

# THE STAR

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ELMHURST, IL



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JULY/AUGUST, 2023

## Summer Fun!

It might be the “lazy, hazy” days of summer, but things are HOPPING at Epiphany! We hope you are all enjoying a bit of summer sabbath!



El Camino Presentation



Music for ACC

Hello  
  
Summer



BINGO! And Brunch

MORE PICTURES  
ARE  
INSIDE!



WILD LIFE VBS

## A FEW WORDS FROM PASTOR RON

I've decided to go back to school this summer. I always attend a couple of quality continuing education events each year to "sharpen the saw" as Stephen Covey calls it, but this year I decided to take an actual academic class. At a recent conference, I met and talked to a scholar I have admired for many years. Amy-Jill Levine is an Orthodox Jew, a New Testament scholar, a brash New Englander who has lived for thirty years in the south, and an amazing teacher.

When I met her, she invited me to take her graduate-level course on the Gospel of Matthew. When a world-class scholar invites you to take her class, well, you just gotta do it, right? So much of June has had me in class. Real class. You know, the kind you have to be on time for. The kind that has an 8-page syllabus. The kind that has LOTS of reading and assignments with deadlines.



As I expected, the class has been both challenging and incredibly enriching. Here are a few things I have come away with so far:

First, I've been reminded of the deep roots of our faith. In Matthew, the Old Testament is quoted repeatedly. Matthew was writing for both Jews and Gentiles, but he was insistent that his readers remember that the Jesus story is not a NEW story, but a completion of a story that started long ago. The story of Israel is OUR story, too.

Second, I've learned how meaningful it can be when people of different faiths engage one another openly and gracefully about their religious experiences. In addition to the instructor being an Orthodox Jew, there are several Muslim students in the class. Their questions and challenges and informative information about Islam and the Quran remind me that the only thing that stands in the way of respect and understanding is our hardened hearts and narrow minds.

I've learned a few others thing, too, like the meaning of metalepsis and Masoretic cantillation (Look at me showing off!), but mostly I've learned—once again—how much I love God's story told in the Bible and the joy of studying it with others, even those whose faith is different from my own. I think that's the way God intended it.

I'll see you in church this weekend!

***-Pastor Ron***

## LYO

The LYO weekly e-news will continue to run occasionally in July and August, so please stay tuned for event updates and eventually more on the fall 2023 plans. If you are not getting the e-news and would like to, please contact the office or Pastor Anna.



## WEEKEND AT THE LAKE— SUTTON’S HOUSE IN WISCONSIN RAPIDS

Friday, July 21—Sunday, July 23



Come enjoy tubing, water skiing, two kayaks, two paddle boards, a wooden boat, a pontoon boat, a fire pit, and bags set for evening activities! The Suttons have many beds and space for air mattresses as needed. Even if you can’t attend the full week of GWC, you can participate in our faith-building devotional time and fun as well. We will work on group transportation/car-pooling on both ends as needed. We would LOVE to host a large Epiphany group, so please join us! Please let Pastor Anna know if you’ll attend.

## CONFIRMATION

Epiphany rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth and families – please SAVE THE DATE for Confirmation 2023-24 Family Meeting and Kick-off on Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. It’s likely that Confirmation classes will once again be held on Wednesdays from September – May, from 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.; but please stay tuned for more information.

If you have a rising 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader who would like to participate in Epiphany Confirmation beginning in the fall, or know of another family with a rising 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grader who would like to join us, please contact Pastor Anna!

Epiphany Confirmation is a two-year program which gives an overview of Martin Luther’s Small Catechism (Ten Commandments, Apostle’s Creed, Lord’s Prayer, Baptism and Holy Communion), the Bible, and Lutheran worship. 2023-24 will be a Bible year. Confirmands also attend worship regularly during the school year with their families, serve as acolytes as a part of the service, and share in fun and faith with their classmates on field trips and outings.



INTERESTED IN  
  
 BAPTISM?

Are you interested in having your child baptized at Epiphany? If so, please speak with or email Pastor Anna, [Anna.Roper@EpiphanyElmhurst.org](mailto:Anna.Roper@EpiphanyElmhurst.org).

## CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!



Epiphany is looking for musicians of all ages and experience levels to play during the offering at our weekend services. If you or a family member is interested in performing music during the Saturday or Sunday service at any point throughout the summer, please contact Clay at [Clay.Corso@EpiphanyElmhurst.org](mailto:Clay.Corso@EpiphanyElmhurst.org). If you need piano accompaniment, Clay is able to provide that as well!

## MY FAVORITE HYMN

Do you have a favorite hymn to request for Epiphany’s summer services? Is there a song from our cranberry hymnal that you haven’t heard in a while? Now is the time to make requests as “**My Favorite Hymn**” is returning for the summer! The hymn request sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Epiphany Center. Please choose a weekend that you will be at service and write in your favorite hymn. If you do not have a date preference for your selection to be sung, please write it in one of the boxes at the bottom of the form. Selections must be found in our cranberry hymnal. We look forward to singing your favorites again!



## JOIN THE ROMEOs



Are you retired or working from home and would like to get out? The ROMEO’s will meet at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 19, at the Fresh Start Café. Contact David Norquist (630) 310-0934 or Wes Odean (630) 605-1147 for more information.

## GO GREEN WITH EPIPHANY!

Spring has sprung! The colorful blooms and songs of the birds remind us of all the beauty God provides us through nature. If caring for His creation resonates with you, consider being a part of revitalizing Epiphany’s Green Team! We will help the church be good stewards of the environment through special collections, donation drives, and other sustainability initiatives. Contact Andrea Redfearn at [andreadfearn@yahoo.com](mailto:andreadfearn@yahoo.com) with questions or suggestions or if you would like to join this group!



## ADULT FELLOWSHIP

### Coming in September – EPIPHANY TABLES

Epiphany Tables will be an opportunity to meet and get to know new people and spend time with old friends in our church family. It will be open to both singles and couples. We will have a kick-off potluck dinner in September (exact date and location TBD) where we will select our table groups, made up of 3-4 singles or couples. Each single or couple will take a turn hosting their table group for dinner, or whatever meal works best for the group, once during the year. Singles can pair up to put on dinners together. Meals can be hosted in your home, or elsewhere if that works better for your group.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Live Stream Sunday Services



Are you social media savvy? We need a Sunday morning live stream host to interact with our online worshippers. We are also looking for additional members for our **Communications Committee**. Help us keep in touch with our members and community in various ways. If interested, please contact Ingrid Durham at [imdurham@yahoo.com](mailto:imdurham@yahoo.com) or (630) 805-1332.

### Coffee/Clean-Up in Del's Place

A sign-up sheet for Sunday morning coffee/clean-up volunteers for Sundays through Labor Day is available in the Epiphany Center. Thank you to all who help with this ministry of hospitality! New volunteers are always welcome, and the coffee is easy to make. Please contact Pastor Anna if you're willing to help. Thank you!



### Readers/Communion Assistants



A sign-up sheet through August 27 is available for Readers/Communion Assistants on the bulletin board in the Epiphany Center. Please sign up for whatever date works for you. Thank you for serving!

## MEN IN MISSION FUNDRAISER GOLF OUTING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, SUGAR CREEK GOLF COURSE

Greetings! Our Fundraiser Golf Outing is coming in October! Tee times will start at 1:40 p.m. and continue until 3:10 p.m. Golf will be followed by a dinner, at which time prizes will be awarded and raffles will be conducted.



The fee of \$40 per person includes 9 holes of golf with cart, a goody bag, and several on-the-course contests. Golfers will also have the option of trying to “Beat the Pastor” on the 9th hole. The fee for dinner is \$20 per person, which includes a great meal and a ticket for a free soft-drink. Alcoholic beverages will also be available for purchase. A dinner reservation may be made separately for non-golfers. Contest prizes and raffles will include everything from golf stuff to collectibles to a \$100 bill, and more.

Epiphany Men in Mission exists to help individuals and families who are experiencing financial difficulties. For more than 25 years, we have been conducting fundraisers and using the proceeds to provide Christmas gifts to needy families, pay utility, medical, and car repair bills, and assist with rent and other emergencies. The generosity of our Congregation, our friends, and the Elmhurst community make it possible for us to serve others in this way. We hope you will join us on October 8.

To register, print out the registration form by clicking on the link on the cover page of this Constant Contact, complete it, and return it with payment by September 28 as instructed on the form.

Thank you and God Bless!



## OUTREACH BLOOD DRIVE—SUNDAY, JULY 16



Our next blood drive with Versiti Blood Centers of Illinois is on Sunday, July 16, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Walk-in appointments will be available. You can also sign up in advance in person in the Epiphany Center or at this link:

[https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5605301](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5605301)

Thank you for giving the life-giving gift of blood to neighbors right in your community, especially during the summer months!

## ICDI SNACK COLLECTION

We have all heard the news about busloads of refugees arriving in Chicagoland. Together with the Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants (ICDI), Epiphany members are asked to do a small bit to help these people. Oftentimes families have traveled on a bus for days without access to food. The Chicago Immigrant Transit Assistance arm (CITA) of ICDI provides hot meals and snack packs at the Chicago Greyhound bus station.

In July, Epiphany will begin an ongoing collection of snack items to make the prescribed snack packs for immigrants arriving in Chicago. Please bring your donations of healthy, individually packed snacks to the marked bin in the Epiphany Center anytime. Items that can be donated for snack packs include dried fruits, nuts, protein/breakfast bars, chips and/or pretzels, apple sauce (squeezable packs work best), and cookies. We will assemble our snack packs and deliver them as donations come in.

Check out the website [icdichicago.org](http://icdichicago.org) for more information about this organization. Email Karen Norquist at [knorquist@comcast.net](mailto:knorquist@comcast.net) for questions or to get more involved.



We prefer providing snack packs with healthy snack options to nourish very hungry travelers!



## OUR HEALTHY CHURCH POLICY

Worshippers and guests to the church building are no longer required to wear a mask. We know that some feel more comfortable and safe continuing to wear a mask, and you are welcome to do so. We ask for respect for whatever choice is made regarding mask-wearing.

We have resumed offering Holy Communion at the altar. The pastors and worship assistants will offer a wafer and an individual cup of wine. Intinction (dipping the wafer into the common cup of wine) is no longer an option. Again, we know that some will be more comfortable continuing to receive the elements in their seats. Those who wish to commune in their seats should let an usher know.

We ask that those who are ill or showing signs of COVID-19 please worship using our live streaming option.



*In Loving  
Memory*

Donations to the Organ Fund in loving memory of Penny Brecht were given by: Joyce Christensen, Richard & Judith Kich, Sharon Gillmore, Linda Karius, Vern & Elaine Magnesen, Judy Samuelian, Paul & Barb Rimington, Sue & Joe Featherstone, Robert & Katie Hartline, Virginia Jamieson, John & Diane Junokas, Virginia Wiener, Jeannine O. Flolo

## PICTURES FROM THE RED HATS' PARTY



The Red Hats group party was held at Epiphany on June 20. The Red Hats meet the third Tuesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at the Hi-View Restaurant on St. Charles Road.

New members are always welcome!



PICTURES FROM WILD LIFE VBS



## PICTURES FROM WILD LIFE VBS (CONT.)



A good time was had by all who attended VBS.  
Thank you to all who attended VBS and to all our volunteers!  
This event would not have been a success without you!



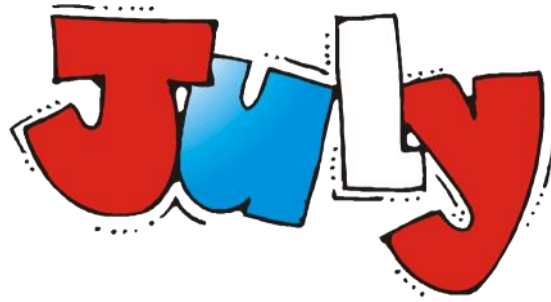
PICTURES FROM WILD LIFE VBS (CONT.)



PICTURES FROM BINGO! AND BRUNCH



| BINGO |    |    |    |    |
|-------|----|----|----|----|
| 15    | 28 | 37 | 51 | 73 |
| 6     | 17 | 32 | 45 | 61 |
| 9     | 15 | ★  | 60 | 70 |
| 12    | 26 | 44 | 52 | 66 |
| 7     | 22 | 34 | 48 | 72 |



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

|    |   |    |  |
|----|---|----|--|
| 1  | Alece Hall, Eric Thiel  | 17 | Wilbur Lippert, Wil Sly  |
| 2  | Jessica Jensen, Richard Loeser,<br>Steven Schmuhl, Ken Schroeder,<br>Linda Stratton, Jenny Toreja | 18 | Taylor Allen, Chad Frahm,<br>Hunter Hudson   |
| 3  | Lily Anderson, Nate Anderson,<br>Adam Brimie, Lisa Budris-Chudik                                  | 19 | Chloe Raia   |
| 4  | Dylan Pozeck  | 21 | Gwen Becker, Samuel Phillips   |
| 5  | Brittany Bending, Emily Doering,<br>Sarah Martich   | 22 | Caroline Bending, Warren Bending,<br>Glen Ganser, Andrew Hebert,<br>Bryan Keller, Meghan Sly |
| 7  | Mary Thiel  | 23 | Chase Bending, Doug Johnson,<br>Tim Thomas   |
| 8  | Ross Reichert   | 24 | Megan Hanebuth, Fred Keller,<br>Kathryn McGirk   |
| 9  | Jake Smith, Paige Vogel   | 25 | Sue Schlosser  |
| 10 | Katie Frahm   | 26 | Greg Boullion  |
| 11 | Gary Block, Matthew Morrell   | 27 | Taya Banta   |
| 13 | Mia Allen, Natalie Stufflebeam  | 28 | Jackie Darling   |
| 14 | Dawn Becker, Sydney Bonthron,<br>Maria Jones, Caitlyn Korzen<br>Chris Wilbur                      | 29 | Bill Edwards, Gretchen Hedrick,<br>Brianna Richardson  |
| 15 | Emily Barszcz, Brigette Hoaglund  | 30 | Sydney Cook, Paul Doering,<br>Patricia Stratton  |
| 16 | Jill Mueller  |    |  |

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

|    |                                    |    |                           |
|----|------------------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 2  | Chris and Yvette Pratt             | 17 | Norm and Jennifer Damer   |
| 3  | Paul and Kristi Gibbs              | 26 | Steve and Laurie Hier     |
| 8  | Fred and Beverly Keller            |    | Mark and Marjorie Johnson |
| 10 | Jon and Betsy Markwald             | 27 | Tom and Lisa Michalski    |
| 11 | Brian and Rita Adams               | 28 | Tom and Pat McGonigle     |
| 12 | Wes and Barb Odean                 | 29 | Joe and Dee Schram        |
| 15 | Dave Chudik and Lisa Budris-Chudik | 30 | John and Babette Halen    |
| 16 | Pat and Joe Rodriguez              | 31 | Scott and Deborah Hawkins |



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--|----|--|
| 1  | Alexa Barszcz  | 18 | William Fries, Colleen Korzen                                  |
| 2  | Susan Featherstone, Scott Miller                                 | 19 | Dominic Alfano, Kim Ptak                                       |
| 4  | Jon Dierksheide, Keregan Hudson,<br>Jack McGarry, Anderson Pratt | 20 | Sue Kriz, Terry O'Toole  |
| 5  | Matt Bialecki, Payton Ptak                                       | 21 | Vivianna Gillespie   |
| 7  | Jennifer Hanyzewski, Marilyn Heinle                              | 22 | Garry Howell, Sr., Ian Pickell                                 |
| 8  | Tracey Lupa, Zoey Witzel   | 23 | Jennifer Villarreal  |
| 9  | Mike Lazas, Jason VanDenBrook,<br>Gary Wilson                    | 24 | Ken Bartels, Ty Hodgson  |
| 11 | Joanna Wilbur  | 25 | Aidan Allen, Katie Mueller,<br>Carleigh VanDenBrook            |
| 12 | Judy Scheuerman  | 26 | Brandon Haukland   |
| 13 | Kianna Becker  | 27 | Lauren Anderson, Acadia Hebert,<br>Janet Rudhman, Kate Sawosko |
| 14 | Brooke Vogel   | 29 | McAllister Carson, Keith Olson                                 |
| 15 | Babette Halen  | 30 | Lynna Sly  |
| 16 | Jenny Barton, Cayley Getz,<br>Allison Raia                       | 31 | Christian Ewald, Julie Hanebuth,<br>Lauren Rickenbrode         |

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|----|---|----|--|
| 1  | Tony and Kristin Hall                                 | 17 | Bruce and Ruth Blair                             |
| 4  | Mike and Mary Lazas                                   | 19 | Chip and Donna Johnson                           |
| 5  | Chris and Kerrie Samuelian                            |    | Wil and Lynna Sly                                |
| 6  | Andy and Becky Knapp                                  | 20 | Dave and Julie Hanebuth                          |
| 8  | Rich and Jennifer Reichert                            |    | Dan and Marianne Wachholz                        |
| 13 | Ken Becker and Teri Kleck<br>Vern and Elaine Magnesen | 21 | Greg and Karin Boullion                          |
| 14 | Jim and Cindy O'Malley                                | 23 | Jon and Emily Beerhalter<br>Gary and Wanda Block |
| 16 | John and Stacy Hildy<br>John and Pam Pozeck           |    | Phil and Margie Gotsch                           |
|    |   | 24 | Mark and Kelsi Morrell<br>Dave and Diane Wyman   |
|    |   | 31 | Drew and Kim Ptak                                |

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

*\*(Please contact Joan Halvey if we missed anyone.)*

**OUR CURRENT PRAYER LIST\***

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Our members:** Dolores Barney, Gwen Becker, Ruth Blair, Curt Clifford, Marjorie DeSombre, Bill Friberg, John Halen, Wilbur Lippert, Molly and Rich Loeser, Joan Lux, Wes Odean, Joy Wieska

We extend our sympathies to the family of Penny Brecht, who died June 5, at the age of 80.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MEMBERS\***

**Our friends:** Jolene Allen (friend of Scott and Debbie Hawkins), John Austin (friend of the Witzel family), Tyler Bailey (Arlene Taylor’s nephew), Greg and Sue Bukowski (friends of Sandra Vaughn), Jenny Dias Da Costa (friend of the Schleich family), Donna and Gary Diven (sister and brother-in-law of Gary Sanders, Sr.), Kathleen Duda (daughter of Joan Lux and Gerard Duda), Laura Dybas (friend of Bill Bringman and Jill Setterlun), Eleanor Feld (aunt to Lisa Budris), Jim Feltman (Pastor Ron’s father), Vern, Donna, and Kara Field (son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter of Phyllis Field), Jeffrey Fuka (friend of Dolores Barney), the Glawe family (friends of the Halveys), Sylvia Graham (friend of Sandra Vaughn), Robert Groh (brother-in-law of Joan Lux and Gerard Duda), Lorna Hansen (Amy Rimington’s mother), Jan Harms (Jen Mann’s mother), Jan Henderson (friend of Deb and Scott Hawkins), Hannah Hodgson (Lois Hodgson’s daughter-in-law), Neil Kleinbort (friend of Shirley Swanson and Ted Mandigo), Linda (friend of the Ernst family), Lindsay Larson (Andrea Redfearn’s niece), Marianna Levy (Gerard Duda’s sister), Mary Liles (friend of Sandra Vaughn), Karen McCaa (Amy Pilny’s sister), Carolyn McLaughlin (friend of Dolores Barney), Michael McPeters (Aimee McPeters’ brother), Evan Thomas Mevis (Ruth Blair’s grandson), Donna Mueller (sister of Jim Mueller), Gail Nerison, O’Brien family (friends of Amy VanDenBrook), Joseph Paumier (Ben Paumier’s father), Nancy Peterson (friend of the Tengroths), the Pickering family (friends of Chris Wilbur), Emily and Christopher Pierce (friends of Lila Peters), Eileen Pietraszek (long-time, former member of Epiphany and current member of Hannah’s), Carol Raimondi (friend of Kerrie Samuelian), Amber and James Randall (friends of Gwen Becker), Kim Redlich (friend of Rod Durham), Lisa Reichardt (friend of Bill Bringman and Jill Setterlun), Stan Reynolds (friend of the Rudhmans), Rosemary (friend of Sandy Vaughn), the Rowley family (friends of Nancy Innocentini), John Rossi, Denise Sanders (Gary Sanders’ daughter), Pat Schoeneberg (friend of Annelle Fletcher), Colleen Schramm (friend of Nancy Innocentini), Seidenfuss family (friends of Keelie Witzel), Carole Streetz (friend of Lisa Budris), Jenna and Bryce Taft (extended family of Phyllis Field), Irma Tena (friend of the Johnson family), Lena Troye (relative of the McGonigles, McPhersons and Tengroths), Alex Vickney (Ashley Beine’s brother), Kurt Walters (relative of Bill Bringman and Jill Setterlun), Mary and George Witzel (Joe Witzel’s parents), David Livingstone Zijjan (Pastor of Father’s Divine Love Ministry)

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**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: [Joan.Halvey@EpiphanyElmhurst.org](mailto:Joan.Halvey@EpiphanyElmhurst.org) Deadline for submissions for the September, 2023 edition is Friday, August 25.**