



THE EXAMINER

The Newsletter of Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 2015

“Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be,
And bless these gifts bestowed by Thee.”
-Moravian table blessing

As a child growing up in Moravian country, I prayed this with my family before many, many meals. In fact, I often thought of it as our “fancy” blessing, since we reserved its use for more important holiday meals when extended family members were present. At the time, the words struck me as slightly odd. Extra chairs were crowded around the dining room table, at the kitchen table, and at the card table set up for the kids in the family room. There were already guests everywhere. How would there be room for one more, even if it were Jesus?



Sometimes I wonder if we don’t accidentally slip into the same mentality when we’re at church. Could our familiar patterns of behavior while we’re gathered for worship and faith formation—Sunday mornings especially—send the message that everyone we know and care about is already here? It seems there are so many of us! We stand around in groups and have a good time catching up with people we get to see only once a week. Some of us are busy, busy, busy, setting up for Sunday School, music ministries, or worship. With so much activity and with such a sea of faces, it’s easy to think that people who don’t know us well or who are new to our community will figure out, much like we did, how to fit in.

Congregation Council and staff have been reading recent research which suggests that when we do this and adopt this view, even inadvertently, we end up treating people new to our community more like *visitors* than as *guests*. It may seem like a small difference in terminology, but it can lead to a big shift in mindset. After all, guests are invited; visitors just show up. “Guest” sounds like someone with whom you hope to deepen a relationship; “visitor” sounds like something you expect to be temporary. And when you have people to your house, you call them guests, not visitors, don’t you? Should a church home be any different? Did you realize that 57 newcomers worship with us, on average, each month? What if we started thinking about these people who worship with us occasionally—be they here on vacation or new residents of the area looking for a congregation—as guests? What if we actually started calling them that?



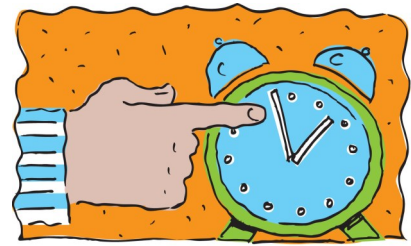
Like many of you, I have long tried to extend a welcome each Sunday morning to our visitors, but now I’m going to try to be more intentional in thinking of them and referring to them as *guests*. Perhaps it will help me focus a little less on the things I’m doing at the moment and a little more on those who are new to Epiphany, and maybe even new to Christ. Perhaps it will shift the responsibility of hospitality back to me, rather than expecting new folks to find a way to fit in on their own. Can you join me in this? Maybe such a small change won’t have an effect at all. Yet even if it doesn’t, I do think that it may help remind me in some way what my family’s “fancy” prayer was trying to communicate all along: that in receiving anyone in Christ’s name, we are receiving Christ himself. One guest—or one visitor—is therefore enough to bless our gathering each morning.

Your fellow “guest” in Christ, Pastor Phillip

REMINDER:

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to move your clocks one hour ahead before you go to bed Saturday evening on March 7!

This is also a good time to check the batteries in your smoke detectors as well!



SET YOUR CLOCKS
Ahead!

Lenten Offerings

Council has approved the designation of the 2015 Lenten offerings in the following way: the first \$2250 of 2015 Lenten offerings will be designated towards stocking health clinics in developing nations through the ELCA Good Gifts program. \$2250 will stock 30 health clinics with basic supplies like antibiotics, painkillers, bandages, vitamins, and lab materials. All contributions over \$2250 will be designated to Epiphany's Seminarian Support Fund. Two Epiphany members are currently enrolled in ELCA seminaries.

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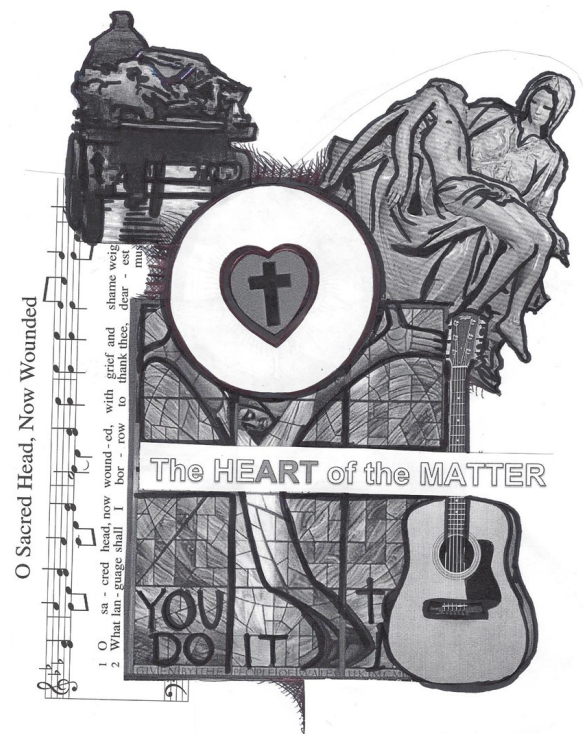


LENTEN SERIES CONTINUES IN MARCH

Lent 2015: "The HeART of the Matter: Creative Reflections on the Cross"

March 4: SONG - Pastor Joseph Bolick
March 11: PROSE - Diaconal Minister Christy Huffman
March 18: STAINED GLASS - Pastor Phillip Martin
March 25: HYMNODY - Kevin Barger, Director of Music Ministries

Our Lenten Wednesday series this year focuses on artistic renditions of and reflections on Jesus' crucifixion. Each week a speaker will display or demonstrate examples of the cross as portrayed in different media of art. Please join us at noon or at 7pm on the above dates and be prepared to experience the Passion of our Lord in a creative way. At the 7pm service we worship with an abbreviated setting of Holden Evening Prayer.



NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

KEVIN BARGER, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Special Concert Opportunity – We Still Need Help!

The premier choral ensemble at Muskingum University, the Muskingum Concert Choir, from New Concord, Ohio, will present a concert at **7:30 p.m. Friday evening, March 6, 2015 in our sanctuary.** The ensemble performs sacred and secular music from a variety of cultures and historical periods, from Renaissance pieces to contemporary choral works. Each year the Concert Choir presents numerous concerts on and off campus, both independently and in collaboration with the Muskingum Choral Society and the Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra. Recent national and international tours have taken members of the choir to New York City, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Nashville, Salzburg, Vienna, and Lucerne. The concert is part of their 2015 concert tour.



Muskingum University (New Concord, Ohio) is a four-year liberal arts institution affiliated with the Presbyterian Church—USA. Founded in 1837 as Muskingum College, Muskingum University educates approximately 2,400 undergraduate and graduate students each year on its 215-acre campus, nestled in the scenic hills of southeastern Ohio.

There will be no charge for admission, though a freewill offering will be taken.

We are excited that they will be joining us for this special event. To make this the most successful, we need you in the following capacities:

1. Assist in cooking dinner Friday, March 6. Dinner will be served around 5:30.
2. Usher at the concert by handing out programs and collecting a free will offering. You would need to plan to arrive at church around 7:00.
3. Host two or more students in your home Friday night, give them breakfast Saturday morning and have them back to the church between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. They leave promptly at 9:15!
4. Come to the concert at 7:30 Friday night!

To assist with any of these tasks, or if you have any questions, please call Beth or Kevin Barger at 746-5756.

Children's Choir Reminders

Both the Cherub Choir and Singing Saints will meet each Wednesday in March for rehearsal. ***Please note that due to Lenten worship services, the time is different: 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Please note this change!***

The Cherub Choir will sing in worship on March 15 at both services. The Singing Saints will sing in worship on March 8 at both services.

Junior Handbells will NOT meet during Lent. We look forward to the return of rehearsals for this ensemble after Easter, on April 15.

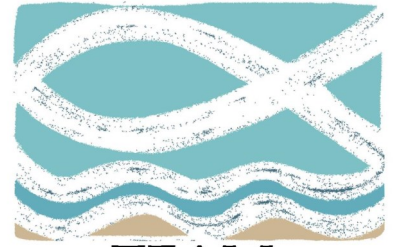
Easter Singers

There is still time for you to join us for singing on Easter Sunday if you are interested! It's not too late! Please join us in the Music Room for rehearsal on Wednesdays this month immediately following the Lenten worship service. We will rehearse the Easter music first to better meet your schedules. Anthems will be offered at all three worship services on Easter Sunday. This is a great "part time" opportunity to join the chancel choir! Let's fill the chancel to capacity this Easter Sunday!

A Note from the Evangelism Team...

A new Evangelism team has been meeting since early December. We have talked about a lot of things during that time. One of the main topics has been how wonderful it is to have all the recent guests and new members. As a result, we've discussed ways to introduce ourselves to people we see in worship without embarrassing ourselves...or them! Have you ever felt that you would love to strike up a conversation with someone and welcome them to Epiphany but aren't sure if they're a long-time member or a first-time visitor? As it turns out, most of us have, too. So, we came up with a list of handy suggestions for non-embarrassing, non-offending conversation openers that might work in just about any situation. Please let us know if you have any other tried-and-true suggestions:

EVANGELISM



TEAM

- "Hi. I'm _____. I don't think we've met yet."
- "My name is _____. I think I've seen you here before and wanted to meet you."
- "I've been a member here for some time, but don't know everyone. I'd like to introduce myself. My name is _____."

• "That was a great hymn/anthem, wasn't it? I'm _____. What's your name?"
Or maybe pay them a compliment, for example, "You have a beautiful voice. I appreciated your singing."

I remember the friendliness that greeted me when I visited and joined Epiphany 18 years ago and I hope that the current new guests and new members will have those same memories.

We are working hard on a few other topics and we feel all of you will be as excited as we are as we bring them to you.

Charlotte Ulrich



Epiphany Youth Group News

+ March 2015 +

Epiphany Youth Group is a ministry to and with youth in grades 7-12.

Hunger Rumble

Lock-in at Christ the King

Starts Friday, March 6
at 7pm

Ends Saturday, March 7 at 1pm

At our HUNGER RUMBLE we will examine hunger and hunger issues, fast overnight, and engage in service projects Saturday morning. Those who wish to make it a full 24 hour fast would skip dinner before arriving. We will break the fast on Saturday with Holy Communion and lunch.

EYG "Regular" Gathering on March 15th from 12noon to 2pm —Lunch, games, and songs !

Youth from Epiphany with Bishop Mauney, Dave Delaney, and Area Lutheran Congregations at the Conference Gathering in February



Epiphany's Second Annual Pancake Supper and Youth Talent Show Extravaganza!

**Sunday Night
March 1**



**Come witness the unique, God-given gifts
and talents of our youth.**

**Will there be dancing? Singing? Will you see someone
twirl plates on a stick while riding a unicycle that's on
fire? You'll have to be there to find out!**

**Join us for pancakes and sausage at 5:30.
The SHOW starts at 6pm!**

**Our talent show raises money for the trip to the
National Youth Gathering in Detroit and other
ministries of the EYG.**



FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Do you have a 4th or 5th grader?

Epiphany Lutheran Church offers classes on Holy Communion to 4th and 5th graders. These classes will be held during the Sunday School time (beginning at 9:45am) on **March 15, 22, and 29**. These classes, led by the pastors, are intended for children who will be receiving their first Holy Communion this year or who have previously been admitted to Holy Communion but have not yet received formal instruction from the church. First Communion will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 2, when we commemorate the institution of the Lord's Supper. Parents wanting their children to participate should contact the church office at 282-6066. All children who complete the instruction will receive a Holy Communion certificate on April 2.



Because our denomination's governing documents regarding sacramental practice, *The Use of the Means of Grace*, do not suggest or propose any particular age-limit or requirement for admittance to Holy Communion (other than baptism), parents may request for their children to receive Holy Communion prior to the 4th grade classes. Parents who wish to do so are asked to write a letter to the pastors and request a meeting for discussion.

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 1st. Or join us for the day on Saturday for meals, games, worship, and singing around the campfire!

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

SIMPLY GIVING

Since early times in Christianity, it has been the custom to present gifts to God at the altar. At first these gifts were a share of a harvest or livestock. Later, when currency was invented, the gifts were placed in a plate on the altar. In more modern times the churches began the use of offering envelopes for the gifts that would be collected in the passing of the plates and then presented at the altar.



This system has worked well for many years and is part of our weekly worship services. This, however, requires a lot of manpower to count, control for safekeeping, depositing at the bank, and the recording of individual records for taxes.

At present, with the power of the internet and electronic tools, one can transfer monetary funds immediately without the use of paper being exchanged. As you know, there are credit cards, debit cards, smart phones, apps, bank bill payment programs, and Bit coins.

In late 2013, the church initiated a program, SIMPLY GIVING, where funds are automatically transferred periodically from your bank account to the church bank account. Thus eliminating the writing of individual checks, having the proper change, and the use of envelopes. This will be less costly and more efficient for all parties involved. The system has internal controls and safeguards to protect your privacy. This arrangement can be adjusted or canceled at any time.

Approximately 40 church members are using this system at this time with no problems. Some members, however, have stated that they are uneasy when on Sunday the offering plate is passed and they have nothing to place in the plate. To feel a part of the service in presenting their gift for God's work, it is suggested that those who feel this way should place their empty offering envelopes in the plate with SG (Simply Giving) noted on the envelopes.

If you are interested in knowing more about this program please contact Bruce Garringer, the church office or a member of the Stewardship Team.

Thrivent Financial Members – Don't Forget to Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31st!

Here's how Thrivent Choice works: If you are a Thrivent member, you may have Thrivent Choice Dollars allocated in your name. As a benefit of membership, you have the option of directing those dollars to an approved charitable organization, such as Epiphany. Your designations must be done annually, so if you have designated donation dollars to Epiphany in the past, you must do so again for 2015 for Epiphany to benefit. The deadline for designating Thrivent's charitable donation dollars is March 31st.

In 2013, Epiphany was the recipient of more than \$6,000 in donations from Thrivent, thanks to a matching campaign that year for member designations to churches and the designations of Thrivent members. While we don't know when another church matching campaign will take place, we do know that there are currently undesignated dollars available at Thrivent, which could help Epiphany fulfill its mission and support its programs, if these designations were made.

To find out how many Thrivent Choice Dollars a Thrivent member has and to direct those dollars, call **800-847-4836** and when prompted, say "**Thrivent Choice.**" Then Press **1** to direct Choice Dollars or **2** to hear Thrivent Choice program terms and conditions. (If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.) **Note:** Please have your nine-digit Member Identification Number or contract number available. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

For more information about Thrivent Financial and the Thrivent Choice program, please contact Julia Minnigh.

Epiphany Pictorial Update

Can you believe it has been four years since Epiphany's last directory? That doesn't sound like a long time, but there have been many changes within the congregation and within our own families. So everybody get your calendars out so you can get your picture taken in May. The dates will be May 1-3 and May 15 & 16. Look for signups coming in March between services. We are hoping to have 100% participation to have a successful directory.



Garden Update



With the temperatures up and down it is hard to be thinking about Spring and planting, but for gardeners the call to play in the dirt is always in our minds. Epiphany Gardens are gearing up again and we are looking for people who would like to join this outdoor ministry. There are many ways to be a part-you can have your own 5 foot by 10 foot space where you can plant your choice of items, or if you are not sure you want to take on that big of a project you can help maintain the 2 church garden plots where we raise a variety of items for our HHOPE pantry, or if you would just like to learn about gardening we have the experts who have tried many different plants.

If you have questions or want to sign up contact Sallie Bartholomew or Chris Crouch. Spring plants like lettuce, onions, peas, and boc Choy are just around the corner!

Calling All Girl Scouts!

All current and former Girl Scouts are invited to celebrate Girl Scout Sunday at Epiphany on Sunday, March 8th. Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday, and gives girls an opportunity to attend their place of worship and be recognized as a Girl Scout. This year at Epiphany, girls will participate before, during and after worship services. Please contact Georgianna Hahn at gigihahn@verizon.net or Sallie Bartholomew at salliebart@msn.com, if you are a Girl Scout who is interested in participating. ***All current and former Girl Scouts and their families are cordially invited to Price Hall following the 11:00 am Worship Service to enjoy refreshments as part of our celebration.***



Did you know that Epiphany plays a part in the lives of many Girl Scouts – those in our congregation and beyond? Currently Epiphany is the regular meeting location of Troop #747, which includes a group of 1st grade Daisies and 7th grade Cadettes, and also recently played host to the Gayton Service Unit "Thinking Day" celebration, entitled "Words of Peace", where the theme was creating peace around the world through education and literature. Eighty girls attended this event, and a book drive was held as the community service project.

Girl Scouts are active in service at Epiphany as well – participating in the HHOPE pantry, the Epiphany Garden, and the food and clothing drives. They often choose Epiphany as part of their "metal" awards – Silver and Gold, and have done collections at Epiphany as part of these projects, including a book drive where 1000 books were collected, and donations for local animal shelters. On Girl Scout Sunday, Scouts will be collecting financial donations to fund toiletry kits for GraceInside, one of our United Lutheran Appeal partners. Please stop by in the Commons in between services and ask the Scouts about their project.

COMMUNITY SERVICE MINISTRY

EASTER BASKETS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

It's a tradition for Epiphany members to fill Easter Baskets to brighten the lives of needy children and this year we have requests for Easter Baskets for 97 children, 16 of them being served through Lutheran Family Services and 81 through programs at St. Joseph's Villa.

On Sunday, March 15, Community Service Team members will be offering empty Easter baskets after each service to congregation members who would like to bring a little Easter joy to these children in difficult circumstances. If you would like to help, please take a basket and return it filled with a few items for a child to enjoy by Palm Sunday, March 29. Suggestion lists will be in each basket. Remember, your love will be much appreciated.



The Feitig Scholarship

Please remember that completed applications are due in the office by noon on Monday, April 27th.

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.



Team Epiphany – Come cheer on our walkers and runners!

Our group of walkers and runners have been braving the cold weather over the past couple of months getting ready for the big day on Saturday, March 28. This race is one of the largest in the country, and it is very well run by our own local Sports-backers organization. Plan to head out to Monroe park or stop somewhere along Monument Avenue the morning of March 28 to see if you can spot some of our Team Epiphany folks as they fly by!

If you have further questions regarding the 10K race, please -contact Josh Shaffer at 608-234-1787 or jshaf595@yahoo.com or Tatter Hartmann at 804-741-0276 or tatterh@hotmail.com.



PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL

Devotions for Lent

Devotions for families, individuals and children are available in the Commons. Please take one home with you to use as a guide as we journey through the 40 days of Lent.



NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Registration for the 2015-2016 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. Classes are filling up quickly. Our Blue Class (for children who will be 3 years old by September 30, 2015) is already on a waiting list! 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 May 26-29 and June 1-4. Both weeks are for ages 2-6 (all current students will be able to come to camp). Our themes are "Backyard Beah" in May and "Under the Sea" in June. We will be finalizing our plans in the weeks to come and our online registration is due to open during the first week of March. You can visit <http://epiphanylutherannurseryschool.com/summer-camp/> to get all of the information you need and fill out the registration form.



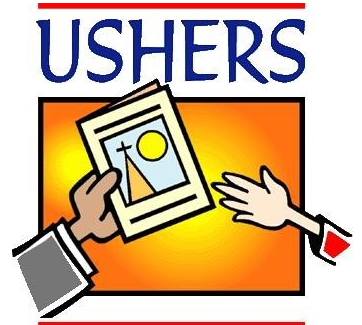
If you would like to keep up with what is happening at ELNS on a regular basis, you can like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/epiphanylutherannurseryschool. We post upcoming events, pictures of the students in school, and early childhood related articles and blog postings. If you have any questions,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

USHER LENT HOLY WEEK SIGNUPS

We have created an online sign-up sheet for the Lent and Easter season. We still have many open spots and need you to tell us if/when you can serve! 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/

Thank you for your flexibility!



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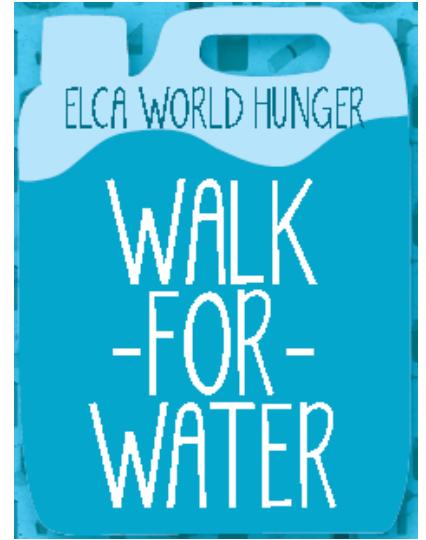
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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Lent Service Project ELCA's World Hunger Walk for Water

Women in Sub-Saharan Africa walk an average of three miles each day to fetch clean water for their families. This year our ELCA National Youth Gathering has set a goal to raise \$500,000 for ELCA World Hunger-supported water projects around the world. Our gifts will provide water for drinking, growing crops and sanitation, as well as ongoing maintenance and training, to create healthier families, stronger economies and a future filled with hope. **If you have not yet picked up your ELCA World Hunger coin box, you can pick one up outside the Christian Education Wing.** We will send our collection with our youth when they head to the National Youth Gathering in Detroit this July.



Two Weeks of Vacation Bible School

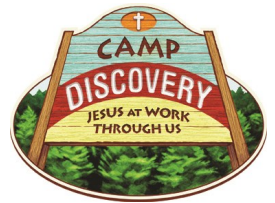
Week 1—*Camp Discovery*

For ages 3—Rising 5th Graders

July 20-24, 2015; 8:45 am—12 Noon

Directors: Kristy Anderson, Jennifer Baker, & Sarah Bergh

Registration for participants and volunteers begins Sunday, March 15. Check out our display in the Commons and register in person, or sign up on the church's website www.epiphanyelca.org by clicking on forms.

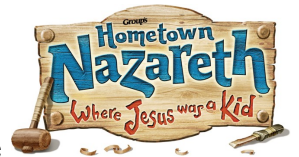


Week 2—*Hometown Nazareth—A Family Based VBS*

For ALL ages (newborns through those in their 90s).

August 2-6, 2015; 5:30-7:30 pm (with dinner)

We are looking for families to “host” one night during the week, which would include coordinating the dinner and finding activity site leaders for the evening. Registration will begin in April. Interested in learning more? Contact Christy Huffman.



March Baptism Birthdays



ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday Morning Offerings

Lead Like Jesus Christians have more in Jesus than a great spiritual leader. We have a practical and effective leadership model for all organizations, for all people, for all situations. Jesus is simply the greatest leadership model of all time, and He asks us to make a difference in the world by being effective servant leaders. This twelve week Sunday School program is designed to be the beginning of a new exciting chapter in your personal journeys to becoming effective leaders. Whether you are leading a business team, a nonprofit organization, a family, a congregation or a group in your community, you'll become a leader like Jesus. And that makes Jesus smile! Join us in Price Hall as we continue our discussion.

The Gospel According to PIXAR Join Pastor Van O'Linda in the Chapel beginning Sunday, March 1 as 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.

Tuesday Morning Offering

The Lord is Our Salvation is a study of the lectionary texts heard on Sunday mornings during Lent. Through this study we are invited to a deeper understanding of the salvation Christ offers by exploring the various ways God restores us and our world to wholeness. Through each week of Lent, we will open the Scriptures to show God's redemption at work in the men, women, and communities of the Bible. This study meets in the Chapel at 10:30 am.

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.

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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.

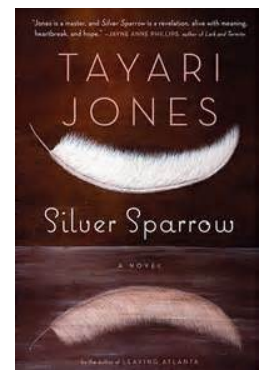
Book Discussion Group

All are welcome to join us the third Monday of each month at 10:30 am in the Parlor, as we discuss the month's book and share in fellowship together.

Monday, March 16—*Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones

Monday, April 20—*The Outlander* by Diana Gabaldon

If you have any questions about the Book Discussion Group, please contact Christy Huffman at 282-6066.



Wednesday Lenten Meals

All are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and faith each Wednesday. A light lunch is being served following the Noon Lenten Worship Service and the evening "Soup and Salad" meal will be served at 5:30 pm. Choir rehearsals, Bible Study and Confirmation classes are also offered. Lenten worship services begin at 7 pm.

Suggested donations for the evening meal are \$5/adult and \$3/child 12 and under. For the latest menus, check the church's website at www.epiphanyelca.org. Please sign up in the Commons or email the church office by Monday night at [churchoffice @epiphanyelca.org](mailto:churchoffice@epiphanyelca.org)

Watch for sign up sheets in the Commons or contact Beth Barger at 282-6066 to lend a hand with serving or clean up for the dinners. No need to sign up for the lunches.



Interested in joining Epiphany?

Have you been joining us for worship for a while and thinking about becoming a member of Epiphany? Or maybe interested in learning more about what Lutherans believe?

Please contact Pastor Phillip or Pastor Joseph for more information.

804-282-6066 pastorphillip@epiphanyelca.org
pastorjoseph@epiphanyelca.org



Save the Date!



March 1 - Pancake Supper/Talent Show

March 6 - Muskingum Concert Choir

March 8 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

March 15 - Nets 4 Nets

March 28 - Palm Sunday

April 2 - Maundy Thursday

April 3 - Good Friday

April 5 - EASTER SUNDAY

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 at 10:00 am on Tuesday, March 10 in the Star Lodge.

The Clara Sullivan Circle will meet at 10 am on Friday, March 13 at the home of Peggy Roberts. We will be collecting items for the HHOPE pantry in memory of Anna Platz. Also, please remember your Thank Offering. Peggy will be giving our program. NOTE: This is a FRIDAY!

Heidi Michaelson Circle will meet on 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 12 at the home of Stephanie Horacek. If anyone is interested in joining our circle, please contact Tatter Hartmann at tatterh@hotmail.com or 804-741-0276.

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

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED

Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the prayers from the Pastors and friends of Epiphany following the death of our brother Luverne. He made many visits to Richmond and enjoyed Epiphany and the History of the area and also found time for fishing which he loved.

Jerry and Sylvia Schreiber

I thank Pastor Martin and Pastor Joseph for you many visits and your prayers and church members many cards and flowers.

Thank You, Don Smith



Dear Members of Epiphany,

Thank You! Our financial aid department notified me of your generous contribution to my seminary education. I am so appreciative of this financial support. I wish that I could do more to say thank you; I am struggling to find words to express how thankful I am for your continued support. I hope to do a CPE program back home in PA. If that works out, I will easily be able to make at least one trip to Richmond this summer. Regardless, I still hope to visit you all before or after my CPE program. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Again, Thank you for your continued love, prayers, and support as I journey through seminary.

Blessings, Alex Witt

MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS

During illness or recuperation ~

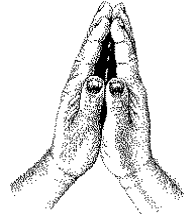
For those serving in the Armed Forces ~

**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 ~



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



CHURCH STAFF

Pastor – The Rev. Phillip W. Martin, Jr., pastorphillip@epiphanyelca.org
 Pastor – The Rev. Joseph L. Bolick, pastorjoseph@epiphanyelca.org
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Worship Times

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



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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 upcoming dates in March:

Friday, March 20; 9:30-1

Wednesday, March 25; 9:30-1

Directions From Epiphany

Take Glenside Dr North,

Turn Left on Staples Mill Rd.

Turn Right onto Hermitage Rd.

Turn Left onto Oakview Ave.