

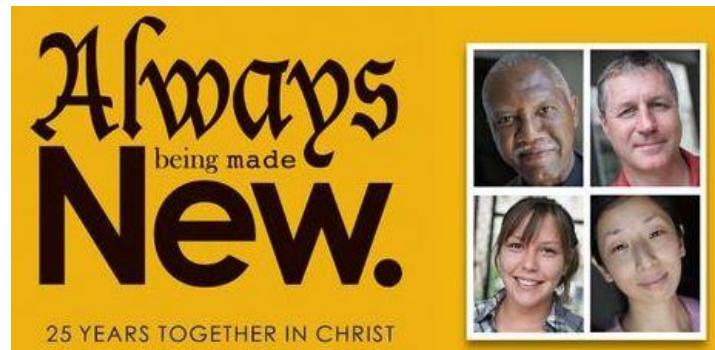


Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

October 2017 Newsletter

Consider a change....

What does it mean to 'reform?' This month we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, a significant event for Lutherans worldwide. But the Reformation isn't over, and we shouldn't forget about it on November 1st: as the ELCA slogan reminds us, we are "always being made new in Christ." We are called to renew and re-form our relationships; our communities; our congregations and our alignment with God's desire for us.



As baptized members of Christ's Body, we re-form as new, forgiven people, every waking day. We go to the places that are broken, pick up the pieces and with God's help, we re-form communities dedicated to worship, service and fellowship. We examine our innermost thoughts and desires, and re-form them to obediently honor God's will. We re-form a sense of worth in human beings who suffer loss, degradation and poverty. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we re-form our awareness of God at work all around us, in nature and in every face we meet.

If you feel stuck in the same-old, same-old, consider a change. Consider re-forming yourself as a servant of God, because God calls you beloved, and forgiven. This month, may we rejoice with Lutheran Christians everywhere as we work to re-form the living Body of Christ in our little corner of the world, trusting in God's mercy, and in God's Holy Spirit to lead and guide us, to always be made new through Christ Jesus.

Peace to all here, Pastor Monica

A note from your Council president...

Your church council is busy working on our 2018 mission plan for our church. The council members and their teams have worked very hard to be good stewards of your gifts and we will continue to do this in the new year. We have been fortunate to receive grants from the SE ELCA Synod which has allowed us to support evangelism and outreach programs. We will be finalizing the plan at our October meeting and then present it to the congregation at the annual meeting on December 2, 2017.

I'm looking forward to the cottage meetings! I enjoy getting to know our members in a small group setting and having more time to discuss how we can "be" in our members and families, our communities, and our nation. And I know you will want to share YOUR ideas for the future of Epiphany.

We may be a small congregation but we are mighty!

"For the spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7

Carol Rife, Council President

Church News

The mission of Epiphany Lutheran Church is to show forth Christ by proclaiming the Gospel to form lives through scripture, the promises of Baptism, the sharing of the Lord's Supper and service to neighbor.

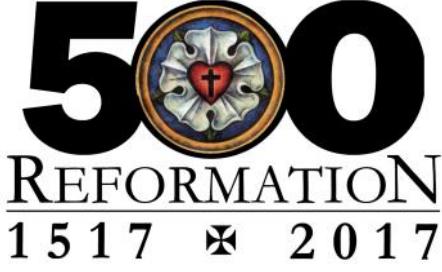
Council Meeting Summary

The Epiphany Church Council and Rev. Monica Weber met on Wednesday September 20, 2017 in the Kingsway Christian Church Board Room. All Council members were present with the exception of Jennifer Parker, with a quorum established.

October is Cottage Meeting Month with each family assigned to a date and location. If your assigned date is not good for you, contact Martha Garner at 901-619-8939 or [by e-mail](#) to reschedule. These meetings are important to the future of Epiphany so every effort should be made to attend. A makeup date is set for Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM hosted by Dan and Pat Marzahl. For assignment dates and locations, please check the weekly e-mails.

To conclude Cottage Meeting Month, a Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, at Kingsway Christian Church with a light lunch served. Details TBA.

Sunday, November 12th, is Pledge Consecration Sunday.



October is a busy month with numerous activities scheduled to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation to include:

- Community Pet Blessing and Brats & Hymns at the Epiphany Community Garden at Home Place, October 7th, from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Blessing of the Pets at 3:15 PM, Brats and Sides for Humans at 4:00 PM with s'mores at 5:00 PM. Our music director, Jake Allen, will lead the group in song.
- ELCA Deanery Beer and Hymns – Thursday, October 12th at 6:00 PM at the Meddlesome Brewing Company in Cordova, Tennessee.
- Ecumenical Worship and Organ Concert – Sunday, October 29th at 5:30 PM – Church of the Holy Communion on Walnut Grove and Perkins Extended.
- Community – Wide Reformation 500 worship service – Tuesday, October 31st at 11:30 AM – St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral on Poplar.

Business requiring a vote of the Council:

The Council approved unanimously \$500.00 in compensation to our Music Director, Jake Allen, for his time and service for the special Ecumenical Reformation Service, Sunday, October 29th. He will conduct a combined choir.

The Council meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and adjournment at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Epiphany Church Council Secretary, Chris Kelyman

Home Place Happenings

Property Update

Other than keeping up with the grass mowing and trimming (and keeping equipment running), not much has happened over the last month. Wood and supplies are being collected for construction of the shed to be located behind the wooden fence area. Bill Sykes will take the lead on organizing the re-do of the fence around the Garden.

Garden Update

Most of the summer crop dead plant material has have been removed, and beds have been prepared and planted with fall crops of turnip and mustard greens, radishes, carrots and beets.

To date we have produced 1,567 pounds of various veggies which have been donated to the Collierville Food Pantry, Page Robbins Adult Day Center, Trinity Ministries and the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen. We are hopeful for a bountiful crop of fall veggies, which should take total production over 2,000 pounds, up from 1,430 pounds in 2016.

Many thanks to our members who delivered veggies to the agencies, plus those that put together seed tapes for our fall crops. Due to rain and wet conditions, the Chosen Vessel Ministry team Day at the Garden was deferred from Sept 13th to the 20th. We are looking forward to their involvement with us at the Garden.

Of course, we've had many helpers that must be thanked who have worked hard at the Home Place and the Garden, namely Dick, Ed, Pastor Ray, Jill, Bill, Jennifer, Joyce, Christine, the Lankapallis, Christine, and many others. Clearly, all this would not happen without these dedicated and enthusiastic workers. When the opportunity arises, please be sure to take to the time to THANK our Garden Angels!

The Home Place team - Dick, Ed, Bill, Jennifer, Pastor Ray, Joyce and Wendell (ELC Council Liaison)



Chosen Vessel Ministries Women at the Garden

The women and staff of Chosen Vessel Ministries are very grateful for the opportunity to donate and plant 13 2-gallon chrysanthemums that decorated the Sobriety Celebration and God's Work, Our Hands event. The mums make a beautiful addition to Epiphany's Community Garden at Home Place. On Wednesday, September 20th , in lieu of our group session, we joined with Epiphany's garden angels to prepare a site and plant the mums. The women also helped pull weeds and harvest vegetables – taking a fair amount home with them. It was especially exciting because this was a totally new experience for two of the women. They were really hesitant at first, but very quickly dived in and thoroughly enjoyed the experience thanks in very large part to the interaction they had with the garden volunteers. And, I am thrilled the women have a genuine interest and desire to learn more about Epiphany, Peace, and Living Word - and the ELCA! *Blessings, Linda, Karen, Bernice, and The Women!*



Wednesday Night Fellowship with Kingsway

Epiphany members are welcome to join Kingsway members for Wednesday Night Fellowship. This year, the theme is "All Things New." Everyone is invited to RSVP for a delicious dinner beginning at 6 pm followed by an enriching program. To make a reservation, please call Nicole at 901-683-3505 or [email her](#) by Tuesday before the Wednesday program. Cost is \$8 per person, \$16 maximum per family.

Reformation Day Activities

On October 31st at 9 am, please plan to join ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton as she co-hosts a commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation at the Lutheran Church Of The Reformation in Washington, D.C. The event will be available [online via livestream](#) for all to watch.

At 11:30 am that day, a community-wide Reformation 500 Worship Service will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Memphis, TN.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Many thanks to all who participated in our God's Work, Our Hands Day at St. Columba Retreat with the women of Chosen Vessel Ministries! It was a wonderful day.

On behalf of staff and women served by Chosen Vessel Ministries, we would like to say "THANK YOU!" Epiphany, Peace, and Living Word Lutheran Churches for your support and participation in our annual Recovery Month Sobriety Celebration on Sunday, September 10. Our annual celebration made a perfect partner for God's Work, Our Hands. The women really enjoyed the time of fellowship and worship. ~Linda Barnes



All are welcome!

Community Pet Blessing



When: Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 3-6 pm
Blessing of the Pets at 3:15 pm
Brats, Hot Dogs and Sides for Humans at 4 pm
S'mores at 5 pm

Where: Epiphany Community Garden @ Home Place
Corner of Wolf River Blvd. and Bray Station Rd.
Collierville, TN

Bring a lawn chair for you and water for your pet!

Humans may bring the beverage of their choice (no glass, please).

Free treats for pets courtesy of
the Collierville Canine Club and Hollywood Feed

SAFETY: All animals must be leashed or in a secure carrier suitable for transport.

All donations will benefit The Carpenter's House homeless shelter

Thanks to our sponsors!



Sign up to bring a side dish for the Pet Blessing and Brats/Hymns

Please sign up as soon as possible to bring a side dish for the Brats & Hymns fellowship. Call or [e-mail Martha Garner](#) and let her know what you will be bringing. Thank you - we are hoping for a good turnout!



Marty's on the Move Again!



Once again, we look forward to seeing Marty on the Move to help promote Epiphany Lutheran Church and commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation! As you travel around your hometown, throughout the USA or abroad, bring Marty with you. Be sure to take photos of him on the journey, anywhere where the Good News of God's free gift of grace can be shared!

Be sure to post pictures to our Facebook page and your Instagram account using the hashtag #martyonthemove. If you have any questions about how to do that, [contact Carol Webster](#). The contest ends on 10/31 and gift cards will be awarded on November 5th as follows:

Most Creative Photo of Marty - \$25 gift card

Highest # of Marty Posts or Photos (you may print photos instead of posting) - \$25 gift card

Best Photo of Marty at a Reformation event - \$50 gift card

Join us for an upcoming Cottage Meeting!

Our annual Cottage Meetings will take place in October 2017. Please review the list below to see the dates and location that you have been assigned to. These meetings are important and I know you will make every effort to attend. If your assigned date does not work for you, contact Martha Garner to reschedule. If you have any questions about the purpose of the cottage meetings see a member of the stewardship committee or Pastor Monica.



Host Beth Schnitkey

October 4, 2017 at 7 pm

Rick and Marjorie Barnard
Jim and Jill Bryson
Donna and Roy Cohen
Paul and Jeanne Foreman
George and Karen Geerde
Ray and Janice Heilener
Greg and Jennifer Parker
Carol Rife

Host Scott and Linda Fisher

October 10, 2017 at 7 pm

Linda Barnes
John and Lori Crossmock
Christine Fox
Anil and Olivet Lankapalli
Dianne and Stuart Polly
Dan and Vicki Scherf
Bill and Jennifer Sykes
Becca and Ed Schumacher

Host Twila Hooverson

October 24, 2017 7 pm

John and Kathy Dillon
Martha and John Garner
Wally and Candy Knight
John and Chris Kelyman
Ken and Lois Ketcham
Diane Kruse
Dick and Joann Weiland
Cindy and Cindy Curler

Host Dan and Pat Marzahl

Make-up date 10-26-17 at 7 pm

Save the Date!

Be sure to mark your calendars for our congregation town hall meeting on November 4th at noon! Lunch will be served!



Your contributions make a difference!



Click on the photo or use the link below to start shopping at Amazon and support Epiphany!

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Kroger Community Rewards - [Click here to register](#) with Kroger's Community Rewards program. We are registered as Epiphany Lutheran Church, organization #39854.



Upcoming Events

Brats & Hymns/Blessing of the Pets October 7th

We will hold our community blessing of the pets and Brats & Hymns event on Saturday, October 7th starting at 3 pm. Following the pet blessing at 3:15 pm, get ready for delicious brats and hot dogs, followed by s'mores and games and a hymn sing-along led by our very own Jake Allen! See p. 5 of the newsletter for more info.

ELCA Deanery Beer & Hymns October 12th



Please join us for beer and hymns at the new Meddlesome Brewing Company in Cordova, TN on Thursday, October 12 at 6 pm!

This event is open to the public; food, beer and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Help us commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation! Hosted by Epiphany Lutheran Church, Living Word Lutheran Church, Peace Lutheran Memphis and St. Luke Lutheran Church.

MOE Bacon Saturday

October 14th

The Men of Epiphany (MOE) will meet at 8:30 am at Perkins Family

Restaurant in Collierville for breakfast, fellowship and devotion. Please join us!



Upcoming Oktoberfest Events

Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 12 noon - 4 pm
Living Word Church, Arlington, TN

Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 6 - 9 pm
St. Luke Lutheran Church, Cordova, TN



GOE (Gals of Epiphany)

October 21st

Join us at 9 am in the Kingsway Boardroom for study & fellowship. Our fall study led by

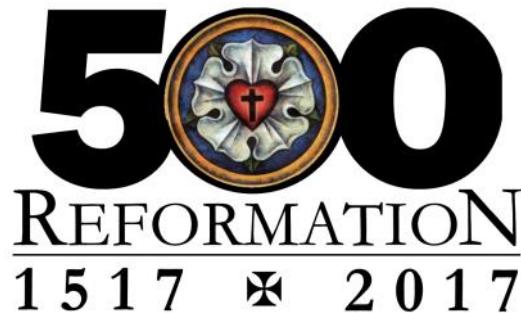
Pastor Monica is "A Woman Overwhelmed," an examination of Jesus' mother, Mary. Join us as we discern what's truly important to a life of faith, and how to carve out ways to nourish your soul. Pastor Monica has extra workbooks!

Reformation 5K

This fun run is being held at The Greenline in Cordova to commemorate the Reformation.



Reformation 500 Ecumenical Worship Service & Organ Concert



Please plan to attend the ecumenical Worship Service to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 5:30 pm at Church of the Holy Communion, located at 4645 Walnut Grove Rd in Memphis. The service is being jointly hosted by Church of the Holy Communion, Epiphany Lutheran Church and other area ELCA congregations including Living Word Lutheran, Peace Lutheran and St. Luke Lutheran, and Kingsway Christian Church.

The service will consist of a festival liturgy with Holy Communion, procession of church banners, music by combined church choirs, and Reformation-era pipe organ music. Each church is invited to bring their 'church banner' for the procession. If you would like to participate in the combined choir, please arrive at 4 pm to rehearse the anthem (music will be provided to you beforehand).

Member of the Month Spotlight

This fall, we will be highlighting a different member of Epiphany Lutheran Church in the monthly newsletter! This month, Pastor Ray Heilener (Retired) is in the spotlight!



What is your favorite hymn? The stirring words and majestic tune of "Rise Up, O Saints of God" (ELW 669) challenge us to commit our living to help suffering people and to share God's loving promises with everyone around us.

What is your favorite Bible verse? Romans 8:28 - All things work together for good for those who love God.

What do you like best about Epiphany? I enjoy the friendliness of Epiphany members and their loyal commitment to all the ministries involved in making this congregation a vibrant spiritual community of faith.

What are your hobbies? I enjoy Biblical archeology, astronomy, science, music, carpentry, studying ancient and modern religions, as well as intensively studying the Bible and our spiritual heritage, and writing down my thoughts and insights.

What is one thing most people don't know about you? Few people know that I belonged to the American Federation of Musicians as a dance band member from mid-high school in 1945. I was a clarinet player in the Community College Orchestra and a saxophone player in Carbondale's Retired Senior Swing Band for over 20 years before moving to Tennessee.

Please [contact Carol Webster](#) if you'd like to be highlighted in an upcoming issue.

Epiphany's Centering Prayer Ministry

We gather every Wednesday, 12-12:30 pm, and every Sunday, 5-5:30 pm, to meditate on a scripture verse in the ancient practice of lectio divina; observe 20 minutes of silent prayer; listen to spiritual reflections from the world's great theological minds, and depart in silence. The centering prayer experience lasts 30 minutes, but participants are invited and encouraged to remain in the Chapel afterwards for private prayer. Epiphany offers this time of ecumenical prayer to persons of all faiths; all are welcome to participate in our centering prayer group, and we hope you will invite your friends and loved ones.



Sunday School Opportunities This Fall

Epiphany members have been invited to attend Sunday School with Kingsway Christian members beginning 9/17/17. Please ask Pastor Monica if you have additional questions. All Sunday School classes meet from 9:15-10:00, and the teachers have assured us that if you leave a few minutes early for Epiphany worship, you won't be the only ones, due to Kingsway's choir practice, etc. The Kingsway faith community is excited to welcome us!

For more information on classes, please visit [the Christian Education page](#) on the Epiphany website.

New System for Food Pantry and Chosen Vessel Ministries Collections

Thank you to all who continue to donate so generously to our ministries, especially the Collierville Food Pantry and Chosen Vessel Ministries. However, due to limited storage facilities, and a lack of volunteers for weekly donation deliveries, we have decided to institute a new system to better consolidate donations. Beginning in September, donations should be brought to church on the first Sunday of each month. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Fox, our Outreach Team leader.



For the remainder of the year, the schedule is as follows:

November 5
December 3

Please refer to the [Ministries and Outreach page on our website](#) to find out what donations are needed for the coming month so you can plan accordingly. Thank you for helping us be better stewards of our available resources!

Don't forget our friends at Chosen Vessel ministries



Founded by Epiphany member Linda Barnes, Chosen Vessel Ministries guides and counsels women newly-released from prison as they attempt to re-enter society, and helps women in need find employment and housing and become productive members of society. Please put your donations in the marked bin at the back of the church. Suggested items include:

- **Inspirational Items** - Books with themes that emphasize believing in yourself, gratitude, forgiveness, or acceptance
- **Supplies for Art Therapy** - Markers, coloring books, coloring pencils. Also, three-ring binders, notebooks and journals
- **Groceries** - Kroger cards provide maximum flexibility to Chosen Vessel and women in counseling
- **Office Equipment and Supplies** - A small refrigerator, a desk, a filing cabinet that locks, copy paper

In the future, there will be additional opportunities to help. Working together, Epiphany Lutheran and Chosen Vessel Ministries can make a huge difference in the lives of women in need.

For more information, Linda may be reached at 901-361-4763 or [by e-mail](#).

Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Ed Schumacher - 10/5

Christine Fox - 10/10

Carol Rife - 10/14

Jon Curler - 10/18

George Geerdes - 10/21

Have we missed **your** birthday?

Please send the month/day to Pastor Monica so you can be included!



October 2017 Calendar of Events

(Please check our calendar online for the most up-to-date information)

Sun 10/1	9:15 am - Kingsway Christian Church 9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 5 pm - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	Choir Practice Sunday School ages 5+ - Adult 17th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship Centering Prayer
Wed 10/4	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place Noon - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 6 pm - Kingsway Christian Church	Epiphany Community Garden Workday Centering Prayer Kingsway Wednesday Night Fellowship - All Things New
Sat 10/7	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 3 pm - Home Place	Epiphany Community Garden Workday Community Blessing of the Pets/Brats & Hymns
Sun 10/8	9:15 am - Kingsway Christian Church 9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 5 pm - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	Choir Practice Sunday School ages 5+ - Adult 18th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship Centering Prayer
Wed 10/11	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place Noon - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 6 pm - Kingsway Christian Church	Epiphany Community Garden Workday Centering Prayer Kingsway Wednesday Night Fellowship - All Things New
Thurs 10/12	6 pm - Meddlesome Brewing Co.	ELCA Deanery Beer & Hymns (Cordova, TN)
10/13 - 10/20	Pastor Monica Away	Synod Bishop Convocation & First Call Theological Education
Sat 10/14	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 8:30 am - Perkins Family Restaurant	Epiphany Community Garden Workday MOE (Men of Epiphany) Study & Fellowship
Sun 10/15	9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 9:15 am - Kingsway Christian Church 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	Choir Practice Sunday School ages 5+ - Adult 19th Sunday after Pentecost—Service of the Word Coffee Fellowship
Wed 10/18	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 6 pm - Kingsway Christian Church 6:30 pm - Kingsway Boardroom 7:00 pm - Kingsway Boardroom	Epiphany Community Garden Workday Kingsway Wednesday Night Fellowship - All Things New Executive Committee Meeting Church Council Meeting
Sat 10/21	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 9 am - Kingsway Library	Epiphany Community Garden Workday GOE (Gals of Epiphany) Study & Fellowship
Sun 10/22	9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 9:15 am - Kingsway Christian Church 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 5 pm - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel	Choir Practice Sunday School ages 5+ - Adult 20th Sunday after Pentecost—Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship Centering Prayer
Wed 10/25	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place Noon - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 6 pm - Kingsway Christian Church	Epiphany Community Garden Workday Centering Prayer Kingsway Wednesday Night Fellowship - All Things New
Sat 10/28	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Epiphany Community Garden Workday
Sun 10/29 WEAR RED!	9:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 9:15 am - Kingsway Christian Church 10 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 11:15 am - Schaeffer Memorial Chapel 5:30 pm - Church of Holy Communion	Choir Practice Sunday School ages 5+ - Adult Reformation 500 Sunday —Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship Reformation 500 Ecumenical Worship & Organ Concert
Tues 10/31	11:30 am - St. Mary's Episcopal	Community-Wide Reformation Service

October 2017 Worship Servants

	10/1	10/8	10/15	10/22	10/29 Reformation
Assistant Minister	Wendell Kruse	John Crossmock	OPEN	Linda Barnes	OPEN
Lector	Diane Kruse	John Garner	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Greeter/Usher	John & Martha Garner	John & Martha Garner	John & Lori Crossmock	OPEN	OPEN
Com Assistant	Linda Barnes	Scott Fisher	OPEN	OPEN	Twila Hoover
Acolyte	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Crucifer	OPEN	Lori Crossmock	OPEN	John Garner	Scott Fisher
Baker	Diane Kruse	Martha Garner	OPEN	Carol Rife	Linda Fisher
Com Linens	Pat Marzahl	Martha Garner	OPEN	Carol Rife	Linda Fisher
Coffee	Greg & Jennifer Parker	OPEN	Greg & Jennifer Parker	John & Martha Garner	Carol Rife & Dianne Polly
Altar	Linda Barnes/OPEN	Linda Barnes/OPEN	OPEN	Linda Barnes/OPEN	OPEN
Council Host	Jennifer Parker	Lori Crossmock	Jennifer Parker	Carol Rife	Paul Foreman

Many slots are still open for October - please sign up as soon as possible! If you have not yet used the system, [here are complete instructions on how to use SignUp Genius](#) and download the mobile app to your phone. If you have any questions, please [contact Carol Webster](#).

Worship Servant Sign-Up

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Epiphany is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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