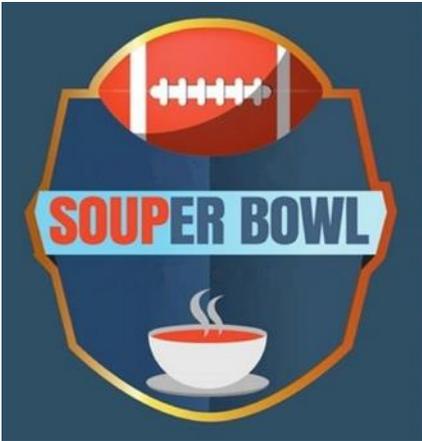


“Reflecting God’s generosity by serving and caring.”



THE EPIPHANY STAR

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



February 12, 2023

During the month of February, consider donating dry soup mixes to the Little Pantry here at Epiphany. On Super Bowl Sunday, we will also take a special noisy offering (with a little competition thrown in) during worship.

On Sunday, February 12, Faith Formation students (children and adults alike) will learn more about how they can be a part of the Little Pantry here at Epiphany!

ASH WEDNESDAY

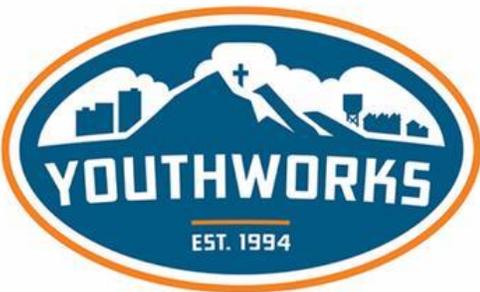
Wednesday, February 22

6:30pm

Join us for worship as we enter the season of lent in repentance. At this service, we pay special attention to our mortality and sinfulness, which leave us completely dependent on God for salvation. We will take part in the tradition of receiving Ashes, as well as receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.



HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP MEEETING



All students who are currently in grades 9-12 are invited to come to an informational meeting regarding a summer mission trip to the Quad Cities, July 16-July 21.

The meeting will be held **Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30pm** (during high school youth group). We will discuss cost, fundraisers, and chaperones. All registration forms will be available at this time.

Students are encouraged to have a caring adult in attendance. Registrations and deposits will be due by Sunday, March 5.

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Join Us for
WORSHIP

*Sunday Worship
9:00 a.m.*

*View Online Worship on
Facebook or the
Epiphany webpage*



Women's Bible Study

Monday, February 6 @ 11:30am

We will continue our study of women in the Old Testament. Bring your lunch and join us for fellowship and conversation about the first two chapters in the book of Ruth.

UFO Saturday-February 4

UnFinished Objects

Are you experiencing any UFO's? Epiphany will be open 9am-8pm, Cost of \$20 (proceeds will go to church general fund).



Ideas: scrapbook, card making, quilting, crafts, organizing supplies.

Bring your projects/supplies, your own food and beverage. Enjoy the company of others and get those projects done! No registration needed – come and go as you need.

Pastor Sarah's Seminar

Monday, February 27 @ 6:30pm

Topic: Revelation

The book of Revelation is one that is difficult, and even frightening to read independently. There are even some Christians who use this book as an attempt to predict the future or scare people into believing in Jesus.

Join us for a conversation about the Lutheran teaching, and the beautiful message of Jesus' victory that we receive in the last book of the Bible.



Offering Counter Meeting

Sunday, February 5 @ 10:00am

All counters are asked to gather for a brief meeting following worship on Sunday, February 5. While things have been going well, we want to make sure all counters are on the same page and are filling out forms in the same way each Sunday. This is a great time to ask questions or share helpful hints with the other counters!

Volunteers are needed to help facilitate activities during Sunday morning Faith Formation.

Everything will be prepped for you, and you will receive the activities ahead of time so that you can read through them if you wish.

If you are willing to help ONCE A MONTH or less, either by facilitating conversation with adults, or leading activities with children, please speak with Pastor Sarah.



Weekly at Epiphany Lutheran Church

Sunday

9:00am-Worship with Holy Communion

Fellowship Following worship

10:15-11:00am-Faith Formation for ALL ages

Tuesday

9:30-10:30am S.A.I.L. Exercise Class

Wednesday

9:00am-11:00am-Quilting

9:00am & 9:30am-Star Light Chapel

6:30-7:30pm-Choir Rehearsal

6:30-7:30pm-Confirmation (grades 6-8)

7:30-8:30pm-High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Thursday

9:30-10:30am S.A.I.L. Exercise Class



Church Leadership

Each year, at the annual congregational meeting, the people of Epiphany Lutheran elect members of the congregation to serve as leaders. These leaders serve two year terms (up to two consecutive terms), giving of their time and talents to keep the ministry at Epiphany on track and aligned with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In 2023, the Epiphany Church council consists of the following individuals, who will be formally installed during worship on Sunday, January 29, 2023:

Joel Nielsen (President)	507-351-4721	maverick30us@gmail.com
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Becky Overholser (Treasurer)	507-327-9829	boverhol@hotmail.com
Bernita Geving	507-257-2105	nitag7111@gmail.com
Jan Lange	507-420-4023	jedclange17@gmail.com
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Kari Severson	507-402-0802	karilseverson@gmail.com
Beck Severson	507-740-0963	

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
—1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Scraftin' Event

**Friday & Saturday
March 17 & 18, 2023**



A scraftin' event fundraiser is being planned – our theme is “Peeps”. Make plans now to attend and help spread the news to friends and family.

Proceeds from this congregation fundraiser will be used in support of the General Fund. To make this event a success there are areas that we could use the congregations help: serving meals to our attendees, set up before, clean up after the event, donating supplies or food. We are well known for our hospitality at this event. It's all because of you. Look for sign up sheets on the happenings board.

The cost for this retreat is \$35 for Friday, (5 pm-11 pm), \$45 for Saturday (8am -8pm) or \$60 for both Friday and Saturday.

Please contact Vickie Huebl at 380-8425 if you have any questions or would like to be a member of the scraftin' event team.

Lent 2023

Mid-week lenten worship and soup suppers will begin on Wednesday, March 1 and continue each week through the month of March.

Watch the Happenings Board for opportunities to serve during these services and meals.

Worship will begin at 6:30pm, with the soup suppers taking place before them. Following the worship service confirmation students, and any interested high school students are invited to the youth room for a brief time of check-ins and discussion about the service.

This years' theme during worship is
“Open my life, Lord.”



Blood Drive

February 14, 2023
1:00pm-6:00pm
Community Room

Appointments to give blood can be made at redcrossblood.org.

Please contact Jim Enz with any questions.



JESUS IS MY HERO



This month we learned about how God created special SUPERHEROS to help us when we need it. How we can be a hero to others by shining a light of kindness for everyone to see.

February we will learn all about Gods love for us and how we can share that love with everyone around us. We will be attending church on Sunday the 19th to share that light of love and kindness with all of you.

We have 20 PreK and 12 toddlers. We're learning Letters Pp, Qq, Rr the # 14,15,16, color pink and shape is a heart.





Sunday Morning Volunteer Schedule

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Greeter	Howard Gibbens & Jolene Damman	Patty Adams	Deloris Mosher	Kari Severson
Reader	Jane Carter	Dave Overholser	Amy Ely	Kathy Gerdes
Communion Servers	Duane Anderson & Lisa Nagel	Donna Nielsen & Linda Arndt	Jaylee Ely & Terry Weber Johnson	Colleen Hall & Beth Rossow
Ushers	Dean Nagel & Ray Weber	Bob Brunz & Jan Lange	Joe Fisher & Tom Wellner	Winnis Buesing & Laurie Gerdes
Acolyte/Power Point	Noah Bosma	Arianna Rosillo	Ryan Hatfield	Eli Sieberg
Open/Close	Bernita Geving & Katie Sieberg	Jan Lange & Melissa Fisher	Korey Leiferman & Amy Ely	Kari Severson & Beck Severson
Counters	Lisa Nagel & Sarah Weber	Dave Overholser & Tom Wellner	Tricia Purrier & Amy Ely	Colleen Hall & Tia Graton
Altar Guild	Kathy Gerdes & Cheryl Wellner	Patty Adams & Linda Arndt	Patty Adams & Linda Arndt	Becky Overholser & Colleen Hall
Fellowship	Dale & Colleen Hall, Cheryl Wellner, Sieberg Family	Becky Overholser, Joel & Donna Nielsen, Audrey Rieck	Fisher Family, Terry Weber Johnson, Bernadette Matthies	Carol Krueger, Winnis Buesing, Keith & Sue Edstrom

Volunteer Duties

Greeters: Please arrive at least 15 minutes before worship to greet people as they enter the church. Help ushers (if needed) with offering by passing the offering plates.

Readers: The assigned reader is provided with the scripture readings.

Communion Assistants: Generally, bread is served by the Pastor, and there are two stations for wine/juice. Communion Assistants are volunteers.

Fellowship: A council member will make coffee prior to fellowship. Please work together to provide treats, serve, do dishes, wipe off tables, and take the garbage to the outside dumpster.

Ushers: Help collect offering and dismiss people for communion.

Acolyte/PowerPoint: Light the candles prior to worship and run the powerpoint during worship.



Volunteer of the month

Congratulations to Adam Johnson being this month's volunteer of the month!

Adam volunteers his time, skills, and assets by plowing the parking lot here at church. With the abundance of snow we have had this year, Adam has put in a lot of hours!

Thank you for all you Adam for keeping our parking lot accessible for all who use our building!

Nominate someone for Volunteer of the month!

Send an email or leave a note in the office stating why you believe an individual should be recognized!



***Please note these minutes have not yet been approved by the Church Council*
January 16, 2023**

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Members Present: Melissa Fisher, Katie Sieberg, Duane Anderson, Pastor Sarah Deutsch, Becky Overholser, Jan Lange, Michael Sorensen, Amy Ely, Kari Severson
Members Absent: Korey Leiferman

Devotion – Pastor Sarah Deutsch

Prayerful preparation – Duane Anderson

Opening question – Michael Sorensen

Agenda review – Michael Sorensen motion to approve the agenda with additions. Amy Ely seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carries.

Approval of minutes from December 19, 2022

Council Meeting – Becky Overholser made a motion approve the meeting minutes, Kari Severson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carries.

Pastor’s report – Written report from Pastor Sarah Deutsch.

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

Amy Ely made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, Michael Sorensen seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills to be paid with and the transfer of \$1,125.44 from General Fund to Building Fund. Kari Severson made a motion to approve the Bills to be paid, including the funds transfer from General to Building, Amy Ely seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Preschool Report – Pastor Sarah presented Korey Leiferman’s Star Light meeting written report. Susan Brunz is resigning as treasurer as soon her position is filled and Jane Carter is resigning from the Preschool Board at the end of the month. We will be looking to fill both positions.

OLD BUSINESS

Telephone/internet service progress – We will be switching back to Consolidated for internet starting tomorrow, 1/17/23. The process and communication has with Spectrum has been very frustrating.

Committee Members update – First meeting was tonight from 6 - 7 p.m. Every one gave brief reports of what they talked about.

Worship – Discussed preparation for Lenten services – flowers, palms, etc. For Easter there will be one service followed by a brunch. Also discussed Choir director position.

Fellowship – Discussed Lenten services and Easter Brunch. Thinking about bringing back Tour of Tables with a goal of 2024.

Evangelism, Education and Outreach (EEO) – Focus on events

and activities already in place – National Night Out, Carnival, Little Pantry. Talked about other possible community outreach ideas. Support education ideas and plans. Looking at bigger storage area for pantry items.

Property and Stewardship – Discussed the parking lot sealcoating, crack repair and striping. Possible repurposing the Gifts of Grace wall for communication, welcoming, etc. Discussed possible future projects and how to let people know how to report property issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Jan Lange resigning as Choir Director – Jan is resigning as Choir director. Amy Ely made a motion to accept Jan’s resignation, Michael Sorensen seconded. All in favor, motion carried. We will be looking for a new choir director.

Nominating Committee – They are doing well. Have three people who are willing to be on Council. Looking to fill last counter position.

Approve request from Vickie Huebl for the Church Scraftin’ Event to be held on March 17 & 18th – Michael Sorensen made a motion to approve request for Scraftin’ Event. Jan Lange seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Annual Budget Review – Discussion on staff pay increases. Michael Sorensen made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Katie Sieberg seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Annual Meeting preparation – Will use sound system. If a few people come early to worship, we can set-up tables and chairs.

Thank you cards

Next meeting date: Following annual meeting, January 22. Next regular meeting is February 20, 2023 –7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Question: Katie Sieberg

Adjourn and close with the Lord’s Prayer
Motion to adjourn by Amy Ely

Respectfully submitted, Katie Sieberg

Check AED – Pastor Sarah





Financial Report as of December 31, 2022

General Fund

For the Month:

Beginning Balance 12/1/2022	\$ 25,073
Monthly Receipts	10,477
Monthly Expenses	<u>(10,771)</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/2022	24,779

Year to Date:

Beg Balance 1/1/2022	\$11,157
Year-to-date Receipts	132,122
Year-to-date Expenses	<u>(118,499)</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/22	24,779

Mortgage Fund

Beginning Balance 12/1/2022	\$3,403
Income	\$3,011
Expenses	<u>(3,011)</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/2022	\$3,403
Year-to-date Bldg Receipts	\$24,516
Year-to-date Transfer from Gen	\$14,948
Year-to-date Bldg Expenses	(39,463)

Change in Choir Leadership

We want to say thank-you to Jan Lange for leading the choir! Jan has led the Epiphany Choir for some time, and we are so grateful for her leadership. As she enters into a new phase of life, we rejoice with her in her new learning and opportunities.

We welcome to the helm of the Epiphany Choir Jane Anderson. Jane has a great deal of experience leading musical groups and helping to coordinate special music, and we look forward to her gifts here in our midst!

Thank you, Jane and Jan, for sharing the gift of music with us!

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. –Hebrews 13:2

In October, Mankato area ELCA churches began the process of discerning what it might look like to sponsor a family that was legally immigrating to the United States. Just weeks after beginning that process, there was an emergent need to find a community to support a family of four (a father, mother, and two children) immigrating from Nicaragua. The Mankato area group said yes to sponsoring this family, and have been working diligently to provide for the needs of this family and help them through the immigration process.

The parents are waiting as to be able to get their work visas and are doing what they can to give back to the community in the meantime, while following all immigration laws and regulations. The children are beginning school. The family has been housed with a member of an ELCA congregation in Mankato and we are now working to provide for their basic needs when they move into an apartment, as this family came to the United States with only what they could carry.

People in the Mankato area have been very generous in providing for the needs of this family. Right now, the biggest need is for donations that would help pay their rent until the parents can legally begin to work, or Walmart gift cards to help with groceries.

All financial donations, gift cards, and disbursements of these funds are monitored through a financial committee, and Christ the King Lutheran Church is the fiscal host of all finances. If you would like to help, checks can be written to “Christ the King Lutheran Church” with “welcome Nicaragua” in the memo line. Gift cards can be given to Pastor Sarah. She will give you a receipt and take the gift cards to the finance committee. Please contact Pastor Sarah with any questions or if you would like to be involved more directly in this exciting process.





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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

UFO Saturday-Saturday, February 4
Offering Counter Meeting-Sunday, February 5
Women's Bible Study-Monday, February 6
Star Light Board Meeting-Tuesday, February 7
"Soup"er Bowl Sunday-Sunday, February 12
Blood Drive-Tuesday, February 14
High School Mission Trip Meeting-Wednesday, February 15
Team Meetings & Church Council Meeting-Monday, February 20
Ash Wednesday-Wednesday, February 22
Adult Education: Revelation-Monday, February 27

