

# STAR GAZING



**2019.Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> - “Star-Gazing” is a regular article, which reveals trends and movements happening within the leadership of Epiphany Lutheran Church. Just as the Magi followed the star--eventually leading them to where God wanted them to go--we likewise hope this regular article might allow us to joyfully go where God wants us to go as Epiphany Lutheran Church and School. Readers are encouraged to pray for God’s glory through all the decisions being worked on.**

After much prayer, we thank God for **Bob Killinger’s acceptance to be the chair-person for our Board of Evangelism.** We have had a long vacancy in this important area of ministry, which also happens to be the chief reason why the church exists, at all. *Please keep Bob and the newly resuscitated Board of Evangelism in your prayers as they make good, God-pleasing decisions toward reaching those who don’t yet know the love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness found in Christ alone.*

Now that all the interviews have been completed for a new Epiphany pre-school director (since Nancy Danna is retiring after a wonderful and powerful 30-year tenure...going to really miss her) **we pray that the school board quickly and carefully selects the best candidate to move our pre-school ministry into its next phase/season.** *I encourage you to both, pray that God continues blessing Nancy in her next phase of ministry and also pray that God strengthens and empowers the chosen candidate to continue blessing our community in this all-important ministry of bringing Jesus’ love to young, churched and unchurched children and their families.*

***Please pray for me (Pastor Muchow) as I continue preparing for the Divine Drama Bible study class that will meet in the main sanctuary from March 10, 2019 – May 26, 2019.*** This class will meet during the 9:30-10:30 AM regular Sunday school time and will help all participants to better understand the history and relationship of the Old and New Testaments and their central message regarding the Person and Work of Christ Jesus. Right now, I am reading John Bright’s classic, The Kingdom of God as one of many books to help us in our learning.

Not only is Nancy Danna leaving our pre-school but so is our children’s pre-school Bible and music teacher, Anita Edwards, is also leaving at the end of this year. She is leaving us to play a larger role in an outreach ministry she and her husband lead in Tomball, Texas. **Beth Hixon has agreed to add the role of pre-school Bible and music teacher to her current ministry to young families when the next school year begins.** *Please pray that God blesses Beth in her planning in how to best utilize her particular gifts to help our pre-school children and families know Jesus and His Kingdom.*

***Please pray for facilitator and member, Kandice Herndon, as she leads our congregational Board of Elders and Council chair-people in a strategic planning day on Saturday, February 16, 2019.*** Such planning should help us and guide us to be better stewards of our resources, time, and energy as we communicate and reveal the Good News of Jesus to our community.

***Pray for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation students as they not only prepare for their confirmation interviews but also work on their paper to be read at their banquet dinner entitled, “Why I will Remain a Lutheran!”***

**Our Director of Music Ministry, Pam Tamburello has been leading meetings to carefully and faithfully make changes (not major ones) in the overall look and feel of our 10:45 AM worship service.** *Please pray that God guides and blesses her and those chosen to help her as they work together to Give God the Glory and help connect new people to Jesus through a slightly different worship service format and music.* More updates on these proposed changes to come soon in future Star-Gazing newsletters.