



THE EXAMINER

The Newsletter of Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 2014

You will not be surprised to learn that one of my favorite movies is the 2011 comedy, “The Big Year,” starring Steve Martin, Owen Wilson, and Jack Black. The movie tells the story of three competitive birders who all seek to have a “big year”: one calendar year in which they see a record number of different bird species. It is a funny film, and one that actually is grounded in truth. Funny as it sounds, there are people who compete to have a “big year.” It’s a real thing!



Words from the Pastor

Without a doubt, Epiphany is finishing out a “big year”—indeed, one of the busiest years in its history. Within the span of eleven months, we’ll have convened four congregational meetings (by contrast, in a typical year we have one), issued two new pastoral calls, and acquired a new piece of property. Those were the big occasions, perhaps, but a lot of work went on behind-the-scenes, too. A transition task force presented the results of its study and survey. Two different call committees assembled and completed their work. An *ad hoc* committee investigated the possibilities of purchasing that property at 7109 W. Grace Street, and a whole host of volunteers helped make that happen. As it turns out, it seems there was a sense of “divine timing” involved in all of this. Just as we claimed possession of the new house, we called an associate pastor who wants to live there temporarily. Perfect! Big Year!

While all of this transition was going on, the regular, day-to-day ministries of our congregation hummed along with remarkable consistency and vitality. The Spirit’s wisdom has been present in this, too, for that consistency was helpful. It was comforting to know that programs like our music ministries, community service, faith formation, confirmation, and youth programs (just to name a few) would continue in much the same way they always had. Somewhere in the midst of this we raised money to purchase over 600 mosquito nets for the ELCA Malaria Campaign...the highest number in the Synod!

One might wonder if all this change and extra work has made us tired. I don’t think so. Has it made us excited? You bet! I hear and sense from many of you an enthusiasm about our future. At our fellowship gatherings, team meetings, and Bible studies, I notice that you are not dwelling on the challenges of transition, but instead are thinking about our next big steps. This is inspiring to me. I am eager to get that process started. I am also looking forward to having Pastor Joseph and his family add to that enthusiasm and contribute their ideas for our ministry together.

There will certainly be challenges and additional transitions as we begin this joint collaboration and idea-generating, but I am hopeful that God will be leading us. As we round out this big year, join me in giving thanks for the work of all of our ministries, including the call committees, the property team, our staff and other volunteers.

I also ask you to listen to the Stewardship Team in its build-up for Consecration Sunday on December 7 and consider how you might feel God calling you to be a part of our ministries in the coming year. It promises to be a big one, too!

Pastor Phillip

There is an old saying that has been passed down through generations that states, “Every Christian owes allegiance to the three loyalties, his God his Country his Family and the priority to serve should be in the same order”. This seems logical as they give each of us the gifts of life, security, and love.

This year, the Stewardship Team, as part of their program, is requesting each member of Epiphany to submit a pledge of his or her time and financial support to the church for the coming year.

A pamphlet has been printed giving a brief description of the many tasks it takes to run the church and it will be available to members in the church office or online.

In today’s world there are many things that are making demands on our time and finances. We ask that you take stock of how you spend your time and financial resources and compare it to your shares given to the three loyalties.

Consecration Sunday is on December 7th at which time we will celebrate and give thanks for all our blessings and present our pledges to the church.

If there are any questions the Stewardship Team will be available after church services to answer them. If you are in doubt or timid, take a stab at some tasks listed. Your gift to God will be rewarded and you will become better acquainted with other members of our church family.

Yours in Christ,
Bob Busch



Mark Your Calendar! **Consecration Sunday, December 7, 2014**

In a few weeks you will receive our annual letter containing the details of this day and asking for a financial commitment for 2015. Join us as we celebrate all of God’s gifts and our commitments to Him. We will continue the events that evening with our annual Celebration Dinner. Signup will be available later in November.

Please also remember to return your commitment cards by December the 7th so that we can consecrate all of our gifts to the Lord during that morning’s worship services.



On November 2th, 2:00 am, we will “Fall Back” by turning our clocks back one hour! Mark your calendars on Saturday, November 1st to turn the clocks back one hour before bedtime.



OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING AT EPIPHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 16, 2014

The annual meeting of the congregation of Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, November 16 with a congregational lunch in Price Hall immediately following the 11 am service.

Please signup in the Commons for the lunch.

The Rev. James F. Mauney, Bishop of the Virginia Synod of the ELCA, will be with us during worship on November 16.

Childcare will be available during the meeting.

A portion of the agenda will include:

1. The election of Congregational Council members.
2. The adoption of a 2015 operating budget.
3. The congregation will consider passing two proposed bylaws at the November Congregational Meeting:

Authorize Council to disburse at its discretion amounts in the dedicated Thanksgiving, Christmas, Lenten, and Easter Offering accounts; and Authorize the Council to expend at its discretion a contingency amount not to exceed \$10,000 of non-dedicated 2014 surplus (with any of such amount not disbursed by March 1, 2015 reverting to unrestricted surplus).

Please note: The Finance Ministry Team will host an informal question-and-answer session on the proposed budget on Sunday, November 9 during the Sunday school hour, in the Parlor, and on Wednesday, November 12 at 7 pm., in the Chapel.

The following nominees have been endorsed by the Nominating Committee and the council: Amy Boyle, Lyle Gleason and Ramona Schaeffer, are nominated for full terms (three years), Nominations from the floor during the annual congregational meeting will be entertained under the following conditions. (1) The nominee must have been contacted and agreed to serve; (2) The nominee must be present at the meeting; and (3) The nominee must be prepared to make a short biographical sketch similar to the written statements by the other nominees.

Congregational Council Nominees Bio Sketches see page 4

Congregational Meeting



Approving the 2015 Budget



AMY BOYLE

My husband, Rob, and I joined Epiphany in 2002. Our children are twin boys, Graham and Matthew (age 12) and our daughter, Krista (age 7). I have served in several different ways at Epiphany, but mostly I serve wherever Beth Barger asks me! You can find me in the kitchen often, as I have cooked for Wednesday evening meals, Confirmation Banquet, Congregational Meeting, Rally Day, Installation Luncheon etc. I have also worked as a volunteer at VBS for the last 10 summers. I served on the Transition Task Force when we called Pastor Phillip as Senior Pastor. I am a Sunday School Substitute and have been Supply Closet Coordinator. I have been a lay reader during worship, delivered altar flowers after services and served as a delegate at Virginia Synod Assembly. For the last 7 years, I have been a member of Moms' Bible Study and serve as its Facilitator.

I am honored to be nominated for Church Council. God has great things planned for our church! I cannot wait to see where He leads us



LYLE GLEASON

Personal - Married to Karen since 1971. Father to Kara (Allen) and Jonathan (Lauren), both married at Epiphany, and grandfather to four grandchildren – Kristopher, Kaylin, Kinsley, and Jackson (8, 6, 4, 3). Retired twice, and currently employed as IT Systems Engineer, after having held various IT technical, engineering, management, and architecture, positions for numerous years.

Ministry Work at Epiphany - Member since 2000, usually attending late service. Currently Stephen Minister, member of Finance Committee, member of Associate Pastor Call Committee, and Usher for approximately ten years. Past Consecration Sunday Stewardship team member and chairperson, and past Confirmation Mentor.

Ministry Work Prior to Epiphany – Church Council member and Council President (St. Paul and Messiah Lutheran Churches). Member of Stewardship and Evangelism team (St. Paul). Member and chairperson of Stewardship team (Messiah). Member and chairperson of Worship committee (Messiah). Member and chairperson of Finance team (Messiah). Member and chairperson of Call.



RAMONA SCHAEFFER

It is wonderful to call Epiphany my church home. After moving to Richmond, Epiphany was the first church I visited, and although I visited several other churches I kept returning to Epiphany with its myriad of services and programs.

My husband, Monte Waugh, and I were married here in 1996. Some of you may know him as the grinning, nice guy sitting in the back of the church with the children, including our own daughter Emily.

Since moving my membership to Epiphany I have been thrilled to assist with a variety of activities including: being a clown for different children's events, singing in the 8:30 choir, assisting with Sunday School attendance, maintenance at Caroline Furnace, occasionally helping Mr. Scott with Sunday School opening, and one of my greatest joys – helping with crafts for Vacation Bible School.

What Can I Bring to the Church Council?

Most importantly, I will bring my willingness to serve the congregation, and address issues as they arise. In addition, I have experience with managing budgets, developing workplans, evaluating activities, conducting strategic planning sessions, writing grants, human resources and building community supports.

I am honored to be considered for Epiphany's Church Council and will bring enthusiasm and my sincerest efforts to serve as God wills.

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

Children's Corner

The Singing Saints, Cherub Choir and Junior Handbells will meet on November 5, 12 and 19 for rehearsal. Cherub Choir meets from 6:30 – 7:00 in room 104. Singing Saints meet in the Music Room from 6:30 – 7:10. Junior Handbells meet from 7:00 – 7:30 in the balcony. On November 26, there is no rehearsal.

Please note that the Singing Saints have a special rehearsal on SATURDAY, November 22 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. This will be an important rehearsal as we are preparing for the Christmas Musical. If you have a 2nd-6th grader who is interested in being a part of the Christmas Musical, please have them attend – even if they do not regularly attend Singing Saints – we would love to have them join us!

The Singing Saints have a busy month and will be part of worship leadership on November 2 and 23. The Cherub Choir will be a part of worship leadership on November 16.



Cherub Choir & Singing Saints

In a Galilee Far, Far Away

We are excited to announce that this year's Christmas Musical will be "In a Galilee Far, Far Away" and will be offered on Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m. It takes many people to be able to make this production happen each year. If you have any interest in being a part of the excitement, from acting to sets, to baking, to who knows what else, please contact Kevin at kevinbarger@epiphanyelca.org to indicate your interest. Please don't assume "there is nothing for you to do." There's something for everyone!



Epiphany Brass

We are now putting together those that will play for Christmas Eve. If you are interested and available to help out, please contact Kevin at kevinbarger@epiphanyelca.org.

Why do we have a choir?

Music plays an integral part in our worship service. Can you imagine a Sunday morning worship service at Epiphany without any music at all? It would definitely be a different experience! To help with the musical parts of our worship, we are fortunate to have two chancel choirs (one for each service) to lead and guide us. Besides adding beauty to the service, they help to proclaim the Word. They help us to retell the Gospel story. Our choirs assist in proclaiming the gospel in worship :

- The choirs supply rehearsed voices to help worshipers sing new or perhaps more difficult hymns.
- The choir adds to the joy of hymn singing by offering special settings either of particular stanzas or as part of anthem offerings.
- The choir assists the pastor, too. It shares our Scripture readings, often with a different take than we might hear from words alone. Choirs anthems are carefully chosen to reflect the theme of the day. In these anthems, the good news is again proclaimed in a different fashion than we might hear from the pulpit.

Have YOU considered being a part of this important ministry? We are always looking for additional voices to join us. All are welcome – with all levels of musical experience. Come join us Sunday mornings at 8 or Wednesday evenings at 7:15 – it is rewarding work!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday Morning Offerings—9:45 am

Epiphany's Household Finances Join members of our Finance Committee on Sunday, November 9 in Price Hall as we explore the finances of our congregation for the 2015 fiscal year. The 2015 budget will be voted on by the congregation at the Congregational Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 16.



Adult Sunday School

The Five Love Languages of Children Please join Kristy Anderson and Sarah Robbins as we explore the love languages of children. We are using Gary Chapman and Ross Campell's book by the same title for our discussion. This class meets in Room 103 of the Christian Education Wing.

Roots & Practices of Lutheran Christians -Join Pastor Phillip Martin in the Chapel through November 16 for conversations based on the Lutheran Christian faith. This class is ideal for new(er) members to Epiphany and those who want a refresher on Lutheran beliefs. We use the book *Lutheran Christians and Their Beliefs* by Jerry Schmalenberger. Copies are available in the class.

Tuesday Morning Offering

The Beginning: Genesis Join us Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am in the Chapel. Our study of Genesis continues as we gain a foundational understanding of the key people, places, messages, and events in Genesis, while building community and deepening faith. We will **NOT** meet Tuesday, November 25.

Wednesday Evening Offerings

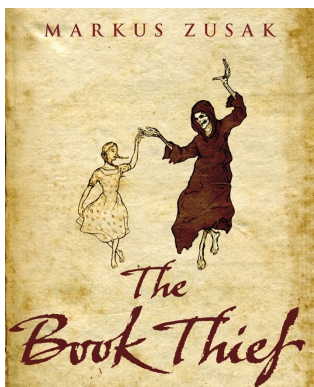
Parent Chat While the children are making a joyful noise to the Lord, join us in Room 101 from 6:30-7:00 pm for light-hearted chats. We will **NOT** meet Wednesday, November 25.

The Beginning: Genesis Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the **Chapel**. Our study of Genesis continues as we gain a foundational understanding of the key people, places, messages, and events in Genesis, while building community and deepening faith. We will **NOT** meet Wednesday, November 26.

Thursday Morning Offering

Moms' Bible Study Join us Thursday mornings. A nursery for children opens at 9:15 am and discussion starts at 9:30 am. We meet to share in the study of God's Word and a time of fellowship with moms. We will begin a study on the book of Proverbs this month.

Book Discussion Group

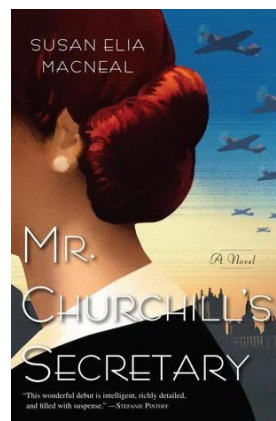


All are welcome to join us the third Monday of each month at 10:30 am in the Parlor, as we discuss the month's book and share in fellowship together.

Monday, November 17, 2014—*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. Iris Will will lead our discussion.

We will not meet in December.

Monday, January 19, 2015—*Mr. Churchill's Secretary* by Susan Elia MacNeal. Terry Price will lead our discussion.



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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Children Faith Formation Team

We are looking for 6-8 persons to serve on our Children Faith Formation Team. This team will meet face-to-face two times a year, and will touch base via email throughout the rest of the year. This team will support the various ministries for our children and youth, including Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Advent Event, Rally Day, devotional resources, Splash!, and Sunday School service projects. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, January 11, 2015 in the Chapel. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Christy Huffman, if you are interested in serving.

THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONS

Before you gather around the table this Thanksgiving:

- 1) Pick up one of the devotions from the Commons, or
- 1) Check out a number of Thanksgiving resources on www.vibrantfaithathome.org.

There are many resources available as we take time to pause for all the thanksgivings God has bestowed upon us.



The Great ADVENTure

Sunday, November 30, 2014



Make plans to join us for our annual Cross-generational Advent Event on November 30 at 9:45 am in Price Hall.

There will be activities and goodies for all ages as we begin the season of Advent in preparation for Christmas.

*****Advent Devotions for all ages will also be available for you to take home.*****

Able to help with set up or clean up? Please contact Christy Huffman.



Sunday School Project—Christmas Giving Tree

Be on the look out for the *Giving Tree* in the Commons
starting Sunday, November 30

COMMUNITY SERVICE MINISTRY

LAMB's Basket

We want to thank you for your gracious gifts of food and money to assist us in supporting the work at The LAMB's Basket. Our September food drive brought in 399 lbs. of food and \$1125 in monetary contributions. Our congregation has again shown its giving spirit, and for that we are grateful. As always, we ask for your ongoing support of LAMB's Basket through food, funds and volunteers.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Continuing Epiphany's long tradition of providing food for a Thanksgiving meal for some of our neediest neighbors, the Community Service Team will be collecting non-perishable food and monetary donations for Thanksgiving baskets in November. Please help. There is much need.

Team members will hand out grocery bags with attached lists of needs for a holiday meal for 1 family of six to Epiphany members after services on November 2. If you can provide all the needs for one basket, that will be great. **But if you can't, you still can help** by providing some of the items, and Team members will fill in as needed. Donations should be brought to the church by Sunday, November 16.

As we did last year, we are asking for cash or check donations to be used to purchase special gift cards for turkeys for each basket. If you'd rather not shop, but still want to help provide the basket's basic items, the Team will gratefully accept money to help with purchasing these basic items as well.

Epiphany's baskets will be distributed with baskets from other Henrico churches to needy recipients through HEARTH (Henrico Emergency Assistance to Reduce Threat of Homelessness), and to Lutheran Family Service's foster families. With the help of Epiphany members, Community Services hopes to top our last year's collection of meals for 71 families.



Thanksgiving
Food Baskets

November 2, All Saints Sunday - Those We Remember

Nancy Whitlow
 Alan ("Hank") Stensland
 Fred Fluckiger
 Sissy Gorsline
 Art Reckenbeil

Lee Nye
 Jeanne Reynolds
 John Umlauf
 David Decker



Wednesday Evening Meals

All are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and faith on Wednesdays, November 5, 12 & 19 beginning with dinner at 5:45. Choir rehearsals, Bible Studies, and Confirmation classes are offered.

Suggested donations for the evening meal are \$5/adult and \$3/child 12 and under. Household Max. is \$20.

For the latest menu, 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

Watch for sign up sheets in the Commons or contact Beth Barger at 282-6066 to lend a hand with serving or clean up.

Wednesday
 Evening
 Meals



Poinsettia Plants

Poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones will be used in the chancel on December 24. To place an order, fill out the form found in the pew racks or on the display in the Commons and turn in with check payable to Epiphany Lutheran Church, marked Poinsettias. Each plant is \$11.00. Your check should accompany your order.

December 7th is the deadline for orders. Plants may be picked up following the 9:00 pm service on December 24th or during the week when the church office is open.



Micah Update:

In October five Epiphany members began volunteering weekly at Southampton Elementary School. Whether as a lunch buddy or classroom assistant, everyone has felt welcomed.

One of our volunteers is Nancy Hartnett, a 34 year teacher of eighth grade who is now retired. Of her current teaching experience at Southampton, Nancy writes:

“I volunteer every Wednesday and am paired with a third grade teacher. Working with small groups on reading comprehension skills, also I have helped to prepare materials for teaching. Recently I started working with Reader’s Theatre, a small group of students who will present a play for the class. A specialty I enjoy is reading or telling stories to the class. Although working with third graders was a new challenge, I adjusted quickly and now love working with the younger children.”

Nancy’s experience is wonderful to share; however, not all volunteers need to have professional teaching experience. Opportunities for participation are endless. If you enjoy children you will undoubtedly find a niche to become involved in the Micah program. Interacting with students whose faces express happiness for the attention they receive is a priceless gift. A meeting November 17th at Epiphany offers an opportunity to learn more about the program. For more information, contact Mary Sue Oehler, 804-364-2794 or msoehler@verizon.net and/or sign the MICAH sheet in the Commons area.

Micah dates to remember:

November 13 – Micah meeting of all faith groups; St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church; 11:45 – 1:15

November 11 – Mentor training class; Ramsey United Methodist Church; 5:30-7:30

November 17 – Micah meeting for Epiphany volunteers; Parlor (ELC); noon

“Micah Initiative” News

Our congregational outreach to the faculty/staff at Southampton Elementary School was greatly appreciated September 29th when a lunch was served to them by members of First English. Southampton’s principal, Mrs. Linda Bennett, expressed her gratitude for the commitment that FELC has shown during the past four years. Additionally, our congregation was able to present Mrs. Bennett with a monetary gift of \$102 to support the school’s needs . . . the amount remaining after the cost of luncheon. As the new school year has been launched, four members of First English will volunteer weekly at Southampton . . . either as classroom assistants or as mentors.

Our congregation’s response to the request for participation in the fall Micah project was heartwarming. As our mission to witness “in the city” continues, future opportunities to become involved will arise. Many members of the congregation expressed an interest to serve in ways other than weekly commitment. Great! Keep posted for future happenings. Meanwhile, again MANY THANKS for your response this past month.

Mary Sue Oehler

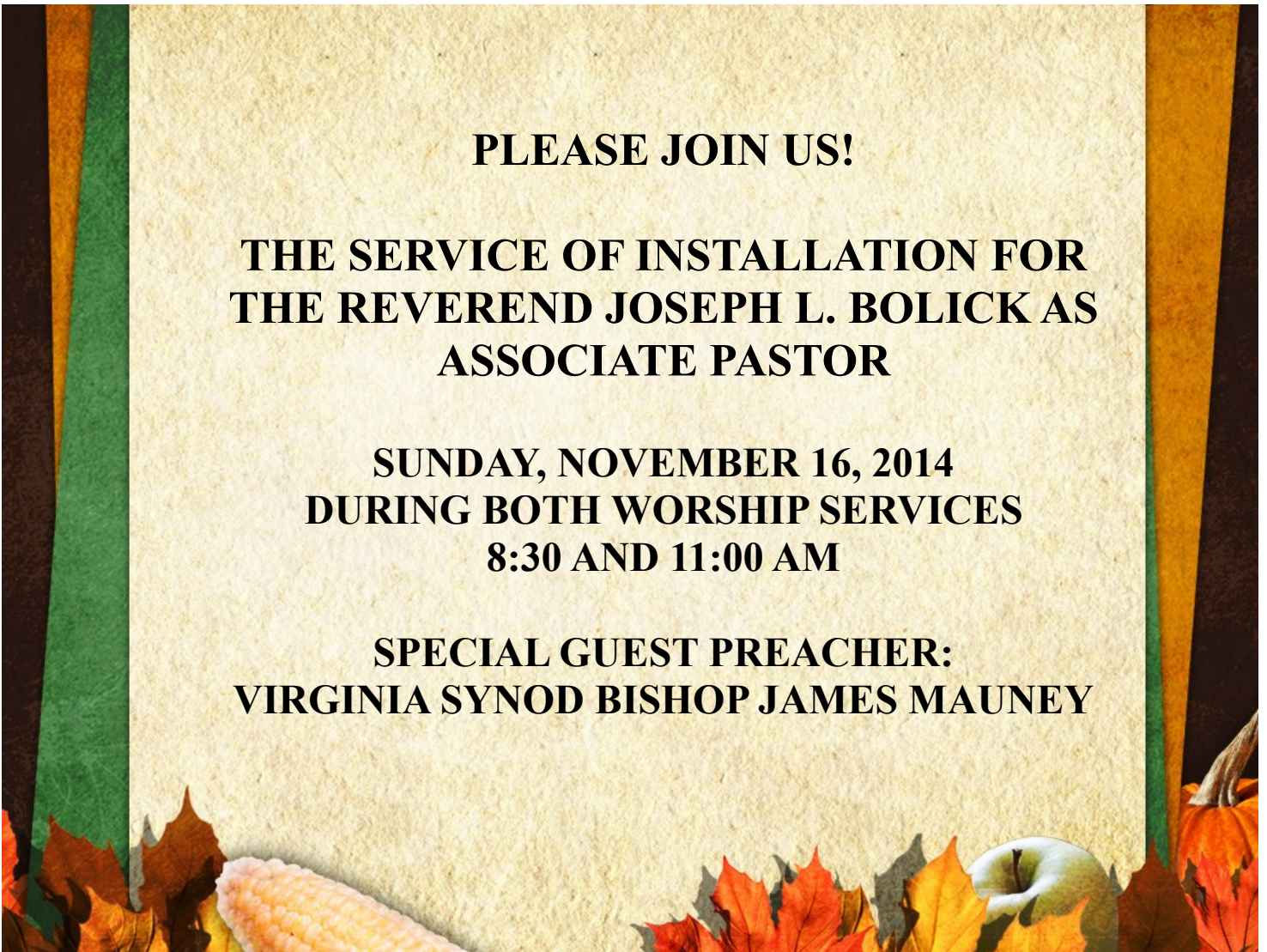


PLEASE JOIN US!

**THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR
THE REVEREND JOSEPH L. BOLICK AS
ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2014
DURING BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES
8:30 AND 11:00 AM**

**SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER:
VIRGINIA SYNOD BISHOP JAMES MAUNEY**



STEWARDSHIP: "Help Needed"

We are looking for volunteers to assist with setting up and dismantling our outdoor Nativity scene.

Time frame: Sometime between Thanksgiving and December 6.

Team 1: Three (3) men who would be responsible for the outdoor electrical set-up and lighting which includes putting up the stars and angels. Physical requirements are as follows:

Not afraid of heights

Knowledgeable about exterior wiring for inclement weather

Able to cast a fishing line and lure

Approximately 6 hours for set-up and 4 hours for dismantling and storage

Team 2: Two (2) men who would be responsible for moving and setting up the town of Bethlehem. Physical requirements are as follows:

Some heavy lifting

Requires approximately 2 hours for set-up and 2 hours for taking it down and storage.

Is God calling you to use your time and talents in support of this ministry? Please contact Bruce Garringer (804-598-4825) if you are interested in serving this ministry.



THANK YOU FROM YOUR STEPHEN MINISTERS.

On September 20, Epiphany's Stephen Ministers hosted a workshop for area churches to explain what Stephen Ministry is and the important contribution it can make in the services a church provides. Approximately 60 persons attended, split evenly between Epiphany members and persons from visiting congregations. Ten churches were represented involving eight denominations: United Methodist, Presbyterian (USA), Roman Catholic, Baptist Independent, Baptist General Conference, American and Southern Baptist, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and one Independent/Nondenominational church. The Stephen Ministry presenter commented that the workshop was "spot on, perfect". This would not have been possible without the support of our congregation and the following persons in particular: Beth Barger, Turner Barger, Sally Bartholomew, Pam Bosserman, Angela Edwards, Megan Edwards, Karen Gleason, Marilyn Gloyer, Stu Gloyer, Anita Holm, Stephanie Horacek, Veronica Kirill, Chris and Julia Minnich, Pastor Phillip Martin, Carol McKean, Amy Shimko, Carla Schwertz, and Caroline Wake. We thank them for the time and effort they put into making the workshop a success. We trust that they share our joy in having told others about this powerful, caring ministry. Thank you, indeed.

Your Stephen Ministers



Our Mission

And Jesus came and said to them, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Our Faith

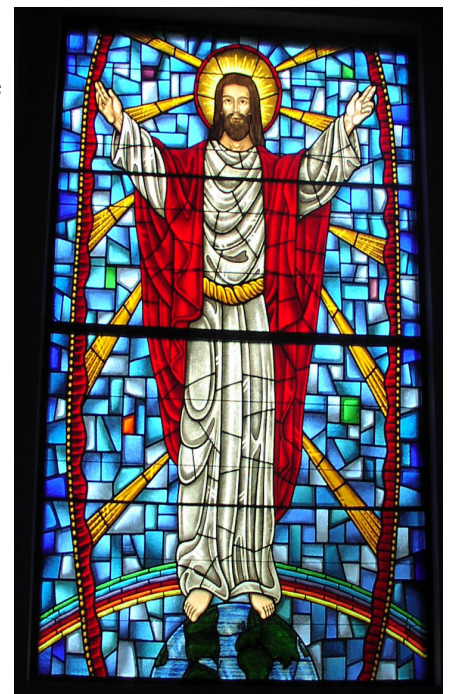
We believe in God, the Father almighty; and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; and in the Holy Spirit and the Church.

Our Salvation

By grace through faith

Our Life

Faith active in Love



A Special Thank-You

During the acquisition of the 7109 West Grace Street property, a number of members of the congregation gave selflessly, and seemingly tirelessly, of their time and efforts to move the process forward. Countless individuals, too numerous to name, performed tasks—seen and unseen—in thinking through the potential purchase and ultimately, making this growth opportunity possible. Epiphany extends a heartfelt thank you to them for their willingness to share of their time and gifts.

We also extend our gratitude to you for your prayers during the process as we share in the continued hope that the property will present new opportunities for the church and its ministries to continue to flourish in the future.

Peace,
Andrew Blair

Sisters and Brothers of Epiphany Lutheran Church,

As I approach my final academic year of seminary, it isn't hard to look back on this journey and give thanks for the support you have offered. Yes, this long journey should be coming to a close this year, if all goes well. It certainly doesn't seem that long ago I began this journey. So many things have changed in these past few years but not the support of Epiphany Lutheran Church.

In January I am scheduled to attend DCOIC (Direct Commission Office Indoctrination Course, ie: boot camp for officers) for the Navy Chaplain Corps in Rhode Island, and I will complete my academic coursework this spring at Gettysburg Seminary. Upon completion I will serve a one-year internship, which has yet to be determined. I am not certain where I am headed once all of these pieces fall into place; I sometimes wonder how we got here in the first place. We do trust that the Spirit is with us on this journey along with our family and friends at Epiphany Lutheran. Thank you for all your love and support. We will continue to keep you informed as we move forward!

Peace in Christ!
Nate Huffman



On behalf of The Gideons Richmond West Camp and The Gideons International, I want to express my sincere thanks to all of my brothers and sisters in Christ at Epiphany for your support of the Gideon ministry. You may recall that my colleague Glen Miller gave a brief report last September regarding the work the Gideons are doing to make God's word available throughout the Richmond area in places like hotels, hospitals, and doctors offices as well as to local high school graduates and VCU students. Your offering of \$570 is tangible evidence of the love Epiphany has for making the Word of God available to those who otherwise may not have a copy. We can pray that many precious souls will come to a saving faith in our Lord Jesus as a result of these Scriptures being distributed in Richmond and throughout world.

Matt Greenshields

A Special
THANK YOU

Many thanks to those from Epiphany that came to Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp and Retreat Center's Fall 2014 Work Weekend! On September 12th, people came from near and far to gather at Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp for the annual fall Work Weekend. There were campers who dragged along their parents and parents who dragged along their campers. There were a number of young people who were on this past summer's staff along with other familiar faces as well as some new faces. Our "Kid Brigade" worked hard as well! There was some rain but the troops weren't daunted and, after lunch there was plenty of sunshine. When all was said and done, a tremendous amount had been accomplished: the Ridge Trail was cleared of fallen trees, the brush around the lake was cut back, St. John's chapel was primed and painted on the outside with new drywall hung and taped



on the inside, there was plenty of cleaning checked-off the list too. It was a big weekend of fellowship, hard work, laughter and a concentrated focus of "pouring some love" all over Caroline Furnace. It's an exciting time! We hope you can join us for the Spring 2015 Work Weekend! Keep your eye out here for more details or check out the website carolinefurnace.org!

A New Name, a New Beginning

After 94 years, the Chaplain Service Prison Ministry of Virginia has re-branded itself. In September it formally adopted a new name, GraceInside. It is a much simpler name and quite descriptive of what our God is doing in the prisons through our Chaplains. Along with this, the ministry has rolled out its new logo (shown here) and entered into the world of social media. In addition to finding them through their brand new website www.graceinside.org you may also engage with them through FaceBook and Twitter.



The 32 Chaplains provide direct ministry to over 30,000 incarcerated children of God in Virginia's prisons. Most are still working full-time hours for part-time salaries due to recent financial difficulties. Our urgent mission is to restore them to full-time status, and support from churches and individuals is desperately needed to do so.

As we enter the final months of giving for 2014, please pray for our dedicated chaplains and check out the new website and social media; if moved by the Holy Spirit, you can contribute online (or by traditional means!). Please join the community of faith in "Saving Lives from the Inside Out."

Should you have questions, please contact Rob McClintock, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, at robmcclintock@comcast.net, or Rev. Lynn Litchfield, Director of Communications and Development, at lynnlitchfield@graceinside.org.

CIRCLES MEET

Margaret Miller Circle will meet on November 11, 10 am in the Star Lodge.
Co-leaders are: Cheryl Froom, 804-754-7129 and Donna Josephson, 804-883-5955.



The Clara Sullivan Circle will meet on November 12th. We are going to tour the Ronald McDonald House. Meet at the church at 10am and we will carpool. Following our tour we will have lunch at Toast. Please RSVP to Leanne so that we can make luncheon reservations (254-2849 or spletzer@aol.com).

The Heidi Michaelson Circle meets on Thursday, November 13th in the evening. Please contact Tatter Hartmann if you are interested in joining our group. (tatterh@hotmail.com or 804-741-0276)

Saturday November 8th at 10:00-noon all women of Epiphany are invited to attend the Annual Fall Gathering of the Richmond Conference or the VA Synod. It will be held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church on Chippenham Parkway. The speaker will discuss The Tent of Nations in Palestine. There will be a Bethlehem "market" selling nativity sets, jewelry, olive wood carvings, plates, and Christmas ornaments. You can buy them at the event and take them home that day! A light lunch will be served, free childcare and a craft workshop for older children. Car pooling from Epiphany will be at 9:15.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Coming Wednesday, December 10th
Annual Christmas Tea for Women of Epiphany
2 PM, Star Lodge

Plan to join us for Russian Tea and Coffee,
Plus Savory and Sweet Goodies Galore

Christmas Music and Christian Fellowship Galore

Our charity this year will again be Harbor House, a shelter for abused women.
A list of recommended gift items will be posted on the bulletin board in the Commons.



Thank you sent to the Church Council and congregation

Dear Epiphany Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for allowing us to stay in the Star Lodge during our community service trip. It was so kind of you all.

Sincerely,

Students from Virginia Tech

Savannah, Rachel, Linda, Brenda, Casey, Emily, Carolyn, Shelby and Megan



Dear Pastor Phillip and friends at Epiphany,

Thank you for your prayers, calls, flowers and cards extended to me during my confinement. Thank too for your prayers and concerns for our son, David.

Jim DeLesDernier

Dear Pastor Phillip and Members of Epiphany Church:

ON behalf of my entire family. I would like to thank all of you for the support you gave us during those dark days after Art's sudden death. Your cards, phone calls and flowers from the altar were such a blessing. I especially want to thank Pastor Phillip and Christy Huffman for leading the beautiful Memorial and Inurnment Services which were so inspiring. Thanks to all of you for coming.

I also want to thank the ladies who were responsible for the wonderful food that was served at the reception which followed the inurnment. The reception gave our family precious time to visit with friends who were kind enough to come out to support us during this very sad time in our lives.

Yours in Christ,

Joan Reckenbeil

Thanks to Pastor Martin and Christy Huffman for all the prayers and caring in my recent illness. The cards, calls and prayers from Epiphany are so much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Carla Schwertz

Thank you notes and other information from Council

ELCA World Hunger sent a thank you note to Epiphany for their recent gift of \$130.98. They noted that over the past 40 years their ministry partnership and programs have touched the lives of people in nearly 60 countries including the United States.

ELCA Malaria Campaign thanked Epiphany for their generous donation totaling \$6,547.12. A Certificate of Appreciation was included in this letter and can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Council would like to recognize and thank Dr. Kim Yucha for her dedication and service to the Virginia Synod Malaria Campaign Task Force and for raising awareness and funds at Epiphany.

News/Information

Richmond Ambulance Authority shared the 2015 Life Saver Membership Program Information. This is a subscription program designed to help citizens of Richmond by covering out-of-pocket insurance co-pays and deductibles for emergency ambulance transports. If you would like more information brochures and applications are available on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS



It is hard to believe that it will soon be November! The holiday season is right around the corner. The children really settled into their school routine in October and they are all happy and building great relationships with their friends.

Our annual Stop & Shop is right around the corner. This year it will be on November 7 and 8. The hours on Friday are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are also now accepting book donations for the used book sale. The books can be dropped off any week day just inside the Franklin Street entrance. They can be placed under the splatter art paintings that are hanging on the wall. The used book sale accounts for about 1/3 of our fundraising from this event but we definitely need books for this to be successful. The Stop & Shop is our largest fundraiser of the year and will help us make some improvements to the playground and in our classrooms. Make sure you stop by to do some holiday shopping with our wide variety of vendors including Epiphany members, friends of ELNS, and many other crafty folks from the Richmond community! We appreciate anything that you can do to help.

As we draw closer to the end of this calendar year, it is time to start thinking about school registration for next year. If you are considering enrolling your child in a school for next school year, be sure you call and schedule a tour! Also, if you have friends that will be looking for a school for their young children, make sure you tell them about the program here. You can refer them to our website for more information or to schedule a tour. I have office hours from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each weekday and I would love the opportunity to meet with perspective families and show them all of the great programs that ELNS offers. Our registration for current school families and church members will begin on January 5, 2015.

Jessica Hendricks
Director

Holiday Stop & Shop – ELNS Fundraiser



It's that time of year again, time for our annual school fundraiser the Holiday Stop & Shop. On November 7 (9-2) & 8 (9-3), come on out to Price Hall and get an early jump on your Christmas shopping! We will have about 40 vendors selling handmade items and unique gifts. We will also have our very popular used book sale in the Sala chapel. Looking to find a new home for books you have in yours? We are now accepting gently used books for our sale. You can drop them off at the education side of the building just inside the doors from the drop off circle. Just put them at the bottom of the splatter paintings that are hanging on the wall. Questions?

Want to become a vendor? You can visit our website at www.elsnstopandshop.com or call the school at 282-7506. This is our single biggest fundraiser of the year and helps us make improvements to the playgrounds here as well as update our classrooms – so please come out and support our wonderful school.

EYG Happenings

All High School Youth are invited to join us as we head to Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, VA for a weekend of fun and faith building. Epiphany will again be heading as a group to the 2nd weekend of Winter Celebration, January 23-25, 2015.

Winter Celebration

Cost: \$100 per youth; scholarships are available (see Mark for details)

Forms: See Mark for forms or the bulletin board

Leaf Raking

Our annual Leaf Raking service project is scheduled for November 30. 2pm-7pm. We will conclude with a yummy supper at a youth's home.

Congregational Meeting

We encourage all confirmed youth to participate in the upcoming annual congregational meeting.

- *The youth and Timothy Ministers would like to thank the generous support of the congregation during our car wash last month. The money raised will be supporting youth trips to local, Synod and National Youth events.*



November events

Nov 5—Timothy Minister Meeting: 7pm in the Star Lodge

Nov 9—7-12th grade Gathering: 12-2pm in the Star Lodge—Lunch included

Nov 21-23—Lost and Found—7th and 8th graders

Nov 23—High School Gathering: 12-2 in the Star Lodge—Lunch included

Nov 30—Leaf Raking Service Event



November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 All Saints Sunday 8:00 am Chancel Choir 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30 am Blood Pressure Readings, Parlor 9:30 am Ringers 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion	3	4 Election Day Confirmation Yr. II trip to Roanoke 10:30 am Bible Study, Chapel 7 pm HHOPE Meeting, Chapel	5 11 am Healing/Holy Communion Service, Chapel 5:45 pm Wednesday Evening Meal, Price Hall 6:30 pm Cherub Choir/Sing. Sts, Parent Chat & Bible Study 7 pm Jr Handbells 7 pm Timothy Minister, Star Lodge 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	6 9:30 am Mom's Bible Study, Chapel	7	8 10-11:30 am HHOPE Distribution, Narthex
9 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30 am Ringers 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Proposed Budget Q&A, Parlor 11:00 am Worship 12-2pm 7-12 grade Meeting, Star Lodge	10	11 Veteran's Day 10 am Margaret Miller Circle, Lodge 10:30 am Bible Study, Chapel 11:30am Men's Manna Lunch 7 pm Council Mtg, Chapel	12 10 am Clara Sullivan Circle, Parlor 11am Healing/Holy Communion Service, Chapel 5:45 pm Wednesday Evening Meal, Price Hall 6:30 pm Cherub Choir/Sing. Sts, Parent Chat & Bible Study 7 pm Confirmation 7 pm Jr Handbells 7 pm Proposed Budget Q&A, Parlor 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	13 9:30 am Mom's Bible Study, Chapel	14	15
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23 Christ the King Sunday 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30 am Ringers 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Noon— 2pm EYG, 9-12 grade, Star Lodge Noon-2pm Lil' Youths - Price Hall	24	25 9 am - Noon Quilters	26	27 Office Closed 10:00 am Thanksgiving Day Service	28 Office Closed	29
30 First Sunday in Advent 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion						

ADDRESS CHANGE

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Thanksgiving Day—Service of Thanksgiving

Join us on Thursday, November 27, at 10 am, in the Chapel
as we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives.



Devotions for Thanksgiving will be available in the Commons
the middle of November for use in your homes as we give thanks to God.

CHURCH STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor – The Rev. Phillip W. Martin, Jr., pastorphillip@epiphanyelca.org
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Youth Ministry Assistant – Mark Schuetze, markschuetze@epiphanyelca.org

MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS

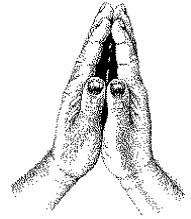
During illness or recuperation ~

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 ~



November Baptism Birthdays



From the Archives...

November 20, 1952 - Provisional Council approved a constitution for presentation to the congregation. Constitution was drafted by Harvey Hansen (chairman), Otto Meyberg, and Pastor Schroeder. Constitution was approved by the congregation on November 25, 1952 - the same date the congregation approved the name of Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church.



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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 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.

Epiphany's dates in November

Friday, November 7; 9:30am-1pm
Wednesday, November 19; 9:30am-1pm

Directions From Epiphany

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