



# The Epiphany Starlet

Sunday, July 4, 2021

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 4	Happy Independence Day! Choir Rehearsal Worship with Communion Fellowship New Member Class VBS for Everyone	8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. After Worship 10:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m.
Monday, July 5	Church Office Closed	
Tuesday, July 6	Congregational Life Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Friday, July 9	Al-Anon String Quartet	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, July 11	Choir Rehearsal Worship with Baptism Fellowship New Member Class VBS for Everyone	8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. After Worship 10:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

## Reduced Church Office Hours

Continuing through Friday, July 9, the church office will be staffed by volunteers and Sunita Manu from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon. Mrs. Carrie Beary, our office manager, is on vacation. Pastor Staffeld is on paternity leave but he can be reached at [tstaffeld@elcstl.org](mailto:tstaffeld@elcstl.org) if needed. The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.



## Meals for our New Parents!

Please join us in helping our new parents with meals/dinners the first few weeks after their new baby has arrived. Please sign up via the link in last Wednesday's E-Letter or by contacting the church office at 314-752-7065 or [cbeary@elcstl.org](mailto:cbeary@elcstl.org) for a date to bring the H's, I's, and or S's a meal. A list of foods they like and places they like to eat at are listed on the sign up form. Thank you!



*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*

July 4 – Proper 9: 2 Corinthians 12:10 – “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.” Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time as somehow being from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it’s hard to see how things like hardships, calamities, and insults will turn out for a blessing, but that is why Paul found this contentment in Christ and not in his own wisdom.

## *2021 Giving*

*\*The number below reflect the giving through June 20, 2021 and online donations through May 26, 2021. The data will be updated on July 18, 2021.*

Annual Offerings Needed .....	\$150,000	Weekly amount needed .....	\$3,754
Needed year to date .....	\$72,125	Received last week.....	\$1,622
*Received Year to date .....	\$48,624	Received l.w. - dedicated accounts .....	\$625
Difference between actual/needed.....	\$23,501	*Includes online donations through 5/26/21.	

# Birthdays & Anniversaries!

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



*Not available online.*

## Church News

Lectors Needed: Would you like to help serve in worship? We are in need of a few people to add to our lector volunteers. Please contact Carrie in the church office or Pastor Staffeld if you would like to add your name to the list of lectors. Lectors generally serve by reading once every 6 - 8 weeks. Thank you!

Installation Service of Rev. Alex Schrader, Associate Pastor, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 9733 Olive Blvd., Olivette, MO. Sunday, July 25, 2021, 2:00 p.m. The service will also be streamed online at [immanuelolivette.org](http://immanuelolivette.org). The congregation of Epiphany is invited to attend. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP by July 10 to Alex at [alex@alexschneider.com](mailto:alex@alexschneider.com).

## Area News & Events

Carondelet Concerts in the Park: Sunday nights, 6:00—8:00 p.m. **July 4: NO CONCERT.** In case of inclement weather, concerts will be held on the following Wednesday. Check [CarondeletLiving.com](http://CarondeletLiving.com), Facebook or Twitter for updates.

**CFNA Golf Benefit:** Monday, October 11, 2021, Greenbriar Hills Country Club. More information or to register for golf or a sponsorship : <http://www.cfna-stl.org/golf>. CFNA reaches out to refugees and immigrants by welcoming, caring, helping them to thrive, by teaching English and skills for life in the United States and by sharing the good news of Jesus.

**LFCS Mental Health Minute:** Healing the Mind, Body and Soul. Church provides a physical space for us worship; to praise the God of abundant love and mercy. Through fellowship (and often over coffee and donuts) we learn how the scripture is alive in our daily lives. Our children grow together while they hear the lessons from Noah, David, Peter, and Jesus in Sunday school. These common experiences have looked very different since the pandemic began. Pastors, church staff, and other ministry leaders have adapted the church environment. They stretched to balance new approaches to worship and ministry, creatively keeping congregants connected while instituting safety measures for everyone's protection. Some decisions were unpopular, but it is fair to say we all tried to do our best through the trying and traumatic time. As our world returns to a sense of normalcy, LFCS feels it relevant to speak about mental health within the context of faith and church. To offer insight into the interconnectedness of mind, body and soul, LFCS sat down with Heidi Goehmann, LSCW, author and deaconess. Her ideas suggest our brokenness affects everything around us, that Hope and connectedness are what God designed us for, and that there are simple ways for the church to be a mentally health space for all. You can view this interview via the link in last Wednesday's E-Letter.

**Short Film Contest:** Are you an aspiring filmmaker or know someone who is? Make plans now to participate in [Concordia Seminary, St. Louis'](#) new [short film competition](#) as part of its annual [Faith and Film Festival](#) being held Jan. 27-29, 2022. Amateur filmmakers at least 18 years of age are invited to submit their films to the contest starting June 30. The submission deadline is Oct. 15 and finalists will be notified by Dec. 15. There is no submission fee. Films should be based on the theme of HOPE and should run 10 minutes or less. Entries may be of any genre or style, such as narrative, experimental, animation or documentary. More details are available online at <https://www.csl.edu/2021/06/seminary-debuts-short-film-contest-for-amateur-filmmakers/>.

**Employment Opportunities at a Growing School!** Our Savior Lutheran Church and School in Fenton for the 2021-2022 school year. Preschool 2's Teacher - Full-time; Teacher Aide - Part-time; ESC Morning Care - Part-time. Send an introduction letter and resume to Mrs. Eggold at [meggold@oursaviorlcs.org](mailto:meggold@oursaviorlcs.org).

**Weekend Kids Bible School:** Saint Trinity Lutheran Church, 7404 Vermont Ave. July 9-11, Friday 5:30 -7:30 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m., Sunday 9:30—11:30 a.m. 314-353-3276, [www.SaintTrinity.org](http://www.SaintTrinity.org).

**Recycling Event:** Saturday, July 10, St. Lucas Lutheran Church, 7100 Morganford Road, 63116, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Midwest Recycling Center accepts anything with a cord or battery. Please see the posters hanging in the Narthex and the side entryway for fees on certain items like tv's, certain computer monitors, and items containing Freon. Lawn and garden equipment accepted but must be drained of gas and oil.