

Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church
Elmhurst, Illinois



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Go "spelunking" through dark caves with Jesus as your light at Cave Quest Vacation

Bible School! Kids learn Jesus is the one who lights our way
and gives us hope for each new day. His love illuminates when the path is dark.
Cave Quest VBS encourages kids to follow Jesus wherever he will lead them!

JULY 11, 2016 - JULY 15, 2016

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

DINNER * CRAFTS * STORIES * MUSIC

For those beginning Grades K – 5 this fall

VBS cost is \$10/child--\$25/family

Questions? Contact Scott Miller, Faith Formation Assistant.

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Name Change For Pastor Fisher

By now, some of you know that I've been married twice. Years ago, I married my college sweetheart, Heath Fisher. Heath was an Army helicopter pilot, and he was killed one night when his squad flew their helicopters into an unanticipated weather system. As a young widow I initially kept my married name – Fisher – because it was a way to keep Heath with me as I moved on. Eventually, though, I'd built a career and identity around that name, so it was practical to continue as a "Fisher." When I married Greg Moser, he and I discussed name changes. At that time, we'd been told we would not have children of our own. His older children, though, were still in the school system, and were struggling with the changes to their family. In addition, Greg's ex-wife had kept his last name because of having children in the school. Out of respect for the children's need to make me part of their family in their own time, and out of respect for Greg's ex-wife and her role as the children's mother, I decided not to change my last name.

In the years since our wedding, many things have changed. Our older children are all out of high school, Greg's ex-wife has remarried, Greg and I have had a child together and – most importantly – we've become a family. It is time for my family to have the same name and a shared identity. So, I have begun the process of changing my last name to Moser, and will begin to be known that way in the congregation. I realize it may take you a while to get used to the new name (me too!!!) but I ask that you have patience and grace as we both get used to referring to me as Jennifer Moser.

New contact information for Pastor Jennifer: Jennifer.Moser@EpiphanyElmhurst.org





A few words from Pastor (Fisher) Moser

"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."

Isaiah 43:19

This week, my new business cards arrived. Jennifer S. Moser – Pastor. I found myself reaching for the telephone to talk to customer service about a wrong order when I suddenly remembered, "Oh. That's me."

I've always loved this verse from Isaiah. "Take a look," it seems to say to us. "Can't you see my hand all around you? Can't you see me in all the stuff that's going on?" It's a verse that has always inspired me to understand change as an adventure...as an opportunity...as proof of God's care and intervention in my life.

But this week, I was reminded that change can also feel like a wrong order. Which doesn't mean that God isn't in the middle of it, just that maybe I was focused on a different wilderness than God was. Maybe I was waiting for God to make a path in a different direction, in a different way. But our God won't be contained; won't be boxed in by my expectations or anyone else's. And frankly, that's a good thing. The journey from Jennifer Korner to Jennifer Fisher to Jennifer Moser has been amazing. I never could have imagined the places I'd go or things I'd do. I never could have put this life together the way God has done. And it is beautiful to me – mistakes, scars, warts, seams and all!

So what's my point? Well, I'm not sure I really have one except to say that I am looking out of my office window and I am noticing that the world around us is coming to life again after a lingering (cold!) wintery-spring. New things are sprouting and blooming all around us. And, it occurs to me that God will sprout and bloom new things inside of our walls, the same way God is growing things outside of them.

Some of the new things God does will look and feel like the blooming of a beautiful flower. No doubt, some of them will feel like a wrong order. Either way, we will look and listen and pray about them together...and then we will move forward. Because to be a people of faith is to be a people in motion, where change is a given. That's because being people of faith means that we are people on a journey; a journey to grow deeper and to reach farther in our love and understanding of Christ.

So. Enjoy the summer: look at the new life around you, and remember to give thanks for all that God has done so far. Prepare your heart to receive whatever new things that God wants to do. And remember that I am thankful to be on this journey of faith with you.

Pastor Jennifer

Introducing A New Way Of Reading Scripture In Worship

For many years we have been reading scripture lessons in worship according to the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). The RCL is a three-year schedule that ordinarily includes an Old Testament reading, a reading from one of Paul's letters, and a gospel reading.

This summer we begin a schedule of readings called the "Narrative Lectionary." The Narrative Lectionary is a four-year cycle which uses two readings instead of three. Each week there is a primary or "preaching" reading and an accompanying reading.

The readings are arranged in a narrative sequence to help us see Scripture as a story that has coherence and a dynamic movement. From September to mid-December the primary readings will include the early chapters of Genesis, move through the stories of Israel's early history, the exodus, the kings, prophets, exile, and return. From Christmas to Easter there is sustained reading of one of the four gospels. From Easter to Pentecost the readings are chosen from Acts and Paul's letters. In the summer, the readings will delve deeper into selected portions of the Bible and will be the source of a series of sermons. (A gospel lesson will always be read, either as the primary or accompanying lesson.)

Why change schedules of readings? Pastors Feltman and Moser believe the Narrative Lectionary, now used by about 2,000 ELCA congregations, does a better job of helping us learn the narrative flow of scripture, better shows the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture and, as a result, will enrich our worship life and our individual lives of faith.

We begin with a six-week summer series focusing on one of Paul's letters, Second Corinthians. The schedule is as follows:

DATE	READING	THEME
May 21, 22	2 Corinthians 1:1-11	Consolation
May 28, 29	2 Corinthians 2:1-10	Forgiveness
June 4, 5	2 Corinthians 4:1-15	Treasure in Clay Jars
June 11, 12	2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10	Walk by Faith, Not Sight
June 18, 19	2 Corinthians 5:11-21	Reconciliation
June 25, 26	2 Corinthians 8:1-15	Generosity

We hope you enjoy and are blessed by this new way of reading scripture!





LYO News You Can Use

Kareen and Todd Ripperda

In April and May we looked into the beginning of the church. We focused on Paul and his transformation. We looked at how Jesus enters our lives and opens our eyes to his truths, and how that changes our hearts. Paul went from persecuting followers of Jesus to one of the loudest voices trumpeting the good news. True transformation is not just a behavior change, but a heart change.

The LYO Café on Mother's Day was a success. The kids had lots of fun serving the congregation and creating a time of fellowship after the services. Thanks to everyone who helped out. Especially the Youth Committee and Theresa Doering for putting this all together! We made over \$300 to go toward our youth events including the mission trip this summer.

Our Michigan Retreat to get ready for Group Work Camp will be on Wednesday, June 1 leaving at 2:00 pm and returning Thursday the 2nd at 2:00 pm. This is a great retreat for everyone in LYO even if you are not going to camp.

LYO will be going to West Virginia, in the Appalachian Mountains, for this summer's Group Work Camp from July 22nd – 30th. 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.

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

In Christ,

Kareen and Todd Ripperda - Youth Ministers

LYO June Calendar

June 1	Michigan Retreat Leaves at 2:00 p.m.	June 12	Breakfast Club 9:30 a.m.
June 2	Michigan Retreat Returns at 2:00 p.m.	June 19	Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
June 5	No LYO -- Family Worship	June 26	Small Groups 9:30 a.m.

Back by Request! Epiphany Summer Reading Group

Led by Heather Feltman

The three books chosen for this summer will allow us to reflect on how we might recognize and experience God in our everyday lives. The three authors have very distinct styles of telling their stories, though each book inspired, frustrated, and made me laugh out-loud! I look forward to a summer of reading and conversation!

Monday, June 6, 7:00 p.m. Wearing God by Lauren F. Winner

One of the invitations of this book—and, I think of the Bible—is to discover things about God by looking around your ordinary, everyday life. There is a method here, and it is Jesus' method, says author Winner. The essays in this book showcase Winner's wry humor, geeky swagger, and capacity to lean in and research the heck out of any given topic! This book challenges our temptation when seeking images of God to settle for a mirror. We see a resemblance —*imago Dei*, after all— but we need a lot more than a mirror if we are going to have a rich and vital relationship with God. We need images that comfort, images that challenge, images that confound and delight. This book has them all!

Wednesday, July 13, 7:00 p.m. Small Victories: Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace

by Anne Lamott

Anne Lamott writes about faith, family, and community in essays that are irreverent and wise. In this book she offers a message of hope that celebrates the triumph of light over the darkness in our lives. Our victories over hardship and pain may seem small, she notes, but they change us—our perceptions and our perspectives. Lamott writes of forgiveness, restoration, and transformation, how we can turn toward love even in the most hopeless situations, how we find meaning in getting lost and amazement each time we are finally found! Profound and hilarious, these stories remind us that the human spirit is irrepressible.

Thursday, August 11, 7:00 p.m. Memories of God by Roberta Bondi

This book was created from stories Roberta formed through a life of prayer. In each chapter Bondi reflects on one of Christianity's central teachings, interweaving profound theological thought with personal stories. There is much in this small book, though she emphasizes three main themes. The first is around what it means to be made in the image of God. Her comment on her realization that "I, as a woman – neither as a defective male nor as a generic human being, but as a woman – am made in the image of God.", radically changed her perspective on all that consciously and unconsciously she had taken on board since childhood. The second is about how we relate to God. She explores what damage is done to our relationship with God when we believe (as is so often taught) that God loves us in spite of who we are, not because of who we are. And thirdly, in a church culture where rational thought is valued, recognizing that true rational thought can only be rational if it is loving, because the God who made us and gave us our minds is a God of love!

Where: The Feltmans, 596 S. Spring Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126

We will wrap up around 9pm. Dessert, beverages, and wine will be available.

RSVP is very much appreciated: Call and leave a voice message, or text (339) 203-7164

Recruiting New Nursery Team Staff!

If you enjoy interacting with children, we need you! We are recruiting new nursery workers to join our nursery care team for the summer and fall of 2016. Our Summer schedule is June – Labor Day, and our fall schedule begins the first weekend after Labor Day – December 2016. If you are 14 years or older, you are eligible to work. This position pays \$10 an hour and Epiphany will reimburse any nursery team recruit who completes the required babysitting/first-aid certification. If interested, please contact Heather Feltman at feltmanh@gmail.com or by calling or texting to (339) 203-7164.

Please note that nursery care is available at all worship services – including Saturday evening and all congregational scheduled events.

Church Library Book Swap

Have you finished that devotions book and you're looking to find something new? Did that cookbook have only two recipes you wanted to make but you love cookbooks? Was that biography interesting but you're not going to read it again?

Bring your gently used devotions, cookbooks, and biographies to the church library before June 24 in a bag marked "book swap." We will set up the table for you to swap for something new on Sunday morning, June 26. See if there's something in the library you'd like to check out! All un-swapped leftovers will be donated to the AAUW book drive.

Epiphany League Looking for Bowlers

Co-Ed League Starts in September.

Epiphany's Bowling League, which has been providing active fun and socializing for over 50 years, is seeking new bowlers. Men and Women, ages 16 and older, are invited to join. We bowl on Thursday evenings at Stardust Bowl in Addison. The competition is very friendly and our scoring system is totally handicapped, so bowlers of all ability levels are on an equal playing field. You don't have to be experienced, either – many of our current bowlers had not touched a bowling ball for many years when they joined. Teams are formed with a goal in mind of being evenly skilled and having close matches, and close team scores are often the case. You can join for the full season, or you can sign up for either the first or second half of the season. If you are interested and/or have questions, please contact Bob Sutherland at (630) 279-1636 or Marty Jensen at (630) 605-6414.



Children's Fall Resale

Clothing: **September 11-17**

Toy and Equipment: **September 27-October 1**

Mark your calendars to help shop and sell this fall!



Resale Donations

The donations we received for the Spring Resale totaled \$1,100. Thanks so much for all those who donated items! We will now be accepting Children's Clothing Donations the first Sunday of each month. (Infant to Juniors and Young Men's sizes)

Clothing Donations:

June 5

July 3

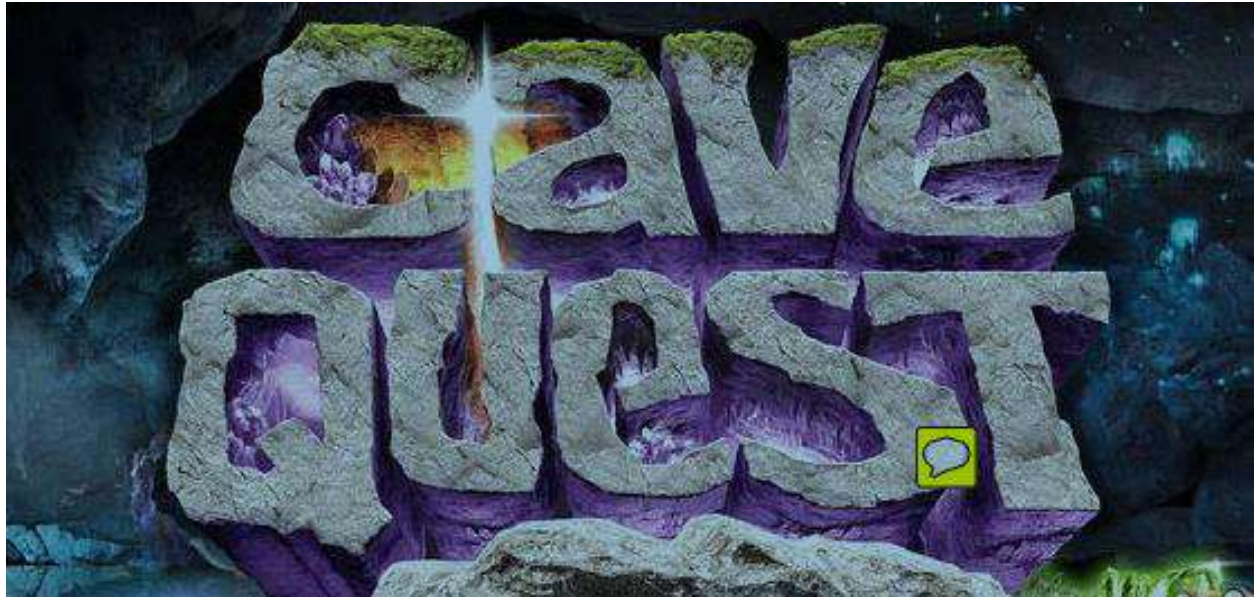
August 7

September 4

Toy & Equipment Donations:

September 18-29

If you would like to make a donation at another time, please contact Lynn Sutton:
sutton743@comcast.net



VBS 2016 HELPERS NEEDED!

Embark on a Cave Quest – Following Jesus, The Light of the World!

Kitchen - Classroom Shepherds - Crafts - Registration

JULY 11, 2016 THROUGH JULY 15, 2016

5:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. (all helpers but kitchen)

(Kitchen helpers needed from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.)

Work a few days or all days! We are flexible!

Contact Scott Miller, Director

(630) 207-5746 or

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June Birthdays

1	Kim Haukland, Brian Samar, Eric Friesenhahn, Peyton Nelson	16	Sally Hammerle, Scott Hawkins, Michelle Szczepaniak
2	Suzan Ganser, Jeff Marti, Keenan Mueller, Ethan Carollo, Ethan Carow, Neil Sutton	17	Claire Doberstein, Alexandra Howell, Adam Camp, Luc DeGrace
3	Shirley Swanson, Alisa DeBeasi, Ryan Pesek	18	Bruce Hill, Wanda Block, Roy Cook, Luke D'Agostino
4	Carole Poltrock, Bruno Albarello, David Kies, Sam Kociak, Amanda Healy, Izzy Smith	20	Nathan Kriz
5	Arthur Miehle, Pamela Pozeck	21	Patricia Samar, Linda Anderson, Kristin Rimington, Thomas Trimble, Dayle Mueller, Henry Kelley, Braxton Elsass
6	Martha Clark, Jon Rotermund, Phillip Browning, Kyler Peterson	22	Jan Davis, Megan O'Malley, Jacqueline Neidhardt, Lily Beerhalter
7	David Wyman, Nicholas Sgarioto, Trevor Gulley, Christopher Dufort, Jr.	23	Alexander Mihavics, Simon Redfearn, Eric Solem
8	Brandon Allen, Patricia Haidle, Chris Elsass, Eric Norquist, Alexander Carson	24	Hannah Benvenuto, Lydia Crowley
9	Areina Connolly, Rodney Durham, Melanie Becker, Morgan Mehning	25	William Rudhman, Adeline Roy
10	Michelle Crowley, Amy Wilson	26	Donna Johnson, Sharon Sammelhack, Debbie Biery, Lisa Hedrick, Matthew Langer, Emma Johnson, Ryan Pickell, Kristofer Kammerdiener
11	Louise Cripe, Tracy Hunt, Karen Norquist, Gene Semmelhack, Joshua Roucka, Jessica Rivas, Daniel Davies	27	June Knudsen, Christopher Samuelian, Rebecca Johnston
12	Cleo Tengroth	28	Ken Cripe, Sean Caster, Jordan Wilson, Shannon Wilson
13	Cricket Sawosko, Robert Laramie, Christopher Nolen	29	Peter Thomas, Camryn Ripperda
14	Ingrid Durham, Robert Smith, Adrian Ramirez	30	Riannah Hudson
15	John Tegmeyer, Michael Pyne, Annette Edwards, Phillip Howell, Charles Toreja, Adam Marti		

Epiphany Players Thank You

The Epiphany Players drama group would like to thank those people who attended the spring gala event in April for their generous donations totaling \$100.00 The donation will go directly to the Yorkfield Food Pantry.

June Anniversaries

1	Freddy and Chris LeBron	21	Brian and Patrica Keller
3	Gary and Susan Gross		Troy and Kim Oder
5	James and Dolores Barney		David and Karen Hawes
	Ronald and Cheryl Richards	22	Barry and Sandra Vaughn
6	Michael and Katie Pyne		Shirley and Ben Dochoff
	Marty and Tiffany Jensen	23	Scott and Paula Bublitz
11	William and Melinda Hudson		Cheryl and Charles Frieberger
12	Roy and Arianna Cook	24	Michael and Kristine Hanley
13	John and Kristine DeGrace	25	Steven and Roxanne Rickenbrode
14	Wayne and Catherine Phelps	26	Patrick and Jenny Barton
	Steve and Kristina Pankow	27	Martin and Virginia Larsen
15	Harry and Marcia Ardinger	28	Wilbur and Grace Lippert
16	Greg and Ellen Lippert		Ty and Lois Hodgson,
	Bill and Susan Bonner		Glen and Suzan Ganser
18	Ron and Karen Koval		Mark and Susan Roucka
	William and Janet Rudhman		Lito and Jennifer Toreja
19	Walter and Cricket Sawosko		Timothy and Kristin Thomas
	Lindsay Rudhman and Eric Von	29	Scott and Leticia Bonthron
	Schaumburg		
20	John and Phyllis Field		
	Scott and Colleen Sutherland		
	Steven and Amy Vesely		

Yorkfield Food Pantry

With a generous cash donation from the spring play and talent show, 60 snack bags for children will be given to the food pantry in June. Last July Epiphany donated 601 snacks for children's bags and I'm hoping we can do the same this July.

Starting **June 5** there will be a basket in Epiphany Center for snacks. Cash donations will also be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Cleo Tengroth
Yorkfield Food Pantry Volunteer
(630) 834-6668

In Our Prayers

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

Our friends: 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), Judy Elenbaas (friend of the Kellers), Charles Fahrenwald (Wayne and Joan Bell's grandson), Keith Groenwald (son-in-law of Del Grosser), Owen Thomas Gross (grandson of Gary and Sue Gross), Andy Hamblin (Jan Davis' son, Helen Evensen's grandson), Lorna Hansen (Amy Rimington's mother), Jan Harms (Jen Mann's mother), 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), 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), 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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Star News

Thank you to everyone who submits articles to The Star. Articles submitted are subject to review by the editor. Any significant revisions will be discussed with the author of the article. You may email contributions to: info@EpiphanyElmhurst.org
Deadlines for submissions for the July edition are due Friday, June 17.