

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!



Roman Oliver Bernal, baptized July 2nd, son of Antonio and Katie Bernal, baby brother to A.J., grandson of Joe and Patti Krick; baptismal sponsors Will McGehee and Madeline Barnes



Lacie Jocelyn Sandra Irby, baptized July 9th, daughter of Jarred and Ana Irby; baptismal sponsors Robyn & Kyle Wand with Katy & John Goldstein



Clio Anaya Flanagan Miyazaki; baptized July 16th, daughter of Bruce Miyazaki and Caitlin Flanagan; baptismal sponsors Laura Hamel and Jeff Smith

the STAR



“We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship Him.”
Matthew 2:2

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VISION

“We are one family of growing followers of Jesus seeking the good of our church and community by channeling service to the students, families, and staff of Woerner Elementary School”

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 am
Fellowship: 10:45 am
Growth in the Word: 11:00 am
Sunday School: 11:00 am
Fourth Sunday Fellowship
Potluck: 11:00 am

IDENTITY YOUTH WEEK

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” Galatians 3:26-27

117 people gathered at Epiphany as our first annual Identity Youth Week exploded onto the scene of St. Louis' South City. Fifty volunteers served with sixty-seven youth from grades 7–12. Think VBS for middle and high school students. During this four-day camp (June 5–8) the youth dove deep into how their identity is rooted in their baptism. Powerful speakers, meaningful Bible studies, music, mission/serving projects, shared meals and team building exercises in the context of peer groups filled their time together. The primary lesson: Our identity in Christ changes everything. Before it was over, two youth had asked to be baptized.

Three Lutheran churches (Epiphany, St. Trinity, Trinity-Soulard) partnered to launch this ministry. In total, 19 area churches sent youth and volunteers (11 of these were Lutheran). Together they built and painted bug houses, sang praise songs, and danced to music as bubbles blew around them.

Several youth said the service projects were their favorite part of the week. They washed cars at St Lucas Lutheran, pulled weeds at St Trinity, cleaned up classrooms at Woerner Elementary, shared popsicles at Carondelet Park, and put on a three-day VBS for children at Christian Friends of New Americans on South Grand.

Mark your calendar for Identity Youth Week 2018 planned for the first week of June.



FROM THE PASTOR

R.O.E

As an Air Force Reserve officer, I have to take Professional Military Education classes. In these, we talk about Rules of Engagement, or R-O-E (you need a three-letter acronym for almost everything in the military). ROE are like the foul lines and base-running lines in baseball. They don't tell you what to do in every situation. They tell you what's out-of-bounds and what's in-play.

ROE are not the same for every operation. ROE are adapted to fit the mission. For example, a military historian is charged to be the curator of a museum. He maintains an appreciation of the past. He must keep meticulous records, preserve artifacts, and talk about them with interested visitors. He has ROE to help him accomplish this mission. A para-rescue jumper has a different mission and therefore a different set of ROE. He lives by the motto, "that others may live." His training readies him to parachute behind enemy lines, track a downed pilot, and radio for air evacuation. His ROE wouldn't work for the museum curator, and vice versa.



In June, our congregation voted to revise our constitution. A good church constitution won't tell us exactly what to do in every situation. It should be "brief, but adequate." It sets foul lines and baselines. We should set these boundaries based on our mission and vision.

What is the mission of Epiphany Lutheran? Are we supposed to preserve our institution as a well-manicured monument to the good-ole-days? Or, like a pararescueman, are we called to risk what we hold dear so that others may live? Our answer—I mean the real, in our guts, answer—will shape the way we write a new constitution, a new set of ROE.

Saint Paul had the mission of Jesus in his guts: "I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace" (Acts 20:24). His task has become our task. We exist to testify in word and deed to God's good news that He is gathering one multi-national family united by faith in Jesus (Romans 4:13–25).

Our mission is more like a pararescueman's than a museum curator's. However, we're not simply pulling people out of hostile territory. We are welcoming them into a family that grows up in the faith together and bears burdens together. There is much we need to learn from our history. The past experiences of God's people supply wisdom for the future. We need wisdom to conduct our family business.



Maybe we're more like an airborne hospital? An aeromedical evacuation unit uses a specially outfitted cargo plane to care for patients while they transport them. How is the church similar? As we develop a new constitution, think about our mission and vision. What does Jesus want Epiphany to become in the next 10, 20, 30 years? Then we can figure out the ROE that will help get us there. Our destination is TBD, but let's not go MIA, A.K.A., R.I.P ... O.K.?

Pastor Zeigler

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to you

Austin AycockAugust 3
 Chris SeagoAugust 3
 Christine TongayAugust 3
 Hope Seago.....August 5
 Tyler Slama.....August 9
 Britney Hawk..... August 10
 Johanna ArmstrongAugust 11
 Karen Meinberg..... August 13
 Robert Johnson August 15
 Alex Marcee August 15
 Rich Kasznel August 18
 Carol Niemeier August 19
 Jill Pfeuffer..... August 19
 Jill Perry..... August 20
 Laura Driskell..... August 21
 Pamela Reilly August 23
 Brianna Meyer August 25

Antonio Bernal August 27
 Alicia Marcee August 30
 Rebecca Hagen August 31
 Kelsey Hyatt August 31
 Emilee Sutherlin September 1
 Dominic Welch September 3
 Carol Trautman September 7
 Kay Poppen..... September 8
 Bonnie Crites.....September 10
 Victoria Cuka.....September 10
 Elise Zeigler.....September 10
 George Lluka September 11
 Evelyn Perez September 18
 Sydney Krus September 25
 Michael LaJeuness September 25
 Richard Blattner September 28



William & Anna Horton III August 1
 James & Bonny Lang August 2
 David L & Kimberly Wheeler III August 5
 George & Brunilda Lluka August 21
 Thomas & Karen Slama..... August 23
 Ilia & Andrianulla Stefo..... August 29
 Tony & Trista Spain Jr..... September 6
 Scott & Rachel AtkinsonSeptember 15
 Michael & Linda Meyer.....September 23
 Toby & Kay PoppenSeptember 24
 Mark & Rebecca HagenSeptember 27
 Frederick & Patricia Wachter.....September 27

PRAYER REQUESTS

To be a part of the Prayer Chain
 contact Karen Slama at (314) 353.2396.

Homebound

Bonnie Crites
 Carolyn Gluesenkamp
 Donna Reek
 Emilee Sutherlin
 Dorothy Zickler
 Kurt & Kathy Zickler

Serving as Police Officers

Jonathan Baublitz
 (Desiree Stout's brother)
 Andrew Kleffner
 Mark McMurry
 Don Reynolds

Serving in Military

Patrick Coil
 (Mary Kay Sansone's son)
 Paul Frederick
 (Shirley Frederick's grandson)
 Aaron Schenone
 David Wheeler
 (Judy Langdon's son-in-law)



**I OFFER THIS PRAYER
 IN THE NAME OF
 JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD
 AMEN**

For God's Grace, Health & Healing

John Bernthal
 Vince Birkman
 Ken Braniecki
 (Lisa Birkman's father)
 Kirk Johnson
 Jim Lang
 Vickie Matta

Missionaries

Hady & Vickie Matta, St. Louis
 Duane & Elizabeth Meissner, Belize
 Gary & Stephanie Schulte, Togo

Other Requests

Woerner School
 Craig & Paula Donofrio returning
 from the mission field in Eurasia

SCHEDULES

DATE	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	ELDERS	ALTAR GUILD
8/6	Brianna Meyer	Vince & Lisa Birkman	Rich Berg	Julia Blevins and Lynn Goetz
8/13	Dea Kuzhilla	Derek & Jill Perry	Chris Hartley	
8/20	Elijah Hawk	Lynn Dancha	Rod Horton	
8/27	Elise Zeigler	Julia Blevins	Doug Jones	
9/3	Greyson Barnett	Marsel & Emanuela Cuka	Derek Perry	
9/10	Hannah Hawk	Judy Eickhoff	Rod Horton	Judy Marvin and Carol Niemeier
9/17	Will Barnett	Billy & Andrea Barnett	Rich Berg	
9/24	Susie Boeyink	Tim & Rasheedah Krus	Chris Hartley	

GROWING TOGETHER IN THE WORD

Tuesdays, 6:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study

Resumes August 15 at Panera on Loughborough & I-55

Wednesdays, September 6 – 4:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class starts



Thursdays

10:00 a.m. – Bible Study Resumes August 17

11:00 a.m. – Silver Saints Spiritual Wellness

Every second Thursday of the month, beginning September 14.

Sundays, 11 a.m.

Sun. Morning Bible Classes

Starting August 27 New Member Class kickoff with Church Potluck, ending October 22 with Voters Meeting

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Offerings

Average weekly offerings, Jan – June 2017: **\$2,268**

Average weekly offerings needed to support the budget: **\$2,466**

Attendance

Average weekly worship attendance, Jan – June 2017: **97**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Funding Mission Update: In June we voted to adopt the following mission-and-ministry investment plan with the remaining \$80,000 in our 2017 Mission Fund:

SERVICE TO: \$10,000 for matching donations to door offerings (min \$500/max \$2000) designated for social ministry outreach organizations (e.g., disaster relief, children & family services)

SERVICE FOR: \$20,000 for K-8 Lutheran school tuition scholarships targeted to church-worker families; \$12,000 for Lutheran high school tuition scholarships targeted to Epiphany members

SERVICE WITH: \$17,250 to fund Identity Youth Week, Epiphany ESL, and Foundations Community Nights for 2018; \$4,000 for seminary fieldworker tuition assistance; *\$16,750 remaining for other projects to be determined.*

We received our first door offering on July 16th for Lutheran Family and Children Services totaling \$840 (\$340 given; \$500 matched).

Thank you to our Funding Mission Committee for your work on these plans!

Committee Chair: Christine Tongay; members: John Bernthal, Bill Dorsam, Rasheedah Krus, Mike Meyer, Barb Troup, Amy Zeigler

Follow Pastor's blog at www.teachtokeep.com. Click "Follow via Email" to receive updates on new posts. The blog's focus is to discover what followers of Jesus need to teach today to be followers of Jesus tomorrow.

LOOKING FORWARD TO COMMUNITY PICNIC

Last year, several members of Epiphany, Holly Hills, and Woerner Elementary joined together to map out our assets (what we all had to offer) and develop a plan to use them for the benefit of the neighborhood. As we worked through the evening we began to dream up events or services that would utilize these assets, we taped them to the wall on big pieces of paper and then we all voted. The final event chosen by the group was a community picnic, at Woerner, for the students, staff and faculty of the school and the neighborhood.

What a wonderful opportunity! How could we, as a church, intentionally share the love of God in Christ Jesus during this event? Begin to think and pray and listen for open doors for this event. What could we provide? Who could we invite to participate?

I will get things rolling with the principal at Woerner, Peggy Meyer. But I will need your help. Are you a party planner at heart? An expert volunteer coordinator? Can you keep track of a budget in your sleep? Can you connect people and businesses toward a common goal? How about welcoming people—good at that? Maybe you are great at setting at a table and getting to know people. We need help of all kinds so don't be shy about it. This fall as Mrs. Meyer and I set a date, and begin to work out a vision for this thing, I will come to you and the neighborhood for help. Please consider how you might be involved and point your neighbors my way, we need their help too.

As we love our neighbor and serve them, getting to know them over time, we will have opportunities to share the hope we have in Jesus. A hope this world cannot provide.

Grace and Peace to you

Paul Terral
Director of Youth-and-Family Ministry



Asset Mapping on Jan 26th, 2017 with 27 Epiphany members plus 6 community partners including 4 Woerner School teachers

COMING EVENTS

Ice Cream Social

Last year we teamed up with 60 volunteers to serve 132 bowls of free ice cream for our community. We will do it again on August 18th, 5:30-7:30pm, once again with the new Woerner Kindergarten families as our special guests. All Epiphany members and folks from the community are welcome. In early August, we will be organizing volunteers and collecting new school uniform shirts as a gift for the Kindergartners.



Junior High Youth Retreat

October 20-22, 2017

You and your junior high student are invited to join us for the annual Missouri District youth retreat at Camp Windermere. If you or your student are interested in attending, contact Paul Terral—pqterral@gmail.com



PRAY WHAT YOU SEE

Lord Jesus Christ, pour out your mercy on all I see.

Pray What You See (Amazon Kindle) is the title of a book by Pastor Chris Paavola of All Nations Church in University City. In the process of planting that church, Pastor Paavola walked every street in the U City community, praying for the faith and well-being of the people, businesses and institutions he encountered. He and his family and friends who participated felt they were letting God bring things for their attention and prayers. It gave them a deep rootedness and connection to U City.

We would like Epiphany Lutheran Church to be deeply rooted in the Woerner School District, our community. As a part of that mission, we have begun a project, as members of Epiphany, to prayerfully walk every street in the school district, praying what we see, calling down the Good Lord's mercy in this, our place. Anyone may participate at any time that is convenient to them, singly or in groups of any size. Brenda, our Operations Manager, has the master map of the district in the church office and you can check with her for areas that have not yet been covered and update that map with where you have been.

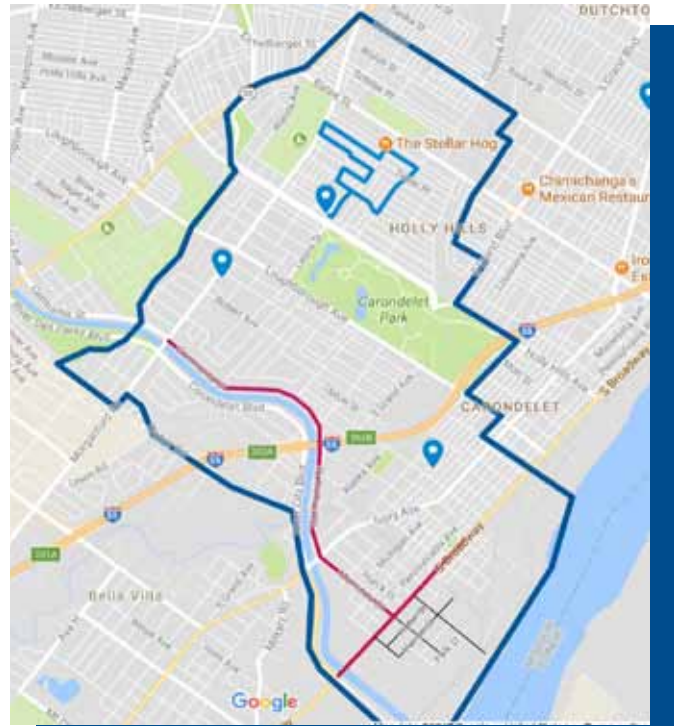
There are no rigid rules about how to pray as you walk, only that your prayer be directed toward what you see. Pray silently or aloud, set prayers or spontaneous ones, a joyful noise to the Lord or silent contemplation, whatever you feel at the time. Be open to your neighbor.

Reasons to participate:

- 1 Physical Health
- 2 Finding time to pray in our busy schedules.
- 3 Connection to our community that you just can't get in driving through.
- 4 Natural conversations with our neighbors (while not trying to "sell" them anything, a being-with our neighbors and raising awareness of Epiphany's presence and life in this community.
- 5 It is startling how much you can learn about Woerner School District by just wandering around.
- 6 If you live elsewhere, you can bring back this spirit to your walks in your own neighborhood. The Woerner School District is a focus, not a limitation.

Questions or need more information? Brenda Wilson and Rod Horton have each attended lectures on prayer-walking by Pastor Paavola. Ask them or Pastor Zeigler about this project.

Rod Horton
Chairman, Board of Elders



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
August		1	2	3	4	5
			ESL Class 10:00 a.m.		AI-Anon 10:00 a.m. Volunteers: Bulletin & Starlet 11:00 a.m.	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 a.m.		Elders Meeting 6:30 p.m.	ESL Class 10:00 a.m.		AI-Anon 10:00 a.m. Volunteers: Bulletin & Starlet 11:00 a.m.	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship 9:30 a.m. Christ to the Nations- India 11:00 a.m.	Church Council 7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study Panera Loughborough 6:30 a.m.	ESL Class 10:00 a.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	AI-Anon 10:00 a.m. Volunteers: Bulletin & Starlet 11:00 a.m.	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship 9:30 a.m. Christ to the Nations- Uganda 11:00 a.m. Youth to the Lake 1:00 p.m.		Men's Bible Study Panera Loughborough 6:30 a.m.	ESL Class 10:00 a.m. New Year Kickoff	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	AI-Anon 10:00 a.m. Volunteers: Bulletin & Starlet 11:00 a.m.	
27	28	29	30	31		
Worship 9:30 a.m. Church Potluck New Member Kickoff 11:00 a.m. New Member Class 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.		Men's Bible Study Panera Loughborough 6:30 a.m.	ESL Class 10:00 a.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.		
September					1	2
					AI-Anon 10:00 a.m. Volunteers: Bulletin & Starlet 11:00 a.m.	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship 9:30 a.m. Christian Fellowship; New Member Class 11:00 a.m.	Office Closed Labor Day	Men's Bible Study Panera Loughborough 6:30 a.m. Elders Meeting 6:30 p.m.	ESL Class 10:00 a.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	AI-Anon 10:00 a.m. Volunteers: Bulletin & Starlet 11:00 a.m.	
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