Gals of Epiphany

*Stay tuned to hear about our next study -
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.

May 2021 Worship Servants

Worship servants still needed for all Sundays in May except May 9th - please consider volunteering! If you have any questions about serving for either in-person or 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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God's work. Our hands.

Epiphany Lutheran Church
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