

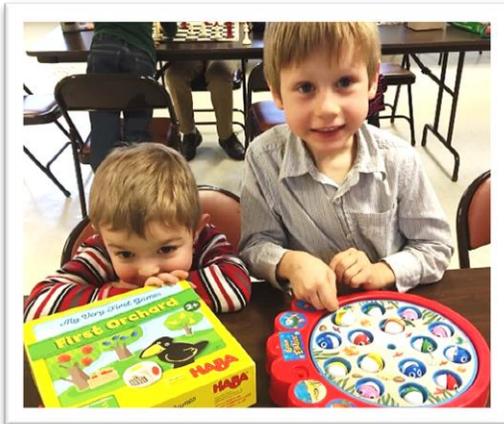
THE STAR



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

Epiphany Lutheran Church

March 2016



Thanks
for joining
us for
Game Day
last
month!

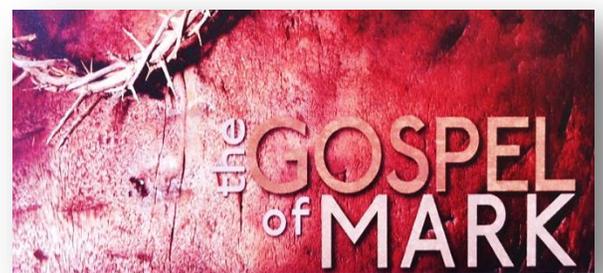


Thanks for supporting our
Chili Fundraiser for Groundwork Guatemala!

We'll have another Game Day on Sat.,
Mar. 19th, 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.



At 6:30 pm on Wed, Mar 23rd, Pastor Zeigler and five other ministers will share the Gospel of Mark in the lively style of an ancient storytellers.



The first hearers of Mark's Gospel probably heard it all in one sitting in about the same amount of time we devote to watching a movie. It was presented by a trained storyteller—full of action, movement, and emotion. Professor David Rhodes explained it this way:

"It has become clear that Mark's story was presented from memory, told all at one time, probably in houses, in marketplaces, at meals, at evening gatherings ... In modern English, it takes about two hours to recount Mark's Gospel, not an unusual length of time for an ancient storyteller to recall or for an ancient audience to embrace."
(David Rhoads, *Mark as Story*, 2012)

To help our planning, please RSVP by registering to attend at www.epiphany-stl.org.
Or, you can call in your RSVP to the church office at 752-7065.



Re~Tell Them to Your Children

A friend shared a fascinating article with me. It was about a 64-year old professional storyteller from St. Louis named Bobby Norfolk. He makes a living touring the nation, telling his tales. Some see him as just another entertainer. But Mr. Norfolk knows it's more than that. "The stories I perform make a difference in forming values and beliefs," he said. (*Go! Magazine*, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 02.26.16, p. 12).

Christians are called to be story-tellers—not exactly like Mr. Norfolk, but *not* entirely different either. The stories he tells may or may not be true. And it doesn't matter too much whether or not his stories are true. Even fantasy stories can form values. But the story at the heart of the historic Christian faith claims to be true. If it is not true, this faith falls apart. Mr. Norfolk's stories might *enhance* your life. But the Christian Story *involves* your life.

Once upon a time, there was a man who started a business. He struggled for years to make it profitable. At one point, he was so discouraged he almost quit. But finally, he caught a break and made it big.

Let's say I made that story up. Even as fiction, it still might have some value because it offers lessons about hard work and perseverance.

But let's say I claim that it's true. Even more, I claim that it's *my* story and I want you to invest your life-savings and become a business partner. *Now it matters* whether or not the story is true because I'm asking you to stake your livelihood on it. There might also be lessons about hard work and perseverance on the way. But if you join me, the lessons will *involve* you because you'll be living them with me.



The Bible is a *life-involving* story. It doesn't just enhance our lives. It lays claim to them. It contains powerful lessons about faith, perseverance, and sacrifice. And, if we let Jesus have His Way, these lessons will involve us.

Yet we can still learn something from Mr. Norfolk. As a professional story-teller, he's convinced the "human brain is wired for storytelling." Neuroscientists demonstrated this by monitoring kids' brainwaves. They started by rolling in a television with some popular kids' shows. "They looked at the brain activity on the graph and it was almost flat lining ... very little brain activity. Then they rolled the TV away and brought in a storyteller telling stories live ... the graph was almost off the chart" (*ibid*).

In Exodus 10, Yahweh tells Moses that the people are to re-tell this story to their children and grandchildren over and over again. As the designer of humanity, God "wired" our brains for story.

How do we let God's story have its Way with us? In exactly the same way we would let any other story have its way. We close our mouths. Open our hearts. And listen. Then we repeat it, agonize over it, celebrate it, and so become characters within it.

Pastor Zeigler



Christian Fellowship & Formation



Sunday School Snapshot

| DATE | LESSON | ACTIVITY |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Mar. 6 th | Leaving Slavery | Mural – Red Sea |
| Mar. 13 th | Into the Wild | Water from Rock |
| Mar. 20 th | Easter Egg Hunt | Hunt! |
| Mar. 27 th | Easter Breakfast | Enjoy! |

Lutheran Women’s Missionary League

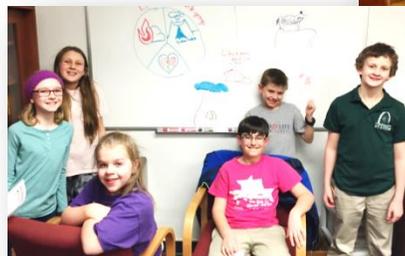
Meets on the 3rd Thurs after Bible Study.
Refreshments will be served.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be hosted on March 20th, during fellowship hour.

We’re planning on around **45 children** ages infant to 15 years old. Each child will hunt for eggs coordinating with a special designed card, & then receive a bag of goodies once they have completed the challenge. We do this to equal out the playing field (no one kid gets all the eggs) & to assist those children who have allergies, so they don't receive items harmful to their health. We would greatly appreciate the following items in donations by Wed. the 16th of March: Stickers, coloring books, balloons, candy, bouncy balls, small stuffed animals, jacks, gum, fruit, teethers, hair bows, or anything that could fit in a small paper bag.

** As we have a variety of ages, we don't need 45 of each item! Each bag will have a little something different.

Youth Bible Study & Fellowship
Sunday mornings
Are you ready for the challenge?



Wed. Women’s Bible Study & Fellowship

6:30 p.m. (re-starts in April)
Contact Amy Zeigler or Desiree Stout for details.



Thurs. Morning Bible Study & Fellowship

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

Men’s Tues Bible Study and Fellowship

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





March

- 10th Jayme Gallo
- Mike Reilly
- 12th Sharon Kirkpatrick
- 14th Katie Krick
- 16th Melissa Schrum
- 17th Angela Langdon
- 18th Donna Benson
- 21st Kimberly Wheeler
- 24th Wil Degenhardt
- Marlyn Ojile
- Dawn Walters
- 26th Howard Blevins
- Michael Lamb
- Dylan Borreson
- 27th Emanuela Cuka
- 29th Kevin Jones
- 31st Zackary Stovall

Please notify the church office of any errors or omissions.



April

- 2nd Zackery Atkinson
- 7th Jennifer Womack
- 9th Christine Poss
- Donna Reek

We will again beautify the chancel with lilies at Easter. If you care to participate, the cost is \$8.50. Envelopes are available in the narthex. Be sure to include your name and/or envelope number. Thank you. *Altar Guild*



Altar Flowers

Honor someone, celebrate a special occasion, or give as a memorial. A sign-up calendar is in the narthex. The cost is \$25.00 for two bouquets.

Monthly Man Cave Fellowship

at Epiphany
Next Third Thursday, Mar. 17th
7 – 9 p.m.
Darts. Washers.
Food. Brotherhood, ...



Men of all ages are invited.

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



Last month we honored Aaron Schenone and Andrew Kleffner in the "Call of Diaper Dooty" as new fathers. Aaron is pictured here in the gas mask. Andrew was at home with his new son ... probably changing a diaper.



Attendance

Our Stewardship

Offerings

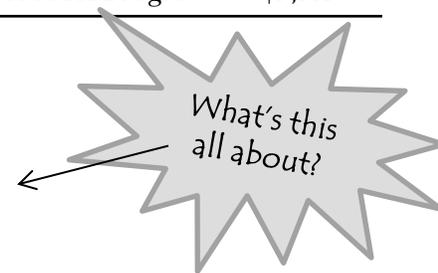
| Date | Attendance | Bible Class |
|------|---------------|--------------|
| 2/7 | 108 | 24 |
| 2/10 | 54 (mid-week) | -- |
| 2/14 | 59 | 38 |
| 2/17 | 45 (mid-week) | -- |
| 2/21 | 99 | 45 |
| 2/24 | 40 (mid-week) | -- |
| 2/28 | 105 | 71 (potluck) |

| Date | Offerings | Dedicated | Other |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 2/7 | \$1,969 | \$767 | -- |
| 2/10 | \$258 | -- | -- |
| 2/14 | \$1,954 | \$373.82 | \$6 |
| 2/17 | \$193 | -- | -- |
| 2/21 | \$2,018.78 | \$110 | \$45 |
| 2/24 | \$55 | | |
| 2/28 | \$1,519 | \$88.96 | -- |
| Total: | \$7,966.78 | Needed for Budget: | \$9,865 |

Send newsletter announcements and stories to the church office

Mail them, call them in, or E-mail them to epiphanylutheran@sbcglobal.net

Joining Jesus on His Mission



As we seek to fulfill the calling of Jesus upon this body of believers who gather as Epiphany Lutheran Church, we are guided by our ministry plan. Staying with this plan involves setting an annual budget and implementing activities within that budget. It also involves each household giving sacrificially to support the budget.

Over the years, Epiphany has been blessed with many generous and sacrificial givers. More than half of our budget is supported by "legacy gifts" which, for the present time, the congregation has decided to invest. The investment interest from these legacy gifts supports 60% of our annual budget. The other 40% is supported by "first-fruit" gifts (weekly/monthly offerings).

For 2016, we must receive, on average, \$2,466 in first-fruit gifts each week to support our annual budget. Our weekly average for 2016 (Jan - Feb) has been \$2,030, leaving us \$436 short.

We give thanks to God for our many legacy and first-fruit gifts. By His Holy Spirit, we are filled with hope for the future. We are also challenged to ask ourselves how we might sacrificially give our first-fruits and leverage our legacy gifts to join Jesus on His mission here in our community.

Thank you for all of the food, toiletry, and monetary donations for our local food pantries! Your contributions are very appreciated!

~ Board of Social Ministry

Sermons are now available on-line at epiphany-stl.org



Homebound:

Bonnie Crites
Donna Reek
Dorothy Zickler

Emilee Sutherlin
Kurt & Kathy Zickler

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

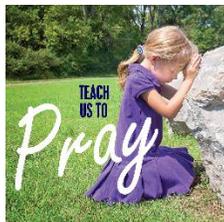
Serving as Police Officers:

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
Vince Birkman

Ron Diederichs
Rod Schury
Cheryl Cieszynski



Serving in the Military:

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



(Information as of Wed., March 9th. Please notify the office of any additions or removals.)

| Serving in March | | | | |
|--|-------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Date | Time | Elder | Greeter(s) | Acolyte |
| 3/6 | 9.30 a.m. | Rich Berg | Marlene Kleffner | Hanna Hawk |
| 3/13 | 6.45 p.m. | Mike Meyer | Bonny & Jim Lang | Alex Pfeuffer |
| 3/20 | 9.30 a.m. | Chris Pfeuffer | Riley Voss | Hanna Hawk |
| 3/24 | 6.45 p.m. | Rod Horton | | Will Barnett |
| 3/25 | 6.45 p.m. | | | Paul Gallo |
| 3/27 | 9.30 a.m. | Bill Dorsam | Zeigler Family | Josiah Zeigler |
| Altar Guild Duty – Julia Blevins & Barb Schrader | | | | |

Fourth Sunday Potluck Brunch

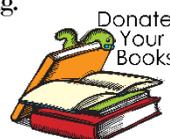
Join us for our monthly potluck brunch every Fourth Sunday in the lower level Fellowship Hall.

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

Make an appointment for
8 a.m. on Mar 27th (Easter Breakfast)
& 11 a.m. on April 24th

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.





The Word on the Street

Thanks to all who helped with our celebration of faithfulness in marriage on Feb 28th!
We honored Epiphany couples who have been married for 20 years or more!

What God Has Joined Together



Jesus said, “God created them from the beginning [and] made them male and female, and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh’ ... Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate” (Matt. 19:4-6).

In our culture today, marriage, as Jesus defined it, is not so highly honored. However, in our congregation, we are blessed with 38 couples, who, as husband and wife, have honored their wedding vows for 20 years or more.

During our fellowship potluck, we honored these couples and thanked God for their example to us. Many brought their wedding photos & shared them with us so that we could continue to celebrate “what God has joined together.”



Bridge Bread! Place your order for our next delivery of Bridge Bread! Order forms and collection box are located in the narthex.

Please Note: Because of Easter, Bridge Bread orders will only be collected through the 2nd Sunday - March 13th, and orders will be ready for pick up on the third Sunday - March 20th .

All Bridge Bread products can be frozen and saved for Easter or later. Just place the bread/rolls on the counter, to thaw, the morning that you will use them.

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Mark Your Calendar

- Mar. 17th – 7 p.m., Man Cave Fellowship (third Thursdays, see p. 4)
- Mar. 19th – 2 p.m., Game Day, Fellowship Hall (see p. 1)
- Mar. 20th – 9:30 a.m., Palm Sunday & New Member Welcome; Easter Egg Hunt (see p. 3)
- Mar. 23rd – 6:30 – 9 p.m., Gospel of Mark Live at Epiphany (see p. 1)
- Mar. 24th – 6.45 p.m., Maundy Thursday Worship
- Mar. 25th – 6.45 p.m., Good Friday Worship
- Mar. 27th – 8 – 9 a.m., Easter Breakfast (see below); 9:30 a.m., Easter Service
- Apr. 30th – 8:30 a.m., Workshop on starting an International Friendship Center (see POBLO, below)

Note: next month's calendar is provided with this newsletter; check this section for updates and additions



POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) is a Christian organization working to transform the way missions are approached in the United States by responding to the changing demographics that have brought the mission field to our own front yard.

On April 30th, starting at **8:30 a.m.**, POBLO will lead a workshop at Epiphany to help interested congregations explore how they can serve their multi-cultural, immigrant communities through an **International Friendship Center (IFC)**.

The workshop will focus on effective strategies for cross-cultural engagement, building relationships of trust, and sharing the love of Jesus in practical ways. Hands-on training equips pastors, leaders, and volunteers to teach English, host sewing classes, and share Jesus by building friendships.



Super Bowl Party and Chili-fundraiser for Guatemala Mission

Epiphany Easter Breakfast

Sunday, March 27
Sponsored by Thrivent Chapter
Serving from 8 to 9 a.m.

Menu

- Ham and Egg Casserole
- Egg Florentine Casserole
- Sausage
- Pancakes
- Seasonal Fresh Fruit
- Orange Juice
- Milk
- Coffee

Scrambled eggs will be prepared on request for members with food allergies

To assist in our preparations, please RSVP to the Church Office – 314.752.7065 or epiphanylutheran@sbcglobal.net with the number of family members expected.





April
2016

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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.
 E-mail: epiphanylutheran@sbcglobal.net
 Website: www.epiphany-stl.org

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | | 1 Homeschool Group 8:30 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. | 2 |
| 3 Second Sunday of Easter Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Growth in the Word 10:45 a.m. | 4 Pastor's Day Off | 5 Men's Bible Study 6:30 a.m. Panera Bread | 6 Confirmation 4:30 p.m. | 7 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. | 8 Homeschool Group 8:30 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. | 9 |
| 10 Third Sunday of Easter Worship (Communion) 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Growth in the Word 10:45 a.m. | 11 Pastor's Day Off  7:00 p.m. | 12 Men's Bible Study 6:30 a.m. Panera Bread | 13 Confirmation 4:30 p.m. | 14 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. | 15 Homeschool Group 8:30 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. | 16 Newsletter Deadline |
| 17 Fourth Sunday of Easter Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Growth in the Word 10:45 a.m. | 18 Pastor's Day Off | 19 Men's Bible Study 6:30 a.m. Panera Bread | 20 Confirmation 4:30 p.m. | 21 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship - 7 p.m. | 22 Homeschool Group 8:30 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. | 23 |
| 24 Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship (Communion) 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Potluck 11 a.m. | 25 Pastor's Day Off | 26 Men's Bible Study 6:30 a.m. Panera Bread | 27 Confirmation 4:30 p.m. | 28 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. | 29 Homeschool Group 8:30 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. | 30 POBLO Workshop, 8:30 a.m. |
| 1 Sixth Sunday of Easter Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Growth in the Word 10:45 a.m. |  <h1>Epiphany Lutheran Church</h1> | | | | | |