



The Epiphany Star ✨ *May 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

What does the month of May mean to you? It could mean celebrating a birthday or anniversary. It could mean Mother's Day. It could mean graduation from college (Remember high school has been moved back to June because of "snow days."). In the case of Epiphany Lutheran Church, it means our Annual Congregational Meeting (scheduled for Sunday, May 22 at 9a.m.). Our Annual and Quarterly Congregational meetings are very important to the "business and mission side" of our congregation. I know for some of us, meetings are things we would just as soon do without. Yet, we shouldn't look at our Annual and Quarterly Congregational meetings as needed necessities.

The constitution of our congregation states that we will hold Quarterly meetings during the months of September, November, and February, with our Annual Congregational meeting scheduled for the month of May. These dates were established so that our leadership would routinely report to the entire congregation what is going on in the mission and ministry of our community. While I know there are some who would also ask, "Why these particular months?" There are no perfect dates and whenever the scheduled dates would be, there would be some kind of conflict with someone in the congregation. They established these dates so that we would routinely have regularly scheduled meetings and not put them off thinking we would get to them.

Why is it important to meet on a regular basis as a congregation? So often I hear, "Pastor I really don't need another meeting in my life. Are these congregational meetings really necessary? I mean, all I really want to do is come to worship and then go on with my regular routine. Can't the church council take care of things for the church?" This is God's Church and as such it is important that the leadership of the church hear from ALL people as to the direction God is calling us to move as "The Body of Christ." God speaks through each of us and we shouldn't look at it as a burden but rather as an opportunity to do God's Work. Mission direction and finances on the surface may sound "boring." Everything in life is not always fun and sometimes you have to do the work to build up to the fun things of life. Financial matters shouldn't be swept under the carpet as they are all of our responsibilities.

Mission work should be thought of as something we get to do, not have to do. When we work together and use all of the “time, talent, and resources” God has provided, we will then be fulfilling the work God has called us to do.

For me, Epiphany Lutheran Church is like the “Little Engine that could.” We may not be the biggest church in the Fort Wayne, IN area. We may not have all of the latest trends or electronics. Yet, we are the church that tries to make a difference in the lives of the people who worship, learn, and live together as the Body of Christ as Epiphany Lutheran Church. We make a tremendous impact on people’s lives through our worship and outreach. Plan now to be a part of the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 9a.m. You will be glad you did. Let us work together to further the Kingdom of God.

In Christ,

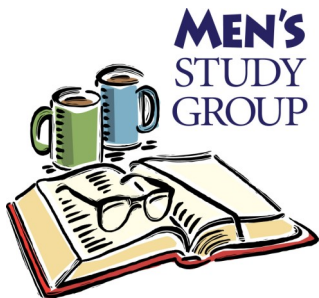
Pastor Richard Hartman

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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.



Join us for the Men’s Saturday Morning Bible Study on May 14th at 7:00 am, as we continue our study based 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

May Meetings

Sunday, May 1st : 6:30 pm - Sr. High Mtg.
 Sunday, May 15th : 7:00 pm - Sr. High mtg.
 Sunday, May 22nd: 5:00 pm - Youth Year End Party

More details to come!



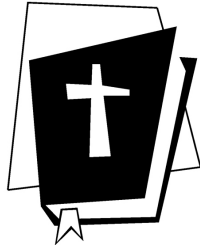
Pastor's Going to Jail!

Please help Pastor Richard! He has been charged with having a big heart with a warrant for his arrest with MDA. Each year the Muscular Dystrophy Association issues warrants for people in our community to raise money for children to go to summer camp. Pastor Richard's bail is set for \$1600 to send two kids to camp. Help him raise the bail money and help a good cause too. See Pastor Richard for more details. His jail date is set for May 24th!

Food Collection

The annual Letter Carrier's Food collection is set for Saturday May 14th. Epiphany has been asked to have 6-8 volunteers at the Northwood Post Office. The shifts are 10:30am-2pm or 2:00pm-6pm. If you work the second shift, you get free pizza at Associated churches! Please come down and help feed our community. This is the largest single food collection in the State of Indiana. The food collected on this day will feed folks in Allen County for three months!

May
Bible
Readings



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
at 9:00 am !

- May 1st:**
Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31
- May 8th:**
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-44
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35
- May 15th:**
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10
- May 22nd:**
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 7:55-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14
- May 29th:**
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21



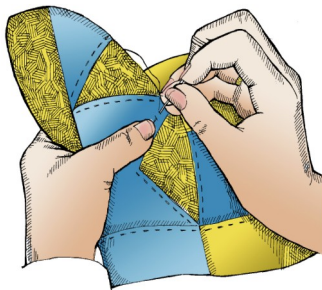
We're Going Green!

The members of the Fellowship Committee, would like to thank you for the donations of products that can be used in the kitchen.

We would just like to send out a gentle reminder that we prefer only paper products rather than Styrofoam because these can be recycled!

Adult Sunday School

All Adults are invited to share in Adult Sunday School each Sunday morning at 9:00 am lead by Deb Crawford. We are presently using the book entitled *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan. Please join us as we share in fellowship and study in God's Word!



QUILTING GROUP

Comfort ye my People

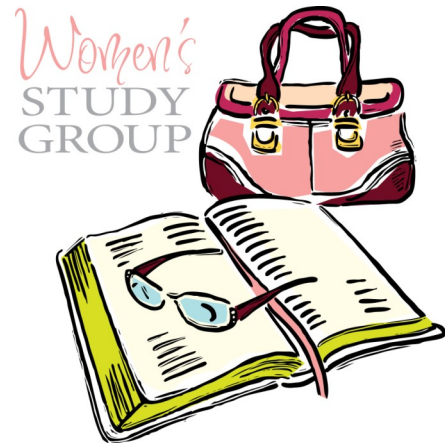
The quilters will be meeting twice in May: May 1st & 15th at 9:00 am. Three to four quilts will be made each quilting session during these times. Please come and join us to help protect our brothers and sister in Christ who are in need from the elements. See you then!



Woman's Bible Study Group!

Liz Nickel continues to lead our Woman's Bible Study Group. The evenings this group will be meeting are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 7:00 pm. Please join us on Thursday, May 12th and the 26th this month. Liz is using a book written by *Tom Wright* called Jesus the New Way. These studies will take place at her house.

Please contact Liz for directions. All new participants are welcome and bring a friend!





May Baptismal Birthdays:

Corey Davis

Kati Steury

Sean Rumfield

Bryan Black, Jr.

Samantha Williams

Cheryl Ralston

Samuel Behm

Rachael Pickett

Jim Davis

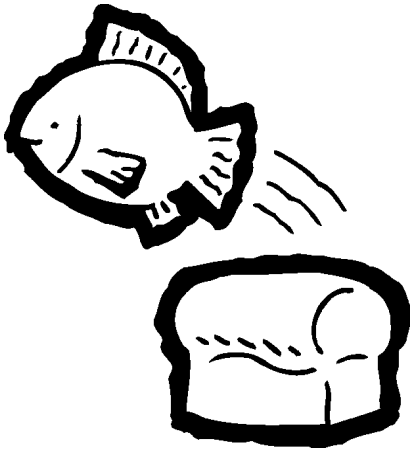
“Happy birthday” to those who celebrate their second birthday during the month of May! Martin Luther said, *“When you wash your face remember your baptism.”* Take time to remember and celebrate with your family by using the special booklet *“Celebrating Your Baptismal Birthday”* (found in the narthex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



Annual Meeting Potluck Breakfast

We are having our annual meeting on Sunday, May 22nd at 9:00 am. Please attend so you can be a part of decisions made here at Epiphany! Bring a breakfast dish to share: a breakfast casserole, donuts, pastries, fruit-whatever you would like. Please sign up outside the church office and mark how many will be attending and what you plan to bring. See you there!

Fishes and Loaves Collection



Our annual collections of canned tuna, salmon, and mackerel, along with crackers, Tuna Helper, canned fruit and potato mixes through Easter Sunday was a big success! The hungry in Fort Wayne and Allen County benefited from this effort sponsored by Associated Churches. We collected a grand total of 329 pounds! Thank you all for your generosity in making this happen!

Parents' Night Out is taking a break after a busy church year so there will be no *Parents' Night Out* in May. We will again start this program up in the fall. See you then!



A Great Big Thank You!

Thank you all who donated items for the Care Packages for the college students. We're sure it gave them the energy for the brain power they all needed during finals' week! It can be very stressful, the last couple of weeks for college students. So, thank you!



**THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VOLUNTEERING AND BEING
CALLED INTO GOD'S SERVICE:
1 CHRONICLES 15:16-19 COLOSSIANS 4:17: 1 TIMOTHY 1:12**

“When God has put His call on you, woe be to you if you turn to the right hand or to the left. He will do with you what He never did with you before the call came; He will do with you what He is not doing with other people. Let Him have His way.” Oswald Chambers

“Your calling is the place where your deepest joy and the world's greatest needs cross.” Fredrick Buckner

- **A volunteer is more prone to jealousy of others, but one called of God praises God for distributing gifts and talents as He chooses.**
- **A volunteer shrinks back from resolving relational conflict, but someone called of God seeks to resolve all relational conflict to preserve the unity of the team with which he serves.**
- **A volunteer's main source of fulfillment is his talents and abilities, but someone called of God knows that being used of God is the most fulfilling thing you can do with your life.**
- **A volunteer can't handle being put into situations where he's going to be “stretched”, but someone called of God responds to God's call with humble dependence on Him.**

Thank You all for Serving!

	<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 15</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>May 29</u>
	LBW Setting 2	WOV Setting 5	Feast of Life	1991 Hym- nal Supplement	WOV Setting 5
Organist / Pianist	Sara Davis	Sara Davis	Amanda Pickett	Sara Davis	Sara Davis
Assisting Minister	Kurt Unrue	Alicia Davis	Rebecca Hartman	Dave Dawkins	Krista Rumfield
Lector 8:00 am	Deb Crawford	Sue Johnson	Cheryl Ralston	Bruce Cunningham	Jared Meunier
Lector 10:15 am	Alicia Davis	Mike Rumfield	Kurt Unrue	Jane Dawkins	Molly Clinkenbeard
Acolyte	Minda Hartman	Amber Logan	Minda Hartman	Jonathan Hartman	Rozlynn Everhart
Communion Assistant 8:00 am	Deb Crawford	Devin Meunier	Maddison Everhart	Rhonda Everhart	Renee Meunier
Communion Assistant 10:15 am	Cathy Rumfield	Dave Dawkins	Daryl Butler	Ron Michael	Pat Butler
Altar Guild	Jodi McKenna	Jane Dawkins	Need	Alicia Davis	Need
Greeters	Jane & Dave Dawkins	Kay Evans	Ron Michael	McKenna's	Jane & Dave Dawkins



Capt. Bill Williams

Marisa Williams

Ron Roemer

Mike Rumfield

