



The Epiphany Starlet

Sunday, July 11, 2021

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 11	Choir Rehearsal	8:45 a.m.
	Worship with Baptism	9:30 a.m.
	Fellowship	After Worship
	New Member Class	10:45 a.m.
	VBS for Everyone	10:45 a.m.
Monday, July 12	Church Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Friday, July 16	Al-Anon	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, July 18	Choir Rehearsal	8:45 a.m.
	Worship with Communion	9:30 a.m.
	Fellowship	After Worship
	New Member Class	10:45 a.m.
	VBS for Everyone	10:45 a.m.

Blessing Bags

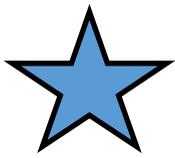
The blessing bags that were assembled on Sunday, April 25, are available in the basket in the narthex for anyone to take and hand out to someone in need. Please feel free to take one or two to keep in your car for when you see someone who is homeless or could benefit from being given these items.



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3. Select "Epiphany Lutheran Church" as your charity.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app.



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 11 – Proper 10: Amos 7:8 – “And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.’ ” In the book of Amos the Lord condemns the people for their lack of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. God takes great offense at this because his activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. He wants us to respond in kind.

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	<i>*Includes online donations through 5/26/21.</i>	

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 be streamed online at immanuelolivette.org.

Did you know our Church Directory is available online and on your mobile devices?

Instant Church Directory has a free website and app for church members to view our directory online or on their mobile device. It can be found in the App Store and in Google Play as Instant Church Directory. To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com to log in. You will be asked to enter in your email address as it's listed in our directory.

Questions? Contact Carrie Beary (cbeary@elcstl.org) or more information can be found at www.InstantChurchDirectory.com.

Right Now Media: As a reminder, we would like you to know that our church has access to an extensive, video library called RightNow Media! It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV. RightNow Media has videos for everyone—kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals—all aimed at helping you grow. If you would like to have access to Right Now Media, please contact the church office at cbeary@elcstl.org and an official invitation will be emailed to you to give you FREE access to RightNow Media. Once you receive the email, simply click the link, sign up for an account, and you're all set to explore more than 20,000 videos. We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing for you and your family!

Online Giving: Now there's an easier way to give - electronic giving. eGiving through Vanco is a fast, secure way to make donations. With eGiving, you can give in the moment without writing a check or preparing an envelope. Make a one-time stewardship pledge or set up recurring payments using your bank account, debit or credit card. To learn more, visit <http://elcstl.org/online-giving/> or call the church office. We thank you for your continued support of our mission and appreciate your generosity!

Area News & Events

Carondelet Concerts in the Park: Sunday nights, 6:00—8:00 p.m. **July 11:** The Wilmingtons (Rock/ Blues / Americana). The St. Louis Carondelet Public Library will host story time for children during intermission. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be held on the following Wednesday. Check 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.