



THE EXAMINER

The Newsletter of Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 2014

Rally Day—Sunday, September 7

8:30 am-Worship

9:45 am-Sunday School Kick-Off, Sanctuary

11:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion

12:15 pm - Rally Day Picnic & Activities



Please join us for a catered picnic on Rally Day, September 7, following the second service.

Lunch will be served in Price Hall.

Menu: Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs, Various Salads, Fruit and Veggies, Chips, Dessert

Suggested Donation: \$5/adult and \$3/child.

Household Max is \$20.

Questions or if you'd like to help, call Beth Barger at 282-6066.

An Inflatable Dry Slide will be set up outside, weather permitting.

On September 7, 2014, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – 4 million members in nearly 10,000 congregations – will have an opportunity to celebrate together the 25th anniversary of the ELCA by taking part in **"God's work. Our hands."** Sunday, a day dedicated to serving the communities in which we live. You work every day to love your neighbors and make your community a better place. Now let's do it together.



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

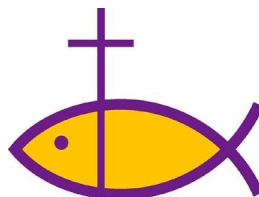
Our Life

Faith active in Love

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN!

Confirmation Orientation for students and parents of *both* classes is on Wednesday, September 10, from 7pm to 7:30pm in the Upper Room. ***This is a "must" for parents of first-or second-year confirmands.***

Confirmation class will continue after the orientation from 7:30pm-8:30pm.



On Sunday, September 7, we will return to our Fall worship hours:

8:30 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

Beginning September 10, all are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and faith each Wednesday 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 \$20.00

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.



Acolyte and Crucifer Training

If you are interested in becoming an acolyte or a crucifer, the following dates are available for training.

Acolytes: Sunday, September 21, 9:45 am.

Crucifers: Sunday, September 28, 9:45 am.

Kim Yucha will come to the Sunday School classes to pick up those who are interested.



EPIPHANY SUPPER CLUB Fall 2014

THE EPIPHANY SUPPER CLUB brings together singles and couples who enjoy making new friends in the congregation and sharing meals in one another's homes. We gather in groups of six or eight arranged by the coordinators. Sign-up sheets will be available in "the Commons" from Sunday, September 7 through Sunday, September 28. Please stop by before or after the worship services and consider this opportunity for fellowship and fun. If you are unable to sign-up at the church, but wish to participate in our fall gatherings, contact coordinators Tom and Pamela Bosserman at 364-6169 or ptbosserman@verizon.net.



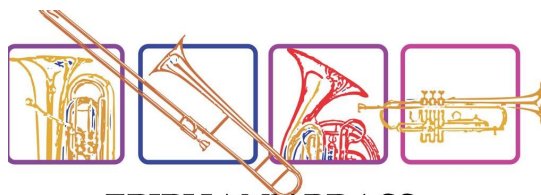
NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

Thank you

We are especially thankful to all those who shared their musical offerings with us in worship throughout the summer. We appreciate your willingness to share your God-given talents. Our participants this year included Matthew Barger, Sallie Bartholomew, William Bice, Amelie Bice, Members of the Youth Group from Gloria Dei, South Dakota, Impulse Bell Choir, Rowan Keith, Skylar Schuetze, Joe Scott, Bill Solomon, Anna Patterson, and Connie Tuttle. ***Thank you!***

Epiphany Brass

The brass ensemble adds a rich sound to our worship life on many occasions. Our next offering will be for Reformation Sunday, October 26. Please contact Kevin at 746-5756 or kevinbarger@epiphanyelca.org if you are available and willing to play for this service.



EPIPHANY BRASS



It's Time to Start...

All of our groups will begin rehearsals this month. If you have questions about any of our music ministries, please refer to the music ministry catalog or contact Kevin at 746-5756 or kevinbarger@epiphanyelca.org.

Chancel Choir (11:00) – begins 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, September 3, music room

Chancel Choir (8:30) – begins 8:00 a.m. Sunday, September 7, music room

Epiphany Ringers – begins 9:30 a.m. Sunday, September 7, balcony

Cherub Choir – begins 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 10, room 104

Singing Saints – begins 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 10, music room

Junior Handbells – begins 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 10, balcony

Epiphany Brass – to be arranged based on those available for Reformation Sunday.

We hope to see returning faces as well as new faces!



Christmas Musical



It's not too early – for...

Thinking about the Christmas musical! This year's musical will be on December 14, and we will need lots of people! So, if you have been thinking about joining Singing Saints (second grade through sixth grade), now is the time to come on out! If you have aged out of Singing Saints, there is still room for you to come act with us! The more the merrier! High school actors, please consider joining us – more hands make light work for all! You won't want to miss this show – it will be out of this world! Contact Kevin at 746-5756 or kevinbarger@epiphanyelca.org to volunteer today!

News from the Call Committee

The Call Committee for your new Associate Pastor is pleased to inform you we have chosen Pastor Joseph Bolick as our Primary Candidate. The next step in the call process is to invite him here to meet the congregation so that you can see how he can add to our great ministry here. He and his family will be here at Epiphany on Sunday, September 14. He will preach at both the 8:30am and 11:00 am services, and there will be time together in Price Hall during the Sunday School hour for refreshments and an opportunity to visit with him and get to know him and his family better. He will also meet after the service with the Youth Group, the Lil Youths, and Timothy Ministers, as youth ministry is a key part of the associate pastor's call to Epiphany.



Pastor Joseph Bolick is currently under call within the South Carolina Synod at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Charleston, South Carolina. He served there as an Associate Pastor where he actually shared that title with his wife, Pastor Sarah Lang. His wife is an ordained Lutheran pastor, as well, but they became parents to daughter Lucia this past year, and Sarah's plan is to help the family settle in Richmond before seeking a call. Prior to his call at St. Matthew, his first call post-seminary was as Associate Pastor at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Johnson City, Tennessee.

The Call Committee has met with Joseph through the wonders of Skype and in person in Richmond and have unanimously selected him as primary candidate. Pastor Phillip has been a part of our committee and has been active with the process every step of the way. Joseph also had a chance to meet with our church staff. We look forward to his family's visit on September 14th to give you all the opportunity to meet him, hear his message, and reflect on how he would add to our congregation.

We want to thank you for all the prayers offered as we have gone through this process. It is important that we keep praying and keep following this Spirit-led process. Please know that after you meet Joseph that all members of the call committee and council are open to your input.

Looking forward to the pews being full on September 14!
Make sure you come and meet Pastor Joseph Bolick.

Jane Lanham
Rachel Bracken
Lyle Gleason
Stephanie Paget
Jeff Quann
Jim Yucha
Phillip Martin

FAITH FORMATION NEWS**RICHMOND LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY****CAMPUS
MINISTRY**

Our University of Richmond and VCU students are back. We are excited they are joining us for worship.

Each year we provide opportunities for worship, as well as times of fellowship and Bible study, for our students. We provide transportation to and from worship for our UR students through a rotation of van drivers. These individuals drive the church van to the UR campus picking up students near the Tyler Haynes Commons, bringing them to Epiphany for worship and returning them to campus following the service. With the number of volunteers, a driver would need to commit to two to three Sundays a semester.

On Sunday, August 31, we will have a Welcome Back Lunch after the late service in the Star Lodge. If you are willing to serve as a shuttle driver or assist with our semester activities, please contact Christy Huffman at 282-6066 or cvanolinda@epiphanyelca.org.

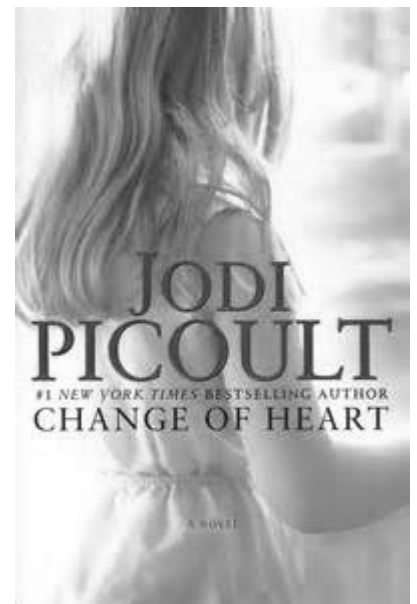
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

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. Participants take turns selecting the book for the month and leading discussions.

For 2014-2015 year, we will meet September 15, 2014, October 20, 2014, November 17, 2014, January 19, 2015, February 16, 2015, March 16, 2015, April 20, 2015, and May 18, 2015.

For our gathering on September 15, we will discuss the book *Change of Heart* by Jodi Picoult. Diaconal Minister Christy Huffman will lead our discussion.

If you have any questions about the Book Discussion Group, please contact Eddie Westin at 282-8839.



Epiphany Youth Group News

+ September 2014 +

Epiphany Youth Group is a ministry for and of youth in 7th through 12th grade.

RALLY DAY is Youth Group Kick-off!

All youth of Epiphany Lutheran in **grades 7 through 12** are invited to join us on **September 7th** as we begin another great year for the youth group.

WHEN: **Sunday, September 7** – After worship (lunch is provided)
We will gather as a youth group around 12:45pm in the **STAR LODGE**
(this is the building on the other side of the parking lot.)

WHY: To meet new friends and grow in God's love!

ATTENTION, PARENTS... We will also have a very important meeting for you at the same time that the youth are gathering. **We will gather for our meeting in the Chapel at approximately 1:15pm**

Youth Group Gatherings

Sunday, September 14

12-2pm in the Star Lodge · Lunch included
Grades 7-12

We will be meeting and "interviewing" the candidate for the next associate pastor! It is important that we have as many youth as possible at this meeting so that the candidate has the opportunity to hear what is important for youth ministry at Epiphany.

Sunday, September 28

12-2pm in the Star Lodge · Lunch included
Grades 7-12

Youth Group CAR WASH!

Sunday, September 28

During both worship services!

Youth sign up to wash during either the 8:30am service or during the 11:00am service. Then the youth worship at the *other* service.

(Be there at 8:15am to help set up!)



7th and 8th grade Fellowship Night!

Wednesday, September 24 from 5:45-7:30pm.

Supper included (meet in the Fellowship Hall)

Please sign up for the meal or eat on your own and then meet in the Star Lodge at 6:30

Games + Devotions + xBox + FUN. Friends are welcome!

Timothy Ministers' meeting

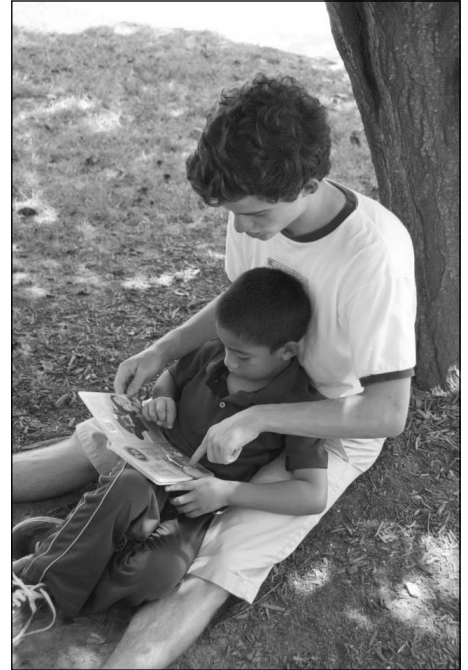
Wednesday, Sept 3. 7:00pm Star Lodge

Fourteen members of the high school youth group travelled to the Eastern Shore of Virginia for a week-long service trip. Pastor Phillip and three Timothy Ministers served as chaperones. Service projects included painting and yardwork in the migrant workers' trailer park communities, volunteering and building tables at a local hospice center and retirement home, and running Kids Camp for the children in the migrant worker community. Read more about the trip on the next page. We say thank you to the congregation for your support of these kinds of faith-building experiences in Epiphany's youth ministry!



Reflections from the high school Youth Group service trip to the Eastern Shore (July 27-August 1)

"I worked at the Kid's Club during our mission trip to Onancock. Kid's Club is basically a Vacation Bible School for local kids. While I was there I met this little 7 year old named Sara. She loved it when I carried her on my shoulders, but she wouldn't let me put her down...ever. She begged and pleaded me to keep going just a little bit longer whenever I got tired and wanted to put her down. I saw God through her because whenever I'm down or ready to give up, God encourages me to keep going and keep carrying on, kind of like Sara."
(Matthew von Schmidt-Pauli, 12th grader)



During this year's service trip I learned quite a few lessons and had a lot of fun! I feel like I really connected with God and learned more about my religion. The first day we were there we went to a thrift store and helped build shelves for them and organized boxes for medical use. The next day we did a lot of yard work. My favorite part was using a saw and tree saw to cut down branches. We also played soccer and I met a kid named Tony. Tony, Riley and I threw the Frisbee and did pull ups on the soccer goal when the ball was at the other end of the field. My favorite part of the entire trip was the dinner [in the trailer park community]. I really got to meet a lot of new people and Tony and I really bonded.
(Jacob Edwards, 10th grader)

For the last week of July I spent the week on my first service trip on the Eastern Shore. During the week with my group I visited the Dreamland Trailer Park and helped paint the homes of some of the families, one being the home of a mother and her children. I remember painting the little girl's room pink and how overjoyed she was on the transformation. She and her brother were so excited they even skipped Kids Camp to help us paint their home. I also helped in the Hospice thrift shop where we helped organize files, build tables, and clean rooms. Over the week we also had evening activities and the one that stood out the most to me was playing soccer with all of the kids in Dreamland [trailer park]. Everyone was either running around on the soccer field or giving kids piggy back rides, which was very popular all week. Being on this service trip allowed me to have a closer and more active relationship with God.
(Ella Johnson, 10th grader)



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Service Project for September Back-to-School Supplies

Back to school sales are in progress. When you are out shopping for your school supplies, please consider purchasing a couple of extra items to help students in our community. Please drop off your donations in the baskets at the Christian Education Bulletin Board in the Commons or outside the Christian Education Wing.



Backpack Blessing



Backpack & Briefcase Blessing Sunday, August 31, 2014

The fall schedule starts soon. Join us on Sunday, August 31, as we celebrate and bless the beginning of another school year and fall schedule.

We invite everyone, students and adults alike, to bring their backpacks, laptop bags, lunch boxes or briefcases to worship either at 8:30 or 10:30 am. We will celebrate and honor all who will return to school or the fall work schedule.

Children and Youth Sunday School Rally Day Sunday, September 7, 2014 ~ 9:45 AM

As we begin our Sunday School year we want to share with you the schedule and classroom locations. For all ages Sunday School begins at 9:45 am. On **Rally Day, September 7**, we will meet in the Sanctuary for our *Sunday School Kick-Off*, sit with our classes, and then will be dismissed to our classrooms.

Beginning **September 14**, those in the 2 year old through 2nd Grade classes will begin with Opening Worship at 9:45 am in Room 104 - the second door on the left in the Education Wing. They are dismissed at 10:45 from their classrooms. Third graders through 12th graders will meet in their classrooms from 9:45 –10:45 am. See you all there!

Our 2 year olds through Kindergarteners will be using the *Spark* curriculum, which uses the *Spark Story Bible*. Each Sunday's lesson will go along with the Bible readings during worship. Our 1st through 4th Graders will be using a new curriculum *Whirl!*, which also goes along with Sunday morning Bible readings. Our 5th graders will be studying New Testament stories. Our 6th graders will be studying Old Testament stories using *Connect!*. Our 7th and 8th graders will be using a new curriculum *Echo the Story*, which will explore stories from the Old and New Testaments. Our High Schoolers will be split up this year with 9th & 10th graders together, and 11th & 12th graders together. Each class will explore faith-filled living topics.



Downstairs Christian Education Wing

2 Year Olds—Room 100
3 Year Olds—Room 101
Pre-K—Room 101A
Kindergarten—Room 102
1st & 2nd Grades—Room 104A

Upstairs Christian Education Wing

3rd & 4th Grades—Room 203
5th Grade—Room 202
6th Grade—Room 201
7th & 8th Grades—Upper Room
9th & 10th Grades—Room 200

11th & 12th Grades —Star Lodge

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday Morning Offerings—9:45 am

Rally Day Celebration Join us Sunday, September 7 at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary as we begin a new Sunday School year and learn about faith formation opportunities this fall.



Adult Sunday School

Meet & Greet our Associate Pastor Candidate Join us Sunday, September 14 in Price Hall to meet our primary candidate for our Associate Pastor position.

The Five Love Languages of Children Please join Kristy Anderson and Sarah Robbins as we explore the love languages of children. We will use 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 will meet in Room 103 of the Christian Education Wing and will begin on Sunday, September 21.

Faith and Theologies of the Middle East Join Seminarian Nathan Huffman and guest presenters, beginning Sunday, September 21 in Price Hall, as we explore the backgrounds and beliefs of the people in the Middle East.

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, beginning September 9 at 10:30 am in the Chapel. This fall we will explore 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 dessert and light-hearted chats.

The Beginning: Genesis Join us Wednesday evenings beginning September 10 at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. This fall we will explore 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.

Thursday Morning Offering

Moms' Bible Study Join us Thursday mornings, beginning, September 11. The nursery 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. This fall our conversations will be based on "The Best Yes" by Lysa TerKeurst. This study will explore the big difference between saying yes to everyone and saying yes to God. Nursery is provided.

VSWO Convention

The annual VSWO (Virginia Synod Women's Organization) Convention was held August 15-16 at Mulenberg Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg with 131 in attendance. The Virginia Synod had hoped to collect at least 1000 dresses to be sent to Africa. A total of **2,600** dresses were received! And someone contributed the postage for the shipment. God's work, our hands, what a blessing for the girls in need.



CIRCLES MEET AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER

Margaret Miller Circle The Margaret Miller Circle will meet Wednesday, Sept. 9th at 10:30 am at Betsy Williamson's home. This will be our fall cover dish meeting. Co-leaders are: Cheryl Froom, 804-754-7129 and Donna Josephson, 804-883-5955.

Clara Sullivan Circle will begin the new season with a covered dish luncheon, hosted by Sarah Robbins and Sophie Wilson. We are meeting at 10 am at Sarah's home. Peggy Roberts will be giving us a report from the VSWO convention and our delivery of the pillow case dresses. In addition, Mary Sue Oehler will be bringing us information on The Micah Initiative. We look forward to a busy year with many new things on the agenda. Please plan to join us. New members are always welcome. Call Leanne Spletzer, 254-2849, with any questions.

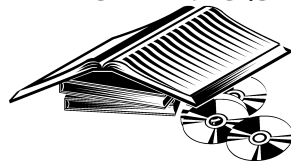
Heidi Michaelson Circle meets on Thursday evening, September 11 at the home of Stephanie Horacek. If you are interested in joining an evening circle, please contact Tatter Hartmann at 804-741-0276 or tatterh@hotmail.com.



From the Archives...

September 1954 - Pastor Sala recommended discontinuing the Examiner due to the amount of time he had to devote to edit and write articles. After a very short discussion at Church Council it was decided to continue the Examiner.

Church Archives



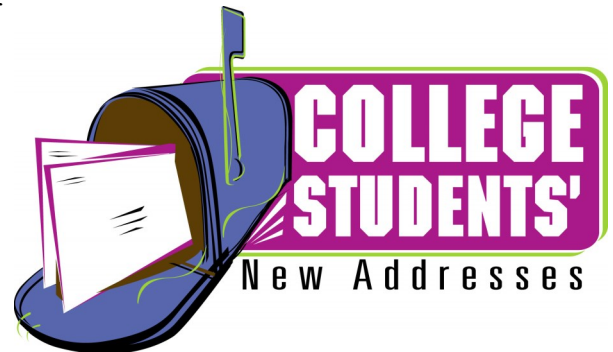
September Baptism Birthdays



CALLING ALL COLLEGE ADDRESSES!!!

The church office needs updated mailing addresses for all of our college/university students. If you are at college/university or have a child at college/university this fall, please send updated mailing info to churchoffice@epiphanyelca.org or drop it by the church office when you come to worship on a Sunday.

Thank you!!

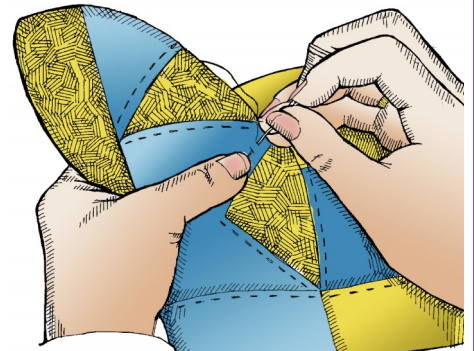


LWR QUILTS

The Epiphany Quilters wish to thank everyone who made our silent auction a huge success. The winner of the Sail Away quilt was Clair Westin.

We raised enough money to cover the shipping costs of the 103 quilts that were delivered to New Windsor, Maryland in mid-July.

Be watching the Commons area in September for our next silent auction quilt, which will have a Halloween theme!



EPIPHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1st Day of School for ELNS 7:00 pm HHOPE Mtg, Chapel	3 11 am Healing/Holy Communion Service, Chapel 7 pm Timothy Ministry Mtg 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	4	5	6
7 RALLY DAY! 8:00 am Chancel Choir 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Blood Pressure Readings, Parlor 9:30 am Ringers 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Noon-2pm EYG -Star Lodge	8	9 10 am Margaret Miller Circle, Lodge 10:30 am Bible Study, Chapel 11:30 am Men's "Manna" Lunch 7 pm Council Mtg, Chapel	10 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 Confirmation 7 pm Jr Handbells 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	11 9:30 am Mom's Bible Study, Chapel	12	13 10-11:30 am HHOPE Distribution, Narthex
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21 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Blood Pressure Readings, Parlor 9:30 am Ringers 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Confirmation Mentor Training 9:45 am Acolyte Training 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion	22	23 10 am Quilters 10:30 am Bible Study, Chapel 7 pm Community Service Mtg, Chapel 8 pm CARITAS Mtg, Chapel	24 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 7:15 pm Chancel Choir 8 pm Confirmation Mentors	25 9:30 am Mom's Bible Study, Chapel	26	27 9 am-Noon Quilting, Price Hall 10-11:30 am HHOPE Distribution, Narthex
28 Epiphany Youth Car Wash Sunday 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30 am Ringers 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Crucifer Training 11:00 am Worship	29	30 10:30 am Bible Study, Chapel				

ADDRESS CHANGE

MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS

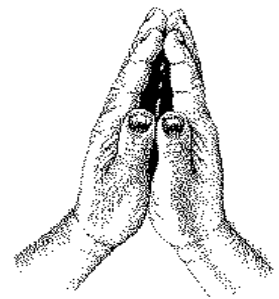
During illness or recuperation ~

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

The HHOPE ministry team would like to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who donated fresh produce for our HHOPE guests. The tomatoes, potatoes, squash, green beans, and green peppers were greatly appreciated!

Monthly Reports

In the month of May, HHOPE served 30 households. This consisted of 6 seniors, 67 adults, and 57 children. The total amount of food distributed was 1,303 pounds.

In the month of June, 32 households were served. This consisted of 6 seniors, 64 adults, and 62 children. The total amount of food distributed was 1,433 pounds.

In the month of July, 17 households were served. This consisted of 12 seniors, 29 adults, and 20 children. The total amount of food distributed was 634 pounds.

Volunteer Information

Many people have asked if there is a certain age limit for Saturday volunteers. The answer to that is no. We welcome all ages (both young and old) to help us on our Saturday distributions. Many of our church youth have volunteered and have used it for their school, scouts, and other community service requirements. For our youngest volunteers, we do request that parents participate with their child. If interested in volunteering or you want to find out more about the HHOPE ministry, you may contact me at susan.freeze@verizon.net.

The LAMB's Basket



LAMB's Basket Food Drive – We will be handing out grocery bags with a list of needed food items for The LAMB's Basket on **Sunday, September 7** immediately following both services. We hope that you will provide support either through buying requested groceries or providing financial support. They are in desperate need of the following canned goods: **Canned Pasta Sauce, Canned Meat, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Mac and Cheese, 16 oz. box of Spaghetti, Cereal, Peanut Butter, and Grape Jelly**. If you wish to participate, we ask that you bring your donations to the church by **Sunday, September 28**.

Thank you so much for your continued support for this much needed community organization. Any questions check out our church display or call Cheryl Hamm at [\(804\) 399-7650](tel:8043997650).

(Congregation around Richmond Involved to Assure Shelter)



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

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. 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 sheets to go up in September. We look forward to your continued participation.



**Refuge
for the
Homeless**

*Thanks
Many Thanks
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ACTS (Area Congregations Together in Service)

Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to deliver 35 bags of personal hygiene products, paper goods, cleaning supplies and diapers to those in need.



HOLY CROSS SUNDAY

September 14 is Holy Cross Sunday. If you have a cross necklace, pin, tie clip or other cross jewelry, please wear it; particularly on this day!



REMEMBER EPIPHANY'S MEMORIAL GARDEN AND COLUMBARIUM

Nestled between Epiphany's chapel and the Star Lodge is our Memorial Garden and Columbarium. This unique design faces the large Cross to remind all of us of the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

All members of our congregation, former or current, and their immediate families are encouraged to consider this facility for their loved ones when it becomes necessary to make end of life decisions. Available options include a Memorial Plaque, a Niche for inurnment, or the Garden for interred remains.



The Memorial Garden and Columbarium is a sacred place to remember the Saints who have gone on before us and, for some, a final resting place. We encourage you to visit our Memorial Garden and Columbarium for reflection and prayer. This is an important ministry that is a part of Epiphany's overall mission to serve God's people.

The facility is operated and maintained through direct donations to its Ministry Fund under Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church and through purchase of a memorial plaque, a niche, or a garden internment.

Information is available in the church office or you may contact a Ministry Team member with your questions and comments.

Ministry Team: Ben Droste, Betty Ring, Bill Crouch, Jim Anderson, and John Berlinghoff

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

I can hardly believe that the summer is over and we are set to get back to school. I know that we are all looking forward to sending our children back and getting into our routines again. I am looking forward to seeing all of the smiling faces back in our halls – it's been a little quiet in the education wing most of the summer.



I wanted to send a big thank you to all of you who participated in our August week of camp "Around the World". The kids had a great time taking a tour of Germany, China, Egypt and Mexico early in the month. The teachers did a wonderful job planning fun and engaging activities. I hope to see even more new faces at our August camp next year. Signups will start in March.



We want to welcome a new staff member to ELNS this year! Ms. Erin Calder will be joining us as the new lead teacher in the Red Class – our younger 4's room. She has been a 2nd grade teacher with Richmond Public Schools and has a background in special education. She has also nannied for several

area families. We feel that she will be a wonderful addition to the ELNS family.

As you get back into the Sunday School classrooms this fall you may notice that we have some new equipment. We were able to replace some of our older pieces over the summer and give our classrooms a bit of a refresh. We are working on some proposals to replace the older playhouses on the playground as well. We are continuously getting new registrations and a couple of our classes are just about full. We do have at least one opening for most age groups (ages 1-5), so if you or your friends are still looking for a great child's morning out or preschool program, be sure to schedule a time to come and talk with me and take a tour of our classrooms. You can get a lot of great information about our program at www.epiphanylutherannurseryschool.com.

Thank you all for your continued support of Epiphany Lutheran Nursery School. I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Jessica Hendricks, Director ELNS

New Church Directory



If you have changed any of your contact information within the last year; address, EMAIL, home phone, cell or work phone, please let the office know so that we may update our records.

Thank you!



***New directories will be available on Sunday, September 7, RALLY DAY!

in the Narthex.***



Requesting Council Member Suggestions from the Congregation

The 2014 Nominating Team, (Andrew Blair, Alice Peyton and Sarah Robbins) is asking for you to suggest persons to be considered for the list of council nominees that will be presented at our annual meeting in November. During the month of September, pew slips will be available for you to recommend persons you feel would be good leaders of our congregation.



MICAH INITIATIVE

The Micah Initiative program at Epiphany got a boost July 27th from director Tiffany Hall's temple talks (both services) as she described Micah's history and present involvement in Richmond City Public Elementary Schools. Focusing on Southhampton Elementary School (Epiphany's partner city school), Tiffany suggested endless volunteer opportunities: being a lunch buddy, helping with gardening, office aide, reader to students, tutoring, classroom assistant, etc., etc., etc.! Whatever interest you have would probably be interesting to Southhampton students.

The Kick-Off for the 2014-2015 school year is September 11th at St. Paul's Baptist Church, Southside location, and several members from Epiphany have registered to attend. Anyone is invited! If interested in the Kick-Off event or in the Micah program, contact Mary Sue Oehler, 804-364-2794 for more information. Also, Micah's webpage always remains a good source of information: www.micahrva.org.



*Every child has potential and deserves encouragement.
Volunteers do this and, much like full-time educators, can change a child's world.*



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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 September

Wednesday, September 10; 9:30am-1pm
Friday, September 26; 9:30am-1pm

Directions From Epiphany

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