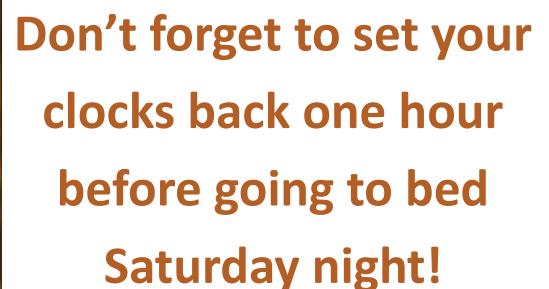




November 2019 Newsletter

the celebration event a brief “state of the union” update will be given, 2020 pledge cards will be distributed with the stewardship principles printed on them as guides for us to use to live into God’s promises and abundance. New offering envelopes and Time and Talent sheets will also be distributed. Please [contact Martha Garner](#) to sign up to bring a dish for the potluck.



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.



November 17 - Pledge Consecration Sunday

December 8 - Congregational Meeting

immediately following the worship service

ELCA Southeast Synod News

Special Announcement from Bishop Strickland

Bishops' Relational Agreement for Women in Ministry

Over the past year, bishops in Region 9, have been working to utilize our positions to address systemic issues facing women rostered ministers. Guided by the work of a core team of women leaders, in May 2019 all Region 9 bishops gathered to begin work on a "Bishops' Relational Agreement for Candidacy, Call Process, and Boundaries." We are thankful that in July 2019 this agreement was adopted and we are eager to share it now with leaders throughout the region. On this day when we celebrate the Reformation, we continue to be reformed in our work alongside women leaders. [Read more...](#)



The installation of Bishop Kevin Strickland took place on October 5, 2019. [Click here](#) to view a gallery of pictures from this joyous occasion!

Pictured here:

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Kevin Strickland and outgoing Bishop Julian Gordy



Service Opportunities



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

Upcoming Outreach/Evangelism Opportunities

Date	Activity	Contact
November 3	Spare Change Sunday!	
November 19	Room in the Inn Laundry Pickup	Becca Schumacher/Chris Kelyman

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 - **Garden hours have changed for the fall - Wednesdays we will be working from 9 am - 11 am; Saturdays will be on an "as needed basis."** [Contact Wendell Kruse](#) for more information.

Room In The Inn (RITI)

Starting in November, volunteers are needed to pick up sheets and towels on the third Tuesday every month through March to launder and return to Kingsway by the following Sunday. If you have never participated in RITI, you will find it to be a most meaningful experience as a volunteer. [Contact Becca Schumacher](#) for more information.

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.

Thanks to everyone who donated canned hams on October 27th - we collected 34 hams for the Collierville Food Pantry!



Life at Epiphany

Thanks to Rick Barnard for sharing his photography skills with us!

Pet Blessing October 5th ([click here](#) to see more pictures)



Confirmation October 27th





Gals of Epiphany Study November 2nd

Please join us for the last session of the Gals of Epiphany (GOE) Fall Bible Study on Saturday, November 2 at 9 am. We will meet in the Kingsway Library. Please bring a friend! For this study, we are using the book "What Do Our Neighbors Believe?" by Greenstein, Hotz, and Kaltner. This paperback is a review of Judaism, Christianity and Islam; it is written by scholars from each faith and is easy to read and understand. The Jewish scholar is Rabbi Micah Greenstein from Memphis Temple Israel. This month we are discussing Chapters 7-9. [Find out more and review discussion questions.](#)

MOE (Men of Epiphany) Study & Fellowship November 9th



Please join us for the monthly MOE (Men of Epiphany) meeting at 8:30 am on the 2nd Saturday of every month for breakfast, fellowship and devotion. Meetings are held at the home of retired Pastor Ray Heilener. Please contact [Wendell Kruse](#) or [Carol Webster](#) if you are interested and need the address!

Prayers for our Ministry Candidates



We ask for your prayers for Linda Barnes and Adam Waddell, who will be traveling to Atlanta the week of November 4th for their candidacy entrance interviews. Please pray for safe travels, and that God will calm their anxiety and soothe their fears as they approach their interviews.

Christmas Fellowship



The Fellowship Committee is looking for someone to host our annual Christmas Fellowship. If you are willing to host our fellowship or have questions please contact Martha Garner by telephone (901-619-8939) or [e-mail](#).

Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Hector Johnson - November 4
Wendell Kruse - November 19
Lois Ketcham - November 24
Scott Fisher - November 27

Have we missed **your** birthday?

[Please send the month/day to Carol Webster](#)
so you can be included!



Prepare Personal Hygiene Bags for Shelby County Students on November 9th

Please join us on November 9th any time between 8:30 am - noon to help bag personal hygiene products for needy students in Shelby County. Studies have shown that girls stay home during their periods because they do not have products available to them at their homes. We will be at the Shelby County Schools Administrative building at 2800 Grays Creek, Arlington, TN. Please [contact Dianne Polly](#) (Executive Director of the Shelby County Education Foundation) if you have any questions!



Room in the Inn Starts Again November 19th!

Once again, 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 the third Tuesday of every month from November through March (November 19, December 17, January 21, February 18, and 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.

[Contact Becca Schumacher](#) for more information. [Sign up here to volunteer!](#)



Interactive Creche and Nativity!

We are offering an interactive Creche and Nativity for the community on Friday, December 6th from 4 to 7 pm, and again on Saturday, December 7th from 3 to 7 pm. Look for more information coming soon! Everyone is invited to dress in the costumes being provided, and take pictures. We will be handing out candy canes and the schedule for our Advent and Christmas worship services, and hope to have a bonfire too!

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!



The Epiphany Community Garden continues to produce!

NOTE: Wednesday community workday hours are now 9 am - 11 am; Saturdays are as needed.

October was a busy month! At the beginning of the month it was still hot and dry, and we worked up a number of beds and planted turnip and mustard seed tapes, as well as watered all the new seed beds and cucumber cages. The cucumber plants were flowering like crazy, and produced more than 6 pounds of cucumbers to pick on October 2nd! With the weather hopefully cooling soon, we expect to see more production from our tomato plants.

We finally saw significant rain the middle of the month - with more than 2.5" showing in the garden rain gauge. On 10/12, we harvested various vegetables and fertilized the tomato plants.

October 16 was a beautiful day at the garden - as Wendell says, "cool and clear as a bell!" With the cooler temperatures, we are seeing more tomatoes, and removed dead plant material from them, as well as did some weeding throughout the garden. Cucumber production remains steady, and we harvested 57 pounds of vegetables. We see evidence of some "munching" on the greens - our deer friends are probably the culprits.

We had another beautiful day at the garden on October 23rd! We weeded, removed and stored the irrigation system, finished the shelf installation in the tool shed, performed maintenance on the push mower and did some mowing and general cleaning up. We gathered 35 pounds of greens, cucumbers, tomatoes, okra and peppers, for a total this season so far of 1,069 pounds!

More rain at the garden on 10/25 - the rain gauge showed another 3/4" with more rain on the way.



November 2019 Calendar of Events

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

Sat 11/2	9 am - Kingsway Library	Gals of Epiphany Study & Fellowship (GOE)
Sun 11/3	9 am - Bride's Room, Schaeffer Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	<i>Spare Change Sunday!</i> Confirmation Class 21st Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints Sunday - Worship w/ Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
Wed 11/6	9 - 11 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 11/9	8:30 am - Pastor Ray's Home	Men of Epiphany Study & Fellowship (MOE)
Sun 11/10	9 am - Bride's Room, Schaeffer Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Kingsway Fellowship Hall	Confirmation Class 22nd Sunday after Pentecost - Worship w/ Holy Communion Stewardship Abundance Celebration Potluck
Wed 11/13	9 - 11 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 11/17	9 am - Bride's Room, Schaeffer Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	<i>Pledge Consecration Day!</i> Confirmation Class 23rd Sunday after Pentecost - Worship w/ Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
Tues 11/19	8-11 am Allen Garner Sunday School room - Kingsway Christian Church	Room in the Inn Laundry Pickup
Wed 11/20	9 - 11 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Thurs 11/21	7 pm Kingsway Room 100 - Boardroom	Church Council Meeting
Sun 11/24	9 am - Bride's Room, Schaeffer Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel Noon - St. Luke Lutheran Church	<i>Christ the King Sunday</i> Confirmation Class 24th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship w/ Holy Communion Lunch with Bishop Strickland
Wed 11/27	9 - 11 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Thurs 11/28		Happy Thanksgiving!
11/28-11/29		Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving



November 2019 Worship Servants

	11/3	11/10	11/17	11/24
Altar Setup	Carol Rife	Jennifer Parker	Jennifer Parker	
Altar Cleanup	Carol Rife	Jennifer Parker	Jennifer Parker	
Assisting Minister	Wendell Kruse	John Crossmock		Carol Rife
Lector	Diane Kruse			
Greeter/Usher	Joann Wieland		John & Lori Crossmock	
Communion Assistant	Twila Hooverson	Lori Crossmock		
Communion Linens	Twila Hooverson	Jennifer Parker	Jennifer Parker	Carol Rife
Coffee & Cookies	The Waddells	Twila Hooverson	The Goetzes	The Knights
Council Offering #1	Martha Garner	Ed Schumacher	Chris Kelyman	
Council Offering #2	Jennifer Parker	Lori Crossmock	Dan Scherf	
Confirmation Chaperone	Candy Knight			
Children's Church	Dianne Polly/OPEN	N/A	Dianne Polly/Carol Rife	N/A

Worship Servants Needed!

[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.

Want to know more about being a worship servant?

[You can review the duties and guidelines here.](#)



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