



*The Epiphany Star* ✨ *August 2023*

*Newsletter of Epiphany Lutheran Church  
Fort Wayne, Indiana*

Dear Epiphany Lutheran Church,

How do you communicate with people today? What is your preferred form to have people communicate with you? We live in a time when there are multiple means of communication, but people feel like they are isolated. We have face-to-face, land-lines, cellular, email, regular mail, video chat, and the list continues. One observation I have noticed since "Post Covid-19" is that we are slowly losing our ability to communicate with people face-to-face.

For the longest time the best way to talk with people was to do it face-to-face or in person. You were able to get an immediate response to whatever you were saying to them. If, there was a negative response to what you were talking about then you could deal with it in "real time." If there was a positive response, you could once again deal with it immediately. Today with all our electronic media/communications available to us, we send a text... email... voice mail... etc. Then you have to wait for them to respond. The delay may be because they have bad cellular service or bad internet. They may only read their email and check their telephone once a day. On the other hand, there are people who are on their cellular telephone when they should be... driving, while in a checkout lane, in a restaurant. We have had to pass laws requiring people to be hands-free while operating a motor vehicle because people were not paying attention to what they were doing.

Why do I bring this up? While there is a wide variety of means to communicate with people we are communicating less and less with people. I have started hearing people say, "I am not talking with them right now" then just not do anything. Then I have heard people say, "I don't know why they are yelling at me through a text message." Unfortunately, their cap-lock was pushed and everything they typed was in capital LETTERS!

Just because companies have started to "spam" us using text messages and voice messages... doesn't mean we should stop using all the means of communicating with one another. We need to be a community again... we need to be a family again.

While we are in a "summer mode" use the time to reconnect with people... family...

friends. Let them know you love them. Let them know you care!

God Bless and Keep YOU!

Pastor Richard

STATEMENT  
**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.

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



**Pastor:** Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 2:30 pm  
Monday evenings 7:00 pm

**Dia:** Monday—Thursday 11:00-3:30 pm  
Other times as needed

Due to unexpected circumstances,  
these hours may be subject to change.

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**WEB SITE:**

Epiphany Lutheran Church      [www.epiphanyfw.com](http://www.epiphanyfw.com)

### Angels Among Us!

We have members of our congregation who do many things behind the scenes, and we want to take the time to recognize just a few of them in this month's newsletter. Thank you, Angels!



**Lutheran World Relief school kit donations** are going well  
**Clean-up efforts** continued around the building and grounds  
**The lawn was mowed**, thanks to volunteers!  
**A new Church Council** has been installed and is hard at work



Baptism  
Birthday

## August Baptismal Birthdays

*Barbara Werling*

*Ruby Havers*

*Dave Black*

**“Happy birthday”** to those who celebrate their second birthday during the month of August! Martin Luther said, *“When you wash your face, remember your baptism.”* Take time to remember and celebrate this month!

# August Bible



## **August 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 55:1-5

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

## **August 13<sup>th</sup>**

### **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:9-18

Romans 10:5\*15

Matthew 14:22-33

## **August 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:10-28

## **August 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 51:1-6

Tomans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

## **Join us for Worship this month!**

Every Sunday at 8:00 am

and 10:15 am

10:15 service also on Facebook LIVE

Worship

Monday at 7:00 pm

**Please join us!**



**Lutheran Senior Care Ministry Update August 2023**  
**Our Mission: “Sharing Christ’s Love with the ones you love!”**

We are working on our Centennial Gala for next April  
and are seeking sponsors.

I will work with the Board for our November 9th Ambassador meeting.  
We want the Ambassadors to be actively involved in our 2024 activities.

The Board is seeking another Pastor as a member  
because one of the current members is unable to continue.

Our ministry continues to expand and our chaplains  
share the Word with over 600 people every week.

Thank you for your prayers and support  
of Lutheran Senior Care Ministry!  
Peace! Sue

# You are NOT ALONE

Millions of people are affected by mental illness each year. Across the country, many people just like you work, perform, create, compete, laugh, love and inspire every day.



1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness

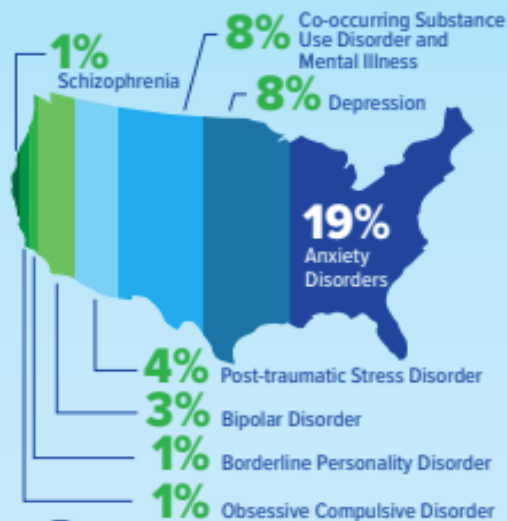
**1 in 20**

1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness

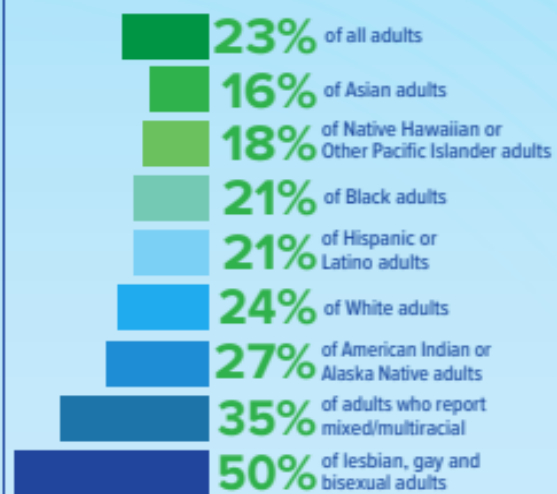
**17%**

of youth (6-17 years) experience a mental health disorder

## 12 MONTH PREVALENCE OF COMMON MENTAL ILLNESSES (ALL U.S. ADULTS)



## 12 MONTH PREVALENCE OF ANY MENTAL ILLNESS (ALL U.S. ADULTS)



## WAYS TO REACH OUT AND GET HELP



Talk with a health care professional



Call the NAMI HelpLine at 800-950-NAMI (6264)



Connect with friends and family



Join a support group

Data from CDC, NIMH and other select sources. Find citations for this resource at [nami.org/rehstats](http://nami.org/rehstats)

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## **Mission Moment August 2023**

We will continue to collect for Lutheran World Relief kits for the month of August.

God's Work Our Hands is scheduled for September 10th.

We will continue to collect items for the School Kits, Layettes, Health kits and Quilts.

Regular updates will be announced for most needed items.

Remember, if you don't like to shop but would still like to donate, you can always give a monetary donation. We have some members who are great bargain shoppers and will gladly do the shopping for you.

Quilters can always use blankets, mattress pads and sheets for our middles and backs of the quilts.

We are always looking for volunteers to help assemble.

We will be meeting Wed. Aug. 3rd & Sat. Aug. 6th at 10am to 12noon

Health kits need:

bath towels, tooth brushes, bar soap (2 - 4oz or 3 if smaller), combs, and nail clippers.

In July we worked on quilts, (almost at our goal), putting together layettes, (almost at our goal), organizing school supplies, and donated t-shirts to St. Joseph Women's Shelter. A big thank you to everyone who worked on these projects.

August will be a busy month organizing all the supplies coming in for our kits. Your donations and support is greatly appreciated.

Blessings, Vickie Malott



## **School Kit Needs**

### **Each kit contains:**


String Back Packs  
5-Wooden unsharpened Pencils  
5-Stick Ink Pens - Blue or Black  
1-Ruler cm & inches  
Large pink eraser (have plenty)  
Childs scissors  
Pencil sharpener  
24 pack of crayon  
4-spiral notebooks (60-70 sheets)

### **Health Kits Contain:**

Bath Towel  
2-bars of soap 4oz  
Comb  
Nail clippers  
Toothbrush

### **Layettes contain:**

Receiving blanket  
Large crocheted/knitted blanket or quilt  
2- t-shirts (different sizes)  
2 gowns or long sleeved outfits (different sizes)  
4 cloth diapers  
2 diaper pins  
2 pairs of socks  
1 hand towel  
2-bars of gentle soap 4oz  
1 jacket ,sweater or sweatshirt with hood, if no hood add hat

 <b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	<u>August 6<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>August 13<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>August 20<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>August 27<sup>th</sup></u>
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<b>Organist/ Pianist</b>	Amanda Pickett L:Rachael	Alicia Davis	Amanda Pickett	Alicia Davis
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Dia Herb	Rebecca Norberg	Jim Davis	Amber Logan
<b>Lector 8:00 am</b>	Nancy Lee	Sue Johnson	Cheryl Ralston	Kim Robinson
<b>Communion Assist 8:00</b>	Richard Lee	Sue Johnson	Dave York	Kim Robinson
<b>Lector 10:15 am</b>	Cathy Rumfield	Steve Haag	Shane Pickett	Mark Herb
<b>Communion Assistant 10:15 am</b>	Becky Roemer	Mike Rumfield	Dia Herb	Nina Haag