



The Epiphany Starlet

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 24	Choir Rehearsal	8:45 a.m.
	Worship with Communion	9:30 a.m.
	Congregational Meeting	10:45 a.m.
	Confirmation Class	6:00 p.m.
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	Worship with Communion	9:30 a.m.
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Survey

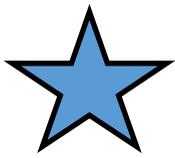
If you were unable to attend last Sunday's Voters Meeting or did not get a chance to complete the survey presented by the Congregational Life Committee, you can use the QR code pictured here with your smart phone camera or other device to access the survey. If you would like a printed copy of the survey, please contact a member of the committee or the Church Office.

Pledge Card Reminder

The Finance Committee would like to remind you to please return the pledge card you received with your offering envelopes. If you need another card, they are available in the Narthex and on the table outside the church office. You do not need to write your name on the card when you return it. We are only looking for the amount that you/your family plan to contribute as we move forward in 2021. Cards can be mailed anonymously (no return address) to the church office, dropped in the box in the Narthex, or put in the offering basket with offering envelopes and attendance cards. Thank you!

Please Remember Your Mask

Please wear a mask when entering, exiting, and walking around the church. If you would like to remove your mask when seated 6 feet apart from other families during worship, please feel free to do so. If you need a mask, they are available in the narthex or at the top of the stairs outside the church office. Thank you for your help!



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 24 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany: Mark 1:14-15 – “... Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.’ ” To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

2021 Giving

Annual Offerings Needed	\$150,000	Weekly amount needed	\$2,986
Needed year to date.....	\$8,665	Received last week 1/3/21	\$1,352
Received Year to date	\$3,676	Received l.w. - dedicated accounts	\$75
Difference between actual/needed.....	\$4,979		



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

Please plan to join us on Sunday, February 7 for a presentation from Hady Matta on his mission work.

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 Jones 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 Hawk](#).

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. 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. 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

MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS: Throughout the state, shared ministry partnerships are shining the light of Christ brightly in our communities. The Missouri District is working with congregations like St. John's in Arnold and Immanuel in Barnhart to combine resources and expertise for the glory of God and the strengthening of all. There are more partnerships forming in the Bootheel, the Lakes Region, along the I-44 corridor...and more. If you'd like to know more about shared ministry partnerships, call the District Office at 314-590-6200. We're blessed to be about this work in God's Kingdom together!

Teacher Needed for 2021-22: Green Park has seen an increase in enrollment, particularly at our 5th grade level for the 2021-22 school year. Green Park is gathering names of teachers for our second 5th grade homeroom class. The teaching responsibilities will be in Religion, 5/6 English and Literature, along with 5th grade Math. Qualifications would include a valid teaching certificate, a desire to share Christ with students, a loving and caring personality, and a desire to be part of a teaching team. Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to Mr. Stephen Eggold at stephen.eggold@greenparklutheranschool.org. The interview process will begin the 2nd week of February.

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.