



The Epiphany Starlet

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Weekly Calendar

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Choir Rehearsal

8:45 a.m.

Worship

9:30 a.m.

Congregational Meeting

10:45 a.m.

Confirmation Class

6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 24

Choir Rehearsal

8:45 a.m.

Worship with Communion

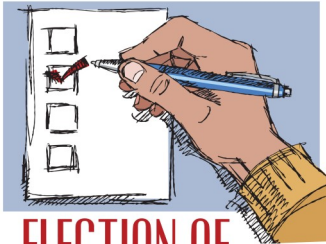
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**ELECTION OF
OFFICERS**

Voter's Meeting Today After Worship

For nearly three months, groups have been meeting to prepare for the new organizational structure in place at Epiphany. The time has come! We will be electing the positions of President, Vice President, and Head of Elders. Committee chairpersons have been nominated and will also be voted upon at the meeting. We will also review the new constitution together and field questions from the congregation. We encourage you to stay for the Voters Meeting to learn more about the positive things happening at Epiphany!



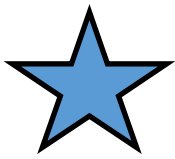
Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that stayed after Bible Study or came in Sunday evening and helped with taking down and putting away the Christmas tree, wreaths, and other decorations! We really appreciate your help, time, effort, and support!

Survey

Please use this QR code to access the survey the Congregational Life Committee will be presenting at the end of today's meeting.





Welcome visitors! Attendance cards are available in the pew racks. Guest & members, please fill one out listing all members of your family in attendance, all taking communion, and indicate any way in which the people of Epiphany might be of service to you. As the offerings are received, please put your attendance card in the offering basket.

Prayer Requests

Not available online.

Reflections on Stewardship

January 17 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany: 1 Corinthians 6:19b-20 – “You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the Kingdom of the Father, and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty, and faith.

2021 Giving

Annual Offerings Needed	\$150,000	Weekly amount needed	\$2,953
Needed year to date.....	\$2,919	Received last week 1/3/21	\$1,226
Received Year to date	\$2,324	Received l.w. - dedicated accounts	\$45
Difference between actual/needed.....	\$3,446		

Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Happy birthday and anniversary to our members who are celebrating their special day in January.

Not available online.



Missions: Sharing the Love of Christ with our Arabic and Muslim Neighbors

In years past, Epiphany has supported various missionary families through the LCMS Together In Mission Program. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, missionary families (including the Schulte family, whom we were supporting) were called back to the United States.

Therefore, the Church Council decided that for the year 2021, Epiphany will support the Matta family, in their mission work, here in our community.

Hady Matta is the Arabic Coordinator for Oasis International (located on Gravois, 1 mile from Epiphany) and serves the Arabic/Muslim immigrants and refugees in our community. He and Vickie build relationships and share the Lord with the refugees as they take them to doctors' clinics, do home visits, help them fill out applications, connect them to resources, pray with them, and anything else that supports them in their adjustment to our country. They also assist Rhonda J. with our ESL program through Epiphany's International Friendship Center.

Much like other missionary families, they must raise their own funds to support their ministry and their family living expenses. In the past, Epiphany members raised \$2,000 per year for each Together In Mission family. We are increasing that amount to \$2,400, and are pledging to the Matta family that we will support their mission work at an amount of \$200 per month. Any funds raised above and beyond the \$2,400 will also go to support the Matta family in their mission work.

Please help us to meet this goal of \$200 per month, by placing your donation, marked "Matta Family Mission" in the offering basket, through online giving, or by submitting it to the church office. If you have questions, please contact Britney H.

Church News

Epiphany Director of Youth & Family: We are very pleased to announce that we have a job opening in our church for the position of Director of Youth and Family. This is a part-time position (15-20 hours per week). The Director of Youth and Family Ministry will assist the Pastor in developing disciple-making relationships with the members of the congregation, focusing on families with school-aged children; minister to youth as individuals, yet always within the context of a household; and minister to parents, encouraging them in their role as their child's primary spiritual care-giver. A description of the position is available in the church office or linked in the 12/9 weekly e-letter. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in applying for this position please send a resume with cover letter to Epiphany Lutheran Church, 4045 Holly Hills Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63116 or by email to church@elcstl.org. It is our goal to accept resumes until the middle of January and then begin interviews at that time. Please contact an elder or Pastor Tim Staffeld, with questions.

Epiphany Sermons on YouTube: Epiphany's Sunday and Advent sermons are posted on YouTube. Click on the link to Epiphany's YouTube page on the Sermon page of our website: <http://elcstl.org/sermons/>.

Lutheran Witness: Please let the church office know if you would like to receive a subscription or continue your subscription of the Lutheran Witness. The subscription price of the Lutheran Witness is \$15.96 for 2021 (11 issues - June/July is one issue).

Area News & Events

Attention all grade school graduates! Did you graduate from Ascension/Word of Life Lutheran School? We are trying to update our list of graduates, and we would love to hear from you. Please contact Joel Akridge, the admissions director, at admissions@wordoflifeschool.net, with your name, address, email address and phone number. It would be helpful if you would include the year you graduated, and your maiden name (if applicable). Thanks for your help. We look forward to hearing from you!

Oasis Senior Classes: We're getting healthy in 2021. Won't you join us? We're committed to helping you start 2021 right – by offering you three (3) FREE exercise programs. No strings attached! Simply register online to reserve your spot. This grant funded opportunity won't last forever. So, tell a friend and sign-up today at www.stloasisnet.org or click on the classroom numbers highlighted in blue. When you register, enter special code SeniorFund21 to take advantage of this free offer! Don't wait. Spaces fill quickly. ExerStart *31 FREE Sessions, [Class #1531](#). Tai Chi for Arthritis for Fall Prevention *16 FREE Sessions, [Class #1550](#) & [Class #1551](#). Use special offer code: SeniorFund21. This is an exclusive offer for the residents of St. Louis City sponsored in part by the St. Louis Senior Fund.