



EPIPHANY STAR

Epiphany Lutheran Church
Carbondale, Illinois
December 2024



Pastor Brian Coffey

Notes from the Pastor

Welcome to the new liturgical year! With the start of Advent on Sunday, December 1st, we will begin reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Note that again this year, we have published a special edition of eHappenings which has links to a number of Advent devotional resources, most of which come from ELCA-related ministries. Please take some time to browse the various options and find one that speaks to you. Making use of one or more, along with participating in our Wednesday evening services, are ways to take a break from the busyness of the season and enrich your Advent journey.

As I mentioned last month, the Synod has asked me to supervise **Paul Copeland** (a Synod Authorized Minister) and work more closely with First Lutheran Church in Murphysboro and Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in DeSoto. To kick-off this agreement, we will have a party and Christmas sing-along on Sunday afternoon, December 15th from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. at Small Town Scoop in Murphysboro. The community is welcome to attend as well, so let's join together with our fellow ELCA neighbors and make our presence known to others who will be enjoying their last scoop of ice cream for the season.



December is an important month of ministries, so please carefully read the newsletter and mark your calendars to participate!

Thank you for helping to make my third year of service here at Epiphany a joy!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

Winter Weather Advisory For The Future — Not This Sunday, We Hope

In case you have been following the weather predictions for the next few days, it looks like several large areas of the United States will be “gifted” with considerable snowfall. We want you to know that we have a plan for once winter arrives in the southern Illinois area. Cancellations and/or scheduling changes for Epiphany Lutheran Church will be found on our web page:

www.elcarb.org and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EpiphanyCarbondale>

If a service is not cancelled but you are not comfortable traveling, we will try to make sure that the service will be available on Zoom. Please make the choice that is comfortable for you.

Remember: This is just “an advisory for the future.” Church is still scheduled for this Sunday, December 1. Hope to see you then.



Your Church Needs You!

As Christmas approaches, we often think about giving – not just presents, but giving of ourselves to help others. This year, I am asking you to consider giving some of your time and energy to help lead our church by joining the church council later this year.

What does the council do? We help make decisions about our church's direction, manage our resources, and work to keep our congregation strong and growing. You don't need special qualifications – just a willingness to help and a desire to make our church even better.

Think of it this way: Our church is like a family, and the council helps take care of the family's needs. We need different voices and fresh ideas to keep us moving forward while staying true to our mission of serving God and our community.

Maybe you've never thought about being on the council before. Maybe you think someone else would do a better job. But your perspective and ideas matter, and we'd love to have you join us.

Want to learn more? It's easy – just talk to one of our current council members or one of the members of the nominating committee. Our nominating committee consists of **Tim Fink**, **Peter Gimse**, and **Connie Pavlovich**. We are all happy to answer your questions and tell you what it's really like to serve on the council.

As we celebrate Christmas and look forward to a new year, please think about giving this gift of service to your church family in the coming year — you have some time to think about it. Together, we can make great things happen!



Cory Newman
Church Council
President

You Have “Once Again Demonstrated Wonderful Generosity”

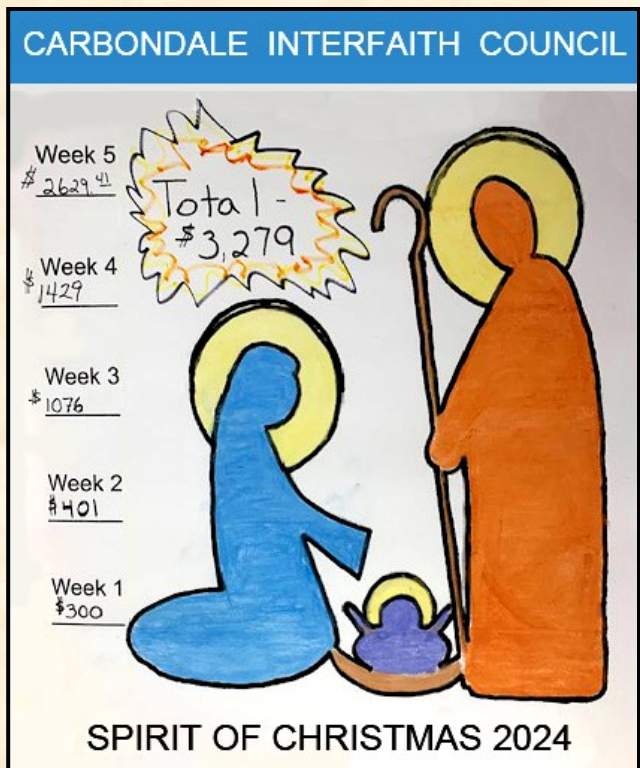


Carolyn Langan

Epiphany
representative to
the Carbondale
Interfaith Council

Recognize this board that has been keeping track of our contributions to the 2024 Spirit of Christmas? The campaign has come to an end, and you, members and friends of our Epiphany Lutheran Church, have once again demonstrated wonderful generosity in donating \$3,279 toward this year's effort.

Participating faith communities raised a total of \$26,800 this year. Very shortly (if not already) those funds will be dispersed to 15 recipient organizations, to help provide some Christmas cheer for less fortunate persons in our community. Thank you for the caring and the generosity you show!



Christian Education: The Season Of Advent Is Upon Us

December will be a busy time for us in the Christian Education "department" as we prepare for the Children's Christmas Program.

Please join us on December 15 at 9:30 for worship and the Christmas program! The kids are working with **Tim Fink (thank you, Tim)** and you will enjoy their efforts. You will hear readings and singing.

Please note on your calendar that we will not meet for Sunday School on December 29.

Have a blessed Christmas Season!



Global Missions During Advent



Olise Mandat
Business
Manager

Change for Change Jars

Sunday, December 8 - This year we will collect the saved coins from your Change-for-Change jars on the second Sunday in Advent. Are you ready?

Advent Light Meals

Beginning Wednesday, December 4 and for the next two weeks, we will host light meals prior to our Wednesday Evening Advent Vespers at 7:00. A free-will offering will benefit our Global Missions activities. **If you would like to provide an element for the meal or help with the setup or cleanup, there is a signup sheet in the narthex.**

Other ways to support Global Missions:

Cash: use one of the pew envelopes and indicate "Global Missions" on the envelope.

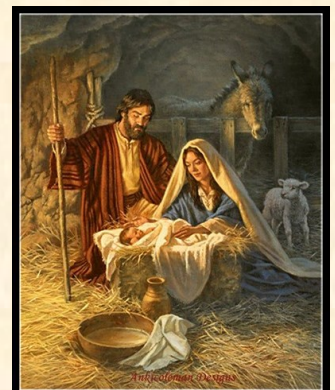
Check: make payable to Epiphany Lutheran Church and put "Global Missions" in the memo line.

Online: use our [Vanco website](#).

Thank You For Your Donations of Christmas Cards. It Makes a Difference.

A big "THANK YOU" to all who donated cards for this year's *Hope for the Holidays* card writing effort. A package containing 237 cards bearing holiday greetings and messages of emotional support is being sent to individuals and families being held in immigration detention. Your donations do make a difference!

Mike and Carolyn Langan



IN MEMORY OF: **Paul A. Harre**

Paul A. Harre, born February 25, 1944, peacefully transitioned from this life to the next on November 18, 2024 with his family by his side.

Paul grew up in Nashville, Illinois, with his parents and three siblings. He had a mischievous spirit, a twinkle in his eye, and loved to run wild and play pranks on his sisters.

His lifelong love of singing with diction, preferably in four-part harmony, was fostered by his high school music teacher and continued throughout his life.

Following high school, Paul enlisted in the Air Force, serving as a Missile Technician with the 306th Airborne Missile Maintenance Squadron. He was named Outstanding Airman of The Year at McCoy Air Force Base, Florida, a recognition he was especially proud of, as his parents and sister were able to attend the awards ceremony.

Paul later attended Southern Illinois University (SIU) in Carbondale where he completed his Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, and a Doctorate in Education. He spent his entire career at SIU within the College of Technical Careers, and the university always held a special place in his heart. Most days, he could be found wearing an SIU pin on his lapel or something in the shade of Saluki Maroon.

While his official roles were in teaching and administration, Paul's true passion was mentoring students. He found fulfillment in helping them navigate the challenges of schoolwork, career decisions, and the newness of being on their own.

Paul was exceptionally proud of the international work he did in collaboration with universities in Korea, Russia, and the West Bank. Delegations from each of the countries were always welcomed in the Harre home with food, love, learning, and laughter.

Paul married fellow Nashville High School graduate Catherine (née Ellerbusch) on December 28, 1968. They took their vows seriously and were married nearly 56 years, living in Carbondale, Illinois for most of that time. Together, they raised two beautiful daughters, Michele and Erin.

They lived on a peaceful piece of land on the outskirts of Carbondale with their horses, trees, and the quiet of nature.

A girl dad before "girl dad" was a thing, Paul found joy working on horsemanship with Michele, coaching many successful girls' softball teams with Carbondale Junior Sports, with high school homecoming float building, and taking Erin to many softball and basketball games.



Cathy and Paul Harre
September 11, 2016

Paul and Cathy were founding members of The Lutheran Church of All Saints in Carbondale, Illinois, later known as Epiphany Lutheran Church. Paul helped build the original sanctuary, and the wristwatch that he lost in the process is most likely still embedded in a wall there somewhere. He later contributed many wood working projects that remain in the church, a lasting testament to his craftsmanship and memory. The community, love, acceptance, and support at All Saints/Epiphany became and remains a grounding and supportive presence for the Harre Family.

Later in his life, Paul was happiest when he could mentor, brag about his kids and grandkids, tinker in his wood shop, fish, and watch Saluki Softball games.

His skill at learning where any person was from within the first 2 minutes of meeting them and finding a shared connection to that place or person will remain unmatched. Also unmatched is the size and scope of what his family labeled "Harre's Useless Knowledge"- a vast repertoire of random facts that could be recalled at a moment's notice, though he could never remember where he left something just five minutes prior.

Both Paul and Cathy have had an unparalleled gift of creating a space that allowed those around them to love and care for them as if they were their own. The Harre family thanks the caregiving teams at The Landings in Carbondale, Cedarhurst of Highland, Illinois, and Bond County Home Health and Hospice for their love and care towards the end of Paul's life.

Paul is survived by his wife, Catherine Harre; daughters, Michele (Scott) Heinz and Erin (Ryan) Arnold; grandchildren, Emerson Arnold and William Heinz; sisters, Marlene (Douglas) Groll and Grace (Jack) Fincham, and many nieces and nephews. Given the opportunity, he would also include his "adopted" family- his daughters' friends, his students, team members, mentees, the staff at facilities where they lived, and the many friends he cherished along the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents Adolph "Mike" Harre and Hilda (Vogt) Harre and brother, Alan (Diane) Harre.

Visitation was held on Sunday, November 24, 2024 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Crain Pleasant Grove -Murdale Funeral Home in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Funeral Services were held on Monday, November 25, 2024 at Epiphany Lutheran Church at 10:00 AM with Pastor Brian Coffey officiating. Entombment followed at the Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum. A luncheon followed at Epiphany Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial donations be made to Epiphany Lutheran Church and/or Bond County Hospice.



An Important “Thank You”

*Thank
You*

Thank you to all who helped with the luncheon after **Paul Harre’s** funeral. The family was very appreciative of not only the food but also the warmth and friendship that filled the room.

You are appreciated.

Ann Mays

Nan Gher

Trish Welch

Blue Christmas Worship Service— Saturday, December 21

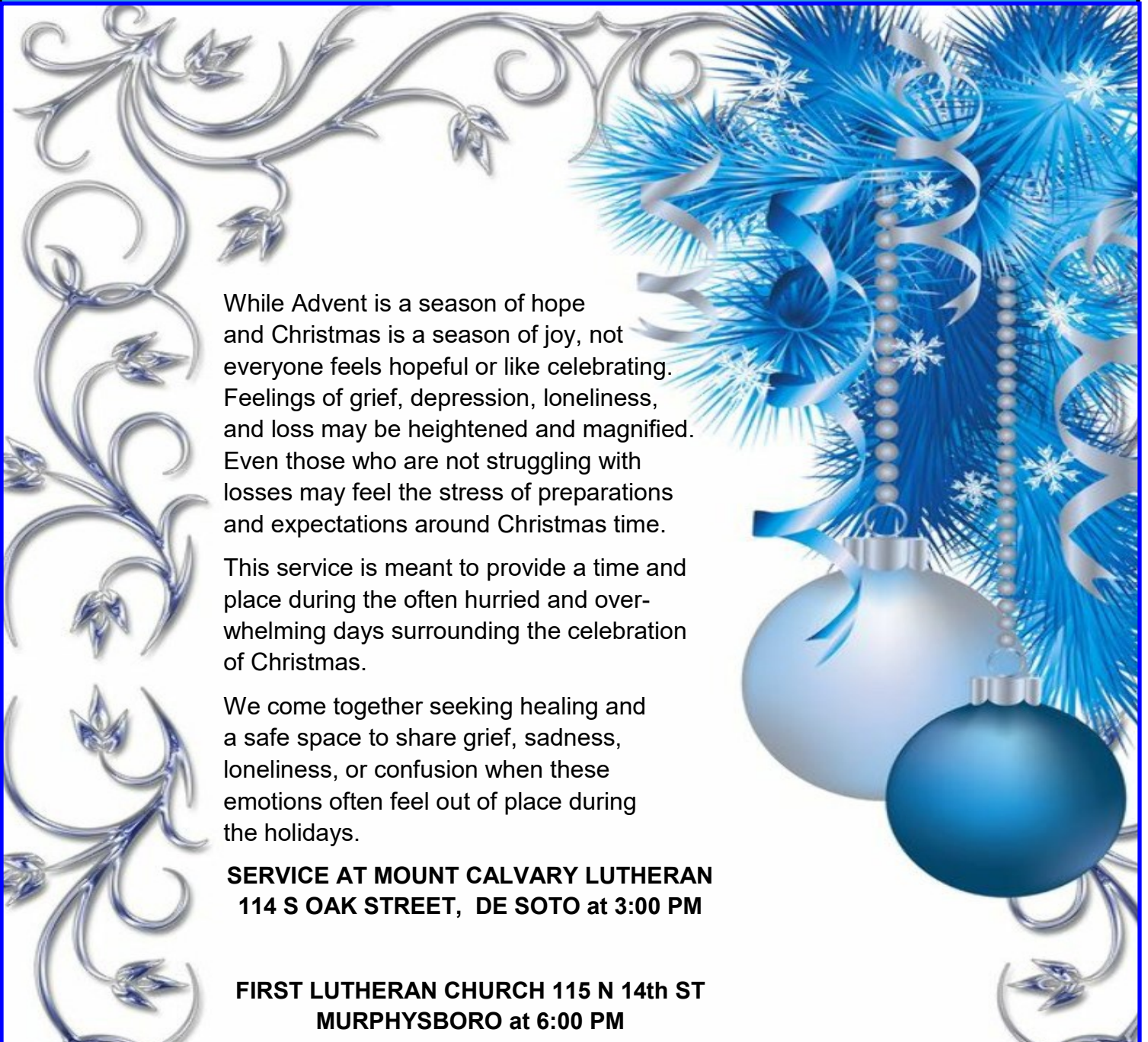
While Advent is a season of hope and Christmas is a season of joy, not everyone feels hopeful or like celebrating. Feelings of grief, depression, loneliness, and loss may be heightened and magnified. Even those who are not struggling with losses may feel the stress of preparations and expectations around Christmas time.

This service is meant to provide a time and place during the often hurried and overwhelming days surrounding the celebration of Christmas.

We come together seeking healing and a safe space to share grief, sadness, loneliness, or confusion when these emotions often feel out of place during the holidays.

**SERVICE AT MOUNT CALVARY LUTHERAN
114 S OAK STREET, DE SOTO at 3:00 PM**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH 115 N 14th ST
MURPHYSBORO at 6:00 PM**



A Word To Advent From Bishop Greg Busboom



Central/Southern Illinois Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

What word are we speaking into Advent this year?

The word that John the Baptist speaks into Advent is nothing less than the word of God, a word that comes to John in the wilderness.

The gospel-writer Luke intentionally locates the word that John is called to speak in the context of the political and religious structures of the day. "In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, son Zechariah" (3:1-2a). The word John is called to speak does not ignore the earthly realities whirling around him but rather is a word that speaks directly into them.

The specific word John speaks is a word from Scripture, the words of the prophet Isaiah from Isaiah 40. In stark contrast to the empty claims offered by the earthly and religious leaders of the day, the word John speaks is the word of salvation, not just for some, but for all — "and all flesh shall see the salvation of God" (Luke 3:6). While the promises offered by the earthly leaders benefitted only some, the salvation of God would be revealed to all. Not unlike today, this word was a radical word, a costly word, a word that would ultimately lead John to a platter and Jesus to a cross.

It can be tempting during the busyness of the Advent season to gloss lightly over the words of Advent. Avoid the temptation. The words of the lectionary readings, the words of the liturgy, and the words of the hymns all speak a word of stark contrast to the empty promises offered by both the secular celebrations of the season and so many of the political and societal structures in which we find ourselves. Read these words. Sing these words. Dwell in these words. And, for the love of God, preach these words, even when doing so is uncomfortable. They are words that lead us to Jesus, the only true Word, the Word that brings salvation not just for some, but for all.

*His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding:
Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word! (ELW #246)*



Centered in Christ +
Bishop Greg Busboom

December Birthdays



Cindy Gimse	December 5	Miranda Smith	December 19
Cathy Lay	December 5	Laurel Fleming	December 20
Roland Person	December 7	Kate Renshaw	December 21
Jim Renshaw	December 7	Kaelyn Viernum	December 21
Kate Worzala	December 14	Anne Terry	December 23
Eric Mandat	December 16	David Melby	December 28
Lauren Gulbrandsen	December 17	Betty Person	December 29
		Mari Schneider	December 30

"Navigating Pronouns With Openness and Compassion"



**S.I. Learning
in Retirement**

Our speaker for December will be **Sandy Pensoneau-Conway** (she/her/hers) who is an Associate Professor and Graduate Coordinator in the School of Communication Studies at SIUC. She is also a proud member of the southern Illinois queer community. She began volunteer work with Rainbow Cafe in 2004, and except for a move out of the area and various breaks from participation, she has been a volunteer and board member for over 10 years. She has conducted workshops and trainings for various offices on the SIU campus, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Boys and Girls Club of Southern Illinois, and is very glad for the opportunity to speak with the Learning in Retirement participants.



**Sandy Pensoneau-
Conway**

Sandy lives in De Soto with her spouse **Chad**, teenager **Grayson**, and cat **Bobo**.

The presentation, free and open to the public, will begin at 10:30 am at Epiphany Lutheran Church at 1501 W. Chautauqua, Carbondale. A coffee hour begins at 9:30 am. For more information about SILIR contact **Diane McIntyre** at 618-536-7751 or email silir@siu.edu, or check the website:

conferenceservices.siu.edu/silir.

JAZZ VESPERS: 5:00 PM ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

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

Jazz Vespers

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

with members and guests of the **New Arts Jazztet**—Bob Allison, trumpet; Mel Goot, vibraphone; Isaac Lausell, guitar; Tom Edgar, piano; Phil Brown, bass; and Jimmy Beers, drums—**December 8, 2024**

works by **Dee Barton, Bart Defoort, Kenny Gorelick/Sam Hirsh, Roland Hanna, Lars Jansson, and Eric Wyatt**
streaming at <https://www.facebook.com/NewArtsJazztet>

Southern Illinois University Commemorated Veterans Day on November 11

Southern Illinois University Carbondale commemorated Veterans Day with the annual vigil at the flagpole on the corner of South Normal Avenue and West Grand Avenue, near the center of the SIU campus.

This year's November 11 Veterans Day event marked the 43rd anniversary of the flagpole vigil, which began in 1981. The event honors SIU and Southern Illinois veterans who served their country in the U.S. armed forces.

Under the direction of **Paul Copeland**, coordinator of the SIU Veterans Services office, the SIU Air Force and Army ROTC programs provided this year's vigil, which began at 6 a.m. at the Old Main Flagpole, just south of Woody Hall. ROTC cadets stood silent vigil throughout the morning, changing shifts every 15 minutes, until noon.

At 11 a.m., members held a wreath-laying ceremony at the flagpole. The ceremony began with an invocation by **Pastor Brian Coffey** of Epiphany Lutheran Church, followed by a proclamation from Carbondale's **Mayor Carolin Harvey** and remarks by **Martin Parsons**, a veteran and SIU alumnus. The ceremony closed with the playing of taps by 19 members of the SIU Trumpet Studio, under the leadership of **Ricky Spears**, assistant professor of trumpet and assistant director of athletic bands.

Information provided by **Tim Crosby**, SIU Public Information Coordinator

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Photos: Southern Illinois University Commemorated Veterans Day on November 11



Beginning at 6:00 am students in the SIU Air Force and Army ROTC programs provided a silent vigil throughout the morning, changing shifts every 15 minutes until noon.



Paul Copeland, the coordinator for the SIU Veterans Day program, introduced each of the morning's speakers.



Pastor Brian Coffey, also a veteran, offered the opening invocation.



Carbondale Mayor, Carolyn Harvey, read a proclamation officially thanking the veterans for their service.



Martin Parsons, a former Marine and also a 22 year member of the Illinois National Guard thanked the veterans for their service.



The ceremony closed with the playing of a powerful presentation of taps by 19 members of the SIU Trumpet Studio under the direction of **Ricky Spears**, assistant professor of trumpet and assistant director of athletic bands.

FROM EPIPHANY'S STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



Lynn Smith
Stewardship
Committee

As most of you have heard from us already this past month, the Faith Pledge tradition of considering and deciding how we will share our generosity through Epiphany's ministries is a tradition of more than fifty years! The Faith Pledge consists of an intention, formalized between the family or individual and the Lord. It is based on prayerful reflection, as to what amount of our financial resources, in gratitude for God's blessings, we choose to contribute to God's work.

Please be thinking about how, in 2025, you can be a good steward of your time, talent, and treasure at Epiphany, for the wider church and in our community and world. Watch for the envelope that you will receive in hand on December 15, or in the mail, that will guide you in making your Faith Pledge. On January 5, you will receive your report from the Financial Secretary indicating your contributions to and through Epiphany Lutheran Church in 2024. That report allows you to compare what you intended to contribute in 2024 (your Faith Pledge) with what was received from you throughout 2024. We ask that your 2025 Faith Pledge be completed and ready to place on the altar on January 12, 2025, or returned in the mail soon thereafter.

TIMELINE for FAITH PLEDGING: DECEMBER 2024 – JANUARY 2025

- December 1, 2024: **HEAR** Faith Pledge history at Epiphany.
- December 15, 2024: **RECEIVE** previous (2024) Sealed Faith Pledge,
and
RECEIVE new, blank Faith Pledge card.
- January 5, 2025: **RECEIVE** personal/family Contribution Record for 2024.
CONTINUE family/individual discussion with additional
information from 2024 Contribution Record.
- January 12, 2025: **PLACE** your 2025 Sealed Faith Pledge card in the designated
basket at the entrance to the chancel, or mail your card to Epiphany.

CONTINUE TO PRACTICE GENEROSITY

through **TIME** and **TALENT**, as well as **TREASURE**, throughout the new year!

Thanks be to our God for you and your gifts!

Here is a sample of the "Pledge Card" that you fill out, seal in an envelope, and bring to church on January 12 or mail to Epiphany. You will receive your *unopened envelope* in December 2025. It's your pledge and it's a system that has worked well for more than 50 years!

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Looking For a Poem and a Book Recommended For Advent?

Jan Richardson
Beloved is where we begin.

A Wild Angel for These Days - by Jan Richardson — a poem for Advent



Beloved friends,

In these days, and as the season of Advent draws near, I am thinking once again about this angel who showed up when I was working on my Advent book, *Night Visions*. Her name is Thelma.

You can tell that Thelma is no ethereal, gossamer angel. She is not delicate. She is not dainty. She is more like the angels who show up in the Bible, those messengers who come with piercing questions and life-altering invitations. Thelma is feisty. She is fierce. She can spit.

Thelma is the kind of angel I want to keep company with as we approach the season of Advent. She knows how to see in the shadows, how to find the hope that lives deep in our bones, how to welcome the Love that takes flesh all over again in this time, in this world, in us.

This is the blessing that accompanies Thelma in *Night Visions*:

Bless them
who wait with us
who labor with us
who cry out with us

Bless them
who know our limits
who push us beyond them
who see us through

Bless them
who call us to our strengths
who tend us in our weakness
who dress each ragged wound

Bless them
who laugh in the face of convention
who weep for our own pain
who bid us come and live.

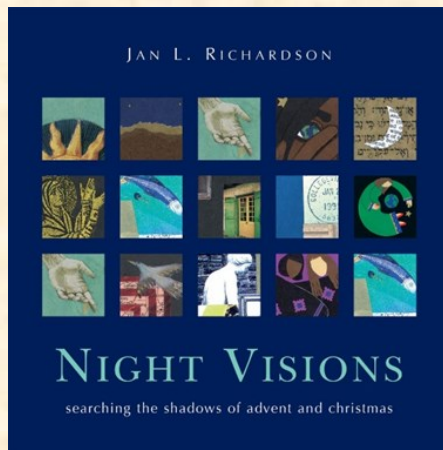
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Looking For a Poem and a Book Recommended For Advent

In Advent and always, may Christ our Light meet you with many graces and with the love and the hope that live at the heart of it all.

Deep peace to you,

Jan Richardson, author, poet, artist



For this Advent and Christmas, may we recommend Jan Richardson's treasured book *Night Visions*? We are always moved to hear from readers who return to it each year and who share it as a gift for others. With original artwork, reflections, poetry, and prayers, this book is a beautiful companion to help you enter into the season, on your own or with a group.

To order a copy of Jan Richardson's book, hold down the **Control** key on your computer and use your mouse to click on the following:

[Order Night Visions](#)

Christmas Caroling At Small Town Scoops December 15



Starting at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 15

We are invited to join with members of First Lutheran Church (Murphysboro) and Mount Calvary Lutheran (De Soto) to kick-off an agreement in which the synod has asked **Pastor Brian Coffey** to assist our two sister congregations. He will be supervising **Paul Copeland** as Paul continues to serve as the Synod Authorized Minister. There will be a brief "signing ceremony" with the leadership of the three congregations signing the agreement.

Then it's "party time" to have some ice cream and to sing some Christmas carols on a Sunday afternoon at Small Town Scoop in Murphysboro. The community is welcome to attend as well, so let's join together with our fellow ELCA neighbors and make our presence known to others who may be enjoying some ice cream in December!



Small Town Scoops is located at 1400 W. Walnut on the corner of Walnut and 14th Street in Murphysboro.



“Let’s Give “Tatting” a Try!”

Recently **Trish Welch** and **Rachel Price** paid a visit to **Delores Brandt** “to try to learn how to do tatting.” It’s similar to crocheting, but with several differences. Keep reading if you want the “official” artificial intelligence definition located on the editor’s computer.

“Tatting is a technique used to create a very strong lace using knots and loops. The lace is formed by using a series of cow hitch or half-hitch knots called double stitches to form a pattern of chains and rings. The tatter can leave gaps between the stitches to form openings called picots. Tatting is used to create lace edgings and doilies that are very similar to those in crochet. It is a way of making simple, durable lace, like you might find on collars, decorative edgings or doilies.”



Trish Welch

Any questions? Ask **Trish, Rachel or Delores**

Photos by **Trish**



Rachel — just getting started.



Rachel — showing definite progress!

A Reminder From the Evangelism Committee

We hope your **Change for a Change Jars** are growing heavy with coins that jingle. If not, feel free to stuff them with the quieter, but equally effective folding money or checks. Please return them on **December 8**.

Thank you for supporting Global Missions.



December Calendar Items - Provided by Olise Mandat

Sunday, December 1 - **Advent 1**

- 8:30 am - Christian Education - children rehearse Christmas program
- 9:30 am - Worship
- Faith pledge temple talk, Elaine Melby
- No confirmation class (assist with 8:30 am rehearsal)

Wednesday, December 4 - **Advent Midweek**

- 6:00 pm - Light Meal for Global Missions
- 7:00 pm - Holden Evening Prayer

Sunday, December 8 - **Advent 2**

- **Return Change-for Change Jars (Global Missions)**
- 8:30 am - Christian Education - children rehearse Christmas program
- 9:30 am - Worship
- No confirmation class (assist with 8:30 am rehearsal)
- **5:00 pm - Jazz Vespers**

Wednesday, December 11 - **Advent Midweek**

- 6:00 pm - Light Meal for Global Missions
- 7:00 pm - Holden Evening Prayer

Sunday, December 15 - **Advent 3**

- 8:30 am - Christian Education
- **9:30 am - Worship - Christmas Program**
- **2025 faith pledge envelopes distributed. 2024 envelopes returned.**
- 11:00 am - Confirmation class
- **2:30 - 4:00 pm -- Synod Agreement Signing and Caroling, Small Town Ice Cream in Murphysboro**

Tuesday, December 17

- 6:00 pm - Council meeting

Wednesday, December 18 - **Advent Midweek**

- 6:00 pm - Light Meal for Global Missions
- 7:00 pm - Holden Evening Prayer

Saturday, December 21 - **Blue Christmas Worship Service**

- 3:00 pm -- **Mt Calvary, DeSoto**
- 6:00 pm -- **Faith, Murphysboro**

Sunday, December 22 - **Advent 4**

- **8:30 am -- Christian education and Sunday School for Children**
- 9:30 am - Worship
- 11:00 am - Confirmation class

Tuesday, December 24 - **Christmas Eve**

- **7:00 pm - Candlelight Worship Service**

Wednesday, December 25 - Friday, December 27 - Pastor Brian vacation

Sunday, December 29 - **Christmas 1**

- **8:30 am - Christian Education Adults — no Sunday School for Children**
- 9:30 am - Worship

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Altar arrangement for Advent

Photo by Pastor Brian



Brian Coffey, Pastor
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