



EPIPHANY STAR

Epiphany Lutheran Church
Carbondale, Illinois
JUNE 2023



Pastor Brian Coffey

A Note from the Pastor

The month of June launches us into the longest liturgical season of the year, the Time After Pentecost, or the “Green Season”. The first Sunday of June (4th) will be Holy Trinity Sunday. I’m preparing for my homily that day by reading a book recommended by a pastor colleague of mine based on Christian Theology from a Hispanic Perspective. You will have to attend worship in the building or via Zoom to hear what fresh perspectives I’ve learned!

This summer, like last year, we will use **Marty Haugen’s** “Now the Feast and Celebration” liturgy – a congregational favorite. Early in the month, I will be participating in the Synod Assembly with our delegates **Tim Fink** and **Cory Newman** to elect our first new Synodical Bishop in 12 years! The Assembly will be held in my home area of Central Illinois, which will be extra special for me since my Lutheran and Roman Catholic family will be attending the Festival Worship service at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Peoria - across the street from my children’s high school.

The week after Synod Assembly, on **Sunday, June 11th**, we will have our **semi-annual meeting** to elect our new Church Council members. Thanks to the dedication of the Nominating Committee, we have several candidates who are under 50 years old. This will be a great opportunity for them to learn from the older members who have faithfully served for so many years and to provide us with fresh perspectives from a younger generation.



LtCol Jessica Dwyer

Carbondale Memorial
Day Keynote Speaker

Mid-month I will be attending my first campus ministries training with the ELCA’s Campus Ministries program called “LuMin”. We will be spending a week together at Loyola University in Chicago sharing best practices for engaging today’s college students. On that note, I was honored to give the Invocation at the recent Air Force ROTC Commissioning service following an academic year of hosting a Bible study for Cadets here at Epiphany. I received tremendous thanks from **Brandon Wheeler** for our congregation’s financial support of his upcoming summer ministry program. I also provided the Invocation for the City of Carbondale’s annual Memorial Day ceremony at which our own **LtCol Jessica Dwyer** was the keynote speaker.



June will wrap up in a very exciting way with the first Vacation Bible School since the coronavirus pandemic! **Jan Womack** has led the charge not only in preparing an immersion experience in a Roman city, but she has collaborated with Grace United Methodist Church to help share the workload and provide a location with plenty of room for this terrific intergenerational event. Helpers are needed throughout the week (see page 2) along with a clean-up crew at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 29th.

Plans are moving forward with different committees for our Fall ministries, and worship attendance has been solid all year, not dipping below 60 participants (combined in the building and via Zoom). Despite the losses of several dear and hard-working members due to death and relocation this year, people have been inspired by the faithfulness of these saints to step up in new ways to continue the ministry in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In addition, we have expanded our worship outside of the building by me leading a monthly worship service and hymn singing with Holy Communion at Prairie Living at Chautauqua for about 18 residents and at Liberty Village for about 10 residents.

Thanks be to God for our vital congregation at Epiphany Lutheran Church here in Carbondale!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

Vacation Bible School 2023



Join us for **VBS at Grace United Methodist Church** Sunday, June 25, through Thursday, June 29 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Come early for supper at 5:15! Be part of a Roman family - visit Paul under house arrest - go to the Roman marketplace with denarii to spend - find the secret underground church - sing new songs and have fun!

Epiphany Lutheran and three other congregations will be participating: Grace United Methodist, First Lutheran in Murphysboro, and Mt. Calvary, De Soto.

Have I mentioned that WE NEED YOU?

This is intergenerational VBS. Adults won't get a "Bible Class," but will learn how the first Christians lived in Apostle Paul's time under the Roman rule right along with the kids in Roman families.

There is so much to do and so much to learn and it's all done with everyone working together. Please come be a part in any way that you feel comfortable or challenge yourself to do something new!

We need Family Leaders/Assistants - Shop Keepers/Assistants - Actors for the daily dramas - Roman Soldiers - Game leaders/Assistants - Registration attendants - Supper Supervisors (2 nights) - Set up for two of the shops - Tear down help Friday evening.

There are forms in **Olise's Office** or contact **Jan Womack** for more information!
(Send a text to: 815-762-0051 or email her at kathleen231@aol.com)

Grace United Methodist Church
220 N. Tower Road, Carbondale



We Welcome Margaret Ann Renee!

We are so excited to introduce our baby girl, **Margaret Ann-Renee**'. She was born on May 20th, weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces, and was 20" long. We feel so blessed and honored that God chose us to be her parents! We couldn't love her more and are enjoying every second with her. We look forward to bringing her to church soon. Thank you for lifting us up in your prayers.

Kelsey and Chris Putz



Worship



Our Sunday morning worship is at 9:30 AM (Face-to-Face and livestreamed on Zoom), with sung liturgy and hymnody. Here is the link for the Zoom services.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2101246575?pwd=MVhOR1FOb3BkWDJrQ09sMmR3ZTcyZz09>

Highlights from the May Council Meeting

Church Council will ask the 618 PRO A/V company in Du Quoin for an updated quote on better equipment to broadcast our Sunday services.

The Social Ministry Committee received a \$500 grant from our Southern Illinois Synod for the Shelter To Home project.

Chris and Kelsey Putz announced the birth of their daughter, **Margaret Ann Renee**. Proud grandparents are **Steve and Tina Logan**.

Best Regards, **Peter Gimse** (Council Secretary)

Looking For Marcia Anderson's New Address? Here It Is!

Marcia Anderson
19 Troon Way
Greensboro, NC 27407

In about another week you will be receiving an update on our church directory with many changes and additions. If any of your information has changed, you can contact Olise Mandat in the church office.
(Phone 618-457-2065 or Email business@elcarb.org)

These Folks Have Birthdays This Month

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| June 5 | Sara Gulbrandsen |
| June 5 | Cathy Wood |
| June 7 | Annie Gimse |
| June 28 | Erika Sarvela |
| June 30 | Rachel Price |



Memorial Day Commemoration: Monday, May 29

The Annual Memorial Day Service held in Carbondale was commemorated at Woodlawn Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 29. The service honored those men and women who have died in defending our country.

Many members from Epiphany were in attendance as **Pastor Brian Coffey** offered the invocation and the closing benediction, and **Lt Col Dwyer** served as the keynote speaker.



Pastor Brian Coffey and Lt Col Jessica Dwyer



Woodlawn Cemetery entrance



The official salute to those who have died in service to our country was presented by the 31st Illinois Voluntary Infantry, Company C.

"Affirmation of Baptism" May 21, 2023



Confirmation - May 21, 2023

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Front Row: Sara Schurz, Ruby Benz, Olivia Terry, Peyton Viernum

Back Row: Anne Terry, Tyler Karayiannis, Pastor Brian Coffey, Meade Smith, Jan Womack



During the worship service several members of the Sunday School class presented a "Congratulations" poster card of butterflies to the six confirmands.

Students pictured along with teacher, **Jan Womack**, are **Matilda Miller, Simon Schurz, Gwen Dwyer, Ella Gulbrandsen, and Addie Miller.**



Jazz Vespers: Sunday, June 11, 5:00 pm

Second Sundays at 5:00P
Epiphany Lutheran Church
Carbondale, Illinois

Jazz Vespers

an Evening Prayer Service led by *Pastor Brian Coffey*
with members and guests of the *New Arts Jazztet*—Bob Allison, trumpet;
Mel Goot, piano; Phil Brown, bass; Jimmy Beers, drums—**June 11, 2023**

works by *Kenny Barron, Lou Donaldson, Rodgers Grant, Rod McGaha, Mulgrew Miller, and Pharaoh Sanders*

An Item From the Green Team

Laundry Blues or Green?



Do you tire of hoisting heavy containers of laundry soap and ultimately having to dispose of that plastic? Rejoice, there is an alternative that also may save you money—and the planet.

Laundry sheets are detergent strips that come in paper/cardboard containers and are easy to use. The Carbondale Co-op has some called True Earth. You can purchase 32 strips in a container for \$15. Amazon has many others. **Betty and I** like Sheets Laundry Club. A box of 50 is \$16.75 which, at one per load, comes out to about 17 cents a wash.

Good for cleaning clothes and good for the environment; possibly even good for the pocketbook.

Roland Person

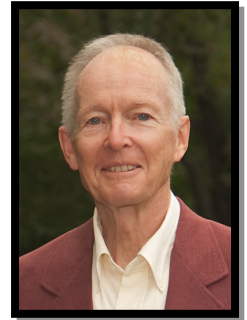
From the Epiphany Green Team

STAPLES

Have you wondered what happened to our Bunn coffee maker in the kitchen? It started leaking a while back and required replacement, so we now have a new, updated version of the same model! What did we do with our old one? Southern Recycling did not take it. You can't throw it in the landfill because it is considered e-waste. But there IS a place in Carbondale that will take coffee makers under 40 pounds and recycle them. **Staples**. Yep, Staples! They have a substantial free recycling program for e-waste, ink and toner cartridges, rechargeable batteries, and more. Please check out this website for additional information:

<https://www.staples.com/stores/recycling>

(Submitted by **Deb Sarvela**)



Roland Person
Representing the
Green Team

Global Plastic Pollution Could Be Slashed By 80% By 2040,

From The Guardian, May 16, 2023, edited and reduced: By **Roland Person**

Global plastic pollution could be slashed by 80% by 2040, according to a report from the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). The changes needed are major, but are also practical and affordable, the agency said.

The first step is to eliminate unnecessary plastics, such as excessive packaging, [the report](#) said. The next steps are to increase the reuse of plastics, such as refillable bottles, boosting recycling, and replace plastics with greener alternatives.



Plastic now contaminates the entire planet, from the [summit of Mount Everest](#) to the [deepest oceans](#). People consume microplastics [via food](#) and [water](#), as well as [breathing them in](#), and the particles have been found in [people's blood](#) and [breast milk](#).

“Crucially, the report demonstrates that the transformation would provide economic and social wins. Governments and the private sector would save money and hundreds of thousands of new jobs would be created.”

The report estimated that the increased reuse of plastics could reduce 30% of plastic pollution by 2040, with measures including deposit-return schemes for containers

The careful replacement of plastic products, such as takeaway food containers, with alternative materials such as paper or compostable materials could cut another 17% from pollution in 2040, the report said.

Plastic items from [takeaway food and drink dominate the litter in the world's oceans](#), according to a 2021 study. There would still be a lot of plastic waste to be disposed of safely in 2040, and making manufacturers responsible for this would help, the UNEP report said.

In particular, the 80% cut would prevent 500m tons of CO₂ emissions per year, the report estimated, about the same as the emissions of Canada. This shift could also lead to a net increase of 700,000 jobs by 2040, mostly in low-income countries, the report said.

“There will still be a need for plastic,” “But we need to rethink where we’re using it and how we’re using it so that much more of it [is reused and recycled] and a lot less is merely single-use.”

“A Final Letter From Your Council President”

Dear Epiphany family,

This is the last letter I will write to you as your president. Much has happened in the time I have served the congregation in this role. Remember two years ago? At that time we were preparing to say goodbye to our sister in Christ, **Susan Rehwaldt**. Confirmation Sunday followed that, then another goodbye to **Pastoral Intern Jacob Kreuger**, and a final goodbye to the **Waterman family**.

As I picked up the reins to lead us, there was much uncertainty ahead. But as the year drew to a close, we welcomed a new pastor, **Brian Coffey** to our congregational life. Pastor Brian and I have worked well together over the last 18 months, and I am delighted to see the way he has established himself not only in our church community, but in the community of Carbondale.

There have been other changes as well, other goodbyes as friends relocated to other parts of the country, tearful goodbyes at funerals and visitations, and joyous welcomes of new friends and neighbors as a part of our congregation.

This month we are preparing for a few more changes, notably in the church council as some members step back and others are welcomed as new members. For myself, I will be taking on the challenge of leading Christian Education for the next year. Be prepared to read lots of requests for volunteers and ways to help in the coming months!

I want to close by thanking our current council for all the hard work over the last year. To **Debra Sarvela**, who has faithfully led fellowship, organizing funeral lunches and Sunday refreshments (even when people don't sign up), and stepped up to volunteer to serve as Vice President when there was an unexpected vacancy. **Loren Cook**, who has worked to enhance our Zoom worship week to week, navigating us through many (many) technical difficulties. **Tim Fink**, who is striving to bring new life into our worship experience, teaching us new liturgies, and new hymns, and challenging us to expand our worship experience through the use of visual slides on the large screen. **Cory Newman**, our Stewardship chair who brings new ideas and vision to our council, while organizing all of the current social ministry projects throughout the year. **Peter Gimse**, who not only has faithfully served as Council Secretary, but has also helped to bring meaningful experiences for our youth through camp experiences and activities throughout the year. **Lynn Smith**, who serves us as Financial Secretary, and volunteered to serve as Stewardship Chair when an unexpected vacancy occurred this October, to **Marcia Anderson**, our Evangelism chair, who put her energy and enthusiasm into creating a thriving committee with many meaningful activities we all engage in. And lastly, **Jan Womack**, whose creativity and energy in the Christian Education committee make her a tough act to follow,.

I would also like to personally thank **Kevin Bame**, for stepping up into the Treasurer role and serving us so well, for **Olise Mandat**, who as Business Manager has made so many things happen for us not only as a council but as a congregation, and **Pastor Brian**, who has listened to me as I expressed my feelings and ideas, encouraging the good ones and talking me out of the ones that needed more prayer.

Many blessings to you this summer,

Anne Terry



Anne Terry
Epiphany Council
President

Learning in Retirement Program — Wednesday, June 21



Fred Martino, Executive Director of WSIU will be the presenter at the June 21 meeting of Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement (SILIR). He will discuss efforts to build civic engagement and media innovation at WSIU and how the community can help in these efforts. The SILIR meeting, free and open to the public, starts at 10:30 am at Grace United Methodist Church, 220 North Tower Road, and is preceded by a coffee hour starting at 9:30 am. Come join us!

Fellowship Information — May 2023

Fellowship has been very well attended these past few months. It is quite satisfying to see our members gathering, visiting and just spending time together. Our fellowship hosts during May included the **Dwyer family**, the **Terry family** in honor of Confirmation and the cookie bank. There are many opportunities to host Fellowship. Choose to honor a special occasion, birthday of your favorite composer, major anniversary of the release of your favorite movie....the possibilities are endless! Partner with a friend and host together. **Support your favorite girl scout by purchasing cookies for the cookie bank (look at their little faces full of hope, wanting to be the top seller this year!!!).**



Deb Sarvela
Fellowship
Chair

The hosts for June are as follows (see, there is still one opportunity in June):

June 4 - The Melbys

June 11- Church Council for the Semiannual Congregational Meeting

June 18- The Womacks — It's Fathers Day— so plan on root beer floats

June 25-

Deb Sarvela



WELCA

Women of the **ELCA** 

Happy June, WELCA Sisters of Epiphany, et al!

We've had a busy month (see pictures AND check out the WELCA board in the Fellowship Hall).



On May 6 we had a lovely lunch at Faye Café in Murphysboro and from there we went to the Women's Voices Make/Believe reception and art exhibit at the General John A. Logan Museum.

Then at our meeting on May 15 we offered a Farewell and Godspeed to **Marcia Anderson** and **Linda Grace** to a packed (well, really well attended) Fellowship Hall. Not a dry eye in the house! **We will miss you, Marcia and Linda!!!**

Finally, we've had sign up for ordering copies of *Sensible Shoes* which we will be reading over the summer. We are ordering books for 10 sisters, and have 7 additional who either already have the book or are using an e-reader. We will be gathering on a Saturday afternoon either the first or second Saturday in August to discuss the book and socialize. If you haven't signed up you will still be welcome to join us at our August gathering.

Our next business meeting (and potluck) will be September 18. If you have any other ideas in the meantime for summer outings, please let me know!

Deb Sarvela, Interim Facilitator

Veterans Honor Flight

Honor Flight For Veteran Al Terry



Many of Al's family and friends gathered early in the evening at the Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois to welcome home Al and a plane load of deserving veterans from all branches of the military services.



There was plenty of music, entertainment and food for the large crowd waiting for the arrival of those on the honor flight. Here the Little Egypt Barbershop Chorus performs a variety of melodies. Recognize **Peter Gimse**? Far left.



Al Terry and his son, **Kent**, who accompanied his Dad on the flight to Washington, are joined by wife, Jane, and daughter, Anne, for the ceremonial parade through the "Freedom Path" of veterans, local police, first responders, and hundreds of well-wishers.



After a very long day Al still looks energetic and pleased by the entire adventure. Thank you, Al, for your service!

STEWARDSHIP: What is it? And whose is it?

Stewardship is a concept with which many of us lived into as we grew up. It wasn't always pristine and "clean"; living on a small farm in western New York State nearly 75 years ago, we had no garbage disposal in our sink, "garbage" was collected and then taken to the barnyard, an early form of composting. When we moved to the farm from town, we had no faucets in the sink either; there was a hand pump from which we drew water! The farm's well had never gone dry, but my parents were concerned that it might, if we weren't very careful in our use of it. There was no dishwasher, just a sink with two bowls – one for washing the dishes, the other for rinsing – no constantly running water allowed! My father allowed us five minutes of running water for showers; we moved quickly! Some of you may have had similar experiences throughout your growing-up years.



The experiences of our children and grandchildren now are very different from what others of us had as children. Recycling is a major and expected responsibility now; if we don't put our recycling bins out with our trash totes (at least in Carbondale), we make periodic trips with our bins to the SI Recycling Center. At Epiphany, our Fellowship Committee has moved to using recyclable/compostable paper rather than plastic; for many years, our coffee has been purchased through Fair Trade, where growers in several parts of our world receive support and encouragement for their own efforts to support their families and care for their land. Epiphany's Green Team has taken the lead with several of our stewardship efforts: picking up trash along the sides of Chautauqua from Oakland to beyond Emerald Lane. The planting of trees in our own yards and in our church yard has increased in the past several years. Most of you know the benefits of trees beyond the shade they provide from our summer sun.



All of these are examples of stewardship of creation, of care for each other, or the land on which we live. Stewardship also involves care for the ways by which we use our time and our God-given gifts. Especially this summer, please think of ways each of us can contribute to the well-being of our church family, as we worship, learn and play together, and enjoy fellowship with each other and with others we have only just met. Our e-Happenings recently listed ways and contact persons for Sunday morning assistance. Please check that list again; if you can help for a given period of time, that will lift the burden of someone having to ask weekly for help, be it with ushering, assisting with Altar Guild duties, counting/telling the weekly offerings, or providing Fellowship for our after-worship times together. Support for the programs of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, state-wide and through its Marion office falls, in part, to us at Epiphany; our Easter Book-in-a-Basket project, our July school supplies focus, and, this year, our October Good Shepherd Sunday celebration are examples of our support.

Stewardship is often thought of in terms of financial support given for specific organizations or the church at large. That kind of needed support cannot be downplayed, but it is not the only way in which individuals and families can contribute to the well-being of God's people here and in other parts of our world. Look around, see what is needed here at Epiphany and in our communities, then assess your time, your God-given talents, and how you can bring those together. God does, indeed, bless a cheerful giver!

With grateful thanks from Epiphany's Stewardship team:

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| Cathy Lay | Steve and Tina Logan |
| Kathy Sime | Pam Umlauf-Brown |
| Roland Person | Lynn Smith |

Abbreviated Financial Report (Good News)Abbreviated Financial Report

In case you just read the stewardship article on the previous page, you might be wondering how we as a congregation are doing in terms of finances. Here's the "Reader's Digest" abbreviated version that is direct and to the point: God is blessing us. Want a few figures from January 1 of this year to April 30? It's right here.

| Receipts, Expenses, and Budget | |
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| 01/01/2023 to 4/30/2023 | |
| Income (contributions, gifts, interest) | \$89,750 |
| Expenses (administrative, property, payroll, gifts paid) | \$85,771 |
| Net Income (-Loss) | \$3,979 |

If you want the full, comprehensive, multi-page report that is presented each month to council, just look on the bulletin board on the south wall of the Fellowship Hall. It is there to read and study at a table over coffee. Enjoy!

More Good News! A \$500 Donation From Our Southern Illinois Synod

Editor's note: Our Business Manager, **Olise Mandat**, wants everyone to know that our congregation received a check this past week for \$500 to use in our Shelter To Home project. The money came from our Central/Southern Illinois Synod! Read all the way to Olise's "Thank You" to Mike and Carolyn Langan!

From: business@elcarb.org
To: **Cory Newman; Mike & Carolyn Langan; Brian Coffey;**
Cc: **Kevin Bame**
Subject: Shelter to Home grant (SMJA Grant)

Last year the new Shelter to Home gift line collected \$1,050 and spent \$578 leaving \$472 to begin 2023. Most of that has been spent leaving a current balance of \$136.

This weekend the mail brought us the letter (to the right) from **Pastor Stefan Munker**, Chairperson of Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy Committee of our Central/Southern Illinois Synod of the ELCA. A check for \$500.00 has been received and deposited. Last Sunday's offering included a check for \$150.

Rev. Stefan A. Munker
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, IL
 Chairperson of Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy Committee
 of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod of the ELCA

Social Ministry Committee
 Epiphany Lutheran Church
 1501 W Chautauqua
 Carbondale, IL 62901

May 11, 2023

Approval of your SMJA Grant

Dear Pastor Brian Coffey, Anne Terry, Cory Newman, and people of Epiphany,

Thank you for your commitment to serve shelter people in need of more adequate housing. Please use the \$500 grant for your congregation's Shelter to Home project by purchasing and supplying household items.

A letter confirming the approval is being sent to the synod treasurer with a request to release your requested amount. I hope you will receive a check soon, and pray for God's blessings on your ministry.

Your in Christ's mission,

Pastor Stefan Munker

Many thanks to **Carolyn and Michael Langan** for making sure that items are collected, purchased, and delivered for this project! The fund now has \$786.00 to spend on much-needed items for people transitioning to more permanent housing. [Last Sunday] was the last Sunday in May, Epiphany's month to collect items.

Olise Mandat

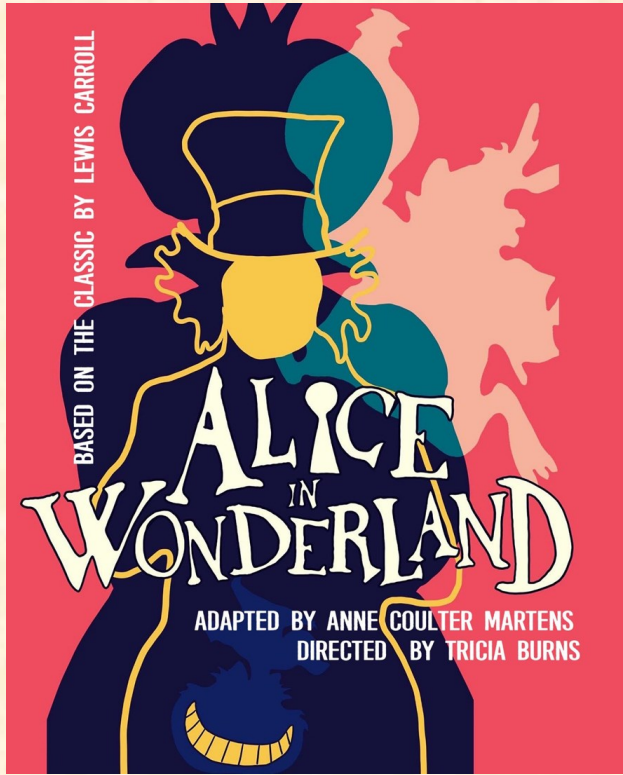
Gwen Dwyer Selected For "Alice In Wonderland" Production



At the end of each service Pastor Coffey asks, "Are there any other announcements?" When **Gwen Dwyer** came up to use the microphone, she was probably braver than most of us adults. But she was ready to let the congregation know that she has a role in the production of **Alice in Wonderland** at The Varsity Center in Carbondale. Gwen has been cast to play the White Flower and the First Heart Child.

Specific show dates and times are:

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| Friday | June 30 | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday | July 1 | 7:30 pm |
| Sunday | July 2 | 2:00 pm |
| Thursday | July 6 | 7:30 pm |
| Friday | July 7 | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday | July 8 | 7:30 pm |
| Sunday | July 9 | 2:00 pm |



Tickets are available on line at:
<https://stagecompany.org/the-laramie-project-ten-years-later/>



The production company provided this photo of Gwen (and other cast member photos) as they were rehearsing their lines for the production.

Thank You To Our Acolytes

Thank you to the following youth for their service as acolytes this past school year.

The acolyte has an important role in our worship service, bringing in the light of Christ at the beginning of the service and as the service ends, carrying the light of Christ out into the world. In addition to that, our acolytes help receive the offering and assist the pastor with the distribution of communion. The presence of an acolyte adds a great deal to our service. We are grateful for the participation of these youth and the support from their parents and grandparents.



Addie Terry

Addie Miller

Aiden Andert

Blake Kocher

Corrie Cheatwood

Elena Newman

Ella Gulbrandsen

Gwen Dwyer

Matilda Miller

Meade Smith

Olivia Terry

Peyton Viernum

Ruby Benz

Sara Schurz

Sidney Viernum

Simon Schurz

Tyler Karayiannis

Jane Terry, Acolyte Coordinator

Synod Assembly Delegates to be Voted on at our Semi-Annual Meeting

Our congregation is allowed two delegates each year to the Central-Southern Illinois Synod Assembly along with **Pastor Brian**. That's because the ELCA is uniquely structured as a lay-led (not clergy-led) organization! The Assembly is held the first weekend in June from Thursday through Saturday. All expenses are covered by the congregation.

For the past two years (2022 and 2023), **Cory Newman** and **Tim Fink** have served as our delegates. At our congregation's semi-annual meeting **on Sunday, June 11th**, we will be electing delegates for the 2024 Synod Assembly. While 2023 featured the selection of a new Synodical Bishop, 2024 will feature the new Bishop presiding for the first time.

Synod Assembly includes a soul-stirring Festival Worship service held in a local Roman Catholic Church (because there are too many Lutherans to fit into any of our own church buildings!), a social activity, and the business of the church – hearing reports of the Synod's many ministries. The Assembly is always developed around a biblical theme that relates to the mission and ministry of the Lutheran Church, and time is provided in large and small groups to hear speakers and discuss what that means for us in our local setting.

On the June 11th ballot, you will see the names of **Anne Terry** and **Jim Sylwester** who have expressed interest in participating in the Synod Assembly. However, nominations will be received from the floor or can be added in advance by contacting **Pastor Brian**. Also, visitors are welcome to participate (i.e. a couple could attend with one being a Delegate and one being a Visitor). Please consider whether or not you would like to experience the wider church in action through this unique annual opportunity!

Marcia and Linda: Thank You For the Memories!



Marcia Anderson



Linda Grace

Thank you for blessing us with your kindness, your patience, your understanding, your many gifts, and your love. We are confident that the Lord will go before you as you make new friends who will appreciate your abilities and talents as you serve our Lord and others. Now may "the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." (Num. 6:24-26) Your many friends at Epiphany.



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2022-2023 Epiphany Church Officers:

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| Anne Terry | Council President |
| Deb Sarvela | Vice-President |
| Peter Gimse | Secretary |
| Kevin Bame | Treasurer |
| Lynn Smith | Financial Secretary |
| Olise Mandat | Business Manager |

Epiphany Church Council Members:

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| Jan Womack | Christian Education Committee |
| Loren Cook | Communications/ IT Committee |
| Marcia Anderson | Evangelism Committee |
| Deb Sarvela | Fellowship Committee |
| Anne Terry | Property Committee |
| Tim Fink | Worship Committee |
| Cory Newman | Social Ministry Committee |
| Lynn Smith | Stewardship Committee |
| Peter Gimse | Youth Committee |