

**Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Elmhurst, Illinois**



## First Bibles

When your child was baptized you promised "to place in his/her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith..." and, as a congregation, Epiphany promised to support you in keeping your baptism promises. If you have a fourth grader you and your child are invited to attend a first Bible instruction class on Sunday, April 10, in the Chapel following worship OR on Monday, April 11 in the Epiphany Center at 6:00 pm. First Bibles will be formally blessed and presented during worship on Sunday, April 17. Please contact Pastor Fisher with questions at (630) 832-8457.



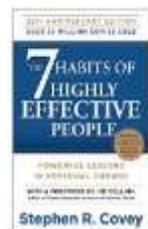
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## The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

**Sunday April 24, 2016 at 10:30am**

The Chapel

In this one hour class we will discuss Dr. Steven Covey's **7 Habits of Highly Effective People**. You do not have to have read the book to participate.



We all have many roles. Are you a parent, a spouse, a significant other, an adult child with parents? In your professional life are you a team member, a formal leader or an informal leader? Are you involved in your community, with your neighborhood or some other civic organization? Dr. Covey enumerates of a set of habits that can improve people's effectiveness in almost any setting or role. The emphasis is to practice and live the 7 habits as a means to improving ourselves and strengthening our relationships in our different roles. And to manage our personal growth.

The class will be led by Epiphany's Bill Edwards. Join us in the chapel for an hour on **Sunday April 24, 2016 at 10:30am**.

## A Few Words From Pastor Jennifer

*“The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.”*

Luke 24:5-9



My family used to have a tradition...

In the summers, when all the kids were out of school, we’d take a family trip to my grandparents’ house for several weeks, and we were often joined by various aunts and uncles and cousins.

There was always at least one night during the vacation/family reunion when Grandpa would usher us all into the basement, pull out the screen, and show his collection of slides (remember that technology??). That would always lead to a family storytelling session as the pictures would stir up the collective memories of our elders.

There was the story about Grandpa, who graduated magna cum laude from Notre Dame with a PhD in organic chemistry, yet got suspended from his South Bend Indiana High School because he shimmied up the school flagpole on a dare. There were my grandma’s sadder stories about always feeling cold and hungry as a teenager during the Great Depression. There were the history stories about how our family fled from their native land to escape religious persecution in Europe. How they came to William Penn’s colony, full of hope that this would be a safe place to live and worship. On and on the stories went, filling the night.

When I was a kid, I thought we were the weirdest family on earth. How was it possible that one relatively small group of people had so many stories?? And why was it necessary to repeat them over and over??

I think I understand it, now. Most of my elders are long gone. But I can still hear their voices in my head, telling their summer stories. And then I remember who I am. I am reminded to be more patient with my little boy who won’t conform...I am reminded to greet the homeless and hungry people I see on the street, even if I can’t give them anything that day...I am reminded to defend the rights of others to worship (or not) as they choose.

Stories and memories – even difficult ones - are sacred things. They help us understand who we are, and how we got here. They inform the way we will move forward. That’s why my elders told us our family stories. And that’s exactly why we gather every Sunday to tell our God family stories.

We tell the ancient stories so that when we are feeling lost or frightened or soul-weary, we can hear the echo of the angel’s words and remember who WE are: the people of God’s family. And then we remember that our family story doesn’t end in fear and death. It ends with an empty tomb and with dazzling hope and possibility. A hope and possibility that is still being fulfilled within each one of us.

God’s story is still being written. In YOU – that is what God promised in your baptism. So remember God’s words and God’s promises. Let them remind you of who you are. And may God’s hope, joy and peace, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus this Easter season - and always. Amen. ---Pastor Jennifer

## LYO News You Can Use



Todd and Kareen Ripperda

March was a quick month for LYO with Easter being so early this year. We continued with the Gospel of Luke and focused on Jesus' teaching while he was here on earth. We looked at how following Jesus will give us power, energy and joy as we go throughout our daily lives. Many times we are exhausted by all of the obligations we have during the day and when we look at it, we can't simply ignore them. But when we live a Jesus centered life, the obligations actually become opportunities for us to spread the love of Jesus to others, which in turn brings us more energy.

Several LYO'ers helped out with the Men in Mission Pancake Breakfast this year. Men in Mission has always been a big supporter of the youth group so we welcome any chance to help them out and serve the congregation with them.

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the Toy and Clothing Re-sales. We had a lot of helpers this year and the committee is very generous to us when we participate. The money LYO receives goes directly to the kids' LYO accounts for outings such as our summer mission trip.

LYO will be going to West Virginia, in the Appalachian Mountains for this summer's Group Work Camp from July 22 – 30. The trip is now full. We will have 30 of us going this year. Continue to watch for details on the trip throughout the year.

We send out a weekly e-mail to update parents and LYO students of upcoming events and any changes in times, etc. If you are not on this list or your e-mail address has changed, please e-mail us at [lyo@epiphanyelmhurst.org](mailto:lyo@epiphanyelmhurst.org).

If you have questions regarding LYO, feel free to call us at (630) 774-1588.

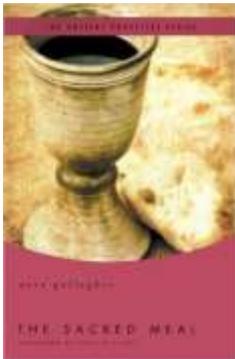
In Christ,  
Kareen and Todd Ripperda - Youth Ministers

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### LYO April Calendar

<b>April 3</b>	Breakfast Club 9:30 a.m.	<b>April 17</b>	Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
<b>April 10</b>	Small Groups 9:30 a.m.	<b>April 24</b>	Evening Meeting 5:30 p.m.

## Check it Out!



Nora Gallagher gives a first impression that she is a rambling, nondenominational hippie. Readers that stay with her through The Sacred Meal will be rewarded with truly insightful ideas about imagination, poverty, entitlement, generosity, bread, vulnerability, Jesus, and the communion of saints. "I saw Jesus again as the person who knew how to bring us back to our senses. He did this through simple and profound acts, which we now have made into rituals." This book is an excellent exploration of how individuals view communion, but for a doctrinally-based introduction, refer to one of Martin Luther's books, which can also be checked out for FREE!

--Assistant Librarian Teri

## Epiphany Players



A fun-filled family event will take place in Epiphany Center on **Sunday, April 24**, starting at **3:30 p.m.** Refreshments will be served, accompanied by some walk-around professional magicians entertaining everyone with sleight-of-hand magic. After this, an ensemble of magicians will present a 30-40 minute show, followed by Pastor Ron enchanting the audience with a medley of melodies on his ukulele, and possibly his guitar. Rounding out the entertainment will be a Readers Theatre performance of the one-act murder mystery comedy "The Case of the Frozen Saints" presented by our own Epiphany Players drama group.

There is no charge for this event, except for a free-will donation that would be greatly appreciated. Proceeds will go directly to the Yorkfield Food Pantry. Mark your April calendar for this great afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun!

## Epiphany Men's... and Women's Bowling!

Here ye! Here ye! We are inviting ladies, high school age and up, to be a part of our enjoyable bowling league! You don't have to be an expert bowler. Our averages range from 80 to 180, with a handicap system that makes it fair to all. Just enjoy the friendly competition we have enjoyed for over 50 years. Sound good? Please respond by April 10 as we have to make accommodations for the coming season this fall. Contact Bob Sutherland at (630) 279-1636 or Marty Jensen at (630) 605-6414. Heartfelt thanks!



## Men in Mission Breakfast Recap

The Annual Men-in-Mission Pancake Breakfast was a very successful event. Approximately 100 people of all ages were served a delicious breakfast. Attendees also enjoyed socializing around the tables. The attendance and funds raised were the highest in several years. Proceeds will be used to assist Epiphany members and local residents who are in need, and church and community organizations that serve them.

## Update from Pastor David Livingston Zijan Father's Divine Love Ministries, Jinja, Uganda

The following is an email answering questions from late 2015. (In the near future, the Outreach Team will provide further details about how you can contribute to the FDLM poultry project).

What is the status of the land project for which Epiphany raised money a year ago? The last update was that there was a title dispute resulting in a legal case.

David's response:

The court process is still on-going. We are undergoing mediation. The law requires mediation before hearings begin to see that disputes can be resolved without trial so as to save court time. Unfortunately, land matters in courts in Uganda take frustratingly long times. It can go anywhere from a year to 10 years! I am doing my part to arrive at a quicker resolution. We are aiming at securing a refund or alternative land as long as it's commensurate to the monies invested. The confidence we have is that the law is very clear. The seller owner can't have both the money and the property. Therefore if he keeps the money, we have the land, and if we don't have the land, then we have the money. So, our victory is inevitable though it takes a long time.

What is the status of the Epiphany house?

David's Response:

The Epiphany house is the home of Hellen Kayedeke who is the home mother for seven kids, namely: Pius Oriebo, Benard Omongole, Ziad Kitengi, Tifu Wakabi, Boaz Basoome, Nakalanzi Immaculate and Jonah Mugabi. We have added two more similar houses to the east and the community is growing steadily. A meal is being prepared in front of the house to the right of the Epiphany House:



What is the overall situation at FDLM in terms of metrics and key programs?

David's Response:

At the moment, we maintain two operational bases i.e. Rapha Children's Haven (location of the church) which houses two staff families, a male support staff who has grown through the program, and 12 Tertiary school-going beneficiaries who are gradually transitioning into independent living.

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## Update from Pastor David Livingston Zijjan continued

Peniel, the site of the Epiphany House, is growing and still maintains 34 children and seven caregivers. We have an active child-advocacy program which trains children and in conjunction with adult trainers goes into the communities and institutions to advocate for children's rights. They are called the Child Ambassadors. We have another group called SAFE CLUB also doing the same through dance and drama. We have the Women of Worth (WOW) headed by Sarah which is an outreach program training women in a plethora of things. WOW also goes to hospitals to share the compassion of Christ and the message of the gospel. It has grown to a 60 committed church women.

The church is 220 strong and we continue to share the love of Christ. All the above is sustained by 13 full time staff and several part time volunteers. We are about 70% done on a new house at Peniel, have installed rain water harvest gutters on all the roofs and have constructed a second base for another 10,000 liter tank at Peniel because it is our rainy season and little can be done until March. The available tank floods and so a second one is long overdue. That requires \$1,300 usd.

*Are operating funds an even more dire need? Are there funds for the college students?*

David's Response:

Those two are equally necessary, but the self-sustaining projects, though expensive, will lead to cutting down on the operational needs and also contribute to locally generated income which reduces donor dependence. I therefore would advocate for help for the completion of the poultry house, and the second storage water tank.

*What is the status of the poultry project?*

David's Response:

Earlier in 2015 we built the walls for the poultry house (picture below on the left). The floor was poured late last year but further construction was halted in early December due to the wet season and the lack of funds. We have completed a business plan for the poultry project and can be specific on how Epiphany can help.



*Father's Divine Love Ministries in Jinja, Uganda, is an orphanage led by Pastor David Livingston Zijjan and his wife Sarah. We are proud to support this ministry focusing on children orphaned by the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the third world. Epiphany Outreach teams have visited FDLM on two occasions and David and Sarah along with their youngest child, Mehitabel, have visited Epiphany on a number of occasions. Visit [DIGNITYAFRICA.org](http://DIGNITYAFRICA.org) for more information.*

**SERVING JESUS IS THE HIGHEST CALLING!!**

## Women’s Entrepreneurship Visit

*Reverend Ken Schroeder was nice enough to share pictures and stories from his time hosting members of a Russian Women Entrepreneur’s Delegation.*

From March 5 through 13 I hosted Vera and Yevgeniya, two Russian women, in my home. They were part of a delegation of nationally known Russian women who came to study Women’s Entrepreneurship in the US. They were sponsored by the State Department and spent three days in Washington D.C. and seven days in the Chicago Area. They stayed in homes to add a personal touch to the cultural exchange. I fed them breakfast every day, then took them to the Elmhurst Library where they met the others and went to meetings all day.

Vera is Development Executive Director for Sony Pictures Television International (Moscow office), She is responsible for production of television dramatic series adaptations. WHAT? One of her current projects is producing a Russian adaptation of “Everybody Loves Raymond.” They are contracted to produce 300 episodes with Russian actors and Russian language. She must approve every script. Ray Romano came to Moscow when they started shooting. (Incidentally this is being done in 8 different countries throughout the world. As a tradition, when they finish the season of a series, all folks involved write their name with a black marker on a large white plate. The plate is smashed and everyone gets a piece as a souvenir.



Vera at Willis Tower.



Yevgeniya, me, and Vera at the ‘Bean’ in Chicago



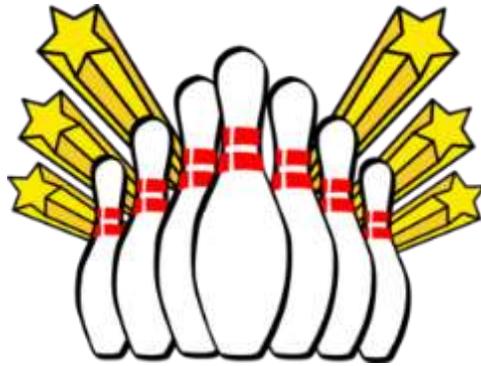
Yevgeniya and her son

Yevgeniya has founded and owns a company called “Mama Nonstop” She graduated as an engineer, worked in a bank for six years, but when her son was born her focus changed to “family life.” Above is some of their advertising with a picture of her and her son. They make coordinated clothes for parents and children. She also organized an Easter Celebration for Children in a Moscow park that drew 3000 people. She went to church with me and was impressed when the pastor used the “Nemo fish” story to talk about being lost and found during the children’s sermon.



Creating happy memories in the kitchen.

# Family Fun Night at Fitz's Bowling



April 23

6:30-10:00 PM

Downstairs

Enjoy a family fun night with a little bowling competition  
along with your Sunday school friends!

\$22.00 - Adults

\$15.00 - Kids

Includes Bowling, Pizza, Salad & Dessert

Cash bar & Pool table also available.

RSVP to Lynn Sutton

[sutton743@comcast.net](mailto:sutton743@comcast.net)

Please give names and grades for each bowler

## Endowments Received

Listed below are donations recently made to the Epiphany Endowment Fund:

**In Memory of Frances Kallstrom given by:**

Grace & Wilbur Lippert  
George & Chris Ellefsen

**In Memory of Del Grosser given by:**

Lou Wiegel  
Pat Haidle  
Richard & Margaret Leabru

**In Memory of Mary Ann Friberg given by:**

Pat Haidle

Thank you for remembering others with a gift that keeps on giving.

*The Epiphany Endowment Committee*

## Memorials Received

**In memory of Del Grosser given by:**

Mary K. Hanson  
Muriel Lippert  
Pat & Tom McGonigle  
Anne Chilstrom  
Don & Dorothy Cwik  
Eric & April Kempf  
Joy Mullaney  
Bob & Judy Scheuerman  
Lee Strouse

Randi & Margi Truckenbrodt  
Dolores Barney  
June C. Irmis  
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Chamberlain College of Nursing  
Daryl R. Edwards  
W. Peter Doron  
David Gladney  
Gary Granback  
Jim & Virginia Wage

**In memory of Bob Magesen given by:**

Linda & Malcolm Proudfoot

**In memory of Mary Ann Friberg given by:**

Foreman  
Mary K Hanson  
K.T. & Ed Thompson

Robert & Judy Dillingham  
Dolores Barney  
Lou McClelland

## Thank You!

I can't even begin to count the number of times I've counted on Epiphany. Whenever I've asked for something the response has always been overwhelming. For the month of March I asked for laundry soap for the food pantry and 165 bottles have been donated. On behalf of the 1,100 clients that are served each month there, my sincere thanks to the generous people of Epiphany! My next project will be snacks for the children during the month of July. Watch for details and please continue to donate!

--Cleo Tengroth, volunteer, Yorkfield Food Pantry

## April Birthdays

1	Brook Bandy, Michael Bandy, Chip Johnson, Karen Koval	16	Claire Cartwright, Christian Dierksheide, Beth Kunesh, Chris LeBron, Emily Rathbone, Kristin Thomas
2	Kelly Connolly, Julia Dierksheide, Alexander Wilcox	17	Rich Reichert
3	Susan Bonner, Cheryl Camp, Maxwell Carson, Willem Caster, Natalie LeBron, Gail Sopron, Dawson Wells	18	Ethan Hanyzewski, Ethan Proctor, Michael Schrage
4	Melissa Clark, John DeGrace, Kevin Doberstein, Hannah Hinrichs, Virginia Larsen, Erin Puckett, Katherine Wegmann	19	Brian Adams, Maryn Banta, Karin Boullion, Olivia Cook, Linnea Dierksheide, Kimberly French, Dorothy Shick, Wayde Trista, Joyce Urness, Maya Zubradt
5	Virginia Aylesworth, Kristine Lundine, Andrew Wyman Ryan Casey, Martha Haley, Vince Hradil, Noah Kurianski	20	Dianne Gutterman, Wendy Hurst, Piper Michalski, Tyler Ptak
7	Lauren Kriz, Kimberly Thielbar	21	Mike LoPiano, Lori Trimble
9	Drew Kircher, Edward Schneider, Greg Taylor	22	Blake Becker, Mia Calderisi, Jayela Christides, Brady Reeves
10	Eric Felson, Shaun Hammerle, Lois Hodgson, Callie Klatt, Ryan Nowak, Karly Witzel	23	Laura Fries, Steven Kroll
11	Madeline DeGrace, Heather Feltman, Robert Hedrick, Wayne Kimbal, Laura Pesek, Claire Pfaff, Cole Wilson	24	Madison Casey, Jennifer Edwards, Marlene Tegmeyer
12	Debbie Cripe, Susan Mooshool	25	Megan Foster, Pat Frigo, Amy Roy, Lynn Sutton
13	Glen Heinemann, Joseph Valladares, Evan Wendell	26	Elizabeth Markwald, Raeya Penland
14	Kristine Hanley, Maureen McPherson, John Pozeck, Nathan Russo, John Tobin, Allison Wilson	27	Robin Banasek, Mike Lewis, Bart Lupa, Kelly Phelps, Holt Puckett, Bob Rathbone, Joan Wincentsen
15	Katharine Connolly, Kyle Hallongren, Grace Lippert, Andrew Wethekam, Shannon Wolsztyniak	28	Kristin Hall, Irmgard Olson
		29	Larry Bircher, Eugene Hallongren, Dave Hanebuth, Emily Schlosser
		30	Andy Holmer, Edward Samuelain III

## April Anniversaries

1	Robert and Deborah Dickert	22	John and Linda Anderson
3	Barbara and George Szczepaniak	22	David and Emily Gonzalez
10	James and Jill Mueller	24	Michael and Natalie Stuffbeam
12	Shawn and Debbie Biery	25	Jonathon and Chris Elsass
17	Ted Mandigo and Shirley Swanson	26	Douglas and Virginia Johnson
18	James and Amy VanDenBrook	26	Rick and Christine Pfaff
22	Michael and Dee Dee Bandy	27	Michael and Susan Kriz
		30	Michael and Lisa Hartley

## In Our Prayers

**Our members:** Todd Becker, Wayne Bell, Judith Billingsley, Nancy Bode, Marie Buford, Ben Dochoff, Bill Friberg, Babette Halen, Ella Hruby, Kris Johnson, Brent Johnston, Bill Kallstrom, Catherine Knapp, Darryl May, Gena Medema, Colleen Sutherland

**Our friends:** Nancy Baggio (friend of Sue and Emily Schlosser), Eli James Becker (grandson of Gwen and Richard Becker), Katie Bertsche (Rod Durham’s cousin), Bill and Virginia Bonham (Mary Ann Friberg’s brother-in-law and sister), Laverne Budris (Lisa Budris’ mother), Carmina Capra (Maria Terracciano’s mother), Marta Davy (friend of the Sutherlands), Judy Elenbaas (friend of the Kellers), Charles Fahrenwald (Wayne and Joan Bell’s grandson), Keith Groenwald (former member), Owen Thomas Gross (grandson of Gary and Sue Gross), Lorna Hansen (Amy Rimington’s mother), Jan Harms (Jen Mann’s mother), Jan Hier (Steve and Laurie Hier’s sister-in-law), Christa Johnson (friend of the Hedricks), John Johnson (Janet Rudhman’s brother), Robert Kampf (friend of Daryl Bartelson), Glen Kelley (friend of the Haidles), Bob Krzyzewski (Lila Peters’ brother-in-law), Molly Kundis (friend of Jack & Trisha Graham), Lindsay Larson (Andrea Redfearn’s niece), Greg Lechowski (friend of Joe Schram), Bill Lentine (father of Trisha Graham), Lora Corey Marut (friend of Linda Stratton), Harriet Mason (friend of Sandra Vaughn), Karen McCaa (sister of Amy Pilny), Evan Thomas Mevis (Ruth Blair’s grandson), Marie Mueller (mother of Keelie Witzel), Gail Nerison, Vicki Nowak-Webb (cousin of Mitch Pietraszek), Nancy O’Leary and Family (Sue Mooshool’s sister), Mary Overbeck (friend of Karen and Larry Bircher), Betty Patch (Lori Trimble’s mom), Barbara Phelps (Wayne Phelps’ mother), Joe Pilny (David Pilny’s father), Eva Salems (Lila Peter’s sister), Debbie Schroeder (daughter-in-law of Roy and Joan Schroeder), Marge Swanson (Shirley Swanson’s mother), Pat Swanson (Shirley Swanson’s sister-in-law), Shieya and Sammy Scaro (grandchildren of Genevieve Scaro), Joan and John Sturino (sister and brother-in-law of Dawn Sanders), Bea Tanis (John Tanis’ mother), Irma Tena (friend of the Johnson family), Lita Tomas (Genevieve Scaro’s daughter), Matt Toole (friend of Phyllis Field), John VanFleet (friend of the Tengroths), Eric Von Schaumburg (husband of Lindsay Rudhman), Brian Wellen and family (Brenda Albarello’s brother), David Wells (son-in-law of Elsa and Glen Heinemann)

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Deadlines for submissions for the May edition are due Friday, April 15.**