



The Epiphany Starlet

Sunday, December 26, 2021



Thank you to everyone who shared the love of Christ this Christmas with our Woerner Sharing Tree families! Please continue to pray for them in the coming days, weeks, and months, that their situations will improve and that they will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

New Weekday Morning Bible Study: Wednesdays, beginning January 12th at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Staffeld will be leading a new weekday morning Bible Study covering the book of Galatians, titled "Mind, Body, & Soul". In combination with the study, a service project will be conducted making care packages for our members who are attending college outside of the St. Louis area. Pastor Staffeld will share more information about the service project on January 12th.

Lutheran Witness: Please let the church office know if you would like to receive a subscription or continue your subscription of the Lutheran Witness. The subscription price of the Lutheran Witness is \$15.96 for 2022 (11 issues - June/July is one issue).

Contribution Envelopes & End of Year Donations: Contribution envelopes for 2022 are available for you to pick up in the Narthex. Please check your name to be sure you've got the right set. Do not use your 2021 envelopes for 2022 offerings as it is likely your envelope number has changed. Your unused 2021 envelopes can be recycled. If you regularly give online, you should have been contacted by a member of the finance committee to see if you would like a box of envelopes. If you did not receive a box of envelopes, and would like to have one, please contact the church office. All contributions must be at church or given online on or before Friday, December 31, to be counted for 2021. Any donations received after December 31, will be counted in 2022.

Altar Flowers: The flower chart for 2022 is now posted in the Narthex. Signing up to place the altar flowers is a great way to celebrate a special day, person, or a memory of a loved one. Two vases of flowers is \$25 and you are welcome to take the flowers home after the worship service of the day you sign up for. Please return the vases the following week to the church or church office. You can pay for your flowers online through our website, with your weekly offering, noting that \$25 is for flowers, or put your payment in a special flower envelope that is placed on the podium under the flower chart.

Missouri District News - Storm Disaster Relief: The storms of December 10th have left many Missourians in need of comfort. A member of Christ Lutheran in Augusta lost her life, and the family home was destroyed. Families from St. Paul Lutheran in New Melle have incurred residential damages. The sanctuary roof of St. Trinity Lutheran in St. Louis was damaged beyond repair and requires replacing. The Missouri District will continue to support affected congregations and families in the days ahead—sharing the “peace that passes all understanding” to ease their burden, as well as our financial resources. Due to the significant property damage that has occurred, we invite all of you to join in these efforts of comforting our brothers and sisters in Christ. God’s continual care and concern for all of us has made us well-equipped to do the same for others. Thank you for showing the love of Christ to a state needing comfort. Should you have any questions, please reach out to the District office at 314-590-6200 or donate directly at <https://mo.lcms.org/donate>.

Rescheduled! Mental Health First Aid Training by LFCS: Saturday, January 29, 2022; 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Epiphany Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall; Cost—\$10/person. Just as training is required to properly handle a medical emergency (First Aid/CPR), caring for someone during a mental health emergency also requires proper training. Through this nationally accredited training, you will learn how to recognize the common signs and symptoms of prominent mental illnesses; how to understand the impact of traumatic experiences and the role of resilience in our mental health development; how to connect people to helpful resources; and more. **More information and a link to register can be found on our [website](#).**

Concordia Seminary’s Annual Faith and Film Festival: January 27-29, 2022.

Explore Christian themes in movies and develop eyes to see film in new ways. Highlights include: Eight films to select from for three breakout screenings and discussion; three auditorium feature films to be revealed at the festival; virtual keynote speaker Dr. Joel Maynard, film critic. Disclaimer: This festival is for adults only. Registration: \$100 (includes meals); Registration deadline: Jan. 14, 2022; Registration option: Sponsor a Seminary student’s registration. (See registration for details.) New Year’s Sale coming soon! Register online at csl.edu/faith-and-film or call 314-505-7286. Questions? Contact ce@csl.edu.

CFNA Urgent Appeal for Shoes & Coats: Refugees need shoes and warm coats. A growing stream of refugees, especially those from Afghanistan, is now arriving in St. Louis. CFNA (Christian Friends of New Americans) is seeking to provide new or gently used shoes for children and adults. Shoes need to be closed-toe – either sneakers or boots (no heels). For adults, small to medium/average sizes are preferred. For unboxed shoes, please tape the size to the bottom of the shoe. Also needed are warm coats for both children and adults. For adults, medium sizes are preferred, although all sizes will be accepted. Questions: Contact Laura Brink at lbrink@cfna-stl.org or 314-249-9219.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 26

NO Choir Rehearsal

Worship

9:30 a.m.

NO Education Hour

NO Confirmation Class

Monday, Dec. 27-Wednesday, Dec. 29

Church Office Closed

Friday, December 31

Al-Anon

10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Choir Rehearsal

8:45 a.m.

Worship

9:30 a.m.

Fellowship & Education Hour

After Worship

NO Confirmation Class

Prayer Requests

Not available online.

2021 Giving

Annual Offerings Needed

\$150,000

Needed year to date

\$147,135

*Received Year to date

\$103,058

Difference between actual/needed

\$44,077

Weekly amount needed

\$26,595

Received last week

\$5,069

Received l.w. - dedicated accounts

\$155

**Includes online donations through 12/22/21*