

Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church
Elmhurst, Illinois



"...Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."

1 John 3:18

We are coming to the end of another academic year and although the ministry of the church will continue with great energy during the summer months (VBS, Mission Trip, Summer Worship – just to name some of what will be going on!), it seems like a good time and place to say a heartfelt “thank you” to the many people who have given of their time, gifts, and hearts this year.

To those who love our children (Nursery Workers, Sunday School Teachers & Assistants, Confirmation Teachers, & LYO Leaders), to those who lead and assist with worship (Choir, Bell Choir, Praise Team, Altar Guild, Assisting Ministers, Ushers, & Greeters), to those who keep our library current and relevant, to those who volunteer to help in the office with large mailings, (not to mention Pat – the sacred guardian of our calendar!), to those who serve on our Church Council, to those who serve the building and keep our grounds in good repair, to all of you who make the effort to step in and help out whenever we ask: THANK YOU!

The body of Christ does not live within the walls of a building, but rather within the hearts of the faithful. Thank you for your faithful hearts, and for the many ways that you show the face of Christ within our walls and, even more importantly, for the ways you show Christ to people outside of our walls.



A few words from Pastor Feltman

A few weeks ago, Heather and I took a short vacation to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Heather lived there a while early in her adult life, but had never been back. I had never been there, so it sounded like a fun place to go for a short getaway.

We flew into Philadelphia, stopped for a visit at our Lutheran seminary in Germantown and visited the campus of Villanova University (It was the day after they won the national championship in basketball!) before heading to the beautiful rolling hills of Lancaster County. We made the typical tourist stops—the Wilbur Chocolate Company and Green Dragon Market in Lititz, the quaint shops and restaurants in the beautiful little towns. We went on to Hershey where we learned about the chocolate factory, went to a Hershey Bears hockey game, and stayed a couple of nights in the historic Hershey Hotel. Frequently we encountered those odd, unassuming folks—the Amish—in their plain outfits and horse-drawn buggies.

It was all very relaxing and, in so many ways, seemed so other-worldly. So idyllic. So beautiful. So free of the usual stresses of our busy and complicated lives.

But, as we were driving around the beautiful countryside, I remembered that ten years ago that serene, idyllic place was the scene of one of America's unspeakable tragedies. In the small cross-roads community of Nickel Mines, a local man barged into a small, one-room Amish schoolhouse and killed five girls and injured five more before killing himself.

Perhaps you remember that episode because of what happened afterwards. What separated that story from the other school shootings that have become all too frequent in the news is that the Amish in that community made a special effort forgive the shooter and his family. Rather than dividing that community, the shooting and the forgiveness by the victims brought that community together.

Heather and I visited Nickel Mines, but there wasn't much to see. The school where the shooting took place has been demolished. A new school has been constructed, but it looks just like the many other small Amish schoolhouses that dot the countryside. Still, the soil where the schoolhouse stood is sacred ground because in it is mixed the blood of those little innocents. That community is a sacred community because out of it came a Kingdom-size witness to the power of forgiveness.

As I reflect on our visit to Nickel Mines, three things come to mind. First, the violence of sin can visit even the most peaceful, beautiful places. Second, astonishing reminders of God's vision for our world often come when we least expect it. Finally, I pray that, if confronted by a similar situation, I would have the same courage to forgive.

An Attitude of Gratitude

As the end of the Easter season approaches, we reflect with gratitude on the gifts of time, talent, and energy given by many people throughout the Lenten and Easter seasons to provide opportunities at Epiphany for fellowship and meaningful worship experiences.

- We are grateful for those who shared their culinary talents by providing two delicious meals each Wednesday during Lent. Those who set up for Epiphany Café and those who cleaned up after the meals also gave outstanding service.
- We greatly appreciate the expertise and “muscle” provided by the men who checked the “physical fitness” of our large crosses and moved them several times - always with a smile.
- Many thanks go to those who hung the mobiles and the banners along with setting out other symbols of the seasons to provide meaningful settings for our worship.
- We appreciate the generous donors who provided funds to make the “fifty-first living cross” possible. We are also thankful for those who gave their time during Holy Week and on Easter Saturday to prepare the cross.
- We are grateful to those who responded to the request for lily plants which provided both beauty and fragrance for our Easter morning worship. We also recognize the service given in delivering some of the plants to our sick or shut-in members.
- Appreciation for extended time and effort is given to the choir and all the musicians who enhanced our worship throughout the seasons with glorious sounds.
- Much gratitude is offered to all who came to worship at any of the services during the Lenten and Easter seasons. You brought life to all that had been prepared and we hope that the efforts given by so many added meaning to your worship experiences.

Easter blessings to you all!

Gratefully,

Epiphany Altar Guild





SAVE THE DATE!

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

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

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 Feltman's, 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

Check it Out!



"A week ago if Mama or Dad had told me we had to move . . . I couldn't have imagined anything more horrible. Now if only Mama would say that her cancer is cured but we have to move away I think I'd jump up and down and clap my hands and say, ' Oh, that's the best news ever!'" Even though eleven-year-old Kate is a girl, her detailed baseball stories make it easy for males to relate to her, and her author Gene Fehler is both a man and a Cubs fan. His book never blame the umpire tackles how a God-fearing person struggles to deal with life-changing bad news in the middle of daily challenges and joys. Surprisingly for a sports novel, there are a few poems in the text of the story, but they are brief and accessible. Although this is Junior Fiction, any adult interested in the quandary of "why bad things happen to good people" will also find Kate's internal journey authentic and ageless. For those who like non-fiction, sports biographies can be checked out for FREE as well!

--Assistant Librarian Teri

LYO Café



Thank you to the congregation for making our inaugural café a success! We will be hosting another café on **Sunday, May 8**. Once again the youth group will be selling carnations, coffee, hot chocolate and baked goods after the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. worship services. The sales will go toward the cost of Group Work Camp and other activities. We hope you can join us.

Epiphany Bowling League

Here ye! Here ye! We are inviting women, high school age and older, 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 as soon as possible 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!



Help Raise \$15,000 for Father's Divine Love Ministries April 9 - May 30

Pastor David Zijjan is asking Epiphany to help FDLM become more sustainable by raising \$15,000 for Phase II of the FDLM Poultry Project. Phase II calls for the completion of a building that will eventually house 10,000 hens, 10,000 chicks & thousands of eggs. Phase I, building the foundation, was completed last fall. A project presentation was made during Sunday morning services, April 10th. A copy of the presentation is on the Outreach Bulletin Board in the Narthex and on the bulletin board in the Epiphany Center along with a detailed business plan. See Paul Rimington if you have additional questions.

Why is the Poultry Project Important?

Self-sustaining projects, though expensive, lead to cutting down on FDLM's operational needs and contribute to locally generated income which reduces donor dependence. Once fully operational, the Poultry Project will:

- Provide FDLM consistent income through the sale of chickens and eggs.
- Give orphans, caregivers and community nutritional high protein meals.
- Assist FDLM in meeting costs for orphans' medical care and school tuitions.
- Create jobs for adults & daily tasks for children impacting dependence syndrome.

What is the status of the poultry project?

The floor, measuring 30' x 70', is completed, ready for building 2 story structure.



FDLM (www.dignityforafrica.org) in Jinja, Uganda, is an orphanage led by Pastor David Livingstone Zijjan and his wife Sarah. We are proud to support this ministry focusing on children orphaned by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Epiphany Outreach teams have visited FDLM twice. David and Sarah have visited Epiphany on a number of occasions.

"SERVING JESUS IS THE HIGHEST CALLING"..... Pastor David Zijjan!

Prayerfully consider a donation of any size using a pew envelope or the form on the next page. This form explains how you can leverage your donation by using a company match, if your employer offers such a program.

--The Outreach Team

There are several ways to contribute:

- **Cash or check:** You can tear off the portion below or use a pew envelope.
- **Online:** Click "donate "Donate Now" at <https://www.worldorphans.org/donate> Select whether a one-time donation or monthly giving. Sign in as a guest or create an account. In the "notes" section designate "Father's Divine Love Ministries". The funds will go to FDLM.
- **For company matching:** You need to have a domestic charity. FDLM uses World Orphans. Make checks payable to "World Orphans". Write "Father's Divine Love Ministries" in memo line. Mail to:
World Orphans
P.O. Box 1840
Castle Rock, CO 80104
- **For online & company matching:** please fill out tear slip below so FDLM can track the donation through World Orphans.

Table of Construction Costs	Phase 2
Project Materials Description	Cost
Water Tank	\$ 1,500
Base - Bricks, Stones & Cement	\$ 3,000
Base - Baked Clay Bricks	\$ 4,000
Structure - Walls, Rafters & Nails	\$ 2,500
Roof - Corrugated Tin Sheets	\$ 2,500
Skilled Labor	\$ 1,500
Poultry Project Total	\$ 15,000



**FDLM can raise healthier kids
and move toward sustainability**

FDLM Poultry Project Challenge Spring 2016

With your help, we can raise \$15,000 which will provide the materials and technical labor to construct the poultry building. This will help FDLM to move toward economic sustainability.

- ☐ ... Any amount is appreciated!!! \$ _____
- ☐ \$ _____20
- ☐ \$ _____100
- ☐ \$ _____500

Envelope # _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

- ☐ \$ _____50
- ☐ \$ _____250
- ☐ \$ _____1000

Consider a donation for any of the major project materials above.

Make Checks Payable to Epiphany. Write FDLM Poultry Project on memo line.

World Orphan donation: Online ☐ Company Matching ☐

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.

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:

May 1

June 5

July 3

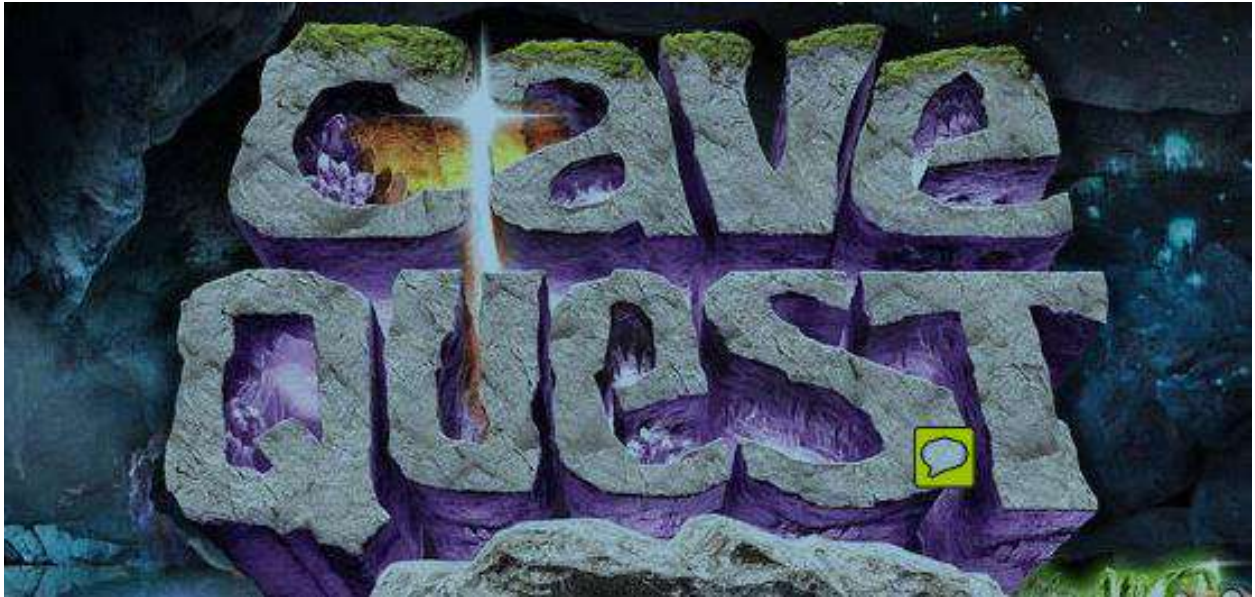
August 7

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 (cell) or

Scott.Miller@EpiphanyElmhurst.org

May Birthdays

1	Anthony Alfano, Alexander Sheppel	16	Kristin Arbor, Allie McGirk
2	Vicki Johnston, Adam Hill, Ethan Oder	17	Ron Felson, Ann Lasn-Schanhals, Scott Doberstein, Benjamin Sammelhack, Ryan McPhee
3	Bernice Hunt, Andrew Nelson, Joshua Gabrielsen	18	Andy Hamblin, Andrea Redfearn, Kate Bialecki, James Connor
4	Dawn Sanders, Braden Schwarz, Katie Kircher	19	Scott Bates, David Gonzalez, Milo Ward
5	Caily Schwartz, Cynthia Pruitt, Dana Kircher, Katherine Callahan	20	Ryan Sczcapaniak, Eric Miller, Benjamn Thiel
6	Bridget Lindgren	22	Mary Kies, Kelly Reynolds, Steven Ganser, Karl Moser, Ryan Marti
7	Mark Roucka, Morgan Pruitt, Alyssa Woodward, Alyssa Kiddle, Hannah Brody	23	John Langer, Katie Schroeder, Elizabeth Benvenuto, Cameron Oder
8	Antoinette Leoni, Greta Roy, Cameron Bialecki	24	Daryl May, Richard Laramie, Dawn Deike, Toni Paterno
9	Taryn Stratton, Samantha Gillespie, Emily Ducey, Erin Lindgren	25	Perry Marshall, Kriten Zeitler, Edward Samuelain, Jr.
10	Roy Schroeder, Sr., Brigitte Kammerdiener, Caroline Langer	26	Rich Pesek, Daniel McAndrew, Elizabeth Lundine, Michaela Nelson
11	Marie Buford, Jean Hill, Kylen Mills, Kaylee Kortess, Charles Schleich	27	Helen Wethekam, Melissa White, Finley Hinrichs
12	John Field, Shawn Biery, Lenno Lasn, Joshua Sutherland, Kayla Cartwright, Ryan Camp	28	Susan Wilson, Vicki Cripe, Leah Gortowski
13	Vern Magnesen, Anita Esposito, Steven Samar, Ken Fries, Todd Scheuerman, Margaret Hawes, Owen Hawes, Vivienne Wyman	29	Brendan Connor, K. Lisa Connor, Kelly Martich
14	Holly Honsey	30	Karen Solem, Cathy Casey, Brooke Porter, Madeline Proctor
15	LeRoy Ackerman, Robert Smith, Ryan Browning, Christine Johnston, James Casey-Bell	31	Todd Camp, Delaney Wells, Steven Berg

Thank You!

A big thank you to the Altar Guild Ladies for thinking of me and sharing the altar flowers with me. It was a bright spot to a gloomy day. Thank you for all your kind words and prayers during this challenging time in my life.

--Wanda Block

May Anniversaries

4	Demian and Dana Kircher	20	Wendy and Doug Hurst
5	Mike and Carolyn Kroll	22	Brian and Jamie Hosler
7	Lenno Lasn and Ann Lasn-Schanhals	23	Jennifer and Michael Hanyzewski
	Jack and Maria Jones	24	Richard and Mary Schmuhl
	Cory and Kim Hinrichs		Elizabeth and Todd Pena
10	Sherrie and Richard Neidhardt	25	Bart and Nancy Lupa
11	Robert and Lisa Hedrick		Joe and Lorna Sutton
14	Greg and Jenny Schwartz		Aaron and Melissa White
15	Tom and Areina Connolly	26	Phil and Jackie Darling
	John and Elizabeth Diersheide	27	Jeffrey and Joan Wincentsen
16	Kevin and Carole Doberstein		Charles and Lynn Sutton
	Tom and Helen Wethekam	28	Ray and Alison Matkovic
17	Jan and Paul Davis		Mike and Judi Paterno
	Amber and Ben Thomas		Joseph and Keelie Witzel
19	John and Marlene Tegmeyer	29	Jon and Cindy Rotermund
	David and Barbara Nelson		Mark and Amy Wilson
	Sara and Jeff Diaz	30	Carl and Jennifer Wendell
		31	Jennifer and Brandon Allen

About Our Members

Congratulations to Sarah May who was recently named York High School Player of the Week for York Girls Track. A freshman, May set two West Suburban Conference Silver Division frosh-soph records. She ran a 2:23.17 in the 800 and was part of the 3200 relay team achieving a new record time of 9:52:91. York Girls Track Coach Annette Schulte said of Sarah, "She's goingz to continue to get better and make a bigger jump." Excellent job, Sarah! Epiphany is proud of you!



In Our Prayers

Our members: Todd Becker, Wayne Bell, Judith Billingsley, Wanda Block, Nancy Bode, Marie Buford, Ben Dochoff, 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), 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 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 June edition are due Friday, May 20.