



*The Epiphany Star* ✨ *October 2023*

*Newsletter of Epiphany Lutheran Church  
Fort Wayne, Indiana*

Dear Epiphany,

A sense of change is in the air.

Over the past couple of months, I have been reading articles that have been posted on social media about the clergy shortage and the number of pastors that are leaving the ordained ministry for a number of reasons.

Ephesians 4:11-12 “And he gave some, apostles; and some prophets, and some evangelists; and some pastors and some teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (NRSVU).

I have been blessed with over 30 years in Word and Sacrament Ministry. I have been blessed to be on mission trips to a Native American Reservation, and hurricane relief. I have been to countless Confirmation Camps and served as a Pastor in Residence at our camps. I have presided at baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and burials. I have led worship with standing room only on Easter and Christmas Eve. I have led worship in the midst of Covid-19 with only 6. I have had the blessing of serving three congregations over my ministry career. I have tried to give something back to each of those communities and to the greater community as a volunteer in a variety of ways.

My greatest blessing has been my family and my family with the congregation. Has it been an easy time? No, but what position in life is? When I hear pastors complain it is usually about things any person would be complaining about with any job. Yet, there is one difference. Most jobs do not have you visit with a family when their mom or dad is dying. Most jobs do not have baptize a 28-hour baby who dies in your arms as you are making the sign of the cross on their forehead. Most jobs do not have you making home visits when their teenager is contemplating suicide.

Being a Pastor is not for the faint-hearted. Each day is a new adventure that puts you in places and events most people only read about. Being a Pastor means having God be your boss with a couple of hundred other people supervising your job performance. Being a Pastor is not only a calling for the person but for their family (and they didn't choose to follow that call from God in their lives).

During the month of October, I plan to have a short “moment of reflection” at the

beginning of each service. I want us to focus on the mission and ministry of Epiphany Lutheran Church. We will talk about the past missions, but we will also be looking toward the future too. Where is God calling us? What will we need to succeed? What will we need to change to do what we are being called to do?

Happy Reformation Month!

Pastor Richard Hartman

## Our Mission

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.

## It's Shipping Time!

Epiphany has worked hard making quilts and assembling health, school, and baby kits for Lutheran World Relief. Now it's time to pack them up and ship them out! We will be blessing all of these items during worship on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Following the 10:15 am service that day, we will need volunteers to help fold quilts and place in the Library. This usually only takes a few minutes if we have lots of help!



## LWR Kits

On Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, we will need strong folks to load the boxes into a truck for transport to the drop-off site at St. John's Lutheran Church. We will meet at Epiphany at 8:30 am to load the boxes. If you are available to help, please contact Vickie Malott (602-0097). Thank you for helping get these items to those in need!

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

**Dia:** Monday-Thursday 10:00-3:00pm

Email me if you need an answer to a question.

My schedule changes and if you need me to be at the office a specific time please call my cell, email or text me.

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

### **E-mail Us:**

Pastor's office ..... pastor@epiphanyfw.com

Pastor's home ..... rlhart49@frontier.com

Dia's office ..... dia@epiphanyfw.com



### **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 this time to recognize just a few in this month's issue!  
You know who you are! Thank you, Angels!



**“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday** had 31 participants  
**Lutheran World Relief kits** were assembled!  
**Boxes** were donated for packing and shipping kits and quilts  
**The Prayer Circle** continues to pray for the needs of the family and friends of Epiphany  
**The yard continues to be mowed** and landscaping trimmed, and flowers planted.



**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

### October Baptismal Birthdays

*Jeff Hedin      Nancy Lee      Amanda Pickett      Kim Robinson*  
*Robert Black      Erika Williams      Heith Everhart      Lee Hedin*  
*Bob Zimmerman      Letha Minick      James Minick*

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

October  
Bible  
Readings



**October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

**October 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

**October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 25:1-9

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

**October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Reformation Sunday**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

**Join us for Worship this month!**

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

Worship at 7:00 pm  
Every Monday

**Please join us!**



**Lutheran Senior Care Ministry Update October 2023**

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

**We are adopting a new logo in honor of our 100th Anniversary:**



We are currently planning some participation by our Ambassadors in 2024 and will share them at our November 9th Annual Meeting at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church.

Next year will be an exciting one and we want you to celebrate with us!

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

## Mission Moment October 2023

God's Work Our Hands was a very successful day!

We will be sending to Lutheran World Relief:

450 school kits	140 Layette
190 health kits	110 quilts!

October 21st @8:00 am we will be loading all the boxes to take to St John's Lutheran Church semi pick up spot.

We will need helpers to load here at Epiphany..

We have already delivered some winter hats, gloves and scarves to St. James Lutheran in New Haven.

Food to Associated Churches Food Bank to distribute to food pantries throughout Fort Wayne.

The food bin is ready for more donations!

Took some towels and sheets to the Humane Fort Wayne for our four footed friends!

Our mission for October is

St. Joseph Mission's Women's Shelter.

This is a shelter for single women located on Lake Avenue.

### **We will be collecting items for them:**

Hand Sanitizer Kleenex wash cloths Paper Towels

Dawn Dish Soap disinfectant wipes lotion conditioner

Hairbrushes/combs/picks hair spray

Clear plastic bottles 2-4 oz to portion out lotion/hair products

Denture cleaner/brush/adhesive

Notebooks, pens, planners, journals

Thank you for all your support! Vickie

# ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023  
9:00AM - NOON

**ST. JOSEPH TOWNSHIP**  
6033 MAPLECREST RD.



**TIME TO CLEAN OUT ALL OF THOSE  
UNWANTED ELECTRONICS IN YOUR HOUSE!  
WE WILL ACCEPT ANYTHING THAT YOU PLUG IN TO  
THE WALL OR RUNS ON BATTERIES - FREE OF  
CHARGE! (EXCEPTION TVS + CRTS-SEE BELOW)**

**Cash Only** TV/CRT CHARGE: <46" = \$20/EA  
no exceptions! >47" = \$30/EA



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**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

**Will NOT  
take:  
\*Batteries  
\*Light Bulbs**

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# **BBB Serving Northern Indiana to host Shred Day in Fort Wayne October 14th**

**FORT WAYNE** – BBB Serving Northern Indiana will host its Shred Day on Saturday, October 14, from 9 a.m. to noon in Fort Wayne. Sponsored by Better Business Bureau Charitable & Educational Foundation, we invite you to bring up to five boxes of documents to be securely shredded on-site. Binders cannot be accepted but staples, paper clips, CDs and floppy disks can be shredded. A \$5 donation to the BBB's Charitable and Educational Fund is recommended.

**Who:** Better Business Bureau (BBB) Serving Northern Indiana

**What:** Drive-up document shredding

**When:** Saturday, October, 14 - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - or until the truck is full

**Where:** Allen County War Memorial Coliseum **parking lot**, 4000 Parnell Avenue, Fort Wayne, 46805

## **Suggested documents to shred include:**

- Bank statements, pay stubs, and medical bills more than a year old
- Paid utility bills more than a month old
- Pre-approved credit card or loan solicitations
- ATM receipts
- Supporting tax documents more than seven years old



	<u>October 1st</u>	<u>October 8th</u>	<u>October 15th</u>	<u>October 22nd</u>	<u>October 29th</u>
	Camp	Janzow	WOV	WOV	LBW
<b>Organist/ Pianist</b>	N/A	Amanda Pickett	Alicia Davis		Amanda Pickett
<b>Lector 8:00 am</b>	Nancy Lee	Sue Johnson	Sue Davis	Kim Robinson	Cheryl Ralston
<b>Communion Assistant 8:00 am</b>	Richard Lee	Sue Johnson	Sue Davis	Kim Robinson	David York
<b>Lector 10:15 am</b>	Rebecca Norberg	Cathy Rumfield	Jim Davis	Nina Haag	Shane Pickett
<b>Communion Assistant 10:15 am</b>	Mike Rumfield	Becky Roemer	Dia Herb	Steve Haag	Alicia Davis
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	Mark Herb	Jim Davis	Amber Logan	Dia Herb	Rebecca Norberg