



EPIPHANY STAR

Epiphany Lutheran Church
Carbondale, Illinois
July 2024



Pastor Brian Coffey

Notes from the Pastor

Greetings in the name of Jesus in whom we place our trust and hope!

Summer has surely arrived as we can tell by our hot and humid weather and beautiful blooming flowers and trees. Worship attendance in June reflected the typical seasonal shift to slightly fewer members in the building and online but with solid participation nevertheless. The new Church Council was elected, and positions were determined (see the next page) with a break until meeting again on August 20th.



The Dwyer Family

Committees continue to meet in preparation for our “program year,” which starts in August. I’m excited about the future despite bidding Farewell and Godspeed to two of our families – the **Dwyers (Patrick, Jessica, Gwen, and Margaret)** and the **Bohnsacks (Julie and Harlan)** — who are relocating out of state. We will surely miss their presence among us and thank them for contributing so faithfully to the mission and ministry of our Lord here at 1501 W. Chautauqua and the community at large.



The Bohnsacks

The half-year mark has quickly arrived, leaving me somewhat breathless, particularly given Synod and Conference responsibilities this year on top of the usual parish ministry duties. To re-center myself, I will be using vacation days for two weeks in a row, which is something that I haven’t done since working at Caterpillar and going to Luther Seminary for classes. Our office staff has put in extra effort to prepare for having pulpit supply. **Deb Rathert**, a Synod Authorized Minister, will be preaching and presiding on June 30th followed by retired **Pastor Marlin Otte** on July 7th. **The calendar on page 14 shows who to call if a pastoral emergency should arise.**

The big event in July will be taking our first youth in Epiphany’s history to a National Youth Gathering! **Olivia Terry** will be led by **Anne Terry and me to New Orleans from July 15-20th**. We have completed our required training and Bible studies to get prepared under the theme of “Created to Be.” The congregation will bless us in worship on the 14th as we depart for what will be a transformative experience with an impact not only on us as participants but also on the City of New Orleans through many service projects. **Deb Rathert** will provide pulpit supply on July 21st since it’s the day after we return.

My prayers are with you and your loved ones as you tend to your summer schedules. I pray for your health, safety, well-being and opportunities to delight in creation in whatever ways you are able.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

Thoughts from the Council President

Dear Epiphany Community,

I am honored to address you as the newly appointed President of our church council. First and foremost, I wish to express heartfelt gratitude to our outgoing council members. Their dedication and service have been instrumental in guiding our community, and we are immensely grateful for their tireless efforts.

I also extend a warm welcome to our new council members. Your commitment to serving our congregation is inspiring, and I look forward to a collaborative approach to ministry governance.

I am enthusiastic about the future of Epiphany. Your support and participation are vital as we work towards enriching the lives of all who call this church their spiritual home. Please consider joining one of the committees that work diligently to engage in and support our community.

Don't hesitate to get in touch with me or any council member with your thoughts, ideas, or concerns. Together, we will ensure that our church remains a welcoming and caring community of faith, proclaiming and celebrating God's love in Jesus Christ and living humbly as God's servants in the world.

Peace,
Cory Newman



Cory Newman
Council President

Church Council Highlights

At their June 11th meeting the new council met to elect officers and committee chairs.

OFFICERS: PRESIDENT	CORY NEWMAN
VICE PRESIDENT	TIM FINK
SECRETARY	CHALMER POST

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	JAN WOMACK
COMMUNICATIONS	CORY NEWMAN
EVANGELISM	BETH BIVENS
FELLOWSHIP	ANN MAYS
PROPERTY	PATRICK SEGER
SOCIAL MINISTRY	CHALMER POST
STEWARDSHIP	TRISH WELCH
WORSHIP	TIM FINK
YOUTH	DEVIN MILLER

Submitted by **Peter Gimse**

Multi-Generational Activity Night ... and It Was “Multi-Generational”

On Monday evening, June 10th, with plenty of helpers and plenty to eat, the activity night was off to a good start. About 30 folks from ages 3 to 90+ participated in learning about who Jesus was, what was expected of young children, some of the ancient Jewish customs, clothing, family roles, types of jobs, and the hardships of securing food and clean water. Everyone was encouraged to paint a picture of something that interested them from what they learned. Some of these photos highlight the types of activities and our Epiphany artistry .



Worship News

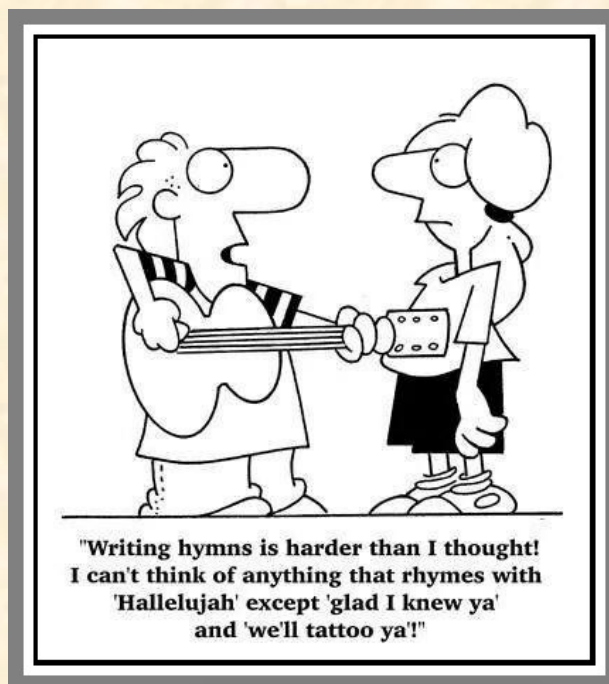


Tim Fink
Worship
Committee
Chair

Musical Offerings: During the collection of the offering, we have started playing music-video selections offered by the congregation, similar to favorite hymn requests, but not limited to our hymnal. Certainly, I can play an interlude or incidental music of some kind, and we can also sing another hymn at this time, although with the liturgy and all the other hymns, we already sing a lot! BUT, it is also a nice change to hear from YOU. What music inspires you? What moves you?

Remember the hymn #641 **All Are Welcome?** Even those who like music that we traditionally

don't associate with Lutheran worship are welcome. Through this musical offering, we learn a little bit about you. It can be your witness, your testimony, and insight into your personality. When we can, we will still offer special live offerings--it's most people's first choice. But sometimes the practicalities of that are not that easy. So, this is a great second choice. Please, fill out a **music request insert**, and we will do our best to honor it. If the video has the lyrics with it, even better. When it doesn't, I will do my best to add them to the video. I've recently learned how to do that.



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Collecting For International Students

We have begun to collect some items for our new International students who will be arriving at SIU in August often with just a couple of pieces of luggage. They generally won't be prepared for so many daily needs nor our unexpected weather patterns.

If you are checking out yard sales or doing some closet cleaning this summer, we will be collecting :

- towels
- small rugs
- single sheets
- washable blankets and covers
- gloves
- warm hats
- mittens
- scarves
- coats

There is a basket under the table near the congregational photos in the Fellowship Hall. Put your "treasures" in that basket (it's labeled) and I will get those items to the students who need them.

Thanks for your help! **Pam Umlauf-Brown**



**Pam Umlauf
Brown**

Social Ministry Committee Says “Wow” and “Thanks” Too!

“WOW!” People of Epiphany, just “WOW... and THANKS!” For our collection emphasis conducted during the month of June for the *Shelter to Home* project you donated more than two very bountifully loaded tables full of supplies, as well as \$370 (to date). All of this will, of course, go to help your neighbors who are gaining a fresh start, as they move from emergency shelter into more permanent housing.

At the June meeting of the Carbondale Interfaith Council, it was reported it has been an especially busy spring for *Shelter to Home*, recently placing about one person or household per week, on average, into new living arrangements, with a one-time high of three in a day!

Bathroom baskets are especially sought after, owing to the need for those materials and the ease with which they may be accessed and transported. During June four bathroom baskets from our Epiphany members and friends were delivered, two to the Carbondale Warming Center and two to the Good Samaritan House shelter. More deliveries will be made soon. Your generosity truly makes a meaningful and important difference! Thank you again!

The Social Ministry Committee



Here's part of the items collected for the Shelter to Home project. **Mike and Carolyn Langan** made 2 trips to the Carbondale Warming Center and 2 trips to the Good Samaritan House shelter.



Carolyn Langan knows how much work is involved in getting these necessities delivered, but she is all smiles because she has done it before and knows what a difference this program makes in the lives of folks “starting over.”



Speaking of smiles, ask **Mike Langan** if he enjoys this project! **He and Carolyn** have logged a lot of miles over the years delivering all kinds of necessities as well as Christmas presents and Easter baskets too!

LSSI School Supplies For July

Greetings Epiphany Family,

Being a Mission Outpost, we again come upon the time for LSSI school supplies. During this month, please bring in any of the items listed below and place them on or under the back table in the Fellowship Hall.

Of course, monetary donations are always welcome and for checks, write "For LSSI School Supplies" on the memo line. **Items will be collected now through Sunday, July 28.**

A big shout out for a speedy recovery must be given to **Cathy Lay**. She has coordinated this effort for several years with the gusto that only a teacher can provide! Let's make her proud again this year.

-Trish Welch,
Chair Stewardship



Trish Welch



Cathy Lay

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Crayola Markers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gym shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Crayola Crayons 24 pack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calculators: Regular/ Scientific / Graphing
(Texas Instruments preferred) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water color paints |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geometry sets (ruler, compass, protractor) | <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors- pointed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headphones (not earbuds, no wireless) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Erase markers – black – chisel and fine pt. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notebooks – wide ruled | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil top erasers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Avery clear view 1 inch, 3 ring binder | <input type="checkbox"/> Pink erasers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 ring zipper pouches for binder | <input type="checkbox"/> Ticonderoga pencils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 ring plastic pocket folders | <input type="checkbox"/> Glue sticks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic pencil boxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Highlighters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post it notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby wipes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3x5 index cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Clorox wipes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ink pens – blue or black | <input type="checkbox"/> Kleenex |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper towels |

JAZZ VESPERS: 5:00 PM ON SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

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;
Tom Edgar, piano; Phil Brown, bass; and Kyle McDonald, drums—**July 14, 2024**

works by **Arthur Adams, Phil Brown, Dave Brubeck, Dave Catney, Joe Farnsworth, and Hank Jones**
streaming at <https://www.facebook.com/JazzVespersatEpiphany>

Did You Know That You Can Follow Jazz Vespers at Epiphany on Facebook?
Jazz Vespers Is Now Live-Streamed and Recorded at
<https://www.facebook.com/JazzVespersatEpiphany>

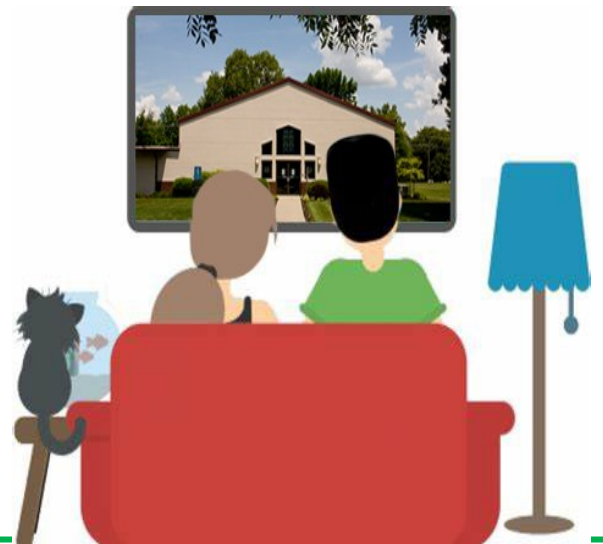
Worship: The Link for the Zoom Service



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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2101246575?pwd=MVhOR1FOb3BkWDJrQ09sMmR3ZTcyZz09)

Meeting ID: 210 124 6575
Password: 1501
Phone: 312-626-6799



More “Green Suggestions” From Our Methodists Friends

United Methodist Creation Justice Tips — Here they are:

Something breaks, and second thoughts flood your mind. If you realize you can't repair it, you may want to **add your voice to the Right to Repair Act**, legislation requiring manufacturers to sell parts and tools and provide instruction documents to anyone who wants to repair their own stuff or use a local repair shop instead of having to send it back to the manufacturer or trash it in a landfill.

Rethink hot water. **Go cold and save money and energy** in the laundry. (Only items that need to be sanitized or have grease on them require hot water). When you wash your hands, cold water works. For a quick rinse before loading the dishwasher, cold is best. The dishwasher will heat the relatively small amount of hot water needed to finish the job.

Having second thoughts about the upcoming elections? Second thoughts lead to discerning—not disengaging. Discernment in Christian tradition calls for individuals and groups to **seek God's will and direction** by thoughtfully and prayerfully examining the issues and candidates with measures of right/wrong, good/evil, truth/error, and what builds community and the common good. Then vote.

July Birthdays

Eric Hanson	July 4	Calla Cheatwood	July 18
John Sarvela	July 13	Lyn Bame	July 27
Michael Langan	July 14	Jane Rose	July 28



News About Our June 2024 Synod Assembly

Our assembly delegates from Epiphany were first-time attendees, **Jim Sylwester** and **Anne Terry**, along with **Pastor Brian**.

Festival Worship was accompanied by **Tim Fink** using his composed liturgy ("This is the Day"), **Dorothy McDaniel** (flute, bass guitar) and **Devin Miller** (drums). The Epiphany congregation also financially supported two singers to lead the congregation of 250 people through the liturgy. **Bishop Greg** was extremely grateful for the opportunity to use this new liturgy for his first Festival Worship as bishop.

Pastor Brian



Central/Southern Illinois Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

2024 Synod Assembly



MANY GIFTS ONE MISSION
2024 CENTRAL/SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD ASSEMBLY

LIKE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE MANIFOLD GRACE OF GOD, SERVE ONE ANOTHER WITH WHATEVER GIFT EACH OF YOU HAS RECEIVED" 1 PETER 4:10.

The 2024 Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly was held June 6-8 at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel with 277 people in attendance, including 145 lay voting members, 86 rostered ministers, and 46 visitors.

Bishop Greg Busboom presided over his first Synod Assembly with the theme of "Many Gifts, One Mission," based on 1 Peter 4:10, highlighting that we each have different gifts that we bring together to carry out the one mission of the church.

This year's Assembly featured a large slate of elections for open positions at both the synod and churchwide levels.

Voting members approved the synod's 2025 budget of \$1,230,000. Of that, \$578,100 (47%) will be directed to the ELCA for ministry at the churchwide level, with \$651,900 (53%) to be used by the synod.

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News About Our June 2024 Synod Assembly (Continued)

Festival Worship

A moving Festival Worship Service was held on the evening of June 6, hosted by Central Christian Church, Decatur. **Mr. Tim Fink of Epiphany Lutheran Church, Carbondale, composed a new contemporary-style liturgy for this service, influenced by musical theater styles. The archived livestream can be viewed at [YouTube.com/@csiselca](https://www.youtube.com/@csiselca).**

We continued our tradition of using the Festival Worship offering to support the ministries of our companion synods in Madagascar — this year, we brought in over \$11,000! Individuals and congregations that still wish to contribute may give online at [CSIS-ELCA.org/offering](https://csis-elca.org/offering) or send a check to the synod office.

Friday Evening BBQ & Hymnsing

Assembly members gathered at Holy Cross, Decatur, for a delicious catered meal of pork and beef barbecue sandwiches. We celebrated 20 years of our Synod-Authorized Ministry program with cake and a prayer of blessing for our SAMs. And we could not have a gathering of Lutherans without singing a few favorite hymns, old and new, led by **Bishop Busboom** on the keyboard with instrumentalists.

Our evening fellowship event concluded with pies thrown in the faces of the synod staff as part of the incentives for completing the synod-wide survey. Assembly attendees submitted their names for a drawing to be the pie-throwers. **Deacon Jason Fisher** took a pie straight to the face, while **Pastor Amy Zietlow** was "reminded of her baptism" with her pie; in addition to the pie with his name on it, **Bishop Busboom received a double-whammy with his own pie and the remains of Pastor Amy's pie.**

2025 Assembly

The 2025 Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly will be held June 5-7 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomington.

Photos From Our June 2024 Synod Assembly



Tim Fink and Pastor Brian comparing notes before the Festival Worship Service.



Dorothy McDaniel plays her flute during the Festival Worship Service.



Bishop Greg and Pastor Brian "dot all the i's and cross all the t's."


Photos provided by **Devin Miller**

Sara Schurz & Kaelyn Viernum Receive Athletic Awards

Carbondale High School recently announced some TERRIER PRIDE AWARDS. For **Sara** it was for Girls Soccer and for **Kaelyn** it was for Girls Softball. Congratulations to both athletes for a very successful year!

 **Carbondale Terrier Athletics** 5h · 🌐


The accolades keep rolling in! Congratulations to Freshman Sara Schurz, CCHS Girls Soccer, on your selection to the IHSSCA All-Sectional Team! [#TERRIERPRIDE](#)



SARA SCHURZ
IHSSCA ALL-SECTIONAL TEAM
TERRIER GIRLS SOCCER

South 7 All-Conference Selections have been named! Congratulations to Kaelyn Viernum for being selected to the 2nd Team for the 2024 Softball season! [#TERRIERPRIDE](#)

TERRIER SOFTBALL



SOUTH SEVEN
2ND TEAM - ALL-CONFERENCE
KAELYN VIERNUM

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES CAMP



Peter Gimse
"Mr. Fix It"

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is holding a FREE athletic camp for kids entering grades 5 through 8. Local area coaches and athletes will provide instruction in Volleyball, Softball, Soccer, Football, Basketball, Baseball, and Cheerleading. Campers pick two sports from this list. All campers will receive a Bible and attend daily Bible class.

Camp will be held at Unity Point School July 9, 10, and 11 (that's Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Lunch will be provided FREE of charge. Make sure you register by July 3 to get your FREE T-shirt.

Pastor Brian Also Received An "Award"

UH OH AWARD

*LEAST LIKELY TO BE THE
MOST CARBONDALE*

Brian Coffey

For embracing the awesomeness of this community and being one of the coolest guys we know.

Another cool pastor Cool pastor

Rotary
Club of Carbondale Breakfast

Cristadou's
Quatros
BICKWATER
GREEN WORKS

This award from the Breakfast Rotary Club in Carbondale recognizes **Pastor Brian** as a "cool pastor" (as well as his friend, **Pastor Sterrett Collins** of First Presbyterian Church in Cobden.) Everyone in this photo is a Rotary member and all six have a connection with Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. What secured this distinct honor was **Pastor Brian** attended a Rotary Board meeting on his computer via Zoom while wearing a black flat cap after working on a sermon and listening to live bluegrass music at Cristadou's. That is definitely "cool."

A Surprise For Julie

To **Julie Bohnsack** the invitation to lunch sounded like a good idea. Two friends getting together before one of them moves away. **Bonnie Wright** simply "forgot" to tell Julie about all the other friends waiting quietly at Bandana's. Oh, yes! Total surprise and a lot of fun. Julie received a "basket" of miniature puppies and a donation in her name of \$200.00 to St. Francis Care Animal Shelter in Murphysboro. Earlier she had been surprised.

Now she was thrilled!



In case you are wondering about a new address for the Bohnsacks, here it is:

Julie & Harlan Bohnsack
4700 162nd St.
Urbandale, IA. 50323

July Calendar Items - Provided by Olise Mandat

Pastor Brian's vacation continues through Sunday, July 7. If there is an emergency, contact:

June 24-30 - Pastor Kim Lee-Brown at Our Redeemer in Marion, 815-719-2799.

July 1-7 - Pastor Mark Hasty from the Anna-Jonesboro Parish, 618-833-0704.

Pastor Brian will return to the office Monday morning, July 8.

Sunday, June 30 - Pentecost 6

8:30 am -- Adult Christian Education

9:30 am – Worship, Pulpit Supply - **Deb Rathert, SAM**

Thursday, July 4 -- Independence Day - Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 7 - Pentecost 7

8:30 am -- Adult Christian Education

9:30 am – Worship, Pulpit Supply - **Pastor Marlin Otte**

Sunday, July 14 - Pentecost 8 - National Youth Gathering "send off"

8:30 am -- Adult Christian Education

9:30 am – Worship

5:00 pm - Jazz Vespers

**July 15 - 20 - 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA -
Anne Terry, Olivia Terry, and Pastor Brian**

Sunday, July 21 - Pentecost 9

8:30 am -- Adult Christian Education

9:30 am – Worship, Pulpit Supply - **Deb Rathert, SAM**

Sunday, July 28 - Pentecost 10

8:30 am -- Adult Christian Education

9:30 am – Worship

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Beth Bivens	Evangelism Committee
Ann Mays	Fellowship Committee
Patrick Seger	Property Committee
Chalmer Post	Social Ministry Committee
Trish Welch	Stewardship Committee
Tim Fink	Worship Committee
Devin Miller	Youth Committee