



# THE EXAMINER

The Newsletter of Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church

October 2014

The Church Council has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 5, for the purpose of voting to call a new associate pastor. The meeting will convene in the sanctuary between worship services.

## Congregational Meeting



### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!



The annual meeting of the congregation, Sunday, November 16, after the late service. Lunch will be served.

Consecration Sunday will be Sunday, December 7.  
Worship services with guest preacher at 8:30am and 11:00am.

Celebration Dinner at 5:00pm with Grand Illumination of Christmas display at 6:00pm.



### **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

From the Stewardship Team:

Have you ever wondered what becomes of your offering once it has been put into the plate on Sunday?

Here at Epiphany, we have five teams of two persons each, who comprise the tellers group. On a rotating basis, usually on a Monday morning, a team meets and opens the envelopes. At this time the contents are verified, the other numerous offerings are counted, and eventually, a deposit is taken to the bank.



In addition to the envelopes, all monies which come into the church have to be counted and recorded. These include Sunday School and Wednesday Healing service offerings, plate offerings each Sunday, building usage fees, altar flowers, memorial donations, fellowship meals, youth group fund raisers, coffee and donuts, and any other miscellaneous offerings.

As each envelope is opened, the contents are verified (if the member has written the amount on the front) or the amount enclosed is written on the front of the envelope. The empty offering envelopes are used by the Financial Secretary to record weekly contributions which are reflected on third quarter and end-of-year statements.

It is VERY important that the envelope be used. In the event one forgets, money can be placed in a pew envelope with the amount enclosed and the number recorded on the front. If using a check, and a pew envelope is not readily available, the envelope number may be written on the memo line of the check. Much time is spent looking up numbers when the envelope is not used. Most teams spend 2-3 hours one day a month, carrying out tellers' duties.

**We are always in need of new or additional tellers.** The requirements are simple, mainly being able to commit to one day a month, being able to use an adding machine, and enjoying working with numbers. Many of our team members have been serving in this capacity over twenty five years, but longevity is not a requirement.

A few tips from the tellers:

Please write legibly.

Do NOT combine different offerings on the same check (example- separate regular offering checks from Thanksgiving, Lamb's Basket etc.)

Use envelopes provided, or in an emergency, use pew envelopes with number written on it.

Do Not tape envelope shut.

Write in the amount the envelope contains. This allows tellers to verify it.

For a stress-free, no worry experience, use the Simply Giving program which enables your contribution to be automatically deducted from your checking account. (The Simply Giving program presently accounts for over twenty percent of total offerings). Authorizations forms are in the Church Office.



Remember, all offerings are counted in private, and only read by the tellers in a confidential manner. Tellers report to the Financial Secretary, and any questions or concerns should be directed to him (Ray Spletzer 804-254-2849).

## NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

### *Children's Corner*

The Singing Saints and Cherub Choir will meet on all five Wednesdays in October 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 will also meet all five Wednesdays during the month from 7:00 – 7:30 in the balcony.

Singing Saints will participate in worship leadership at both services on October 12, and the Cherub Choir will participate in both services on October 19.

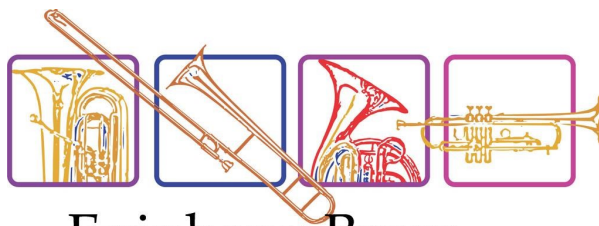
Junior Handbells will also play in worship on October 19.

If you haven't made a decision about participating in Singing Saints, please note that we will be starting preliminary work on the Christmas Festival during October – that often is an important determinant for the kids!



### *Epiphany Brass*

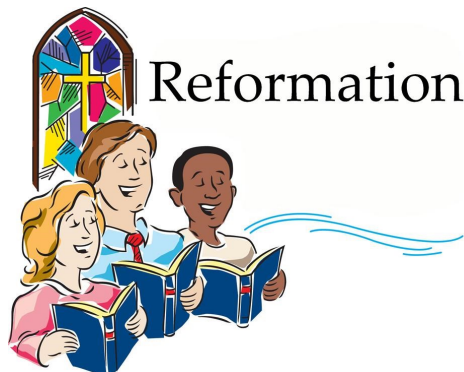
Members of our brass ensemble will be playing in worship on October 26 (both services). If you are interested in playing and will be available for that day, please contact Kevin as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.



## Epiphany Brass

### *Limited Time? Join us for Reformation Sunday!*

We will have a combined chancel choir on Sunday, October 26. If you can't commit to rehearsals regularly, this might be a great opportunity for you to join the group for a limited trial run! We will rehearse the Reformation Sunday pieces at the beginning of Wednesday evening rehearsals at about 7:30. If you just want to do these pieces, you will be free to go as soon as we finish those and move on to other pieces. Please consider joining us for this festive service!



## Reformation

On November 3th, 2:00 am, we will “Fall Back” by turning our clocks back one hour! Mark your calendars on Saturday, November 2nd to turn the clocks back one hour before bedtime.



## **CALLING ALL MEN, WOMEN AND YOUTH! The Epiphany Quilters Need Your Help!!!**

We need all hands on deck---no hands are too big or too small  
NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED.

Just like the recent Amazing Raise we are planning an Amazing Quilt Assembly. For the month of October we have added an extra workday to assemble quilts. Below are times that the Epiphany Quilters will be working and can use your help.

If you have been thinking about helping, now is the time.  
If you can only come for an hour, that is fine.  
If you work on Saturday, can you make one of the other dates?  
If you are a regular quilter, bring a friend to one of the days.  
If you need community service hours, we can sign your forms.

Join us for refreshments, fellowship and service for Lutheran World Relief.

Questions? Call Chris Crouch 804-740-4802

Saturday October 11 9-Noon  
Saturday October 25 9-Noon  
Tuesday October 28 9-Noon  
Saturday November 22 9-Noon  
Tuesday November 25 9-Noon



## **REFORMATION BRUNCH**

Join us between services in Price Hall for a brunch on Sunday, October 26 as we celebrate (remember) Martin Luther and the beginning of the Reformation in 1517.



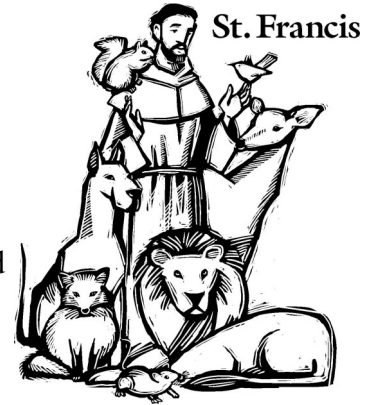


## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Faith Formation Service Project for October Supplies for the Hanover Humane Society & the Richmond SPCA

On October 4 we remember the life of St. Francis of Assisi. Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

In the spirit of St. Francis' care of God's creatures, this year's October service project will be to collect supplies for the Hanover Humane Society and Richmond SPCA. Donations can be pet food, garden and office supplies, and monetary donations. Checks may be made out to the Hanover Humane Society. There will be collection boxes in the Commons.



These two organizations receive most of their incomes from collections like the one we are holding this month. We can make a difference to help provide for God's creatures. The following are examples of items they need: hard dog food (preferably IAMS), hard cat food (preferably IAMS), tennis balls, leashes, garden tools, a variety of office supplies, food and water bowls, cat litter, etc. Thank you for your generosity.

## WORSHIP 101

*for Kindergartners and their Parents*

Join us September 28 and October 5 during the Sunday School hour. On September 28 we will meet in Room 102 after Opening with Mr. Scott. On October 5th we will meet following the congregational meeting in the Sanctuary. We will meet to talk about worship, how we live among God's faithful people. We will look over the worship bulletin and answer questions as to why we worship the way we do. We'll also have an opportunity to explore our worship space, and look at all the nooks and crannies.

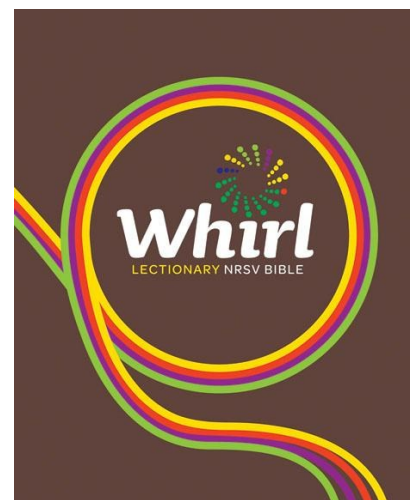
## BIBLE SUNDAY

*For our Third Graders—Sunday, October 26, 2014*

On Reformation Sunday, our third graders will be presented their own "used" Bibles at both services. Parents, please make plans to attend a meeting on Sunday, October 12 at 10:00 am in the Parlor.

At this meeting you will receive your child's Bible and information on your role in the Bible presentation. If you are unable to attend, please contact Christy Huffman to receive your child's Bible and instructions for Sunday, October 27.

The Bible 101 sessions with children and parents will take place on Sundays November 2 & 9. Those two Sundays we will meet in Room 203 A at 9:45 am.



## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### **Sunday Morning Offerings—9:45 am**

***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. You can sign up for a paper back copy of the book, or you can purchase an e-copy from Amazon or Barnes & Nobles. This class meets in Room 103 of the Christian Education Wing.



### **Adult Sunday School**

***Faith and Theologies of the Middle East*** Join Seminarian Nathan Huffman and guest presenters, beginning in Price Hall, as we explore the backgrounds and beliefs of the people in the Middle East. Shannon Pirron from the Jewish community will join us on October 5, and Imad Damaj from the Muslim community will join us on October 12.

***Roots & Practices of Lutheran Christians*** -Join Pastor Phillip Martin and Diaconal Minister Christy Huffman, beginning Sunday, September 28 in the Chapel 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. There will be a book to go along with our class and copies will be available in the class.

### **Tuesday Morning Offering**

***The Beginning: Genesis*** Join us Tuesday mornings, at 10:30 am in the Chapel. This fall we are exploring the book of Genesis. We will gain a foundational understanding of the key people, places, messages, and events in Genesis, while building community and deepening faith.

### **Wednesday Evening Offerings**

***Parent Chat*** While the children are making a joyful noise unto the Lord, join us in Room 101 from 6:30-7:00 pm for light-hearted chats.

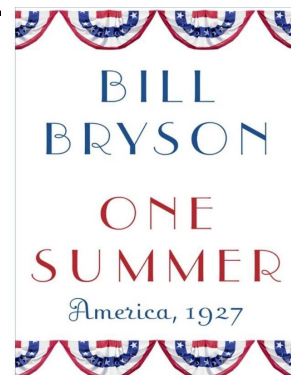
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### **Thursday Morning Offering**

***Moms' Bible Study*** Join us Thursday mornings for time of conversation, study and fellowship. The nursery opens at 9:15 am and discussion starts at 9:30 am. This fall our conversations are based on "The Best Yes" by Lysa TerKeurst. This study explores the big difference between saying yes to everyone and saying yes to God. Nursery is provided.

### **October Book Discussion**

We will meet on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 10:30 am in the Parlor. We will discuss *One Summer: America 1927* by Bill Bryson. Peggy Roberts will lead our discussion.



### CIRCLES MEET

**Margaret Miller Circle** The Margaret Miller Circle will meet Tuesday, October 14 at 10:00 A.M. in the Star Lodge.

Co-leaders are: Cheryl Froom, 804-754-7129 and Donna Josephson, 804-883-5955.

**Clara Sullivan Circle** will meet at 10 am on October 8 at the home of Jan Busch. Our special guest is John Horna who will present a program discussing his life as a blind man and his use of Braille. We look forward to our time with him. We are also beginning our collection of Christmas cards to be used by women in prison. Dig out those leftovers from boxes over the years and bring them to the meeting. Don't forget stamps for each card. And...it is time to bring your Thank Offering.

#### Heidi Michaelson Circle

If you are interested in joining an evening circle, please contact Tatter Hartmann at 804-741-0276 or [tatterh@hotmail.com](mailto:tatterh@hotmail.com).



The Coordinating Council will meet on Oct. 6 at 2:00 pm in the Parlor. We will be planning the Christmas Tea and Bold Women's Sunday.

Leader: Leanne Spletzer, 804-254-2849

### ALTAR CARE



Altar care always appreciates donations of clean large (46 ounce) juice cans to deliver the altar flowers to shut in. Our cupboard is almost bare!

Thank you,  
Cathy DeLesDernier, Altar Care Team Leader

### From the Archives...

**October 1962** – Pastor Sala noted in the Examiner that the present confirmed membership is 424. The need for an education wing is very apparent with Sunday School attendance on Rally Day at 269.

### Church Archives



**Thank yous sent to the Church Council and congregation**

Dear Epiphany Lutheran:

Thank you so much for our support and generosity to the band. We appreciate having such a wonderful home for our practices and classes.

Sincerely,

Greater Richmond Pipes and Drums

To the Members of Church Council;

I cannot express to you how very much your cards have meant to me.

Letting me know you are keeping myself and my beloved John in your thoughts and prayers is such a blessing.

I thank God for my Epiphany family.

I believe in the power of prayer and I thank each and every one of you for keeping us in yours.

It is both felt and immensely appreciated.

God's peace+

Wanda Umlauf



Lutheran World Relief sent a thank you upon receipt of Epiphany's generous donation of 103 quilts.

According to the letter, "These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world. Your care and compassion makes it possible for families and communities to keep themselves healthy, warm, educated and employed." These quilts will touch the lives of many families in need.

A note of thanks was received from Lutheran Family Services in gratitude for Epiphany's financial gifts through Virginia Synod for the United Lutheran Appeal. With the financial support of United Lutheran Appeal they are able to "help adults with disabilities live with abundance, dignity and grace."



**October Baptism Birthdays****ADDRESS CHANGE****MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS**

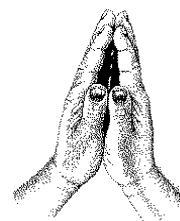
*During illness or recuperation ~*

*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 ~*



## COMMUNITY SERVICE MINISTRY

### HHOPE NEWS

Thank you again to everyone who has recently donated to HHOPE. We especially want to thank everyone who has donated the fresh garden produce, the boxes of cereal, and the canned fruit and juice for our "Fruit Sunday". It is greatly appreciated!

#### Report

July – In July, 17 households were served which consisted of 12 seniors, 29 adults, and 20 children. 654 pounds of food was distributed for the month.

August – In August, 28 households were served which consisted of 7 seniors, 57 adults, and 55 children. 1, 242 pounds of food was distributed for the month.

### Help Needed

The HHOPE ministry team is looking for people who might be interested in doing some of the additional shopping needed for each Saturday distribution. Many times, the Food Bank has not had what we have needed and it has been necessary for a few of us to shop in the evenings after work. If you are interested in finding out more about this volunteer opportunity please contact Susan or Jeff at (804) 747-0224 or email me at [susan.freeze@verizon.net](mailto:susan.freeze@verizon.net).



### **(Congregation around Richmond Involved to Assure Shelter)**

Last October for a week our congregation opened its arms and welcomed CARITAS.

During the week over 125 members of our church provided 40 women a safe place to sleep, warm dinners, lunches, hot showers, laundered clothes, and a warm smile. Throughout this week, members of all ages and talents made sure this was a successful week. Again we will call upon the congregation to welcome CARITAS October 19 thru October 26th. Look for the sign up bulletins to go up in September and we look forward to your continued participation.

Thank you!

### CHURCH STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor – The Rev. Phillip W. Martin, Jr., [pastorphillip@epiphanyelca.org](mailto:pastorphillip@epiphanyelca.org)  
Diaconal Minister – Christine V. Huffman, [cvanolinda@epiphanyelca.org](mailto:cvanolinda@epiphanyelca.org)  
Visitation Pastor – The Rev. Tom Bosserman, [pastortom@epiphanyelca.org](mailto:pastortom@epiphanyelca.org)  
Director of Music Ministry – Kevin Barger, [kevinbarger@epiphanyelca.org](mailto:kevinbarger@epiphanyelca.org)  
Administrative Assistant – Hanne Hamlin, [churchoffice@epiphanyelca.org](mailto:churchoffice@epiphanyelca.org)  
Coordinator of Volunteers – Beth Barger, [bethbarger@epiphanyelca.org](mailto:bethbarger@epiphanyelca.org)  
Youth Ministry Assistant – Mark Schuetze, [markschuetze@epiphanyelca.org](mailto:markschuetze@epiphanyelca.org)

# Epiphany Youth Group News

## + October 2014 +

Epiphany Youth Group is a ministry for and of youth in grades 7-12.

### October Gatherings

#### **Sunday, October 5**

12-2pm in the Star Lodge

Lunch included

*Registrations due for the  
2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit*

#### **Sunday, October 19**

12-2pm in the Star Lodge

Lunch included

### Timothy Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, October 1

7:00pm in the Star Lodge



The youth group seizes every chance to play games outdoors when the weather is nice.

### **Tuesday, October 21**

#### **CARITAS service night**

(ministry to people who are homeless)

Members of the Youth Group will provide the meal and then serve it to our guests.

We need 5-6 youth for each portion:

**cook/prepare (5-7pm) and  
serve/clean-up (6:30-8:30pm)**

**Please sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board**



REGISTRATIONS DUE on

**Sunday, October 5**

for the 2015 ELCA YOUTH  
GATHERING  
in DETROIT

\$150 non-refundable deposit due  
with registration form.



### **“LOST AND FOUND”**

The Synod youth event for 7th and 8th graders

**November 21-23 at Eagle Eyrie  
(near Lynchburg)**

Registrations due to Mark Schuetze by **October 5**  
for discount deadline (\$100.00).

Final deadline (\$110.00) on November 2.  
(youth budget will cover remainder of fee)

Additional aid available if needed—  
please see Pastor Phillip

Registrations can be found on-line at  
[www.vasynod.org](http://www.vasynod.org) or on the youth bulletin board  
in the Commons.

Please place registration form and fees  
in the EYG box in the office.

### **7th and 8th grade Fellowship Night**

**Wednesday, October 22**

6:15-7:30pm  
Star Lodge



Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1400 Horsepen Road  
Monument Ave. at Horsepen Road  
Richmond, VA 23226

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Phone: 804-282-6066  
Fax: 804-282-6067  
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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](mailto: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 October

Friday, October 10; 9:30am-1pm  
Wednesday, October 29; 9:30am-1pm

### Directions From Epiphany

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