



THE EXAMINER

The Newsletter of Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 2014

The special worship services of Holy Week are a once a year opportunity for us to remember through our worship the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

April 13 – 8:30 & 11:00 am

For our worship, we will be using a worship service designed by the popular Lutheran author Walter Wangerin Jr. This worship service will help us meditate on the journey of our Lord through his Passion as the cries of the crowds turn from shouts of “Hosanna” to shouts of “Crucify.”

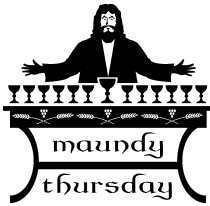
We hope you will join us for this special worship opportunity.



Maundy Thursday

April 17 - Noon & 7:00 pm

Service of Holy Communion



Today we remember that even on the night of his betrayal, our Lord Jesus taught his disciples to love one another as he had loved them. Join us in the Nave for a Service of Holy Communion. This Service will end with the Stripping of the Altar and will have no Benediction since the service of Maundy Thursday is seen as part of a larger worship experience that includes the Services of Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

Good Friday

April 18 - Noon & 7:00 pm

Service of The Passion, According to John — Noon

Service of the Seven Last Words — 7:00 pm

Today we remember through worship, silent meditation, and prayer, the moving events of Jesus' crucifixion and death.



Easter Sunday—Alleluia! He is Risen!

Festival Worship with Holy Communion

April 20 — 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am



We celebrate our Lord's victory over death as we gather for a festive worship Service of Holy Communion and special choral and handbell music!

USHERING AT EPIPHANY



As some of you may have heard, Matt Greenshields is stepping down as the Usher Coordinator for Epiphany. After many years of service, he is shifting gears and will support our congregation as a council member and Sunday School teacher, among many other ministries he participates in. I would like to thank Matt for his coordination of the ushers for the last ten years – **he has done a great job!** When you see him, please extend a special thank you for his service!

Earlier this year, I accepted the invitation to assume the Usher Coordinator role at Epiphany (do I ever have big shoes to fill!) and I look forward to serving the congregation in this way. I feel so blessed to be able to work with such a dedicated team.

If you have any thoughts (either as an usher yourself or as a member of the congregation) about how better the ushers can serve, please let me know.

Lastly, if you are interested in becoming an usher, or just learning more about this opportunity to serve our congregation in this way, I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours in Christ,
Brendan Paget



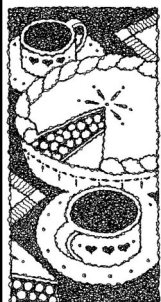
Property Purchase Opportunity

After learning that an adjacent property might soon be for sale s, the Church Council formed a small group to gather and evaluate whether or not the congregation should consider purchasing the property located at 7109 Grace Street. The group met on February 25, 2014 to discuss the “pros and cons” of the opportunity. Unanimously, the group agreed that further investigation and consideration would be prudent as this could be a great investment opportunity for the long term well being and growth of the church. Council accepted this recommendation and will evaluate the opportunity further. Prior to any offers on the property, the congregation would vote on the purchase.



Property Purchase Opportunity

Women’s Night Out for 30s/40s Group



Ladies, come and share fellowship and Kaffee und Kuchen at Allyson Waller’s home on Monday, April 14th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Email allyson.waller@gmail.com by April 11th if you plan on attending. There is only on-street parking available, so try and car pool with someone if you can.



An update from the Call Committee!

Did that make you do a double take? This is the call committee for our new Associate Pastor! The previous call committee did a great job in calling our new Senior Pastor and now we have a new group excited and committed to finding our new Associate Pastor. We were charged from our Congregational Council to come together and plan for an addition to our wonderful staff.

We have updated our "Ministry Site Profile" which is used to inform potential candidates about us and what areas of ministry we prioritize and what skill set we most hope to see in our next Associate Pastor. We had an initial meeting with the Bishop of the Virginia Synod, Bishop Mauney on February 10th, and have had subsequent meetings since then. We are happy to report that we are ready to begin initial interviews. The initial interviews will be done using Skype – a modern way to be able to easily "see" each other without having to travel. We know that you all are aware that this process is a confidential process but not a secretive one. Information about candidates will be made known to the wider congregation at the proper time. If you have input or questions, please don't hesitate to get with us. We ask for your prayers for God to lead our process and help us discern what is best for our blessed congregation. In the meantime, please check our church website (under the "about us" tab) to find out more about where we are in the process.

Thanks for your support!

Jane Lanham, Chair

Stephanie Paget, Jim Yucha, Lyle Gleason, Jeff Quann, Rachel Bracken

Calling an Associate
PASTOR

EASTER BASKETS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN



Easter
Baskets
for the
Needy

Easter Baskets for Needy Children -- Remember to bring your filled Easter Baskets to church by noon on Sunday, April 6

Sharing God's love in this small way will bring cheer to some children much in need of encouragement. The children we are helping include some in Lutheran Family Service's foster children program and some who receive after-school therapy in St. Joseph Villa's Therapeutic Day Treatment Program.

Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp & Retreat Center will have their spring work weekend April 4-6. If you are interested in attending and or seek additional information, please contact Warren Hammer at 672-2315.

All levels of skill and talents are welcomed. *The mountains are calling and I must go...*

<http://www.carolinefurnace.org/>



The Feitig Scholarship



Please remember that completed applications are due in the office by noon on Monday, April 28th, by noon.

If you are interested, please pick up an application which is in the Commons on the bulletin board. Contact the church office, 282-6066, for additional information.

50+ FELLOWSHIP & MINISTRY**Wittenberg**
By David Davalos
Henley Street Theatre

Join us Friday, April 11 at 8:00 pm. Tickets will be \$20, if we have a group of 10 or more. Otherwise the cost is \$30. Trouble brews in the hallowed halls of Wittenberg University, circa 1517. Sparring professors Doctor Faustus and Reverend Martin Luther vie for the allegiance of their star pupil, Prince Hamlet, who is struggling with his faith and his tennis game.

Contact Christy Huffman at deaconchristy@comcast.net or sign up in the Commons if you wish to attend.

**BOOK DISCUSSION**

Join us Monday, April 28 at 10:30am, as we discuss *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven* by Fannie Flagg. Eddie Westin will lead our discussion. We meet in the parlor for great reflections, fellowship and friendship.

April Baptism Birthdays

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday School Lessons for April

April 6— *Lazarus*
April 13— *Palm Sunday*
April 20— *Easter—NO SUNDAY SCHOOL*
April 27 — *Doubting Thomas*



Vacation Bible School 2014



Camp Friendship
Ages 3—Rising 5th Graders
join us
July 21-25, 2014
8:45 am—12 Noon

We will meet new friends from the community and Scripture, as we come together to learn about the Battle of Jericho, Ruth & Naomi, Four Friends, the Good Samaritan, and Ten Men Healed.

Registration for participants is available online on the church site: www.epiphanyelca.org.
Click on the “forms” tab, and vbs 2014 participant subhead.

Volunteers are needed to make this week a success. Youth entering 6th grade and older are invited to assist with age groups or activity sites. Adults are invited to lead age groups and activity sites.
If you have any questions, please contact Christy Huffman.

Lent Sunday School Project

During the 40 days of Lent we are spending time reflecting on our lives and the world around us. In a time when more than 800 million people—that’s 1 in 8 people in our world today—live with hunger, Lent is a time to dedicate 40 days to making a difference.

We hope you are collecting coins in your bank for our “Noisy Offering”, which will go towards ELCA World Hunger. Continue to challenge yourselves to place money in the box each day. Think of something you might give up that day like soda, cookies, candy, chips, or brussel sprouts. Then donate the cost of whatever you’ve given up.

Return your banks to Sunday School on Sunday, April 13!
Thank you for helping to fight hunger.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Mornings:

Parenting by the Book Join Kristy Anderson and Sarah Robbins in the Chapel as we explore Biblical Parenting using John Rosemond's, *Parenting by the Book*, as our guide. We will meet through May 18.

Great Christians Join Barry Westin in Price Hall as we meet to learn about and explore some of the great Christians throughout history.

Tuesday Mornings:

God's Gift of Life meets at 10:30 am in the Chapel. Lent is an ideal time to pray and reflect on the gift of life God offers to us through Jesus Christ. In this study we are invited to create a holy space for Bible study and to open our hearts and minds through self-examination and reflections so that we might grow in our faith. We will experience the blessings of the life given to us through the ministry, suffering, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. ***After Easter we will resume our Study of the Apostles.***

Wednesday Evenings:

Parent Chat will meet at 6:15 pm in Room 101 to share in time of fellowship as our children make a joyful noise to the Lord.

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Thursday Mornings:

Moms' Bible Study—Couples of the Old Testament meets at 9:30 am in the Chapel to share in the study of God's Word and a time of fellowship with moms.

COMMUNITY SERVICE MINISTRY

New Service Opportunity



As many of you know, Epiphany has long supported Richmond's Freedom House by supplying meals to the residents of the Hull Street Shelter. Unfortunately, Freedom House had to close its doors last year due to a lack of funding. The good news is that the former CEO of the Hull Street Shelter along with the former Veterans Care Coordinator for Freedom House have been able to establish a new ministry called Liberation Family Services. Liberation Family Services has established a new shelter for homeless veterans located in the same facility that housed the Hull Street Shelter. They currently are housing and assisting 28 homeless vets and plan to serve up to 40. They have asked that we once again, provide an evening meal 4 times a year. The procedure will be exactly the same as when we served the homeless at the old Hull Street Shelter, providing an entree, sides, dessert and drinks by 6:00 pm on our designated days. Our first serving date is Tuesday, April 29th. The Community Service Ministry Team will be soliciting volunteers to both provide food and deliver and serve the meal that night. Please look for volunteer sign up sheet to go up in the Commons in early April and volunteer to help our homeless vets get back on their feet!



HHOPE

Often people will ask HHOPE team ministry members what items are most needed for the pantry. One of the greatest needs is for canned meat (tuna or chicken) as this is not always available at the Food Bank and something that is part of the family bags that are given out every distribution. Examples of other items given out at every distribution are; cans of fruit, spaghetti sauce, pasta, oatmeal, canned vegetables, children's cereal, and apple juice. To see a complete list of items, please see our display in the commons in front of the balcony stairs.

The HHOPE ministry team would like to express our gratitude and love to our church family for its continued support of our church pantry. Here is information (from our January and February distributions) that shows why this outreach ministry is so important:

In January 2014 we served 43 households (6 seniors, 88 adults, and 94 children) and gave out 1,791 pounds of food

In February 2014, we served 39 households (8 seniors, 78 adults, and 78 children) and gave out 1,555 pounds of food.

Thank you again for your support and if you have any questions about HHOPE or how you can help, you may email me at susan.freeze@verizon.net.

Susan Freeze



**BROTHERS
AND SISTERS,
DO NOT BE WEARY
IN DOING WHAT
IS RIGHT.**

Epiphany Youth Group News

+ April 2014 +

Epiphany Youth Group is a ministry for and of middle and high school youth.

Youth Group Gatherings

Sunday, April 6

12-2pm in the Star Lodge

Lunch included

Making College Exam care packages
for grades 6-12

Sunday, April 27

12-2pm in the Star Lodge

Lunch included

Planning for Youth Sunday!
for grades 6-12



Four seniors emceed the Shrove "Tuesday" Pancake Supper and Talent Show on Sunday, March 16. Altogether we raised \$1400 for our youth trips this summer and in 2015.

Timothy Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, April 23 7pm. Star Lodge

Mark Schuetze is currently organizing transportation for the 24 youth we have registered for **Kairos**.

If you are able to drive youth to or from Roanoke College for this event (June 22-27)

please contact him
at runmarkrun@gmail.com



The pancakes and sausage were delicious at the Pancake Dinner. Thanks to all the Timothy Ministers and other adult helpers who cooked the food!

YOUTH SUNDAY: MAY 4



Twenty Epiphany 5th-graders and 7 adults attended the "7th Day" Synod Youth Event at Eagle Eyrie on March 1-2. The theme of the event was "Fish are Friends."



“Saving Our History for the Future”

The Archives has been in receipt of several books that are of significant historical value. Below is a list of the items:

Personal notebook recording the Virginia Synod, dated October 6, 1806 (contains records of transactions of Zion Church, Lexington, South Carolina and St. Peter’s Church – no location given)

A set of Books of Worship – Hymnal and Common Service – dated 1908

Handbook of Early American Pressed Glass by Ruth Webb Lee, dated 1946

McGuffey’s Eclectic Fourth Reader, dated 1853

Natural Law in the Spiritual World by Henry Drummond, dated 1893

Lippincott’s Pocket Classics, undated

The Works of Flavious Josephus, dated 1850

Examination of the Council of Trent by Martin Chemnitz, dated 1861 (in Latin)*

Lutheran Almanac 1858*

Lutheran Landmarks and Pioneers in America by William J. Finck, dated 1917**

Lutheran Makers of America by Iva Oliver Northstein, dated 1930**

The Augsburg Confession, printed 1913

History of the Lutheran Church in Virginia and East Tennessee edited by C.W. Cassell, W.J. Finck, and Elon O. Henkel dated 1930**

A History of the Lutheran Church in South Carolina prepared and edited by The History of the Synod Committee, dated 1971**

Rader’s Lutheran Church 1756 – 1921 by Jerome Paul Stirewalt, dated 1922

The books with no asterisks were from Molly Moncure. These books belonged to Clarence B. Cox, her grandfather. He was a past president of the Lutheran Synod of Virginia and Marion Junior College. The single and double asterisks were books previously donated to the Archives. The single asterisks indicate books now in the Church Library.

(Pictured from left to right: John Hartmann, Molly Moncure, Pastor Martin, Ellen Hinlicky) To insure the preservation of the items not in the library, on the evening of March 11, 2014, Ellen Hinlicky, a representative of the Roanoke College Archives, accepted the items. Pastor Martin, Ellen Hinlicky, Molly Moncure, Barry Westin and John Hartmann conducted the transfer. Ellen assured all of us that these items were of great historical value and would be preserved for future generations.



preschool registration



Registration for the 2014-2015 school year is well underway. ELNS is receiving new applications each day and I have scheduled several upcoming tours for new families. We are quickly becoming known as having the most flexible preschool schedule in the area. If you would like more information about our options for next year, please visit our website at www.epiphanylutherannurseryschool.com or you can call the school office at 282-7506.

I know that some of you are starting to plan your summer breaks and we are busy planning for our two weeks of summer camp as well. The dates of this year's camps are June 2-6 and August 4-8. The June week will be for ages 2-5 (all current students will be able to come to camp) and the August week will be for ages 2-9. Children ages 10-17 (should at least be a rising 5th grader) may volunteer during the August week of camp and earn volunteer hours for school. Our themes are "Camping Out" in June and "Around the World" in August. We will be finalizing our plans in the weeks to come but our online registration is now open. You can visit www.epiphanylutherannurseryschool.com/summer-camp.html to get all of the information you need and fill out the registration form.



If you would like to keep up with what is happening at ELNS on a regular basis, you can like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/epiphanylutherannurseryschool. We post upcoming events, pictures of the students in school, and early childhood related articles and blog postings.

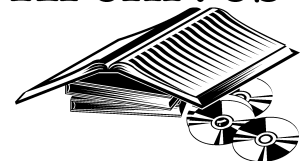
If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by phone or email. Our phone number is 282-7506 and my email address is nurseryschool@epiphanyelca.org.

Sincerely,
Jessica Hendricks

From the Archives...

April 5, 1956 - The Property Committee reported to Church Council that "the hedge has a blight and may have to be removed". As a result, Council tabled the matter of purchasing hedge clippers "until such time that it can be determined whether or not the hedge can be saved". The hedge was removed in September 1956 and the Property Committee was authorized by Council "to do the grading as necessary for the beautification of the Church grounds".

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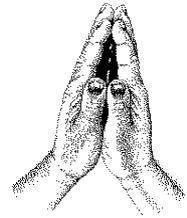


MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS

During illness or recuperation ~

For those serving in the Armed Forces ~

Please continue to keep all those serving our country to keep us safe and free, in your prayers.



For the families and friends of those who died ~

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them ~

CIRCLES MEET

The three Women's Circles are: Margaret Miller Circle, Clara Sullivan Circle and Heidi Michelsen Circle.

These three circles of women are part of the WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church) and participate in various missions such as stewardship, growth, community, and action.



The Margaret Miller Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 8 at 10:00am, hosted by Iris Will.

The Clara Sullivan Circle will be meeting at 10 am, on FRIDAY, April 11th at the home of Bettie Baecher, 11509 Belmont Park Lane, Glen Allen. Bettie will also be presenting our program. Please bring your Thank Offering and free will donations for Ronald McDonald House. Remember, this is a FRIDAY meeting. Any questions call Leanne Spletzer, 254-2849.

The Heidi Michaelson Circle will meet on Thursday, April 10, 6:00 pm at the home of Diane Neergaard.

If you would like more information on what the Women's Circles are all about, call

Leanne Spletzer, 254-2 849 Leader for the Clara Sullivan Circle;
 Carol McKean, 562-8475 Leader for the Margaret Miller Circle;
 Tatter Hartmann, 741-0276 Leader for the Heidi Michaelson Circle.

The Coordinating Council will meet on Monday, April 7th at 2 pm in the Parlor. This is an important planning meeting and we really need your attendance. Call Leanne with any questions, 254-2849.



CHURCH STAFF

Pastor – The Rev. Phillip W. Martin, Jr.
Diaconal Minister – Christine V. Huffman
Visitation Pastor – The Rev. Tom Bosserman
Director of Music Ministry – Kevin Barger
Administrative Assistant – Hanne Hamlin
Coordinator of Volunteers – Beth Barger
Youth Ministry Assistant – Mark Schuetze

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Worship Times

Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Healing/Holy
Communion 11:00 a.m.



a congregation of the ELCA

MINISTERS WANTED

Contact Beth Barger at 746-5756 or thebargers@comcast.net for any of the ministries listed below or for information about additional areas in the life of Epiphany Church.

LAMB's Basket -- Epiphany sends volunteers each month to the Community Food Pantry **at 8419 Oakview Ave**, near Staples Mill and Hermitage Roads. Directions are listed below. Contact Beth to volunteer or sign up in the Commons, and call the pantry at 565-8007 for additional information. Inclement weather? Check channel 8 for closings or if Henrico schools are closed, then the LAMB's Basket is closed.

****Please note new location!!!**

Epiphany's dates in April

April 11 - Friday, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
April 23 - Wednesday, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Directions From Epiphany

Take Glenside Dr North, Left on Staples Mill Rd.
Turn Right onto Hermitage Rd.
Left onto Oakview Ave.