



# The Epiphany Starlet

Sunday, May 2, 2021

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 2	Choir Rehearsal	8:45 a.m.
	Worship with Communion	9:30 a.m.
	Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
	Bible Study & Sunday School	10:45 a.m.
	High School/College Bible Study	10:45 a.m.
	Confirmation Class	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 4	Elder's Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 9	Mother's Day	
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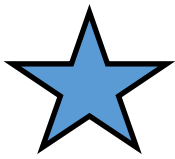
## Concordia Seminary Call Day Assignments



Congratulations and God's blessings to Rev. Alex Schrader and Nathan Speerbrecker and their families upon both men receiving a call to serve God last Wednesday, April 28, 2021 during Concordia Seminary St. Louis' "Call Day" Service. Rev. Schrader has been called to be the Associate Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Olivette, MO (Missouri District). Nathan Speerbrecker has been called to be the Pastor at Chesapeake Community of Hope Lutheran Church in Chesapeake, VA (Southeastern District). Please keep both men and their families in your prayers as they begin the transition to their new position and serve God's people in Olivette, MO and Chesapeake, VA!



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*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*

May 2 – Easter 5: John 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, we are grafted by grace into His vine. We desire to be more like Him and grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing, and it always comes with some pruning.

## *2021 Giving*

Annual Offerings Needed.....	\$150,000	Weekly amount needed .....	\$3,275
Needed year to date.....	\$49,045	Received last week.....	\$899
*Received Year to date .....	\$35,366	Received l.w. - dedicated accounts .....	\$80
Difference between actual/needed .....	\$13,679		

*\*Includes online donations through 4/22/21*

# Birthdays & Anniversaries!

*Happy birthday and anniversary to our members who are celebrating their special day in May!*



*Not available online.*

## Church News



**STL Identity Youth is back in action 2021!** Things will look different to keep us distanced and the bulk of events will be hosted outside with limited capacity of participants. Choose the event you want to be involved in and sign up! Invite a friend to be a part of these ministries, the more people sharing the love of Jesus in our surrounding communities the better! Want to do two events? We ask that you wait until May 25 to sign up for a second event so that others have a chance to participate. Register via the link on the Identity page of our website. We can't wait to serve with you again!



**Blessing Bags:** The blessing bags that were assembled last Sunday after worship, are available in the basket in the narthex for anyone to take and hand out to someone in need. Please feel free to take one or two to keep in your car for when you see someone who is homeless or could benefit from being given these items.

**REMINDER:** Children's Worship Bulletins are available on the back usher's pew if you would like to pick one up for your child to take home or use during worship.

**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!

# Area News & Events



If you shop on Amazon read this! Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Epiphany Lutheran Church" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us. How it works: 1. Open the Amazon app on your phone. 2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features. 3. Select "Epiphany Lutheran Church" as your charity. 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app.

Missouri District News: Missouri District church planter, Pastor Jim Bartok, often uses his background in martial arts to connect with families in the Ozark area—teaching classes and meeting new people. These relationships then open doors for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and extending invitations to worship. Pastor Bartok is one of several church planters in our state—all using their unique skills for the glory of God to launch new churches. Please continue to keep these workers in your prayers as they serve in this challenging and joyful role!

Invitation from Peace Lutheran Church LCMS Camdenton (Greenview), MO: We at Peace invite all who will be coming to the Lake of The Ozarks, to join us for Sunday morning worship. We offer a liturgical, confessional, sacramental worship experience based on God's inerrant Word and Christ's eternal saving sacrifice on the cross. We are located 9 miles north of Camdenton (9307 N State Highway 5) in a community called Greenview. Our worship service begins at 9:00am with Bible study at 10:15am. We would love to meet you! We'll leave the welcome mat out! Further information can be found at our website: [www.plccamdenton.org](http://www.plccamdenton.org). God's blessings from our congregation to yours! Also, if you know of someone who is planning to come to the Lake, please extend this invitation to them. All are welcome at the foot of the cross!

The Humanitri Virtual Trivia Night: May 7, 2021, 7:00 p.m. Hosted by Trivia Riot and will include 6 rounds of trivia, lottery tree raffles, 50/50 raffle and a Covid Relief raffle. Host your "bubble" of 8 locally or invite your friends and family from around the globe to join your virtual team. A Zoom link will be e-mailed to teams prior to the event. Zoom opens at 6:30, with trivia starting at 7:00. You can reserve your individual space or your table by visiting [www.humanitri.org/events](http://www.humanitri.org/events). Your support allows them to continue to equip families in crisis with critical tools and life skills that empower them to rewrite their future. They are grateful for your partnership and look forward to a fun evening!

Camp Sonshine: Salem Lutheran Church, Affton, June 1 - August 6, 6:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Ages 2 - 5th Grade. Learn about Jesus with friends. Weekly themes and special weekly activities. Full & half day rates available. Register at <https://slcas.org/school/summercamp/>. Questions? Contact at MarieWilson@slcas.org.