

**Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Elmhurst, Illinois**



## REGISTRATION STILL OPEN!

***Embark on a Cave Quest VBS Adventure That Will Light Your Way***

**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

Register with a paper form available at the welcome desk at Epiphany or sign up online  
at [EpiphanyElmhurst.org](http://EpiphanyElmhurst.org)

**Questions? Contact Scott Miller, Faith Formation Assistant.**

**Phone: (630) 207-5746 or [Scott.Miller@EpiphanyElmhurst.org](mailto:Scott.Miller@EpiphanyElmhurst.org)**



## *A few words from Pastor Ron*

From the Pastor

A few years ago a pastoral care professor at my seminary, Dr. Tony Everett, coined a new word: "WIGIAT." (Pronounced WIG-ee-at.) This fun and weird little word was meant to ask a very important question of faith. Where is God in all this?

WIGIAT is a wonderful word to use in spiritual reflection because it can be used in so many ways. I would sometimes use it as a discussion starter with my confirmation classes: Where do you see God working in your life today? It can be used as a prayer starter: Where do I see God's hand leading? Where in my life do I need God's guidance?

Where is God in all this? is also asked in times of trouble and tragedy. In the Old Testament book of Job, trouble befalls a man who "was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil." If anyone deserved an answer to the question of where God is in all this, it was Job.

In the face of our own troubles, we, too, ask "Where is God in all this?" We wonder it when violence strikes and illness rears its ugly, scary face. Too much in our world defies explanation if we believe that a good God is Lord of all.

We'll explore that subject in a series of sermons on the book of Job beginning the weekend of July 2-3.

The schedule is:

July 2, 3	Job 1:1-22	An Honest Look at Suffering
July 9, 10	Job 3:1-10; 4:1-9; 7:11-21	Permission to Lament
July 16, 17	Job 14:7-15; 19:23-27	God Hears, God Sees, God Answers
July 23, 24	Job 31:35-37; 38:1-11	Seeing More Than Suffering
July 30, 31	Job 38:25-27; 41:1-8; 42:1-6	A God's-Eye Point of View
August 6, 7	Job 42:7-17	Choosing to Live Again

We can't promise answers, but we can promise that we will explore honestly some of the toughest questions of faith! I hope you'll join us.

Pastor Ron Feltman

## Altar Flowers Needed

There are no donors for altar bouquets on these dates:

August 7, 21

October 9, 16, 23, 30

December 4, 11, 18

To place flowers at the altar, please call Dawn Sanders at (630) 279-2546. She will take your dedication information, explain the payment procedure (cost is \$36.00) and put your name on the flower chart in Epiphany Center when your request has been processed. To avoid confusion, please do not sign on the chart. Thank You for assisting in providing an appropriate setting for our worship!

--Epiphany Altar Guild

## Music at Summer Worship

Attention musicians, young and old: have you ever wanted to share a song during worship (as a prelude, postlude, offertory, or at communion) during the summer months? John is looking to have interested singers and instrumentalists augment our worship experience with the use of your special talents, be it singing, playing a trumpet, piano, clarinet, violin, etc. Please contact John to schedule a service sometime this summer during which you can share your talent with the congregation.

For those wishing to suggest a hymn or song to be sung at worship services this summer, look for the Post It Notes on the bulletin board in Epiphany Center that spell "SONG" and write down your selection(s) on any of the post-it notes. Thanks so much for being a part of our worship experience this summer!



## Back by Request! Epiphany Summer Reading Group

Led by Heather Feltman

The books chosen for this summer allow us to reflect on how we might recognize and experience God in our everyday lives. The 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!

**Thursday, August 11, 7:00 p.m. Small Victories: Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace** by Anne Lamott **THIS IS A NEW DATE -- Please see next page for a new July 13 study on the Book of Job.**

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.

**ALSO 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 9:00 p.m. Dessert, beverages, and wine will be available.**

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

## A Study of the Book of Job



**Thursday, July 7, 10:00 -11:30 a.m.** in Epiphany Chapel

**Wednesday, July 13, 7:00 -9:00 p.m.,** at The Feltmans

Facilitated by Heather Feltman

### **Please note:**

For those reading the books in the Epiphany Summer Reading Book Series, we will discuss both Anne Lamott's Small Victories, and Roberta Bondi's Memories of God on

**Thursday, August 11.**

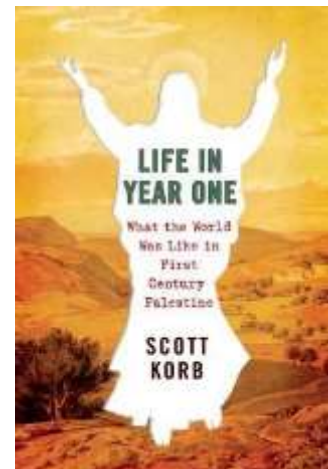
I hope that you will plan to join us for the book of Job bible study on July 13 and a great conversation of the two books on August 11!

## Check it Out!

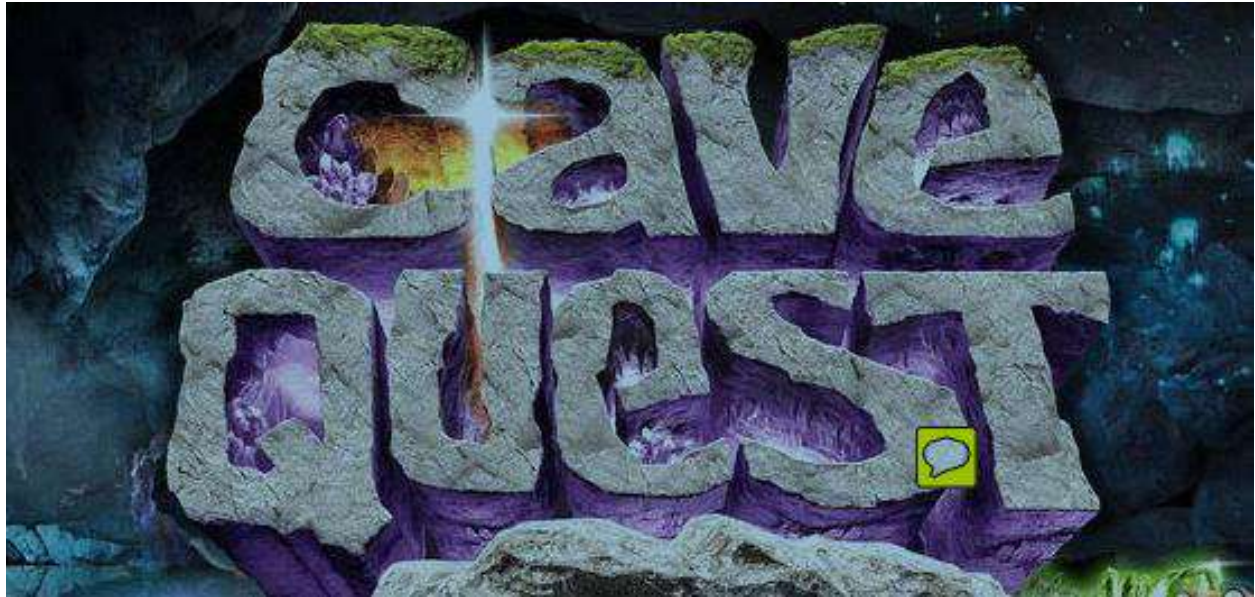
"I called Sara." It was on a mobile phone today; it was from the kitchen phone fifty years ago; it was a shout out the back door a hundred years ago, so why do modern Americans think they can read the Bible and understand the words without knowing anything about their cultural context? Scott Korb wrote Life in Year One: What the World Was Like in First-Century Palestine to help modern Americans understand the culture Jesus experienced.

"Because what's clear from any reading of the New Testament and other early Christian writings . . . is that Jesus is not your average first-century Galilean." The author does an engaging job of showing that people have always been the same, but the environment in which they function changes. I recommend this book to anyone who has been puzzled by certain stories in the New Testament, to anyone interested in anthropology, and to anyone who enjoys wry observations. This book can be checked out for FREE!

--Assistant Librarian Teri







## **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**

***Scott.Miller@EpiphanyElmhurst.org***

## Mid-Year Update From the Church Finance Committee

### Offerings

As we enter the summer season, please review your commitments and gift statements, and don't forget to remember the church during these busy summer months given vacations, long weekend getaways, etc. Since we typically experience lower offerings during the summer months, our cash position becomes negatively impacted since the majority of our expenses remain fixed during these periods. Based on year-to-date results, we are currently running slightly below our budgeted offerings at 94% of the expected budget. Therefore, it's important that we stay on track during these next few months.

### Offering Counters

The finance committee is seeking volunteers to assist with the weekly counting process of the church's offerings and gifts. We need someone to join Ted Mandigo and Bill Thiel in leading the commitment of an hour every two or three weeks. If you are interested, please call or email Jack Graham at the church at (630)832-8457, or [jack.graham@epiphanyelmhurst.org](mailto:jack.graham@epiphanyelmhurst.org)

### Treasurer Position

The church is seeking someone to serve as the treasurer of the congregation since Jeff Kociak's term as treasurer will be ending later this year. For someone with bookkeeping and/or accounting experience, this is a great way to use your skills while volunteering a few hours each week. If you are interested, please call Jack Graham at the church, or see Pastor Ron, Pastor Jen, Roy Schroeder Jr., or Jeff Kociak.

In Christ,

Church Finance Committee

## 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:**

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](mailto:sutton743@comcast.net)

## Saturdays in the Park

Join John (Music Director) as we take the church van to Millennium Park in Chicago to hear some magnificent music at the Grant Park Music Festival.

- The cost is only \$10.00 per person which covers transportation and parking.
- The van will leave the church immediately after the 5:30 p.m. worship service each Saturday.
- Participants are asked to bring their own blankets or lawn chairs and a food item to share with the group. Plates, utensils, and napkins will be provided.
- A minimum of 10 people per trip is required with a maximum allowance of no more than 14 participants for each trip.
- You may reserve a seat in the van by emailing John at [John.Tanis@EpiphanyElmhurst.org](mailto:John.Tanis@EpiphanyElmhurst.org) or by calling him at (312) 388-7790.
- These excursions are open to anyone of any age.
- In the event of inclement weather, the trip will be cancelled.

### Saturday, July 2

#### Dvořák Golden Spinning Wheel

*An evening of musical storytelling opens with Dvořák's fairy tale-inspired Golden Spinning Wheel. The Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus then present Martinů's rarely performed heroic oratorio, The Epic of Gilgamesh.*



**Angela Meade performs in  
The Epic of Gilgamesh**

### Saturday, July 9

#### A Cole Porter Celebration



*Anything goes when conductor Kevin Stites leads the Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus and guest soloists through the works of the legendary and witty composer/lyricist, Cole Porter.*

**Karen Mason joins other Broadway stars for an evening of Cole Porter favorites.**

### Saturday, July 16

#### Bruckner Romantic Symphony



*Christoph König returns to the Festival to conduct Bruckner's Romantic, the Austrian composer's first mature symphony. Haydn's Symphony No. 55 (The Schoolmaster) opens the program.*

**Christoph König  
conducts Bruckner and Haydn.**



## 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.

There is a basket in Epiphany Center for snack donations. Cash donations will also be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Cleo Tengroth

Yorkfield Food Pantry Volunteer

(630) 834-6668



## Save The Date



This year's Men in Mission Golf Outing will be at Sugar Creek Golf Course on **Sunday, September 25**. The first tee time is 1:00 p.m. For more information contact Roy Schroeder, Jr. at [roy.schroeder@gmail.com](mailto:roy.schroeder@gmail.com) or Tom McGonigle at [fmcgonigle@aol.com](mailto:fmcgonigle@aol.com).

## 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.

### Thank You From Marie Buford

Marie Buford celebrated her 99th birthday on May 11, and with the help of family and friends of Epiphany, she was made to feel very special.

From Marie: Thank you for every card I received (over 40!) for my birthday. I very much appreciate it!



### Congratulations, Kayman!

Congratulations to Kayman Klaas for winning the 2016 Coca-Cola Pay It Forward Scholarship contest!

The Pay It Forward program was established to embody the spirit of giving, and to afford high school students greater opportunities to serve through education.

Kayman was nominated for his work with the Hearts In Motion program. Using his passion and prowess for music, he collected 100 instruments for children in Guatemala. As if this weren't enough, he then travelled there to gift the instruments himself as well as give the children lessons.

Kayman will receive a \$5000 college scholarship and he'll also travel to Atlanta where he will participate in the Coca-Cola Leadership Academy from July 21-24. Congratulations to Kayman for living the giving spirit of Christ!



## Epiphany Endowment Fund

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

**In Memory of Bill Kallstrom from:**  
Audrey Seifried and Family

**In Memory of Del Grosser from:**  
Richard and Gwen Becker  
Dennis Kimble

**In Memory of Mary Ann Friberg from:**  
Richard and Gwen Becker  
Dennis Kimble

**In Memory of Belinda Kimble from:**  
Bob Sutherland  
Wilbur and Grace Lippert  
Bob and Martha Haley  
Dennis Kimble

**In Memory of Jim Clark from:**  
Bob and Martha Haley

**In Memory of Lee Balocca from:**  
Bob and Martha Haley

**In Memory of Fran Kallstrom from:**  
Bob and Martha Haley

**In Memory of Bob Magnesen from:**  
Bob and Martha Haley

**In Memory of Audrey Kramer from:**  
Bob and Martha Haley

**In Memory of Bill Kramer from:**  
Bob and Martha Haley

**In Memory of Gary Sanders Jr. from:**  
Bob and Martha Haley

Thank you for remembering others by giving a gift that keeps on giving.  
-The Epiphany Endowment Fund Committee

## Thank You

To my pastors and members of Epiphany:

Thank you for the flowers. When I returned from the hospital they made my day! After major surgery in March for cancer I returned home. I have been on radiation and chemotherapy to kill any cells that may have spread to other areas of my body.

The prayers from all of you at Epiphany have been a a great comfort and I know my faith in Christ has been with me daily.

Thanks again, very much, and bless you all!

Love,

Marlene Tegmeyer

## July Birthdays

1	Sarah Crowe, Eric Thiel, James Wegmann	16	Jill Mueller
2	Demian Kircher, Richard Loeser, Michael Merrinette, Steven Schmuhl, Kenneth Schroeder, Greg Schwartz, Linda Stratton, Jennifer Toreja, Hannah Uribe	17	Karin Hawes, Wilbur Lippert, William Sly
3	Adam Brimie, Lisa Budris, Austin Deye, Jerri Gortowski, Eric Von Schaumburg	18	Chad Frahm, Hunter Hudson, Jennifer Wendell
4	Anthony Brown, Stephen Pfaff, Dylan Pozeck, Ian Wincentzen	20	Devin Fruzyna, Sandra Fruzyna, Emily Gonzalez, Sue LoPiano
5	Emily Doering, Sarah Martich, Kevin Peronto	21	Gewn Becker, Samuel Phillips
6	Nathan Bushy	22	Cassie Adams, Joseph Clifford, Hal Gabrielsen, Glen Ganser, Carter Hudson, Bryan Keller, Meghan Sly, Boni Smith, Mikayla Southwell
7	Jim Browning, Mary Thiel, Kim VanOsdell	23	Douglas Johnson, Timothy Thomas
8	Ryan Peronto, Ross Reichert	24	Megan Hanebuth, Fred Keller, Kathryn McGirk, Anna Miehle
9	Brett Bandy, Walter Brasen, Paul Eichstaedt, Garrett Gross, Todd Ripperda, Jake Smith, Paige Vogel	25	Michael Kies, Susan Schlosser
10	Dorothy Bonthron, Katherine Frahm, Jason Koval	26	Greg Boullion, Dan White
11	Gary Block, Beverly Brown, Emma Casey, William Casey, Jacquelyn Diaz	27	Terry Crowley, Grace Roucka
12	David Mooshool	28	Joan Bell, Laura Carollo, Jackie Darling
13	Max Lynch, Donna Rathbone, Natalie Stufflebeam	29	Bill Edwards, Libby Fisher, Gretchen Hedrick, Brianna Richardson, Jacob Wendel
14	Dawn Becker, Sydney Bonthron, Maria Jones, Caitlyn Korzen	30	Sydney Cook, Paul Doering, Margaret Kostecki, Lucas Southwell, Patricia Stratton
15	Michael Edwards	31	Matthew Schwarz

## July Anniversaries

1	Walter and Gale Olson	17	Norm and Jennifer Damer
	Gail and John Sopron	22	Glenda and David Wells
2	Stephen and Joann Callahan		Shannon and Steven Wolsztynial
3	Paul and Kristi Gibbs	26	Steve and Laurie Hier
4	Wil and Marjorie Thiel		Mark and Marjorie Johnson
5	Martin and Sheryl Larsen		Wayde and Darlene Triska
8	Fred and Beverly Keller	27	Tom and Lisa Michalski
10	Jonathon and Elizabeth Markwald		Pat and Tom McGonigle
11	Brian and Rita Adams	28	Dee and Joe Schram
12	Wes and Barb Odean	30	John and Babette Halen
16	Darryl and Susan May		Ralph and Davina Stauch
		31	Scott and Deborah Hawkins



## In Our Prayers

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

**Our friends:** Eli James Becker (grandson of Gwen and Richard Becker), Bill and Virginia Bonham (Bill Friberg's brother-in-law and sister-in-law), 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 (former member), 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), 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 Ten-groths), 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](mailto:info@EpiphanyElmhurst.org)**  
***Deadlines for submissions for the August edition are due Friday, July 15.***