



EPIPHANY STAR

Epiphany Lutheran Church
Carbondale, Illinois
SEPTEMBER 2023



Pastor Brian Coffey

A Note from the Pastor

The Season after Pentecost has been walking us sequentially through the Gospel of Matthew. In our Sunday readings from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) we have encountered the famous parables of Jesus and ended the month of August hearing Peter’s confession that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Matthew is a gospel about **discipleship**, so we will continue into September learning what it means to be a disciple in today’s rapidly changing world, where the church is no longer central to the experience of the majority of the people in the United States.

To reflect on this more deeply, I will be offering an adult class on **Sunday mornings at 8:30 on the Acts of the Apostles starting September 17th**. I have previously taught this course at two other congregations. It’s written and recorded by one of my favorite New Testament professors, Dr. Matthew Skinner. Our dialogue together will help us apply what the people of the early church learned about living in a secular culture to our own experience today. Please join me for an interesting and engaging time together in God’s word!

I’m not writing much on this page, because I want you to spend time carefully going through this month’s newsletter. September will be a busy month of important ministries as our “program year” begins. A very festive Rally Day and cook out Picnic will set the tone for our Fall Semester of Sunday School leading to a Christmas program! Most of our traditional ministries are back in place, and the new Church Council members are settling into their roles.



Photo by **Pastor Brian**

To keep up with all that will be going on between now and the end of the calendar year, please pay close attention to the **weekly eHappenings** email publication. If you aren’t receiving it, please contact **Olise Mandat** in the church office.

The church is the body of Christ at work in the world, and our mission outpost known as Epiphany Lutheran Church needs all of us to accomplish God’s will for the ministry here. Please participate in the life of the congregation through prayer, worship, study and service on a committee or ministry team.

I’m looking forward to serving with you in the months ahead!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

Thoughts From the President

Greetings, Epiphanites,

Your Council met on August 8 for three hours....yes THREE! Don't ever say we're slackers. We had a rather large agenda, so hopefully, future meetings will be more manageable. Or at least shorter. Many things were discussed (obviously), including planning the care of the church grounds going forward, appointing an ad hoc committee for Eclipse activity planning (it's coming up in April!!!), involving the membership in activities and church operation, amending the church constitution, and purchasing some new fence panels for hanging banners (you will actually see this happen sometime in September).



Deb Sarvela
Council
President

So much is happening at Epiphany right now! Campus Ministry has been involved in welcoming students back to Carbondale. We had the Blessing of the Backpacks during one of our regular services. **Rally Day is September 10 including a picnic! Sunday school will begin soon (September 17)**, and WELCA had a brunch and book discussion and will begin their regular meetings on September 18. Jazz Vespers continues, as does Prayer Partners. **We will be collecting food for the Good Samaritan food pantry during the month of September.** And before you know it, it will be Advent!!! So many ways to become involved and enrich your lives! Please join in an activity or two. You'll likely be glad you did.

May God continue to bless you,

Deb Sarvela

A very big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped with Church Women United's Hunger Sale!



Nan Gher

Whether you donated, moved furniture, sorted, priced, cashiered, cleaned up, baked, or (very important!) shopped, you helped us make over \$13,000.

That money will stay in southern Illinois to assist local agencies with hunger relief. We had a constant flow of traffic, picking up some incredible bargains. As always, suggestions for next year are always welcome, and it's not too late to make a monetary donation. (Check with me anytime!)

If you are interested in being active in Church Women United or the Hunger Sale Crew, you are certainly welcome. You will make lasting friends.

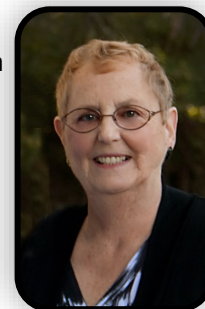
Epiphany's Evangelism Committee Care Team

For several years, **Trish Welch** has been the chief contact for Epiphany's evangelism committee care team. However, due to her new position on the stewardship committee, she has relinquished the care team tasks to me, **Nan Gher**. (Yes, It's me again.)

Please feel free to reach out to **Pastor Brian or to me** if you need a visit, transportation, food, and of course, prayers. One or both of us will get you the help you need from this caring congregation.

Thanks to Trish for her many examples of loving concern. She has always gone above and beyond the call of duty.

To reach Nan: 618-203-1121 or nangher43@gmail.com



Trish Welch

Good Samaritan Food Pantry — “Their Cupboard Is Bare”

Epiphany’s Food Drive for Good Samaritan Ministries Food Pantry occurs in September. Their cupboard is bare right now but here is a list of items that they need right away:

(Please ... no glass containers)

Canned goods

Vegetables
Pork and Beans
Tuna
Chicken
Spam
Ravioli
Soup
Chili

Dry Good

Pasta (elbow, mac, spaghetti)
Egg Noodles
Mac and Cheese
Ramen Noodles
Dry Beans
Cereal
Oatmeal
Rice

Misc. cooking supplies

Instant Coffee
Jelly
Cooking Oil
Sugar
Dry Milk
Kool-Aid



Peter Gimse
Social Ministry
Committee

All these items may be placed in the Fellowship Hall near the back door.

Of course, Good Samaritan Food Pantry will accept monetary donations and then do the shopping for you. Just write your check to **Epiphany Lutheran Church** and include **“Food Pantry” on the memo line**. You can place your check in the regular Sunday offering plates or send it to Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Chautauqua, Carbondale, IL 62901.

The Good Samaritan Food Pantry is housed in University Baptist Church at 700 South Oakland and is open Monday and Friday mornings. Good Samaritan Ministries is a tax-exempt organization established in 1985 by the Carbondale Interfaith Council. Last year the Food Pantry served 1,417 households and 4,729 individuals, including 1,549 children.

WELCA News



Deb Sarvela
Temporary
Facilitator

Greetings WELCA Sisters of Epiphany!

What a lovely time we had at **Cathy Wood’s** home in August to have brunch, visit, and discuss the book *Sensible Shoes*. Thirteen women were in attendance. People enjoyed the book so much that some have read on in the series! I, myself, have ordered the second book. Some of us will likely get together in small groups to further discuss these books. (Many thanks to **Pam Umlauf-Brown** for this book suggestion back in April!!!)

Our next meeting is September 18 at 6:30. We will have a POTLUCK and also elect officers and decide how to distribute the funds we have in our account earmarked for charities! Please put this on your calendars, ladies!

International Students Need Towels & Washable Blankets

Pam Umlauf-Brown wants to alert Epiphany members and friends that there are a great number of new international students who have recently arrived on campus and they are in need of blankets (washable) and towels. There is a basket under the table by the congregation photos in the Fellowship Hall that is labeled for international students. Packing a quantity of towels and blankets in their luggage was probably a bit complicated for students on international flights unless their major was engineering. We can help!

These Folks Have Birthdays in September

September 4 Maren Langan

September 8 Julie Bohnsack

September 10 Emily Hanson

September 10 Jane Terry

September 12 Kim Cook

September 12 Sarah Ferguson

September 14 Lee Swayze

September 16 Amy Eigenrauch



September 17 Elijah Terry

September 20 Gary Bernhardt

September 23 Jim Sylwester

September 25 Mark Scally

September 26 Karen Jezierski

September 28 Isla Griffith

September 29 Ruby Benz

September 29 Nan Gher

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>

Sunday Morning Fellowship — September Could Use a Little Help

Fellowship updates

Our Fellowship hosts during the month of August included the **Miller family, Olise Mandat, Jane Terry, and the cookie bank.** Thank you to all of you!

Here is the schedule for the month of September:

September 3 **Peter Gimse and Jim Sylwester**

September 10 **Bonnie Wright**

September 17 **Evangelism Committee for Global Missions**

September 24 (Still Open) _____

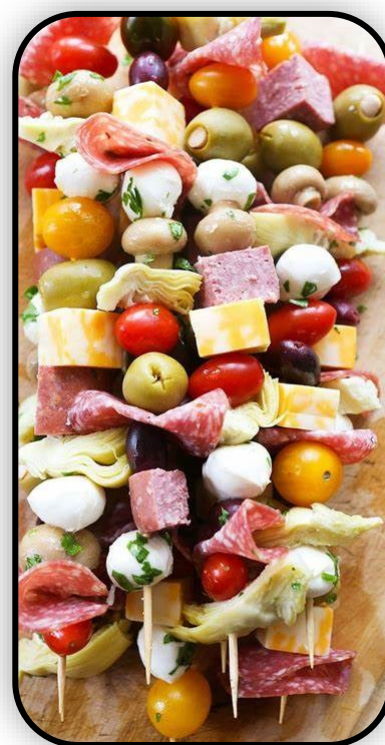
Interested? It can be rather fun! And if you have some recipes but no one to try them out on? Oh, perfect! Taste testers will definitely be there at Fellowship!!!

Deb Sarvela

Fellowship Chair

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Pastor Coffey Attends Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago



Pastor Brian
Coffey



Pastor Brian recently spent an exciting week in Chicago along with **Father Bob Flannery**, who is well-known to Epiphany members, as they attended the Parliament of the World's Religions held at McCormick Place near Lake Michigan. **Father Bob** serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Parliament of the World's Religions.

130th Parliament of World Religions – Chicago 2023

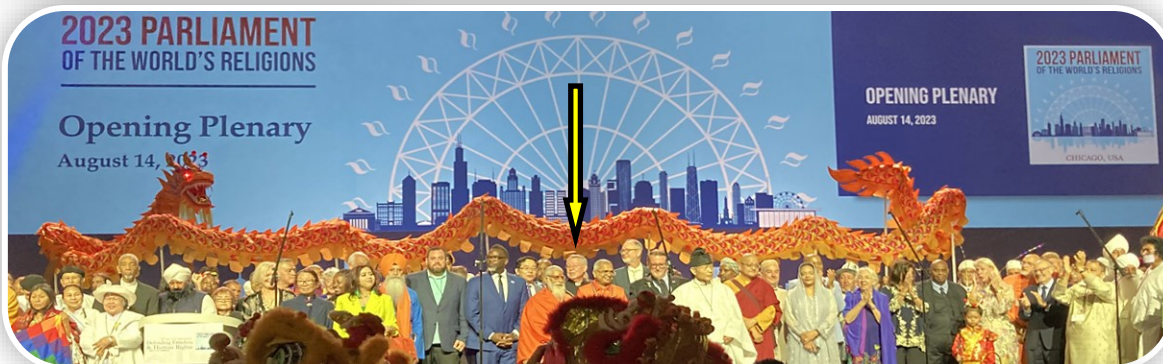


McCormick Place
Chicago

With over 200 religious expressions from over 80 countries it's simply impossible to give an overview of such an incredible experience. Hundreds of workshops and events were held each day, making it impossible to do more than a select handful.

The event was built around the theme: "A Call to Conscience: Defending Freedom and Human Rights". Much of the emphasis was on climate change, rights of women and children, and the necessity of global collaboration among people of faith to ensure a safe, healthy, just, and sustainable life for all people and all of creation based on our shared love of God. **Pastor Brian**

The opening session began with an introduction of dignitaries and members of the board of directors. If you follow the arrow, there's Father Flannery.

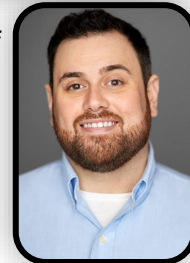


Upon his return to Carbondale, **Pastor Brian** received an email from the executive director of the Parliament, **Rev. Stephen Avino**, who resides in Chicago and is a graduate of the **Chicago Theological Seminary** and was ordained in 2019.

Dear Brian,

There are not enough ways to express my gratitude for what was made possible last week in our home city of Chicago. From the 1,000+ representatives of more than twenty diverse faith organizations who walked in our Inaugural Parade of Faiths, to the 7,000+ attendees that filled the halls of the Lakeside Center during the week, to the hundreds of presenters and exhibitors who shared their unique contributions to the global interfaith movement, to the hundreds of Sikh volunteers who shared Langar - the gift of sevā (selfless service), and to the incredible work ethic of our trustees, staff, volunteers, and vendors, my gratitude knows no bounds.

It was a week of joy and celebration. **Rev. Stephen Avino**



Rev. Stephen
Avino

Worship News



Tim Fink
Worship
Committee

This is the first of what I hope to be a limited series of articles (really explanations or descriptions) about what the Worship Committee does, is doing, and how it operates. I plan to submit pieces describing our process on subjects like the choice of liturgical settings, planning the church year, Hymn Selection subcommittee, Altar Guild subcommittee, technology in worship (Communications Committee), and more.

All summer we have been singing what we call the “Haugen” liturgy--Marty Haugen’s “This is the Feast.” It is perhaps our most popular setting and has been since I joined the church around 1996. We usually do it during the summer—it seems to match the mood of the big, long, green “growing” season. September 10th we will be changing to the “Fink” setting, the setting I wrote during Covid.

There will be a few changes since the last time we did it. I’ve added some options: You are familiar with the Confession/Kyrie, and we will be doing that. However, I added a Litany/Kyrie, which has strong similarities, but can be used at those times we choose to open with a prayer litany instead of a confession. I also wrote an optional set of lyrics to the Hymn of

Praise, or what we commonly refer to as the “This is the feast.” Hopefully, you’ll find the lyrics fresh, catchy, optimistic and fun. Last spring, I taught the Sunday School kids this rendition so I’m hoping they can lead us. The tune is the same, just the lyrics are different, and I reduced the clapping to half! I also added the Latin text “Agnus Dei” to the first part of the Lamb of God (the part we formerly hummed), and taught the Sunday School this as well, hoping they can sing this in place of the humming this fall.

The “Fink” setting attempts to unify the service through music: melodies, keys, chord progressions, and rhythms get recycled throughout. The idea is for it to be easily sung in a comfortable, narrow “morning voice” vocal range, and memorable due to repetition. We open and close the service with liturgy rather than hymns, so the hymns are placed in other locations of the service. The Gathering section: Confession, Kyrie and Hymn of Praise (or Glory to God) all flow together continuously. So does the “Meal” section: Dialogue, Preface, Holy Holy, Lord’s Prayer and Lamb of God are all segued. The beginning and end of the musical “mass,” the Kyrie and the Lamb of God, use (mostly) the same chord progression and accompaniment but a different melody and a switch from minor key to major—attempting to tie the beginning of the service to the last of the “mass” portion. For the Sending, the Closing Canticle (song) has similar music to the Offertory, and the service ends with music that concluded the Gathering (Hymn of Praise). Hopefully, this heightens the sense of closure by bookending the entire service. Finally, the “OverLude” and “ExitLude” are like a musical - all of the melodies are introduced to the congregation in the OverLude” to jog your memory, so pay attention;-), and the ExitLude is a shorter recap.

The lyrics are intended to be sincere, vernacular, and memorize-able with a lot of simple end rhymes, but I’ve also thrown in a little Latin mass, and well-known Biblical phrases, like “do unto others”. Musically I’ve tried to use an eclectic, contemporary style, at least to a 60-year old: a little gospel, a little rock (Holy, Holy), and of course -- it comes by naturally -- a lot of musical theater.

Thanks for reading!

Tim Fink, Chair, Worship Committee

Some Good News From the Old Testament

In I Kings we read that the prophet Elijah was so angry with God and life in general that he actually told God that all he wanted to do was to die.

And God said, "Here's some food. Eat something and then take a nap."
So, Elijah ate, slept, and decided that life wasn't so bad after all.

Never underestimate the power of a snack and a good nap!!

SIU Campus Ministry—"Light Up the Lake"

The Campus Ministry committee did a great job of welcoming students back to campus for their first week of classes that corresponded with a heat wave! On August 17 **Julie Bohnsack, Lynn Smith and Trish Welch** were busy teaching international students how to make *s'mores*.



Campus Ministry—Taste of Carbondale 2023



Epiphany Lutheran and the Wesley Foundation combined resources on August 20 to serve over 150 students food from local restaurants to get a taste of what's available in our community. The event was hosted on site at the newly remodeled Wesley Foundation building. Epiphany provided much of the funding from our budget and a Thrivent Action Grant. This was a joint ministry based on our ELCA-UMC full communion partnership.



Jim Sylwester and Susan Bausch are ready to serve a variety of pizzas. Who's next?



Pastor Coffey and Sherry Smedshammer,
Director of the SIU Wesley Foundation



Kate Renshaw, Sherry Smedshammer,
and **Susan Bausch**

READY FOR A TRIP OF A LIFETIME? ISRAEL IN APRIL 2024

Join ELCA Program Director for Ministry with Children, **Janelle Hooper**, and Epiphany member and ELCA Schools Executive Director, **Cory Newman**, on a **10-day trip to the Holy Land, April 2-11, 2024**. Our tour operator, **Elias Nawaweih**, is a Palestinian Christian from Bethlehem who leads many ELCA-coordinated trips each year. He has curated a pilgrimage that will not only help us experience the land, its history, and its archaeology but will also introduce us to the "Living Stones" of the Holy Land. We will experience the warmth and hospitality of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and discover some of their amazing work and ministry.

Read the full itinerary and details of this incredible opportunity at <https://www.eliastours.com/tours/elea-holy-land-trip-with-rev-janelle-hooper>. This trip is open to you, your friends, and your family. Our maximum trip size is 50 people but we expect about 25.



Cory Newman
Executive Director
ELCA Schools



National Youth Gathering and Young Adult Gathering July 16—20, 2024

The ELCA's incredibly popular **National Youth Gathering** is back after being twice delayed by the pandemic. The theme is "Created to Be," centered on Psalm 139:14. It will be held in **New Orleans** from **July 16-20, 2024** (Tuesday - Sunday).

Youth participants must be **in 8th to 12th grade this school year**. Registration timelines and amounts are shown below. A **\$150 non-refundable deposit** is due at the time of registration. The registration fees only cover the cost of programming. *All transportation, meals, and housing will be additional expenses.* Epiphany Lutheran Church is committed to the faith development of youth and young adults and will help cover some of the additional expenses by supporting fund-raising activities led by the participants and providing some funds in the 2024 annual budget.

Priority Registration	(September 15 – November 1, 2023):	\$375
Regular Registration	(November 2, 2023 – February 14, 2024):	\$425
Late Registration	(February 15 – April 15, 2024):	\$475



Street Car Along Canal Street

In addition, there will be a concurrent **Young Adult Gathering for those who will be 18-35** at the time of the event! This event is being created to include people who didn't have the opportunity to attend an ELCA Youth Gathering due to the pandemic delays. Participants in this program will be housed in a separate hotel with its own daily activity schedule but will join in the nightly Mass Gatherings and the Closing Worship with the youth participants. The same cost information noted above applies to this separate Gathering as well.

Priority Registration	(September 15 – November 1, 2023):	\$260
Regular Registration	(November 2, 2023 – February 14, 2024):	\$310
Late Registration	(February 15 – April 15, 2024):	\$360



We will be registering as a congregation within our Central/Southern Illinois Synod. **Please let Pastor Brian know by Monday, September 4th** whether or not you plan to participate in this incredible opportunity!!!

From there we will form an action team of participants to plan out our months of preparation and fund-raising.



More details can be found online at:

<https://www.elca.church/gathering>

Suggestions From the “Green Team”

Creation Justice Tips [selected] from the United Methodists’ website:

Be sure to walk the talk. **What are children and youth learning from the church’s practices?** Are recycling bins visible? Are meals served on washable dinnerware—not plastic or Styrofoam? Is food waste composted? Is there a bike rack providing an alternative to driving? Young ones are watching.

School is starting. If you have pick-up duty, **keep the car engine off while you wait.** Emissions from idling cars spew unseen particulates into the air, which research has shown negatively affects the cognitive performance of children. Get out of your car, enjoy the weather, and meet other parents, grands, and nannies. Tell them—and your children—why you don’t let the engine run.

And from Lutherans Restoring Creation [see their website], some additional materials available for individual consideration:

These resources can help you carry it out:

[Energy Efficiency Guide: Save Money on Home Energy Costs](#) – Links to many resources for energy stewardship

[Saving Water at Home and While Traveling](#) – tips for traveling and links to practical ideas for conserving water

[Home Waste & Compost](#) – Trying to reduce your waste, reuse more and recycle the right way? Want to learn about compost for your home? Here is all you need to do it.

Jazz Vespers: Sunday, September 10, 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*—Dick Kelley, reeds; Bob Allison, trumpet;

Isaac Lausell, guitar; Mel Goot, keyboards; Phil Brown, bass; Jimmy Beers, drums—**September 10, 2023**

works by *Phil Brown, Pierre Chrétien, Chick Corea, Victor Feldman, Takeshi Ohbayashi/Ulysses Owens Jr, and Cedar Walton*

Christian Education News



We have lots happening in Christian Education this month! The committee has been busy planning for the following activities:



Anne Terry
Christian
Education

- **September 10—Rally Day!** Rally Day will be full of church-wide activity for all ages. The children will be gifted Bibles during the church service. All children Pre K - 2nd grade will receive the *Whirl* Story Bible. Children 3rd through 6th grade will receive the *Whirl* Kids Study Bible. Our goal is to help kids discover the Bible and the location of favorite stories.

- **September 10th—PICNIC** following service. Join us for a church-wide picnic immediately following the worship service. Indoor and outdoor seating will be available. We hope to have games for kids (and kids at heart). Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall so we know how much meat to buy. Bring a dish to pass and a hungry tummy!
- **September 12—Confirmation** classes will begin at 7 pm. The students will continue to use the *Here We Stand* confirmation program, provided by the ELCA. This year **Pastor Brian, Jan Womack, and I** will provide instruction. We are exploring some new resources to mix things up a little this year. Our focus for this year is the Bible (next year is Catechism). We are looking forward to exploring the Bible together and learning more.
- **September 17th—Sunday school** classes begin at 8:30 am for all ages PreK - Adult. The children will be using the *Whirl* Sunday School Curriculum this year. *Whirl* offers materials for all grade levels. We will have at least two classes. If enough kids attend, we can break out into smaller groups. The *Whirl* curriculum follows the lectionary, so the kids will be diving into the same lessons as the big kids during worship. Children's bulletins will be provided to every child who wants one, to help kids engage in worship.
- **Adults!** — The adults will begin a study on the book of Acts, facilitated by **Pastor Brian**. Please consider participating in this group. Bring your Bible, grab a cup of coffee, and join us!

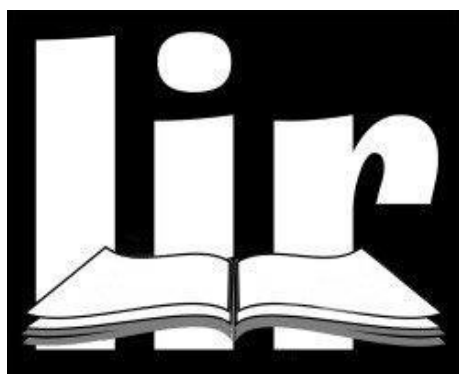
Thank you for all the continuing support of our young people at Epiphany. I don't know about you but the earliest memories I have of church are centered around Sunday School and the people who took the time to teach me. I can still remember how cold that floor was in the Sunday School room in the wintertime.

Blessings to you this month,

Anne Terry

Learning In Retirement Program For September

Grace United Methodist Church
220 N. Tower Road, Carbondale



**S.I. Learning
in Retirement**

John Sims, an ordained United Methodist minister and endorsed Police and Fire Chaplain, will offer his "Reflections on 9/11" at the September 20 meeting of Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement (SILIR). The presentation (free and open to the public) will be held at Grace United Methodist Church at 10:30 am. A coffee hour precedes the presentation and begins at 9:30 am.



John Sims



Pastor Kim Lee-Brown of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church offers devotional hikes periodically. The next "Walk Together" trail hike will be at the Arrowhead Lake Trail in Johnston City, IL We meet at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 30, at the trailhead on the campground side.

If you would like to join a few hikers and Walk Together, please let me know by texting me at 815-719-2799 no later than 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 29. A minimum of 4 need to sign-up or the Walk will be cancelled. In the event the Walk is cancelled, I will text (or call) to let those who signed up know.

Change For Change Jars



December 3 is the first Sunday in Advent, and not too far away! It is also the day we collect our “change-for-change jars” that have been collecting coins for the past year. After coins and other donations are collected, our support is sent to our Global Missions partners, **Willie and Anne Langdji**, who have been serving as ELCA Representatives in Africa. Jars are still available ...

The Evangelism Committee



The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has organized its global engagement around the theology and practice of accompaniment, walking together with Lutheran, ecumenical, and interfaith sisters and brothers around the world. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world – together.

Our Global Mission support has been directed to **Willie, Anne, and Micah Langdji** who serve as ELCA Representatives in Africa. Anne has been focusing on support to health ministries, whereas Willie’s focus has been on development and capacity building.

Epiphany’s support of the ELCA’s Global Mission effort takes the form of an annual covenant sponsorship of \$1,200. Thanks to your generous support last year, we exceeded that amount—and hope to do so again this year! Any funds raised in excess of the pledged amount will be directed to disaster relief in Madagascar.

Our traditional means of raising our Global Mission pledged amount has been the Change for Change jars. These jars have been and will continue to be available for you to contribute your spare change (or currency or Vanco) throughout the year. The funds are collected each year on the first Sunday in Advent which will be December 3.

The Evangelism Committee also raises funds by offering simple soup suppers on the three Wednesdays in Advent. Funds raised through a free-will offering at the meals are added to the amount collected from the jars. To thank you for your past support of Global Mission projects and to give you a “taste” of Africa, the Evangelism Committee will provide the fellowship refreshments on Global Mission Sunday, September 17. We hope that you will join us as we try to share our blessings and do God’s work wherever in the world there is an urgent need.

August Attendance



	In Person	Zoom	Total
September 6	68	8	76
September 13	63	16	79
September 20	67	6	73
September 27	64	13	77
AVERAGE	66	11	76
Jazz Vespers	21		

“Come Stitch a Bit With Us”

That’s right! Come stitch a bit with us on at 10:00 on Saturday, September 30 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring needles and yarn or fabric. If you don’t know how to knit, crochet, or embroider, one of us will teach you.

We meet, greet, pray, laugh, and chatter while our needles are clattering. There’s also coffee and a snack.

We also need to discuss the prayer shawls we make and the possibility of baby afghans for baptisms. .



Julie Bohnsack
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Please let either one of us know if you can attend.



Bonnie Wright
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B



C



Can you identify these examples of embroidery, knitting, and crocheting?
Ask Julie or Bonnie for the answers. (Please don’t ask the editor.)

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR ITEMS

(SUPPLIED BY OLISE MANDAT)

September 1 - Bishop Busboom begins a six-year term

Sunday, September 3 - Pentecost 14

- 9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion
- Baptism of Margaret Anne-Renee Putz

Monday, September 4 - Labor Day - Church office closed

Sunday, September 10

- God's Work Our Hands / Rally Day / Council Installation
- 9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion (Fink liturgy)
 - Distribution of Bibles to all children
- **Following service - Christian Education Picnic**
- **5:00 pm - Jazz Vespers**

Monday, September 11

- 3:00 pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 12

- 7:00 pm - Council Meeting

Sunday, September 17 - Global Missions Sunday

- **8:30 am – Sunday School Begins**
- 9:30 am -- Worship with Holy Communion
- Following worship - Fellowship provided by the Global Missions Committee
- 4:30 pm - Celebrating Community Voices: 1964-2023, First Christian Church, 306 West Monroe, Carbondale

September 18-20 - Pastor at Synod Theological Conference

Monday, September 18

- 6:30 pm - WELCA Potluck

Saturday, September 23 - Installation of Bishop-elect Greg Busboom

- 11:00 am - St Agnes Catholic Church, 245 North Amos Avenue, Springfield.

Sunday, September 24

- **8:30 am – Sunday School**
- 9:30 am -- Worship with Holy Communion

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
	LABOR DAY					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Cory Newman	Communications/ IT Committee
Beth Bivens	Evangelism Committee
Deb Sarvela	Fellowship Committee
Patrick Seger	Property Committee
Tim Fink	Worship Committee
Peter Gimse	Social Ministry Committee
Trish Welch	Stewardship Committee
Patrick Dwyer	Youth Committee