



*The Epiphany Star* ✨ *September 2023*

*Newsletter of Epiphany Lutheran Church  
Fort Wayne, Indiana*

Dear Epiphany,

The month of September is an exciting time in the life and mission of Epiphany Lutheran Church. Throughout the year we have collected all kinds of supplies: baby blankets, quilts, back-to-school supplies, soap, bath towels, etc. If you look in the main hallway there are over 1000 spiral bound notebooks on the shelves. Why? To help those in our world who are in need. The baby blankets are used to package up a baby layette that contains: a baby blanket, a receiving blanket, cloth diapers, diaper pins, a baby sweater/jacket, a hat, a long sleeved shirt and pair of pants, 2 pairs of socks, a hand towel and soap, and 2 short sleeved shirts. The quilts are made to be used for any number of needs: a source of comfort in a time of crisis, shelter, dinner table, or bedding to name a few. The soap is used to put together a "health kit:" a bath towel, soap, nail clippers, comb, and toothbrush., Then the back-to-school backpacks contain all of the things needs to help students get back into the routine of school.

On Sunday, September 10, 2023, will be gathering for our "God's Work, Our Hands Sunday" where all of the supplies will be packaged together, boxed and await the date of when they will be taken downtown to St. John's Lutheran Church. All of boxes will be loaded onto a semi-trailer for Lutheran World Relief. This is a major event. It takes all of us working together to make a difference. We will be gathering together at 9a.m.

Why do we do this? One of the mission points of Epiphany Lutheran Church is to reach out and share the "Love of Jesus" with our community and world. One way to do that is to supply people's basic needs in life: food, clothing and shelter. I believe when we help others we are deepening our faith and trust in Jesus the Christ. In 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 reads, "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:6-7 NRSV).

“God’s Work, Our Hands” is an opportunity for all of us to gather together for a cause and help those who really need assistance. It will do your heart good to mark on your calendar, Sunday, September 10 at 9a.m. to be here to participate.

See you then!  
Pastor Richard Hartman

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



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

**Dia:** Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Other times as needed  
Due to unexpected circumstances,  
these hours may be subject to change.

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# Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Epiphany's Quarterly Congregational Meeting  
is scheduled for Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am.  
Please plan to attend .

Breakfast will be served at 8:45 am.  
Please sign up so we know how much food to prepare.

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Plus our regular meeting updates from committees.  
All are welcome!

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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.



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

The Annual Breakfast with Chaplains will be September 12, 2023  
at Lutheran Life Villages on Glencairn Blvd.

We want each chaplain to attend so they can begin talking with  
agency leaders about 2024 activities  
and how they can become involved.

We also plan to invite all Pastors of our member congregations  
to our November 9<sup>th</sup> Ambassadors Meeting  
at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church.

Our planning team is making progress  
and will meet again in September.

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

Peace!

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September  
Bible  
Readings



**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

**September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**God's Work Our Hands**

Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

Genesis 50:15-21  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

**September 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

Jonah 3:10-4:11  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16



**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Join us for Worship this month!**

Every Sunday at 8:00 am  
and 10:15 am  
10:15 service on Facebook LIVE  
and on YouTube

Every Monday at 7:00 pm  
Worship  
**Please join us!**

| <i>Sunday</i>  | <i>Monday</i>  | <i>Tuesday</i>  | <i>We</i>                 |
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| <p><b>3 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br/>8:00 &amp; 10:15 am <b>Worship</b></p> <p>12:00-3:30pm <i>Zo Baptist</i><br/><i>Sunday School and Worship</i></p>   | <p><b>4</b><br/><b>Labor Day</b><br/>Office Closed</p> <p><b>No Grief Support</b></p>      | <p><b>5</b></p>   | <p><b>6</b><br/>10-12</p> |
| <p><b>10 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br/>8:00 &amp; 10:15 am <b>Worship</b><br/><b>“God’s Work Our Hands”</b><br/>Mission Sunday Activities 9:00</p> <p>12:00-3:30pm <i>Zo Baptist</i><br/><i>Sunday School and Worship</i></p> | <p><b>11</b><br/>8:00-3:00 NHC<br/>NE Homeschool<br/>Coop</p> <p><b>7:00pm Worship</b></p> | <p><b>12</b></p>  | <p><b>13</b></p>          |
| <p><b>17 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br/>8:00 &amp; 10:15 am <b>Worship</b></p> <p>8:45 am <b>Council Meeting</b></p> <p>12:00-3:30pm <i>Zo Baptist</i><br/><i>Sunday School and Worship</i></p>                                | <p><b>18</b><br/>8:00-3:00 NHC<br/>NE Homeschool<br/>Coop</p> <p><b>7:00pm Worship</b></p> | <p><b>19</b><br/><br/>6:00-7:30<br/>Concord Hills/Library</p> | <p><b>20</b></p>          |
| <p><b>24 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br/>8:00 &amp; 10:15 am <b>Worship</b><br/><b>9:00 am Quarterly Congregational Mtg</b></p> <p>12:00-3:30pm <i>Zo Baptist</i><br/><i>Sunday School and Worship</i></p>                      | <p><b>25</b><br/>8:00-3:00 NHC<br/>NE Homeschool<br/>Coop</p> <p><b>7:00pm Worship</b></p> | <p><b>26</b></p>  | <p><b>27</b></p>          |

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## Mission Moment September 2023

September 10th is God's Work Our Hands Day!  
We will need a lot of volunteers to help us assemble the kits.

Cindy and I have been diligently working on keeping up  
with all the donations. We are truly blessed.  
Thank you for all the donations!

September we will be donating food to the Associated Churches Food Bank.  
They have requested the food have pop tops and microwaveable items are great!  
I was told many are homeless or do not have a stove.

Items most needed are:

Peanut Butter, crackers, jelly, powdered milk (a much-needed delicacy),  
macaroni and cheese, canned meats, packets of rice or potatoes, cereal,  
canned fruit and vegetables.

When shopping, keep in mind easily accessible items.  
If you want to drop off a donation, Cindy and I will grocery shop for you.

We ended August with reaching our goal for the quilts.  
A big thank you to all who work on these quilts.  
We also took donated clothing to Concordia Lutheran Seminary.

Blessings, Vickie and Cindy



## September Baptismal Birthdays

*Steve Auman Vera Burton*

*Charlene Schroeder Amber Logan*

*Zoey Osheskie Becky Roemer*

*Reagan Hopkins*

*Jessica Hopkins Colton Hopkins*

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

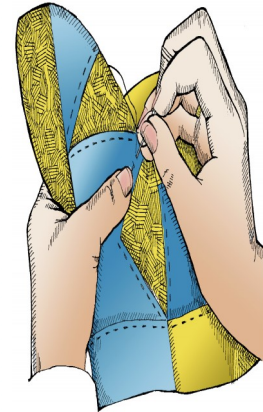


### Comfort Ye My People

We are meeting September 6th and 9th this month.  
That is Wednesday and Saturday 10:00-12:00.

We are getting close to the time we have to box all the quilts up to send to LWR.  
We have October 4th and 7th  
Then blessing and boxing on the 15th.

If you can tie a knot or use a straight pin, you can be a quilter! These quilts can be critically important in the lives of those who receive them, not only as bed covers but also as baby carriers, sunshades, room dividers, and sacks and displays for market merchandise. Please consider joining our group, and help us to be a blessing to others!



QUILTING GROUP

### **4th Annual Recovery Rocks Fort Wayne Sunday September 10th 2-6pm At Sweetwater Performance Pavilion Free to Attend**

**Look forward to an afternoon of engagement for all ages!**

**Recovery Rocks brings together speakers and resources to increase awareness and to end the stigma surrounding mental health and substance use disorders.**

**Important information if you or a loved one suffers from substance abuse disorder or other mental health issues.**

**60 resource tables    Live music    Food Trucks    Kids Activities**

**Raffle and Silent Auction    Peer recovery coaches on site**

**Wall of remembrance for those lost & Wall of Hope for those in Recovery.**

# The RIPPLE EFFECT of Mental Illness

Having a mental illness can make it challenging to live everyday life and maintain recovery. Beyond the individual, these challenges ripple out through our families, our communities, and our world.



People with serious mental illness have an increased risk for chronic disease, like diabetes or cancer

## PERSON



Rates of cardiometabolic disease are twice as high in adults with serious mental illness



34% of U.S. adults with mental illness also have a substance use disorder



At least **8.4 million** Americans provide care to an adult with an emotional or mental illness

## FAMILY



Caregivers spend an average of **32 hours** per week providing unpaid care



**21%** of unhoused people experience serious mental illness

## COMMUNITY



Depressive disorders are the **#1** cause of hospitalization for people aged **<18** after excluding those related to pregnancy and birth



**20%** of U.S. Veterans experience mental illness

Psychosis spectrum and mood disorders lead to nearly **600k** hospitalizations per year for people aged 18-44



## WORLD



Depression is a leading cause of disability worldwide



Depression and anxiety disorders cost the global economy **\$1 trillion** each year in lost productivity

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

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**NAMI**  
National Alliance on Mental Illness

| <b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>               | <b><u>Sept 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b> | <b><u>Sept 10<sup>th</sup></u></b> | <b><u>Sept 17<sup>th</sup></u></b> | <b><u>Sept 24<sup>th</sup></u></b> |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|   | Camp                              | God's Work                         | WOV                                | WOV                                |
| <b>Organist/<br/>Pianist</b>            | None                              | Alicia Davis                       | Amanda Pickett                     | Amanda Pickett                     |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>               | Mark Herb                         | Amber Logan                        | Rebecca Norberg                    | Jim Davis                          |
| <b>Lector<br/>8:00 am</b>               | Sue Johnson                       | Nancy Lee                          | Kim Robinson                       | Cheryl Ralston                     |
| <b>Communion Assistant<br/>8:00 am</b>  | Sue Johnson                       | Richard Lee                        | Kim Robinson                       | Dave York                          |
| <b>Lector<br/>10:15 am</b>              | Alicia Davis                      | Mike Rumfield                      | Melissa Hartman                    | Becky Roemer                       |
| <b>Communion Assistant<br/>10:15 am</b> | Cathy Rumfield                    | Steve Haag                         | Dia Herb                           | Mark Herb                          |