



The Epiphany Star ✨ *January 2024*

*Newsletter of Epiphany Lutheran Church
Fort Wayne, Indiana*

Dear Epiphany,

Happy New Year! May 2024 be the year that your New Year's resolutions are kept the entire year, and you are able to be a blessing to everyone you meet!

If you are like most Americans, we start out strong in keeping our resolutions only to fall back into our old routines when life gets a little difficult. Experts tell us though that if we want to really make a change in our lives, we must do it routinely for the next 14 to 21 days. Usually after having made that kind of commitment, you are doing it on a routine basis.

So what does the Bible say about "New Beginnings?"

Isaiah 43:18-19 "Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing." (NRSV)

2 Corinthians 5:17 "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!" (NRSV).

Ezekiel 11:19 "I will give them one heart and put a new Spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone." (NRSV)

What is this saying to you? When you begin something new there is always anxiety. There is always fear. But there is also excitement in trying something new. We have to learn to work through it if we are going to follow Jesus. Our hearts and minds will forever be changed if this happens. A new beginning!

My suggestion for you is not to sell yourself short by not developing "New Year's Resolutions." These resolutions could make a difference in your life. To eat healthier, to get more exercise, to pray more, to attend worship more frequently. All these things can definitely make a difference in your life.

Focus on Isaiah 43:19, "I am about to do something new." (NRSV)

May 2024 a year that you will not soon forget.

Blessings! Happy New Year!

Rev 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.

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 at 7:00 pm

Dia: Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm,
Other times as needed during tax season,
(always available by email, use my personal email
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these hours may be subject to change.

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LOOKING BACK GROWING FORWARD

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF SENIOR CHRISTIAN CARE

2024

Our Mission: “Sharing Christ’s Love with the ones you love!”

Lutheran Senior Care Ministry Update January 2024

We have no new chaplains or facilities at this time,
but hope to expand our services in 2024.

A new chaplain has volunteered to support those
currently serving facilities.

The Lutheran Foundation has approved our grant request for 2024.

We are trying out Broadcaster
(another publication from Worship Anew)
as an additional resource made possible by grant funding.

It is larger print than HOPE-Ful Living
and contains devotional material.

Remember this is our 100th Anniversary
and we are planning our kickoff celebration on April 18th.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support of this ministry!

Sue

January Bible Readings



January 7th **Epiphany**

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 14th **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

1 Samuel 3:1-20
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 16th **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

John 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

January 28th **4th Sunday after Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Join us for Worship this month!

Every Sunday at
8:00 am and 10:15 am
In person service wear masks.
Socially distance

10:15 am on Facebook.Live

Worship
Every Monday at 7:00 pm

Please join us!



Please join us for our annual Epiphany
Service on Sunday, January 7th,
For the 8:00 or 10:15 am service.
Or on Facebook Live at 10:15am
learn more about this important
festival in the church year.



Mission Moment January 2024

For the month of January we will be collecting items for the Associated Churches Babies Closet.

Parents receive coupons for learning about nutrition and parenting, keeping prenatal and well child appointments, childbirth classes,

and keeping their children's immunizations up-to-date. Some parents also earn coupons by continuing their education.

They could use items such as diapers, wipes, ointment, car seats, bottles, formula, and any other baby related items. If you would like to just donate, Cindy and I will be happy to shop for you.

Thank you to everyone who helped support our two military families. Every ornament was taken from the tree, so that was a great blessing.

Cross Border's came in December and took all of our garage sale items. This has really given us a lot more space for our layette room. They were very excited about all of our donations.

Blessings, Vickie & Cindy

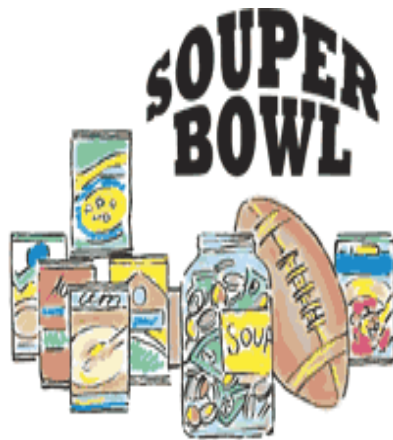
It's SOUPER Bowl Time!

In mid-January, we will begin collecting for our annual "Souper Bowl" contest!

Each year, Epiphany members have the chance to root for their favorite Super Bowl team by bringing in non-perishable food items to be donated to the Associated Churches Food Bank.

Once the teams have been set, simply bring in your items and place them on the appropriate side of our "field" to let us know which team you want to see win!

Epiphany almost always correctly predicts the winner of the big game, so if you want to see your team emerge victorious, bring in those canned goods!





Removal of the Greens

Christmas decorations will be put away on
Saturday, January 13th at 9:00 am.

Thank you in advance for the gift
of your time and assistance!



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 in this month's issue! Thank you, Angels!

Greens were hung and poinsettias donated to beautify our worship space
Prayers were said for members and friends in need of God's care
Lectors lent their voices to our annual Service of Lessons and Carols
Special music enhanced our Christmas Eve worship
Donations of gifts and food brought the Christmas spirit to military families
Community members that use our building and give back to our outreach programs.
Painters painted the hallway and narthex.



January Baptismal Birthdays

Terry Goodspeed Rosemary Werling Krista Rumfield
Alicia Davis
Adam Auman Dawn Osheskie

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

Comfort Ye My People

Our next quilting gathering is scheduled for Wednesday January 3rd and Saturday January 6th from 10:00 am to noon.


We have 10 tops/bottoms matched ready to knot and finish.

5 additional tops ready

24 completed quilts in the closet!



QUILTING GROUP

	<u>Jan. 7th</u> Epiphany	<u>Jan. 14th</u> 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	<u>Jan. 21st</u> 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	<u>Jan. 28th</u> 4th Sunday of Epiphany
Organist/ Pianist				
Assisting Minister	Amber Logan	Rebecca Hartman	Alicia Davis	Jim Davis
Lector 8:00 am	Sue Johnson	Sue Davis	Cheryl Ralston	Kim Robinson
Communion Assistant 8:00 am	Sue Johnson	Sue Davis	Dave York	Kim Robinson
Lector 10:15 am	Cathy Rumfield	Steve Haag	Mark Herb	Dottie Zimmerman
Communion Assistant 10:15 am	Nina Haag	Jack Swanson	Dia Herb	Melissa Hartman