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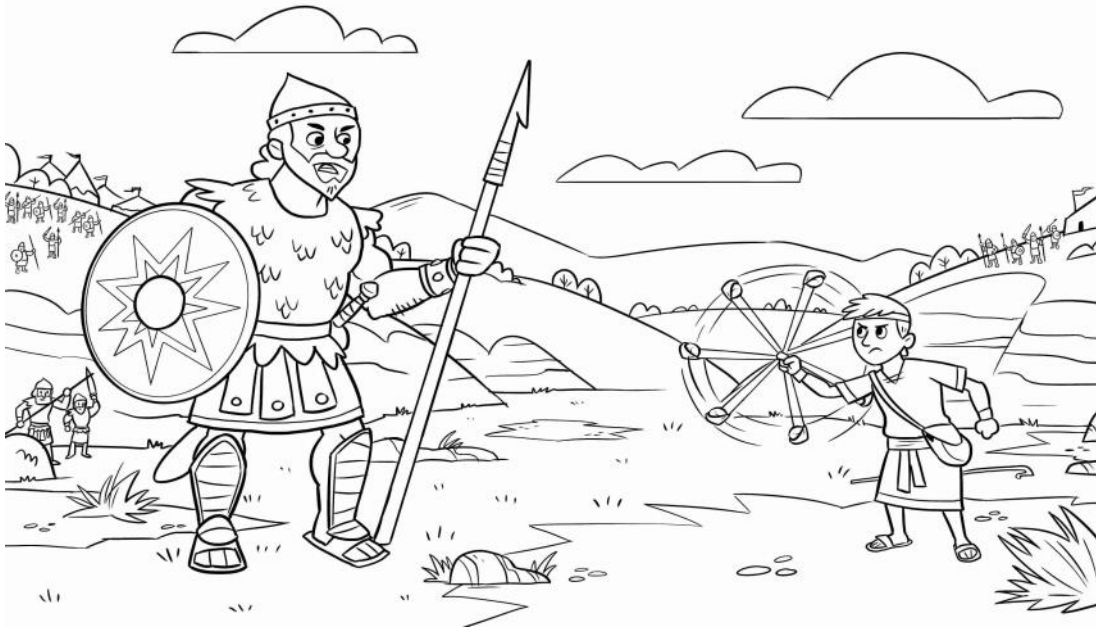
“Reflecting God’s generosity by serving and caring.”

THE EPIPHANY STAR

May 2022

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**Sunday, May 15th during worship,
Faith Formation and Epiphany Choir presents:**

The Giant Slayer

Look forward to this up-beat musical called the **GIANT SLAYER**. Based on the Biblical story of David and Goliath, a young lad takes on the impossible and comes out on top. This message of hope in this challenging age, presented through great melodies, contemporary rhythms and a simple script will hit you between the eyes!



*Sunday Worship
9:00 a.m.
View Online Worship
on Facebook or the
Epiphany webpage*



Get On The Beam

You are invited to participate in the Habitat for Humanity of South Central MN "Get on the Beam" Campaign. The "beam" is a 2X4 located

leaning up inside the front doors in the Narthex. Please place a donation in the attached bank and sign the beam. The beam will become part of the framework for a Habitat house in our local community and your donations will purchase building materials. Thank you for your contribution toward providing affordable housing for our neighbors in need.

The beam will be picked up the week of May 23.

Mission Support for Pastor Kristin Engstrom

The Epiphany family has the opportunity through the Global Mission at the ELCA to support Pastor Kristin Engstrom, currently a missionary in Zambia. Pastor Kristin led our confirmation students from December through February and also led worship for us multiple times over the last 6 months. As a congregation, we will support her through prayer and communication, and invite you to support her financially, as well. If you are interested, go to ELCA.org/YAGM and click on GIVE NOW

Service Ministry

Greeters, scripture readers, and coffee fellowship servers are needed each Sunday morning.. Thank you to all who have been generous with their time to help fulfill these important tasks. We are using a signup sheet that is posted on the Happenings Board for volunteer opportunities. Please check it out! Singles, couples, teens, and families are encouraged to signup for a date that is convenient in your schedule.



Star Light Preschool

Do you have extra time in your day that you may want to fill with something rewarding? Star Light is looking for subs to fill-in when employee's need time off. If you are interested or have questions please contact Kathy at 507-257-3502 or email at teachepiphanykids@gmail.com.

Little Pantry

Our Little Pantry started running low on many items. We could use donations of the following items or monetary donations are always welcome. Please add little pantry to memo line of any checks.

- Cereal
- Jelly/Jam
- Syrup
- Pancake Mix
- Condiments-ketchup, mustard, bbq
- Pasta Sauce
- Hamburger, Tuna, Chicken Helper/Skillet Meals
- Boxed/Pouch Potatoes Scalloped, Cheesy, Mashed
- Canned meat-Vienna Sausages, Potted Meat, Ham, Hash, Swanson Chicken Dumplings
- Sausage Gravy

Hygiene Products:

- Women's Shampoo/ Conditioner
- Deodorant Men's and Women's
- Bar Soap
- Razors-Women's

Special Thanks From Noah

Dear Epiphany,
Thank you very much for having me as a guest for your Lenten series. It was my pleasure to meet ya'll! You had the perfect spot to build my ark. I wish you the best as you start your new journey with a new pastor! Keep your Faith as your foundation, obey and "listen" to God's commands, trust in him and believe in his saving promises he's made for you! Keep caring for each other and God's creation!
Fair winds to all and Nautical Blessings!
-Noah



Hy-Vee Grocery Receipts

We continue to accept Hy-Vee grocery receipts as a fundraiser for Star Light Early Learning Center.



Please deposit them in the specially marked box located in the entryway.

Thank you to all who saved their Hy-Vee grocery receipts for Star Light. We recently received a check for \$123.00 from Hy-Vee. Thanks to Winnis Buesing for volunteering to handle this fundraiser.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Southeastern Minnesota Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



A congregational meeting was held on Sunday, April 24. This special meeting provided Epiphany's members the opportunity to place their vote to accept the Call Committee and Church Council's recommendation to call a new Pastor.

Pastor Sarah Deutsch served at Immanuel Lutheran in George, IA from 2017 until 2021. Pastor Sarah is married to Aaron, who serves as the pastor at Resurrection Lutheran in Mankato. They have two small children, a boy and a girl, and a family dog. The family relocated to Mankato in the fall of 2021.

The result of this congregational vote was unanimous with 55 'yes' votes.

Bishop Regina Hassanally was notified to proceed with the official call to Pastor Sarah. After she receives the official call, Pastor Sarah will have 30 days to accept or decline.

Pastor Sarah has agreed to be our Pulpit Supply Minister for the first two Sundays of May. Her estimated start day is May 15th.

2022 Synod Assembly

This year the Southeastern Synod Assembly will meet on Saturday, May 7 at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center. The theme for this year's assembly is 'Imagine: Endless Possibilities in God's Grace'.

Epiphany will not have a representative at the assembly this year; however, please pray for those who meet to discuss the important business of our synod.

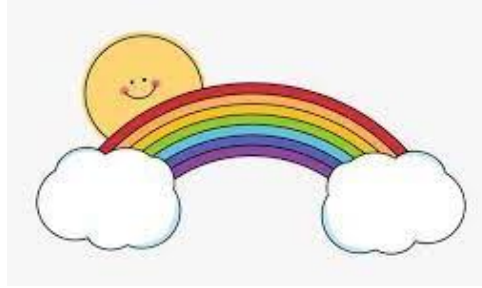
The President and the Council Members wish to thank the Star Light Learning Center, children, parents and teachers for their dedication and sharing the children's talents and singing to our congregation! The delightful sounds of children's voices through out our church makes us all smile with joy!!

Planning Meeting

Serving, Caring and Generosity planning meeting. Everyone is invited to join us following worship on Sunday, May 15 to continue discussion of your ideas for things you'd like to see or explore at Epiphany. Please come share your ideas! We hope to see you there.

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• Please signup to help serve as greeters, scripture readers, or to bring treats and serve coffee
• fellowship. The signup sheet is posted on the Happenings Board. Thank you for volunteering!
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	May1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Greeters:		Laurie & Kathy Gerdes	Korey Leiferman & Ryan Hatfield		
Reader:	Joel Nielsen	Kathy Gerdes	Carol Regnier		
Open/ Close:	Heidi Johnson & Michael Sorensen	Jan Lange & Melissa Fisher	Kari Severson & Amy Ely	Korey Leiferman & Katie Sieberg	Duane Anderson & Becky Overholser
Acolyte:			Ryan Hatfield		
Altar Guild:	Donna Nielsen & Amy Ely	Susan Brunz & Carol Regnier	Susan Brunz & Carol Regnier	Deb Fingerson & Patty Adams	Deb Fingerson & Patty Adams
Counters:	Lisa Nagel & Sarah Weber	Dave Overholser & Tom Wellner	Tricia Purrier & Amy Ely	Colleen Hall & Melissa Fisher	Lisa Nagel & Sarah Weber
Fellowship:	Donna Nielsen & Linda Arndt	Winnis &			



May News 2022

It is already May and that means Preschool Graduation!! It is true, some of our friends are ready for the next step. They have grown physically and socially with all the knowledge they need for kindergarten. This year we have a small group of 6 friends, and they have chosen a rainbow theme. That is also our “color” of the month! RAINBOW



This month we will be learning about important women in the Bible, Noah’s Ark with all the animals, what we want to be when we grow up and celebrating MOMS



We would like to invite all the Moms/Grand moms on May 6 to join us for “MOMS and MUFFINS Tea Party” at 9:30am. (Aunts or surrogate moms are also welcome!)



A few things going on this month

Please remind your families they are welcome to join us on May 26 at 6:30 to celebrate our graduates. All Star Light families are welcome to join as well to say congratulations!

We are CLOSED Monday May 30 for Memorial Day.

Reminders: All our playground equipment is here, and we are hoping to start building this April 29—May 1. Weather permitting.

Weather changes here in MN, please remember to bring extra shoes and cloths for the children, we go outside every chance we get!

In July we will probably be in the Eagle Lake Parade. We would love for you to join! More information to come!



P r a i s e

- Pastor Maggie Falenschek for serving as our guest pastor.
- Audrey Rieck, Dave & Becky Overholser, Donna Nielsen, Laurie & Kathy Gerdes, and Alan Baer for sorting the plastic being collected to earn a bench.
- Linda Arndt, Winnis Busing & Donna Nielsen delivered 15 quilts to Lutheran World Relief for distribution.
- Jan Lange and the Epiphany Choir and special vocalists for leading worship.
- Pastor Neil Westby for blessing communion
- Jan Lange, Regan Oian Vust, Jaylee Ely & Mr. Noah (Dave Overholser) for leading the Wednesday Lenten service.
- Ryan Hatfield for running the projector.
- Jager Heidemann for running the projector.
- Jan Lange and Jane Carter for their beautiful music.
- Star Light Learning Center children for singing in worship.
- Cheryl Wellner, Sue and Keith Edstrom and Colleen Hall for providing the special fellowship treats on Easter Sunday.
- Dave Overholser for getting the palm branches for Palm Sunday.
- Dave & Becky Overholser, Sis Mosher, Carol Regnier & Linda Arndt for decorating for Easter Service.
- Shelly Walker at Hy-Vee Floral for her assistance with ordering the flowers.
- Mike Arndt for help in delivering the Palm Trees and flowers.

P r a y e r s

- Chris Hughes**
Barbra Ries, sister of Patty Adams
Carol Asmus
Linda Kiecker
Barb Arndt, sister-in-law of Mike and Linda Arndt
Ralph Buesing
Neil Westby
Henry Hansen, nephew of Deb Lawson
Wyatt, great nephew of Linda Kiecker
Chris Price, friend of Winnis Buesing
Mark Buesing, Buesing's nephew
Barb Youell, sister of Marylss Johnson
Phyllis Regnier, mother of Carol Regnier
Terry Weber Johnson, ankle surgery and recovery
Dorothy Oachs
Matt Anderson
Marlyce Nordby
Winnis Buesing
Harvey Anderson Neighbor of Epiphany and Friend to Eagle Lake

All who serve in our military including:
Regan Geving, grandson of Larry and Bernita, serving in the Navy
Garrison Pfeffer serving in the Air Force



Easter Flowers In Memory of

- Our Parents—given by John & Jan Hobbs*
Dean Mosher—given by Dawn & Mark Braam
John & Marjorie Pratten—given by Sue & Larry Kuster
Debbie Wiens—given by Deloris Mosher
Dean Mosher—given by Deloris Mosher
Our Parents—given by Mike and Linda Arndt
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The Yarger Family—given by Dale & Colleen Hall
The Hall Family—given by Dale & Colleen Hall
Barb Enz—given by Jim Enz & Tracy Enz
Our Loved Ones—given by Mark & Vickie Huebl
Maynard & Annel Jacobson—given by Alan & Becky Baer
Art & Doris Baer—given by Alan & Becky Baer
Natasha Oian Vust—given by Regan, Nadia, Brenda & Gary Oian Vust
Pete, Grace & Mike Plankers—given by Keith & Sue Edstrom
Luverne Edstrom—given by Keith & sue Edstrom
Davis & Mayme Renneke—given by Ralph & Winnis Buesing
Herb & Violet Buesing—given by Ralph & Winnis Buesing
Dan Anderson—given by The Sieberg Family
Mary Joan Phillips—given by The Sieberg Family
Larry Stensrud—given by Ann Stensrud
Tim Johnson—given by Barb Johnson & Family
Jack Johnson—given by Dave & Judy Kerr
Don & Dolorous Kerr—given by Dave & Judy Kerr
Our Grandparents—given by Lisa & Dean Nagel
Arthur Nagel—given by Lisa & Dean Nagel
My Parents— given by Linda Kiecker
Dennis Rieck—given by Audrey Rieck
Barb Enz—given by Jim Enz & Family

Easter Flowers In Honor of

- Deloris Mosher—given by Dawn & Mark Braam*
Charlie, Leo, Audrey, Elaina & Ethan—given by Bob & Susan Brunz
My son, his wife & his children— given by Linda Kiecker
Of my children – given by Audrey Rieck
Of my Grandchildren given by Audrey Rieck

In Gods Glory

Given by Laurie & Kathy Gerdes

Our church family living with cancer:
Sue Nasinec, Gloria Ideker



Christian sympathy to the family of Dick and Marlyce Nordby on the passing of their son, Dick Jr. on April 19th.



April 18, 2022

Call to Order: 6:33 pm

Members Present: Amy Ely, Duane Anderson, Melissa Fisher, Becky Overholser, Katie Sieberg, Kari Severson, Korey Leiferman

Members Absent: Heidi Johnson, Michael Sorenson

Devotion – No (We will keep this on the agenda and ask each month if someone has one in particular, if not, we will go to the next agenda item).

Prayerful preparation – Duane Anderson

Opening question – Becky Overholser

Agenda review – Katie Sieberg made a motion to approve the agenda, Kari Severson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carries.

Approval of minutes from March 10, 2022 Council Meeting and the March 30, 2022 Special Meeting (with Call Committee) – Becky Overholser made a motion approve the meeting minutes for both meetings. All in favor, motion carries.

Treasurer's report - Financial Statement review. See Treasurer's report for details.

Amy Ely made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Melissa Fisher seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills to be paid with and the transfer of \$902.53 from General to Building. Amy Ely made a motion to approve the Bills to be paid, Korey Leiferman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Preschool Report – Korey Leiferman – both March 14th and April 11th Starlight meetings written reports.

Pastor report: None

OLD BUSINESS

Property – Weather-stripping in the front door will be fixed this week. Will check on the bathroom exhaust fan. Dean Nagel will check on the lights in the sanctuary and will be chopping up the fallen tree on the west side of the property. We need to check into the sign light because it does not shine on the Star Light sign. There is something with the city about illuminating the street.

Confirmation – Ended on the last Lenten service. The plan is to start up again in the fall, though will recommend a new pastor to meet with the students at sometime this summer since many will be in.

Pulpit Supply – Maggie Falenschek will be here on April 24 and we have another pastor for the first two weeks of May.

Committee Night Discussion – Katie Sieberg and Amy Ely gave a review of the night, the ideas people had, the action taken (Thank You for Pastor Maggie and welcoming the new pastor), and that we will do another meeting after worship on May 15.

Copier update – New copier at \$274/month – includes lease and Metro Sales agreement. Does copy 10 pages/min. slower. Currently paying \$257/month.

Jan Lange makes a motion to get a new lease on a copy machine from Metro Sales, Amy Ely seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

Zoom account – We were billed for the first month and getting a refund on the second month that was billed. Cancelled the account.

WiFi – Jan will provide two router extenders she has to see if that helps with service in both the Community Room and the education wing.

Garbage contract – Increased garbage pick-up to every week due to increase in garbage from Star Light (more kids, more diapers). Becky Overholser and Duane Anderson are doing an overall utility analysis to see what we need to propose to Star Light for additional expenses. We will do this at the next council meeting.

2022 Councils as Leaders meeting debrief – Becky and Duane attended in Owatonna in March. Duane attended breakouts for responsibilities of Council officers and on redoing the Constitution. Becky attended a breakout session on Stewardship.

NEW BUSINESS

Call committee update – Duane completing paperwork received from the Synod and working with Becky on compensation package.

Review of benefits and compensation package – Duane covered.

Finalize plan for Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 24 – Details discussed and finalized.

Adjourn and close with the Lord’s Prayer

Motion to adjourn by Kari Severson

Next meeting date: May 16, 2022

Question: Kari Severson

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Sieberg



The next church council meeting is May 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Financial Report as of March 31, 2022

General Fund

For the Month:

Beginning Balance 3/1/2022	\$ 16,768
Monthly Receipts	14,910
Monthly Expenses	<u>(6,241)</u>
Ending Balance 3/31/2022	25,436

Year to Date:

Beg Balance 1/1/2022	\$11,157
Year-to-date Receipts	34,261
Year-to-date Expenses	<u>(19,981)</u>
Ending Balance 3/31/22	25,436

Mortgage Fund

Beginning Balance 3/1/2022	\$3,403
Income	\$3,011
Expenses	<u>(3,011)</u>
Ending Balance 3/31/2022	\$3,403

Year-to-date Receipts	\$5,914
Year-to-date Transfer from Gen	\$3,118
Year-to-date Expenses	(9,032)

2022 Church Council

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NEWS DEADLINE

Sunday Bulletin: **Noon on Wednesday**

Newsletter: **The 15th of the month**

Editor: Shelly Ingram

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Schedule of Events

Each Wednesday -

Quilting & Sewing 9 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

May 8 Mothers Day

May 9 Preschool Council Meeting 6:30

May 15 The Giant Slayer Musical

May 15 Planning Meeting

May 15 Laurie Thorstad Recital 1:30

May 16 Council Meeting 6:30

