

The Epiphany Starlet

EPIPHANY Sunday, October 3, 2021

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Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and to everyone who helped make the celebration and recognition of our 80th Anniversary a success! We enjoyed having a few special guests last Sunday including Mrs. Judy W and her daughter Kristin E, Al & Carol Buckman and Rev.

Stanish Stanley from CFNA, and **Anne Schweitzer**, the Ward 13 Alderwoman. We are looking forward to seeing what the future holds for Epiphany in the next 80 years!

Confirmation and Confessions and Confections Rescheduled

Confirmation Sunday—October 17, 9:30 a.m. Worship

Confessions & Confections: Please join us on October 16, at 7:00 p.m. on the side lawn for a special evening with our Confirmands. Confessions and Confections is where you will hear the 3 young men confess their convictions about Jesus Christ as Lord, and tell you how they have experienced him in their lives. Would you like to contribute dessert bars or candy? Donations would be appreciated by October 15. Anyone wanting to help serve coffee or the confections can contact Amy Z. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Halloween Hut Planning Meeting TODAY! Sunday, October 3, After the Education Hour in the "Rollie Chair Room". We are looking for people to join us in helping to plan and execute this year's Halloween Hut. If you enjoy planning and helping with events or just love to be a part of the community of Epiphany then please join Pastor Staffeld for a brief meeting today after the Education Hour. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to help, please email Pastor Staffeld or Carrie Beary to be included. Thank you!

Warm Up Woerner: The Missouri heat continues to linger, but winter is just around the corner. Help us to keep the students at Woerner Elementary School warm this winter by donating new and gently used hats, coats and mittens, during the months of October and November. Many of the students at Woerner come from immigrant and refugee families who are not used to our cold winters. The hats, coats, and mittens will be given to Principal Meyer, and she will distribute them as needed. Donations can be placed in the designated bin in the Narthex or brought to the church office. If you would like to make a financial donation and have someone else do the shopping for you, please contact Britney H. Thank you for your continued compassion and assistance in serving our neighbors!!

Youth News

October Youth Dinner, **Saturday**, **October 9**. At the Hartley / Boeyink Home. If you would like to attend, please let <u>Sunita Manu</u> know.

Missouri District Senior High Youth Retreat: November 5-7, 2021, Cross Pointe Retreat Center, Rocky Mount, MO. If you are interested in attending and for more details including times, fees, and events of the weekend, please contact <u>Sunita Manu</u>.

Congregational Meeting - Sunday October 17, After Worship.

Epiphany's Feeding the Nations Collection: Since 1989, the Oasis International team has been putting God's love into action to welcome and settle refugees seeking refuge in our community. This work is now more important than ever! As we look ahead to the holiday season, they again ask for our help to create Thanksgiving boxes for local refugee families. These boxes include beans, rice, and other staples that ensure families have the foundations for healthy meals! Their goal is to put together 300 boxes this year, and they need our help! Would you consider sponsoring a box? A donation of \$30 will cover the needed food items. Last year Epiphany contributed 20 boxes. This year we hope to donate 30! To help, simply specify 'Feed the Nations' on your offering envelope and place your donation in the offering plate. The items for the boxes will be purchased and assembled in early November. Questions can be directed to Jennifer H.

Watch Our Seminarians Play Soccer: All 3 of our seminarians, Ben Hayter, Joshua lannucelli, and Daniel Bueckman, are members of the Concordia Seminary Soccer Team. If you would like to watch them play you can click on the link in last Wednesday's E-Letter or see the schedule posted on the event boards. The games are played on the athletic field of Concordia Seminary.

Special Matching Grant Opportunity: Join the effort to help refugees from Afghanistan and other areas resettle in St. Louis. Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis will match our church's donations to Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA). Give now, directly to Epiphany through October 31, 2021 to support CFNA's refugee outreach and response efforts. Together we can increase the impact of the Lutheran Community's response. In addition to matching funds, the St. Louis Area Lutheran Congregation raising the most funds will have \$10,000 donated in its name. All participating churches also will enter a drawing for an additional \$10,000 donation in its name. Learn more at https://bit.ly/LFmatchinggrant. Individual donations sent directly to CFNA are not eligible for the match.

CFNA - In-Kind donations request for Afghan and other Refugees. Call CFNA at 314-351-1740 or email kpozaric@cfnastl.org to donate or to volunteer to organize, sort, or distribute items. Please see the Weekly E-Letter or the flyer on the bulletin boards for items needed.

Flag Retirement Box: There is now a flag retirement box made by a Boy Scout in the community for his Eagle Scout project, placed at the corner of Leona and Bowen at Woerner Elementary School. Please place all torn, tattered, or faded flags that are no longer a fitting image to be displayed in the box to be properly retired.

<u>Cell phone found in Carondelet Park last week.</u> We have been contacted by a neighbor who found a cell phone in Carondelet Park last week. If you or someone you know has lost their phone, you can contact the church office for a name and number of the person to call to identify the phone.

<u>Lutheran South Open House</u>: October 19 at 6:30 pm. Choosing a high school is like choosing a family. Come see why Lutheran South can offer your family the best overall high school experience. Please register at <u>Islancers.org/events</u>.

Weekly Calendar

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Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m.
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship After Worship
Education Hour 10:45 a.m.
Brief Halloween Hut Meeting After Education Hour

Tuesday, October 5

Elder's Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 6

Ministry Committee Meeting, Parlor 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 8

Al-Anon 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 9

Youth Dinner 5:45 p.m.

Sunday, October 10

Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship with Communion 9:30 a.m. Fellowship After Worship

Education Hour 10:45 a.m.

Prayer Requests

Not available online.

2021 Giving

Annual Offerings Needed \$150,000
Needed year to date \$112,515
*Received Year to date \$74,515
Difference between actual/needed \$38,000
Weekly amount needed \$5,806

Received last week \$2,818 Received l.w. - dedicated accounts \$505

^{*}Includes online donations through 9/20/21.