



EPIPHANY STAR

Epiphany Lutheran Church
Carbondale, Illinois
November 2024



Pastor Brian Coffey

Notes from the Pastor

Greetings in the name of our risen and ascended Lord, Jesus Christ!

Welcome to the month of November, the closing month of liturgical year B (Mark). It will begin with All Saints Sunday (11/3) and conclude with Christ the King Sunday (11/24). The season of Advent will begin the week following, on December 1st.

The key item to remember and prioritize for this month will be the **Annual Meeting** following worship on **November 17th** to vote on our proposed **2025 Mission Plan** (budget). It's going to be a brief meeting, and everyone's voice and vote are needed as we consider the ministry we do from 1501 W. Chautauqua in the name of our Lord.

Looking ahead to December, please mark your calendar for the afternoon of December 15th for a special gathering. The Central/Southern Illinois Synod is working hard to connect congregations more formally, particularly in situations of shared ministry. You may know that First Lutheran Church in Murphysboro and Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in DeSoto are being served in an interim capacity by **Paul Copeland**. Paul is a full-time employee of SIUC and serves as a Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM).

Effective January 1st, I will begin supervising Paul and attending the Church Council meetings at First and Mt. Calvary (as time permits) and work together with Paul and the two congregations to identify opportunities for shared ministry and community outreach. While the emphasis will be on those congregations, Epiphany will be included where it is advantageous to our ELCA ministry presence in Jackson County / Southern Illinois.

To formalize and celebrate this new arrangement, First Lutheran, Mt. Calvary and Epiphany members are all invited to gather together for an "agreement signing party" where the Council Presidents of each congregation will sign the official paperwork. While an exact venue is pending, our plan is to **meet from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. in Murphysboro on Sunday, December 15th** for a celebration. **Pastor Amy Zietlow** from the Synod office will be present as well.

Please continue to prepare sermon notes for me in November as I complete my final weeks of mentoring with **Rev. Dr. Fred Neidner** from Crossings. The feedback has been very helpful and appreciated!

Thank you for your faithful participation in the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Pastor Brian

CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

As a Mission Outpost for Jesus Christ, we have a Mission Plan that financially supports the ministry here. Please plan to attend our **semi-annual meeting following worship on November 17th** to review and vote on the Mission Plan (budget) to support the work that God is calling us to do in the year ahead.

Update on the Spirit of Christmas 2024 Campaign



Mike Langan

This year's **Spirit of Christmas** fundraising drive is in full swing, having thus far brought in **\$1,429.41**. Last year, Epiphany raised a total of \$3,348 for this project, far surpassing a stated target goal of \$2,500. Our donations were combined with donations from other congregations throughout Carbondale, enabling the Carbondale Interfaith Council to disperse **a total of \$29,412.11 to over 800 needy individuals and their families**. Epiphany has always contributed very generously to the Spirit of Christmas program. For this year we purposely did not set a target goal, so as not to take away from any other fundraising efforts being put before the congregation at this time of year.



Carolyn Langan

Spirit of Christmas recipients include 15 different local area agencies, serving persons ranging in age from newborns to nonagenarians. You can check out the poster in the Fellowship Hall to track Epiphany's weekly giving progress. We hope you've seen the expressions of impact and gratitude that have been included in recent eHappenings emails.

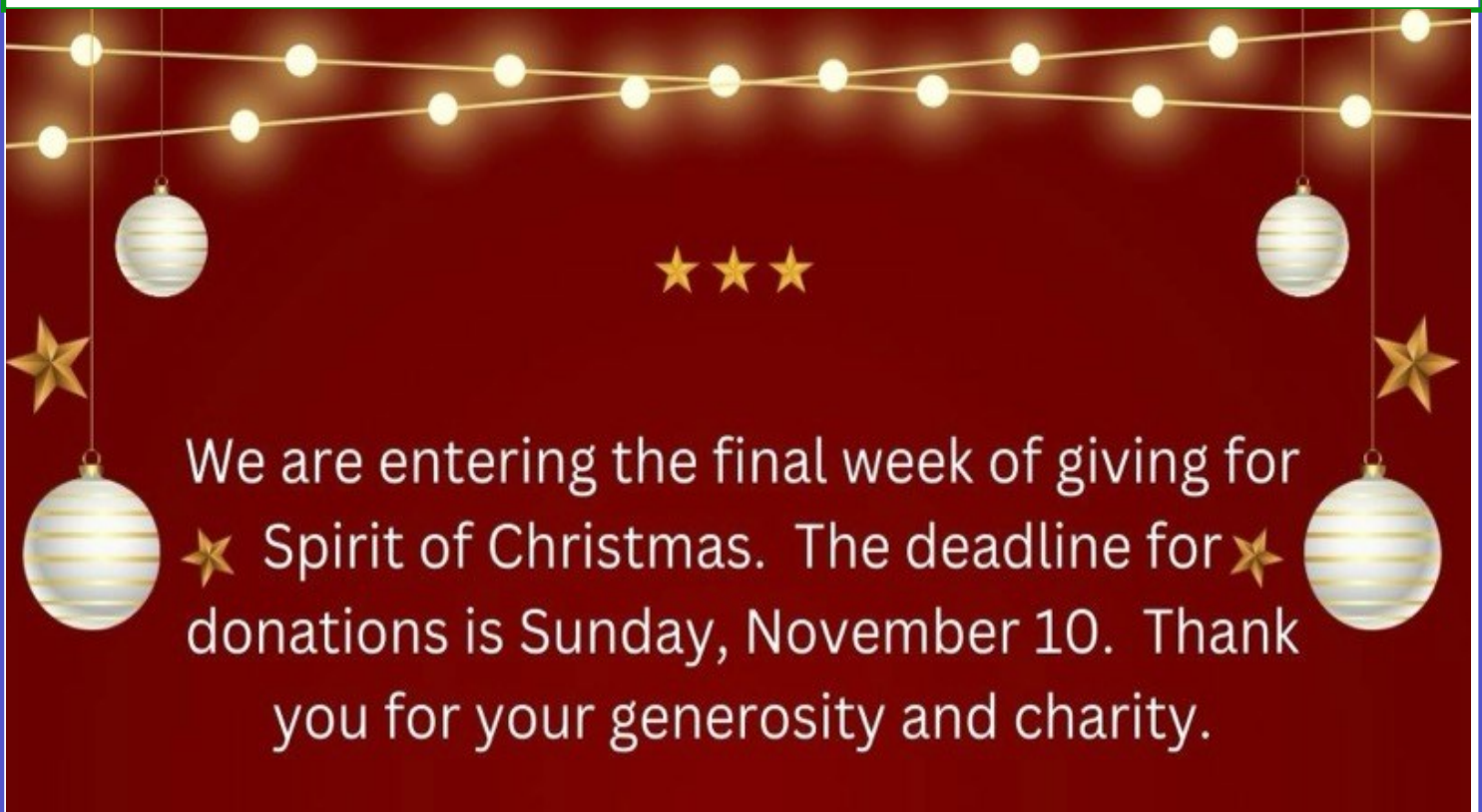
When giving, please write checks to Epiphany and indicate "Spirit of Christmas" on the memo line or on the outside of the envelope. If you wish to send your support using credit or debit card, you can use Epiphany's **GivePlus+ portal from VANCO**.

This year's Spirit of Christmas collection runs through Sunday, November 10th.

Thank you so much!

Mike and Carolyn Langan

for the Carbondale Interfaith Council's Spirit of Christmas Committee



Students At Lewis Elementary School Awarded For “PAWSitive Behavior”

These students are “Lion Leaders” at Lewis School for showing **“PAWSitive Behavior.”**

You probably will recognize the familiar face of **Ella Gulbrandsen** (front row center).

Congratulations, Kids!



Come Join Us In Being a Prayer Partner



Elaine Melby
Prayer Partners
Chair

This will be the fourth year that I have served as the Chair of the Prayer Partner effort here at Epiphany Lutheran Church. I have reviewed some of the newsletter articles that I have written in the past few years to introduce the Prayer Partner Program to those in the congregation who may not be participating, and as a reminder to those who are aware of the program, but have not chosen to participate yet. I want to share with you some of the familiar themes contained in the past articles to help you understand the prayer partner Program 2025, and why it is important to me that all of us at Epiphany know about it and consider participating in it. Basically, you will learn that it is a voluntary program that randomly matches up 2 members or friends of the congregation who agree to periodically pray for each other during 2025, making an effort to learn a little about the concerns that each of them have in their lives.

In my newsletter article in 2022, I reported that as a child I became very familiar with the phrase, “My thoughts and prayers are with you,” and the fact that I thought that possibly there was some kind of magical component to that phrase, which I heard so many times from the mouths of my Mom and Dad. When my kitty was killed on the street near our home, Dad prepared its body for burial in a shoebox lined with scraps from mother’s sewing box. Before closing the lid on the burial box, I pleaded in my 8-year-old voice, “MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU” hoping for a Lazarus-like moment for my cat. Of course, my Mom took me aside when that phrase did not restore life to my poor kitten and explained more about the phrase and told me that while we would think about our cat for a long time, and pray to the Lord and thank Him for the happiness and joy that we had as a result of sharing this part of the Lord’s creation with us, prayers would not reverse the death that our kitty had suffered. I remembered being so disappointed in learning that neither THOUGHTS nor PRAYERS would have the

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Come Join Us In Being a Prayer Partner

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immediate and life-restoring results that I was yearning for.

In my newsletter article of November 2021, I reported on the great influence that my grandmother had on how I feel about the importance of prayer. When I was a child, I stayed with my grandmother a great deal while my Mom and Dad worked. When she would pray with my brothers and me, she would physically wrap her arms around us, reminding us that our arms here on earth were the arms that Jesus was figuratively wrapping around us when we talked with Him through prayer.

Possibly there are those of you who have similar memories of how you learned about prayer in your life, possibly beginning as a child, as a more mature young adult, or maybe in later years as you have grown in your Christian walk. Maybe, you have not had the experience of being committed to a regular, deliberate prayer communication with our Lord due to a number of reasons.

Is there a fear that you do not know the words to say, or that you really are pressed for time? I have to laugh when I reflect on the words that my Dad would use sometimes because, looking back on it, I don't think he was as secure in his prayer competency as was my Mom and Grandmother. So when it was his time to offer prayers in the evening, my Dad would say 7 WORDS: "Jesus, thank you and help us all." Both my Mom and my Grandmother assured me that this covered the situation and that Jesus knows what we are in need of before we even ask. If you are concerned about being a Prayer Partner taking up too much time, my Dad's method of prayer should encourage you in that regard, because I think it works as the Lord knows who is in your heart and what is on your mind. Perhaps a few more than 7 words is appropriate, but after all, Jesus does know what is on our hearts at all times.

In 2024, there are 16 members in our Prayer Partner Program. I asked for some of the participating Prayer Partners to write a short statement expressing what the Prayer Partner Program had meant to them throughout the year. Maybe hearing the responses of those members who sit down the pew from you might encourage your participation for 2025. This is what 2 of them said: "My prayer partner and I do see each other at least twice a week (including church) and have numerous opportunities to chat. I have found over the many years that the prayer partner program helps me to get to know another member in a way that I otherwise would not. In a good way, it forces me to consider a broader sense of neighbor."

Another prayer partner writes, "For several years I had casually known my prayer partner, but did not know much about her life, her background, her likes and dislikes, her concerns. In conversation over the past year, and in 2 or 3 visits outside of church, I have learned so much more and we have become friends. I pray for her and her concerns, and I see a light in her eyes and a smile on her face that I did not see, or possibly notice before. I think our stronger concern for each other makes us happier to see each other every Sunday. I have enjoyed the program and will continue for 2025."

My prayer is that the words of these 2 individuals who participated in the Prayer Partner program in 2024 will resonate with you to a degree that you will want to sign up for the 2025 Prayer Partner Program and receive the blessing by your participation that so many have expressed. A "Question and Answer" format follows that explains how this works. If you are interested in becoming a Prayer Partner and being assigned someone to pray for in a random draw process, please either sign up on the designated sheet in the Narthex or contact Elaine Melby at the email address and phone number listed at the end of the "Question and Answer" sheet (on the next page).

The deadline for signing up to be included in the random drawing that matches up the partners is **MONDAY, December 2, 2024**. The following week, the drawing for partners will take place and you will be notified of your partner. Each partner is then asked to fill out a short information sheet that tells a little about themselves personally and asks if there are any special prayer concerns. And then the prayers begin. If you have any questions that are not answered on the sheet of "Questions and Answers", please call me directly to discuss your question at 618-525-3060. I hope that you will join us in 2025! **Elaine Melby**

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers About Prayer Partners

Epiphany's Evangelism Committee is again sponsoring a prayer partner opportunity for its members to pray for and be prayed for by a prayer partner for the coming year. Those participating make time to stay in touch with their prayer partners to share concerns and joys--an opportunity to expand their horizons and grow in personal prayer life. Frequently asked questions (and responses) about prayer partners follow:

Q. What do Prayer Partners do? Prayer Partners pray for one another on a regular basis!

Q. How much time does it take? You should set aside some time every day to pray for your partner, yourself and for other people. That is one way you will grow in faith, by using self-discipline. It can take as much or as little time as you decide. Prayer partners make a point of checking in with each other. Getting to know your prayer partner will help you pray for them in a more meaningful way. Some prayer partners even meet once a month for coffee or lunch.

Q. Do I have to find my own Partner? No. You will be matched with a partner by the Evangelism Committee. You will receive an information sheet to complete and which you may share with your Prayer Partner .

Q. Can I request a specific person to be my Prayer Partner? Part of the joy of Prayer Partners is getting to know someone new and growing in spirit by learning to love new people.

Q. Do I have to buy my prayer partner gifts or take them places? You are stepping forward in Christian love, and that is a wonderful gift for anyone who receives it. Just knowing someone prays for you is the greatest gift. This would be between you and your Prayer Partner.

Q. Why should I be a Prayer Partner? Being a Prayer Partner indicates you wish to grow in your personal prayer life and experience the blessing of intentional and regular prayers offered for you by a sister or brother in Christ. Being a Prayer Partner has helped those who participated in the past to become more intentional in their prayer life. It is a wonderful thing, to know someone is praying for you by name and has your prayer concerns on their mind. You also have the prospect of becoming friends with someone you might not otherwise have the opportunity to get to know better.

If you would like to be a Prayer Partner for this coming year, please let your wish be known to Elaine Melby (elainemelby49@gmail.com) or 618-525-3060, committee chair for Prayer Partners.

Choosing Love In All Seasons

On October 28, **Rick Steves**, from Rick Steves Europe, shared a letter from **Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee** of the Northwest Washington Synod on his [Facebook page](#), offering timely reflections for us all. In her message, **Bishop Wee** reminds us, “As children of God, we are called to vote beyond our own self-interest. As followers of Jesus, we are called toward God’s vision of a just and mercy-filled world. As people who have received grace upon grace, we are called to stand against injustices and remind everyone that, in God’s eyes, every single person is loved and beloved.”

In these times, both pre and post-election, Bishop Wee urges us to let God’s unconditional love shape our interactions. She challenges us to live our faith by asking, *Who is our neighbor? Who are the silenced voices that need lifting? How do we care for God’s creation and each other?*

These questions push us beyond civic engagement to consider how we live daily as a community. Our witness, she suggests, is not found in deciding who is right or wrong but in faithfully showing Christ’s love to all.

As we move forward, let’s create ripples of kindness, care, and peace in our community. May our witness be seen in our love and respect for each person we encounter, letting God’s love shine not through our differences and disagreements but through the way we treat one another.

Have a blessed November,

Cory Newman



Cory Newman
Council President

Connor Gulbrandsen Has Lead Role in “Puffs”

A lot of Connor Gulbrandsen’s fans from Epiphany turned out to watch him play the lead in **Puffs** (A fast-paced romp through the “Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic”) October 18-19.

If you suspect this Carbondale High School production had something to do with the award winning Harry Potter books and movies, you are correct.

Connor (in the green Ninja Turtles shirt) is pictured with most of the cast members right after the ending of the Friday night performance.



Judging by all the smiles, these young thespians were still basking in all the applause after a very successful first presentation.

A Focus On Some Of Our Younger Members



These three Epiphany High Schoolers were on the Homecoming Court at Carbondale Community High School at the beginning of October.

(L to R) **Calla Cheetwood** is a Senior, Class of 2025. **Connor Gulbrandsen** and **Kaelyn Viernum** are both Juniors, Class of 2026.

Photo by **Lauren Gulbrandsen**



Max Miller played his 5th season of flag football for Tri-C Athletics playing at Lions Field in Carterville. Can you tell that Max's team won?

Photo by **Devin Miller**



Margaret Anne-Renee Putz, who was baptized by **Pastor Brian** at Epiphany last year, received a blessing from Pastor during the Reformation Sunday worship service. Margaret is the daughter of **Chris and Kelsey Putz** and the granddaughter of **Steve and Tina Logan**. **Grandpa Steve** was more than pleased to bring Margaret forward during communion for a blessing.

Photo by **Devin Miller**

Addie Miller is a study in concentration as she served as the acolyte for the Reformation Service last week.

Photo by **Devin Miller**



It's Fellowship Hour? OK ... Now's the time to provide everyone with some entertainment. Hello, folks! **My name is Margaret.** Photo by **Devin Miller**

Kaelyn Viernum Receives Volleyball Recognition



Kaelyn Viernum, who is a junior and the outside hitter for the Carbondale Community High School volleyball team has earned quite an important designation. The AVCA (National American Volleyball Coaches Association) has developed a "Phenom Watch List" for elite rising high school volleyball student-athletes and Kaelyn has made that list. It includes an opportunity to attend the "invite only" AVCA Phenom College Prep Program in Louisville this December 19. These athletes and their families will get to cheer on their favorite teams at the NCAA Final .

Congratulations, Kaelyn!



Kaelyn Viernum (#7 in the back row) is with her friends and teammates as they pose for a team photo after winning first place at the Highland, Illinois Invitational Volleyball Tournament. The team is part of a volleyball club that practices and is located in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

In the photo above **Kaelyn** gets to pose with the team trophy (which has to stay with the team).

Anna Schurz Receives Prestigious Award



THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

October 31, 2024

CARBONDALE — University of Illinois Springfield senior **Anna Schurz** of Carbondale has been selected as the UIS recipient of the prestigious Student Laureate Award from the Lincoln Academy of Illinois. **Each year, only one UIS student is chosen for this esteemed honor.**

Schurz is majoring in environmental studies with minors in biology and chemistry, maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She is also a member of the Capital Scholars Honors Program. Schurz plays on the UIS women's soccer team where she has received the Chancellor's Prairie Star Award (23-24), has been featured in GLVC monthly highlights and served on the Athletic Director Search Committee. She is also an accomplished musician, having played the violin in the UIS Orchestra for two years.

"I am genuinely honored to receive this award, representing UIS, which symbolizes my dedication and the values I aspire to uphold," Schurz said. "This recognition inspires me to keep making a positive impact in all that I do. I aim to honor this acknowledgment through my positivity and my ongoing commitment to excellence, integrity and compassion."

Schurz is also deeply involved in the campus community. She serves as a secretary and former treasurer of the Green Fee Committee, where she has helped implement numerous environmental projects on campus. Her leadership extends to the Christian Student Fellowship (CSF), where she is the student leader of the Freshman Outreach Team.

Additionally, Schurz works with UIS Campus Recreation, where she has been honored twice as Employee of the Month, in various roles, including intramural official, facility lead and outdoor adventure lead.

Reflecting on her experiences, Schurz said, "I am passionate about what I do and will continue to work hard to improve myself as a person, athlete and musician."

Schurz's dedication to her studies and extracurricular activities began in high school, where she graduated as valedictorian while competing in three sports. At UIS, she remains committed to academic excellence, with plans to pursue a master's degree after completing her bachelor's. She is passionate about personal growth and continuous learning in all areas of her life.

The Lincoln Academy of Illinois honors one senior from each four-year degree-granting institution in Illinois with the Student Laureate Award. Student Laureates are recognized for their overall excellence in both curricular and extracurricular activities and receive a Student Lincoln Academy Medallion and a \$1,000 stipend.



“Confirmation Corner”

October has been a busy month for our confirmation students. All of our confirmands are busy with sports and school activities but have been making time for God and our studies on Sundays. October topics included The Lutheran Confessions, Adiaphora (our favorite new word), introduction to Luther's Small Catechism, and the Apostles Creed.

We learned that Adiaphora are all the things that may (or may not) be important in our worship. It is good for our young people to see that we still discuss these things—when do we sit, when do we stand, what do we look at, what kind of music do we include, and questions like these. We discovered that our relationship with God is the most important thing.

We are continuing to identify our prayer needs. All of the students pray for success in school and in their studies. Nearly all have mentioned the cooler weather when thanking God for blessings. Additional thanks were given for friends, athletic talents, and teammates. We remember that we are always safe in the care of our loving Father God, and thank him for keeping us under his wing as we go out in the world.

In November we will continue our study of the Apostles Creed and tackle the 10 Commandments. We also will attend the Congregational Meeting to learn more about how the Church plans for our year ahead. There will be no class on November 24 as we take our Thanksgiving break.

Wishing you a happy November!

Anne Terry

Jan Womack

Pastor Brian

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

Jazz Vespers

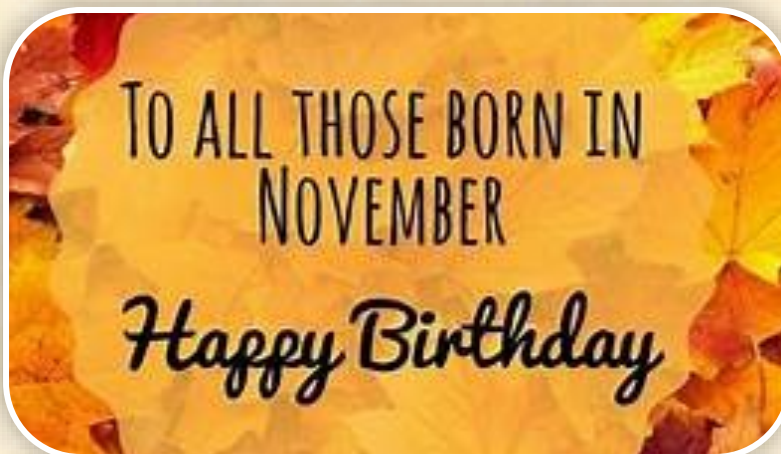
an Evening Prayer Service led by ***Pastor Brian Coffey***

with members and guests of the ***New Arts Jazztet***—Dick Kelley, reeds; Bob Allison, trumpet; Mel Goot, piano; Phil Brown, bass; and Jimmy Beers, drums—***November 10, 2024***

celebrating the music of ***Mulgrew Miller***
streaming at <https://www.facebook.com/NewArtsJazztet>

November Birthdays

Chuck Frank	November 12
Tina Logan	November 14
Kent Terry	November 15
Peter Gimse	November 18
Sarah Viernum	November 20
Trish Welch	November 20
Harlan Bohnsack	November 28
Corrie Cheatwood	November 28
Jan Womack	November 28



“Only God Can Make a Tree” : Joyce Kilmer



Jim Benz and son, **Larry Benz**, (and Jim's faithful John Deere tractor) did some heavy lifting to help clear many of the tree trunks and branches of the three ailing trees that **Patrick Seger** had cut down earlier in October.

Double B Tree Service in Carterville was hired to clean up the remaining branches and trunks and haul them away.

Great work done by everyone involved.

New: The Winter Adult Faith Formation Class: Understanding the Hebrew Bible

The winter Adult Faith Formation Class will be “**Understanding the Hebrew Bible**,” presented by the **Rev. Dr. Fred Niedner**, senior research professor at Valparaiso University.



Dr. Fred Niedner

Classes will be held via Zoom on Saturdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The dates are: January 18 and 25
February 8 and 22
March 8 and 22.

Registration will open in November through the Central/Southern Illinois Synod.

<https://www.csis-elca.org/event/aff-understanding-the-hebrew-bible-25/>

Change for Change Jars: Return On December 8



Rev. Kristin Engstrom
Our ELCA Missionary
In Madagascar

Global Mission – “Change for a Change” Jars program started on October 6th and **we are hoping that you will bring your jar to church on Sunday, December 8th.** You can put change in your “Change for A Change” jar or currency or a check.



Still need a jar? Extras are in the foyer (lobby). All funds will be used to support the work of the Malagasy Lutheran Church and our new ELCA missionary in Madagascar, the **Rev. Kristin Engstrom.**

Thank you for your participation!

Trish Welch for the Stewardship Committee Go Blue! (Michigan)

“Turn Thanksgiving Around”

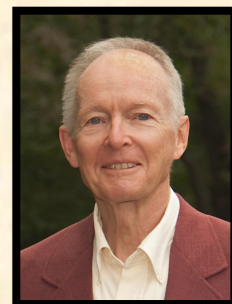
Our Methodist friends remind us that we should **turn Thanksgiving around to “Giving Thanks.”** Some of their tips for doing so follow:

“Give thanks for those in agriculture and who seek to work in harmony with nature. Before you eat, ask a blessing especially for all who provide the foods that sustain life. Be mindful of those who labor in the fields especially in high heat; speak up for justice for their health.

“Give thanks for those who see, hear, and stand with marginalized peoples as they endure the brunt of a changing climate. Respond to disasters, definitely! Also, speak up for the necessary changes to avoid the suffering.

“Give thanks for the laws, regulations, and organizations that protect or restore the natural habitats of God’s creatures. With those protections, numerous marine and land animals have come back from the brink of extinction. Support those efforts so that wildlife can thrive.

“Give thanks for people who donate leadership, time, and money to help organizations that marshal the many for a greater impact as catalysts of change. Individuals can’t do all, but all—together—can. Choose your group(s) to support in some way.”



Roland Person
for the Epiphany

From your Green Team

Question: What is a “Faith Pledge”?



Lynn Smith
Stewardship
Committee

The Stewardship Committee here at Epiphany Lutheran Church is happy to report that our **FAITH PLEDGE** tradition will continue this year into 2025. As many of you know, Epiphany Lutheran Church has utilized this unique giving structure for at least 60 years, wherein each member or participative non-member or family unit prayerfully considers how they will share their treasure, time, and talent to assist in the operation of this congregation and the wider church. This commitment is then formalized on **FAITH PLEDGE** Sunday, which will be held this coming year in mid-January, when the sealed pledge cards will be placed on the altar.

SOME BACKGROUND:

Many churches operate with a structured contribution system, where a member makes a yearly financial commitment monitored by a Finance committee.

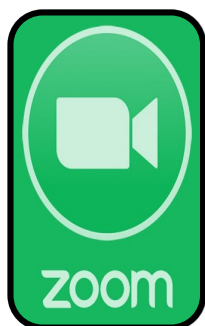
Contrary to this methodology, Epiphany members and friends make a **FAITH PLEDGE**. This **FAITH PLEDGE** consists of an intention, formalized between the individual or family and the Lord, and based on prayerful reflection concerning what amount of their financial resources, in gratitude for God's blessings, they choose to offer to God's work through Epiphany. The amount of the financial pledge is then written on a card by the individual and sealed in an envelope; the individual's or family's name is placed on the envelope's upper left corner, and then laid on the altar on **FAITH PLEDGE** Sunday.

These sealed envelopes containing the faith pledges are kept unopened in Epiphany's safe and then returned to the members and friends in the same unopened envelope in the next year. This way, members and friends, who will have received their 2024 CONTRIBUTION RECORD [in hand on the first Sunday in January 2025 or in the mail soon after that], will be able to gauge if their contributions/offerings are on track with what was promised to the Lord for the Lord's work in the previous year. For over 60 years this has been successfully practiced at Epiphany, and we remain in sound financial standing. We have also been able to make a substantial, continuing contribution/offering (referred to as “benevolence”) each year to the work of the wider church: Central/Southern Illinois Synod and the ELCA Churchwide.

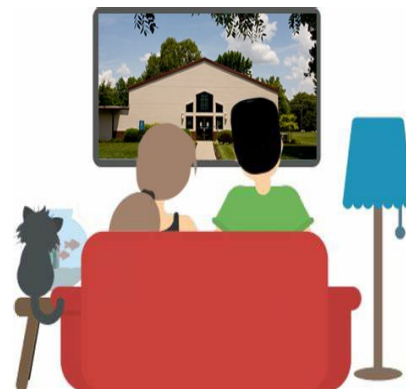
Please be thinking about how you can be a good steward of your time, talents, and financial resources in assisting with God's work at and through Epiphany, for the wider church, and in our community and world in 2025. Watch for the mailing that you will receive in early December that will guide you in making your **FAITH PLEDGE**; that PLEDGE is to be completed and ready to place on the altar in mid-JANUARY 2025.

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, **Lynn Smith**

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>

Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, 2024



Pastor Coffey will be presenting the invocation at the 11:00 am Veterans' Recognition around the flagpole on the SIU campus. ROTC cadets will conduct a vigil at the flagpole across from Woody Hall.

The event honors SIU and southern Illinois veterans who served in the U.S. armed forces.

The ceremony includes a proclamation from Carbondale's Mayor **Carolyn Harvey** and remarks by SIU alumnus and veteran, **Martin Parsons**.



Martin Parsons

Parsons retired from the military after spending four years on active duty in the Marine Corps and twenty-two years, part-time and full-time, in the Illinois Army National Guard. While in the National Guard, he served in Iraq from 2005-06 with the 2-130th Infantry Battalion in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He is a graduate of the SIU law school and is licensed in Illinois and Missouri and is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in Washington, D.C. He is also an Accredited Attorney for claims for veteran's benefits before the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The ceremony will close with the playing of taps by the SIU Trumpet Studio.

Another Gold Medal For John Schneider!



John Schneider with another gold medal added to his collection



In case you haven't heard, on October 24 **John Schneider** won a gold medal in bocce ball competition in the 2024 Illinois Special Olympics tournament held in Marion, Illinois.

For John that now makes a total of 8 medals he has earned in various sporting events, five gold and three silver.

John has also learned that his high score qualifies him to participate in the state finals for bocce ball this next summer in Bloomington, Illinois which will be held June 20-22, 2025.

Congratulations, John!

Volunteers Needed For Community Thanksgiving Dinner

**CARBONDALE COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING DINNER**

AT NEWMAN CENTER

**VOLUNTEERS
ARE**

NEEDED

**OVER 1000
SERVED IN
2023**

**JOIN THE
TEAM**

- **TUES NOV 26 AFTER 9AM
STUFFING PREP, SET-UP**
- **TUES NOV 26 DELIVER
DESSERTS 9-4 PM, 4 EACH
NEEDED: STORE BOUGHT
COOKIES, PIES: PUMPKIN,
PECAN, CHERRY & ZUC &
BANANA BREADS**
- **WED NOV 27 AFT 1PM
STUFFING ASSEMBLY**

**SERVE OR
DELIVER ON
THANKSGIVING**

**Sign up Now: Text
618.414.5077**

**Newman Center
715 S. Washington**

Calendar Items - Provided by Olise Mandat

Sunday, November 3 - End of Daylight Savings Time - Turn clocks back one hour

Sunday, November 3 – **All Saints Sunday**

8:30 am – Christian Education

9:30 am – Worship

11:00 am – Confirmation class

Tuesday, November 5 — General Election Day — Epiphany is polling place for Jackson County 13th precinct

Thursday, November 7 – Pastor at Boundaries Training in O'Fallon. Illinois

Sunday, November 10 – Pentecost 25

8:30 am – Christian Education

9:30 am – Worship (Last day to contribute for Carbondale Interfaith Council Spirit of Christmas)

11:00 am – Confirmation class

5:00 pm — Jazz Vespers celebrating the music and artistry of Mulgrew Miller

Monday, November 11 — Veterans Day (Federal, state, and SIU campus holiday)

11:00 am - Veterans' Recognition at SIUC flagpole. Invocation by Pastor Brian.

Sunday, November 17 – Pentecost 26

8:30 am – Christian Education

9:30 am – Worship

10:45 am - Annual Budget Meeting

Monday, November 18

3:30 pm — Evangelism Committee meeting

Tuesday, November 19

6:00 pm — Council meeting

Friday, November 22 – Pastor vacation day

Sunday, November 24 – **Christ the King** - (Final Sunday of liturgical year B.)

8:30 am – Christian Education

9:30 am – Worship, Guest Preacher Deb Rather, Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM)

Wednesday, November 27 - Pastor vacation day

Thursday/Friday, November 28/29 – Thanksgiving Holiday — Church Office Closed

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