

Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Elmhurst, Illinois



## Holy Week and Easter Worship

Palm Sunday

**Saturday, March 19**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 20**

**8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.**

Maundy Thursday

**March 24**

**7:30 p.m. Service of Holy Communion**

Good Friday

**March 25**

**7:30 p.m. Service of Tenebrae**

PLEASE NOTE THAT  
THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP ON march 25.

Easter Sunday

**March 27**

<b>6:41 a.m.</b>	<b>Traditional Worship with Holy Communion</b>
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Easter Worship for Children and Families</b>
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Easter Worship for Children and Families</b>
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Traditional Worship with Holy Communion</b>



### *A few thoughts from Pastor Feltman*

When Del Grosser died suddenly on January 22, many of the tasks that she took care of needed to be picked up. One of the most urgent was organizing the schedule for the new church pictorial directory. Del had been the coordinator for the last three directories and was in the middle of coordinating her fourth. To honor her efforts, the directory company has given us an extra page in the new directory so that we can dedicate it to Del.

I learned over the years that, for Del, the directory is not just a collection of portraits or a convenient way of looking up an address. It is a family album. It is a collection of pictures of folks whose lives matter to one another. It sounds like a trite marketing slogan, but Del believed strongly that the pictorial directory is not complete unless EVERY family is included. Del took it personally when families did not sign up. To her, it just felt like they didn't want to be in the family picture.

In the days after her death, while I was picking up the task of getting families signed up, I began to take it personally, too. I heard lots of reasons why families or individuals did not want to sign up. "My kids are away at college, and we don't want to take a portrait without them." Or, "I'm too old to get a new picture. Let me just send you an old one." As a serious amateur photographer, I was offended when someone suggested that professional photographs were a waste of time. "Why don't we just have every one take a picture on their cell phone and send it in?"

I will never mean as much to Epiphany as Del did, but, at least on this one project, I'm going to take up her cause. Won't you make an effort to get photographed for our new pictorial directory? Not so that the company can make money, or that you'll have a "professional" portrait of the family, or that we can brag about how big our church is. Would you sign up to have your portrait included so that our family portrait will be complete?

If we get everyone, I bet we'll get a smile from Del from heaven!

Blessings,

*Pastor Ron Feltman*

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## Council Prayers for Our Congregation

On February 12 and 13, the new Congregation Council met for orientation, planning, and visioning. As part of our opening devotions, Pastor Feltman asked each member present to write down her/his prayer for our Congregation and Council in the coming year. We thought you might like to know what our Council members are praying for in the year to come.

### *My prayer for Epiphany Lutheran Church in 2016 is...*

*...that we might manifest the values of acceptance, tolerance, compassion, and generosity through our collective actions as a congregation.*

*...that many will be faithfully moved to active participation in the work of the church, especially the younger people with families.*

*...that God will transform us as leaders that we may seek out his will for the direction of Epiphany in 2016 and beyond.*

*...that all members will feel that their voices are heard and feel that they are a welcome part of this church community.*

*...that Epiphany will be revitalized. That we will grow to meet the needs of more people and more members.*

*...spiritual growth, conflict-free, resources to have programs for education and youth, ability to have nice and safe building and property.*

*...that we might have fun in our serving together and that there is true joy in one another.*

*...that more people would participate in worship more often, and that more members would feel a calling to service in the church and would act upon that calling.*

*...a strong, active, vibrant church that attracts new members to share God's work.*

*...that each member, guest, and visitor feels the love and grace of our Savior and Lord's message of salvation after each encounter and service.*

If you would like to share YOUR prayers for our congregation for the coming year with members of the Congregation Council, you may send them to [Council@EpiphanyElmhurst.org](mailto:Council@EpiphanyElmhurst.org) or mail or drop them off at the church office.

## A Tale of Two Crosses

The two large crosses in the chancel area during Lent and Easter have an interesting story to tell:

In August of 1963 Pastor Robert Hooker came to Epiphany from a church in Wookstock, Illinois bringing us the concept of the two crosses. From a photograph and a sketch of the “Living Cross” as it had been made by his church choir in Woodstock, Altar Guild members assisted by Epiphany men devised a “Rugged Cross” for Lent 1964 using the 1963 Christmas tree. The Christmas tree symbolizes the birth of Christ and its transformation into a cross reminds us of Christ’s death. The purple drape speaks of royalty - Christ the King. The crown of thorns symbolizes Christ’s suffering, humiliation, and death.

Similarly, the 1964 Christmas tree was fashioned into a cross which became our first “Living Cross” for Easter 1965. This cross was wrapped in chicken wire and stuffed with moss. It is soaked in water for several days. Flowers and greenery are added by Altar Guild members. Our “Living Cross” reminds us of Christ’s birth, death, and resurrection. The white lilies symbolize Christ’s purity, His resurrection, and His promise of hope and eternal life.



Easter 2016 will mark the 51st anniversary of our “Living Cross” which is a focal point in the chancel area on Easter morning. Members of Altar Guild use approximately 150 lily heads, several bunches of baby’s breath, and bundles of leather leaf to assemble the display. The generous donations of Epiphany members and friends have made it possible to carry on this tradition for fifty years.

Altar Guild has willing hearts and hands but needs monetary support for our efforts. If you can make a donation to help purchase supplies for the cross this year, please use a pew envelope and mark it LIVING CROSS.

THANK YOU! -- Epiphany Altar Guild

## Easter Lily Plants 2016

“Consider the lilies of the field” ...and the Epiphany sanctuary on Easter morning. You can help beautify the chancel area for Easter by purchasing a potted Easter Lily. To place your order, please complete the form below and mail it to Dawn Sanders, 572 Saylor, Elmhurst, IL 60126 or put it in the Altar Guild mailbox in the church office. **Please include payment of \$15.00 per plant with your order. Checks should be made payable to Epiphany Lutheran Church.** You may pick up your plant after any of the Easter morning services, or you may leave it for delivery to our sick or shut-in members. Please indicate your preference on the form and **be sure your order is placed by noon on Sunday, March 13.** If you have any questions, please call Dawn Sanders at (630) 279-2546. THANK YOU!



**Easter Lily Plant orders are due by *Sunday, March 13.***

Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_

(\$15.00 each – please include payment making checks payable to Epiphany Lutheran Church)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please designate:**

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We will pick up the plant(s).

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Please deliver the plant(s) to a sick or shut-in person.



## First Communion Preparation



As part of the Journey of Faith we will be holding classes in preparation for First Communion on:

**Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 10:45 a.m.**

**You need attend only one class.**

Young people who wish to begin communing may attend this class. ***Parent(s) need to attend with their young person.*** These children will be welcomed to the table in worship on Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016.

Younger children may also receive instruction, but please speak first with one of the pastors.

Here are answers to some frequently asked questions:

### **What is the “right age” for my child to have communion?**

Holy Communion is one of the two sacraments we celebrate in the Lutheran church. The statement from the church outlines that since 1969 congregations have continued to lower the age of communion. Traditionally, at Epiphany Lutheran, we’ve instructed children who are in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade (or older) in receiving this sacrament. However, the time is best determined through mutual conversation that includes, parent(s), child, and pastor. The age at which your child should receive communion has nothing to do with how much they “know,” but rather how ready they are to respond to the gift of Christ in the Supper. If you have questions as to whether your child is ready to commune, please speak to Pastor Ron or Pastor Jennifer and together we will help to discern the best for your family.

### **Can I elect to have my child wait? Can I have my child commune early?**

Yes and Maybe! If you wish to defer First Communion for your child, you may choose to do so. If you have a younger child who wishes to commune, please speak with Pastor Ron or Pastor Jennifer.

If you have questions, please call Pastor Ron or Pastor Jennifer at the church at (630) 832-8457.

## Welcome New Members!

**Jon and Christ Elsass** (pronounced “el-saw”) join with their children **Braxton, Finley, and Greyson**. Jon grew up in Ohio and is in finance and works for Performance Trust, a fixed income investment firm. Chris was born in Laos and grew up in Iowa. She is a stay-at-home mom. Braxton is 5 years old, Finley is 3, and Greyson is 1. The Elssases live on S. Swain Avenue in Elmhurst.

**Brian and Meghan Schleich** join with their children **Madeline and Charles**. Brian is from Minnesota and is in banking with NXT Capital. Meghan was born in Arizona and is a stay-at-home mom. Madeline is 5 years old and Charles is 8 months. The Schleichs live on S. Prospect Avenue in Elmhurst.

**Linda J. Welin** returns to Epiphany, which was her church when she was growing up. (Confirmation class of 1961!) She is a retired teacher and lives on Lloyd Avenue in Lombard. She has two adult daughters.

**Christopher and Suzanne Wilcox** join with their children **Alexander and Catherine**. Christopher is from Janesville, WI, and is in sales with Johnson and Johnson. Suzanne is from Burlington, IA, and is a flight attendant with American Airlines. Alexander is 10 years old and in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Catherine is 8 years old and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The Wilcoxes live on Clinton Street in Elmhurst.





## LYO News You Can Use

Kareen and Todd Ripperda



February was a time to focus on Lent. We looked at what Jesus went through for the 40 days in the desert and the temptations of Satan. We discussed how the devil comes at us when we are at our weakest points and tries to pull us away from God. We looked at ways we can prepare ourselves for these times of weakness so we know how to connect to God when the temptations come.

In February we went on our annual ski trip to Cascade Mountain in Wisconsin. We had a great day of skiing and went to the Dells for a day at the Wilderness waterpark. As always, it was a great time of fellowship. We spent our Bible Study time focusing on what it looks like to be "On Fire" in our faith instead of being merely "lukewarm." We discussed the changes we would need to make in our lives to trust in God enough to make Him our top priority.

The LYO Café on Valentine'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 \$500 to go toward our youth events including the mission trip this summer.

Toy resale will be coming up in March. Please look for the dates and help out when you can. The committee is very generous in helping sponsor our Mission Trip. You can earn money for your LYO accounts!

LYO will be going to West Virginia, in the Appalachian Mountains, for next summer's Group Work Camp from July 22 – 30th. The trip is now full. 30 of us are 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

### LYO March Calendar

<b>March 6</b>	Breakfast Club 9:30 a.m.	<b>March 20</b>	Evening Meeting 5:30 p.m.
<b>March 13</b>	Small Groups 9:30 a.m.	<b>March 27</b>	Easter - NO LYO

## **Epiphany Men In Mission Annual Pancake Breakfast**

### **All You Can Eat!**

Pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit, coffee, juice, milk

### **Epiphany Fellowship Hall**

**Saturday, March 12, 2016**

**8:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

#### Tickets in Advance

Ages 12 and over: \$5.00

Ages 3-11: \$4.00

Under 3: Free

Family Price: \$11.95

#### **Tickets on Sale March 6**

#### Tickets at the Door

Ages 12 and over: \$5.50

Ages 3-11: \$4.50

Under 3: Free

Family Price: \$14.00



## Music News

NEW LIFE ENSEMBLE is always looking for some new voices. Perhaps you might want to give us a try during the seasons of Lent and Easter? All voice parts are welcome to join us at our Wednesday evening 7:45 p.m. rehearsals in the sanctuary and perform with us at the 9:30 a.m. worship services on Sunday mornings. We are a fun and dedicated group here at Epiphany and we know you will enjoy flexing your vocal chords in praise to God through singing. For more information talk to John or any one of the choir members.

GLORY RINGERS would like to have a few extra hands to help us ring during the Lenten and Easter seasons here at Epiphany. Each ringer is assigned two bells to play, so it's not a tough assignment. IF you read music, that is a plus. And if not, we will show you some tricks as to how you can ring-along. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and perform on Sunday mornings when all members are available so the schedule is very flexible. This ensemble is open to anyone from middle school age to senior citizens. For more information on how you can become a part of the group, see John Tanis.

Dust off that guitar, get out those drum sticks, or add your voice to our PRAISE BAND that leads the music at our 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning services. We are always seeking new members to join the ensemble and you may just awaken all of those musical skills you thought you lost when you stopped playing. Our music spans the contemporary Christian music as well as the standard hymns of the church. We gather at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday to "warm-up" and have rehearsals once a month after the service (usually held on the second Sunday of the month). Please contact John Tanis or any of the members to let us know of your willingness to participate and we will have music ready for you.

## Epiphany Players

The Epiphany Players drama group here at Epiphany is planning a most enjoyable afternoon for all families within our church community on Sunday, April 24. Beginning at 3:30 in Epiphany Center, refreshments will be served while magicians will be walking around performing some clever magic. Then Pastor Ron will entertain us with a medley of musical selections on his fabulous ukelele. Next, a group of professional magicians will present a 25-30 minute show, followed by a Readers' Theatre performance of the one-act murder mystery comedy, "The Case of the Frozen Saints".

The cast for the play consists of Dolores Barney, Curt Clifford, Jackie Darling, Phil Darling, Ingrid Durham, Chip Johnson, Stan Kosek, Dave Perez, and Joe Schram.

Proceeds from this event will go directly to the Yorkfield Food Pantry. So mark your April calendar for this great afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun.

## Check it Out!



Was Peter crucified upside-down? Was James Mary's son? Was John a martyr? Local author and professor Bryan Litfin wrote After Acts: Exploring the Lives and Legends of the Apostles as a summary of findings regarding the most common questions in patristics, the study of early Christianity. There were not security cameras on every block and a blog from every home in the first and second centuries, so there is a lack of what modern courts would consider incontrovertible evidence; however, Dr. Litfin's gut is well-informed, and he carefully explains the parameters of his research and the definitions of his terms. He handles the topic with reverence and tries to direct readers to the important known impact of each of his subjects. Any reader with a detailed familiarity of the characters in the New Testament should find new information in this informative, short book. For those who prefer fiction, local author Lynn Austin's novels can also be checked out for FREE!

--Assistant Librarian Teri

## A Poetic Plea

Epiphany Grandfather clock  
When it is time to wind  
Grandfather clock divine  
The clock has stopped I hear  
No one cares to wind I fear  
It ticks, tocks and will chime  
So fine and mostly on time  
G'pa clock must be wound  
Even when I'm not around  
The clock stands in all its glory  
A gift to the church is the story  
For many, music to the ear  
Westminster chimes they hear  
-Bob Haley



## Epiphany Lutherland Trip



### EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH: LUTHERLAND TRIP

**NOVEMBER 8-17, 2016**

Trip information can be found on the round table in the Epiphany Center.

Direct questions to: Heather Feltman, (339) 203-7164 or email at [feltmanh@gmail.com](mailto:feltmanh@gmail.com). Deadline is April 1, 2016.

"God's Word renews and refreshes the heart, restoring, relieving, comforting, and strengthening us constantly"

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## Baptisms

Are you interested in having your child baptized at Epiphany? The sacrament of baptism is the first step of a life-long journey of faith, where we become part of the body of Christ. The Lutheran tradition teaches that in baptism, we die to our old, sinful selves and are raised from the water into a new life in Christ, just as Christ once rose from the grave. As parents, we promise during our child's baptism to teach them about the faith and to care for our child's spiritual life until they are ready to take on their baptismal promises for themselves. If you are interested in having your child baptized at Epiphany, we ask that you come to a baptism class to learn more about this sacrament, and to schedule your child's baptism. Our next class will be held on March 6, after the 9:30am worship service in the Chapel. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer. We hope to see you there!

# Mark Your Calendars!



February 29-March 6, March 11 and 12

**Additional dates and times of Friday, March 11, 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. have been added. Additionally the available time on Friday, March 4 has been extended to 8:00 p.m.**

Do you know the names of people sitting around you?

Have you ever recognized a face at church but didn't know the name?

When is the last time you had a professional photograph taken of your family?

Starting on February 29, we will begin photography for our new church family album. We hope you will all plan to be included in the new directory.

Some of the features of the program...

- Every individual/family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait.
- Every individual/family who sits for a portrait will receive a free membership directory.
- You are welcome to invite other family members/loved ones to join your portrait sitting (even if they are not members).
- You are welcome to invite neighbors or friends to sign up for their own sittings (even if they are not members). Those who are not members receive all benefits of members, but will not be included in the directory.
- You may bring pets or meaningful items to be included in the picture that express your individuality: sports equipment, musical instruments, hobby items, special toys or books.
- All members and friends will receive a 20% discount off the normal prices of LifeTouch photo packages.
- Lifetouch will donate \$5 to the church for every individual/family who sits for a portrait.
- Portrait sittings will be held on Monday, February 29, through Sunday, March 6, excluding Saturday, March 5 due to the Elmhurst Saint Patrick's Day Parade.
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## Opportunities to Serve

### **OFFERING COUNTER**

Count the offering after the 9:30 a.m. service and prepare for bank deposit. Basic counting skills required, that's all! Takes 30-60 minutes after the service to complete the task. You would be counting with a partner. Contact Ted Mandigo, chair of the Finance Committee at (630) 941-9442.

### **READER-Sunday Services**

Read the scripture lessons at any of the worship services. All you need is the ability to read aloud with strength and clarity. We will train! Contact Bob Sutherland at (630) 279-1636.

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANT-Sunday Services**

Assist with the liturgy, prayers, and distribution of communion at the 8:00 or 9:30 a.m. worship service. Requires robing and sitting with pastors up front at the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service. Contact Pastor Ron Feltman at (630) 832-8457 or [Ron.Feltman@EpiphanyElmhurst.org](mailto:Ron.Feltman@EpiphanyElmhurst.org).

### **COMMUNION ASSISTANT-Sunday Services**

Assist with the distribution of communion at the 8:00 or 9:30 a.m. service on Sundays. No robing or sitting up front required. You simply come up at the time of communion. Contact Pastor Ron Feltman at (630) 832-8457 or [Ron.Feltman@EpiphanyElmhurst.org](mailto:Ron.Feltman@EpiphanyElmhurst.org).

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANT-Saturday Evening Services**

The worship assistant at the Saturday evening service reads the lessons, leads the prayers of intercession, and assists with communion. No robing or sitting up front is required. Contact Pastor Ron Feltman at (630) 832-8457 or [Ron.Feltman@EpiphanyElmhurst.org](mailto:Ron.Feltman@EpiphanyElmhurst.org).

### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANT-9:30 a.m. Sunday Service**

Assist with the technical aspects of the 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship service, such as making sure all of the hardware is hooked up and running and managing the PowerPoint slides during worship. Some knowledge of computers, projectors, and PowerPoint is useful, but it's not too complicated and we'll train! Contact Pastor Ron Feltman at (630) 832-8457 or [Ron.Feltman@EpiphanyElmhurst.org](mailto:Ron.Feltman@EpiphanyElmhurst.org).

### **CHAIR OF WELCOME AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

Lead a group of Epiphany members who are passionate about reaching out as we discern how best to welcome visitors and new members. Contact Pastor Ron Feltman at (630) 832-8457 or [Ron.Feltman@EpiphanyElmhurst.org](mailto:Ron.Feltman@EpiphanyElmhurst.org).

## Epiphany Café

Join us Wednesdays during Lent for a soup and salad bar. Enjoy some food and fellowship with other folks after our Morning Worship and again before our Lenten Vespers that evening. Each week features cafeteria-style dining with two soups, breads, a very nutritious salad bar and desserts. Cost is by donation only. Epiphany Café will be open for your dining pleasure immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Lenten Service and again that evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. which precedes the 7:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers Service. The café is in the gym next to Epiphany Center. Bring the family, bring a friend, bring a neighbor. If you wish to donate food items to the Epiphany Café, there is a sign-up sheet in Epiphany Center for weekly donations of soups, breads, and desserts. Those of you who have delicious recipes to share at our soup and salad suppers, we hope you will sign up to bring an item on a designated Wednesday. The item may even be brought in advance of Wednesday for your convenience.

## Opportunities to Serve

ELCA World Hunger's  
**40 DAYS** *of Giving*

In 2016, ELCA World Hunger is asking ELCA congregations nationwide to help raise \$2 million during the 40 days of Lent. The outreach team at Epiphany wants to lift up the life-changing work of ELCA World Hunger and other local hunger fighting agencies. We will provide opportunities for Epiphany to support hunger fighting agencies spiritually, intellectually and financially. Stay tuned!

## Yorkfield Food Pantry Opportunities and Tour

Get involved with local hunger agencies during Lent. A representative from the Yorkfield Food Pantry will speak briefly at Sunday worship services on **February 28**. We will have a chance to hear about their beautiful new building and learn about the important work they do and how they do it. You will also be able to sign up for tours of the new facility taking place on **Wednesday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m.** Additionally, we have 15 spots reserved for volunteers at the Northern Illinois Food bank in Geneva on **Saturday, March 19th**. If you have never seen this impressive facility, this is the time! The volunteer shift is from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon and children ages eight and older can volunteer with a parent as well. A sign up sheet will be at the welcome desk.

-Your Outreach Team

## View From The Pew

Del Grosser



*Del's son, Jeff Grosser, has written his thoughts about his mother, Del, and shares them in her space here.*

The world for the Grosser family changed irrevocably on Friday, January 22 when our matriarch, Del, passed from this world to the next.

I would daresay this is as much a blow to the community of Epiphany as it is to our immediate family. As much as we know how much she cared for each of us, the community of Elmhurst and Epiphany specifically was her home. The happenings of the church and the people who inhabited it were her life's passion and work. A few years ago, when it was time to move out of the family home, it made sense to some of us "kids" that she find a place to live with or near one of us. She would have none of that. Her life was in Elmhurst and that was where she would stay.

The response to grief and death of a loved one is difficult to predict. For me, my mother's wake at Ahlgrim's was perhaps a perfect scenario for the end of her life. The five-plus hours my siblings and I stood receiving the folks who had been so important in Mom's life went by in an instant. I realize it's a commitment in time and endurance to wait in a line like that, in some cases to offer condolences to people you hardly know, but it was clear many people had things to share. The stories we heard were amazing and inspiring even to us who knew her well. Who would send a card to a person in the hospital every day for a month! Who would visit another person in a nursing home every week for over seven years? Her life was made up of stories like these, told by the very people who had been the recipients or witnesses to that incredible tenacity. To paraphrase Janet Rudman's wonderful observation, perhaps's Del's swift and painless passing was a reward from God for her efforts and time serving those who were not so fortunate!

On behalf of my family I want to offer a special thank you to Pastors Ron and Jennifer for their warm and compassionate response to our many needs. Del would have been pleased to note their professional attention to every detail! Even more, I thank them for offering a sincere respect and reverence for what was a beautiful love story between a woman, her church, and her God.

The weekend before her death our mom was about as happy as we have seen her in recent years. She had received three separate dinner invitations from her children who lived locally and had upbeat conversations with the two who lived out of town. She was almost giddy with happiness and gratitude. We have always been attentive to our mom, but it is especially comforting to know that she felt and acknowledged our love at that particular time. Even more, it reminded us how important it is to share our love in a consistent, ongoing way. Her example in that regard was a good one. You can never know when you will run out of time.

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## View From The Pew (continued from previous page)

Our family grew up at Epiphany. Mom and Dad were committed even back then to church and all the activities, particularly as sponsors of the youth group. We trooped into church en masse every Sunday morning. Luther League events and retreats and the relationships formed there were the basis of our young lives. Though we have all moved on to different communities, this church remains an important place to all of us. May God grant you the commitment, strength and resources to carry on His important work. This would be Del's greatest legacy - to have her church continue to give serving opportunities to families like her own.

As for me and my own family, we will be at the sunrise service at Epiphany Easter morning as we have for years. This was our special church time with Mom, and Grandma, observing the celebration of the risen Lord from her own special view from the pew. What an even better view she has now!

With love and gratitude,

Jeff Grosser

## Our View From the Pew

Sung by the family of Del Grosser at the close of her memorial service on January 29, 2016. This piece was written by Del's son, Jeff.



## Endowments Received

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

**In Memory of Lee Balocca from:**

Carole Poltrock  
Anita Esposito

**In Memory of Belinda Kimble from:**

Carole Poltrock

**In Memory of Frances Kallstrom from:**

Cleo Tengroth  
Bernice Gustavson  
Dr. & Mrs. Michael Nielsen  
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**In Memory of Carolyn Kozar from:**

Epiphany Altar Guild  
Carole Poltrock

**In Memory of Al Peters from:**

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**In Memory of Audrey & Bill Kramer from:**

Carole Poltrock

**In Memory of Gary Sanders, Jr. from:**

Carole Poltrock

**In Memory of Peter Follo from:**

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**In Memory of Del Grosser from:**

Anita Esposito  
Carole Poltrock  
Roy & Joan Schroeder  
Audrey Seifried  
Cindy O'Malley  
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**In Memory of Mary Ann Friberg from:**

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Anita Esposito  
Dan and Marianne Wachholz  
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Audrey Seifried

**In Memory of Robert Magnesen from:**

Audrey Seifried  
Carole Poltrock  
Pat and Tom McGonigle  
Cleo Tengroth  
Del Grosser  
Mary K. Hanson

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

## Memorials Received

### In memory of Bob Magnesen given by:

Gary and Wanda Block

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

Londelle Werling

Georgia & Jack Leese

Art & Arlene Ahlgrim

Vern & Elaine Magnesen

Dieter & Sue Werner

Paul & Barb Rimington

Mabel & Rich Nardini

Marilyn & Darl Kriete

### In memory of Del Grosser given by:

Paul & Barb Rimington

Vern & Elaine Magnesen

Dieter & Sue Werner

Art & Arlene Ahlgrim

## Thank You

Dear Epiphany Family,

I want to thank Pastor Ron for coming to see me at Park Place. Also, thank you for all the lovely cards and prayers. The beautiful poinsettias from the Altar Guild really brighten my day.

I have my brace off now and am improving. I am in a new apartment at Lexington Square, Elmhurst:

400 W. Butterfield, Apt 742

Elmhurst, IL 60126.

My new phone number is (630) 617-4890.

In Christ,

Josie Heard

## We ♥ Epiphany!

Even though we backed the wrong team in the Souper bowl (Panthers 37, Broncos 32), 69 canned goods were donated to the Yorkfield food pantry. Also \$935.00 was donated to the ELCA world hunger drive when we purchased Valentine Good Gift Grams! Thank you Epiphany!

-The Outreach Team



## March Birthdays

1	Aaron White, Amanda Gotsch	17	Ben Honsey
2	Mark Russo, Seth Witzel	18	James Barney, John Anderson, Joann Callahan, Molly Hill
3	Patricia Keller	19	Bill Kallstrom, Nataniel White, Finn Anderson
4	Walter Olson, Wayne Bell, Rachael Shrage	20	Dolores Barney, Cindy Hradil, Nicloe LeBron, Kimberly Neidhardt
5	Rachel Martenson	21	Lisa Albarello, Matthew Anderson, Boyd Puckett
6	Melissa Behrens, Allison Gray, Joseph Sutherland, Sarah Vesley	22	Steve Hier, Joseph Clifford, James Mueller, Norman Damer
7	David Norquist	23	Mary Lou Cain, Tom Michalski, Amy Papoccia, Bethany Szczepaniak, Zachary Browning, Connor Hanley
8	Pamela Miehle, William Pruitt, Rachel Hallongren	24	Bob Sutherland, Linton Puckett, Macy Fries
9	Mark Redfearn, Chase Nutile, Ainsley Bonner, Tucker Samuelian, Mathew Markwald	25	Steven Fisher, Margaret Lippert, Jack Heinle, Hannah Gould
10	George Stratton, Evangelina Samuelian, Lillian Samuelian	26	Michael Carson, Justin Gross, Taylor Marti
11	Ted Mandigo, Kyle Johnson. Julia Innocentini, Harrison Gonzalez, David Nelson, Jackson Hall	28	Loren Clark, Donna Swasko, Steve Kortes
13	Ellen Lippert, Loree Grigoletto, Rion Stufflebeam, Libby Bartl, Lydia Samuelian	29	Ronald Richards, Dane Swenson
14	Joseph Witzel, Glenda Wells, Lindsay Rudhman, Karisa Fetterhoff, Luis Sanchez	30	Susan Kostecki, Chris Foster, Julie Richards, Meghan Kriz
15	Janis Foster, Alicia Alfano, William Laramie, Kayman Klaas	31	Andrew Gotsch

## March Anniversaries

3	Leroy Ackerman and Dorothy Schick	21	Paul and Barbara Rimington
9	Bruce and Ellen Lindgren	22	Diane and Ian Gutterman
17	Brad and Debbie Holmer	23	David and Myrrha Southwell
18	Eric and Denise Porter	25	Mike and Sue LoPiano
19	Gary and Lynncherie Howell	27	Linda and Dale Clark
20	Dave and Marilyn Heinle	28	Rodney and Ingrid Durham

## 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, Bill Kallstrom, Catherine Knapp, Darryl May, Gena Medema, Dorothy Schick, Joe Schram, 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 (son-in-law of Del Grosser), 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), Mrs. Tanis (John Tanis' mother), Irma Tena (friend of the Johnson family), Lita Tomas (Genevieve Scaro's daughter), Matt Toole (friend of Phyllis Field), Linette Turnquist (friend of Roy Schroeder, Jr.), John VanFleet (friend of the Tengroths), Eric Von Schaumburg (husband of Lindsay Rudhman), Brian Wellen and family (Brenda Al-barello's brother), David Wells (son-in-law of Elsa and Glen Heinemann)

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