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# The Examiner

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

## March 2026

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### Words from Our Pastor

At a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 1, Epiphany Lutheran Church took a bold step towards celebrating 75 years of ministry when we voted to undertake the “Epiphany Shines to 75” capital campaign. God has been so faithful to this community of faith through the last quarter century and now we turn our sights to the ways in which God calls us to mission in the coming years. The congregation gave a clear message that this campaign would help us do that.

As a pastor, I found it exciting to be in the sanctuary for to watch this meeting take place. I witnessed campaign leadership that was well-prepared and poised to discuss the campaign’s merits graciously and openly. I saw members of all ages ask thoughtful questions about what was being presented. I heard fruitful and hopeful discussions among members before and after the meeting took place. From my perspective, it was clear the Holy Spirit was moving and encouraging

us to move forward in this way and help put some finishing touches on the major changes that the Brighten Our Light Campaign brought about in 2018-2020. Like the apostle Paul says in his letter to the Philippians, “God, who began a good work in you, will carry it on” (1:6).

This campaign, which we are undertaking on our own and without assistance from an outside consultant, is designed to impact two major aspects of God’s mission at Epiphany. The first will be to upgrade and renovate some of our physical structure. We are blessed with a large home for our ministry that is perched a convenient location, but it takes a lot of care to keep it both safe and adequately equipped for our ministries. If funded, this campaign will bring major improvements and repair to the roof, Price Hall, the kitchen, and our security system, among other things.

Second, this campaign will help the congregation make significant payment on its debt. This move will make future mortgage payments more manageable, ideally freeing up more of the annual budget for other ministry. It is difficult to say right now what those ministry options will be in three years, but this congregation has proved to be remarkably adaptable to changes in the world and in our communities, especially within the last several years. Many of us remember pivoting during the COVID pandemic. Look at the ways in which we responded to those challenges as opportunities! Currently well over 100 people worship through our livestream, a COVID-era creation, each Sunday. There is no telling what the landscape will be in 2029, but this campaign will put us and our posterity in a better position to respond to them.

In the coming weeks and months you will be hearing about Epiphany Shines to 75 from various people in the congregation. I ask you to be open to considering how God might be asking you to respond at this time. And I encourage you to think of ways this God has blessed you through this congregation at some point during the past 75 years. My family will be doing the same. These moments of gratitude will help fuel our celebrations in 2027 when we gather for the congregation’s birthday. They will also help power our mission as God carries us into the next 75 years.

Yours in Christ’s service,

**Pastor Phillip Martin**



## Wednesday Lenten Dinners Continues until March 25

### Price Hall - 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

This Lenten season on Wednesday evening, church volunteers will be preparing and serving a main meal, salad, bread, and dessert for dinner or a pancake breakfast dinner. Dinner will be served in Price Hall from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

If you would like to join us for one or all Wednesday dinners, please let us know by signing up on the sign-up sheets located on the table in the Commons outside the Narthex, or by calling the church office.

Questions? Contact Linda at [lmartin@epiphanyelca.org](mailto:lmartin@epiphanyelca.org) or call (804) 282-6066. Thank you.



### LENTEN WEDNESDAY OFFERINGS...

One traditional discipline of Lent is almsgiving, which is the contribution of money, food, or other items to those in need.

The designated recipients of our Lenten Offerings collected during worship will be as follows:

The first \$1,800 to **Heifer International** for the construction of wells and organic fertilizers (six wells). Everything

over \$1,800 will go to **enCircle** (educate students who need additional supports, empower people with developmental disabilities through a variety of community-based services, support children in foster care and foster parents, and provide mental health counseling to children, youth, and adults. (As is part of a network of agencies that reunites unaccompanied immigrant children with family or sponsors in the United States).

As we journey through this Lenten season, we invite the congregation to **prayerfully consider contributing** to these ministries as a way of living out our faith in action.

*There are special Ash Wednesday Offering Envelopes available in the Narthex.*





## Mark your calendar!!

Daylight saving time takes place on Sunday, March 8. Before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7 set your clocks **ahead one hour!**

Good time to check on smoke alarm batteries too.

The special worship services of Holy Week are a once a year opportunity for us to remember through our worship the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We begin on Sunday, March 29 with **Passion/Palm Sunday**  
**March 29 – 8:30 & 11:00 am**

### Maundy Thursday

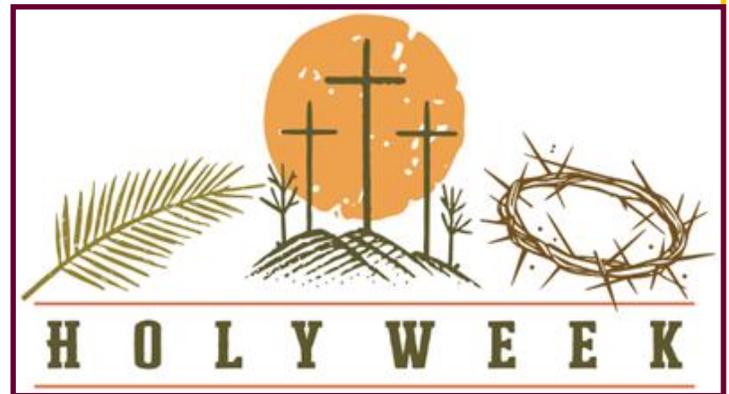
**April 2 - Noon & 7:00 pm**  
Service of Holy Communion  
(7:00 pm will be livestreamed)

### Good Friday

**April 3 - Noon & 7:00 pm**  
(7:00 pm will be livestreamed)

### Easter Sunday

**April 5 - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am**  
Festival Worship with Holy Communion  
(11:00 am livestreamed)



Dear Epiphany Church Family,

We are excited to announce that our Meal Train Ministry will be restarting. This ministry provides meals to individuals and families in our congregation who are walking through health challenges, offering nourishment, comfort, and practical support during difficult seasons.

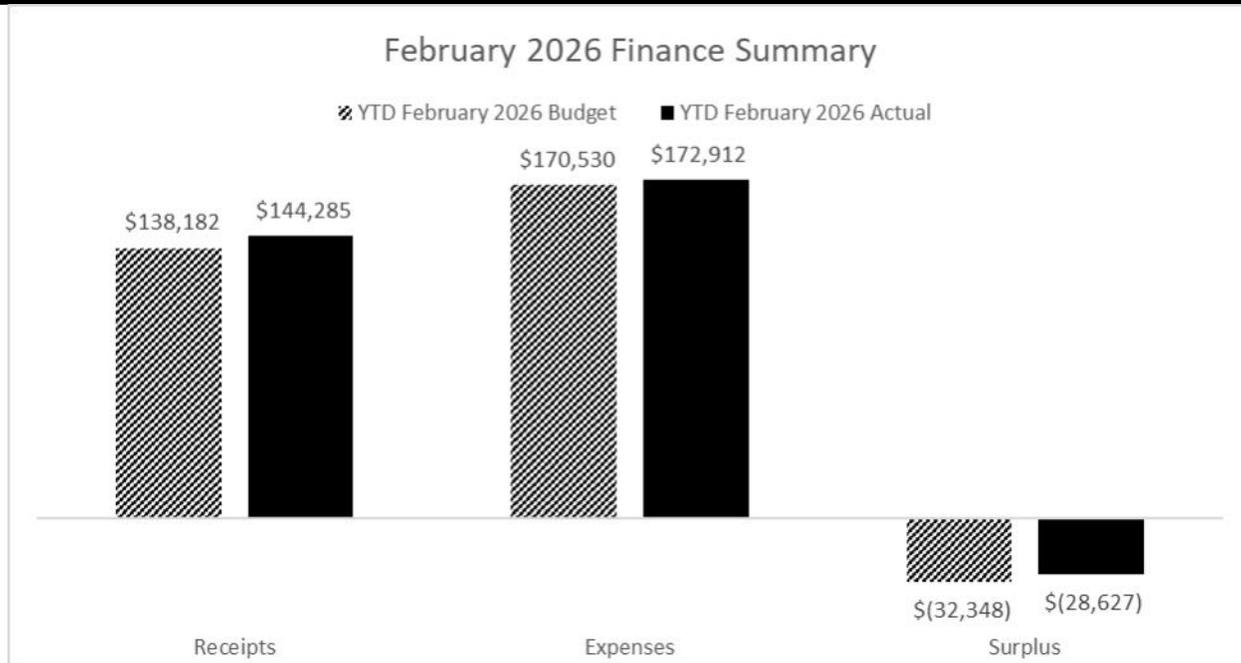
The ministry will be organized by Cindy McClintock and Ruth Hobson, who will coordinate volunteers and meal deliveries. This ministry was one which was paused during the Covid-shutdown, and we are grateful to Cindy and Ruth for generously providing the organization structure of this ministry to get it going again.



As Jesus reminds us, *“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”* Through this ministry, we have a beautiful opportunity to live out that love in tangible ways. If you feel called to prepare a meal or would like more information, please submit your name to the link below to be a part of the group that will prepare meals as needed. As needs in our community arise, Cindy and Ruth will reach out with opportunities.

The Epiphany Staff

# Finance Ministry



YTD February receipts are \$144,286 which is \$6,103 ahead of plan and up 4% vs 2025 despite having to cancel 2 services due to snow and ice.

Expenses were \$172,911 and \$2,381 unfavorable to plan primarily due to higher than planned utility expenses due to the cold weather.

We have a net deficit of \$28,625 which is less than planned by \$3,723. We typically run a deficit through the early part of the year and make it up in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

The Finance Team Ministry will meet on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, March 24, at 7:00 pm. If you would like to attend, please let Jim Huddle know.

[Jrhuddle1us@gmail.com](mailto:Jrhuddle1us@gmail.com)

704-779-3307

The agenda will include our annual request to the external auditors to review a list of Agreed Upon Procedures for examining our financial processes.

# Music Ministry

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT – MARCH 2026

## *Children's Choir Reminders*

Please remember that due to the Lenten service schedule on Wednesday evening, both the ***Cherub Choir*** and the ***Singing Saints*** will meet from 6:00 – 6:30 pm on the following Wednesdays during March: March 18 and March 25. There is no rehearsal for these groups on March 4 and 11. ***Cherub Choir*** will sing in worship on March 8. ***Singing Saints*** will sing in worship on March 22 and March 29 (yes, two weeks in a row). March 29 is only at the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. Please note since this is not a typical time – thanks!

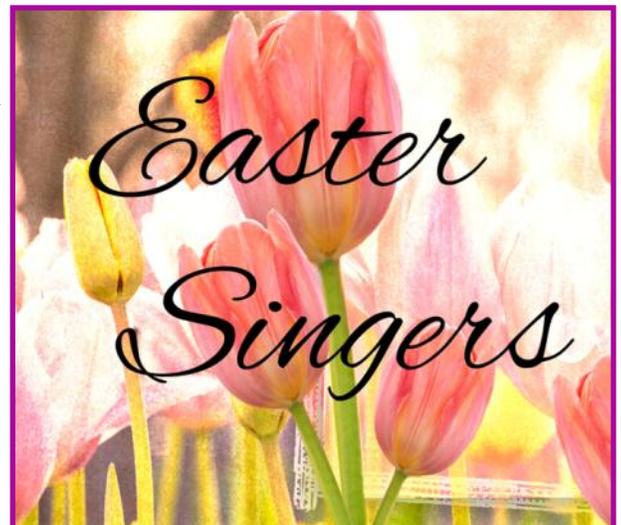


***Junior Handbells*** will meet as part of the youth gathering on April 19. We have no time together planned for March.

***Steel Crosssticks*** will meet at 12:15 pm on March 15 and 22. We will discuss in rehearsal a good Time to play “Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises” since snow and other things have interfered with our time together!

## *“Easter Singers”*

If you are interested in joining us for the chancel choir anthems for Easter services on April 5, please plan to join us at rehearsal on Wednesdays during March 18 and 25 and April 1 rehearsals immediately following the Lenten worship service. We will rehearse the Easter music first to better meet your schedules and get you home faster! This combined choir will offer anthems at all worship services on Easter Sunday. This is a great “part time” opportunity to join the choir! Won’t you consider it? We begin on March 18 (and then March 25 and April 1) to allow us time to be sure we know the music! (You can also sing for Maundy Thursday or Good Friday as well!) We meet in the Sala Music Center.



## *Adult and Instrumental Ensemble Reminders*

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



## *Epiphany Brass*

We have opportunities for some brass on Palm Sunday, March 29 and for all brass Easter Sunday, April 5. If you are available and willing to be a part of the group for either or both of these dates, please contact Kevin at [kbarger@epiphanyelca.org](mailto:kbarger@epiphanyelca.org).

## March Baptism Birthdays



### Altar Care

Thank you to those who served in February:

First Service - Poppy Ebbesen and Nancy Nye

Second Service - Jeanette Linka and Mary Sue Oehler

**Altar Care for March:**

First Service - Janet and Bob Johnson

Second Service - Linda and Ken Reckenbeil

Would you like to join the Altar Care Team? We could use your help!

Please contact Linda Martin at 804-282-6066 or [lmartin@epiphanyelca.org](mailto:lmartin@epiphanyelca.org) if you are interested.



# Faith Formation



## Sunday School for Children and Youth

Sunday morning learning for children and youth is in full swing! Join us for singing, playing, and learning!

**9:45 AM - Music Opening in Room 104 for Children 2 Years through 2nd Grade**

**10:00 am - Sunday school begins for our younger learners:**

2 YO & 3 YO: Room 102

Pre-K & K: Room 101

1st & 2nd Grade: Room 104

**9:45 AM - 10:45 am - Sunday School for Older Children and Youth**

3rd, 4th, & 5th Graders: Room 201

Middle School: Luther Room

High School: Von Bora Room



## HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION FOR 4TH GRADERS

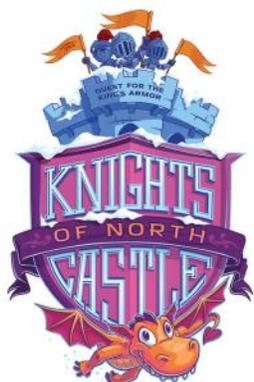
All 4th graders and their parents or caregivers are invited to a special three-week class on Holy Communion. Meeting dates are **March 8, 15, 22** during the Sunday School hour.

For some, this will be a class in preparation for first communion; for others, it's a chance to learn about the sacrament they're already receiving. All are welcome!

First Communion will be celebrated on **Maundy Thursday, April 2 at Noon or 7:00 pm services**. All children who have completed the class will be recognized during worship that day.



# Faith Formation—Plan now for Summer!



## Join us for Vacation Bible School

**June 8-12, 2026!**

"Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power." Ephesians 6:10

**Registration is full!**

If you missed out on registering and want to be placed on a waiting list, email Pastor Sarah ([slang@epiphanyelca.org](mailto:slang@epiphanyelca.org)).



## Join the fun! Volunteer with Vacation Bible School

**June 8-12, 2026!**

Have you considered sharing your gifts with Vacation Bible School this year?

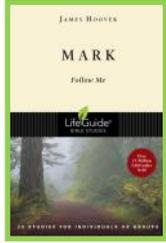
We're excited to welcome 80 children to our ministry this summer and are still in need of volunteers!

You may work directly with children or behind the scenes in a more support-type role.

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

Questions? Ask Pastor Sarah at [slang@epiphanyelca.org](mailto:slang@epiphanyelca.org)

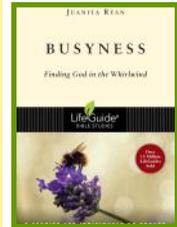
# Faith Formation for Adults



## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays, 10:30-Noon in the Parlor**

Our group is wrapping up our study on the Gospel of Mark and will begin a study on the 12 Disciples on March 16. Join us!



## MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

**Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm**

Moms' Bible Study (MBS) is open to moms of any age, with kids of any age. All moms are welcome! We continue the book *Busyness: Finding God in the Whirlwind*.

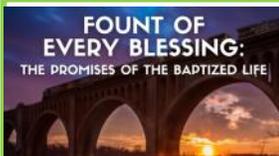
Questions? Contact Amy Boyle [aimandbub@msn.com](mailto:aimandbub@msn.com) or 804-347-2724.



## Blessed and Stressed

**Sundays, 10:00 am**  
**Parlor**

Blessed and Stressed is a gathering for parents of younger children that meets in the parlor during Sunday school hour (beginning at 10:00 am). The purpose of our gathering is to provide a casual setting where we can socialize and support each other. We will have a discussion topic and hear prayer requests each week. Join us!



## Fount of Every Blessing: The Promises of the Baptized Life

**Sundays in Lent: March 8, 15, 22, 29**  
**9:45 am—10:45 am, Star Lodge**

Join one of the pastors on Sunday mornings for a deeper dive into the Fount of Every Blessing. On Wednesdays in Lent during our mid-week worship, we'll be exploring the five baptismal promises, which are made whenever someone is baptized. On Sundays, we'll explore more deeply the previous Wednesday's theme and share in conversation and Bible study. Explore with us what it means for our daily lives when we promise together to: live among God's faithful people, hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, proclaim the Good News of God in Christ in word and In deed, serve all people following the example of Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the earth.



## When Memory Fades: Faith and Hope in the Midst of Alzheimer's and Dementia

**Sundays in Easter: April 12, April 26, May 3**  
**9:45 am-10:45 am, Price Hall**

Join us for this important conversation that will touch most, if not all of us, in some way during our lifetime. We'll be focusing on three different topics on each of these three Sundays. Join us for one or for all!

**April 12:** When Memory Fades: What You Need to Know about Alzheimer's and Dementia (led by the Alzheimer's Association)

**April 26:** Compassionate Companions: The Role of Faith and the Congregation in Supporting Individuals and Families (led by Pastor Sarah Lang)

**May 3:** Sacred Accompaniment: Caregiving: Gifts, Challenges, and Resources (led by Pastor Sarah Menke)

# Faith Formation—Plan now for Summer!



## Summer Servant Day Camp for Middle School Youth!

July 13-17, 2026  
9 am—3 PM

Registration remains open for a new summer day camp experience for Middle School Youth (rising 6th, 7th, 8th graders along with rising 9th graders).

Join Pastor Joseph and Pastor Sarah **July 13-17, 2026** for a week of service-learning, Bible study, crafts, games, songs, and friendship-building. We'll gather from 9 am - 3:00 pm each day and spend part of our time off-site serving in the community. Cost is \$50 and scholarship is available!

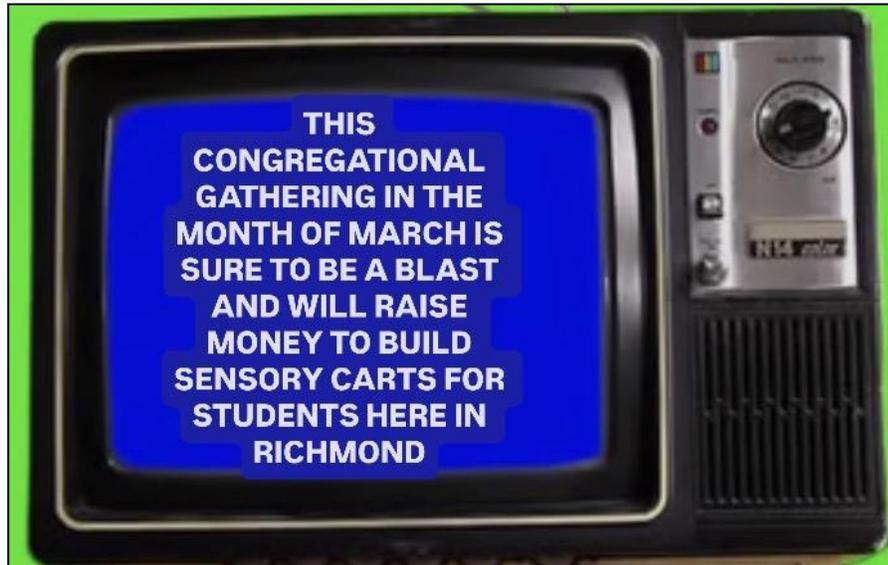
Questions? Reach out to [Pastor Sarah](#) or [Pastor Joseph](#).

[Register Today!](#)



## ELCA Summer 2026 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 2026 (one per child). Fill out the scholarship form found in the Commons on the table under the monitor and return to the Epiphany office.



**“What is Trivia Night hosted by EYG?”**

**That is correct!  
Tell us what we’ve won!**

**You've won an all-expenses-paid trip to our Dinner & Trivia Night on Sunday, March 22nd from 5:00-7:00 pm in Price Hall!**

**The whole congregation is invites to dinner and trivia — our youth will serve dinner and offer up a trivia contest led by Steve Diehl.**

A freewill offering will go to support Ryan Urban’s Eagle Scout project which will be to build sensory utility carts to four elementary schools and one public library in the greater Richmond area and our congregation. These carts will be equipped with sensory tools designed to help individuals with ADHD, Autism, Down Syndrome, dementia, and other sensory or cognitive needs, feel more comfortable, focused, and supported, especially in environments that may be unfamiliar or challenging.

Be prepared to be split up into teams after dinner for a fun night of meeting new friends, trivia, and supporting a great cause!



## SPRING YOUTH MINISTRY AT A GLANCE

### MARCH

Saturday – Sunday, March 7-8 -- 7<sup>th</sup> Day Retreat for 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade

Sunday, March 8 -- Epiphany Youth Group (7-12 Grades) Star Lodge, 12-2pm – TRIVIA SHOW PREP

Wed, March 11 – EYG to make/serve Lenten Meal 5:30PM

Sunday, March 15 – Harrisburg PA Service Trip Meeting (#1 of 3) -- 5-7PM in Star Lodge

Sunday, March 22 – DINNER & TRIVIA! Price Hall, 5-7PM

### APRIL

Sunday, April 12 – EYG (7-12th Grades) 12-2pm

Sunday April, 19 – Lil Youth (4-6<sup>th</sup> Grades) Star Lodge, 12-2pm

Sunday, April 19 - Harrisburg PA Service Trip Meeting (#2 of 3) -- 5-7PM in Star Lodge

Friday – Saturday, April 24-25 – Synod Youth Summit at EPIPHANY

Sunday, April 26 EYG (7-12th Grades) Car Wash



On March 1st we are 112 days away from loading up in our vans to head to Pennsylvania to serve in the name of Christ together!

**Our FIRST of THREE Harrisburg, PA Summer Service Pre-Trip Gatherings will be on Sunday, March 15 from 6-7:30PM**

All youth and adult leaders headed to serve with EYG this coming summer are invited to join us in Star Lodge 6-7:30 pm for dinner and trip preparations.

Thank you for making every effort to attend as the success of our mission will depend on the work we do now.

**If you cannot attend please let Pastor Joseph know.** This will help us prepare the correct amount of food for dinner and supplies for our preparations.

We will have two additional preparation sessions, on Sunday, April 19 and Sunday, May 17.

# Lil Youths!

## Epiphany's YOUTH GROUP just for 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders!

We invite you to join us for our monthly gatherings this year which will include games, crafts, service projects, music, and much more!



Each gathering will begin in Star Lodge at noon with lunch and ends at 2:00 pm. We hope that each family might volunteer to provide lunch once during the year so that we can enjoy a nice meal together. We'll send you a link to a sign-up genius soon by email and you can sign up to provide lunch if you're able.

There will be a music element to each gathering and we'll use these times to prepare for leading worship on various Sunday mornings but if you prefer not to do music there will also be an alternate activity. Here is our meeting schedule for the year:

Sat-Sun, March 7-8 "7<sup>th</sup> Day" Retreat at Eagle Eyrie Center (in Lynchburg) more info to come!

Sunday, April 19—noon to 2:00 pm in Star Lodge!

Sunday, May 17 —noon to 2:00 pm in Star Lodge! Field Day!

Friends are always welcome! Likewise, parents are always welcome to stay but are not required to attend. We look forward to a year of fun and growing in faith!

Peace+

Pastor Joseph and Mr. Kevin

# Property Ministry

## A Turning Point

facilities article March 2026

With the arrival of March, we hope that winter will end soon. The icy parking lot in February highlighted our vulnerability to nature. We have been lucky in recent years to not have to deal with any substantial snow removal, and many thanks once again to all those who “chipped in” chipping ice. Daylight savings time begins soon and hopefully we can turn our thoughts to warmer weather concerns.

When I started as facilities manager in March of 2022 I inherited quite the list of neglected and overlooked areas of our property that needed attention. We made many major accomplishments and made plans. But you know how that goes. Our boiler gave out preempting our stained glass conservation. We began an assessment of our main and various ac units and reestablished a replacement schedule. Major roof repairs were accomplished. Stained glass was repaired. The last ac unit, the largest one for our Sanctuary, was scheduled to be replaced but it didn't want to wait to retire. It took longer and cost more than had been budgeted, but we made it happen. It's been a challenging few years for a questionably qualified person in a part time position, and I couldn't have survived without the support of many of you. Steve Collins has been an invaluable resource and coworker along the way. He has been a facilities manager in the past, and is much more qualified than I. That's probably why he knows better than to be property manager here!

Tasked with formulating a 5 year plan for the church, I solicited input from staff and ministry leads. After much discussion a refined list was formally presented to council and finance and, finally, to the congregation with a price cap of \$200,000. This was unanimously adopted March 1<sup>st</sup> as part of our Epiphany Shines to 75 campaign, a real turning point for the property and life of Epiphany.

Those of you who have followed my articles know that many of these projects were identified all the way back in 2022 and 2023. It will be exciting to begin work on some of these in 2026 and beyond. Stay tuned! Kevin relates that the final piece of organ renovation will begin soon with the arrival of a crate of specialized pipes.

With the coming of spring our next churchwide **clean-up party will be Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Feel free to come by anytime between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm for some fellowship and service. Hopefully we can touch up the paint on the labyrinth cross, and a few external doors. The entryway and various windows could use a good power washing. We'll pick up sticks and do a bit of weeding and raking. There will be a healthy pile of mulch to spread around the Columbarium and our new entryway plantings. We'll have plenty of light duty projects indoors as well. Lunch will be provided by Jimmy John's.

Do you have suggestions for what needs to be done, or that you would like to do? Please let me know!

Rob Hamlin  
Facilities Manager  
[rhamlin@epiphanyelca.org](mailto:rhamlin@epiphanyelca.org)



# Fellowship Ministry



Join us on Thursday,  
March 19th at 7:00 pm for  
an evening of fellowship.  
We will gather at  
Final Gravity Brewing  
Company, 6118 Lakeside  
Ave. Richmond, VA.23228.  
All men are welcome. We hope to see you there! For more information contact Joe Barnes  
(804) 836-5394.



## 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-located at 11238 Patterson Ave, Richmond, VA 23238 (Tuckahoe Village Shopping Center)



# Fellowship Ministry, cont'd

## Women's Circles

**The Clara Sullivan Circle** met on February 11, in the Burger Commons. We enjoyed delicious Valentine treats and a chance to chat with each other.

Eileen gave the devotion from Love Outpoured, Devotions for Lent 2026, based on Romans 1:1,7. We derive grace and peace from God and his Son, Jesus.

Pastor Sarah told us about the upcoming women's retreat at Epiphany.

**The March 11 Circle meeting is canceled.**

**The next Clara Sullivan Circle meeting will be on Wednesday April 8, from 10:00 – 11:00, in the Parlor.** We will discuss plans for 2026-2027 Clara Sullivan meetings.

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!

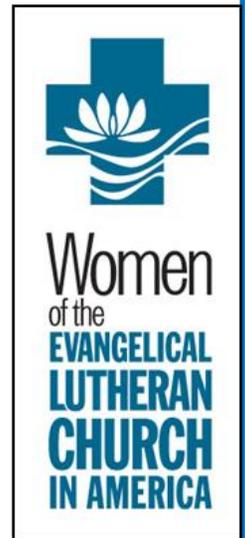
**Call, text, or email:** Eileen Johnson: 804-513-3005 [jay3boating@gmail.com](mailto:jay3boating@gmail.com)

Bonita Wyatt: 804-347-5357 [bwyatt@microtelsystems.com](mailto:bwyatt@microtelsystems.com)

**The Margaret Miller Circle Back Strong And Sharing Our Life Gifts:** We will gather to meet this month on Tuesday, March 10 at 10:00 am in the Commons. We will be studying the women of the Old Testament and this month we will be studying Esther, a young Jewish orphan who became Queen of Persia after winning a beauty contest. With this, I'm sure, you will want you to hear more. We welcome you if you would like to join us to learn about these special women.

Please check out the photo of our gathering in February.

We welcome the opportunity to share our Circle with others. If interested in joining our Circle or have any questions, please contact Donna Josephson (804) 883-5955.



**Katie Luther Circle** will meet on Thursday, March 12. If you are interested in joining our Circle, please contact Tatter Hartmann at 804 338 3578 or [maryhartmann279@gmail.com](mailto:maryhartmann279@gmail.com).

# Community Service Ministry

The Community Service Ministry Team offers many ways for you to serve others. These opportunities are perfect for families and individuals with a busy schedule, work and school commitments and holiday seasons.

Chose one or more of these opportunities to do God's Work through you today!



## Community Service Ministry Team Meeting

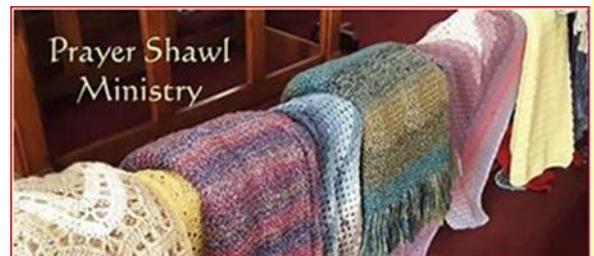
The Team is meeting on Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room and by Zoom. Come and see what we do to help our community. Ideas? Bring those too! Questions? Contact Peggy Hinson at psumd76@verizon.net or (703) 472-8701.



## 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 part 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 the church office and Hanne can assist you with your need.



The Prayer Shawl is a symbol, a garment, shroud, canopy, or cloak which envelops the wearer both physically and spiritually, in prayer and celebration, in joy and sorrow. The Prayer Shawl is a commanded blessing, given by God.

*We will be sharing our skills by working from home unless there is a need to start meeting back at the church. Should anyone be interested or need more information, or product, please contact Jackie Collins at ejc070944@gmail.com*

We are interested in sharing our shawls with the Epiphany homebound. 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.

# Community Service Ministry, cont'd

## EASTER BASKETS ARRIVE MARCH 8!



Once again, we will partner with enCircle, Moments of Hope and Safe Harbor. On Sunday, March 8 and 15, Community Service Team members will be at various tables located in the Commons offering empty Easter Baskets to congregation members who would like to bring a little Easter joy to these children and adults.

Each basket has a numbered tag indicating gender and age. PLEASE LEAVE THIS ATTACHED. If you would like to help, please write your name on the sign out sheet next to your basket number, take a basket, and fill it with assorted items. A suggestion list, cellophane bag, and a piece of tulle (to use as a bow) will be in each basket.

All baskets will need to be **returned by Sunday, March 22, 2026. We will be delivering on Monday!**



## Liberation Veteran Services Dinner Tuesday, March 31!

We're serving dinner to veterans in need on Tuesday, March 31, located at 1201 Hull Street, Richmond. Items needed for the dinner include:

Chicken casseroles [3 slots available- recipes available on SignUpGenius and on the table in the Commons]

2 28 oz. cans of green beans [3 slots available]

2 28 oz. cans of baked beans [3 slots available]

1 pan of brownies (to serve 24 per pan) [2 slots available]

2-dozen ready-to-serve dinner rolls [2 slots available]

12-pack of cola (e.g. Coke/Pepsi) [1 slot available]

12-pack of lemon lime soda (e.g. Sprite/7-Up) [1 slot available]

12-pack of diet cola (e.g. Coke Zero) [1 slot available]

4 people to serve dinner [4 slots available]



Please sign-up on the SignUpGenius link in the Sunday email announcements or see below throughout March. Thanks! [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4CAFAA22A6FE3-60891336-copy#/  
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# Community Service Ministry, cont'd

## March 28 – Moments of Hope Lunch Event

The Community Ministry Team will be providing over 350 bag lunches to folks in need on Saturday, March 28, through the non-profit in Hanover called Moments of Hope. We will be preparing and packaging these meals to deliver on that day to their new venue. Moments of Hope was asked (through no fault of their own) to move their Saturday Servings. The new location is at 601 Azalea Avenue. Because there are no busses close to this new location, they are sending vans to the bus stop to give rides so the number of guests is picking up, but not to the extent that it had been.



We have a sign-up sheet through SignUpGenius, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4CAFAA22A6FE3-58794002-moments> for those who want to help us with the preparation of the bag lunches. We had such overwhelming support the last time, and we hope that we can count on you again to assist us. You can sign up for as many lunches (in groups of 10) as you wish. As before, we will be preparing simple but filling bag lunches, and we turn to you, our congregation members, to assist in any way you can in getting this done.

## SAVE THE DATE...

### Habitat for Humanity Work Day, Saturday April 25, 2026

Our 2026 Epiphany work day for Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity is scheduled for Saturday, April 25. We hope you can join us. We will have our specific assignment of jobs by April 20. 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](mailto: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](http://www.hkwhabitat.org))

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**In-Person Worship Times**

September 7-May 17  
8:30 am and 11:00 am

**Online Summer Worship Times on  
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