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The Newsletter of Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Richmond, VA
Walk the Journey + Worship the Christ + Witness with Joy

April 2024



We give God thanks for you!

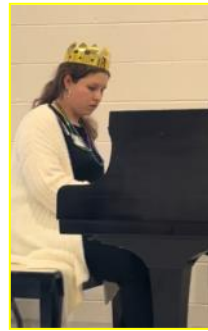
By the time you read this edition of the Examiner, we'll be just about 100 days away from the beginning of the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

These pictures are from our New Orleans Carnival on March 10th and I couldn't be more proud of the youth for their joyful spirit in serving and for sharing their gifts that night. We are all grateful to Lilly Grisham, Ryan Smithson, Sam Brown, and Ben Brown for stepping into leadership roles to articulate the ways in which the experience of the National Gathering for these participants will benefit the life of our whole congregation. Thank you for believing in these youth and supporting them!

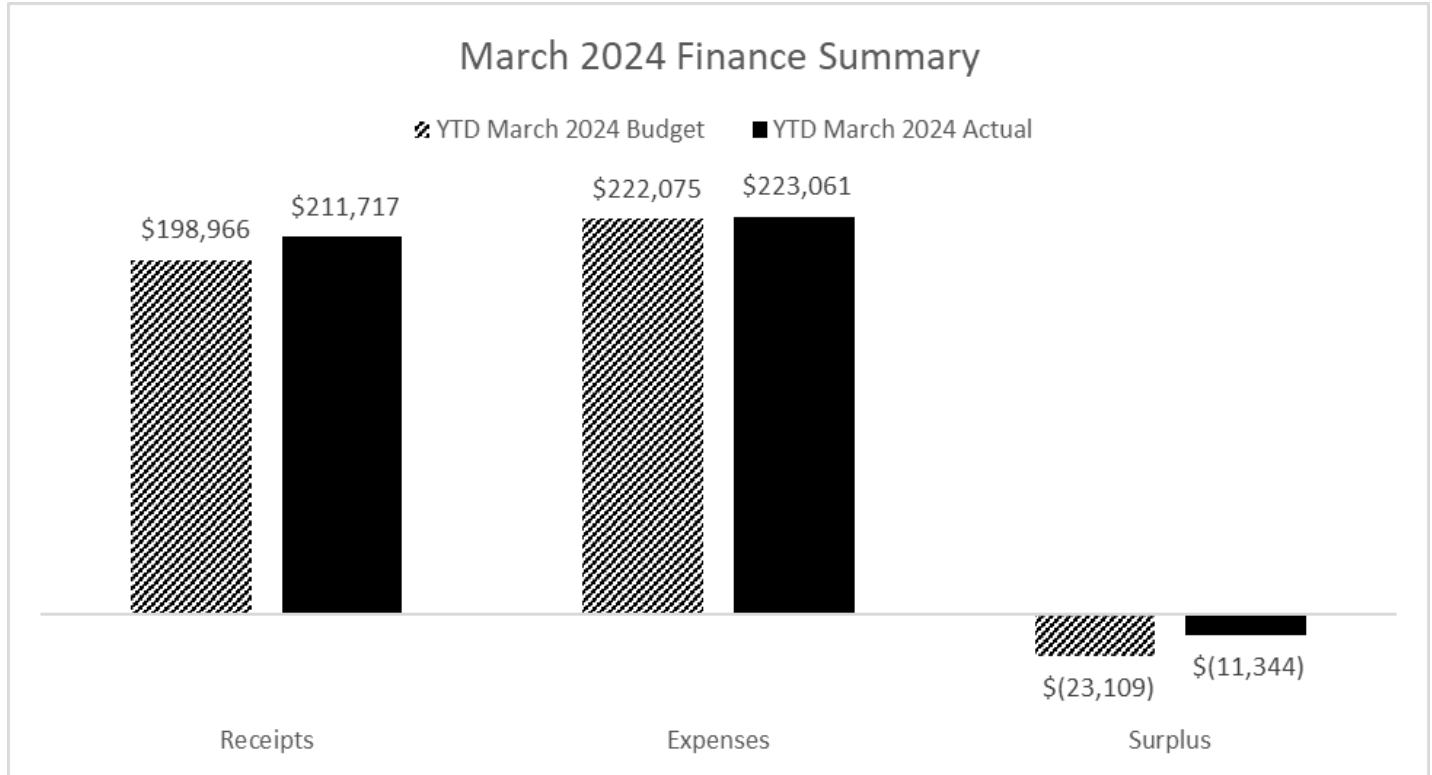
On Sunday, July 14, when we all gather for worship at Epiphany, we will join together to entrust our 22 youth and 5 adults to the Holy Spirit who will guide them on to join thousands of Lutheran teens from around the US for a week of worship, service and learning.

We hope you'll join us in praying that our whole congregation will grow in our understanding of the gifts God has given us and our confidence in using them for the sake of a world in need.

Pastor Joseph



Finance Ministry



YTD March, we had receipts of \$211,717 which was 106% of our budgeted receipts of \$198,966 and 11% higher than 2023. Contributions are up 7% vs 2023 and we are collecting approximately \$3k each month in mutual fund interest that was implemented in July 2023. Expenses were \$223,061 and \$986 unfavorable to plan due to plumbing repairs in education wing.

Significant YTD expense variances explained below:

- Synod expense is favorable \$1,914 as 2024 Synod Assembly will be virtual so no accommodations are needed.
- Property expenses are unfavorable \$2,892 due to plumbing repairs in the Education wing.
- Admin expense is unfavorable \$1,887 due to Janitorial supplies which continue to experience ongoing increases.

Music Ministry

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT – APRIL 2024

Children's Choir Reminders

We have some changes this month! There are NO rehearsals for any groups on Wednesday, April 3 due to public school spring break schedules. Cherub Choir will also not meet on April 10.

- **Cherub Choir**

Cherub Choir will meet on April 17 and 24 from 6:30 – 7:00 in room 104. Due to spring break and Easter, the Cherubs will not be offering any songs in worship this month. (But will have the first Sunday in May as part of Youth Sunday).

- **Singing Saints**

Singing Saints will meet on April 10, 17 and 24. The group will be singing in worship on April 14. The Singing Saints will also be singing on Youth Sunday, May 5.

- **Junior Handbells**

Junior Handbells will meet as part of the youth gathering April 21. We will continue work on Jesus Loves Me in hopes of playing in worship on Youth Sunday, May 5.

- **Steel Crossticks**

Steel Crossticks will meet April 7, 14, and 28. The group will be playing on Youth Sunday, May 5.



Easter Thanks

Special thank you to everyone who contributed to many special musical moments during Holy Week and Easter. We appreciate you offering your time and talents to create these experiences.

Adult and Instrumental Ensemble Reminders

Members of these groups are encouraged to consult the Music Ministry Handbook for information on rehearsals and worship participation for the month!

NEW COMMUNION CHALICES!

During worship on Maundy Thursday we put into use for the first time a new set of wine chalices for Holy Communion. These silver-plated chalices with gold basins are hand-made in the USA by Alviti Creations and have been graciously given to the glory of God by members of Epiphany. They replace our old set of chalices, which have become scratched and rusty and are no longer fit for use. We are grateful for these new chalices, which will bear the wine of Christ's new covenant in our worship for years to come.



Prayer List - Sunday Bulletin

Beginning sometime after Easter we will no longer be printing people's names in a prayer list in our Sunday worship bulletin. This is a return to an earlier, long-standing practice. We will still maintain an updated prayer list in the church office and with the pastors, but due to privacy concerns, bulletin space, and a better way of keeping track of prayer requests, there is no longer any pressing need to include a bulletin list. Thank you for understanding.



April Baptism Birthdays



SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY, APRIL 21, - 9:45-10:30 am

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Please join us on Sunday, April 21 to celebrate and thank our incredible Epiphany volunteers. Hundreds of Epiphany members dedicate their time, talent, and resources to support and extend our Church’s ministries. Whether teaching, counseling, knitting, quilting, gardening, cooking, feeding and supporting those in need in our extended communities, chaperoning, preparing the altar, assisting at worship, ushering, shepherding, making music, making visitations, donating and delivering flowers, filling and delivering Thanksgiving and Easter baskets, maintaining Church property and historical records, working with Habitat for Humanity, decorating, leading and participating in internal and outreach programs, our volunteers are a direct extension of Epiphany’s mission in the truest sense.

This Volunteer Appreciation Day we recognize the individuals who proclaim through their giving the love of God and neighbors. For our volunteers’ dedicated work, Epiphany is humbly grateful and we look forward to celebrating and thanking you on Volunteer Appreciation Day.



Faith Formation



Sunday School for Children and Youth

Sunday School continues in April for all ages! Hope to see you in this New Year!

9:45 am—Sunday School Music Opening for All Ages (Birth-2nd Grade in Room 104; 3rd-8th Grade in Von Bora Room Upstairs)

10:00—10:45 am—Sunday School in the Formation Wing
Frolic Families (Birth- 24 months); Room 102
Preschool Class (2 YO, 3 YO, 4 YO): Room 101
Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd Grade: Room 104
3rd, 4th, 5th: Luther Room
Middle School: Room 201
High School: Von Bora Room

Frolic Families on First* Sundays (Birth-24 Months)

Room 102-April 7, 10 am



Babies are already learning about faith through the love and care of trusted adults in their lives! Parents and little ones are invited to this once-a-month gathering to sing songs, learn stories of faith, and play.

Parents accompany children in this class will have time to build relationships with one another, too!

Class dates are: April 7, May 5

Vacation Bible School

June 10-14, 2024



Registration remains open for VBS until May 1! If you haven't yet registered, we hope you'll join us! ReNew Vacation Bible School dates are June 10-14 from 9 am until Noon! VBS is designed for children ages 3 years through 5th Grade.

Please fill out the registration info by following the link below and pay the registration fee to reserve your spot. Cost is \$20. If you have questions, reach out to Pastor Sarah at slang@epiphanyelca.org Registration closes May 1 or when we reach capacity.

[Register Online](#) TODAY!

Faith Formation



**Faith Formation Celebration
and Breakfast
Sunday, May 12
9:45-10:45 am
Price Hall**



On Sunday, May 12, Faith Formation wraps up its program year with a celebration and breakfast in Price Hall at 9:45 AM. We hope you can join us as we sing songs, say thank you to Faith Formation volunteers, and hear about what children, youth, and adults have been learning this year.

Our breakfast will be a congregational potluck breakfast. Please [sign-up](#) and let us know what you will bring from the list provided.

The Faith Formation Team looks forward to celebrating a wonderful, faith-filled year! Join us!



Vacation Bible School

June 10-14, 2024



VBS Volunteer Training in April!

Sundays, April 14 and Sunday, April 21

9:45-10:45 am

Conference Room

If you've signed up to volunteer for VBS, mark your calendars for either April 14 or April 21 for a volunteer training! Look for an email in April from Pastor Sarah with more details and a way to RSVP so we'll know when to expect you.



YOUTH VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS

Epiphany's Youth always make Vacation Bible School an even better event! If you're a youth in grades 6 through 12, check here to complete the [registration form](#) to sign-up to volunteer with VBS this summer. The dates are June 10-14! Be sure to indicate on the form the areas you're interested in serving, so planners can find the best fit for your gifts!

Questions? Ask Pastor Sarah!

ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS

Vacation Bible School benefits from the gifts of adults to make it a success! We're in need of a variety of gifts and volunteers who love children and who are passionate about sharing Jesus' love with them!

Check out the Adult Volunteer Registration form by following [the link](#) for more information about how you might serve this year!

Questions? Ask Pastor Sarah

Faith Formation

Dear faithful, faith-forming parents,

Did you know a faith-based summer camp is one of the most influential places where faith is formed in children and youth? At camp, children and youth experience intentional Christian community, pray and worship daily, experience Bible stories, create friendships, and play in God's creation. It is a wonderfully vibrant place for forming faith! Epiphany thinks camp is so important that we offer a 50% scholarship to any ELCA camp. Look for the scholarship form in the Commons on the table.

Included in this newsletter are opportunities for your family to connect with faith-forming experiences this summer. There's something for every age and stage whether you have preschoolers at home or high school youth or want an experience the whole family can enjoy together. We hope you'll find time to create faith and dwell in Christian community this summer!

Peace, *Pastor Sarah*

ELCA Summer 2024 Camp Scholarship



Applications are available: Epiphany is again thrilled to be able to provide a 50% scholarship for the price of tuition for any program at an ELCA camp

in the summer of 2024 (one per child). Fill out this scholarship form and return to me or to the Epiphany office. [Camp Scholarship Form](#)



Caroline Furnace is our Virginia Synod's ELCA Camp! Epiphany members have loved and supported this ministry for many years as campers, counselors, board members, and volunteers!

Caroline Furnace offers programs for grades 1 through 12 as well as a week of Family Camp. Horse camp is always a favorite! Check out Caroline Furnace's summer camp schedule for fun adventures in the mountains of Virginia! [Caroline Furnace Summer Camp Schedule](#)



Lutheridge, located just outside Asheville, NC, offers programs for grades 1 through 12, a Summershine program for youth with special needs, and two family camps throughout the summer. Middle School and High School campers can choose from regular camp offerings or the Outdoor Adventure Program that offers "high adventure" camp experiences.

Lutherock in Newland, NC offers high adventure programming for elementary through high school ages.

[Lutheridge Summer Camp Schedule](#)

[Lutherock Camp Schedule](#)



Camp Agape Fuquay Varina, NC

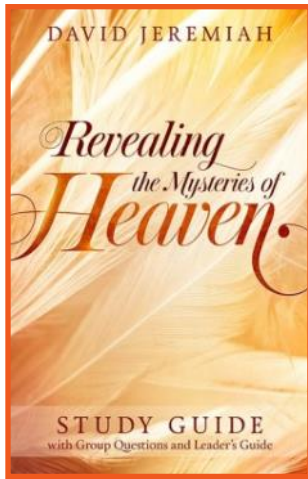
Camp Agape is an ELCA camp supported by the NC Synod. Located just outside Raleigh, NC, along the Cape Fear River, the camp offers programs for grades 1 through 12, including Rocket Camp and Nature Camp.

Check out the offerings below!

[Camp Agape Summer Camp Schedule](#)

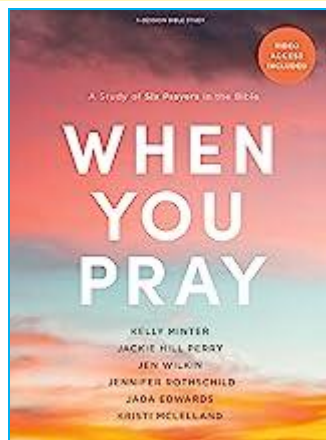
Faith Formation for Adults

Mid-Week Opportunities



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY **10:30-Noon in the Parlor**

The Tuesday Morning Bible study gathers on Tuesday mornings as they continue a study on *Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven* by David Jeremiah. Join us!



Moms' Bible Study (MBS) **Thursdays** **9:45 – 11:15 am in the Parlor**

Moms' Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings from 9:45-11:15 am in the Parlor. We do group Bible study, share prayer requests and talk about the joys and challenges that come with parenting. Moms of any age, with kids of any age are welcome to join!

The group has recently begun a study on prayer. The group will not meet Thursday, April 4 but will resume meeting on Thursday, April 11. Join us!

Questions? Contact Amy Boyle

aimandbub@msn.com or 804-347-2724

Faith Formation for Adults

Sunday Morning Opportunities



Praying the Labyrinth
10—10:45 am
Bonhoeffer Room, Outdoor Labyrinth
Sunday, April 7

Join with Pastor Joseph to learn about the ancient practice of Praying the Labyrinth (in the Bonhoeffer Room) and then head outside to put what you've learned into practice at Epiphany's own labyrinth.



Service with Friends of Barnabas
9:45 –10:45 am
Price Hall
Sunday, April 14

Jim Huddle, Epiphany member, has recently returned from a medical mission trip to Honduras with the organization, Friends of Barnabas. Jim will be sharing reflections and stories from his recent trip and additional information will be shared about how others might become involved in an upcoming trip.

Friends of Barnabas has need for volunteers (both medical and non-medical) for its July team. Currently, the July team has space for 6 team members, with at least 2 needing to be medical volunteers with active licenses. Trip dates are July 13-20, 2024. If you have interest in becoming involved, speak with Pastor Sarah.



New(er) Members' Classes
April 14, 21, 28
9:50 am
Star Lodge

Are you interested in joining or learning more about Epiphany or have you recently become a new member? If so, you're invited to a three week class that serves as an introduction to the Epiphany community. Join with Pastor Phillip and others as we get to know one another, our community, and learn about the mission we share to Walk the Journey, Worship the Christ, and Witness with Joy.



Church Archive Open House
April 21, 10 am
Jesus Window

On this Volunteer Recognition Sunday, we give thanks for Barry Westin and John Hartmann who have led our archive ministry for many faithful years and who are now passing the ministry on to Brooks Pickels and Dan Nelson. Come and learn about some of the treasures in Epiphany's Archives and receive a tour of the room where it happens! We'll gather after the Volunteer Reception for this brief overview and tour from Barry Westin.

Faith Formation for Adults

Sunday Morning Opportunities



Table Talk: Grandparenting Today!

10 am
Bonhoeffer Room
Sunday, April 28

Martin Luther was known for hosting lively conversations about faith and life around his dining table. These conversations became known as “table talks.” Epiphany is creating its own series of table talks, and this year, we’re focusing on the ages and stages of faith and life. This month, grandparents are invited to gather with a pastor. What’s joyful? What’s challenging? How can the church partner with you during these years?



Blessed & Stressed

10 –10:45 am
Parlor
Sundays in April

Parents are invited to gather for conversation and mutual encouragement on Sunday mornings.



**You care
for the land
and water it;
you enrich it
abundantly.**

Psalm 65:9, NIV

Garden & Labyrinth Blessing & Creation Walk

Sunday, May 5
9:45-10:45 am
Epiphany’s Garden and Grounds

Join with children and adults to bless Epiphany’s Community Garden and Labyrinth. Stay after for a Creation Walk with Pastor Phillip. Explore the church grounds, listen for birds, and learn about the creation God has called us to care for right in our backyard!



On Saturday, February 24, 2024, Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church had a one-day women's retreat on prayer led by Pastor Sarah Lang. Our theme was BE STILL and came from the story of Jesus commanding the storm to BE STILL! Jesus invites us into stillness to rest in his peace. Throughout the retreat, we had a chance to connect with God and with one another. Sixty-five women joined us for the day.



There were several workshops devoted to different prayer styles. We experienced praying with beads, shawls, body movement, art, labyrinth, and Lectio Divina. We also enjoyed connecting with each other in small groups.



Thank you to Jackie Collins, Gail Harwood, and Kim Kacani who led our workshops and to Linda Martin, Kim Kacani, Eileen Johnson, and Bonita Wyatt who served on the Planning Team.

It was a wonderful day of joining with other women for rest, renewal, friendship, and learning!





If you're looking for quality family time, a chance to build relationships with other families from Epiphany, recreation, worship, and a chance to sleep under the stars, join with Pastors Sarah and Joseph for Epiphany's annual Memorial Day Camping Trip!

The itinerary for the weekend is flexible. Families and individuals may choose their own adventure for the weekend by opting into or out of any part of the activities each day. Meals are on your own except for Saturday evening when we share in a potluck. Epiphany will provide burgers, hotdogs, drinks, paper products, utensils and condiments for Saturday night. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

Cost is \$15 per person or \$30 for a family (3 or more) for the weekend. We were able to reserve 5 adjacent camp sites (#4, 5, 6, 15, 16). [Sign-up online](#) or in the Commons. Each site accommodates 2 tents and up to 8 people per site (limited to 40 people total). Payment is due by May 14th to the church office. Please indicate on memo line - "camp weekend."

Questions? Reach out to Pastor Joseph at jbolick@epiphanyelca.org

About Twin Lakes: Twin Lakes State Park is near Farmville, about an hour southwest of Richmond. To get there, take U.S. 360 West of Burkeville to Route 613 turn right. Then go right on Route 629.

Twin Lakes State Park, 788 Twin Lakes Rd., Green Bay, VA 23942-2525; Phone: (434) 392-3435

Memorial Day Epiphany Camping Trip May 24-26, 2024

Friday, May 24

- 4 PM** – Campsites open for check-in
- 4 PM – 8 PM** – Unpack, set-up, adventures on own, dinner on own
- 8 PM** – “Goodnight God”—Evening songs and vespers

Saturday, May 25

- 8:30 AM** – Morning Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 AM – Noon** – Morning Adventures on your own (hike, swim, fish, kayak, etc.)
- 1 PM** – Storytime and Crafts
- 2 PM** - Afternoon adventures on your own
- 4 PM** – Kickball/Games
- 5:30 PM** - Potluck Dinner followed by S'mores

Sunday, May 26

- 1 PM** – Checkout



Epiphany Youth Group (EYG) is our ministry to and with 7th through 12th grade students. Parents are always invited to attend but are not required to stay. Our Timothy Ministers are trusted adults in the congregation who support youth ministry.

ELCA National Youth Gathering NEWS!



THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed financially to our group headed to New Orleans! With 27 people going, we've figured that we need \$15,000 to get everyone there. This is a huge ask but we believe this is an investment in our congregation through the faith and leadership that God will develop in our youth through this experience. Please check out our "Flight EYG to New Orleans" Airplane in the Commons and watch as every \$555 given gets one more of our participants on the flight. If you'd like to contribute, please scan the QR code in the bulletin and scroll down to the option for "youth fund." If you prefer you can leave a check or cash donation marked "National Youth Gathering" in the box by the office. Thank you for your generosity and thanks for **SENDING US TO NEW ORLEANS!** As of this writing we have 17 folks on the plane and need to get 10 more aboard!



Participants and Families — Please add to your calendar **Sundays, April 21, June 2, and July 7** for our GETTING READY meetings as we plan the finer details of our trip. We will invite members of First English and Lutheran Church of Our Saviour and Messiah to these gatherings, which will be from 5-7PM and include a meal. Any parents who are able to provide the meal would be very much appreciated. If that's not possible we can get take out.




Be affirmed & challenged in our faith



experience new perspectives



bond with our congregation group



Ponder our vocation



learn more about the ELCA and our partners

Upcoming Youth Ministry At-A-Glance

APRIL

Sunday, April 14 EYG (7-12th Grades) meets in Star Lodge, 12-2 pm (Youth Sunday planning)

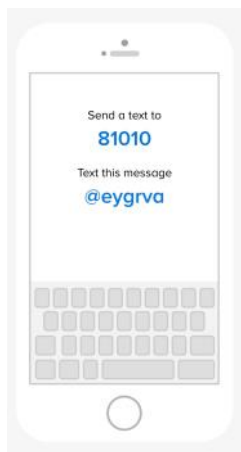
Sunday, April 21 Lil Youth (4-6th) Grade Youth Gathering – Music and Games, 12-2 pm

Sunday, April 28 EYG (7-12th Grades) meets in Star Lodge, 12-2 pm, (Youth Sunday planning)

MAY

Saturday, May 4 Youth Sunday final rehearsal (if-needed)

Sunday, May 5 Youth Sunday! Youth lead worship at 8:30 am and 11 am!



KEEP UP WITH EYG HAPPENINGS

To receive texts about events, upcoming activities, and reminders, **text 81010 with the message @eygrva** - I won't overwhelm you with texts but just send reminders from time to time. If you're like me, reminders are always helpful!

Fellowship

The Clara Sullivan Circle met on March 13, in the Parlor. The devotion was given by Eileen. She read from The One Year Women of the Bible book about Tabitha, who was known for her charitable heart and good works. Sophie ended the devotions with a prayer. Everyone read their true/false statements about themselves. We all got to know a little more about each other as we guessed which statement was correct!

Our next regular meeting will be Wednesday April 10 in the Parlor. We will try to match baby pictures to our Circle sisters!

Please call Eileen or Bonita if you are interested in more information about the Clara Sullivan Circle. We will be glad to talk with you and include you in the email chain.

Everyone is welcome!

Call, text, or email:

Eileen Johnson: 804-513-3005 jay3boating@gmail.com

Bonita Wyatt: 804-347-5357 bwyatt@microtelsystems.com

The Margaret Miller Circle will meet Tuesday, April 9th at 10:00 am at Donna Josephson's home for our annual Spring Luncheon and planning session. We will organize any carpools that may be needed.

Katie Luther Circle Katie Luther Circle will meet on Thursday, April 11, 11:45 am in the Burger Commons. If you are interested in joining our circle, please contact Tatter Hartmann at 804 338 3578 or maryhartmann279@gmail.com.



Women
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Margaret Miller Circle

The Margaret Miller Circle met in February at Manorhouse to celebrate Betsy Williamson's 96th birthday. Carol McKean, also a resident at Manorhouse, was able to attend. It was joyful to all be together again. Barry Westin visited with us and provided an informative verbal and pictorial history of the early years of Epiphany which many of our members had not seen before. We are so appreciative and thankful for Barry's willingness and generosity in sharing his knowledge regarding Epiphany's history. Betsy is the only surviving charter member of Epiphany and the presentation stirred many memories. As a Circle we look forward to creating many more memories and to continue to bond in faith.



Fellowship Ministry



All men are welcome to join us for an evening of fellowship on Thursday April 18th at 7:00 pm. We will meet at Kindred Spirit Brewing Satellite, located at 1626 Ownby Lane Richmond 23220. Food is available.

Contact Joe Barnes (804) 836-5394 for more information.

We hope to see you there!



Men's Lunches

Epiphany has two men's lunches that meet every month led by the pastor(s). Come join in fellowship and lunch!

The Second Tuesday of the month is our Men's "Manna" Lunch. Which meets at 11:45 am, at Tony's Italian Restaurant (3409 Cox Rd, Richmond, VA 23233)

The Third Tuesday of the month is our Tuesday Men's Lunch which meets at 11:45 am, at Frank's West-Address: 11238 Patterson Ave, Richmond, VA 23238, Located in the Tuckahoe Village Shopping Center.



Pickup Basketball—Wednesday, April 17 - All are welcome to join us in Price Hall from 7:30-9 pm for pickup basketball. We will meet to play on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, with May being our last month until the Fall.

Community Service Ministry

Upcoming Opportunities to Serve Our Neighbors

April 13 - Habitat for Humanity Workday

April 25 - LAMB's Basket Volunteer Day

April 30 - Liberation Veteran Services Dinner



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY, APRIL 13TH



Our 2024 Epiphany work day for Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity is scheduled for April 13, in Ashland. We hope you can join us. We will have our specific assignment of jobs by April 8. You do not need to be skilled to work with us, but must be at least 16 years of age. Our work day begins at 8:15 am at the site and continues until 3:30 pm. Carpooling will be available from the church.



Please contact Marilyn Gloyer at gloyerm@yahoo.com or 804-363-0196 to let me know that you will work with us. Additional information will be available once you sign up.

As stated in the mission statement for Hanover Habitat for Humanity, “we are seeking to put God’s love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope!” (www.hkwhabitat.org)

Epiphany's Blood Drive

Hello Everyone,

Just wanted you to know that . . . YOU ROCK! Our February 25th blood drive was our most successful drive yet. The American Red Cross (ARC) collected 40 units which can better/save the lives of up to 120 individuals. This was the most units collected at Epiphany since we started hosting blood drives AND Epiphany members donated 20 of those 40 units.

Thank you all very much for donating and spreading the word among our congregation. We continue to see new donors at all of our drives. Speaking of which, it's not too early to sign up for our **next drive which will be held Sunday, May 26, 8 am–12 noon in Price Hall.**

Thank you again God bless you all.
Carl Erickson



Community Service Ministry, cont'd



EASTER BASKETS HUGE SUCCESS!

As in years past, we partnered with enCircle and Safe Harbor to provide Easter baskets. We delivered 56 baskets to Safe Harbor and 60 to enCircle – 116 baskets – our biggest year ever! It was amazing to see almost every basket leave the church on the very first Sunday of distribution. You all are AWESOME.

Safe Harbor and enCircle were so pleased to receive all these beautiful baskets and are looking forward to distributing them to their families.

Again, we thank you for your participation.



The Epiphany Community Garden

The Epiphany Community Garden has several plots available this season. Our garden is located behind the church garage to the left of the labyrinth. These 10' x 5' plots are for individuals or families to plant vegetables or just flowers. You can grow vegetables to teach your children how food comes to our table, you can try your hand at growing flowers to cheer up a friend, or just have fun growing something and playing in the dirt.

If you need more information or are interested in joining our group contact Chris Crouch cacrouch303@icloud.com



Community Service Ministry, cont'd

LIBERATION VETERANS SERVICES DINNER – TUESDAY, APRIL 30 DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are providing the Liberation Veterans Services meal at the Hull Street Road Shelter on Tuesday, April 30th and need your help to provide items for the meal. Please consider donating an item for the meal from the list below:

Chicken casseroles (3 needed – copies of recipe located on table outside the Narthex)

2 – 28 oz cans of green beans (6 cans needed)

2 – 28 oz cans of baked beans (6 cans needed)

1 pan of brownies serving 24 per pan (2 pans needed)

2 dozen ready-to-serve dinner rolls (4 dozen rolls needed)

1 – 12 pack of cola soda (e.g. Coke/Pepsi)

1 - 12-pack of diet cola (e.g. Coke Zero)

1 – 12 pack lemon lime soda (e.g. Sprite/7-Up)



Additionally, four (4) volunteers are needed to serve dinner.

Food and beverage items should be delivered to the Church kitchen by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, April 30. Servers should arrive at the Church kitchen to help load food by 5:45 pm. Thank you.

Signup with Signup Genius here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4CAFAA22A6FE3-48866474-liberation>

Community Service Ministry, cont'd

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING

Our Mission Statement: The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been created to provide comfort for those in need of God's embrace.

One of the most important parts of our ministry is to offer our congregation the opportunity to request a Prayer Shawl for someone you know that is in need of comfort. Simply go to the church office and Hanne can assist you with your need.

This month our group will meet on the third Tuesday of the month in the Commons at 11:00 am, April 16.

We are interested in sharing our shawls with the Epiphany pastoral visitations. Let us know if you know of someone that would benefit from our shawls. We are blessed to have such workmanship.

There are so many reasons for us to share a prayer shawl with those we care about: those with health issues; those in distress; those who mourn; those who travel or move away from friends and/or family; new baby; graduate; newlyweds; to name a few.



LAMB's BASKET FOOD PANTRY

Time Commitment: 3.5hours/day

LAMB's Basket has resumed a limited schedule and is not currently open on Wednesdays and Fridays which were Epiphany's regular volunteer days at the Community Food Pantry. We have now been asked to help one Thursday each month.

For additional information, call the pantry at 804-565-8007. Inclement weather? Check channel 8 for closings, or if Henrico schools are closed, then LAMB's Basket is closed.

Reminder:

Release forms are required for those under 18 and can be found at: www.lambsbasket.org

Quarterly Newsletter can be found at: www.lambsbasket.org

Epiphany's Upcoming Dates:

Epiphany's upcoming volunteer dates for LAMB's Basket are on the fourth Thursday, 10 am to Noon.

April 25

Sign up in the Commons to volunteer.

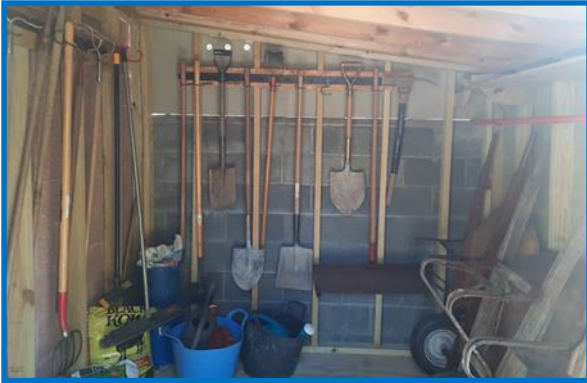
Directions from Epiphany to 8419 Oakview Ave:
Take Glenside Dr. North
Turn LEFT onto Staples Mill Rd
Turn RIGHT onto Hermitage Rd
Turn LEFT onto Oakview Ave.
Turn RIGHT onto Second Ave.
Building on the RIGHT on the corner.
Enter through rear door

Ongoing needs: *pasta sauce, spaghetti, Mac and Cheese, canned fruit and canned chicken.*

Property Ministry

April Showers

He is risen! Easter came on March 31st and thankfully the weather was dry. We've had so much rain lately, May flowers may arrive ahead of schedule.



Remember, our new garden shed now has all the tools for our garden plots (somewhat) neatly arranged!



We had clear skies for our spring cleanup party. It may have been TOO nice a day after such a long wet spell. The turnout was light as I'm sure folks had plenty of projects in their own yard. Those who did attend made a big difference with what was accomplished.



Jim Behrens spent most of Saturday repairing our dish machine. The dishwasher is now fully functional! Russ Johnson and I acted like we were helping, but it really was all Jim.

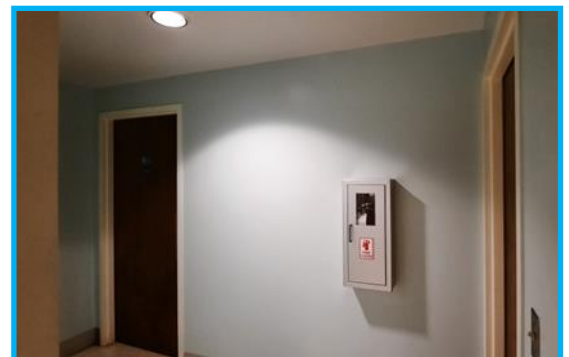
Russ did his usual power washing thing, and it shows!



Thanks to Tod Mitchell for depositing the mulch, and to Brad Williamson for the use of his trailer. Brian Hellenga, Jim Huddle and I spread mulch, and Jim later tackled tree trimming and general pick-up-stix across the property.

Hanne Hamlin took on painting the alcove for our Franklin St. entrance bathrooms. Looks great! This is just the beginning of a push to brighten up that part of our church.

We even got more of the bricks in the labyrinth sunk.



In other news, ELNS got it's final faucet replacement in the back classroom. Later this year we hope to finish the flooring in room 104.

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Property Ministry, cont'd

Wayne Shimko continues to push the Fire and Security system repairs and upgrades. Motion sensors never replaced after the last major construction are now in place. The parlor phone is now upgraded for 911 calls.

Remember, just because you couldn't make the Saturday cleanup date doesn't mean you can't help out with a project or two. Many can be done in an hour or so anytime. I mentioned the Franklin St. entrance area and painting, but also, how about a few of our exterior doors?

This month marks my second year as Facilities manager, and I'm VERY thankful for all the help and support I've gotten from you all, and I hope you can see the progress we've made TOGETHER.

Happy Spring! He is risen indeed!

Rob



Many thanks to all who donated at Epiphany's most recent blood drive. It was our most successful drive so thus far as we collected 40 units of much needed blood. Your continued commitment to this critical mission is remarkable. Don't forget to mark May 26 in your calendar when we host our next drive.

Questions? Contact Carl Erickson (in Realm).

ELC Staff, members of Council,

I attended Epiphany's Women's Retreat about Prayer and write to express my gratitude for the experience: meeting new and old faces, meditating over scripture, praying together, learning, eating, laughing and sometimes crying. The event ended before I was ready to leave!

My thanks to Pastor Sarah and her Team, and to you for your vision and possibilities for ministry.

In Peace,
Mary Sue Oehler

Dear Epiphany family and friends,

I am enjoying the beautiful flowers. They were here early this afternoon. My family was here with me. We are all giving thanks for this thoughtful gift.

Sincerely,
Carla Schwertz

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