



The Epiphany Star ✨ *April 2011*
Newsletter of Epiphany Lutheran Church
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Epiphany,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. Amen

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war; and a time for peace (Ecc. 3:1-8 NRSV).” These words from Ecclesiastes speak of “time.” Time is such a precious commodity. The value of time changes as we progress through life. As a child, time is something that you know about but it just doesn’t matter too much. When you grow into your teenage years, time is just one of those things that doesn’t seem to move fast enough. When you are twelve, you want to be thirteen. When you are thirteen, you want to be sixteen and get that driver’s license. When you are sixteen, you want to be eighteen so you can graduate from high school. When you are eighteen, you want to be twenty-one so you can do all of those “adult” things. What is amazing to me is that we always seem to want to be older than we are until we reach that age. How often have you heard a parent say their child is “eighteen months old”? We don’t refer to them as being a year and a half. Or do you hear adults say, “I’m fifty and ten months?” No, we hear them say that they are fifty and leave off the other time.

We are in the final days of the Season of Lent. We have been encouraged to take this time to see God working in our lives. As the time rolls along, we can find the presence of God encouraging us in our daily lives. It is good to know that God is with us in everything that we are doing. So where have you seen God working in your life?

A few weeks ago, a devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan left in its wake tens of thousands of people dead, billions of dollars in destruction, and a world concerned about what is happening to our earth if such massive

movements are happening at the core of our planet. The people of Japan need our prayers and our resources to try and put their lives back together. The video and stories coming out of the near east are just heart wrenching. Yet, even in the midst of all that destruction and death God is there. The stories of the miracles are astounding. The stories of the heroic people and animals have done are gentle reminders of how God can work in some pretty mysterious ways.

As we near Easter morning and the celebration of the Resurrection of our Savior Jesus, let us celebrate the “time” that we have with one another and with God our Creator. “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven (Ecc. 3:1 NRSV).” Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

May the Season of Lent cause you to walk closer to the path our Lord Jesus is calling you to follow in your daily life? May you be ever mindful of the needs of others, and open your hearts to the mission of ministry the Holy Spirit is calling you to do with your life.

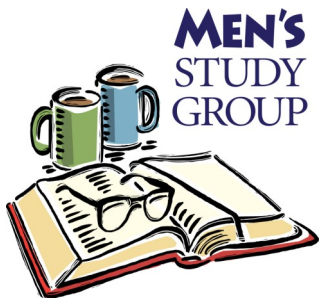
In Christ,
Pastor Richard Hartman

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We are Christians, called by God, committed to:
Sharing the Gospel,
Serving others as Christ taught us, and
Creating disciples for witness.

Epiphany Lutheran Church's Vision Statement:

A Christian family of God committed to sharing the Gospel and serving others, through joyful worship, education and fellowship.



Join us for the Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study on April 9th at 7:00 am. Doug Ahr will be leading the discussion on the Bible Study written by former head coach of the Indianapolis colts, Tony Dungy. This reading sheds some great insights as to how scripture can fit into our everyday life and why it is vital that we have this happen.



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Please feel free to stop in or call for any of your Pastoral needs. Our office hours are as follows:



Pastor: Sunday - Thursday 7:30am-2:30 pm and some Saturdays as well as Mondays and Wednesday evenings.
Jodi: Mondays 12:30 pm - 3:15 pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:15 am - 3:15 pm.
 * Due to unusual circumstances, these hours may be subject to change.



by Kurt Unrue

Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets and made donations to the youth group for the fundraiser at Granite city. The Sr. High Youth will be having a meeting on Sunday, April 17th at 6:30 pm here at the church. See you then!

Our March Lenten Supper Schedule:

April 6th

- Hosted by our Fellowship Committee
- Serving Cold Meat Sandwiches

April 13th

- Hosted by our Quilters and 50+ Groups
- Serving Pizza

Please join us for each of these fellowship opportunities, and then for worship which follows at 7:00 pm during this Lenten Season.



The Midweek Lenten Services this year will be Evening Prayer Vespers using the Lutheran Book of Worship.

Please sign up to attend the Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday, April 21st at 6:00 pm. Look for the sheet on the bulletin board outside the office.



April
Bible
Readings



Join us for worship this month!

Every Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:15
am.

Every Monday at 7:00 pm.

Wednesdays in Lent at 7:00 pm

Sunday School classes for all ages are
at 9:00 am !



Easter Breakfast

Join us Easter morning on
April 24th at 8:30 am for our
breakfast put on by the
Fellowship Committee! The
sign-up sheet is on the
bulletin board outside of
Jodi's office.

April 3rd:
Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

April 10th:
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

April 17th:
Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

April 24th:
Resurrection of Our Lord
Acts 10:34-43
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10



Maundy Thursday - April 21st, 8:00 pm

Good Friday - April 22nd, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday - April 24th:

“Sonrise” Service, 8:00 am

“Celebration” Service, 10:15am

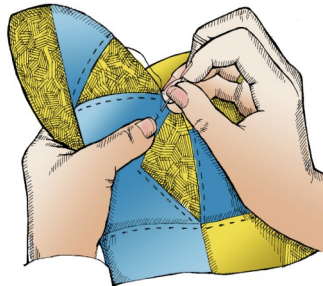
Easter Egg Hunt



Our 9th annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 23rd at 10:00 am here at Epiphany. Alicia Davis is in charge of this event and will need lots of help including: donations of filled plastic eggs, people to help make and/or serve an Easter snack, people to help the bunny hide eggs, greeters, people to help with simple crafts, people to help lead groups of children from one area to the next and people to help clean up . This event usually takes less than 2 hours. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex!



Comfort ye my People

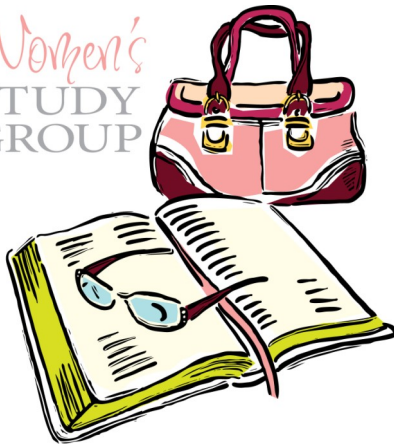


QUILTING GROUP

The quilters are in need of any kind of blankets in any size. If you have any at home that you would like to donate, please bring them to the church. Also, please keep an eye out for garage sales now that spring is here! Due to the busy time in the Lenten Season, CYMP will not be meeting in the moth of April. The quilters will however be meeting twice in May: May 1st & 15th at 9:00 am. See you then!



Women's
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GROUP



New Woman's Bible Study Group!

Liz Nickel continues to lead our Woman's Bible Study Group. The evenings this group will be meeting will be the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 7:00 pm. Please join us on Thursday, April 14th and the 28th this month. Liz is using a book written by *Tom Wright* called Jesus the New Way. These studies will take place at her place of residency. Please contact Liz for directions. All new participants are welcome and bring a friend!



April Baptismal Birthdays:

Cathy Williams

Dennis Payne

Zachary Crawford

Lois Markoff

Marisa Williams

Cassie Crawford

Nathaniel Pickett

Katherine Vogt

Pastor Richard

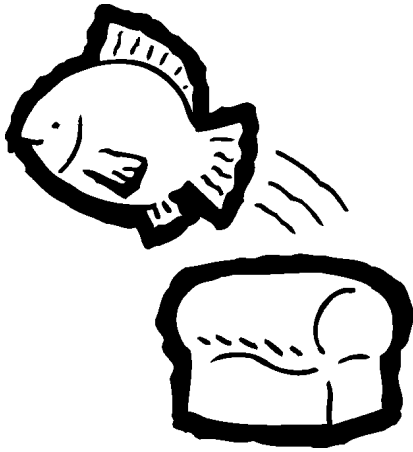
“Happy birthday” to those who celebrate their second birthday during the month of April! Martin Luther said, *“When you wash your face remember your baptism.”* Take time to remember and celebrate with your family by using the special booklet *“Celebrating Your Baptismal Birthday”* (found in the narthex tract rack).



Spring Clean-Up!

Wear your gloves and roll up your sleeves as we gather for Epiphany’s spring clean-up day on Saturday, April 16th at 9:00 am. The more hands that help, the lighter the load will feel, and the more fun it will be! It would be appreciated if you would bring your rake and/or your favorite tool that you would find useful in beautifying our landscape . Spring has finally sprung!

Fishes and Loaves Collection



Our annual collections of canned tuna, salmon, and mackerel, along with crackers, Tuna Helper, and potato mixes continues through Easter Sunday. There is a great need for canned fruit! Items may be placed in the blue barrel in the narthex. The hungry in Fort Wayne and Allen County benefit from this effort sponsored by Associated Churches. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Parents Night Out will be held on Saturday, April 9th from 6-9pm. Parents, please take this time to take a break from your parenting responsibilities to enjoy some spring weather. Parents Night Out includes children up though 3rd grade. The cost is \$5.00 per family as healthy snacks are provided. Please sign your children up. The sign-up sheet is on Jodi's door.

Request for Cast of Characters

We need narrators for Palm/Passion Sunday on April 17th in both the 8:00 am and 10:15 am Services. We need 6 parts to be filled for each service. Contact Jodi in the office if you are interested!



Japan Earthquake & Tsunami Relief Opportunity

The ELCA Disaster Response team is currently aiding Japan with 100% of the donations going directly to this disaster. Here is how you can help: Check or money orders sent to ELCA Disaster Response 39330 Treasury Center Chicago, IL ;60694-9300. Write “Pacific Earthquake & Tsunami” on your check’s memo line Credit card by phone: 1-800-638-3522. Credit card contributions may also be made via mail. You can also make a donation to the ELCA Disaster Response by putting your gift in an envelope and marking it “ELCA Disaster Response/Pacific Earthquake & Tsunami” and putting it in the offering plate at Epiphany. We will be collecting relief money through Easter on Sunday, April 24th. Thank you for helping us help others in this great time of need!



Easter flower Order Forms...

were put in all members’ church mailboxes. A variety of flowers may be ordered such as lilies, hyacinths, tulips, daisies or azaleas. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 10th. Just follow the instructions on the order form.

 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	<u>April 3</u>	<u>April 10</u>	<u>April 17</u>	<u>April 24</u>
	Taizé	Taizé	LBW Setting 2	LBW Setting 2
Organist / Pianist	Sara Davis	Amanda Pickett	Sara Davis	Sara Davis
Assisting Minister	Dave Dawkins	Rebecca Hartman	Krista Rumfield	Melissa Hartman
Lector 8:00 am	Sue Johnson	Cheryl Ralston	Bruce Cunningham	Jared Meunier
Lector 10:15 am	Erin Butler	Pat Butler	Ron Michael	Dave Dawkins
Acolyte	Rozlynn Everhart	Elizabeth Lohman	Heith Everhart	Amber Logan
Communion Assistant 8:00 am	Renee Meunier	Jared Meunier	Charlene Schroeder	Hank Schroeder
Communion Assistant 10:15 am	Dave Black	Jane Dawkins	Molly Clinkenbeard	Kurt Unrue
Altar Guild	Amanda Pickett	Nancy Lee	Jodi McKenna	Need
Greeters	Nick & Lois Markoff	Jim & Alicia Davis	Goodspeed's	McKenna's



Capt. Ron Michael

Nick Markoff

Kurt Unrue

James Lohman

