



# The Epiphany Starlet

Sunday, July 18, 2021

## Weekly Calendar

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.
Wednesday, July 21	No Parking on Holly Hills	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Friday, July 23	Al-Anon	10:00 a.m.
	String Quartet Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, July 25	Choir Rehearsal	8:45 a.m.
	Worship	9:30 a.m.
	Fellowship	After Worship
	New Member Class	10:45 a.m.
	VBS for Everyone	10:45 a.m.

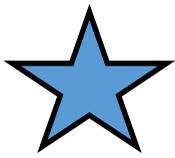


## Ice Cream Social!

Friday, August 27, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

You Scream! I Scream! We all Scream for Ice Cream!

Our annual Ice Cream Social is just around the corner! As in the past, we will welcome the children, families and staff of Woerner Elementary School back to the new school year, in addition to providing a sweet treat and friendly word to our neighbors. We will once again collect new school uniform tops to help the Kindergarteners start their year on a positive note. If you would like to help us bless a Woerner Kindergarten student, please bring new Polo shirts, sized 5-8 (Colors: white, dark blue or light blue) to the Church office by Sunday, August 15th. If you would like to help, but are unable to shop, monetary donations can be given to Britney H and she will do the shopping for you. 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 18 – Proper 11: Ephesians 2:13 – “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” What all of mankind’s efforts, works, and scheming could not do, the blood of Christ did. We have peace with God, and we are brought near to the Father. This life-giving sacrifice of Christ sets the pattern for the sacrifices we are called to make for others within our vocations in home, church, and society.

## *2021 Giving*

Annual Offerings Needed .....	\$150,000	Weekly amount needed .....	\$3,847
Needed year to date .....	\$80,780	Received last week.....	\$1,967
*Received Year to date .....	\$57,656	Received l.w. - dedicated accounts .....	\$200
Difference between actual/needed.....	\$23,124	<i>*Includes online donations through 7/15/21.</i>	



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# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:cbeary@elcstl.org)) or more information can be found at [www.InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://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](mailto: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!

**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.

# Area News & Events

**Family Friendly Concerts:** Peace Lutheran Church; 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Thursday, July 22 - The Story Book Quartet - The Bremen Town Musicians. Music and storytelling combine in this entertaining program emphasizing teamwork. Storyteller Vicky Smolik narrates the classic Brothers' Grimm folk tale. Just like the four animal friends in this story, listeners learn the importance of cooperation. Thursday, July 29 - The Abbey Road Warriors. The ARW play the music of the Fab Four with passion and love.

**Carondelet Concerts in the Park:** Sunday nights, 6:00—8:00 p.m. **July 18: Red, White, & Floyd (Pink Floyd Tribute).** In case of inclement weather, concerts will be held on the following Wednesday. Check CarondeletLiving.com, Facebook or Twitter for updates.

**Concordia Seminary Lay Bible Institute:** Explore the book of Job Aug. 7. Space is limited! Register by July 23. The role of suffering in the life of the believer, and the ensuing crisis of faith and ministry that can follow, is the focus of the Aug. 7 [Lay Bible Institute](#), “When Things Fall Apart: Job’s Frightening Journey,” led by [Dr. Henry Rowold](#), professor emeritus of Practical Theology. Rowold will examine the dialogue of Job and his friends, and the attempts of people, those suffering and those ministering, to make sense of the difficulties. Participants will explore the conversation between God and Job, and the resolution of faith that emerges. Open to anyone interested in the proclamation of the Gospel, the workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, on campus. [Registration](#) closes July 23. Cost is \$20 per person. Questions? Contact Continuing Education at 314-505-7286 or [ce@csl.edu](mailto:ce@csl.edu)

**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.