



EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reflecting God's generosity by serving and caring

THE EPIPHANY STAR

May & June 2026

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026 | 9:00AM

9:00am-Celebration Worship with Mortgage Burning Liturgy

10:00am-Catered Brunch (free will offering)

STORIES FROM AFRICA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 | 2:00PM

Come here about Winnis Buesing's travels to Africa. Snacks provided. A free will offering will benefit the general fund.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 | 9:00AM

Join us in celebrating and giving thanks for the work God has done in the lives of our high school seniors.

MANKATO MOONDOGS GAME

SUNDAY, MAY 31 | 5:05PM

\$12/ticket includes admission to the game, a hotdog, chips, and beverage. Reserve your tickets at the Green Bulletin Board!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

MONDAY, MAY 4 & JUNE 1 | 11:30AM

Bring a lunch or snack and join us for a discussion on one of the Psalms.

LIVING WITH GRIEF

MAY 13, 20, 27 | 6:00PM

As humans, we experience loss and heartache for many different reasons. Grief is a part of our lives, and while death often brings about grief, grief is not limited to situations involving the death of a loved one. Whether you are grieving, or care about someone who is, this series will provide resources to help work through grief and give opportunities to support one another in the hope we have in the resurrected Jesus.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 | 1-6PM

Give the gift of life by donating blood, right here at Epiphany! American Red Cross blood drives now take place at Epiphany six times a year. This means you can give regularly and not have to worry about finding a new location each time! Register online today!

PRAYER SERVICE

FRIDAYS AT 9:00AM

Do you have prayer concerns but can't make it to the prayer service? Email Pastor Sarah and we will lift up your concerns during our Friday Service.

QUILTERS UPDATE

The quilters recently donated 12 quilts to the residents at Connections Shelter. With the news of their being open year round, we will be donating one quilt a month. We are also making baby blankets, which will be a part of the Newborn Kits for Global Health Ministries in the fall.

We are again working on the church's quilt for the Green Lake Bible Camp Quilt Auction. The dates of the auction are July 24-25 and it helps provide funding for summer camp programming, service opportunities, retreat ministry, and so much more. We ask the congregation to help us name the quilt in the coming weeks!

This quilt was designed and made by Winnis Buesing. We would like to thank Lisa Nagel for donating the quilting.

Summer 2026

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 22-26 | 8:30AM-11:30AM

Location: Christ the King Lutheran Church

For students entering Kindergarten-Grade 6

Cost: \$25 (Scholarships available)

Scan the QR Code below to register!

SERVICE & SUN

JUNE 22-24 | 8:30AM-5:00PM

For students entering grade 6-12 next year

Cost: \$20/day (scholarships available)

Scan the QR Code below to register!

SCAN HERE

TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER FUN!



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

MONDAYS AT 6:30PM

Begins June 1

What does Jesus have to say about tough topics like anger, our enemies, and anxiety? How did Jesus address his disciples? Join us for a summer series on the Sermon on the Mount as we grapple with the challenging teachings that Jesus sets before us in Matthew chapters 5-7.

SUMMER READ

OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH BY LIISA EYERLY

Discussion Date TBD

This murder mystery set in biblical times is sure to keep you on your toes! In late summer, we will schedule a time to gather and discuss the book. Books can be purchased on amazon. Learn more about this first book of a series and the author at liisaeyerly.com.

...AND MORE!

Keep an eye on the bulletin for more ways to serve and learn through the summer months.

Financial Update

General Fund		
	March 2026	Year-to-Date 2026
Income	16,094	34,878
Expenses	-13,373	-36,336
Net Change	2,721	-1,458

Endowment Fund	
Beg Balance 1/1/26	32,004.86
Ministry growth Fund Additions	0.00
Market Change	960.75
Ending Balance 2/28/26	32,965.61

Property Fund Balance 3/31/26	13,287.39
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WHERE DOES MY GIVING TO THE BUILDING FUND GO?

Following the completion of our mortgage, giving to the building fund (through online giving or by indicating on your giving envelope) means those funds go into the property designated fund. Those funds can then only be used for property maintenance and improvements.

When it comes to property issues, money can be moved from the general fund to the property fund, but not the other way around.

WHEN WILL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS BEGIN?

We recognize that there are a variety of needs and wants associated with building improvements, now that the mortgage is paid off. A team of volunteers is meeting in May to help prioritize these desires. From there, the property team and church council will work to begin projects and keep the congregation informed of updates.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM GRANTS

Epiphany has several new opportunities to serve our community this summer by providing water to parade participants and supporting a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. If you have the ability to apply for a Thrivent Action Team Grant and would like to help support one of these new endeavors, please speak with Pastor Sarah.

From the Pastor's Pen

“Moreover, that whole generation was gathered to their ancestors, and another generation grew up after them, who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.” -Judges 2:10

How do we work to ensure that future generations know about the LORD? Is there anything that can be done to prevent the tragedy of unbelief from the book of judges from occurring in our own community?

These questions, and this verse, have been rumbling through my mind for quite some time now. The reality is, there is no perfect program or marketing campaign that will make people jockey for a seat in our pews.

Thanks be to God, we know that the story did not end with that citation from judges, and in fact there was a remnant of believers (or else the story would not have been able to continue!). As we continue to grapple with how we can be faithful stewards of our building, our finances, and our time, we must consider how we are sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ at every opportunity. In the midst of changes and growth opportunities, we can hold fast to the promise that God's Word does not return empty (Isaiah 55:11), and that the Holy Spirit is at work creating faith and forming community where it wills (John 3:8). For our call is not to manufacture faith, but to be faithful to the one who does.

As we step into the future together, let us do so with confidence in the promise of Jesus, holding fast to the identity given to us in baptism, and being intentional about proclaiming the goodness of God to all generations.

Peace,
Pastor Sarah

Church Council Meeting 4/20/2026

Call to Order: 7:06 pm

Members Present: Linda Arndt, Sue Edstrom, Colleen Hall, Marlyn Mosher, Becky Overholser, Kari Severson, Pastor Sarah

Members Absent: Bernita Geving, Dave Kerr, Joel Nielsen, Katie Sieberg

Devotion – Pastor Sarah

Prayerful Preparation – Kari Severson

New Council Member -Motion to approve Linda Arndt as a new council member: Becky Overholser. Second: Marlyn Mosher. All in favor, motion carried.

Opening Question – Colleen Hall

Agenda review – additions/changes Motion to approve with the addition of the Pastor's report: Becky Overholser. Second: Colleen Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of minutes from February 16, 2026 (no meeting in March). Motion to approve : Becky Overholser. Second: Linda Arndt. All in favor- motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Motion to approve new member Eric Natwick: Linda Arndt. Second: Becky Overholser. All in favor, motion carried.
Upcoming events – Crommert Cowboy/Meat Raffle Saturday April 25th; Synod Assembly May 2nd, Pastor Sarah, Colleen Hall and Deb Lee attending; 40th Anniversary Celebration May 17th; Pastor Sarah will be the Synod Youth Event Coordinator and will be mentoring a seminary student. Ideas for several projects: if there is help/support with creating videos/ Volunteer training videos and Devotional videos in the summer months.

Treasurer's report - Financial Statement review. See Treasurers report for additional details. Motion to approve: Sue Edstrom. Second: Colleen Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills to be paid – Motion to approve: Colleen Hall. Second: Marlyn Mosher. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – Need to look at how to proceed with the cleaning of the trees and grounds in the grove and trimming the bushes outside the kitchen windows.

Committee Updates:

Worship- May 10th is graduation recognition, not sure yet who will be attending. Setting up for Pentecost May 24th. July 26th will be Christmas in July. August 23rd is the outdoor service. September 13th will be Breakfast Church. They served a scrapbooking meal this past weekend.

Fellowship – Night with the Moon Dogs will be on May 31st. More information to come,

Evangelism, Education and Outreach (EEO) - Researching areas for donating Noisy Offering in neighboring towns of St. Clair and Madison Lake. Looking at offering a water station at the end of the Tator Day Parade in place of being in the parade.

Property and Stewardship-

Will be looking for 1 more quote and suggestions for flooring in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary. Two quotes have been received.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve changing our garbage service from a 2-yard container to (2) 96 gal. containers for substantial savings: Marlyn Mosher. Second: Linda Arndt. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion on doing some rearranging to better utilize spaces.

Next meeting date: 05/17/2026

Question & Treats: Dave Kerr

Adjourn and Close with Lord's Prayer

Motion to Adjourn at 8:17: Marlyn Mosher

Respectfully submitted, Sue Edstrom

Check AED – Pastor Sarah

Sunday Morning Volunteers

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Greeter	Larry & Bernita Geving	Jolene Damman Howard Gibbons	Joel & Donna Nielsen	Mike & Linda Arndt	Deb & Brian Fingerson
Reader	Lisa Nagel	Kathy Gerdes	Kari Severson	Dave Overholser	Katie Sieberg
Communion Servers	Colleen Hall Winnis Buesing	Linda Arndt Terry Johnson	Deb Lee Kathy Chatelaine Donna Nielsen	Dave & Becky Overholser	Payton Hillesheim Beth Rossow
Ushers	Jane Carter Duane Anderson	Amy Ely Tom Wellner	Dean Nagel Ray Weber	Joe Fisher Bob Brunz	Jane Carter Duane Anderson
Acolyte/Slides	Eli	Gavin	Grace	Sheldon	Harvey
Open/Close	Bernita Geving Dave Kerr	Kari Severson Katie Sieberg	Sue Edstrom Colleen Hall	Linda Arndt Marlyn Mosher	Becky Overholser Joel Nielsen
Counters	Dave Kerr Duane Anderson	Bruce Sieberg Dave Overholser	Linda Arndt Patty Adams	Theresa Mosher Sue Brunz	Bruce Sieberg Dave Overholser
Altar Guild	Susan Brunz Cheryl Wellner	Susan Brunz Cheryl Wellner	Patty Adams Donna Nielsen	Patty Adams Linda Arndt	Becky Overholser Vickie Huebl
Fellowship	Terry Krook; Tom Wellner & Terry Johnson	Cheryl Wellner; Ann Stensrud; Patty Adams	40 th Anniversary Celebration	Carol Krueger; Joel & Donna Nielsen	Sieberg Family; Mark & Beth Rossow

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Greeter	Dale & Colleen Hall	Larry & Bernita Geving	Keith & Sue Edstrom	Joel & Donna Nielsen
Reader	Carol Regnier	Marlyn Mosher	Amy Ely	Joel Nielsen
Communion Servers	Susan Brunz Linda Arndt	Carol Regnier Donna Nielsen	Amy Ely Winnis Buesing	Payton Hillesheim Becky Overholser
Ushers	Tom Wellner Terry Johnson	Dean Nagel Ray Weber	Joe Fisher Bob Brunz	Jane Carter Duane Anderson
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Open/Close	Bernita Geving Dave Kerr	Kari Severson Katie Sieberg	Sue Edstrom Colleen Hall	Pastor Sarah Marlyn Mosher
Counters	Dave Kerr Duane Anderson	Bruce Sieberg Dave Overholser	Linda Arndt Patty Adams	Theresa Mosher Sue Brunz
Altar Guild	Becky Overholser Vickie Huebl	Donna Nielsen Amy Ely	Donna Nielsen Amy Ely	Sarah Weber Lisa Nagel
Fellowship	Dale & Colleen Hall; Dave & Judy Kerr	Linda Arndt; Deloris Mosher; Dawn Braam	Bob & Susan Brunz; Ray & Sarah Weber	Winnis Buesing; Larry & Bernita Geving

We know the summer months can be busy! If you are unable to fulfil your volunteer position, and cannot find someone to cover for you, please let the office know as soon as possible.

NOTES FOR PEOPLE PROVIDING FELLOWSHIP TREATS:

- If you are leaving food or beverages to be used the following week, please communicate that with the upcoming people scheduled to serve. That way, they can prepare accordingly, and we avoid food going bad in the kitchen.
- As we do not have a commercial kitchen or the appropriate licenses, please avoid using the kitchen to prepare food. Food should be ready to place on serving trays when it arrives. Thank you!



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News Deadline

Sunday Bulletin: **Noon on Wednesday**
 Newsletter: **Tuesday, June 16**

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Schedule of Events

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| May 4 | Women’s Bible Study |
| May 6 | Stories from Africa |
| May 10 | Graduation Sunday |
| May 13 | <i>Living with Grief</i> begins |
| May 17 | 40 th Anniversary Celebration |
| May 18 | Committee and Council Meetings |
| May 31 | Mankato MoonDogs Game |
| June 1 | Women’s Bible Study |
| June 1 | <i>Sermon on the Mount</i> Bible Study begins |
| June 15 | Committee and Council Meetings |
| June 18 | American Red Cross Blood Drive |
| June 22-26 | Vacation Bible School |
| June 22-24 | Service & Sun |

