



*The Epiphany Star*  
*Newsletter of Epiphany*  
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*November 2023*  
*Lutheran Church*  
*Wayne, Indiana*

Dear Epiphany,

The month of November is always a time of transition in The Hartman household, how about yours? There are the preparations to celebrate Thanksgiving with the family. And then there are the preparations for the Season of Advent. Preparations can take the form of several different things. Mainly, it seems to be cleaning and moving furniture. I always want people to feel welcomed when they come to our home. So having the house clean and orderly is part of the welcoming feeling- like they were being thought of prior to their arrival.

Preparing for Thanksgiving is more than just cleaning the house. It means planning ahead so you can have all of the food purchased in the correct order to get the best prices and to have room to store it in the various locations. It means coordinating with family as to when they are planning on arriving and when they plan on eating the "Thanksgiving meal." It means preparing your heart and soul for changes in the family since you last gathered, "to give thanks to God for the many blessings you have received."

Preparing for the Season of Advent means the beginning of our journey to Christmas. Here at Epiphany, we will begin this journey on November 29 at 6p.m. Our journey will start with a light supper of soup, bread, vegetables, and drink. I will be the one who will be fixing the food so if you are planning on joining us for supper, please let me know so that we can have enough food prepared. After a time to nourish our bodies, we will transition into a time to nourish our hearts and souls. We will be using the ELCA's World Hunger Advent Study 2023 as the basis for our discussion. Dr. Ryan P. Cumming (Director of Education and Networks) writes this brief synopsis of the study/reflection. "Where and how do you encounter God? God, through the prophet Isaiah, urges us to take comfort, trusting that the 'glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together (Isaiah 40:5). At a time when our world bears the wounds of conflict, hunger, and disaster, it can be challenging to uncover where and how God is at work. Yet we know in faith that God is actively working in the world, transforming, reconciling, and sustaining and inciting us to ever-greater acts of justice and mercy."

Make your preparations to join us on Wednesdays (Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, and 20) at 6p.m. for a light supper and then a time to reflect/Bible study.

May the glory of the Lord be reflected in you as you make preparations for the coming of the Christ child.

Blessings,

Pastor Richard Hartman

## Total Collected at St. Johns for LWR

Quilts - 2,062  
School Kits - 1,341  
Health Kits - 802  
Layettes - 370

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.

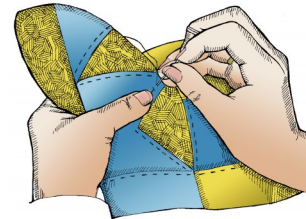
**Epiphany Lutheran Church's Vision Statement:**

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

**Comfort Ye My People**

Our quilting group will meet, on Wed. Nov.2nd and Sat. Nov. 5th at 10:00 am to start a “new year” of quilting. We sent off 103 quilts & 1 blanket to Lutheran World Relief last month, thanks to the dedication and outside help this past year. New members are always welcome to our group; if you can use a pin or tie a knot, you can help! Thank you for being a blessing to others all around the world!

Wednesday November 2nd  
Saturday November 5th



QUILTING GROUP

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 - 8:00 pm

**Dia:** Monday - Thursday 10:00-3:00  
Evenings through November 3rd  
Available by email and text.

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

**E-mail Us:**

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Pastor's home ..... rhart49@frontier.com  
Dia's office ..... dia@epiphanyfw.com



**WEB SITE:**

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



**Thanksgiving Worship Service**

Please join us at 7:00 pm on  
Tuesday, November 21, 2020

**Quarterly  
Congregational  
Meeting**

Our next Quarterly Voters' Meeting  
is scheduled for  
Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>,  
at 9:00 am.

Please sign up for  
Breakfast starting at 8:45 am

**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. Angels, you know who you are! Thank you for your contributions of time and talent!



**Mowing and Trimming** has continued through the fall.  
**Quilts and Kits** were counted, packed up, and shipped  
**Paraments** were changed for festival Sundays  
**Clean up** around the property inside and out  
Thank you to the families of Zo Baptist for cleaning weeds in the  
playground, bathrooms and windows in the building.

**Join us for Worship!**

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

and  
Monday at 7:00 pm  
**Please join us!**

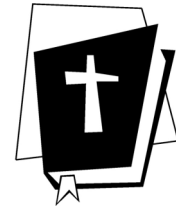
**Let's Decorate!**

The date has been set to  
decorate Epiphany  
for the Christmas season!

Please join the fun  
on Saturday,  
**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:00 am.**  
There are jobs for all ages,  
so consider making this  
a part of your  
family's holiday tradition!  
We hope to see you there!



November  
Bible  
Readings



**November 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**All Saint's Day**

Micah 3:5-12  
1Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12

**November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 5:18-24  
1 thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

**November 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-  
18  
1Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

**November 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Thanksgiving Service**

Deuteronomy 8:7-18  
2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
Luke 17:11-19

**November 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Christ the King Sunday**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

# **Time Change - Fall Back**

**Sun, Mar 12, 2023 – Sun, Nov 5, 2023**

**Fall back: When does the time change?  
Daylight Saving Time in 2023 will switch  
at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5.  
That means when the clock would hit 2 a.m.,  
it goes back an hour to 1 a.m.  
Don't forget to reset your clocks  
before you go to bed on Saturday.**



# **Fall Festivals**

## **Night of Lights**

November 23-December 31

Friday Nov. 24 - 5:45pm

Lighting Downtown Lights

## **Fort Wayne Festival of Gingerbread**

Friday November 24 - Opening Day

9:00am - 8:00pm

Tuesday November 28 - Free Night

5:00pm-9:00pm

Sunday December 17th - Last Day

12:00pm-5:00pm

## **STEAMsgiving at Science Central**

Friday Nov. 24-Sunday Nov. 26

## **Festival of Trees at Embassy**

November 22-29

## **Fantasy of Lights - Franke Park**

Sunday Nov. 19-Dec. 31

Drive thru - Sun-Thurs 5:30-9:00pm

Friday and Saturday 5:30-10:00pm



## Poinsettias for Christmas Eve

We are awaiting pricing for this year.  
Order forms will be in the office  
Please watch for the prices and order deadlines  
in the bulletins.



1924

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 November 2023**

We continue to prepare for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.  
Our Annual Ambassadors Meeting will be held  
on November 9, 2023

and we have an interesting project for them to complete  
in 2024 to earn a surprise gift next year.

Our April 18, 2024 Centennial Gala at the Orchid promises to be an  
enjoyable experience for everyone who participates  
and an educational event about our Mission.

We continue to support unchurched residents in area long-term  
care facilities and thank you for your prayers and support!

Peace! Sue



# **CHRISTMAS FAMILY**

Watch for the Christmas Tree to appear in the narthex.  
Each ornament will have an item and name to purchase.

Take the top slip of the ornament to place on your gift.

Write your last name on the ornament and place it in the container  
on the table to show it is chosen.

Return wrapped gift at date requested with ornament information.

**If you do not want to shop, money can be given  
to Alicia, Dia or Pastor for the family.**



## November Baptismal Birthdays

*Molly Bowman*

*Richard Lee*

*Joyce Husted*

*Steve Haag*

*Kristen Davis*

*Minda Hartman*

*Jonathan Hartman*

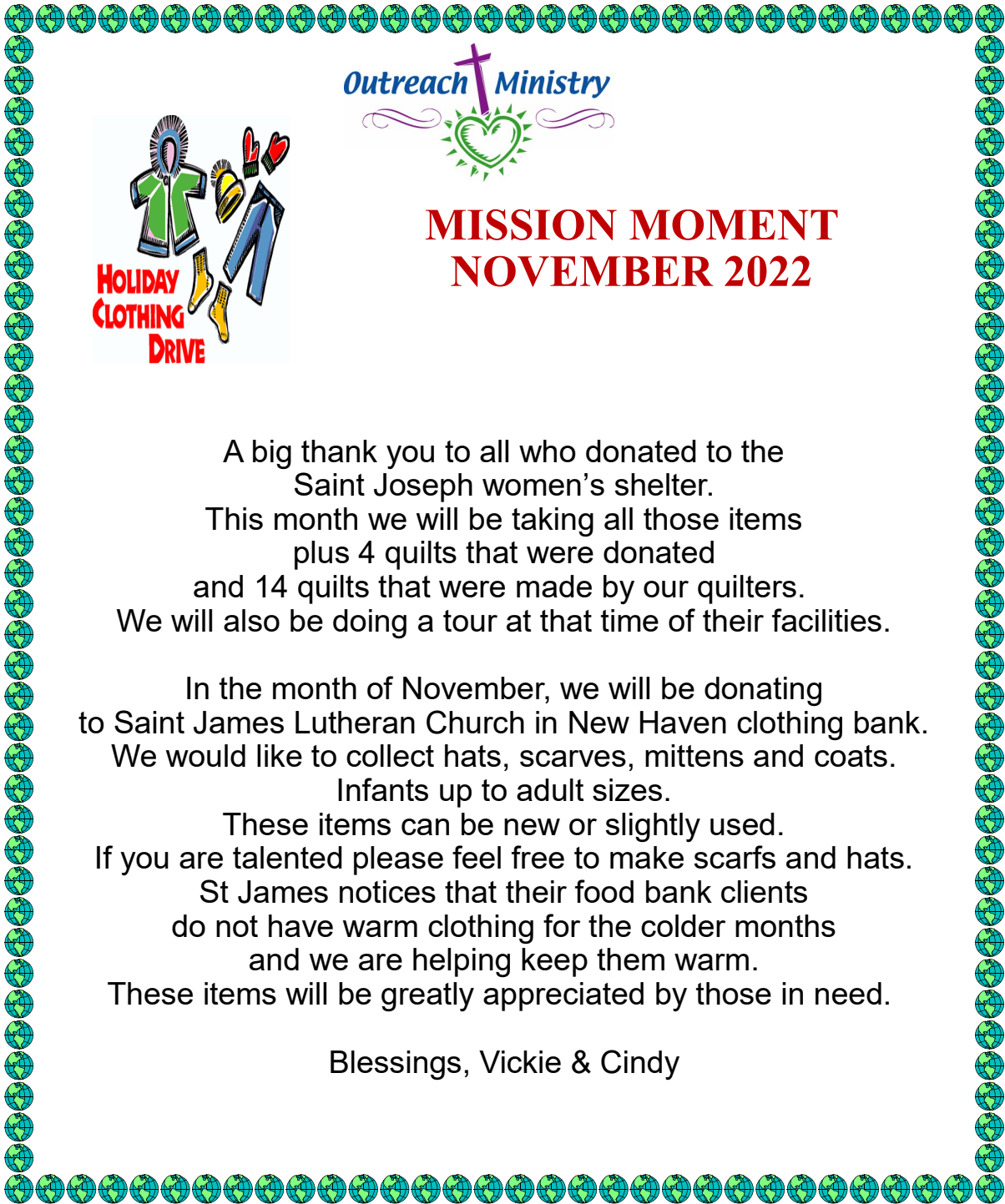
*Cathy Rumfield*

*Linda Jancso*

*Mark Herb*

*Logan Balliet*

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



## MISSION MOMENT NOVEMBER 2022

A big thank you to all who donated to the Saint Joseph women's shelter. This month we will be taking all those items plus 4 quilts that were donated and 14 quilts that were made by our quilters. We will also be doing a tour at that time of their facilities.

In the month of November, we will be donating to Saint James Lutheran Church in New Haven clothing bank. We would like to collect hats, scarves, mittens and coats. Infants up to adult sizes.

These items can be new or slightly used. If you are talented please feel free to make scarfs and hats.

St James notices that their food bank clients do not have warm clothing for the colder months and we are helping keep them warm. These items will be greatly appreciated by those in need.

Blessings, Vickie & Cindy

Thank you so much for contributing to our Lutheran World Relief missions! After our year in 2020, we are already looking forward to next year! Here is a list of items that are always needed if you happen upon a sale or are doing house cleaning! Items in italics are most desperately needed.



*Bath towels*  
Combs  
Nail clippers  
*Gentle bath-size bar soap*  
Toothbrushes

*Diaper pins*  
*Cloth diapers (medium/large)*  
Flannel baby blankets\*  
*Footless sleepers/gowns\**  
Hand towels  
Baby hats\*  
Socks  
Sweaters\* (up to 2T)  
T-shirts\* (up to 2T)  
Large baby blankets or afghans\*  
*Adult t-shirts\* (size large and up) to be made into diapers*



Baby Kits



*Blankets\* (full or queen)*  
*Mattress Pads\**  
Flat Sheets\* (full or queen)

*\*Items can be new or gently used.*

## Depression

### **Who gets Depression?**

Depression can affect people of all ages, races, ethnicities and genders.

Women are diagnosed with depression more often than men, but men can also be depressed. Because men may be less likely to recognize, talk about and seek help for their feelings or emotional problems, they are at a greater risk of depression symptoms being undiagnosed or under treated.

Studies also show higher rates of depression and an increased risk for the disorder among the members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

### **What are the signs and symptoms of depression?**

If you have been experiencing some of the following signs and symptoms, most of the day, nearly every day, for at least 2 weeks, you may be experiencing depression.

- Persistent sad, anxious or “empty” mood
- Feelings of hopelessness or pessimism
- Feelings of irritability, frustration or restlessness
- Feelings of guilt, worthlessness, or helplessness
- Loss of interest or pleasure in hobbies and activities
- Decreased energy, fatigue or feeling slowed down
- Difficulty concentrating remembering or making decisions
- Difficulty sleeping, waking early in the morning or oversleeping
- Changes in appetite or unplanned weight changes
- Physical aches or pains, headaches, cramps or digestive problems that do not have a clear physical cause and do not go away with treatment.
- Thoughts of death or suicide or suicide attempts



## **ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP**

- FOR ADULTS EXPERIENCING ANXIETY AND/OR DEPRESSION
- CONNECT WITH OTHERS WHO UNDERSTAND
- RECEIVE SUPPORT AND SUPPORT OTHERS
- NO FORMAL DIAGNOSIS REQUIRED



(GET THE LINK TO JOIN HERE)

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**6:00 - 7:30PM ET**

**JOIN US VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM**

**CONNECT WITH US**

☎ (260) 422-6441

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**MHIA**  
Mental Health America  
of Northeast Indiana

	<u>Nov. 5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Nov. 12<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Nov. 19<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Nov. 21<sup>st</sup></u> Thanks- Giving 7:00 pm	<u>Nov. 26<sup>th</sup></u>
	LBWII	LBWII	LBWII		LBWII
<b>Organist/ Pianist</b>					
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Dia Herb	Rebecca Norberg	Amber Logan	7:00 pm Mark Herb	Jim Davis
<b>Lector 8:00 am</b>	Cheryl Ralston	Sue Johnson	Sue Davis	X	Kim Robinson
<b>Lector 10:15 am</b>	Alicia Davis	Melissa Hartman	Becky Roemer	7:00 pm Shane Pickett	Steve Haag
<b>Communion Assistant 8:00 am</b>	Cheryl Ralston	Sue Johnson	Due Davis	X	Kim Robinson
<b>Communion Assistant 10:15 am</b>	Mike Rumfield	Nina Haag	Cathy Rumfield	7:00 pm Jack Swanson	Mark Herb