



EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reflecting God's generosity by serving and caring

THE EPIPHANY STAR

July & August 2026

WATER STATIONS

ST. CLAIR DAYS PARADE | SUNDAY, JUNE 28 AT NOON

TATOR DAYS PARADE | SAT. JULY 18 AT 1:00PM

Join us as we provide water for those completing the parade routes! Want to help another way? We need coolers we can borrow! Please drop off coolers at church (clearly labeled with your name) by June 27. They will be available for pick up following the Tator Days parade.

BIKE.BUILD.HOME 500 BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, JULY 19 | 6:30AM

Volunteers are needed to help serve breakfast to the participants in this summer's 500K bike ride, which raises money for affordable housing. The host for this event is Habitat for Humanity of South Central, MN. More info on the event can be found at bikebuildhome500.org.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 4 | 5:00-7:00PM

This community wide event has become a summer highlight for the community of Eagle Lake. Join us for a free meal, conversations with local law enforcement, and a Summer Sounds Concert (Jeremy Poland and Lantz Dale). All takes place at Lake Eagle Park. Volunteers are needed to help serve the meal! Sign up on the green bulletin board.



SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

CHRISTMAS IN JULY | JULY 26

A festive morning where we recall that the Good News of Jesus coming into the world is not just for December!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PET BLESSING | AUGUST 23

Bring a lawn chair as we worship outdoors! Pets are welcome as we thank God for their presence in our lives. The fellowship committee will provide special treats for our social time following worship.

PRAYER

FRIDAYS AT 9:00AM

All are invited to spend time in prayer for the world, our congregation, and individual needs. This quiet service is a great way to start the weekend!

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

MONDAYS AT 6:00PM

Join us for an in depth study of some of Jesus' teachings on important topics such as enemies, spiritual practices, and worry.

SUMMER READ

OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH BY LIISA EYERLY

DISCUSSION DATE: MONDAY, AUGUST 31 @ 6:00PM

This murder mystery, set in biblical times, is sure to keep you on your toes! Books can be purchased on Amazon. Learn more about this first book of the series and the author at liisaeyerly.com.

CONTACT UPDATE

Pastor Sarah's new email: pastor@epiphanyeaglelake.org

Brie's new email: office@epiphanyeaglelake.org

New web address: epiphanyeaglelake.org

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Over the next few months we will begin transitioning away from mailing paper newsletters. Not only will this change help to reduce the amount of paper we use, it will help reduce costs for the congregation.

Paper newsletters will continue to be mailed every two months through the end of 2026. Beginning January of 2027, paper newsletters will not be mailed. This will give us time to make sure contact information is up to date and work out any challenges in the new system before completely going away from the paper mailings.

We will be moving to primarily using electronic communication, via email, for congregational updates. Please make sure your email address is up to date with the office! Monthly email newsletters will begin being sent at the end of July.

Don't have an email address? Need a paper copy and don't have a printer? Paper copies of the newsletter will be available to pick up at church. Watch for more info on how to sign-up for paper copies in the coming weeks.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund		
	May 31, 2026	Year-to-Date 2026
Income	\$13,513	\$66,958
Expenses	-\$13,251	-\$61,402
Net Change	\$262	\$5,556

Endowment Fund	
Beg Balance 1/1/26	\$32,004.86
Additional Funds	+\$10,025.00
Ministry Growth Fund Additions	+\$281.10
Market Change	+\$1,990.83
Ending Balance 4/20/26	\$44,301.79

Property Fund Balance 5/31/26	\$13,543.97
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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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

This summer, during worship, we are diving stories of God's faithfulness. God is faithful to Hagar even when God's chosen family is not. God is faithful to Rahab and Ruth, even though they were outsiders. God is faithful to the people of Israel under Deborah's leadership and frees them from oppression. The entire Bible shows us that we have a God who is faithful.

This stands in stark contrast to the world around us. The world is filled with treachery, separation, disaffection, alienation, inconstancy, infidelity, falseness, faithlessness, and disloyalty. These opposites of faithfulness show up in our daily lives,

our communities, and our world. And yet, God remains steadfast and faithful.

God is faithful in the lives of the women of scripture, and he is faithful to you, too. The one who called your name in the waters of baptism, has not forgotten you. No matter how the world tries to rename you, no matter how often you are deceived by the ways of the Evil one, no matter how faithlessness continues to show up in your life, God will remain faithful to you. God's faithfulness is not fickle. God's promises are sure. You are named, claimed, and called by God. Now and forever.

-Pastor Sarah

Church Council Meeting 6/18/2026

Call to Order: 7:06 pm

Members Present: Linda Arndt, Sue Edstrom, Bernita Geving, Collen Hall, Dave Kerr, Marlyn Mosher, Joel Nielsen, Becky Overholser, Kari Severson, Pastor Sarah

Members Absent: Katie Sieberg

Devotion – Pastor Sarah

Prayerful Preparation – Joel Nielson

Opening Question – Marlyn Mosher

Agenda review – additions/changes Motion to approve with the addition of adding next meeting date: Becky Overholser. Second: Kari Severson. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of minutes from May 18, 2026. Motion to approve : Becky Overholser. Second: Linda Arndt. All in favor-motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Copy machine is down again. Parts are on order. Eagle Lake T-ball will be using our parking lot on Saturday mornings. Little Pantry storage will move to small classroom in education wing. List for church deep cleaning is being updated and go up Aug 1st.

Motion was made to go with Wix.com to enroll in Constant Contact for email newsletters: Becky Overholser. Second: Colleen Hall. All in favor-motion carried.

Treasurer's report - Financial Statement review. See Treasurers report for additional details. Motion to approve: Kari Severson. Second: Marlyn Mosher. All in favor, motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS – Recap of Property Prioritization Committee's recommendations. Researching any ADA requirements for the emergency exits. Getting estimates for concrete

repair and determining if whole doors need to be replaced or repaired. Get estimates on gutters for the newer addition. Council needs to think about what we can do to assist in this process, site supervisors, clean up etc., once the projects are underway.

Committee Updates:

Worship- No meeting this month. July 26th will be Christmas in July. August 23rd is the outdoor service. September 13th will be Breakfast Church

Fellowship – Serving root beer floats and popcorn at the outdoor service in August.

Evangelism, Education and Outreach (EEO) - Will be providing water stations for both Tator Days and St. Clair parades in lieu of being in the parade. July 19th Epiphany will be hosting a breakfast for the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser bicyclists. Tuesday August 4th Epiphany will be at the Nation Night Out event at Lake Eagle Park. June noisy offering will go to Feeding Community Partners, July will go to Habitat for Humanity, August to Blue Earth and Nicollet County Humane Society (BENCHS), September for school supplies.

Property and Stewardship- Met with St. Peter Glass to address the stained-glass window in the sanctuary. They took measurements and will get back to us

Next meeting date: 07/20/2026

Question & Treats: Joel Nielsen

Adjourn and Close with Lord's Prayer

Motion to Adjourn at 8:13: Becky Overholser

Respectfully submitted, Sue Edstrom

Check AED – Pastor Sarah

Church Council Meeting 5/18/2026

Call to Order: 7:06 pm

Members Present: Linda Arndt, Sue Edstrom, Bernita Geving, Collen Hall, Dave Kerr, Marlyn Mosher, Joel Nielsen, Becky Overholser, Katie Sieberg, Pastor Sarah

Members Absent: Kari Severson

Devotion – Pastor Sarah

Prayerful Preparation – Joel Nielson

Opening Question – Dave Kerr

Agenda review – additions/changes Motion to approve with the addition of them Pastor's report and donation for Tator Days: Becky Overholser. Second: Katie Sieberg. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of minutes from April 20, 2026. Motion to approve : Becky Overholser. Second: Marlyn Mosher. All in favor-motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Recap of the 40 th Anniversary celebration. Will be gone June 14th and working on replacement pulpit supply.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS –

- Colleen spoke about the 3 conferences she attended, Local ELCA Conference, Council and Leaders Conference and the SE Minnesota ELCA Synod Assembly.
- Motion was made to reduce the lease amount for Little Eagles Preschool to \$1400/mo. for June, July and August: Linda Arndt. Second: Katie Sieberg. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Updates:

Worship- No meeting this month. 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

Fellowship – Night with the Moon Dogs will be on May 31 st Sign up on bulletin board.

Fellowship committee will be providing root beer floats and popcorn after the outdoor worship on August 23rd.

Evangelism, Education and Outreach (EEO) -

Exploring new ideas for Faith Formation possibly offering it Wednesday nights with confirmation, looking at offering a toddler and infant program once a month. Will be providing water stations for both Tator Days and St. Clair parades in lieu of being in the parade. July 19th Epiphany will be hosting a breakfast for the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser bicyclists. Tuesday August 4th Epiphany will be at the Nation Night Out event at Lake Eagle Park.

Property and Stewardship- Next week meeting with St. Peter Glass to address the stained-glass window in the sanctuary. Received 3 bids for carpeting. Will review.

NEW BUSINESS

- Looking at options for distributing the Newsletter as the USPS is getting slower. Researching web-based newsletters, batch email options along with text messaging and a printed option for those without these services. Also looking at updating our website and email addresses to a .org site.
- Time to do a deep clean of the church again. Will evaluate old sign-up lists and options to accomplish this.
- Property Prioritization Committee met and identified 3 safety concerns:
 1. Fix the emergency exit doors and thresholds.
 2. Rain gutters on the entire building.
 3. Flooring as it presents a trip hazard with the bubbling etc.Research will be done to see what is needed and cost estimates to complete them.

Next meeting date: 06/15/2026

Question & Treats: Marlyn Mosher

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

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Greeter	Jolene Damman Howard Gibbons	Joel & Donna Nielsen	Deb & Brian Fingerson	Mike & Linda Arndt
Reader	Colleen Hall	Lisa Nagel	Kathy Gerdes	Katie Sieberg
Communion Servers	Dave Overholser Duane Anderson	Lisa Nagel Beth Rossow	Donna Nielsen Linda Arndt	Terry Johnson Carol Regnier
Ushers	Amy Ely Tom Wellner	Dean Nagel Ray Weber	Joe Fisher Bob Brunz	Jane Carter Duane Anderson
Acolyte/Slides	Sheldon	Harvey	Gavin	Eli
Open/Close	Bernita Geving Dave Kerr	Kari Severson Katie Sieberg	Sue Edstrom Colleen Hall	Linda Arndt Marlyn Mosher
Counters	Dave Kerr Duane Anderson	Bruce Sieberg Dave Overholser	Linda Arndt Patty Adams	Theresa Mosher Sue Brunz
Altar Guild	Sarah Weber Lisa Nagel	Susan Brunz Cheryl Wellner	Susan Brunz Cheryl Wellner	Patty Adams Linda Arndt
Fellowship	Carol Krueger, Kari Severson	Deb & Brian Fingerson, Tom Wellner & Terry Johnson	Marlyn & Theresa Mosher, Terry Krook	Hillesheim Family, Patty Adams

	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Greeter	Larry & Bernita Geving	Dale & Colleen Hall	Dave & Becky Overholser	Amy Ely	Jolene Daaman Howard Gibbons
Reader	Carol Regnier	*TBD	*TBD	*TBD	*TBD
Communion Servers	Dave & Becky Overholser	Beth Rossow Amy Ely	Payton Hillesheim Winnis Buesing	Linda Arndt Sue Brunz	Donna Nielsen Terry Johnson
Ushers	Tom Wellner Terry Johnson	Dean Nagel Ray Weber	Joe Fisher Bob Brunz	Jane Carter Duane Anderson	Tom Wellner Amy Ely
Acolyte/Slides	Grace	Kari Severon	Sheldon	NA-outdoor worship	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	Linda Arndt Patty Adams
Altar Guild	Patty Adams Linda Arndt	Becky Overholser Vickie Huebl	Becky Overholser Vickie Huebl	Donna Nielsen Amy Ely	Donna Nielsen Amy Ely
Fellowship	Duane Anderson & Jane Carter; Sieberg Family	Mark & Beth Rossow; Linda Arndt	Dale & Colleen Hall, Dave & Judy Kerr	*Ann Stensrud, Larry & Bernita Geving	Ray & Sarah Weber, Bob and Susan Brunz

*August 9-September 6, multiple readers are needed each week for a reader's theater style reading.

Please sign up on the green bulletin board if you are able to help!

*Food will be provided by the fellowship committee on August 23. Please just arrive ready to serve and clean up.

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, August 18**

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Social Media

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Facebook: Epiphany Lutheran Church-Eagle Lake, MN

Schedule of Events

July 18	Tator Days Parade (water station)
July 19	Bike.Build.Home 500 Breakfast
July 26	Christmas in July
August 4	National Night Out (Lake Eagle Park)
August 23	Outdoor Worship & Pet Blessing
August 18-20	Vacation Bible School with Resurrection Lutheran
August 31	<i>Obedient Unto Death</i> discussion

