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**Epiphany Lutheran Church Announces New Metanoia House Faith Circle
for Individuals and Families Struggling with Addiction**

Collierville, Tennessee, USA – Epiphany Lutheran Church announces a new confidential “Faith Circle,” Metanoia House, for those who struggle to cope with addiction, either personally or through the addiction of a loved one, friend or colleague. Metanoia House will gather twice a month on Friday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 pm, beginning September 14, 2018, in Schaeffer Memorial Chapel, 7887 Poplar Avenue, Germantown. Schaeffer Memorial Chapel is located on the grounds of Kingsway Christian Church, next to Whole Foods. Metanoia House Faith Circle gatherings are “come as you are” and all people ages 18+ are welcome, regardless of their faith tradition.

Reverend Monica Weber, pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church and leader of Metanoia House, explains, “‘Metanoia’ means ‘to turn around’ in Greek; in the New Testament, ‘metanoia’ describes a person’s decision to walk away from past behaviors and mistakes, and journey toward a full and happier life through faith in God. Through our belief in Jesus Christ, God forgives us, no matter what we do. God creates us to live joyful lives regardless of the wrong turns we’ve made. We invite anyone who struggles to cope with addiction to join this new faith circle and walk with us as we practice the intention of metanoia.”

Metanoia House Gatherings will include time for prayer, Scripture, and contemplative poetry, as well as music from the Celtic and Taizé Christian traditions. Participants may choose to share their joys and concerns in confidence, without judgment; the circle will discuss different topics each week as we discern together how to serve the world and love neighbor within the harsh realities of addiction and its associated behaviors.



For more information on Metanoia House Faith Circle gatherings, please contact Pastor Monica at pastormonicaepiphanylutheran@gmail.com or 901-861-6227, or visit the Metanoia House Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/metanoiahouse>.

About Epiphany Lutheran Church: Epiphany Lutheran Church worships every Sunday at 10:00 am in Schaeffer Memorial Chapel on the campus of Kingsway Christian Church, 7887 Poplar Avenue in Germantown (right next to Whole Foods). Epiphany's Community Garden, tended by volunteers, has been in operation for seven years, providing almost 2,000 pounds of produce annually to the Collierville Food Pantry and other local feeding ministries. Volunteers are welcome to work in the garden on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:30 am – 11:30 am (weather permitting). For more information, visit www.epiphanylu.org.

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