

# The Messenger

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**"To send out the light of God's love to the World"**

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## Marriage Enrichment Retreat *Time with the Ones We Love the Most*

**Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

**Location: Epiphany Lutheran Church**

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Since arriving at Epiphany, I've wanted to schedule a marriage enrichment retreat. I'm finally getting around to it.

I'd like to invite any and all married couples, and those who are preparing for marriage, to participate in a retreat on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The retreat will be held at the church.

We'll begin the day with a light breakfast at 8:30 am, followed by presentations and conversation until noon. We'll share lunch at noon and pick up with more presentations and conversation until 4:00 pm. We'll celebrate Holy Communion and be on our way no later than 5:00 pm. The cost of the retreat is \$50 per couple, which will cover the cost of an inventory each couple will complete prior to the retreat and meals and snacks for the day. If the cost of the retreat poses a challenge for you, let me know.

My wife, Becky and I have been married for 34 years. Over the years, we have found it helpful to engage in conversation with ourselves and others who care about marriage; its joys; its struggles; its wonderful moments; its difficulties; its expression of love; its abiding hope. We are looking forward to participating in this retreat with many of you.

Your sibling in Christ,

Pastor Brad



# November 2019 At-A-Glance

# The MESSENGER

## Friday, November 1

6:30 a.m. PB & J @ Tim Hortons  
7:30 a.m. Coffee and Christ– Scrambler Marie’s  
6:00-10:00 p.m. Pick. Community Theater– Sanctuary Only  
8:00 p.m. AA/Al-Anon Groups

## Saturday, November 2

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Pickerington Community Theater– Sanctuary

## Sunday, November 3

All Saints Sunday  
Bellaire Toy Drive Begins  
2:00 a.m. Daylight Savings Time Ends (Set clocks back one hour)  
8:30 a.m. First English Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Rise & Shine (Sunday School) All Ages  
9:30 a.m. Breakfast with Jesus (Adult Sunday School)- Kitchen  
1:00-6:00 p.m. Pick. Community Theater– Sanctuary/Gath. Space  
7:00-8:30 p.m. 1st Sundays @ The White’s– Sr. High Youth

## Monday, November 4

9:00-11:00 a.m. L.I.F.T.– Rm. 107  
6:00-9:00 p.m. Pickerington Community Theater– Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Social Services Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Team Meeting

## Tuesday, November 5

Election Day  
9:30-11:00 a.m. Mini Maestros– Youth Rm.  
10:00 a.m. Epiphany Staff Meeting– Rm. 107  
7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting  
7:30-9:00 p.m. Community Chorus Practice– Sanc.

## Wednesday, November 6

9:00-11:00 a.m. Bible Study– Library  
9:30-11:00 a.m. Bible & Barry– Youth Rm.  
NOON: All Bulletin Information Due  
5:30-6:00 p.m. Little Lights- Choir Rm.  
5:30-7:30 p.m. FUSION  
5:45-6:45 p.m. PAUSE meal (Breakfast for Dinner)  
6:30 p.m. Adult Bells  
6:30-7:30 p.m. Epiphany U.—Pastor Brad– Youth Rm.  
6:30 p.m. Discernment Group– Rm. 308  
7:30 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal  
8:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

## Thursday, November 7

1:30 p.m. Christmas Dinner Planning  
4:00-7:30 p.m. First English Dinner  
6:30 p.m. 1st Thursday Men’s Club  
7:30 p.m. Dartball vs. Reynoldsburg (Home)

## Friday, November 8

6:30 a.m. PB & J @ Tim Hortons  
7:30 a.m. Coffee and Christ– Scrambler Marie’s  
6:00-10:00 p.m. Pick. Community Theater– Sanctuary Only  
8:00 p.m. AA/Al-Anon Groups

## Saturday, November 9

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Pickerington Community Theater– Sanctuary

## Sunday, November 10

9:30 a.m. Rise & Shine (Sunday School) All Ages  
9:30 a.m. Breakfast with Jesus (Adult Sunday School)- Kitchen  
1:00-5:00 p.m. Pick. Community Theater– Sanctuary/Gath. Space  
5:30-8:00 p.m. Confirmation Event #2

## Monday, November 11

Veterans Day  
9:00-11:00 a.m. L.I.F.T.– Rm. 107

## Monday, November 11 (Con’t)

9:30 a.m. Christmas Dinner Planning– Rm. 106  
6:00-9:00 p.m. Pickerington Community Theater– Sanctuary  
7:00-8:30 p.m. Girl Scouts– Youth Rm.

## Tuesday, November 12

9:30-11:00 a.m. Mini Maestros– Youth Rm.  
10:00 a.m. Epiphany Staff Meeting– Rm. 107  
3:30-7:00 p.m. Suzuki Strings– Youth Rm.  
6:00 p.m. Mary Circle– Gathering Space & Kitchen  
6:00 p.m. Property Management– Rm. 308  
6:30 p.m. Building Vision Team– Rm. 106  
7:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Meeting– Youth Rm.  
7:00 p.m. Church Council– Rm. 107  
7:30-9:00 p.m. Community Chorus Practice– Sanc.

## Wednesday, November 13

9:00-11:00 a.m. Bible Study– Library  
9:30-11:00 a.m. Bible & Barry– Youth Rm.  
9:30 a.m. Esther Circle– Rm. 107  
NOON: All Bulletin Information Due  
2:30-5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers Care Team– Rm. 308  
5:30 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting– Rm. 106  
5:30-6:00 p.m. Little Lights Choir- Choir Rm.  
5:30-7:30 p.m. FUSION  
5:45-6:45 p.m. PAUSE meal- Red, White and Blue -Veterans and Active Duty eat FREE  
6:30 p.m. Adult Bells  
6:30-7:30 p.m. Epiphany U.—Pastor Brad– Youth Rm.  
6:30 p.m. Discernment Group– Rm. 308  
7:30 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal  
8:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

## Thursday, November 14

7:00 p.m. Bowling Green Men’s Chorus  
7:30 p.m. Dartball vs. Westerville Grace (Away)

## Friday, November 15

### *December Messenger Information Deadline*

6:30 a.m. PB & J @ Tim Hortons  
7:30 a.m. Coffee and Christ– Scrambler Marie’s  
10:00 a.m. 55+ Tour of Ohio Stadium  
8:00 p.m. AA/Al-Anon Groups

## Saturday, November 16

9:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Pickerington Community Theater– Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. Life After Loss  
3:00-9:00 p.m. PHSC Quintet Event (Performance 6:00-8:00 p.m.)

## Sunday, November 17

9:30 a.m. Rise & Shine (Sunday School) All Ages  
9:30 a.m. Breakfast with Jesus (Adult Sunday School)- Kitchen  
1:00-6:00 p.m. Pick. Community Theater– Sanctuary/Gath. Space  
7:00 p.m. Internship Committee Meeting

## Monday, November 18

9:00-11:00 a.m. L.I.F.T.– Rm. 107  
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Epiphany at LSS Food Pantry  
6:00-9:00 p.m. Pickerington Community Theater– Sanctuary  
7:00-8:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #1313– Youth Room

## Tuesday, November 19

9:30-11:00 a.m. Mini Maestros– Youth Rm.  
10:00 a.m. Epiphany Staff Meeting– Rm. 107  
6:00 p.m. Youth Vision Team Meeting– Rm. 107  
7:00 p.m. Private Music Lesson– Choir Rm.  
7:30-9:00 p.m. Community Chorus Practice– Sanc.

# November 2019 At-A-Glance (Con't)

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## Wednesday, November 20

Pie Sale Ends

9:00-11:00 a.m. Bible Study— Library

9:30-11:00 a.m. The Bible & Barry— Youth Rm.

NOON: All Bulletin Information Due

5:30-6:00 p.m. Little Lights Choir (Cherub Choir)— Choir Rm.

5:30-7:30 p.m. FUSION (Field Trip)

5:45-6:45 p.m. PAUSE meal (Not Your Mom's Thanksgiving)

6:30 p.m. Adult Bells

6:30-7:30 p.m. Epiphany U.—Pastor Brad— Youth Room

7:30 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal

8:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

## Thursday, November 21

1:30 p.m. Christmas Dinner Planning— Rm. 107

3:00-7:00 p.m. Buckeye Rolling— Gath. Sp.

7:30 p.m. Dartball vs. Obetz (Home)

## Friday, November 22

6:30 a.m. PB & J @ Tim Hortons

7:30 a.m. Coffee and Christ— Scrambler Marie's

2:00 p.m.-?? Pie Baking— Kitchen/Gath. Sp.

6:00-9:00 p.m. Pick. Community Theater— Sanctuary Only

8:00 p.m. AA/Al-Anon Groups

## Saturday, November 23

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Pickerington Community Theater— Sanctuary

## Sunday, November 24

Christ the King Sunday

9:30 a.m. Baptism

9:30 a.m. Rise & Shine (Sunday School) All Ages

9:30 a.m. Breakfast with Jesus (Adult Sunday School)— Kitchen

1:00-7:00 p.m. Pick. Community Theater— Sanctuary/Gath. Space

3:00-8:30 p.m. Faith on 8th

## Monday, November 25

9:00 a.m. L.I.F.T.— Rm. 107

6:00-9:00 p.m. Pick. Community Theater— Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Christian Creations— Rm. 106

## Tuesday, November 26

10:00 a.m. Epiphany Staff Meeting— Rm. 107

3:30-7:00 p.m. Suzuki Strings— Youth Rm.

6:30 p.m. Discernment Group— Rm. 308

6:30 p.m. Building Vision Team— Rm. 107

7:30-9:00 p.m. Community Chorus Practice— Sanc.

## Wednesday, November 27

(Nothing Scheduled)

## Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving

Church Office Closed

## Friday, November 29

Church Office Closed

8:00 p.m. AA/Al-Anon Groups

## Saturday, November 30

(Nothing Scheduled)

## November 2019

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*"Greed says the more you get, the more you have. Christ says the more you give away in love, the more you are."*

—Frederick Buechner



**Office Hours:** 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Monday-Friday

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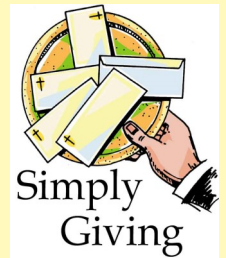
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EPIPHANYGUEST

## SIMPLY GIVING

Epiphany also offers the option to contribute your offerings electronically. It's called "Simply Giving" and is an easy way to provide your gifts regularly and faithfully. Pick up an Authorization Form at the Welcome Center, or contact the Church Office for more details.



Our **Breakfast With Jesus** Adult Sunday School class invites you to meet with them for discussion, learning, and of course... breakfast! They meet in the kitchen off the Gathering Space at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday.



**FIND EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH ON....**







**(80 years young and over!)**

**Nov. 9 Leo Thurber (#96)**

**Nov. 20 Joanne Frank (#91)**



**(Married 50 years or more!)**

**Nov. 9 Bill & Ruthie Schmitz #51**

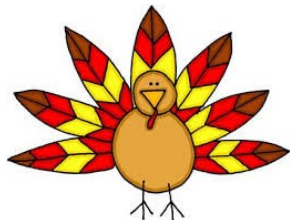
**Nov. 12 Jerry & Carolyn Kisner #53**

**Nov. 24 Art & Betty Jacob #68**

**Nov. 25 Larry & Joyce Gornall #53**

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**Our office will be closed  
Thursday, Nov. 28th and  
Friday, Nov. 29th in  
observance of the  
Thanksgiving Holiday.**



## CHURCH MEETINGS

If you are scheduling a meeting at the church, please let the office know. This will help us keep track of who is in the building and also prevent conflicts with times and/or meeting space usage. Thank you for your understanding.

## Music News... by Terry McCandless, Minister of Music Christmas Cantata

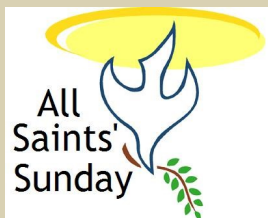
"Joy Has Dawned" a Christmas musical by Lloyd Larson will be presented by the Epiphany Cantata Choir on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 worship service. This is a beautiful and inspiring musical that you won't want to miss as part of your worship and holiday experience. Invite a friend or neighbor to attend with you. It is a good way for them to experience the welcoming hospitality of the Epiphany church family.

Rehearsals began on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM and continue on Wednesdays at 7:30. If you are interested in singing with the choir please contact me for the music. We would love to have your voice join us to sing about the joy our savior has brought to the world.



Congregational Life Committee will again be Christmas caroling for our home bound members this year! We will be visiting our home bound members December 1st, 2019 from 6 - 8:00 p.m.! We are hoping people of all ages, families and friends will join us to bring smiles to their faces! We will come back to the church for hot chocolate and cookies. There will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space starting November 16th thru Nov 29th, so we can plan the route! Please pray about joining us for this fun event!! Any questions, contact Rita Chrisman at (614)579-0024.

On November 3rd, Epiphany will observe in All Saints Sunday. On that morning, all those who have lost a loved one in death during this past year (since the 1st Sunday in November one year ago) are invited to be with us in worship, as we remember those who have died in the Prayers of the Church.



Any interested dart throwers are welcome to join the Epiphany Dartball team for fun and fellowship! Please contact the Epiphany office if you are interested!!

### November Schedule:

11/07	7:30 p.m. vs. Reynoldsburg (Home)
11/14	7:30 p.m. vs. Westerville Grace (Away)
11/21	7:30 p.m. vs. Obetz (Home)
11/28	NO GAME

## The Sacred in the Everyday

All of the places of our lives are sanctuaries; some of them just happen to have steeples. And all of the people in our lives are saints; it is just that some of them have day jobs and most will never have feast days named for them.

—Robert Benson, *Between the Dreaming and the Coming True*

## Small Groups and Bible Studies

**BIBLE AND BARRY** meets **every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m.** in the Youth Room at Epiphany. Join our intern, Barry Halter for a time of prayer, study, and discussion. Contact Barry Halter at: [barryhalter@epiphany-lutheran.com](mailto:barryhalter@epiphany-lutheran.com) with any questions. You are welcome to join at any time!

**COFFEE AND CHRIST** Early-risers are invited to join in a happy, thoughtful and enthusiastic group that meets **each Friday morning at Scrambler Marie's on 256 in Pickerington at 7:30 a.m.** On November 1st, we will begin reading and discussing the book *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr. Discussions are led by Pastor Brad. All are welcome!

**ESTHER CIRCLE** will meet **Wednesday, November 13th at 9:30 a.m. here at the church.** This group uses the "Gather" magazine for their study and discussion and takes seriously their call to serve and do outreach. They are open to adding new women any month.

**FIRST THURSDAY MEN'S CLUB** Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Our next meeting is on **Thursday, November 7th.**

**LIFE AFTER LOSS** will meet on **Saturday, November 16th, at 10:30 a.m.** here at the church. Life After Loss is for grieving individuals and is designed to provide a safe place for the sharing of stories, caring for one another, and learning new resources for the journey toward healing. Other questions about Life After Loss may be directed to Joe Stark, group facilitator, at 765-228-6895.

**MARY CIRCLE** will meet on **Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Space at Epiphany. We will enjoy a Thanksgiving potluck meal together, then assemble the Christmas bags for the LSS Food Pantry. There will be no meeting in December.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** is meeting **Saturday, November 16th from 9:00-10:15 a.m.** here at Epiphany. This group enjoys a fantastic breakfast together, some great conversation and discussion of both spiritual and social/current events. RSVP to John Long by email [jshermanlong@gmail.com](mailto:jshermanlong@gmail.com) or call 614-579-6359. This group is always open to adding new men!

**PB & J** This group of high school students meets at **6:30 a.m. every Friday morning** that Pickerington schools are open. The group gathers at Tim Hortons in front of Kroger Marketplace on Hill Rd. for prayer, coffee and discussion and ends with communion together. Ali Adams and Pastor Brad lead discussions. Bring \$\$ for food and beverage.

## Bible Quiz



**Complete the first of Jesus' "beatitudes" correctly:**  
**"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for ..."**

- A. they shall be comforted.
- B. theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- C. they shall inherit the earth.
- D. they shall see God.

Answer: B (See Matthew 5:3.)

**"Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread and pumpkin pie." —Jim Davis**



### ATTENTION EPIPHANY GROUPS!

Please let us know what great things you are doing and talking about so we can spread the word. We would love to feature news about your group in our monthly newsletter, *The Messenger*. Send an e-mail to: [epiphany@epiphany-lutheran.com](mailto:epiphany@epiphany-lutheran.com) or call us at 614-837-2826

### AA at EPIPHANY

The following AA groups meet every Friday at 8:00 p.m.:

AA meets in the HMOC—Room 401,

Al-Anon meets in the Nursery—Room 202 ([www.ohioal-anon.org](http://www.ohioal-anon.org));

The Couples Group meets in Room 312, and child care is in Room 311.

### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

A Caregiver Support Group is meeting on the 2nd Saturday of each month (**November 9**) at 10:00 a.m. at Peace United Methodist Church 235 Diley Road, Pickerington.

This is an opportunity to discuss caregiving challenges and share helpful tips with others who are in similar situations. For more information or to register, please call Linda Wilcox at 614-284-5544. ([www.alz.org/centralohio](http://www.alz.org/centralohio))

**\*FOR IMMEDIATE PASTORAL NEEDS YOU CAN REACH PASTOR BRAD ON HIS CELL PHONE\*  
248-470-3185**



- ◆ Josh Austin, Navy
- ◆ Benjamin Campbell, Air Force
- ◆ Jonathan Fleischer, Marines
- ◆ Ashley Snyder Franz, Air Force
- ◆ Jacob Hysell, Navy
- ◆ Chance Jones, Army ROTC
- ◆ Andrew Lathrop, Navy
- ◆ Troy Lovely, Army
- ◆ Bria McClure, Army National Guard
- ◆ Michael Myers, Army
- ◆ Katy R. Rittberger–Porter, Navy
- ◆ Daniel Porter, Navy
- ◆ Michael P. Ray Jr., Navy
- ◆ Allson Rossi, Air Force
- ◆ Robert A. Rossi, Jr., Air Force
- ◆ Johnny Sensouvanh, Air Force
- ◆ Nancy A. Sherman, Air Force
- ◆ Alison Snyder, Air Force
- ◆ Joseph Speakman, Air Force
- ◆ Caitlin Tarr, Air Force
- ◆ Floyd Watts, Army



***Please remember our Shut-ins or those in Assisted Living and Nursing/ Rehabilitation Facilities...***

Joanne Frank– Abington of Pickerington  
 Melitta Lenhardt– Inn at Summit Trail  
 Dorothy Pierpoint- Parkside Village  
 Jan Reinhard– Brookdale Muirfield  
 Rachel Stultz- Amber Park  
 Jack Woodruff- Brighton Gardens

## 55+ EVENTS IN NOVEMBER and DECEMBER



**Friday, Nov 15** - We're going to enjoy a tour of Ohio Stadium (yes - The Horseshoe!) that will begin at 10:00 am and then we'll head somewhere for lunch. Cost for the tour is \$10 a person. Checks should be made payable to Epiphany and put in Pastor Carl's mailbox marked with green.

**December 8** - We're organizing an opportunity to attend Miracle on 34th Street - a play by the Pickerington Community Theater at the Wigwam. The play will be at 2:00pm on Sunday, Dec 8. Cost will be \$13 a person. Checks should be made payable to Epiphany and put in Pastor Carl's mailbox marked with green.

**Contact the 55+ Event Coordinator to sign up for any of the events listed: Pastor Carl Rayburn — [crayburn1948@gmail.com](mailto:crayburn1948@gmail.com)**

## Preschool News -- Heidi Stover, Preschool Director

Epiphany's Preschool is in the midst of celebrating all things fall. The leaves have been rather slow to show their pretty colors, but the children are still talking about the leaves and pumpkins. Classrooms have been practicing raking leaves and painting with bright orange.

We talked about Fire Safety in October and had visits from the Pickerington firefighters. They showed the children how to respond in emergency situations. The firefighters brought their trucks and the children got to see everything up close. Parents, grandparents, and special friends joined the children during our Fall Festival Days to celebrate fall with art, games, stories and our very own pumpkin patch! The preschool staff participated in Trunk or Treat leading crafts and activities. It is always so much fun to see our preschool children who attend, both current and past friends!

We are excited to welcome four new

assistant teachers to our staff this year. Becky Hendershot is with our 4's, Tish Love is in the Pre-K room in the morning and Kiana Thomas is in the Pre-K afternoon, Jessica Armet is in the 3 ½'s and Kiana Thomas is in our 3 year old classroom in the afternoon.

November is just around the corner for us. We will have speech and hearing screenings, parent –teacher conferences will be held at the end of the month, and the preschool children will gather items to create Thanksgiving Bags for Lutheran Social Services of Fairfield County. The fall provides us with lots of fun and busy days.

We still have openings for children in a few of our preschool classrooms. Please call the preschool office at 614-837-4641 if you are interested.

***Thanksgiving Blessings to You from Epiphany Lutheran Preschool!***



Our mid-week Wednesday evening Advent services begin December 4. Plan now to make the worship of our God a part of your celebration of our Lord's birth. All Wednesday evening services begin at **7:00 p.m.** of December 4, 11 and 18.



## Epiphany Lutheran Church Men's 2020 Annual Winter Retreat

This year's retreat will be Friday night through Saturday afternoon, **February 7-8, 2020**, at Deer Creek State Park in Mt. Sterling, south of Columbus. Pastor Drew Tucker, who facilitated last year, will be leading us once again. He's the Pastor of Capital University and Trinity Lutheran Seminary. He and his wife Michelle are Epiphany members.

Also joining him again this year will be Andrew Thompson. He's a first-year student at Trinity Lutheran Seminary and also an Epiphany member. As a gifted musician, he will coordinate selected music for the retreat and closing worship service.

This year's impactful theme: Intergenerational Men's Ministry.

The cost is \$100.00 per person, which provides double occupancy in rooms at the lodge. It does *not* include the cost of dinner or breakfast.

The retreat begins with a 6 p.m. dinner at the lodge restaurant, followed by an opening session at 7:30 p.m. That is followed by social time. Saturday's session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and wrap up at noon. (Carpooling will be available from Epiphany Lutheran Church. The carpool will leave Friday at 5:45 p.m.)

Last year, more than 20 men attended – a new record. All ages are invited to take part and share in this winter retreat. It will warm your soul in the midst of the cold winter. You'll rekindle old friendships and create new ones. Email Dave Wubbolding at [MensChurchRetreat@gmail.com](mailto:MensChurchRetreat@gmail.com) if you have questions, or if you want to confirm your attendance now and add to the growing list of attendees.



## GOD STORY by Linda Fosnaugh

For several years I have been a communion assistant at the 11:00 service. When I first volunteered to do this I was terrified that I would make a mistake or say the wrong thing. I could see myself dropping the bread plate or worse, the wine tray. At first I just wanted to get through it. I concentrated on getting it right. Then I realized that I was doing a great disservice to God, to the communicants, & to myself. Communion has always been very meaningful & emotional for me. Many times I can feel the tears running down my cheeks as I take the bread & wine & yet, as a communion assistant, I was so consumed with getting it right that I failed to be "in the moment." I failed to fully partake of the meaning of this sacrament & I failed to connect with those standing before me to receive the bread & wine.

So I stopped making it about me. Now when each person comes to my communion station, as I pass the bread or wine, I truly try to "commune" with them. I want them to know that we are all in this faith together, sharing the good & bad, the ups

& downs, & the joys & sorrows of life. We are not alone. We are a family covered by God's grace & mercy. I want them to feel God's love pouring over them. By sharing the bread and the wine I want them to know that they are valuable, they are worthy, & they are loved.



### Deaths:

- **Jeanie Elhard**, member of Epiphany, died on September 27th.
- **Eileen Hines**, former member of Epiphany, died on September 30th.
- **Dorothy Lowther**, mother of Jeani (Beeman) Burgoon, died on October 1st.

### Births:

- \* **Patrick Andrew Robinson**, grandson of Lisa Boyer, was born on October 3rd. Proud parents are Andrew and Brook Robinson.

### Prayer List:

Rich Ferne, Mike Renner, Pat Jansen, Brenda Bell, Kim Keith, Tom Hively, Jean Lynch, Pat Taylor, Carol Ackerman, Laura Reed

## Pastor Brad's Video Sermons are Available Online



1. Go to [www.epiphany-lutheran.com](http://www.epiphany-lutheran.com)
2. Click on Media/Resources
3. Choose "Sermons" from the drop-down menu

Facility Use Request forms are available online at [www.epiphany-lutheran.com](http://www.epiphany-lutheran.com)

Search under the tab Media/Resources, then click on "Forms".

## Barry's Babblings -- by Barry Halter, Epiphany's Intern *When the Frost is On the Punkin*

I thought I would share something a little different this month! The fall is one of my favorite times of the year. I grew up playing football in Northern Indiana. The season always began in the "dog days" of summer. It never failed that the first day of camp would be the hottest day of August. But, as the season wore on, the days would get shorter and the trees would begin to change. I'll never forget the smell of burning leaves and the smoke that covered the football field during a late October game my senior year. A quarter-century later the smell of burning leaves takes me right back to that chilly fall evening.

For me, the fall season is a reminder that God provides for us. At this time the farmers are gathering in the corn and beans that have been growing all season. It is also a reminder that God has not given up on us. Even as the prospect of cold dark winter nights lie ahead, we know that new life will blossom in the spring.

Two Octobers ago, Pastor Jim Wilson shared a tradition and a poem with our Ministry of Preaching class. Every fall on the morning of the first frost, Pastor Jim recites the poem, *When the Frost is On the Punkin*, by James Whitcomb Riley. So, on that first chilly October morning, Pastor Jim recited the poem for us. I can still hear the tone and timbre of his voice as I read the poem today. As I write this we have not had the first frost yet. I have a feeling that we will before you read it! With that in mind I give you this poem. Follow the link to see Brian Biggs recite the poem, or simply read it for yourself. I hope you enjoy it! <https://youtu.be/ernQHKfa0-E>



### *When the Frost is On the Punkin* by James Whitcomb Riley

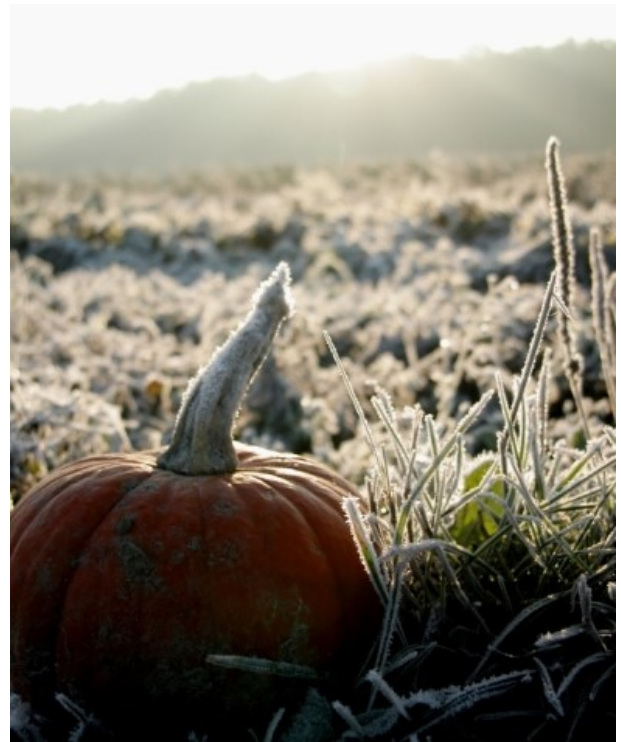
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,  
And you hear the kyouck and the gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock,  
And the clackin'; of the guineys and the cluckin' of the hens  
And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tiptoes on the fence;  
O it's then the times a feller is a-feelin' at his best,  
With the risin' sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest,  
As he leaves the house, bareheaded, and goes out to feed the stock,  
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock

They's somethin kindo' harty-like about the atmufere  
When the heat of summer's over and the coolin' fall is here -  
Of course we miss the flowers, and the blossums on the trees  
And the mumble of the hummin'-birds and buzzin' of the bees;  
But the air's so appetizin'; and the landscape through the haze  
Of a crisp and sunny monring of the airy autumn days  
Is a pictur' that no painter has the colorin' to mock -  
When the frost is on the punkin and fodder's in the shock.

The husky, rusty russel of the tossels of the corn,  
And the raspin' of the tangled leaves, as golden as the morn;  
The stubble in the furries - kindo' lonesome-like, but still  
A preachin' sermons to us of the barns they grewed to fill;  
The strawstack in the medder, and the reaper in the shed;  
The hosses in theyr stalls below - the clover overhead! -  
O, it sets my hart a-clickin' like the tickin' of a clock,  
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock!

Then your apples all is gethered, and the ones a feller keeps  
Is poured around the celler-floor in red and yeller heaps;  
And your cider-makin's over, and your wimmern-folks is through  
With their mince and apple-butter, and theyr souse and sausage, too!  
I don't know how to tell it - but if sich a thing could be  
As the Angels wantin' boardin', and they'd call around on me -  
I'd want to 'commodate 'em - all the whole-indurin' flock -  
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock!

***This poem is in the public domain.***





# Worship & Growth Matters

## ALL WOMEN OF EPIPHANY are invited to the **ANNUAL WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER**

You are invited to join in an evening of music, fun, and fellowship with one another as we celebrate this Christmas Season with a heavenly dinner.

We will be honoring the  
**Angels Among Us**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019  
in the Gathering Space  
at Epiphany  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner begins at 6:20 p.m.



Tickets will be sold on November 3, 10 and 17 between services.

**Tickets are \$15.00 each—Cash only with limited seating.**

We will have a table available for displaying the favorite angels you may have. Please bring them to church by Sunday, December 1, clearly marked with your name and why it is your favorite angel. All angels should be taken home the night of the dinner.



On November 6, 13 and 20, Pastor Brad will be teaching a course about marriage, based on a book written by Rob and Kristen Bell. The title of the book is *The Zimzum of Love: A New Way of Understanding Marriage*.

A reviewer of the book writes:

Rob and Kristen Bell are brutally honest about their own struggles, their ups and downs, as together they pass along what matters most for couples. In this wise book, they explore the secret of what makes a happy union—probing the mystery at the heart of the extraordinary emotional connection that binds two people. With his down-to-earth charm, a dose of whimsy, and memorable stories, Rob, writing with his wife Kristen, changes how we consider marriage, providing insight that can help all of us create satisfying and sacred unions of our own.

Pastor Brad looks forward to welcoming you to the conversation!



## **The Christmas Experience**

**Saturday, December 7th**

**4:00 - 7:00 PM**

**For ALL Ages**

Join us to celebrate the season as we create items to be made and taken home to experience Christmas with friends and family.

**Watch for more details and sign ups to come soon!**

# The MESSENGER



*We would like to thank the following people for their gifts to Epiphany:*

### **In Memory of John Bockey**

Esther Circle  
Jon & Diane Gerken  
Don & Carolyn Wachtman  
Don & Margie Maurer  
Sharon Albert

Epiphany's Morning Church Secretary, Karen Augenstein, offers Notary Public service to congregational members during the hours 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. Please call ahead to request this service: 614-837-2826.



**1st SUNDAY of the Month is...  
GETTING TO KNOW  
YOU SUNDAY**



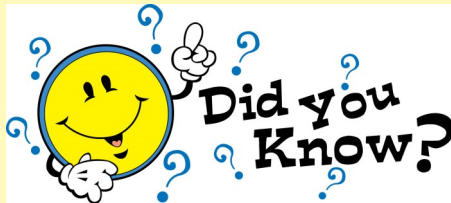
Meet, greet and welcome our congregation family and guests by wearing your name tag. If you do not have a name tag, look for the table in the Gathering Space to create a new one.

***"A single grateful thought  
toward heaven is the most  
complete prayer."***

**—Gotthold Lessing**



**Set your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 2. Daylight Saving Time Ends on November 3.**



For information on where you might plug in, talk to one of our staff members today! The Church Office telephone number is 614-837-2826, or just send them an e-mail!

**\*Terry McCandless**, Minister of Music:  
terry@epiphany-lutheran.com

**\*Ali Adams**, Minister of Youth:  
ali@epiphany-lutheran.com

**\*Jeff Mitchell**, Minister of Christian Ed.  
jeff@epiphany-lutheran.com



Did you move?

Do you have a new phone number?

Did you change your email address?

Don't forget to let us know!

Please call the office

614-837-2826

or email us

epiphany@epiphany-lutheran.com

## Thank you notes

Dear Epiphany Lutheran Church,  
A sincere thank you cannot even express our gratitude for all that was done to make Jeanie's funeral service a beautiful celebration for her life.

Thank you to the ones who prepared, helped with, provided food, set up, and cleaned up the wonderful meal after the service. It was perfect.

Thank you to all the people behind the scenes who turned the lights on, made sure AV equipment was working, made the bulletins, cleaned up, etc.

Thank you for the beautiful music and the 3 pastors, and to all who came and shared that day with us. Jeanie felt at home at Epiphany and this service was perfect for her.

Our Deep Gratitude,  
The Elhard Family

Dear Members of Epiphany Lutheran Church,

My thanks are far more than words can say. Thank you for the visits from Pastor Gee, and Pastor Rayburn during my stay at the hospital, the flowers, the gift baskets, the cards galore, your prayers, thoughtfulness, the kindness you have shown while I heal, and so much more. I cannot express my gratitude enough. Thank you for everything and brightening my days.

In Christian Love,  
Bernard E. Daugherty

Thank you for your generous gifts during our Blanket Drive! A total of 78 bedding items were bagged, divided up and delivered to Star House (drop-in center for homeless youth), Joseph's Coat (Reynoldsburg) and St. Peter's (Lancaster) to be given out freely to those in need. Thank you for helping our less fortunate neighbors!

Dear Pastor Brad and members of Epiphany,

Thank you so much for your \$5,845 donation to the Kids4Kids project at CEI in LaMontagne! Kids4Kids has made such a difference in helping the community provide an education for their youth! CEI would not be the same without your support! We appreciate you!

In addition to focusing on child welfare, HTF also supports opportunities that will provide long-term jobs and economic stability for Haiti. Feel confident that our efforts will be thoughtful and strategically wise as we empower Haitians toward creating their own alternative future of hope and sustainability with dignity.

Follow us on Facebook at "The Haitian Timoun Foundation" and look for our bi-weekly Moving Mountains email blasts to see what we are up to and the impact of your donations!

Avek rekonesans (with gratitude),  
Erin Murphy  
Executive Director

Thank you to Pastor Carl and Deb Murphy, Jerry & Carolyn Kisner, Dianne Mawhirter, Lisa Robinson-Boyer, and Louie Sagar for serving breakfast at Hope Lutheran on Oct. 20. Financial help was given by Don & Carolyn Wachtman and anonymous donors. Homemade breakfast breads were provided by Nicholas & Rebecca Guenzi, Christine Renner, Cindy Ganem, Linda Barry and one or two mystery donors!!



## Transformations

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

—William Arthur War

## PAUSE With Us On Wednesday Evenings

Join us on Wednesday evenings for great food, a time for reflection, and an opportunity to catch your breath in the middle of the week. No preparation or clean-up! Meet with friends to catch up. Find a way to stop in for a meal and/or a place to deepen your life in faith.



### Wednesday Evening Schedule in November

- 5:30-6:00 p.m. Little Lights Choir
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. FUSION (For ALL 2nd-6th graders!)
- 5:45-6:45 p.m. Buffet meal available for \$6 (\$3.00 for children)
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Bells
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Epiphany U. - Pastor Brad - on 11/6, 11/13, 11/20
- 7:30 p.m. Cantata Practice
- 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

**All are Welcome!!**

Watch for menu details in the Sunday bulletin.

## Sinners and Saints

- ♦ As sinners we may not be able to change the world, but as saints we may be able to change our communities.
- ♦ As sinners we may not be able to change our communities, but as saints we may be able to change our neighborhoods.
- ♦ As sinners we may not be able to change our neighborhoods, but as saints we may be able to change our homes.
- ♦ As sinners we may not be able to change our homes, but as saints we may be able to change ourselves.
- ♦ As sinners we may not be able to change ourselves, but as saints we may offer ourselves up to the grace of God and experience nothing less than a changed world.

—Homiletics

### A feast of praise

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.

**Directions:** Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.

Hannah	David	Mary	Paul	Moses
<p>"I thank my God every time I remember you." <b>Philippians 1:3</b></p>	<p>"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." <b>Luke 1:46-47</b></p>	<p>"He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him." <b>Exodus 15:2</b></p>	<p>"My heart rejoices in the LORD." <b>1 Samuel 2:1</b></p>	<p>"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." <b>Psalms 69:30</b></p>

## Weekly Bulletin and Monthly Newsletter Information

\* ALL information for the weekly bulletins (LITES) are due by NOON on Wednesdays.

\* The deadline for articles for The Messenger, Epiphany's monthly newsletter, is the 15th of the month.

\* Items for the NOVEMBER issue are due on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15th.

\* Please E-mail the Church Office with bulletin and newsletter information at:

[epiphany@epiphany-lutheran.com](mailto:epiphany@epiphany-lutheran.com)

\* Please visit our website to view recent issues of The Messenger, and also the monthly Calendar and Worship Servant Schedule.



\* If there are illnesses, hospitalizations or other needs that come up, please don't hesitate to contact the Church Office. Call us at 614-837-2826, or send an email to: [epiphany@epiphany-lutheran.com](mailto:epiphany@epiphany-lutheran.com)  
Most of the time, hospitals do not notify the church. We'd rather hear something several times than not at all!

\* If you or a family member is homebound or shut-in and would like to have Communion brought to them, please notify the Church Office at 614-837-2826 so that visits can be scheduled from the Homebound Communion Ministry Team.

\* If you have someone you would like to have added to the Prayers of the People during Worship on Sundays, please sign their name in the Prayer Request notebook found on the podium at the main entrance to the Sanctuary, and the Ushers will forward it to the pastor.

Answers: Philippians 1:3, Paul; Luke 1:46-47, Mary; Exodus 15:2, Moses; 1 Samuel 2:1, Hannah; Psalm 69:30, David



## Coffee Table

Calling all High School students! The **NOVEMBER** Coffee Table Schedule is listed below. Please plan on working the Coffee Table on your scheduled date. If there is a date you cannot make, **please find your own replacement**. Remember, this is how we fund our Faith on 8<sup>th</sup> project, so we need everyone's help! Thanks!



Date	Serving from 9-11 a.m.
Nov. 3rd	Josh Smith Elise Drager Leah Leno
Nov. 10th	Patrick Evans Nate Bosworth Grace Ahrens
Nov. 17th	Brandon Hux William Lytle
Nov. 24th	Camden Johnson Jacob Dollmatch

## Want to Connect Digitally?



Follow us on **Facebook** at Epiphany Lutheran Church



Follow the Rise Up Youth Ministries on **Instagram** at picktownepiphany

## Want Youth Updates Sent Straight to You?

We use Remind to help update families via text and e-mail about upcoming events and last minute detail changes. Each RISE UP YOUTH MINISTRY age group has its' own Remind category. If you would like to receive updates this way, please contact Minister of Youth, Ali Adams, for additional details.



## Bellaire Christmas Toy Drive— Begins November 3rd

Help bring joy and excitement to a child this Christmas season!

Our Annual Toy Drive **beginning Sunday, November 3rd**, will go directly to benefit the kids in Bellaire, Ohio, during the Annual Holy Trinity Christmas Party. (This is the same church the Ignite Youth go to for their summer VBS Mission Trip.) For many of the kids in Bellaire, this is the only Christmas gift they will receive all season.



You can help us by visiting the Christmas Tree Toy Drive Tree in the Gathering Space (It will be up no later than November 11th). When visiting the tree, you will see ornaments with the age and gender of a child on it. What we ask is that you take an ornament, then go out and purchase a gift appropriate for that child. When you bring the gift back for the Toy Drive, please bring it **unwrapped**, with the ornament attached to it as a tag. (For example, if you select an ornament for a "4-year-old girl," you might go out and purchase Candy Land and a Giant Princess Coloring book with some sparkly crayons. Then you will bring the unwrapped items and place them back under the tree with the ornament as the gift tag.) We ask that all gifts are kept to a \$25 maximum cost.

In addition to the Toy Drive this year, we would also like to gift each child in Bellaire with a **winter coat**. We can also use monetary donations to help with the cost of food for the meal we provide for the kids and their families as part of the Christmas Party. If you are willing to help by donating money to purchase a pair of boots or help with the meal, please take the ornament and write a check to Epiphany with "Bellaire Coats or Meal" in the memo line, and return it to the Bellaire Donations Box under the gift giving tree.



If you are a Thrivent member and would be willing to sponsor a Thrivent Action Team for part of Bellaire Christmas, please contact Ali Adams. She will help with Action Team application. Thanks for your support!

**All toy drive and monetary donations MUST be returned to the church by Friday, December 6th by 4PM!**

Gifts from the Toy Drive will be wrapped during the Christmas Experience on Saturday, December 7th and on Wednesday, December 11th during PAUSE.

Epiphany's Ignite Youth, along with any other interested Rise Up Youth and their families, will deliver and distribute the gifts, boots, and provide a meal in Bellaire on Saturday, **December 14th** for the Annual Holy Trinity Christmas Party.

Any questions? Call Ali Adams at 837-2826, or reach her by email: [ali@epiphany-lutheran.com](mailto:ali@epiphany-lutheran.com)

## Need National Honors' Society or Junior National Honors' Society

### Current Projects:

- Wednesdays 4:30 – 7:30PM weekly assisting in the kitchen for PAUSE
- Prepping activities for The Christmas Experience on Saturday, December 7th
- Tags for the Bellaire Toy Drive
- Organizing gifts and coats for the Bellaire Toy and Coat Drive
- Being a FUSION partner



Contact Ali Adams for additional projects and opportunities.

## FUSION

**Wednesdays 5:30—7:30PM**

**\$5 per youth (includes PAUSE dinner)**

2nd - 6th graders are invited to a weekly mash up of ways to live out faith together! FUSION is an exclusive opportunity for youth in these grades to worship, play games, share meals, sing, learn how to read music & play chimes, participate in service projects and dive deeper into the Bible! Friends ALWAYS welcome!

In October, FUSION youth have been talking about Fear and Courage. Lots of fun was had playing 9 Square in the Air, carving pumpkins for Trunk or Treat, and learning about All Saints' Day.

November will be all about giving thanks and helping others!

November 7<sup>th</sup> – At the church for Thanks Week

November 14<sup>th</sup> – FUSION Field Trip Week for our Thanksgiving Basket Project –

Each youth will need a signed permission slip as we will be leaving the building to shop for Thanksgiving Baskets for the PCMA Food Pantry. When we return, we will enjoy a pizza party together!

NO FUSION on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

November 28<sup>th</sup> we will prepare for Advent to begin on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Questions about FUSION? Ask Ali @ [ali@epiphany-lutheran.com](mailto:ali@epiphany-lutheran.com)

### Prayer Buddy Program

Invitations have been sent to all 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders to participate in this intentional opportunity to get to know and pray for an Older Wiser Lutheran (OWL). Turn in your Prayer Buddy Covenant as soon as possible, so we can connect youth with a Buddy.

If you did not receive an invitation and are interested in being a part of this program, please contact Minister of Youth, Ali Adams.



### KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

**Kroger** – Register your Kroger Card with Epiphany Lutheran Youth as the community rewards recipient. You get all your fuel points and benefits and Kroger gives a portion of your purchases back to the youth!



**Kroger Community Rewards** – If your Kroger card is not currently enrolled in the Community Rewards program, please consider supporting us! This program is of no cost to you! Just a few moments to sign up and designate your rewards to Epiphany Lutheran Church, organization number VA504. Quarterly, Kroger sends Epiphany a check for money they put back into the community from shoppers. We have received over \$3,000 annually through this program to support our youth as they prepare for an ELCA Youth Gathering every three years! All you have to do is do your regular grocery shopping and designate your community rewards to us!



## Thrivent Financial

### ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER? WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We could use your help in expanding many of our Mission and Ministry projects, for the whole Epiphany family and body of Christ! Your help in setting up some Thrivent Action Teams has the potential of helping us find additional resources to be God's hands and feet in the world. We will help you as you help us – are you willing to lend a hand?

We are currently in need of folks to help us with some specific projects: Pie Baking Ingredients, Faith on 8<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Baskets, Buckeye Candy, Bellaire Christmas Party, and Bellaire Boots. If one of these outreach opportunities speaks to you or your heart and you would be willing to submit a Thrivent Action Team to help with the project, please contact Ali Adams, Minister of Youth, for additional information. Thank you in advance!

**\*\*Watch the Youth Happenings Table** in the Gathering Space, Sunday bulletins and announcements, your home mailbox, and our FACEBOOK page for important information about activities and upcoming youth events!!!

### Confirmation Event #2

Sunday, November 10th

5:30-8:00 p.m.

*"No one has ever become poor from giving." —Anne Frank*

## Thanksgiving Pies & Buckeye Candies Sale

Orders being taken now through 11/20

To benefit the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

Pies & Buckeyes will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

Homemade Dutch Apple & Pumpkin Pies are \$12 each.

Buckeye Candies are \$8 per dozen, or 2 dozen for \$15

Orders placed before 11/20 will mean guaranteed orders to pick up on 11/24. A small number of additional pies and Buckeyes (packaged by the dozen) will be available on a first come, first serve basis on Sunday, November 24th.

Cash or check is accepted either with your order or upon pickup. (Orders will be noted as paid or not paid)

Orders can be turned into the offering plate or the church office.

Thank you for your support!!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Apple Pies

\_\_\_\_\_ Pumpkin Pies

\_\_\_\_\_ Buckeyes (sold by the dozen)

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to "Epiphany Lutheran Church," with 'Youth Pie Sale' on the memo line.



When shopping online through Amazon, please use **Amazon Smile**. Choose **Epiphany Lutheran Youth** as your Amazon Smile benefactor. You don't lose any of your benefits, nor do you have to pay anything additional. Just shop as you would and the youth will benefit from your shopping!

## Ignite and Youth Gathering Pie & Buckeye Making

Thursday, November 21st 3-7PM

Friday, November 22nd 2PM - ???



Come join in the fun of filling the orders from the Youth Gathering Thanksgiving Pie Sale. We will meet at the church to prepare and assemble all the pies and buckeye candies for the Annual Pie & Buckeye Sale.

Thursday afternoon/evening, our focus is mixing and rolling Buckeyes.

Friday, our focus is Pie assembly/baking and Buckeye dipping and packaging.

We can use as many hands as possible – come when you are able, leave when you need to. If you have a late start or early release school schedule that would allow you to come at another time to help with Buckeyes or Pies, please contact Minister of Youth, Ali Adams. We can work on pies and buckeyes other times if that works better with your schedule. Parents, guardians, and other adults are always welcome to lend a helping hand as well!

What you will need to bring with you:

- Clothes that can get messy in the kitchen
- \$5 to cover food while we bake

Sign up at the Youth Happenings Table or through Sign Up Genius. Questions? Please contact Ali at 614.837.2826 or [ali@epiphany-lutheran.com](mailto:ali@epiphany-lutheran.com).



## Ignite Meal Ministry--Faith on 8<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – 3:00PM – 8:30PM

Join us for our trip to the Faith Mission Men's Shelter on 8th Ave. in Columbus!!

### Here's the Scoop:

We meet at Epiphany at 3PM for cookies and pizza, then we get down to making a dinner for 100 hungry guys!! We prepare and cook the meal here, while enjoying the company of our friends to put the meal together, then we load the meal up and take it to the Men's Shelter on 8th Ave and serve the men their dinner!! After all the cooking and hard work, we travel back to Pickerington and enjoy a meal together at a restaurant on 256 in Pickerington!! We are done around 8PM and parents can pick you up from the restaurant or at the church.

### What You Need to Bring:

- A signed permission slip
- Money for dinner
- Wear closed toe shoes (tennis shoes)
- Long shorts (to the knee or longer) or pants

Be sure to sign up by Sunday, November 20th!!

We need at least three adult sponsors who can drive!



## Hundred Dollar Word

During his lifetime, English poet and novelist Rudyard Kipling achieved both fame and fortune. One day a newspaper reporter approached him and said, "Mr. Kipling, somebody calculated that the money you make from your writings amounts to more than \$100 a word."



The reporter pulled out a \$100 bill out of his pocket, gave it to Kipling and said, "Here, now give me one of your hundred-dollar words."

Kipling looked at the money, put it in his pocket and said, "Thanks!"



## Bellaire Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 14th 8AM – 6:30PM**



We'll meet at Epiphany at 8AM to load up all the gifts from the Bellaire Toy Drive and the food for the party, then we will travel to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Bellaire, OH (the same place we do the VBS Mission Trip). Once there, we will get set up for the party, get the food cooking, then we will enjoy lunch from Gullah's—a favorite eating place

in the town! We will then host the Christmas Party and participate in serving a meal, visiting with the kids and their families, a brief activity, and the handing out of gifts. We will return to Epiphany after a stop at Tom's Ice Cream Bowl in Zanesville at approximately 6:30PM.

**This is not an event to miss!!**

Sign up at the Youth Happenings Table by Sunday, December 2nd!!

Adult drivers/sponsors are needed!

Youth 6th grade and younger should attend with a parent.

Questions? Contact Ali Adams at 614.837.2826 or ali@epiphany-lutheran.com.

## PB&J (Pastor Brad & Jesus)

**Ignite Senior High Youth**

**Fridays During the School Year 6:15AM at Tim Horton's  
in front of Kroger Marketplace**



We meet before school to enjoy some food and coffee, catch up on the week a bit, and share a devotion and communion together on Friday mornings. Youth cover the cost of their food and help lead devotions from time to time. We hope you can join us for this great way to kick off the end of the week! Need a ride from Devotions to school? Please speak with Ali Adams—we will get something worked out!

**\*\*If school is cancelled for weather, we will not meet. If school is delayed due to the weather, we delay our devotions by the same amount of time.**

**\*\*\*No PB & J on November 29th! Enjoy Thanksgiving with your family & friends!**

## Young Adult Connect

The time after high school graduation can be a quirky one. Some folks are off at college, some are at home and commuting to school, some are working, and some are a few years older navigating the professional world or figuring out what's next. No matter where you are in life as a young adult, the chance to connect and do faith and life together can be valuable and life giving.

Want to connect with our Young Adults? Please contact Janie Moller by email at mollerj@mymail.shawnee.edu to be added to the conversation of when and where our young adults get together.



***"Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put all together that overwhelm the world."* —Bishop Desmond Tutu**

# SAVE THE DATES!

**Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

– Thanksgiving Pie Sale Begins

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

– Bellaire Toy Drive Begins

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

– Christmas Experience- ALL ages

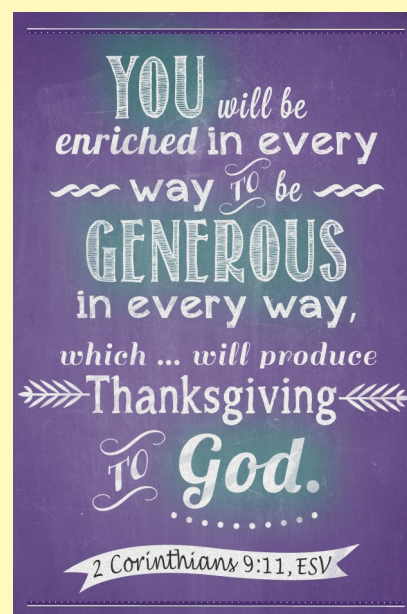
**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

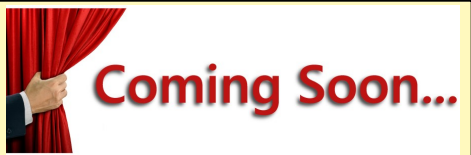
– Bellaire Christmas Party



Questions about Sunday School, Acolytes, 1st Communion, Small Groups, Confirmation or our Nursery?

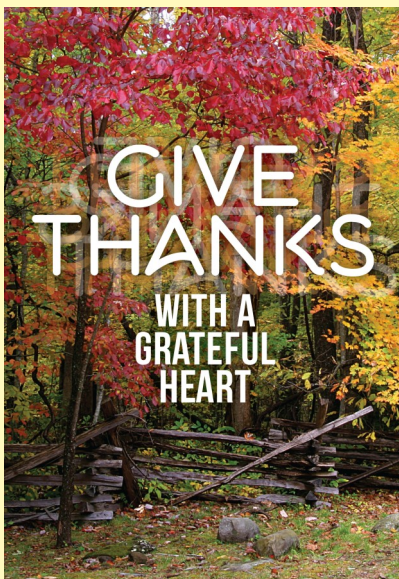
Contact Jeff Mitchell, our Minister of Christian Education, in the Church Office: 614-837-2826, or by email at: jeff@epiphany-lutheran.com





## The Epiphany Lutheran Church Christmas Gift Catalog 2019

The Social Services committee is working on the 2019 Gift Catalog. It will be released soon so keep it in mind as you consider those on your holiday shopping list!



**Linda Barber**

I have been a resident of Pickerington since 1993. I am retired from the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture, 32 years of service. I graduated from "The Ohio State University" with a degree in Microbiology. I am athletic, previously a marathon runner but now an avid power walker. I have one son, Ryan.

**Ryan Barber**

I attended Pickerington North High School, graduate of 2010. I played varsity baseball, pitcher, and enjoy running, movies, and video games. I am an avid writer of short stories.



**Kristina & Lauren Fisher**



Kristina & Lauren, along with their daughter, Brynn, live just outside of Pickerington. Lauren and Kristina run a Women's Recovery Home called The Willows. Our ministry is to help women just coming off of drugs and alcohol to find recovery. Lauren and Kristina are both in long term recovery. Lauren & Kristina have been married since 2014. Our daughter is an artist and currently attends Fort Hayes High School for the arts. We enjoy OSU and Steelers football.



Epiphany's next opportunity to serve at the LSS Food Pantry on Frebis Avenue is on **November 11th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Volunteers will assist the clients in filling their pre-ordered dry goods, then help the client shop for fruits, vegetables, and meats. Other duties include helping in set up and unpacking goods prior to the store opening. If you are interested in volunteering on the 11th, please sign up at the Communications Center. Thank you!



## Pop Tab Challenge

**The Pop Top Challenge** has been accepted by 135 congregations across Ohio, Western Pennsylvania & West Virginia! Epiphany is one of those!! This challenge ends on December 6th. The winning congregation receives a celebration luncheon from Thrivent. Any and all pop tabs from soda cans, beer cans, pet food cans, soup cans, etc. are needed to support Ronald McDonald House charities. Look for the new red container at the Communication Center in the Gathering Space.





### IT'S STOCKING STUFFER TIME!

Mary Circle is once again collecting stocking stuffer items and/or monetary donations for Christmas stockings. In December, the stockings will be distributed at the LSS Food Pantry to the parents of young children. If you would care to donate items, please place in the large basket labeled "Stocking Stuffers" for your donations. If you'd like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to "**Epiphany**" with "**Christmas Stockings**" on the memo line. Suggested items for stockings include: chalk, thin coloring books, crayons, hair accessories, small cars, Christmas or Halloween candy, children's small toys, etc. Please help Mary Circle fill the basket! These items will be collected until **Sunday, November 10th**.



### THANKSGIVING BAGS



We're partnering with the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry in Lancaster to help them feed over 500 families at Thanksgiving. Please pick up a list of necessary items at the display in the Gathering Space and remember to sign up. If you prefer not to do the shopping, you can buy a turkey for \$12 by making the check out to Epiphany and leaving it in the box at the display. Your donations can be brought to church in a paper bag (just ask for one at the grocery) any time but **MUST** be at Epiphany

no later than Wednesday, November 13!

Shop for the items listed below. LSS provides the turkey. Epiphany will provide the dessert.

Pack it all in a paper bag. Do not put additional items in the box; they will be removed. Check expiration dates!

Anytime, but no later than **Wednesday, Nov. 13**, bring your bag to church.

- 1 bag of noodles**
- 1 gravy packet**
- 1 box of stuffing**
- 2 cans of corn**
- 2 cans of fruit**
- 3 cans of green beans**
- 1 can of cranberry sauce**
- 2 bags/boxes instant mashed potatoes**
- 2 cans of cream of mushroom soup**

THANK YOU!

***"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."*** —Henry Ford



### Breakfast at First English on November 3rd

Join with others from Epiphany when they provide breakfast for the people at First English Lutheran Church on the first Sunday of every month.

**We meet at First English Lutheran Church** at 8:30 a.m. We need 8-12 volunteers each time.

For more information or to volunteer for the breakfast on **November 3rd**, please contact the church office at 614-837-2826 or [epiphany@epiphany-lutheran.com](mailto:epiphany@epiphany-lutheran.com)

**First English Lutheran Church** 1015 Main Street, Columbus, OH 43205

### Breakfast at First English on November 3rd

The people of Epiphany provide the evening meal for the First English Lutheran Church community on the first Thursday of every **ODD** numbered month.

Come at the times below, or whatever you can spare.

Cooking/Setup

4-6 people needed at **3:30-5:30 p.m.**

Serving/Cleanup

another 2-4 people needed from **5:30-7:30 p.m.**

For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

**Mike or Polly Renner**  
(614-864-3927/614-804-1870) or  
[mikerenner.hc@gmail.com](mailto:mikerenner.hc@gmail.com)/  
[pollyarenner@gmail.com](mailto:pollyarenner@gmail.com)

*"Variety's the very spice of life that gives it all its flavor."*  
—William Cowper



## GRATITUDE game

Start a fun tradition by playing this game on Thanksgiving.

### What you need:

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

**Red:** a need God has provided for

**Orange:** a gift you've received

**Yellow:** something you've recently learned

**Green:** something in nature

**Blue:** a special memory

**Brown:** someone you love

### What you do:

1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!

*"Gratitude is the sign of noble souls."*

—Aesop (6th century B.C.)



Our annual Coat Drive **runs until November 4**. Coats, hats and gloves will be shared between Joseph's Coat in Reynoldsburg, Star House and St. Peter's in Lancaster and given freely to those in need. If you have any gently used items, or would like to make hats or scarves, look for the table in the Gathering Space.

## Meals on Wheels Seeks Volunteers

Meals on Wheels is dedicated to caring for homebound seniors throughout Fairfield County. The agency has a need for volunteer meal delivery drivers to deliver a noon day meal to seniors in the city of Lancaster one day a week. Training and mileage reimbursement will be provided. Call Meals on Wheels and say you want to make sure no senior goes hungry. Phone: 740-681-5050 or volunteer on-line [www.mowfc.org](http://www.mowfc.org).



## Stock the Shelves. Support Our Neighbors.

The holidays are fast approaching! And while many of us will gather together at tables filled with our favorite dishes, that is not the case for everyone in our community.

Some of our neighbors are worried about whether they will be able to put any food on the table this Thanksgiving.

That's where you come in. Your support of the Mid-Ohio Foodbank will help us prepare for this busy time of year and it will make all the difference for those in our community who need it most. Every \$10 you give helps provide up to \$100 worth of groceries.

Please make your most generous gift now at: [www.midohiofoodbank.org](http://www.midohiofoodbank.org). Thanksgiving will be here before we know it and you can help make sure our neighbors don't have to worry about having enough food to feed their families.



## PAUSE Meal Help

*Can you lend a hand on Wednesday evenings for our PAUSE meal?*

### **\*\*Weekly opportunities:**

3:30-6 p.m.— Set-up, Food Prep and/or Cooking Assistance

6-7:30 p.m.— Kitchen and Meal Clean-Up

**\*\*You may also sign up online for future PAUSE meals by visiting:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4FA8A62CA6FA7-pause> using our **\*\*NEW\*\*** Sign-Up Genius website!

**\*\*You can also grab the website link from the **\*\*NEW\*\*** PAUSE bulletin board in the Gathering Space!**

**\*\*Questions? Contact William Lytle at 614-749-2574, or email the office at [epiphany@epiphany-lutheran.com](mailto:epiphany@epiphany-lutheran.com).**

**\*\*Training is available!**

### Joseph's Coat Needs Help —

#### Do you have two or three hours a week

Joseph's Coat is in desperate need of volunteers to check out clients on Tues./Thurs. evenings 6pm-8pm, and Sat. 9am-noon. You only count items with no money involved.

We need volunteers to call clients and donors to arrange pickup of furniture.

We also need volunteers to pick up furniture on Wednesday or Saturday with a team in our trucks. (No large dining room sets, heavy old TV's etc.) We also need dock workers to help with donations being brought to us by wonderful people.

Call 614-863-1371, leave msg. or email [Michele@josephs-coat.org](mailto:Michele@josephs-coat.org). We are at 240 Outerbelt St, Columbus 43213. Stop in for a tour. We'd love to have you join our family of volunteers.

#### Joseph's Coat Prepares for Winter

As Autumn is upon us, we will soon see colder days to go with the brilliant sunlight these mornings. Thank you for all that you do to support Joseph's Coat. Those who volunteer, those who bring donated items to us or put them in your trailer for delivery, and those who pray for us, and those who contribute financially. Thank you! And, please consider helping us with our current needs.

If you have time to volunteer with us for 2 or 3 hours a week, please contact [michele@josephs-coat.org](mailto:michele@josephs-coat.org). We need both men and women to help us help others. Right now, we are very low on athletic shoes with good use left, for adults and children. We ask that you check your closets or look for sales on athletic shoes. We also are beginning to collect those winter coats, especially for kids. Your support of any kind allows us to continue our mission to answer God's call to love and serve our neighbor by providing clothing, furniture and household goods to those in need.



#### Present Tense

After "turkey day" came and went last year, a pastor challenged church members to ask one another not "How was your Thanksgiving?" but "How is your Thanksgiving?" After all, giving thanks should be an ongoing act.

That doesn't always need to be profoundly deep, either. A.J. Jacobs, author of *Thanks a Thousand*, once asked a philosophy-professor friend what he was grateful for. The shockingly simple reply? "Sometimes I'm just grateful I have arms." That odd but spot-on answer shows the importance, Jacobs says, of being "thankful for things so omnipresent that they can escape our notice."

So ... how is your Thanksgiving?



All 61 boxes containing 382 kits and blankets were transported to the In-Gathering location at St. Luke's Lutheran by Stacy & Jerry Moore and Bill Schmitz. Soon, they will be on the way to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Baltimore, Maryland. Sandi Poyer will be tracking the boxes as they arrive in countries all over the world and that information will be in the Messenger throughout the year.



#### Gratitude

Be grateful for the kindly friends  
that walk along your way;  
Be grateful for the skies of blue  
that smile from day to day;  
Be grateful for the health you own,  
the work you find to do,  
For round about you there are souls  
less fortunate than you.

—Edgar A. Guest

***"An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day."***

—Irv Kupcinet

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## The MESSENGER



### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

#### **Traditional Services**

8:15 & 9:30 a.m.

#### **Contemporary Service**

11:00 a.m.

#### **Sunday School**

Ages 3 to Adult - 9:30 a.m.

#### **Nursery**

Available at the 9:30 & 11:00 Services

***“Send Out the Light of God’s  
Love to the World”***



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[epiphany@epiphany-lutheran.com](mailto:epiphany@epiphany-lutheran.com) to let us know.

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