



*The Epiphany Star* ✨ *June 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

Are you ready for the summer? We officially welcome the Season of Summer on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. I don't know about you but it seems like my schedule has been in hyper drive since the first of March. I look at my calendar and wonder what happened... every day there is something going on and more events are being scheduled on top of the events already on the calendar. When my schedule gets extremely busy, one of the most important things I can do is make sure I take time to talk with God and my family. It is easy to push these important parts of our daily routine aside thinking that is one thing I don't really need to do... I will get to them when I have time. When is that going to happen? When will our schedules get freed up? Tomorrow? Next week? Next month? Isn't that a little too late to make sure you talk with the most important part of your life?

During the month of May, I had a wedding and a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary wedding renewal that caused me to think about the importance of communicating with those in our lives that are important to us. One of the lessons I stress in premarital counseling is communication. I give the couple an assignment of spending ten minutes each day talking and listening to one another. After they have talked and listened for a minimum of ten minutes each, to spend ten minutes together praying to God to strengthen their relationship. While this may sound like an elementary lesson in communication/marital relations... how often do you talk with people who mean something in your life? How much time do you spend talking with God in prayer? When things are going well, we brush over the idea of talking with each other thinking that everything is okay - we don't need to communicate with each other. When things are going bad, we think that we don't want to communicate with each other because I'm mad at the person or they won't understand. When we communicate with each other and pray together to God for guidance and support in our relationships, then they are bound to get stronger and be able to withstand conflicts and turbulence as well as when things are going well in our lives together.

Will the summer of 2011 be any different than previous summers? Experts tell us that we will see more people doing a “stay vacation” instead of traveling. They also say that many of the economic factors that make us stay at home are because the cost of living has sky rocketed over the past few months. Now that is shocking news isn't it? Yet, maybe what all of this information is trying to get us to think about is two fold; one: the importance of being frugal with our finances, and two: the importance of spending time with one another talking. I would not be telling the whole story if I didn't mention the importance of being a good listener as well as communicating. If we do all of the talking but no one is listening, then it is just the expulsion of hot air. If we listen as well as tell what is going on in our life, then we have completed the circle and should feel better about ourselves and our relationship with others.

Take time this summer to look at the way you communicate/ talk with others, and the way they communicate/ talk with you. We have a great opportunity to reconnect with those in our lives that are important. Don't let another minute go by without taking some time to open communications with those whom you love and care for in your life. It will be time and energy well spent. God intended for us to be in community with one another. May you be blessed to be a blessing to others!

In Christ,

Pastor Richard Hartman

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**Our Mission**  
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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.

**On Sunday, June 12th, We will Celebrate Pentecost!**

The congregation is invited to show the “Pentecost Spirit” by wearing something **red** that day. Other “flame” colors, such as **yellow** and **orange** are also in the spirit of the day. May God's Word continue to spread throughout the world!



**Wear Red for Pentecost**



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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

Well, summer is almost here, with the end of the school year. I would like to thank everyone who made this year great. I am starting to plan some summer activities for us and I would also like to catch up with as many of the kids as I can on a one-on-one basis before the school year starts back up. Please be looking in your e-mail for all this information and have a great summer!

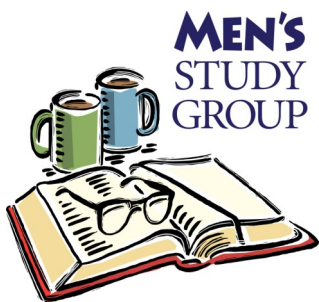
**Calling all Lawn Mowers!**

We are looking for people to help mow our lawn. If you can help in any way for any amount of time, please contact Doug Ahr. We all like to see the church lawn God has made beautified. The only way this will happen is if you help. Thanks a bunch in advance for your generosity.



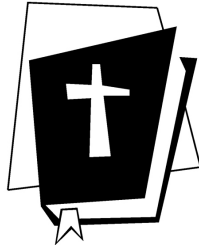
**Indiana/Kentucky Synod**

What is happening in downtown Fort Wayne, IN that has all of the E.L.C.A. Lutherans abuzz? It is the Annual Convention of the Indiana/Kentucky Synod at the Grand Wayne Center. Our own Ron Michael, Deb Crawford, and Pastor Richard are representing Epiphany Lutheran Church at the Assembly. Everyone is invited to attend the Assembly and especially the opening worship service at the Grand Wayne Center on Friday, June 3-5, be sure to stop in and see our church in action. Please lift up the delegates and officers of Indiana/Kentucky Synod as we gather in our city.



The Men's Bible study will continue to meet throughout the summer. Our June meeting has been rescheduled to June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am. We will continue our walk through the Bible and would encourage all men of the congregation to wake up a little early on Saturday morning to join us in a time of fellowship, good food, and Bible study.

June  
Bible  
Readings



**Lutheran Life Villages Escorts  
Needed**

We need a group of 8-10 volunteers who are interested in aiding the residents from their rooms to Chapel Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. All you need to do is meet in their library at 9:30 am. Information and instructions will be given by their Chaplain on escorting their residents from Health Center to memorial Chapel. Please contact Jodi in our church office for more details if you are interested in helping our brothers and sisters in Christ Worship with Jesus.

**Join us for worship this month!**  
  
Every Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:15 am.  
Every Monday at 7:00 pm.  
Sunday School classes for all ages are from the months of September—May! Please join us!

**June 5<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 1:6-14  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

**June 12<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Day of Pentecost**  
Acts 2:1-21  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 7:37-39

**June 19<sup>th</sup>:**  
**First Sunday after Pentecost**  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

**June 26<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42



**Pastor will be on Vacation**  
There will be no Worship Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Monday night Worship will resume on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Thank you for your understanding. :)

## **Adult Sunday School**

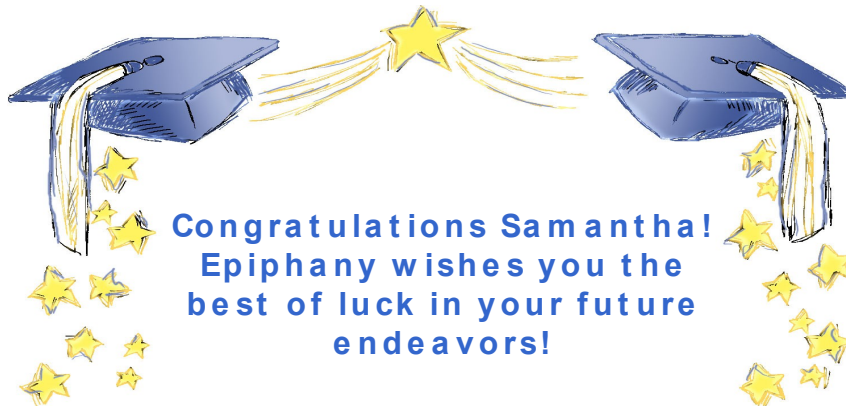
Adult Sunday School will continue throughout the summer! All adults are invited each Sunday morning at 9:00 am lead by Deb Crawford. We will be studying a book written by Ronn Kerr in which we will be learning about the similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam. Please join us as we share in fellowship and study in God's Word!

## **Adult Sunday School Class**



### **Comfort ye my People**

The quilters will meet Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Three to four quilts will be made in this quilting session. Please come and join us to help protect our brothers and sister in Christ who are in need from the elements. See you then!



Samantha Williams graduates from Northrop High School on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. She is a member of the National Honor's Society and has been a student teacher at the Dance Studio as well. She received an Honor's Diploma, National Honor's Society Cords as well as the Scholar with Distinction Stole. Samantha has been using the gifts that God has given her by involving herself with Interact which is the high school level of Rotary. She has helped collect hygiene items for homeless shelters as well as donate items to the Food Bank. She plans to continue with these gifts for His kingdom to help others by studying and working hard. Samantha will be attending Indiana University at Bloomington in which she will begin her studies in becoming a pediatrician.



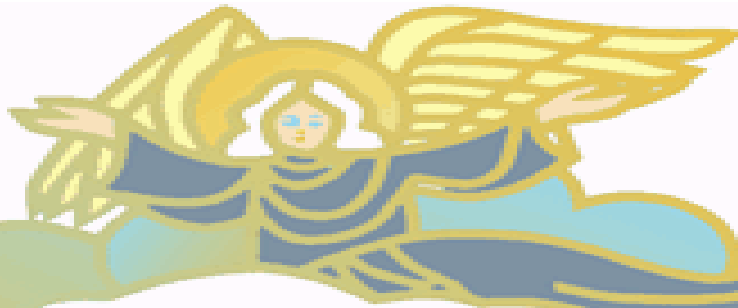
## June Baptismal Birthdays:

Jodi McKenna      Sue Davis      Hank Schroeder

Melissa Hartman      Sheryl Goodspeed      Allan Longroy

Elanore Seeman      Rick Salyer

**“Happy birthday”** to those who celebrate their second birthday during the month of June! 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).



### Angels Among Us!

Did you know that we have Secret Angels here at Epiphany? We do! We have members of our congregation who often times do many things behind the scenes and we want to take this time to recognize just a few in this month’s issue! More will be recognized in issues to come! These Angels don’t necessarily want to be identified. However, here are some of the gifts they have received from Him they share with all of us here! Angels, you know who you are!

**Light bulbs** get changed as needed in the Sanctuary  
**The Communion Bread** gets baked and we never run out  
**Our Communion Wine** never runs dry  
**The Paraments** get changed throughout our church year  
**The bulletins** get printed, stapled, and folded weekly  
**The newsletter** gets printed, stapled, and folded monthly



Vacation Bible School

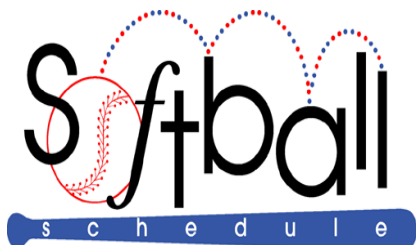
Mark your calendars! VBS will be held the first week in August: 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>! The theme will be "Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World." Thanks to Jane Dawkins for being our VBS Coordinator! More information to come!

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutheran Night at Fort Wayne Tin Caps!**

Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:05 pm

\$1 will be donated from each ticket sold in advance to the Lutheran Schools Tuition Assistance Program.

Last season, we helped raise over \$1,600 for Kids Against Hunger! Tickets are \$7 each. Please order your tickets by Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jodi in the office for more details: 485-5122. Don't miss the fun & fellowship!



All games are played at West Swinney Park.

**Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

9:00 pm Epiphany vs. Trinity English

**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00 pm Epiphany vs. Emmanuel

**Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00 pm Epiphany vs. Trinity English

**Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>:**

4:00 pm Epiphany vs. HC FSM

5:00 pm Epiphany vs. HC FSM

**Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 pm Epiphany vs. Emmanuel

**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm Epiphany vs. Lake TWP

8:00 pm Epiphany vs. Emmanuel

The Students of Trinity Lutheran Seminary have a challenge for you!

Trinity is introducing an important and innovative program that will help students learn to achieve financial wellness throughout their seminary career, and on into the future as leaders in congregations. The seminary has applied for two matching grants from the Stewards of Abundance Project of the ELCA to support an educational series on financial wellness and stewardship leadership. In order to receive matching grants the seminary must raise \$32,500 in order to realize the funds for a two-year period.

Epiphany will be taking a special offering on June 19<sup>th</sup>, Holy Trinity Sunday, to support this innovative project. Please support the students of Trinity Lutheran Seminary on Trinity Sunday.

In Service to Christ,  
Pastor Gary A. Sandberg  
Director of Mission Advancement

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**CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT**

The Associated Churches  
of Fort Wayne & Allen County, along with STAR 88.3 will present a series of free concerts during the month of June. These concerts will take place at Foellinger Outdoor Theatre near the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. The concerts will feature national recording artists, family fun activities and a time to honor Military men, women & their families. All concerts will begin at 6:30 pm and the dates are the following: Friday, June 3rd, Friday, June 10th, and Thursday, June 16th. See you there!

	<u>June 5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>June 12<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>June 19<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>June 26<sup>th</sup></u>
	LBW Setting 2	LBW Setting 2	WOW Setting 5	LBW Setting 2
<b>Organist / Pianist</b>	Sara Davis	Amanda Pickett	Sara Davis	Sara Davis
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jane Dawkins	Jim Davis	Dave Dawkins	Krista Rumfield
<b>Lector 8:00 am</b>	Anne Lohman	Deb Crawford	Sue Johnson	Cheryl Ralston
<b>Lector 10:15 am</b>	Cathy Rumfield	Bob Havers	Krista Rumfield	Ron Michael
<b>Acolyte</b>	Elizabeth Lohman	Heith Everhart	Amber Logan	Minda Hartman
<b>Communion Assistant 8:00 am</b>	Jared Meunier	Deb Crawford	Rhonda Everhart	Renee Meunier
<b>Communion Assistant 10:15 am</b>	Mike Rumfield	Sue Davis	Dave Black	Molly Clinkenbeard
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jodi McKenna	Need	Need	Need
<b>Greeters</b>	Dave Black	Don & Mary Jane Spohr	Ron Roemer	Millie Lazzer



Capt. Dave Black      Don Spohr  
 Ron Michael      Bob Lohman

