

THE STAR



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

Epiphany Lutheran Church

February 2016

Join us for a meal and worship
each Wednesday during Lent.

Worship services at 6:45 p.m.

Dinner from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Thanks for joining us for Game Day on Jan 31st!

We'll have another on Sat, Feb 20th,
starting at 2 p.m. Bring a favorite game
to play and/or a favorite snack to share.
Enjoy some fellowship with your sisters
and brothers in Christ.

Lenten Meal Schedule	
Feb. 10 th	Willing Hands (<i>chili mac, hot dogs</i>)
Feb. 17 th	Church Council (<i>Mostaccioli & salad</i>)
Feb. 24 th	Choir (<i>Chicken Alfredo</i>)
Mar. 2 nd	Elders (<i>Lasagna, garlic bread, salad</i>)
Mar. 9 th	School Parents (<i>Sloppy Joes</i>)
Mar. 16 th	Thrivent / Seminary Fieldworkers (<i>Soup & Salad</i>)





He Gives and Takes Away. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. (Job 1:21)

I want to invite you to participate in our new Sunday Morning Bible Study series.

Why?

Because we all suffer—personally and privately. We also suffer in more public ways. Thanks to the media, we can experience a twenty-four hour cycle of the world's catastrophes. We need the **Book of Job**, now, more than ever.

Job is one of the Bible's greatest wisdom books. During Lent we will explore this magnificent composition that is numbered among the greatest literature of all time. Six mid-week sermons will help us dig deeply into Job's central message and supporting truths, while six Sunday morning adult Bible classes will further address the book's major topics and themes.

Martin Luther commented that "Job is magnificent and sublime as no book of Scripture." Others have called Job "the Shakespeare of the Bible." The early Christian scholar Jerome perhaps put it best when he called the Book of Job an "eel," since the more one tries to grasp it, the slipperier it becomes! The purpose of our Lenten emphasis is to learn how to apply Job to our lives so that the book becomes less like an eel and more like a loving companion through life's dark valleys.

Since we will only be able to scratch the surface of Job's 42 chapters, make an effort to read the book through multiple times this Lent and bring your questions to Bible study on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m.

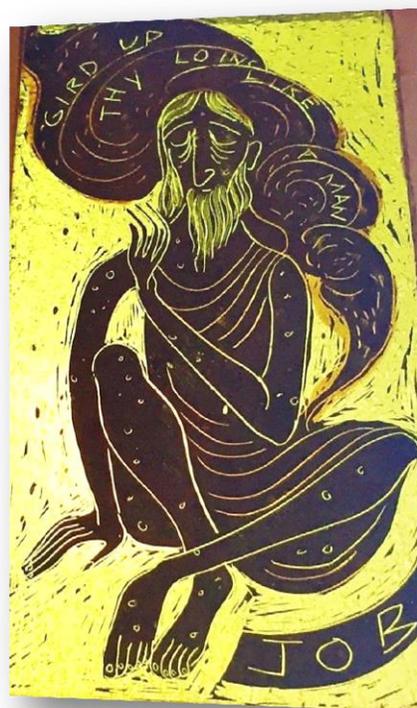
Even better, I recommend listening to it on-line here:
<https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/dramatized/niv/Job>

Or, you can purchase a digital copy of the audio book by searching for it on Amazon.com. Here's a link:
[NIV Audio Bible: Job \(Dramatized\)](#)

Rather than giving up chocolate or coffee for Lent, why don't you *take up* a renewed devotional habit of daily reading, listening to, meditating on, and praying over the Bible? Start with Job.

Job's most famous statement appears in Job 19:25, "I know that my Redeemer lives." Jesus is alive. He has conquered death and the grave. His word is sufficient. His grace is enough.

Following Jesus, fallibly, but full of hope,
Pastor Zeigler



"You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful" (James 5:11).



Christian Fellowship & Formation



Sunday School Snapshot

DATE	LESSON	ACTIVITY
Feb. 7 th	Baby Moses	Exodus Mural - River
Feb. 14 th	Shepherd Moses	Mural – Burning Bush
Feb. 21 st	Moses on a Mission	Mural – Water to Blood
Feb. 28 th	Fellowship Potluck	
Mar. 6 th	Leaving Slavery	Mural – Red Sea
Mar. 13 th	Into the Wild	Water from Rock



Nursery Available – Our nursery is located in the lower level, below the front entryway. Care is provided for children under 5 years of age from 9:15 a.m. to noon for parents to participate in worship & Bible Study.

Youth Bible Study & Fellowship

Sunday mornings, led by Youth-and-Family Ministry Director, Paul Terral.

Thurs. Morning Bible Study & Fellowship

10:00 a.m. We're studying the book of Exodus.

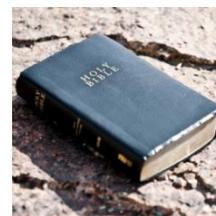
Wed. Women's Bible Study & Fellowship

6:30 p.m. (re-starts after Easter, in April)

Contact Amy Zeigler or Desiree Stout.

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

at Panera on Loughborough & I-55
6:30 a.m., every Tuesday



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Epiphany's. LWML will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month after Bible Study. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

11 a.m. – noon

God lets us suffer.

Why serve God?

(a study of the Book of Job)

Feb. 7 th	Why do the righteous serve God?
Feb. 14 th	Who was Job?
Feb. 21 st	Why does God allow us to suffer?
Feb. 28 th	Fourth Sunday Fellowship Potluck
Mar. 6 th	Accusing and Defending God
Mar. 13 th	Life Under the Cross.
Mar. 20 th	Helping Suffering People



February

- 2nd Michele Edstrom
- 3rd Judy Marvin
- 4th Amy Allen
Daniel Frederick
Andrea Young
- 6th Cole Aycock
- 7th Chris Pfeuffer
- 9th Nick Hagen
- 10th Grace Driskell
Melissa Kirkpatrick
Lorene Tate
- 13th Susan Driscoll
Dorothy Zickler
- 15th Melissa Perez
- 18th Mark Hagen
Michael Mara
- 21st Trevon Allen
- 25th Ron Armstrong
- 26th Andrea Reynolds
- 28th Don Fassold
- 29th Ruth Schury

Please notify the church office of any errors or omissions.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

March

- 10th Jayme Gallo
Mike Reilly



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2nd Paula & Lee Seward 25 years
- 15th Judy & Dave Roeder 47 years
- 17th Julia & Howard Blevins 54 years

Monthly Men's Fellowship

at Epiphany
Next Third Thursday
Feb 18th
7 – 9 p.m.
Darts. Washers.
Food. Brotherhood.



Men of all ages are invited.

We plan to throw some darts and washers in friendly competition, enjoy some food, and encourage each other as brothers and fellow disciples of Jesus.

Thanks to everyone who supported the **Valentine Sweet Sale** sponsored by the Willing Hands group on Feb 7th.



Altar Flowers

Honor someone, celebrate a special occasion, or give as a memorial to a loved one special altar flowers.

A sign-up calendar is in the narthex.
The cost is \$25.00 for two bouquets.



Food! February is food collection month to support our local food pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the basket in the narthex or place your monetary donation (marked "Food Pantry") in the offering. Thank you for your help!



Attendance

Our Stewardship

Offerings

Date	Attendance	Bible Class
1/3	83	24
1/10	72	31
1/17	94	38
1/24	104	67 (Potluck)
1/31	94	42 (Game Day)

Date	Offerings	Dedicated	Other
1/3	\$1,318.25	\$69	--
1/10	\$1,105.61	\$83.77	--
1/17	\$3,523	\$626.40	\$1,982.01
1/24	\$2,175	\$129.50	\$57
1/31	\$2,185	\$200	--
Total:	10,307*	Needed for Budget:	\$9,865

*Note: the five weeks of giving in January may reflect a higher monthly total.



What a great time the men of Epiphany had as we rolled out the first **Men's Group**, Man Cave, or whatever else we end up calling it! Twenty-plus men from all ages and backgrounds showed up to connect, eat some good food, and learn a little bit more about each other. From our time we spent together that night I have arrived at a couple conclusions. **First**, not one of us should ever be allowed to enter a dart league, because we stink at darts. As we continue to meet, perhaps God will bless our skills? **Second**, great wisdom and fellowship can come from sitting around a table and listening to other men share their lives with each other. Relationships can go such a long way in the Church, and knowing the man who sits across the pew from you a little better enriches our Epiphany community. I found great value from the men of my group, and I thank them for that! **Finally**, our lives and our circumstances aren't always easy, but what a burden is lifted by hashing it out with other men who can support and encourage each other.

Sometimes we might feel like we are alone in our struggles. But we aren't! We men can come together, share our burdens, and contribute wisdom and guidance for our fellow brothers. The entire point of our getting together is to build ourselves up into disciples, in order to better serve our Lord and our neighbors. I am excited to see where the men of Epiphany take this group! Thank you for all who attended, and if possible find a friend to invite along next time. I encourage you men of Epiphany to take ownership of this group, build a culture that is inviting and uplifting, and simply have fun with each other. See you **next Third Thursday, Feb 18th at 7 p.m.**

All things are possible with our Lord,
Eric Hauan
4th Year Seminary Fieldwork Student



Homebound:

Bonnie Crites
Donna Reek
Dorothy Zickler

Emilee Sutherland
Kurt & Kathy Zickler

Be a Part of the Prayer Chain.
Contact Karen Slama at (314) 353.2396.

Serving as Police Officers:

Jonathan Baublitz (Desiree Stout's brother)
Andrew Kleffner
Mark McMurry
Adrian Patton
Don Reynolds (Andrea's husband)

Epiphany Members - for God's Grace, Health, & Healing:

Carolyn Gluesenkamp
Bonny Lang
Kathy Zickler

Ron Diederichs
Rod Schury
Cheryl Cieszynski



Serving in the Military:

Patrick Coil
Paul Frederick (Shirley Frederick's grandson)
Jinming Lam
Tyson Patton
James Welch (Michele's husband)
David Wheeler (Judy Langdon's son-in-law)



(Information as of Wed., Feb. 3rd. Please notify the office of any additions or removals.)

Serving in February				
Date	Time	Elder	Greeter(s)	Acolyte
2/7	9.30 a.m.	Bill Dorsam	Tiffany Gallo	Paul Gallo
2/10	6.45 p.m.	Mike Meyer		Hanna Hawk
2/14	9.30 a.m.	Chris Pfeuffer	Britney & Jack Hawk	Brianna Meyer
2/21	9.30 a.m.	Mike Meyer	Judy Marvin	Elise Zeigler
2/28	9.30 a.m.	Rod Horton	Emanuela & Marsel Cuka	Will Barnett
Altar Guild Duty – Andrea Barnett & Lynn Goetz				

Fourth Sunday Potluck Brunch

Join us for our monthly potluck brunch every Fourth Sunday in the lower level Fellowship Hall.

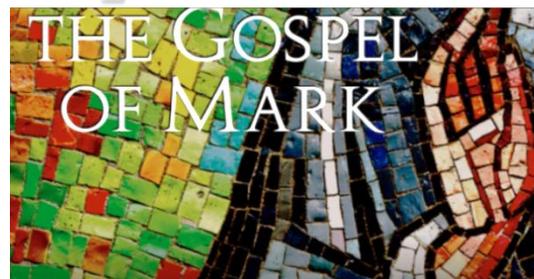
Bring main dish, side dish, or dessert to share and enjoy some conversation with your sisters and brothers in Christ.

Make an appointment for 11 a.m. on Feb 28th & Mar 27th

Book Collection for Woerner Elementary

Please bring new & gently used books & place them in the basket, in the narthex. Desired books include, picture books that can be read to the class, easy reader books & chapter books suitable for grades K-8. Monetary donations can also be made. Please mark your monetary donation "Books for Woerner" & place it in the offering.

Gospel of Mark Performance



Wed, Mar 23rd, 6:30 p.m.
At Epiphany

Register at csl.edu/thegospelofmark/



The Word on the Street

From our Director of Youth-and-Family Ministry

“It Takes a Village”

Have you ever heard the saying “it takes a village to raise a child?” I don’t really hear it much anymore but I did growing up. Especially in church. Usually one of us boys (the whole youth group was boys back then), had done something ridiculous and after the swift hand of discipline from one of our parents let loose, a mom would shake her head and say “it takes a village.”

I never really thought about what that meant until I became a parent myself. I thought even more about it as I entered into full-time church work and began to partner with parents to teach their children about who Jesus is and what it means to follow him.

When I was growing up, our youth group was close-knit, and the parents were close, and we knew our neighbors, we knew the soccer and little league coaches, and we knew the people at the grocery store, and so on. If something was up, someone would step in to help or discipline us boys. We would learn what was right because the values our parents were teaching were the same the coaches expected. We heard it from our teachers, neighbors and shop owners. We learned how to be citizens, men, and Christians from watching all these people living in community with one another.

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Welcome to our new **Seminary Fieldworker, Jess Biermann**, pictured here with his girlfriend, Johanna. Jess is in his 1st year at Concordia Seminary and will serve at Epiphany until May.



In adapting to life as a seminary student, what has been a struggle for you?

I am blessed to be able to return to my home in St. Louis for my seminary education! I'd say that one of my reoccurring struggles has been keeping my focus on the present rather than dwelling on the years of schooling that still remain ahead of me. It's easy to lose your footing when your attention is fixated on something in the distance.

What have you enjoyed most about the seminary?

That's a hard question! The thing I've enjoyed most is an amalgam of opportunities for heated philosophical discussion with my brothers, daily worship in chapel, and the chance to learn from some of the most brilliant minds in our synod!

As a fieldworker at Epiphany, what would you like to learn?

I am thrilled that I have the opportunity to return to Epiphany for my spring fieldwork placement. I look forward to receiving God's gifts in worship with you, working with you in the community, and encouraging one another as the Body of Christ. I want to learn anything and everything you can teach me through these opportunities!

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Mark Your Calendar

Feb. 17th – Lenten Mid-week every Wed till Mar 16; dinner, 5-6:30 p.m., worship, 6:45 p.m.

Feb. 18th – 7 – 9 p.m., Man Cave Fellowship (darts, washers, food, brotherhood)

Feb. 20th – 2 p.m., Game Day (see page 1).

Feb. 28th – 11 a.m., Fourth Sunday fellowship potluck & shoe collection kick-off;
also with a special appreciation for all Epiphany couples married 20+ years

Mar. 23rd – 6:30 p.m., Gospel of Mark Live at Epiphany

Mar. 27th – 11 a.m., Fourth Sunday fellowship potluck

Mar. 20th – Palm Sunday and New Member Welcome

Mar. 27th – Resurrection of Our Lord



“It Takes a Village” (continued from prior page)

... Today, shared values in raising children are pretty tough to come by. But, I don't think it is impossible. At least we, as a church, could get there. I think this is what Jesus meant for us to be. I just think we have to do it on purpose.

St. Paul talks about the church, this Body, in Ephesians chapter four. We are one Body, under one Lord, with one hope, and one faith. We have a lot in common and are given grace in abundance through Christ Jesus for the encouragement of the Body of believers. He puts the right people with the right gifts into the right situations with the sole purpose to build one another up into “him who is the head, into Christ” and “...when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.” **This sounds like a fantastic village!**

So as we sing together, talk and pray together, as we eat together and gather, consider that this “village” we are a part of is bearing fruit as we walk together in the hope we have in Christ and the love we have for one another.

Grace and Peace to you

Paul Terral

Director of Youth-and-Family Ministry



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Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.
Growth in the Word: 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
4th Sunday Fellowship Potluck: 10:45 a.m.
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Website: www.epiphany-stl.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pastor's Day Off	1 Men's Bible Study 6:30 a.m. Panera Bread	2 Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Bd. of Elders 6:30 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m. Lenten Worship 6:45 p.m.	3 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	4 Homeschool Group 8:30 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m.	5
6 <u>Fourth Sunday in Lent</u> Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Growth in the Word 10:45 a.m.	7 Pastor's Day Off  7:00 p.m.	8 Men's Bible Study 6:30 a.m. Panera Bread	9 Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m. Lenten Worship 6:45 p.m.	10 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	11 Homeschool Group 8:30 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m.	12
13 <u>Fifth Sunday in Lent</u> Worship (Communion) 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Growth in the Word 10:45 a.m.	14 Pastor's Day Off	15 Men's Bible Study 6:30 a.m. Panera Bread	16 Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m. Lenten Worship 6:45 p.m.	17 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship - 7 p.m.	18 Homeschool Group 8:30 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Play, 7 p.m.	19 Newsletter Deadline
20 <u>Palm Sunday</u> Worship/New Member Welcome 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Growth in the Word 10:45 a.m.	21 Pastor's Day Off	22 Men's Bible Study 6:30 a.m. Panera Bread	23 No Confirmation Gospel of Mark 6:30 p.m.	24 Mundy Thursday 6:45 p.m.	25 Good Friday 6:45 p.m.	26
27 <u>Resurrection of Our Lord</u> Worship (Communion) 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Potluck 11 a.m.	28 Pastor's Day Off	29 Men's Bible Study 6:30 a.m. Panera Bread	30 Confirmation 4:30 p.m.	31 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	1 Homeschool Group 8:30 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m.	2
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