



# EPIPHANY

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

## October 2019 Newsletter

### Stewardship Campaign Begins October 13

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe but it is time to launch Epiphany's fall Stewardship Campaign. Beginning on Sunday, October 13 through Sunday, November 10, a council member will give a brief temple talk on a Stewardship Principle and how their chosen verse speaks to them. Ed Schumacher will launch the campaign on Sunday, October 13, with his thoughts on "Respond Gratefully." This will be followed on consecutive Sundays by Lori Crossmock with "Sacrifice Proportionately," Jennifer Parker with "Give Willingly," Martha Garner with "Share Abundantly" and Phil Goetz, our Council President, concluding the Stewardship series with "Accept a Challenge."



Give

Serve



Attend

Grow

Stewardship

At the end of the five week series on November 10 we will congregate after the service in the Kingsway Fellowship Hall to share a potluck meal and to celebrate the Abundance God has blessed us with individually and as a congregation and community of believers. During 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.

May the five week Stewardship Campaign provide an opportunity for us to reflect on the abundance of gifts God has blessed Epiphany with knowing that God will continue to bless Epiphany as we move into the future. We have been blessed with interim Pastor TroyAnn Pouloupoulos who will lead us through the discernment process of where God is leading Epiphany, we are blessed with children in the congregation, a seminary student, faithful garden angels who manage our community garden, volunteers for Room in the Inn and Pastor Tony's ministry and we are blessed with one another. Let us use the five-week Stewardship Campaign to renew our commitment to "God's Work, Our Hands" through the wise use of our time, talents and financial resources all to the Glory of God and his Kingdom.

In Service to Christ Jesus,

*The Epiphany Lutheran Stewardship Team*

## Epiphany's Core Values — Faithfulness, Inclusion, Love

### Our Guiding Principles

We accept and appreciate your presence.

We serve everyone.

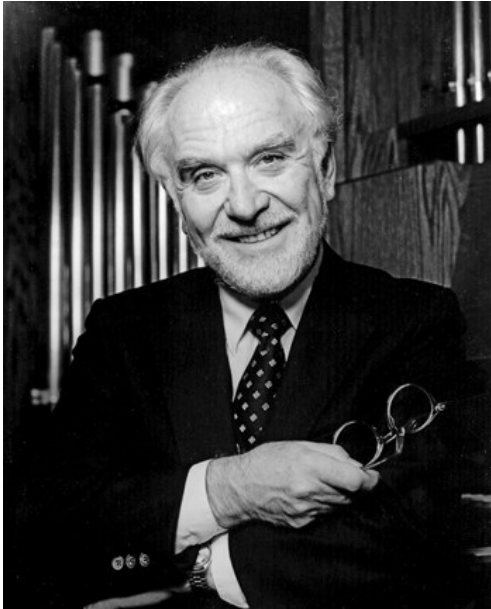
We grow personally through the word of God.

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.

## Concert/Hymn Festival at Trinity Lutheran Church October 20



On September 21, 1980, three young organists were among the 371 people who crowded into Trinity Lutheran Church to hear an Organ Concert / Hymn Festival presented by the legendary Lutheran organist Dr. Paul Manz. Over the years we have used his music in our own churches, and now, on the 100th anniversary of Paul Manz' birth, we have planned another Organ Concert / Hymn Festival to honor this man who so inspired us, to share his music, and to celebrate his legacy. Please plan now to join us at [Trinity Lutheran Church](#) (210 Washington Avenue, Memphis, 38103) on October 20, 2019, 4:00 p.m. for "E'en So, Lord Jesus – A Celebration of the Music of Paul Manz," featuring organists Martha Israel, Ty Legge, and Jane Scharding Smedley, as well as a choir led by Dr. Bruce Smedley. Free parking is available in the lot across the street, and a reception will follow. For more information, call Trinity's office at 901 525-1056 or Martha Israel at 901 652-0609. All are cordially invited!

Dr. Paul Manz, Lutheran Organist

## ELCA Southeast Synod News

### Installation of the Bishop and Staff of the Southeastern Synod

The service of Holy Communion with the Rite of Installation of The Reverend Kevin Lyle Strickland as Bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will occur at 2pm EDT on Saturday, October 5th at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, GA.



# Service Opportunities



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

## Upcoming Outreach/Evangelism Opportunities

Date	Activity	Contact
October 5	Blessing of the Pets	Jennifer Parker/Pastor TroyAnn
October 6	Spare Change Sunday!	
October 20	Thanksgiving Food Drive	Lori Goetz

**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** - **We are working regular garden hours throughout the fall - please come help us grow by volunteering your time on Wednesday and Saturday morning from 8:30 - 11:30 am!** [Donate here](#) to help the garden grow - help us fund our efforts for 2019 and beyond!

### **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. **The RITI program will resume again in November.** [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.

# choir practice



**Choir practice continues through 10/27**

There's still time to join the choir - the choir practices every Sunday at 9:15 and will perform on Reformation Sunday, October 27th.

**Come Make A Joyful Noise!**



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

*On Saturday, September 14, Epiphany members joined in the Rise against Hunger at Kingsway. We along with several churches packed over 20,000 meals to be sent to under-privileged countries to feed those in need. Thanks to all who joined us!*



## 1,000 pounds and counting!

September was a busy month at the Community Garden! In early September, the garden angels weeded and watered various areas, dusted the squash and cucumber plants, mowed despite facing mechanical issues, and harvested butternut squash, tomatoes, peppers, okra and a watermelon.

Mid-September saw more mowing (with the dry weather, the grass is thankfully not growing quite as fast!), did some equipment maintenance, weeded, tilled and cleaned up trash, watered, and planted some turnip and mustard seed tapes. The harvest for Collierville Food Pantry included okra, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, eggplant and a watermelon!

Toward the end of the month, we had some nice weather on our work days - not as hot as it had been! We installed a wire perimeter fence around the cucumber cages - so many yellow flowers on the vines mean lots of cucumbers to come! We also cleaned up some of the tomato beds, weeded and planted a few more turnip seed tapes. This season through September, we have harvested close to 1,000 pounds of vegetables, including the last delivery of various vegetables and turnip greens. Thanks to all the garden crew who make this magic happen.



## Upcoming Events & Activities



### Gals of Epiphany Study October 5th

Please join us for the Gals of Epiphany (GOE) Fall Bible Study on Saturday, October 5 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 4-6. [Find out more and review discussion questions.](#)

### MOE (Men of Epiphany) Study & Fellowship October 12th



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!



## Community Pet Blessing

**When:** Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 4 - 5 pm

Blessing of the Pets (stuffed animals also welcome!)

**Where:** Epiphany Community Garden @ Home Place

Corner of Wolf River Blvd. and Bray Station Rd., Collierville

*Goodies and Treats for pets and their people!*

We will be collecting supplies for Collierville Animal Services

[Collierville Animal Services Wishlist](#)

**SAFETY:** All animals must be leashed or in a secure carrier suitable for transport.



Our very own Rick Barnard will be taking pet photos at the Pet Blessing again this year! Instructions will be provided at the event how to access the digital downloads for your use.

Suggested donation for a photo is \$5 - all proceeds will go directly to the [Collierville Animal Services!](#)

## Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Ed Schumacher - October 5  
Christine Fox - October 10  
Carol Rife - October 14

Have we missed **your** birthday?

Please send the month/day to Carol Webster  
so you can be included!



### Prime Timers Fellowship 10/18

On Friday, October 18 at 6 pm, we have been invited to join Holy Apostles (our neighbors across from the Epiphany garden) for a Potluck and Hymn Sing-Along! Mr. Jim Walsmith will lead all in a presentation and singing of old-time hymns highlighting the works of Fanny Crosby, known as the "Queen of Gospel Song Writers." This program should be a lot of fun as Lutherans and Bonhoeffer are/were keen on hymns and gospel music. If you have any questions about the event, or would like to reserve a spot, please [contact Wendell and Diane Kruse](#).

## 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](#).

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!



## October 2019 Calendar of Events

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

Wed 10/2	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 10/5	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 9 am - Kingsway Library 4 pm - Home Place	Community Garden Workday Gals of Epiphany Study & Fellowship (GOE) Blessing of the Pets & Free Pet Pictures
Sun 10/6	9 am - Bride's Room, Schaeffer Chapel 9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	<b><i>Spare Change Sunday!</i></b> Confirmation Class Choir Rehearsal 17th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship w/ Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
Wed 10/9	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 10/12	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 8:30 am - Pastor Ray's Home	Community Garden Workday Men of Epiphany Study & Fellowship (MOE)
Sun 10/13	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 Rehearsal 18th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship w/ Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
10/14-18		Pastor TroyAnn attends SE Synod Leadership Convocation
Wed 10/16	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Friday 10/18	6 pm - Holy Apostles Episcopal Church	Prime Timers - Holy Apostles Pot Luck and Gospel Sing-Along
Sat 10/19	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 10/20	9 am - Bride's Room, Schaeffer Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	<b><i>Thanksgiving Food Drive</i></b> Confirmation Class 19th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship w/ Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship
Tues 10/22	7 pm - Kingsway Boardroom	Council Meeting
Wed 10/23	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 10/26	9 am - Home Place	Garden Workday & Picnic with St Andrew's Episcopal Church
Sun 10/27	9 am - Bride's Room, Schaeffer Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Kingsway Fellowship Hall	<b><i>Reformation Sunday/Confirmation Day</i></b> Confirmation Class 20th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship w/ Holy Communion Confirmation Banquet
Wed 10/30	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday





## October 2019 Worship Servants

	10/6	10/13	10/20	10/27
<b>Altar Setup</b>	Carol Rife		Carol Rife	
<b>Altar Cleanup</b>	Carol Rife		Carol Rife	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Wendell Kruse		Carol Rife	
<b>Lector</b>	Diane Kruse		John Crossmock	Carol Rife
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>		John & Lori Crossmock		
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Adam Waddell			
<b>Communion Linens</b>				Carol Rife
<b>Coffee &amp; Cookies</b>	The Schumachers	The Wielands	The Parkers	N/A
<b>Council Offering #1</b>	Jennifer Parker	Wally Knight	Lori Crossmock	Dan Scherf
<b>Council Offering #2</b>	Ed Schumacher	Martha Garner	Phil Goetz	Andria Prouty
<b>Confirmation Chaperone</b>	Marjorie Barnard			
<b>Children's Church</b>	Olivet Lankapalli/OPEN	N/A	Dianne Polly/Jennifer Parker	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.](#)



## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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