



# THE EXAMINER

The Newsletter of Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church

**April 2015**

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**

March 29 – 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 2 - 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.

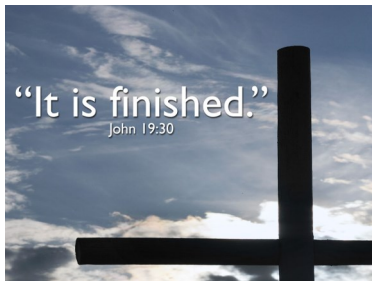
## **Good Friday**

April 3 - 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.

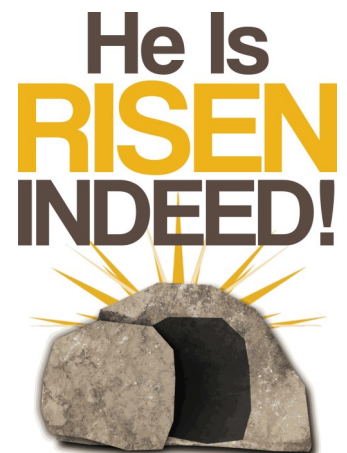


## **Easter Sunday—Alleluia! He is Risen!**

### **Festival Worship with Holy Communion**

April 5 — 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!



## Vacation Bible School—Two Different Opportunities this Summer

This summer we are offering two week long opportunities for children and adults to engage in faith learning and formation. Many of you remember the Vacation Bible School (VBS) or Vacation Church School (VCS) from your youth. You came to church over five or ten days during the summer learning different stories from the Bible. You sang songs, made crafts, played outdoors—if you were lucky, there was a mini-wading pool—ate a small snack, and drank the red “bug” juice. There were a lot of moms and a couple dads who helped out during the week making sure they shared God’s story with all the kids. I remember fondly singings songs with the autoharp accompanying us, going from classroom to classroom, running around, and hearing stories of Jesus throughout the week.



**Christine V. Huffman**  
Diaconal Minister

We’ve been blessed here at Epiphany to continue the tradition of a daytime Vacation Bible school, typically held the third week in July. This year July 20-24 from 8:45 –12 Noon, our church building with be filled with over 100 children and 50 or more volunteers. With the help of our wonderful VBS Directors, Kristy Anderson, Jennifer Baker and Sarah Bergh, plans are well underway. Many of you have volunteered to help, some even taking time off from work, and others have signed up children to participate. We are thankful for the many dads, grandparents, moms, and youth who volunteer to make this week a success each year.

We will have a great experience at **Camp Discovery** this year learning new songs at S’more Fun Music, creating neat crafts at Wilderness Crafts, eating scrumptious snacks at Campfire Snacks, playing fun games at Splash-n-Dash games, and hearing the awesome stories of God’s love for us at Treetop Storytelling. Children ages 3 through rising 5th grade are welcome to join us a participants, and youth in rising 6th grade through high school are welcome to serve as youth guides and helpers. Adults of all ages are welcome to serve as site guides and age group guides. You can register online on the church website under the “forms” tab or you can fill out a form found in the Commons.

What is really exciting for Epiphany this summer, is the introduction of a **NEW WEEK of VBS**. This week will differ from our traditional week of VBS, because it will be a Family VBS over the course of five evenings. **Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid** is the theme for our second week, which will be August 2-6 from 5:30-7:30 pm. This week is open to families of all ages and sizes, whether you have children at home or no children, whether you are a family of 1 or 10. We will all gather each evening in Price Hall for a light supper and opening worship, and then move with our assigned Tribes to different areas of the church building to hear stories of Jesus, and engage in activities with the villagers of Nazareth. Registration for this week will begin in April.

Many of you have asked why this second week, and why a Family VBS? This second week offers another opportunity for us to gather and grow in relationship with each other and God. Some families have been unable to participate in our daytime week of VBS due to vacation or work schedules. It is a Family VBS, because adults are learning and growing in their faith alongside children. We do that every Sunday when we gather together for worship. As the people of God, our faith is continually formed and molded. I have as much to learn about God from a 60 year old, as I do from a 2 year old. We all want to experience the joy of belonging to God’s people, and what better way than by learning together and being Church together.

I look forward to sharing in these two weeks with you this summer. If you would like to learn more about ways you can help with either week of Vacation Bible School, please feel free to contact me at church 804-282-6066 or [cvanolinda@epiphanyelca.org](mailto:cvanolinda@epiphanyelca.org).

Thank you for sharing in this amazing faith journey!

## NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

KEVIN BARGER, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

### Children's Choir Notes

Both the Cherub Choir and the Singing Saints will NOT meet April 1 or April 8. Rehearsals will resume on April 15 at regularly scheduled time of 6:30. Please note that the Junior Handbells will also resume rehearsals on April 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the balcony. The Cherub Choir will participate in worship leadership on Sunday, April 19.



### Spring Break...Take a Break

A reminder that there are no rehearsals the week following Easter (April 6 - April 11).



### "Summer Groups"



With the new life we see springing forth outside, it is already time for us to begin planning for summer. This is a wonderful time for our members to share their talents with our congregational family. Those of you returning from college, students studying an instrument, those wanting to sing special solos, duets, other ensembles, etc. are invited to be active participants in our summer music ministry. Please contact Kevin Barger at 746-5756 to indicate your willingness. Sign up sheets will be available on the bulletin board outside the Music Room in later April.

### A Big Thank YOU!

Thanks to the many people who made it possible to successfully host the Muskingum University Choir and Chamber Singers in early March. The meal was delicious, attendance at the concert was appreciated, the free will offering was much needed, and homestays reported wonderful experiences. It takes our entire village to host such a group, and we thank Epiphany for setting the bar high and making our guest feel welcome.



## A Note from Pastor Phillip

At its March meeting, Congregation Council voted to form a Long-range/Vision Team in order to help chart the congregation's mission strategy for the next 5-10 years. Council charged this Long-Range Team with several tasks: (1) to update the congregation's mission statement and logo, or "brand"; (2) to discern and suggest an overall mission and ministry outreach for next 5-10 years, looking at the results from the Transition Task Force and the most recent long-range planning that the congregation undertook (2009); and (3) to address necessary upgrades and additions to current physical facility. Understandably, all three of these tasks are inter-related. Council views them as all very important to the life and future of Christ's ministry in this place. Nine members of the congregation have been approached to serve on this team, and we are thankful that they have all responded enthusiastically. Those people are Rob McClintock, Richard Ashpole, Cathy DeLesDernier, Jeremy Schenk, Kim Greenshields, Caryn Palmgren, Katie Nelson, Caroline Wake, and Brendan Paget. Some of the current staff will also serve on the team.

The team will begin meeting very soon to begin listening to each other and to the call of the Holy Spirit in this time and place. Where will God lead us? How will we continue to serve our surrounding communities with the love of Christ? What are our challenges? What are our strengths? Now that you know who they are, feel free to "bend their ear" if you have thoughts or ideas about our congregation's ministries and areas of growth and potential. Most importantly, please remember them in your prayers as they take up these very important and exciting tasks on behalf of us all...and on behalf of the people who, through Christ, we may yet reach.

Pastor Phillip

## Epiphany Pictorial Directory Update

As you know, we are gearing up to update our pictorial directory on May 1, 2, 3, 15 & 16, and we would love to have 100% participation for this event. A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our church and it helps each of us to know each other. Every family photographed for the directory will receive a free copy of the directory and an 8x10 photo. You also have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits at the time of photography. Signup dates will be on March 22 & 29 and April 5, 12, 19 & 26 before, between and after church, so please signup.

We are also looking for photographs of events that have taken place at Epiphany, such as Bible studies, Sunday school classes, quilters, gardeners, women's circles, men's lunches, youth events, etc. You may leave pictures in the office addressed to Traci & Brad Williamson or email them to us at [tbwill66@aol.com](mailto:tbwill66@aol.com).



## Congratulations!!!

We congratulate all those who will walk or run and complete the Monument Avenue 10K on March 28. We also thank Tatter Hartmann and Josh Shaffer for their leadership and shepherding of our walkers and runners from Epiphany. Now that the race is over, don't let your training fall away! Stay healthy and keep getting out there to walk, run and just enjoy God's wonderful creation!





# Memorial Day Weekend Youth and Family Camping Trip at Bear Creek Lake State Park May 22 – May 24



Thanks to the many of you who have signed up in the Commons. Now for the next step. Please send \$15 per person/night or \$30 for a family of 3-5/night to be paid to Hanne by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Or join us for the day on Saturday for meals, games, worship, and singing around the campfire!

## Nets for Nets Malaria Fundraiser—April 12 after 11am worship

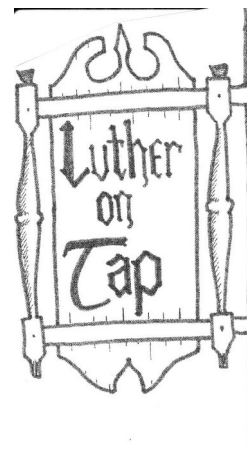
Malaria is still a huge threat to life and ability to work for a living. The recent outbreaks of Ebola have only made the efforts worse to combat malarial infestation as people were afraid to go for treatment, prophylaxis, and education. The ELCA's Malaria Campaign continues with our Nets for Nets fundraiser. The cost of a malaria net is \$10. As part of Epiphany Lutheran's effort, we are once again having a basketball shoot out to raise money for the ongoing VA synod Malaria Campaign. On April 12<sup>th</sup> after the 11AM service we will have a fundraiser for the Malaria Campaign. We will have two brackets one for adults and one for children. Each participant will be given a pledge sheet to be completed prior to the event. Pledges will be based on successfully made free throws within a set time limit. We are seeking at least a minimum \$10 donation per participant. Prizes will be awarded. Pizza will be available for \$1/slice to get the energy flowing. Look for pledge sheets in the Commons area. Please contact Kim Yucha with any questions @ [kpyucha@gmail.com](mailto:kpyucha@gmail.com) or 364-6432.



Join us for another edition of **“Luther on Tap—Craft Brew Edition”**  
**Thursday, April 23**

**This time we will meet for fellowship and conversation at  
Ardent Craft Ales  
3200 W. Leigh Street  
Richmond, 23230**

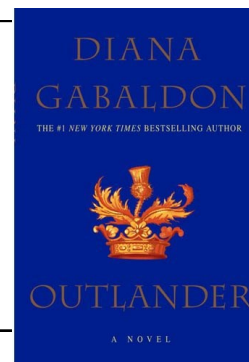
**We gather at 7pm. You may eat dinner before you arrive, order take-out and eat it there, have something delivered, or order from the food truck that they often have on site. If it’s nice weather, we will gather in the Biergarten.**



**BOOK DISCUSSION**

Join us Monday, April 20 at 10:30am, as we discuss *The Outlander* by Diana Gabaldon. Christy Huffman will lead our discussion.

We meet in the parlor for great reflections, fellowship and friendship.



**April Baptism Birthdays**



## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Sunday School will NOT meet Easter Sunday, April 5.  
We return the following Sunday, April 12  
with lessons on the Early Believers and Doubting Thomas.**



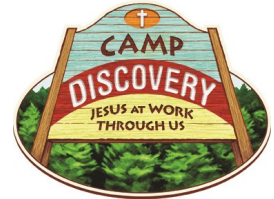
### Vacation Bible School 2015

#### ***Week 1—Camp Discovery***

Ages 3—Rising 5th Graders

July 20-24, 2015

8:45 am—12 Noon



We will meet new friends from the community and Scripture, as we come together to learn about David & Goliath, Deborah the Judge, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, Bartimaeus and Jesus, and Ananias and Saul.

Make sure you join us for the children sermon, Sunday, April 19 as “Chester” the squirrel joins us.

Registration for participants is available online on the church site: [www.epiphanyelca.org](http://www.epiphanyelca.org). Click on the “forms” tab, and Camp Discovery Child.

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. You can sign up on the church website: [www.epiphanyelca.org](http://www.epiphanyelca.org) and click on the “camp discovery volunteer” tab.

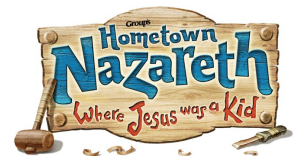
Volunteer Training will be Sundays, May 31 and June 14 at 9:30 am. You will need to attend one of these sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Kristy Anderson, Jennifer Baker, Sarah Bergh or Christy Huffman.

#### ***Week 2—Hometown Nazareth***

All Ages are welcome to join us

Sunday, August 2—August 6, 2015

5:30 pm—7:30 pm (dinner included)



All ages can join us as we journey back to Nazareth. We will gather with our “Tribes” over dinner and then journey to different locations in “town” during the evening. We will hear stories about Jesus as a kid from Mary, his mother. We will also meet local shopkeepers and villagers who will share Jesus’ story with us. Each family, whether you are a family of 1 or 10, can register to participate on our church website, beginning, Monday, April 20. If you have any questions, please contact Christy Huffman.

### **Faith Foundations for Families ATTENTION: 7th & 8th Graders and Parents**

Make plans to join us Sundays, April 19 and 26 in the Upper Room at 9:45 am. We will take time to read over and learn the Ten Commandments. We look forward to you joining us and joining in the conversation. If you have any questions, please contact Christy Huffman.



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### **Sunday Morning Offerings**

***The Gospel According to PIXAR*** Join Pastor Van O'Linda in the Chapel, we look at how Pixar films portray the basic concerns of everyday life and connect them with a Christian understanding of the world. Using imaginative stories about fish, monsters, cars, Pixar films touch on such deeply human themes as love, identity, suffering, forgiveness, fear, freedom, guilt, purpose and belonging.

***New Member Classes*** Pastor Phillip Martin welcomes new(er) members or guests interested in membership at Epiphany to join us beginning Sunday, April 19 in Price Hall. We will explore Lutheran beliefs and learn about the community here at Epiphany.

### **Tuesday Morning Offering**

***The Lord is our Salvation*** We will finish this series on Tuesday, April 7 at 10:30 am. We will explore the Easter Sunday texts.

***Twelve Extraordinary Women*** We continue our study of 12 women in scripture who share and model God's story for us. We will start again with Esther on April 14 and then lead into the stories of women in the New Testament.

### **Wednesday Evening Offerings**

***Parent Chat*** While the children are making a joyful noise unto the Lord, join us in Room 101 from 6:15-6:45. pm as we touch base with each other during the week.

***The Lord is our Salvation*** We will finish this series on Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30 pm. We will explore the Easter Sunday texts.

***Twelve Extraordinary Women*** We continue our study of 12 women in scripture who share and model God's story for us. We will start again with Esther on April 15 and then lead into the stories of women in the New Testament.

### **Thursday Morning Offering**

***Moms' Bible Study*** Join us Thursday mornings at 9:30 am in the Chapel. We meet to share in the study of God's Word and a time of fellowship with moms. We are using the study *Bless these Lips*. Childcare is provided.

### **MICAH Volunteer Opportunity**

May 4<sup>th</sup> Epiphany will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week at Southampton Elementary School by providing special treats for teachers that day. **Needed are members of Epiphany to bring baked goods or appetizers to ELC by Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Monday morning volunteers will deliver the foods to Southampton. A sign-up sheet is located in the Commons on the bulletin board. This event offers you to participate in a "single day" event at Southampton. To learn more about Micah, please consider joining us April 13<sup>th</sup>, at noon, at Epiphany for our next meeting.





## COMMUNITY SERVICE MINISTRY

### What Will You Build?

(Hanover Habitat for Humanity 2x4s and Work Day)

April is “Affordable Housing Awareness” month. In honor of that, we are participating with Hanover Habitat for Humanity in holding a 2x4 board signing in the Commons on April 26. We want you to be as creative as you wish by signing your name, drawing a picture, writing an inspiring message or quoting your favorite Bible verse. The 2x4 will become a permanent part of one of the Habitat homes being built in Mechanicsville.



Our Epiphany Lutheran work day with Hanover Habitat for Humanity will be on Saturday, May 16. See the poster in the Commons to sign up to work with us on that day or help to provide lunches for our on-site volunteers. Marilyn Gloyer (804-364-8544) will provide you with additional information.



### ACTS (AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SERVICE)

Let's raise the roof on the ACTS donation house again this year at Epiphany with helping households in need! Last year Epiphany along with other congregation's in Richmond area, helped 335 households in the Greater Richmond Area from becoming homeless. These generous donations of these items bring smiles and tears to many when they are received. The ACTS house will be placed in the narthex Sun, April 18-25<sup>th</sup>. At this time we will be collecting the following items for the ACTS Care Bags.

#### 1. Personal Care Items:

Soap, hand sanitizer, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, hand and body lotion, feminine products

#### 2. Paper Products:

Toilet paper, paper towel, tissues

#### 3. Cleaning Products:

Dish Detergent, laundry detergent, sponges, household cleaners, dishwasher detergent

#### 4. Children's Items:

Diapers, wipes, toothpaste, tooth brushes

**5. Misc.:** Bus passes (\$5 or \$10 denominations), stamps, envelopes, pens



## COMMUNITY SERVICE MINISTRY (CONT'D)

### EASTER BASKETS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

Easter Baskets for Needy Children -- Remember to bring your filled Easter Baskets to church by noon on Sunday, March 29.

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.



### LAMB's BASKET

Thanks to your generosity, we collected 609 pounds of food and \$645 for the LAMB's Basket during our February donation drive.

Food Drive  
LAMB's Basket



### CARITAS

Look for the CARITAS sign up board in mid April. Please consider participating in this ministry as Epiphany looks to welcome 40 homeless women for the week of May 30-June 6.

As usual we will need many members to provide just a few hours that week to help provide a meal, make lunches, clean towels, wash laundry, and lend an open ear and heart as Epiphany provides these women a safe and comfortable home for the week. Any question please call Kim Johnson (282-1603) or Andrew Blair (357-8567).



# Youth For Hire

Do you need help with cleaning, yardwork, babysitting, or odd jobs around the house? Hire members from the Epiphany Youth Group!

Check the podium in the Commons to sign up for a date. Youth will be available for various times from March 20th-April 26th, and donations will help to cover the cost of attending the National Youth Gathering.

You can also contact Kim Greenshields (annegreen1119@gmail.com) or Tatiana Horacek (tatianamicha@gmail.com) for more information.

## Easter Breakfast

We will be having a drop-in Easter breakfast on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 until 11:30 am in the Star Lodge. All college, high school, and middle school students and families are invited to attend this time of fellowship. If you would like to help with providing food or serving, please contact Kim Yucha at 364-6432 or kpyucha@gmail.com



## The Feitig Scholarship



Please remember that completed applications are due in the office by noon on Monday,

April 27th, 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.

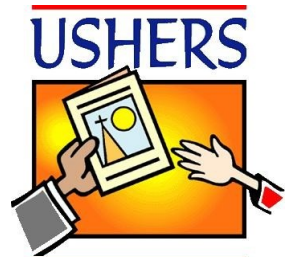
## USHERS NEEDED FOR EASTER!

We still have spots to fill for Easter Sunday Ushering! We are in need of 2 more ushers for the 8am service and 1 more usher for the 11 am service.

Please take a quick moment to review the calendar posted and sign-up for those services where you can assist. You may find the online sign-up

at: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A44ABAC2FA2FE3-lent/](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A44ABAC2FA2FE3-lent/)

Or call Brendan Paget at 308-8880.







**Right:** This year a special treat...the Cherub Choir opens the show!

Clockwise: Youth lead singing, Timothy Schenk plays violin, Anna Gorey plays guitar and sings, and Callie and Erin sing



*The pancakes and sausage. Were delicious. Thank you to all the Timothy Ministers and other adult helpers who cooked the food!*



**THANK YOU  
for you support  
Epiphany!**

The youth group closes the Talent Show on Sunday, March 1, by leading the congregation in song. More than 230 people joined us and you gave us \$2500 for our Gathering in Detroit this Summer and the various ministries and activities of EYG. We give God thanks for you and your generosity!



**LEFT:** Twelve youth and five adults from our congregation attended 7th Day at Eagle Eyrie Retreat Center the weekend of March 7th-8th.

*This year's theme was "Journey of a Lifetime," based on the story from Genesis 27,32 and 33. Jacob tricking, fleeing from, and then reconciling with his brother Esau.*

*Many lasting memories were made as the youth enjoyed fellowship with their peers from Epiphany as well as several other congregations across the state!*



# Epiphany Youth Group News

## + April 2015 +

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



**Nets 4 Nets**  
**April 12**



The entire congregation is invited to join us, as we shoot baskets to raise money for Malaria Relief — Right after the second service!

**Timothy Ministry Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 1, 7pm in the Star Lodge

**YOUTH SUNDAY: MAY 3!**

### **Youth Group Family Camping Trip**

**When: May 22-24**  
**Where: Bear Creek Lake  
State Park**

**Cost:** \$15 per person per night or  
\$30 for family of 3 -5 (per night)

**Who:** Youth and their families! For  
grades 6-12 (those in 7th grade or  
younger must attend with a parent)  
(This is also an all-congregation event)

Saturday night supper will be provided;  
all other meals are  
"on your own."

Campsites are outfitted with running  
water and electricity. Contact Pastor  
Joseph if you need camping supplies.

**Limited number of sites—  
sign up and pay Hanne in the office to  
reserve now!**

### Middle School Fellowship Night

**Wednesday, April 29 6:00-7:30pm**  
Star Lodge. Pizza supper. Friends welcome!

For grades 6-7

### Youth Group Gatherings

**Sunday, April 12**  
12-2pm in Price Hall  
Lunch included  
Nets 4 Nets

**Sunday, April 26**  
12-2pm in the Star Lodge  
Lunch included  
Planning for Youth Sunday!  
for grades 6-12





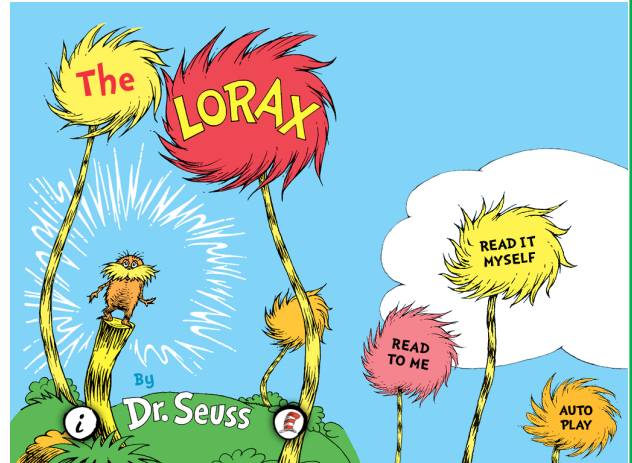
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10 an Archives 7:00 pm Timothy Ministers Meeting, Star Lodge 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	<b>2</b> Maundy Thursday Services Noon and 7:00 pm	<b>3</b> Good Friday Services Noon and 7:00 pm	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Easter Sunday</b> 8:00 am, 9:30 & 11 am Worship with Holy Communion	<b>6</b> Office Closed	<b>7</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 7pm HHOPE Meeting, Chapel	<b>8</b> 10 an Archives 10 am Clara Sullivan Circle 11 am Healing/Communion Service, Chapel 6:30 pm Bible Study, Parlor 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Mom's Bible Study, Chapel 6:00 pm Heidi Michaelson Circle	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00—11:30 am HHOPE Distribution, Narthex
<b>12</b> 8:30 am Worship w/communion 9:30 am Epiphany Ringers 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 12-2pm EYG, Star Lodge 12-2pm Nets for Nets, Price Hall	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 11 am Margaret Miller Circle 11:30 am Men's "Manna" Lunch 7 pm Council Meeting, Chapel	<b>15</b> 10 an Archives 11 am Healing/Communion Service, Chapel 6:30 pm Bible Study, Parlor 6:30 pm Sing. Saints/Cher. Choir/Parent Chat 7 pm Jr. Handbells 7 pm Confirmation 7:15 pm Chancel Choir 8 pm Confirmation Mentors	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Mom's Bible Study, Chapel 11:30 am Men's Lunch	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Epiphany Ringers 9:30 am Blood Pressure Readings. Parlor 9:45 am New Member Classes begin 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship w/Communion	<b>20</b> 10:30 am Book Discussion, Parlor 7 pm Stewardship Meeting, Parlor 7 pm Evangelism Meeting, Chapel	<b>21</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am Men's Lunch	<b>22</b> 10 an Archives 11:00 am Healing Service, Chapel 6:30 pm Bible Study, Parlor 6:30 pm Cherub/Sing. Saints 6:30 pm Parent Chat 7:00 pm Jr. Handbells 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	<b>23</b> 9:30 am Mom's Bible Study, Chapel	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00am –noon Quilting, Price Hall 10:00—11:30 am HHOPE Distribution, Narthex
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## NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

March was a great month here at ELNS! We had a birthday party for Dr. Seuss on March 2 in the Upper Room and a wonderful time was had by all! The children loved having DM Christy read “The Foot Book” to them and the foot shaped cookies made by Cheryl Baggs were delicious! You can check out our Facebook page to see photos of the event.

We also had a book drive to benefit E.S.H. Greene Elementary School in Richmond. We collected 38 books to donate to their library and/or classroom libraries for their youngest readers to enjoy! The truffula trees we decorated with were moved to the hallway downstairs to brighten up our walls – I hope you all have gotten to see them this month.



Also in March, the St. Mary's Teddy Bear Clinic visited with the Red and Yellow classes and talked with them about what might happen if they had to visit an emergency room. Many of the students stuffed animals left school with a cast that day. We also had two days off of school for our teachers and staff to attend an early childhood education conference here in Richmond to learn about new strategies to use in the classroom, new activities for art, music, science, math, handwriting, and other subjects, and other useful early childhood information. It was great to get to reenergize and continue to be lifetime learners.

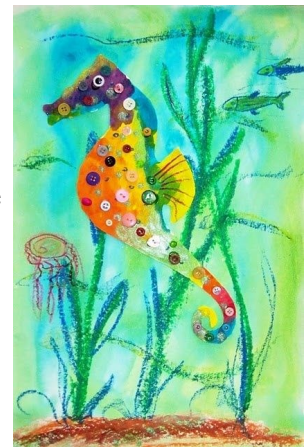
Our summer camp registration is now open! You can register online at <http://epiphanylutherannurseryschool.com/summer-camp/>. Our camp dates are a little different this year. We are having two 4-day weeks this year. The first is

May 26-29 with a Backyard Beach theme and the second week is June 1-4 with an “Under the Sea” theme. If you have a child ages 2-6 that would like to come, make sure you register them early. The rates will go up on April 15.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions about summer camp or about our program in general. I would be more than happy to answer your questions or schedule a time to have you come in to meet with you.

Sincerely,

Jessica Hendricks



### **From the Archives...**

**March 3, 1955** - As a result of the sale of parcels of land at Three Chopt and Horsepen Roads and Grace Street and Horsepen Road, overall indebtedness of the Church was reduced by \$30,500 to \$24,000 for the Church and \$12,000 for the parsonage.

**April 19, 1959** - Having been approved by Church Council, Anna Platz accepted the position of Organist-Choir Director.

**Church  
Archives**



## MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS

*During illness or recuperation ~*

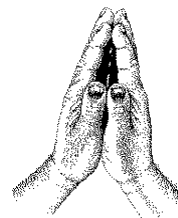
*For those serving in the Armed Forces ~*

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

*Family and Friends in our 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**

### **The Clara Sullivan Circle**

**The Heidi Michaelson Circle** Heidi Michaelson's April meeting will be hosted by Maria Prince on Thursday, April 9th at 6 pm. If you are interested in becoming a member of our evening circle, please contact Tatter Hartmann at 804-741-0276 or [tatterh@hotmail.com](mailto:tatterh@hotmail.com).

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

Co-leaders for the Margaret Miller Circle - Cheryl Froom, 804-754-7129 and Donna Josephson, 804-883-5955

Leader for the Clara Sullivan Circle - Leanne Spletzer, 254-2849

Leader for the Heidi Michaelson Circle - Tatter Hartmann, 741-0276

To friends of Epiphany Lutheran Church from a friend of First Baptist Church, Richmond.  
I am a resident of Lakewood Manor and I ride the bus to and from there (provided by our church) every Sunday to attend our services. I am writing to say to you that your Nativity Scene was so meaningful to me and to others who ride the bus. As the bus would approach the stoplight at the corner of Horsepen and Monument, we would look to “see” if the traditional characters had moved closer to the manger.

What a very beautiful visual in seeing the characters “move” toward baby Jesus! Occasionally the wind would whip the long costumes and really give the appearance of movement. We rode in anticipation that the light would be on red! This would give us a little longer look at this meaningful display.

Thank you for this testimony to “people on the bus” during the blessed Christmas Season.  
Gratefully, Mary and John Evelyn Adams (2/24/15)



Dear Epiphany friends:

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, voiced their concerns, kept me in their prayers and supported me and my mom during my surgery and hospitalization at UVA hospital recently. Thank you also for the many phone calls and, the beautiful altar flowers. They were all much appreciated. I am now back at work on light duty.

John Kronk

I wish to thank Epiphany Church Council for all the cards that have been sent to me over the past months. I look forward to reading and rereading each of them. I also want to thank the entire congregation for the warm thoughts expressed to my daughter, Berni Lane, and the many prayers said for me. I am at home and taking one day at a time. I see and feel the many blessings of God through the kindness of the cards and thoughts. A big thank you to Pastors Martin, Bolick, and Bosserman for the many visits. We have shared many laughs and prayers. I am sorry that I am not able to attend church right now but I still feel connected through the visits. I wish I could give each of you a hug.

Thank you,  
Mary Zweighaft

**Audio recordings of sermons** can be located on our website from our main page “For sermons, click here”. Links to the pastors’ sermon blogs may also be found there.



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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, located at **8419 Oakview Avenue**, 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.

### Epiphany's dates in April

April 8 - Wednesday, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm  
April 24 - Friday, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

### Directions From Epiphany

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