



# EPIPHANY STAR

Epiphany Lutheran Church  
Carbondale, Illinois  
OCTOBER 2023



Pastor Brian Coffey

## A Note from the Pastor

October puts us into the third quarter of the year – heading into the home stretch! After a quarter century of working for a publicly traded company, that’s how my mind works. Although I know that many folks in the congregation are accustomed to thinking in terms of academic years, meaning we are approaching mid-term exams.

Regardless of our secular frame of reference, we are nearing the end of the liturgical year with only two months to go. The first Sunday in December will move us into Advent 1 – the first Sunday in Year B - the year of reading from the Gospel of Mark. The Worship Committee is already hard at work thinking about midweek Advent services and how they differ from midweek services during Lent. As decisions are made, more information will be shared about how we will mark the Advent season together in a thoughtful way to enhance our spiritual journey with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Stepping back to where we are at present, the last four Sundays in October will feature guest singers to lead us through the final weeks of our liturgy composed by Tim Fink. There will also be a change in the opening of the liturgy to focus on a prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, who is commemorated on October 4<sup>th</sup> as a “Renewer of Society.”

October will be a month of settling into our new Sunday School and Adult Education classes and marking Reformation Day on October 29<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you to bring your children and grandchildren to Sunday School and to participate in a class yourself either on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and/or on Thursday evenings at 6:30 (as announced). Campus Ministry will continue by connecting with the Air Force ROTC students on Fridays in our building and with students at the Wesley Foundation on Wednesday evenings - along with our continuing hospitality to any students who join us for worship on Sunday mornings.

As you’ve heard me mention in sermons lately, we are a Mission Outpost for the Holy Spirit here at 1501 W. Chautauqua. Please continue to observe our neighborhood and community through the eyes of Christ, and pray for where God might be calling us to serve God’s mission in creative new ways. As ideas come to mind, please share them with me or with members of the Church Council.

Blessings to you as the season begins to change and we experience the beauty of God’s creation in a new way.

Yours in Christ,

**Pastor Brian**

## Thoughts From the President



**Deb Sarvela**  
Council  
President

Greetings, Fellow Epiphanians

Your Council had quite the productive meeting on September 12. Substantially shorter than August, but no less productive!!! We made it through a good chunk of the constitution, and with any luck, we will finish going through it at our October meeting, with the finalization of the draft in November before sending it to the Synod for approval. My goal is to have the final document ready for congregational approval for the May/June semi-annual congregational meeting.

Speaking of Semiannual Congregational Meetings! The fall meeting is scheduled for November 12 after church. This is the one where we approve the budget for 2024. So please plan to be there.

Sunday School is now in full swing for both adults and children. Rally day was quite busy with that wonderful church picnic, and all the children and youth were given Bibles of their own to bring to Sunday School. Social Ministry had a successful food pantry collection for Good Samaritan. The Valor group (Air Force ROTC students) has started meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Fridays with **Pastor Brian** again.

So, what do you think of the fence panels out front with the informational banners? I quite like them. The banners can be seen from both directions, changed as needed for different church activities, AND will be more supported from the wind. Thanks to the Evangelism Committee for spearheading this effort, and also for providing the congregation with information and food during Global Missions Sunday. The Communications/IT committee has been diligently working on the improvement of our Technology equipment. Property has been planning for our landscaping needs. Worship has outlined Advent already (yes, it's almost here). **Kevin Bame** has been collecting quotes to update our insurance, and adjusting our accounts to increase their earning potential. This is only a small example of the many things going on at Epiphany.

WELCA had their opening fall meeting on September 18. The turnout was disappointing. We are in dire need of leadership at this time, so if anyone has the desire to step up and take charge, please let me know!!! Think of the things you could do, change the format of the meetings, change the time of the meetings, make WELCA bigger and bolder than ever! We are open to almost anything.

Blessings to you all,

**Deb Sarvela**

**Deb Sarvela**

## Fellowship Updates

Our Fellowship hosts during the month of September included **Peter Gimse** and **Jim Sylwester**; **Kelsey Putz** provided a lovely cake in honor of the baptism of her sweet daughter, **Margaret**; Christian Education committee hosted a phenomenal picnic; and the Evangelism Committee came up with an equally impressive Global Missions celebration; and we don't want to forget the cookie bank. Thank you all! You make our time in church that much more special!

At the moment, October is wide open with opportunities for hosting, with the exception of October 8 with **Bonnie Wright** and **Jan Radtke** hosting.

**Deb Sarvela**

Fellowship Chair

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## WELCA News

Dear WELCA Sisters of Epiphany,

We had our potluck and business meeting on September 18. There was a disappointing turnout, only four were in attendance. As a result, we did not elect officers. We did, however, plan a budget for the distribution of funds. Olise sent out the designated funds at the end of September. This includes the following:

- o Survivor Empowerment Center -\$400
- o Good Samaritan Ministries-\$200
- o Good Samaritan Food Pantry-\$200
- o Poshard Foundation-\$100
- o Carbondale Warming Center-\$300
- o LSSI-Children's Community Services-\$200
- o LSSI-Prisoner and Family Ministries-\$200
- o WELCA-Katie's Fund-\$100
- o Graduating High School Seniors gifts
- o Discretionary Funds

We plan to set out some of the old bazaar items in the Fellowship Hall sometime in October/November to be available for a freewill donation, the funds of which will be distributed to local charities.

No future meetings have been scheduled, including the Christmas potluck. **We are in need of leadership. Anyone interested in stepping up to lead our WELCA group, please let Deb Sarvela know.**

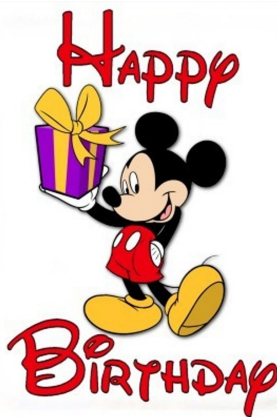
**Deb Sarvela**, Temporary Facilitator



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## These Folks Have Birthdays in October

October	5	Loren Cook	October	19	Jim Womack
October	8	Kelsey (Logan) Putz	October	21	Addie Miller
October	9	Jenna Griffith	October	24	Patrick Seger
October	12	Lezlie Terry	October	24	Al Terry
October	13	Sydney Cook	October	25	Fred Wood
October	19	Jessica Dwyer	October	29	Pr. Brian Coffey
October	19	Joe Scimeca	October	30	Jim Pavlovich



## Happy Anniversary



and congratulations to Bill and Karen Jezierski

October 29

## Social Ministry: 5 Projects To Consider



**Peter Gimse**  
Social Ministry  
Committee

### 1. Bread For the World:

In October we will engage in a campaign to reduce world hunger. This effort takes two forms:

- 1) Writing letters to our legislators to encourage policies that alleviate hunger.
- 2) Monetary donations to Bread for the World to support lobbyists who advocate for our legislators to encourage policies that alleviate hunger. ( Note: These contributions are NOT tax-deductible.)

Today the global hunger rate is one person in ten. Even more people suffer from malnutrition, leading to poor health and stunted child development.

Bread for the World encourages churches and community organizations to write letters to their Congressmen and Senators. They have the power to impact policies and programs that can end hunger. By taking part in the letter-writing campaign in support of the Farm Bill, you will help support federal programs like GusNIP and SNAP, and also funding for critical international food assistance programs.

**Federal food assistance programs provide ten times as much assistance as all private charities and churches combined.**

### 2. Annual Coat Give-Away:

My experience raising kids and grandchildren has taught me a valuable lesson: We feed them and they grow. If your kids also eat and subsequently grow, then last year's winter coats will be too small. Each year we collect coats and other clothing to give to kids who need them. We bring everything to University Baptist Church for distribution. **Collection dates are from now to October 25. Monetary donations are also accepted.**

### 3. Good Samaritan Food Pantry:

September was our month to supply the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry has been especially busy this year because of changes made to the SNAP program. This year there was a need for can openers in addition to good food. Good Samaritan goes grocery shopping with any monetary donations we provide to them. Thanks to all who supported this drive.

### 4. Spirit of Christmas:

LSSI in Marion is once again coordinating the Spirit of Christmas program to provide gifts to kids. We no longer go shopping for Christmas presents for the kids, as we did in past years. Instead, we collect monetary donations, and LSSI does the shopping. This works out better for all the congregations that are involved, and better for LSSI, and better for the recipients. **We will collect donations for Spirit of Christmas through November 12.**

### 5. Bell Choir:

Calling all kids who like to make noise. All kids are invited to take part in the bell choir program again this year. We will perform Christmas songs since Christmas time is fast approaching. Many thanks to **Jan Womack**, who purchased bells a few years ago and got the bell program started.

## Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) Is Coming to Epiphany!



**Lynn Smith**  
Financial  
Secretary

Epiphany has been a supporter of LSSI since the agency came “south” with the emergence of the ELCA in 1988. Previously, its work had been limited to the northern reaches and upper half of Illinois, from its home base in Des Plaines. In 1990, LSSI was invited to consider opening offices and programs in Marion and Vienna. Early programs related to its Prisoner and Family Ministry sector, with a house in Vienna that served as a Greyhound Bus stop and a visitors’ respite when arriving to visit family members incarcerated at one of the two Vienna prisons. Later, programs concerning Children and Family Community Services and Counseling programs opened through the Marion office and were located in Marion, Cairo, Vienna, and Harrisburg.

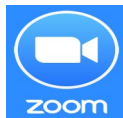
Usually in Illinois’ ELCA congregations, LSSI is celebrated on Good Shepherd Sunday, which generally comes up in April/May. This past spring, Epiphany’s calendar was full, and we did not have the opportunity to celebrate LSSI until now. This year, for us, Good Shepherd Sunday will be October 15! As a congregation, we welcome LSSI and its representatives, **Molly Arnoldt** (Senior Director of Development) and **Kevin Copeland** (Director of Prison and Family Ministries), to worship with us and to participate in our service and Fellowship hour two weeks from now.

It has been over a year since we last welcomed LSSI’s leadership representatives to Epiphany, to share with us the joys of their work with children and families, incarcerated adults, and both children and adults with disabilities. Their LSSI Mission Statement calls its people to **bring healing, justice, and wholeness to people and communities through compassion in service to—and with—others**. In southern Illinois, this is carried out through the Offices of Children’s Community Services in Marion and Vienna, and Prison and Family Ministries in Marion. Our Easter Book-in-a-Basket and our summer School Supplies projects go to the Marion office headed by **Lindsey Yordy**, who will also be with us in two weeks. The Prison and Family office has, in the past, overseen, the Employment Skills School, which **Marcia Anderson** developed, and the Storybook project, with which several Epiphany members have participated.



Come, join us on October 15, to hear more from **Kevin Copeland** who will preach that morning, from **Molly Arnoldt** who will lead the children’s sermon, and a discussion during the Fellowship time with **Lindsey Yordy** from the Marion LSSI office. Blue Good Shepherd Sunday offering envelopes will be available for contributions to either the statewide needs of LSSI or the more local needs of the southern Illinois office and its programs.

### 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>



## New Assistant to the Bishop for Transformational Leadership

*"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).*



It is with much joy and thanksgiving that I announce that this past weekend the Synod Council of our Central/Southern Illinois Synod voted unanimously to call the Reverend Amy Zietlow as our new full-time Assistant to the Bishop for Transformational Leadership. Primary responsibilities of this new role will include: Candidacy, Call Process, Interim Ministry, Synod Authorized Ministry, and First Call Theological Education. In addition, this new role will explore how we can think creatively and missionally about leadership in our congregations given the ever-changing context in which we find ourselves.

Pastor Zietlow currently serves as Pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Decatur and as Dean of the East-Central Conference. In addition, she teaches dance in the Decatur community. She earned

her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1996 and her Master of Divinity Degree from the University of Chicago in 1999. Prior to moving to Decatur, Pastor Zietlow worked for The Hospice of Baton Rouge, first as Director of Volunteer Services and Chaplain and later as Chief Operating Officer. Pastor Zietlow's first call was as Assistant Pastor at Our Redeemer in Marion, Illinois.

Pastor Zietlow is married to the Reverend Michael Karunas, senior minister at Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Decatur. They are the parents of three children.

Pastor Zietlow's call to the synod will begin on November 1. We look forward to Pastor Zietlow's faithful, creative, and joy-filled leadership among us!

Greg G. Busboom  
Bishop



Central/Southern Illinois  
Synod



## EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS    SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

### Here are the highlights from the September 12, 2023 council meeting:

Treasurer (**Kevin Bame**) was authorized to invest non-interest bearing funds into short-term CDs to earn interest.

A new audio/visual and sound system has been installed and is functioning in the sanctuary since September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Grounds care contracts with vendors are being reviewed and modified as needed with support from volunteer labor on certain groundskeeping tasks.

Youth Ministry outreach to families is about to begin in order to assess needs and interests.

Christian Education committee focusing on children and parent engagement by distributing new 'Whirl' age-specific Bibles to all children, hosting Rally Day on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> with an outdoor picnic to follow. Classes for adults and children will be held weekly from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. starting September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted, **Patrick Dwyer**, Secretary.

## New Equipment Arrives At Epiphany for Zoom Productions



**Nan Gher**

**Cory Newman**  
Communications &  
IT Committee

If you've been into the sanctuary or have joined us via Zoom for Sunday service over the last few weeks, you may have noticed quite an increase in our digital offerings.

COVID caused many churches, Epiphany included, to make a hard pivot into the live-streaming world. While we have consistently brought our worship services to an online community of worshipers, we have not had the best technology to do so.

With the help of a devoted team of communications and IT volunteers and the professionals at 618 Pro, we now have an updated soundboard, wired and remote microphones for individuals and house sound, a pan-tilt-zoom

camera mounted to the rear wall of the sanctuary, and the technology to bring live-streaming services to the wider community with high-quality results.

Our talented volunteers are now tasked with managing and controlling all of our new components and I'd say it's been pretty seamless.



Here's the "talented volunteers" who make up the Zoom team at Epiphany as they test out the new equipment. (L to R) **Loren Cook, Cory Newman, Steve Logan and Olise Mandat.**

If you're interested in joining the Zoom team, please contact **Cory Newman** at [corye508@gmail.com](mailto:corye508@gmail.com).

## News From the Global Missions Team — Willie and Anne Langdji

Here is a recently acquired letter from our missionary in West and Central Africa. Although Anne has returned to the United States, Willie remains, and it appears that the great work continues. Thank you for your support there, and also in the country of Madagascar. **If you still need a Change for a Change jar, some are available in the narthex.**

Good morning, Pastor Brian,

So sorry for this late response. I hope it will still be useful.

With Anne retiring back to the U.S. (so our son Micah can continue school), I will continue in the same role of Regional Representative for West and Central Africa. In this region, the ELCA accompanies national Lutheran churches as they seek to serve God's people through many different ministries.

In Senegal, the ELCA walks side-by-side with the Senegal Lutheran Church in the women's ministry, health, and education, providing support for skills-building programs that help young women who left school early to become computer literate, learn sewing, embroidery, tie-dye skills to better their future and those of their families.



Also in Senegal, the ELCA provides support to the Senegal Lutheran Development services that run school programs, youth centers, and animal husbandry programs. The animal husbandry programs provide opportunities for Fulani herders to crossbreed their cows with foreign breeds like Holstein to have more milk which is a source of protein for the family as well as an income



**Nan Gher**

For the Global  
Missions Team

Continued



source for the women.

In the Central African Republic and Cameroon, I am working with the churches as they make final preparations for the centennial celebrations of the arrival of the first American Lutheran missionaries in Cameroon to start mission work that gave birth to the Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic and the Lutheran Church of Cameroon.



In the Central African Republic, the ELCA provides resources for education programs that serve children in 30 remote communities with no access to other such services and also supports young women to further their education after elementary school. The health program of the Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic runs Child and Mother-care health clinics as well as health centers in regions of the country where such services are very scarce or non-existent.

Both churches run seminaries and Bible training institutions for students seeking ordination at the end of their studies.

We are grateful to be your eyes and ears on the ground and to be living witnesses of your part in the transformation of lives in the way of Jesus.



Thank you for doing what you do to the service of God's children.

#### Ordinations in Cameroon

Blessings,  
**Willie Langdji**

NB: I am attaching some photos that may be useful for you. I will send more in a separate email



Vegetable Farm in Gambia

Jazz Vespers Service at 5:00 PM On Sunday, October 8

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; Isaac Lausell, guitar;  
Mel Goot, vibraphone; Tom Edgar, piano; Phil Brown, bass; Jimmy Beers, drums—**October 8, 2023**  
celebrating the music of **McCoy Tyner**

Need Some “Mystery” In Your Life? It’s Coming On October 27 and 28

The  
MURDER  
MYSTERY at the  
**MURDER MYSTERY**




**Connor Gulbrandsen** will be performing in the Carbondale Community High School production of **The Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery**, on Friday, October 27, and Saturday, October 28. The play will begin at 7:00 P.M. and tickets will be sold at the door.

Believe it or not, it's a  
COMEDY!





# Spirit of Christmas

As a member of the Interfaith Council, our congregation has been very generous in giving for Spirit of Christmas. And, we hope you will be so again this year!



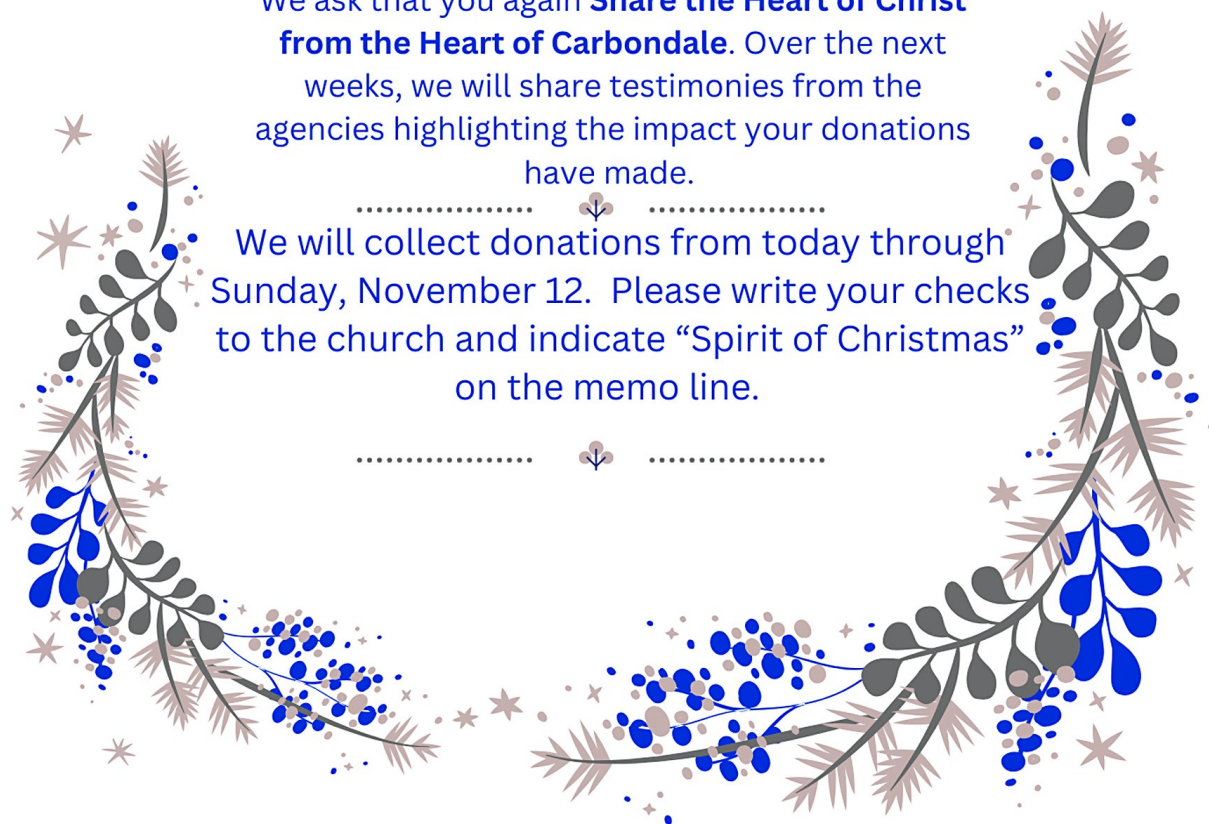
14 Communities of Faith join together to provide Christmas to clients and residents of 14 area agencies.



We ask that you again **Share the Heart of Christ from the Heart of Carbondale**. Over the next weeks, we will share testimonies from the agencies highlighting the impact your donations have made.



We will collect donations from today through Sunday, November 12. Please write your checks to the church and indicate "Spirit of Christmas" on the memo line.



## ... And More Information About Christmas



**Mike and Carolyn Langan**  
Epiphany's 2023  
Christmas Helpers

For many years **Amy Eigenrauch** has headed up our congregation's participation in the Spirit of Christmas. As you saw on the previous page, fourteen communities of faith here in the Carbondale area combine their efforts to make Christmas a blessing for so many families and individuals. Now **Mike and Carolyn Langan** have volunteered to carry on a tradition that interestingly helps 14 organizations listed below make miracles happen for those folks who may have many needs and very few resources.



### Spirit of Christmas Recipient Organizations

1. Archway
2. Attucks Community Services
3. Carbondale Care Emergency Fund
4. Carbondale Warming Center
5. CCHS Rebound Alternative Program
6. Centerstone
7. Century Assisted Living
8. Community Alternatives Illinois
9. Good Samaritan Ministries
10. Greater Gillespie Temple/Hannah House CDC
11. Integrity Health Care
12. Liberty Village — Manor Court
13. Migrant Children
14. Shawnee Health Service

*The mission statements for each of these organizations are available for your viewing in the Fellowship Hall next to the Spirit of Christmas poster.*

## Worship News: About the Worship Committee



**Tim Fink**  
Worship  
Committee

The Worship Committee generally meets on the third Thursday of the month to discuss and plan for everything related to worship. The committee is presently made up of **Pastor Brian, Tim Fink (Chair), Lynn Smith, Betty Person, Deb Sarvela, Jane Terry, Laurel Fleming, and Jane Rose**. This committee further divides into the Hymn Selection Committee (**Betty, Jane, Pastor and Tim**) and the Altar Guild (**Laurel and Jane**). It recently came to my attention that the ELCA is encouraging churches to include in their constitution requirements for council membership representation from both the youth and young adult categories -- we would like to add similar representation. If you are interested in serving with us, or have someone you would like to recommend, please contact me ([tjfink@siu.edu](mailto:tjfink@siu.edu)).

Like so many institutions, mainline churches across the country struggle with attendance and membership. A big part of evangelism (not all but part) is the worship service -- often the front door to someone choosing to become a member. So for the past year, our committee has been spending time at the beginning of each meeting discussing ideas from articles, books, and videos related to worship trends. I've put it on most agendas calling it "30 for Thinking."

The discussions often include questions like, "Why are people not coming to church?" "How are we different as a culture?" "What are successful churches doing?" "How do we balance tradition with modernization, especially being a denomination which is so rich with history and tradition?" Covid really put the hurt on churches (and most other institutions). But what came out of it is our new familiarity with Zoom and other live-streaming platforms. So, we are able to visit just about any church in America and see what they are doing. I've lost count of how many I've visited, but am struck by the wide variety found in the ELCA!

Finally, since the Church Council is working on revising our constitution, the Worship Committee description has been slightly updated to the following for your approval:

CR1.09. There shall be a Committee on **Worship**. It shall assist the Congregation Council in seeing that the services of God's house are conducted regularly and in accordance with the liturgy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and that hymnals and other devotional materials are provided and properly cared for. This committee shall supervise and strive to advance the welfare and effective service of the organist(s), the pianist(s), the choir(s), and other musicians of the congregation. Under the auspices of the Altar Guild, it shall arrange for the care of paraments, vestments, liturgical arts supplies and musical instruments. In consultation with the Rostered Minister/Pastor, the organist(s), the pianist(s), and the choir director(s), it shall furnish music supplies appropriate for use in the worship of a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Altar Guild shall be represented on this committee.

Next month I'll talk about hymn selection. Thanks for reading.

**Tim Fink**, Worship Committee Chair

## International Students Still Need Towels & Washable Blankets



Just a reminder to 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 ... and "Thank You."

## Christian Education News

September was a very busy month! We had a wonderfully successful kick-off to Sunday School as we distributed Bibles to all the children and enjoyed a picnic lunch together. We also played several games of Bingo and awarded prizes. I have never seen such enthusiastic Bingo players! That said, I have several "thank you" comments to extend:



**Anne Terry**  
Christian  
Education

To my grilling team — **Patrick Dwyer, Trish Welch, Pastor Brian, and Aiden Andert**, thank you for getting those burgers and hot dogs done and inside to our hungry picnic attendees!

To all of you who provided the delicious food. There wasn't much left so I know it was a success!

To my planning committee — **Jane Terry and Lyn Knowles**, thank you for all your help moving tables and helping us get set up for the day.

To all who stuck around to clean up — **Jess Dwyer, Sherrie Miller, Lyn Knowles, Addie Miller**, and others, thank you so much for all your help. You certainly illustrate the "many hands make light work" philosophy for me.

And a special thank you to **Jane Terry, Ruby Benz, Max and Devin Miller**, and all the others who helped call Bingo numbers for our game! We will plan another Bingo night sometime soon.

As we enter October and into fall, please continue (or begin) to attend Sunday School at 830. On the last Sunday of October, we will observe Reformation Sunday, so be sure to wear RED that day!

Your friend in Christ, **Anne Terry**

## Learning In Retirement Program For Wednesday, October 18

**Grace United Methodist Church**  
220 N. Tower Road, Carbondale



**Suzanne Schmitz**  
Retired Faculty  
SIU School of Law

**Suzanne Schmitz** will present the "Bill of Obligations" at the monthly Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement meeting on Wednesday, October 18. Her talk is based on the book of the same title by **Richard Haass**, former president of the Council of Foreign Relations. Haass believes democracy is endangered and calls for an updated view of citizens' obligations (obligations are "shoulds" that balance our emphasis on citizens' rights).

Suzanne will present Richard Haass' views and add her own ideas on putting this view of citizenship into practice. **The presentation is free and open to the public and begins at 10:30 am at Grace United Methodist Church, 220 N. Tower Road, Carbondale.**



## Global Missions — Oh, What a Sunday It Was!



Oluwaseun Ola (or just “Ola”) was dressed for the occasion when he read the Scripture lessons on Global Missions Sunday. Ola is from Nigeria and is a graduate student at SIU working on a doctoral degree in agricultural studies.



The members of the Evangelism team conducted the “Children’s Sermon” and emphasized the importance of Global Missions and assisting our missionaries in western Africa and the country of Madagascar. Each of the kids is holding high one of the table decorations from the Fellowship Hall that either represents or was made in Africa.



**Devon Miller**



**Blake Kocher**



**Isla Griffith**

The Christian Education committee, focusing on children and parent engagement, gave new ‘Whirl’ age-specific Bibles to all the children.

Here are photos of three kids with their new gift.

Photos by **Devon Miller, Sr.**



Looks like **Trish Welch** may be a Bingo winner!



Carefully looking over the selection of Bingo prizes are **Devon, Max, and Addie Miller**

Bingo photos by **Devon Miller, Sr.**

**OCTOBER CALENDAR ITEMS****(SUPPLIED BY OLISE MANDAT)**

- Sunday, October 1      8:30 am - Sunday School and Adult Class  
9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion (in person and Zoom)
- Tuesday, October 3      7:00 pm - Confirmation Class
- Thursday, October 5      6:30-8:00 pm - Adult class in fellowship hall, "Finding Hope in a Divided Country: Christian Nationalism, Theology, and the Church" (final session)
- Sunday, October 8      8:30 am - Sunday School and Adult Class  
9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion (in person and Zoom)  
5:00 pm - Jazz Vespers
- Monday, October 9      3:30 pm - Evangelism Committee meeting
- Tuesday, October 10      7:00 pm - Council meeting  
7:00 pm - Confirmation Class
- Sunday, October 15      8:30 am - Sunday School and Adult Class  
9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion (in person and Zoom) Guest preacher
- Monday-Tuesday, October 16-17 Pastor at First Call Theological Education (Springfield)
- Tuesday, October 17      7:00 pm - Confirmation Class
- Sunday, October 22      8:30 am - Sunday School and Adult Class  
9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion (in person and Zoom)
- Tuesday, October 24      7:00 pm - Confirmation Class
- Sunday, October 29 -      8:30 am - Sunday School and Adult Class  
9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion (in person and Zoom) Reformation Day
- Tuesday, October 31 - Halloween - No Confirmation Class

<b>OCTOBER 2023</b>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween				



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Photo by **Olise Mandat**

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**Mary Kelly, Church Secretary**  
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<b>Deb Sarvela</b>	<b>Council President</b>
<b>Cory Newman</b>	<b>Vice-President</b>
<b>Patrick Dwyer</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Kevin Bame</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Lynn Smith</b>	<b>Financial Secretary</b>
<b>Olise Mandat</b>	<b>Business Manager</b>

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<b>Anne Terry</b>	<b>Christian Education Committee</b>
<b>Cory Newman</b>	<b>Communications/ IT Committee</b>
<b>Beth Bivens</b>	<b>Evangelism Committee</b>
<b>Deb Sarvela</b>	<b>Fellowship Committee</b>
<b>Patrick Seger</b>	<b>Property Committee</b>
<b>Tim Fink</b>	<b>Worship Committee</b>
<b>Peter Gimse</b>	<b>Social Ministry Committee</b>
<b>Trish Welch</b>	<b>Stewardship Committee</b>
<b>Patrick Dwyer</b>	<b>Youth Committee</b>