

the STAR



“We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship Him.”
Matthew 2:2

JUNE JULY, 2017

VISION

“We are one family of growing followers of Jesus seeking the good of our church and community by channeling service to the students, families, and staff of Woerner Elementary School”

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Fellowship: 10:45 am
Growth in the Word: 11:00 am
Sunday School: 11:00 am
Fourth Sunday Fellowship
Potluck: 11:00 am

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Thank you to everyone who had a hand in our Easter celebrations!



Juniper and Hope share their thoughts on the Easter Egg Hunt.



Matthew leads the children in celebrating Jesus' resurrection.



The children unveil the new Sunday School parachute on Easter morning.

SUMMER SOCIAL

Join your sisters and brothers in Christ for any or all of these six Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Here's what we're looking forward to:

Grill Out & Watermelon: Bring your own meat and a side to share for an informal cook out on the church side lawn. Grills, plates, utensils and watermelons provided. Invite a friend.

Kickball & Softball: Meet at Epiphany and walk to the park for a friendly game of kickball or 9-inch soft ball (no glove required) for all ages. Cheerleaders, coaches, fans, & hecklers needed!

Popsicles in the Park: Share free popsicles at the Carondelet Playground. Visit with neighbors, & show Jesus' love to our community.



WEDNESDAY SUMMER SOCIAL - 5:30 P.M.

DATE	SOCIAL EVENT	LOCATION
June 21	Grill Out & Watermelon	Church Lawn
June 28	Kickball & No-glove Softball	Meet at Church, play at Carondelet Park
July 5	Popsicles in the Park	Meet at Carondelet Park Playground
July 12	Grill Out & Watermelon	Church Lawn
July 19	Kickball & No-glove Softball	Meet at Church, play at Carondelet Park
July 26	Popsicles in the Park	Meet at Carondelet Park Playground

FROM THE PASTOR

A TALE OF THREE GRANDPAS

Three grandpas wanted to do something good for their grandsons. The first bought his grandson a brand new rod and reel, with state-of-the-art adjustable clutch, fiberglass pole strong enough for a salmon, sensitive enough for a trout. First Grandpa drops off the gift and says, “Enjoy the fishing!”

Second Grandpa doesn’t buy his grandson anything. He says, “Hey, why don’t I come over every Tuesday morning this summer and we’ll go fishing together.”

Third Grandpa got a call from his grandson: “Hey Grandpa, you bought me this great rod and reel five years ago. We’ve been fishing together every summer since. There’s this boy in my neighborhood . . . his dad died from an overdose. I was wondering if he and his little brother could come along and you and Grandma could help me teach them how to fish, just like you taught me. What do you say?” Third Grandpa says, “When do we start?”

Each of the three grandpas represents a category we can use to think about how we serve our neighbors. A friend of mine at The Lutheran Foundation of St Louis shared these with me. They are:

—service TO—



TO – preparing blessing bags

—service FOR—



FOR – Ice Cream Social for Woerner and Community

—service WITH—



WITH – Epiphany members serve with Woerner students to make quilts to send overseas

“Service to” stands for what people often consider as “charity”—giving things to people. This could include money, clothing, food, or other basic needs. This type of service is most appropriate for relieving an unexpected crisis to “stop the bleeding,” such as with a flood or a house fire.

“Service for” is different because it requires more personal involvement and time commitment. It is similar because it still involves doing something for someone they can’t do for themselves, like rehabbing a home after a flood or fire. The goal is to get them back to the pre-crisis state.

“Service with” intends to dignify and develop the person being helped by including them in the planning and completion of the project. This way of serving requires even more involvement, patience, and risk, but has the greatest potential for long-term impact in God’s Kingdom.

You probably remember Jesus’ tale of the Good Samaritan (see Luke 10:30). Of the three people that saw the man lying there, it was the outcast who performed the **Service TO** the man beat up on the side of the road. He tended to his immediate needs. But remember, this story didn’t actually happen. Jesus told the parable to point to something greater—He himself is the outcast who performed the **Service FOR** his people by giving his life to save them, something they couldn’t do for themselves. At the same time, he is **Serving WITH** his disciples, training us to “go and do likewise” (Luke 10:37).

During our congregational meeting in June, we will be hearing proposals for how we could invest our remaining 80,000 Funding Mission dollars. The committee making these proposals is using the TO, FOR, and WITH framework to find a healthy balance for our efforts. How might we take the best of each Grandpa to go and do likewise in our families, neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces?

SHOWCASING SERVICE WITH

When we think about service TO, FOR, and WITH our neighbors, in some ways, service WITH can be the most difficult. It's often a long term commitment and results don't come quickly. It's also risky, because we have to rely on other people. It may be uncomfortable because we surrender some control. But it's worth it for two reasons: (1) it reflects the togetherness of Jesus' Church—we are His Body and we need each other; (2) involving others—including our own children or others still new to the faith—dignifies and develops them into maturing followers of Jesus. Here's an example of what service WITH can look like:

John's dad owned a printing business. A new Lutheran Mission Church started meeting at Woerner Elementary, where John attended school. The Mission needed help, so John's dad volunteered to use his skills to print the announcement bulletins. Not only did he provide a service FOR his new church, he involved his seven-year old son to serve WITH him.

With no laser color printers, the task of printing a bulletin in the 1940s was a bit more involved. "Pastor Ressel's wife would type the stencil," John recalls. "The stencil was a thin plastic cylinder and the impression of the typed keys would sort of cut into the thing and that's how the ink would soak through onto the paper."

John and his dad would work in their basement each week to prepare the bulletins for the coming Sunday. "We picked up the stencil at pastor's house and brought it home." They hand-cranked the cylindrical stencil filled with ink and fed the paper through one sheet at a time. "Because the ink was greasy and didn't dry very quick, it would tend to offset on the next sheet. To keep the sheets clean, dad would have me shove in a waste piece of paper in between each good sheet. At the end, we had to unshuffle them and take all the waste sheets out and re-use them for the next printing." Finally, they were ready for the worship service. "I don't remember how they got from our house to the school," said John. He did remember one detail: "There was no air conditioning, so in the summer we would pass out hand fans." Otherwise, folks could use their bulletins.

John has gone on to be life-long member serving WITH that mission congregation. Over the last 75 years, he has served WITH God's people in various ways, following the example of his father.



11-year-old John (front left) in 1947, serving with other charter members of the Epiphany Children's Choir.

WHY WE CAN'T OUTSOURCE HARD TALKS

When I first started serving as a new Director of Christian Education, a new movie had just come out poking fun at the Christian faith. It was called *Saved*. Several other DCEs in the area were showing this movie at youth events and having discussions with the kids about why the creators of the movie portrayed Christians in the way they did, and what was wrong with the way the characters thought about and lived out their faith. It seemed like a good idea to me, and good way to connect faith with life, and so I decided to do the same. I will be honest ... it was a huge failure.

Now, twelve years later, I look back at that moment and realize the real issue was that I was afraid of sitting down and simply bringing up hard topics. I needed a way to bring up the subject that was comfortable for me, so I used a movie. Can you relate? This can transfer into our parenting. We don't want to talk about sex, violence, abuse, suicide, depression, or bullying to name a few. It is so hard and icky! It would be easier for others to do it for us, or to wait for our kids to bring it up, or to even give them a book or movie and have them learn it on their own. But, when we "outsource" the learning opportunity, we never know what they are going to hear or see or learn. And unfortunately, some of those things they learn from others, or see in film, could shape them in a way that we, parents and brothers and sisters in Christ, don't want them to be shaped.

Instead, be bold in your own faith and start those conversations with your kids. In your calling as a parent, trust that the Lord will see you through in his mercy and lean into the discomfort. Bring up those tough, icky, subjects and take the lead in centering life around the death and resurrection of Jesus. What does it mean to have hope in Christ when depression begins to sink in? What does it mean to live in Christ, in faith, when we are bullied? Why is there so much hurt, pain and suffering in the world and how does that redemptive story in the Bible teach us to deal with it? Don't "outsource" this opportunity to teach your kid, our kids, by showing them, or letting them watch, something you and your kids might both regret. And if they do see something that disturbs them, or you, take the time to talk it through. Don't be afraid. God has given us the "Helper," the Holy Spirit to sustain us, and even give us the words. We only need to trust, be bold, and proceed in faith.

Paul Terral,
Director of Youth-and-Family Ministry



Leading youth through challenging activities isn't the only way to help them open up and talk about tough issues. Much of the same can be accomplished in a walk around the park with a parent or mentor.

AND THE BEAT GOES ON

When you close your eyes and think of the neighborhood of your dreams ... what do you envision? I'm sure that there are a few common themes that we share as Americans and as children of God. These themes may include a warm and comfortable home, kind neighbors that look out for you, help you when you need help and in some respects become like family, a place that has beautiful surroundings that you can admire with the changing of the seasons, a neighborhood that gives you close proximity to your place of worship so that you may grow alongside your community in your love for God and his most beloved son Jesus and a sense of safety. Sounds like a neighborhood that only exists in movies and tv plots from the 1950's ... right? Well this neighborhood of your dreams really does exist and it's located right here in Holly Hills.

There's just one caveat to our beloved neighborhood. There has been a surge in crime in recent years. And the truth is, no matter where your neighborhood is located, how grand your home is and no matter how many gates it may contain, crime can happen. I've always been a believer that safety is more likely to come about by being proactive instead of reactive and that's why I am so pleased that our Holly Hills community has become proactive, by establishing the "Cops Walking a Beat" program. This program has recruited cops from the City of Saint Louis. Many live in the area, know the neighborhood and its residents and are invested in keeping us safe.

A meeting was held and open to the Holly Hills community members at Epiphany in April, to give an update on the progress of the program, since its establishment in November 2016. It began with a welcoming and a prayer led by Pastor Z and the meeting was facilitated by our long time resident of Holly Hills Mr. Steve Butz. Steve started the program but also helped to fund it for the first two months as a trial run. What was encouraging about the update was that the "Cops Walking a Beat" program seems to be reducing the incidents of crime in our community. There has especially been a reduction in the number of crimes involving larceny since cops have been patrolling the neighborhood between our alley ways, Carondelet Park and our neighborhood streets.

I can tell you personally as a resident of Holly Hills, I feel safer since this program was enacted, I still take my own proactive steps to be as safe as possible, which I would do wherever I lived but it matters to feel safer. And it matters that neighbors are looking out for one another by not only supporting this program but also by forming the Rat Patrol, which is a citizen led patrol watch. We even have our very own Community Police Officer liaison whose duties include keeping residents informed on crime trends, assists with quality of life issues around the neighborhood and is a voice for residents to the First District.

The goal of "Cops Walking a Beat" is to ultimately expand the program to other neighborhoods. In order to accomplish this goal there will need to be a greater commitment from the citizens and the city at large. If you are interested in learning more, please visit www.hollyhills.info/safety/

Whether you live here or not, it's important for every neighborhood to be proactive when it comes to safety. The Holly Hills community is demonstrating the model of how to work together with our local police in order to have and keep that dream neighborhood that is safer than it otherwise would be. Together as communities, neighbors and children of God, we can all work together and do our part to make a real difference in each other's safety.

Mark 12:29-31: Jesus said to him, "You shall love the lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

By Tiffanie Schenone



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1>June</h1>				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship 9:30 a.m. Christ to the Nations- Albania 11:00 a.m.	Identity 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Identity 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Identity 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Identity 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. Volunteers: Bulletin & Starlet 11:00 a.m.	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship 9:30 a.m. Christ to the Nations- Cuba 11:00 a.m.	Church Council 7 p.m.		ESL Class 12:00 p.m.		Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. Volunteers: Bulletin & Starlet 11:00 a.m.	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship 9:30 a.m. Christ to the Nations- Guatemala 11:00 a.m.			ESL Class 12:00 p.m. Summer Social – BBQ & Watermelon 5:30 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. Volunteers: Bulletin & Starlet 11:00 a.m.	Wedding 4:00 p.m.
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Worship 9:30 a.m. Church Potluck 11:00 a.m. Voters Meeting 12:00 a.m.			ESL Class 12:00 p.m. Summer Social – Kickball & Softball 5:30 p.m.		Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. Volunteers: Bulletin & Starlet 11:00 a.m.	
<h1>July</h1>						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Worship 9:30 a.m. Christ to the Nations- Papua New Guinea 11:00 a.m.	Office Closed	Office Closed	ESL Class 10:00 a.m. Summer Social – Popsicles in the Park 5:30 p.m.		Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. Volunteers: Bulletin & Starlet 11:00 a.m.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship 9:30 a.m. Christ to the Nations- Germany/Europe 11:00 a.m.		Willing Hands Meeting 11:00 a.m.	ESL Class 10:00 a.m. Summer Social – BBQ & Watermelon 5:30 p.m.		Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. Volunteers: Bulletin & Starlet 11:00 a.m.	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship 9:30 a.m. Christ to the Nations 11:00 a.m.			ESL Class 10:00 a.m. Summer Social – Kickball & Softball 5:30 p.m.		Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. Volunteers: Bulletin & Starlet 11:00 a.m. Youth Night 6:30 p.m.	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship 9:30 a.m. Potluck 11:00 a.m.			ESL Class 10:00 a.m. Summer Social – Popsicles in the Park 5:30 p.m.		Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. Volunteers: Bulletin & Starlet 11:00 a.m.	
30	31					
Worship 9:30 a.m. Game Day 11:00 a.m.						

SCHEDULES



DATE	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	ELDERS	ALTAR GUILD
6/4	Will Barnett	Barb Troup	Rich Berg	Lynn Goetz and Shirley Frederich
6/11	Dea Kuzhilla	Millie Phillips	Rod Horton Chris Hartley	
6/18	Brianna Meyer	Ron & Johanna Armstrong	Doug Jones	
6/25	Tori Riley	Joe & Patti Krick	Derek Perry, Rich Berg	
7/2	Elise Zeigler	Rich & Diane Berg	Chris Hartley	
7/9	Greyson Barnett	Lois Abernathy	Rich Berg	Shirley Frederich and Carol Niemeier
7/16	Elijah Hawk	Riley Voss	Rod Horton	
7/23	Hannah Hawk	Aaron & Tiffanie Schenone	Doug Jones	
7/30	Susie Boeyink	Wil Degenhardt	Derek Perry	

GROWING TOGETHER IN THE WORD

Sundays, 11 a.m.
Sun. Morning Bible Classes

Sunday School and Bible Class for all ages will focus on the theme "Christ to the Nations." We will welcome nine special guests who will share their first-hand experience about how the Christian faith is practiced around the world (see schedule below). During this time we will receive special offerings and encourage our children to support our missionaries through Together in Mission.

SUMMER BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE - FOR ALL AGES

DATE	COUNTRY	PRESENTER
June 4	Albania	Ela Cuka
June 11	Cuba	Carlos Noa
June 18	Guatemala	Renee Gibbs
July 2	Papua New Guinea	Pastor and Mary Anne Rall
July 9	Germany/Europe	Rick and Marla Steenbock
July 16	TBD	
July 30	Game Day	
Aug 6	Egypt	The Matta Family
Aug 13	India	Pastor Stanish Stanley
Aug 20	Uganda	Michelle Arnold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

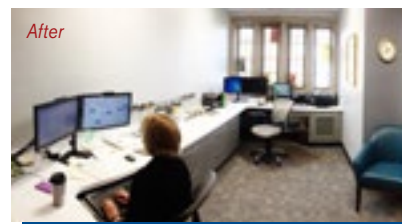
Farewell and Godspeed to our graduating Concordia Seminary Fieldworkers: Pastor Matthew Kusch, with his wife Hailey, who served at Epiphany for three years, plus Pastor Travis Ferguson, with his wife Amy, who served at Epiphany for one year. The Kusch's will go on to serve at Blessed Savior Lutheran, O'Fallon IL; the Ferguson's at Grace Lutheran, Knoxville, TN. We thank Diane Berg for crafting the beautiful, custom-made red stoles for their sending gifts!



Ferguson's and Kusch's on May 21st with Pastor Zeigler and Chairman of the Elders, Rod Horton.

Renovated Office –

Many thanks to our Church Council and Board of Trustees for overseeing the reconstruction of our church office space!



After



Before

The new office was designed to allow for multiple workstations aiding our new Operations Manager in developing a team of administrative volunteers.

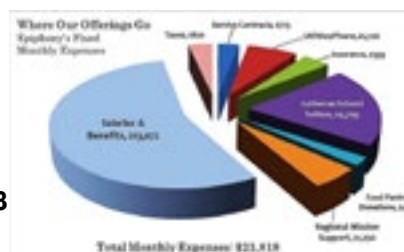
OUR STEWARDSHIP

Offerings

Average monthly offerings, Jan – April 2017: **\$10,633**

Attendance

Average weekly worship attendance, Jan – April 2017: **98**



Expenses not covered by offerings are paid through disbursements of interest earned from Epiphany's legacy gifts currently held as investments.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to you

Emily Driscoll June 2
 Eddie Foster..... June 2
 Hailey Krus June 2
 Paul Weihl..... June 2
 Zakary Littrell..... June 4
 Mark McMurry..... June 5
 Paige Frederich..... June 15
 Tiffanie Schenone June 15
 Paula Seward..... June 18
 Joshua Hyatt..... June 21
 Angela Mueller..... June 22
 Judy Roeder June 22
 Sophia Lamb..... June 23
 Zachary Slama..... June 23
 Jacob Atkinson June 26
 Diane Berg June 29
 Desiree Stout..... June 30

Rich Berg July 1
 Elijah Bonzano..... July 1
 John Heinicke July 3
 Karen Slama..... July 3
 Aaron Schenone July 4
 Donald Bonzano..... July 5
 Jennifer Hartley..... July 5
 Derek Pfeuffer July 5
 Barbara Schrader July 6
 Tina Johnson July 7
 Jim Lang..... July 7
 Travis Lee July 7
 Andrew Smart..... July 7
 Pat Wachter July 7
 Titus Zeigler July 8
 William Barnett..... July 12
 Vince Birkman..... July 12
 Alex Cuka..... July 12

Hady Matta July 12
 Ashley Hodge July 13
 Tyler Krick..... July 15
 Derek Perry July 15
 Rosie Williams..... July 16
 Timothy Krus July 17
 Mark Slama July 17
 Abigail Yaeger July 17
 Kurt Zickler..... July 19
 Evan Driscoll July 20
 Patti Krick July 20
 Chris Muench July 24
 Amber Hodge July 26
 Julia Blevins..... July 27
 Scott Atkinson..... July 28
 Shirley Frederich..... July 28
 Michelle Welch..... July 28



Matt & Andrea Young June 1
 Bill & Jan Dorsam..... June 6
 Chris & Jennifer Hartley June 8
 George & Lynn Goetz June 11
 Dennis & Laura Stoval..... June 18
 James & Michelle Welch..... June 19
 Chris & Jill Pfeuffer..... June 21
 Kurt & Kathy Zickler June 22
 Roger & Marlene Kleffner..... July 1
 Timothy and Rasheedah Krus July 1
 Rich & Stephanie Kasznell..... July 18
 Douglas & Jennifer Rapley July 18
 Michael & Amy Zeigler July 26
 Jeff & Tiffany Gallo July 27
 Joe & Patti Krick July 28

PRAYER REQUESTS

To be a part of the Prayer Chain
 contact Karen Slama at (314) 353.2396.

Homebound

Bonnie Crites
 Carolyn Gluesenkamp
 Donna Reek
 Emilee Sutherlin
 Dorothy Zickler
 Kurt & Kathy Zickler

Serving as Police Officers

Jonathan Baublitz
 (Desiree Stout's brother)
 Andrew Kleffner
 Mark McMurry
 Don Reynolds
Serving in Military
 Patrick Coil
 (Mary Kay Sansone's son)
 Paul Frederich
 (Shirley Frederich's grandson)
 Aaron Schenone
 David Wheeler
 (Judy Langdon's son-in-law)



**I OFFER THIS PRAYER
 IN THE NAME OF
 JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD
 AMEN**

For God's Grace, Health & Healing

John Bernthal
 Vince Birkman
 Ken Braniecki
 (Lisa Birkman's father)
 Family of Richard Golec
 Susan Harris
 Kirk Johnson
 Bonny Lang
 Vickie Matta
 The Miyazaki Family



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Return Service Requested

JUNE-JULY NEWSLETTER

CONSTITUTION QUIZ

A congregation's constitution is an important document. It explains the way we plan to organize ourselves, make decisions, and take action as a group. Take this quiz to see how much you know about Epiphany's Constitution:

1. To qualify for membership at Epiphany, which two writings must one accept?
 - A. Epiphany's Constitution & Robert's Rules of Order
 - B. The Lutheran Hymnal and The Lutheran Service Book
 - C. The Holy Bible and the Small Catechism
 - D. The Holy Bible and The Declaration of Independence
2. Since its incorporation in 1941, Epiphany has adopted how many different constitutions?
 - A. 5
 - B. 3
 - C. 2
 - D. Only 1 – as a binding document, it cannot change.
3. When Epiphany was first organized, only men could vote. When was this changed?
 - A. It has not changed.
 - B. 1956
 - C. 1966
 - D. 1976
4. How many times has our current constitution been amended?
 - A. 9
 - B. 4
 - C. 2
 - D. Zero changes
5. According to the LCMS, what are the "watch words" for drafting a church constitution?
 - A. Timeless and Unalterable
 - B. Inspired and Inerrant
 - C. Detailed and Comprehensive
 - D. Brief but Adequate

Answers: 1. C, 2. B, 3. D, 4. A, 5. D