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MIFA 50th Anniversary Celebration and CommUNITY Day September 15th
at Epiphany Lutheran Church Community Garden

Collierville, Tennessee, USA – Epiphany Lutheran Church is proud to partner with the Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association (MIFA) and St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Collierville to celebrate MIFA’s landmark 50th anniversary this year. As part of this celebration, MIFA will hold CommUNITY Days throughout Shelby County during five days in September, when people of all faiths and backgrounds from more than 60 faith groups across Shelby County will gather to partner on shared projects to benefit and unite the community through service. More than 25 projects to benefit Memphis-area communities will take place during the five-day period.

On MIFA’s 50th birthday, September 15, a very special CommUNITY Day will take place at the Epiphany Community Garden (located at the corner of Wolf River Blvd. and Bray Station Road in Collierville). Volunteers from MIFA, Epiphany and St. Andrews will gather together at 8:30 am for a morning of work in the garden, which provides fresh produce weekly to the Collierville Food Pantry as well as other area feeding ministries. Pastor Monica Weber from Epiphany Lutheran Church, will open with a prayer, followed by a brief tour of the garden. Volunteers will then split into teams to work in the garden, including activities such as harvesting fresh vegetables, weeding and watering, and planting new crops for the fall. Attendees will also have the opportunity build a mason bee house to take home, along with instructions on where to place the bee house in their own yard or garden for best results.

This family-friendly event is open to the public and will take place from 8:30 am – 11:30 am. During the event, Epiphany will provide bottled water and snacks to all volunteers. As part of the MIFA 50th anniversary celebration, there will also be birthday cake! Participants will also receive a free MIFA50 T-shirt as thanks for their assistance.



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 in 2017 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.

About Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association (MIFA): MIFA, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1968, and today serves over 50,000 people annually. Created in the wake of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination, MIFA began as a volunteer-driven advocacy agency and has since evolved into the Memphis area's preeminent interfaith organization. MIFA partners with 200 congregations in West Tennessee, provides thousands of volunteers and donors, all children of God, the opportunity to unite the community through service and support the independence of vulnerable seniors and families in crisis through high-impact programs. For more information, visit <https://www.mifa.org>.

About St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Saint Andrew's is a Christian worship community in Collierville committed to prayer, work, and study. Work includes in-reach and outreach, all in response to God's gracious gift of salvation in Jesus Christ. For more information, visit <https://standrewscollierville.org>.

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