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SEPTEMBER, 2023

Sunday, September 10



*9:30 a.m. Worship
and Sunday School*

We have so much to celebrate at Epiphany as we kick off our fall activities! Please join us on September 10 as we have a wonderful worship.

Please plan to celebrate with us. Feel free to bring your neighbors!

A FEW WORDS FROM PASTOR ANNA



“Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel...”
 Philippians 1:27

September is here! The kids are back in school, we’re about to kick off a new 2023-24 program year at Epiphany, and I’m about to start a whole new life adventure. Jim and I are expecting baby Roper to arrive sometime around September 21! As I write this, I’m looking at a stack of thank you notes which hopefully I’ll have in the mail in the next few days. They’re mostly for all of you, for making our August baby book shower so awesome. We have books galore now – modern baby books with black and white pictures to look at for those newborn days and lots of fun textures to touch and tug on, classics like Pat the Bunny, Winnie-the-Pooh, Elmo and nursery rhymes – and even some picture books for when baby gets a little older. We’re so grateful for them all. THANK YOU, Epiphany!

While we’re looking forward to welcoming our new family member, I feel just about as ready as possible for the transition to new parenthood, and I’m very VERY grateful for our Pastor Anna maternity leave plan – it’s a little hard to think about missing our fall and Advent/Christmas season at Epiphany. We have endured so much over the past few years, and as a congregation have worked so hard and prayed so much to get to the exciting place where we are today; of welcoming engaged and happy member and new families, of opening the building back up for community organizations to use and enjoy, including a whole preschool! We’ve also had some really tough losses and goodbyes especially in the past year, and continue to go through changes, some of which are difficult, and if there was one thing I wish I could still do at the same time as being sleep deprived with a newborn, it would be being able to be pastorally present with those of us who have been especially affected by these losses and changes. I think you know who you are.

That’s why this verse from Philippians 1 that you’ll hear in worship at the end of September is comforting to me. It feels arrogant to compare myself to Paul, but like him, I’ll be absent from a church which I’ve helped lead for a while. It’s easy for me to imagine Epiphany “standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel” - even if we don’t always agree on everything or get frustrated with each other sometimes. That’s normal in all families, and all churches! But if we can remember to keep coming back to our focus on sharing God’s love for our community and for one another – we will be in one spirit and one mind, no problem. That’s my prayer for us this fall.

Thank you again for your support and prayers, and we’ll let you know when he’s here!

God’s peace,
Pastor Anna

PASTOR ANNA ON PARENTAL LEAVE September-December, 2023

As you surely know by now, Pastor Anna Roper and her husband, Jim, will be welcoming a new baby boy in September. We rejoice with Pastor Anna and Jim and wish them all the best as they enter the world of parenthood.

For the past several months, Pastor Anna, the Mutual Ministry Committee, Congregation Council, and I have been working together to arrange a time of parental leave for Pastor Anna. It is certainly the desire of your congregational leaders to give Pastor Anna adequate time to re-cover, dis-cover, and simply to enjoy the new baby free from any Epiphany obligations.

With that in mind, here's how things will look for the remainder of 2023.

- Pastor Anna will be on paid parental leave for 8 weeks and be given the opportunity to take an additional 6 weeks of unpaid leave. We anticipate that Pastor Anna will be out until the beginning of 2024. Pastor Anna will be completely free from any work or church obligations during that time. She will not be available by phone, text, or email during that time. While Pastor Anna may choose to stop by the church or attend worship (for example, to show off baby Roper!), she will not be present during her leave.
- We are excited to announce that one of our own—Kate Mueller—has been employed to lead our youth group and confirmation ministries in Pastor Anna's absence. Please see the article about Kate elsewhere in this newsletter. We are blessed to have her!
- We have chosen not to hire another pastor during this time, though we will have guest preachers about once a month to help lighten my load. I have worked with our leadership to identify the areas of my greatest focus while Pastor Anna is away, and I will be drawing sharp boundaries around those areas. The Congregation Council has had discussions about our committees taking on more responsibility for their program areas and the importance of members stepping up in more significant ways.

When Pastor Anna came to us in 2017, she was fresh out of seminary and single. It has been my pleasure to watch as she has found love, gotten married, and—now—anticipated the birth of a new little one. I know that she is grateful—as I am—for the way this congregation has surrounded her and her new family with your love. I know that love will only grow as their family grows.

By the way, I can't wait to be a "grand-pastor"!

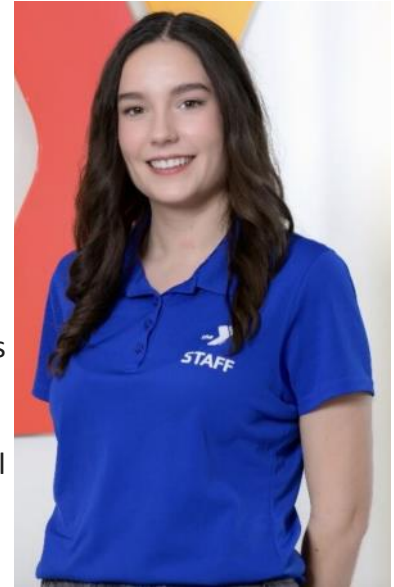
Pastor Ron



WELCOME KATE, OUR INTERIM DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY!

Pastor Ron and Pastor Anna are DELIGHTED to welcome Kate Mueller as Epiphany's Interim Youth Ministry Director, from September – December, 2023.

Many will know Kate, who grew up in Elmhurst and at Epiphany and is a 2017 York HS graduate. She was an active member of LYO during her time in high school and participated in multiple Group Work Camp trips. Kate graduated from Saint Louis University in 2022 with a BS in public health and then moved back to the area (now living in Villa Park) where she began working as Youth and Family Manager at the Elmhurst YMCA. In this full-time position, Kate engages regularly with over 300 K-8 participants and their families in summer camps and after-school programming. She will continue to work full-time at the Y while she takes on the role of Interim Youth Ministry Director at Epiphany, for which she will be compensated for approximately 6 hours/week to lead Confirmation and LYO programming, as approved by Epiphany's council at its June meeting.



Kate can be reached at Kate.Mueller@EpiphanyElmhurst.org and will be the congregation's first contact for questions about Confirmation and High School LYO while Pastor Anna is on maternity leave. Thank you, Kate, and welcome!

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES AND PERFORMANCES FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR



There will be a few dates in October and November where our Sunday service will feature special music, and we are in search of volunteer musicians! If you are interested in being in either handbells or choir for the dates below, please contact Clay (Clay.Corso@EpiphanyElmhurst.org). Rehearsals will take place on Sunday mornings around 11:00 a.m. More details to follow.

Sunday, October 29 - Reformation Sunday—Handbells
Sunday, November 5 - All Saints Sunday—Choir

Clay will be presenting a set of organ recitals this fall, with repertoire chosen to showcase the features of our wonderful Berghaus organ. Clay will demonstrate the different styles and sounds our organ is capable of! Also included in the recital will be settings of Lutheran hymns and liturgical pieces. The recitals will be on the **evening of Saturday, September 23 and the morning of Sunday, September 24, immediately following Epiphany's worship services.** A freewill offering will be collected.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hello Sunday School Families!

2 Timothy 3:14-15 - But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.



We hope that everyone has had a fun, relaxing, and spiritually fulfilling summer! I know the kids have been back in academic school for a few weeks now but, we are just getting started in our church school year! A lot has been happening behind the scenes to prepare for the amazing year we are going to have!

Some exciting happenings include:

- Buttons and Bows Preschool moved in and are already having classes! We will be sharing this space with our Pre-K/K and 1st /2nd grade classes.
- Our 3rd /4th and 5th /6th grade classrooms have been freshened up with new paint and furniture. Thank you again to the Resale Committee for their generous donation that funded this project!
- TVs will be mounted on the walls in the 3rd /4th and 5th /6th grade classrooms soon, if it isn't done already. Thank you to the Memorial Committee for funding this project!
- A new children's ministry email account has been created. You can reach us at kidsministry@epiphanyelmhurst.org.

We are so very thankful for all of the help that has been given to get the classrooms in order. I can't thank Phil Darling, Terry O'Toole, Barb O'Toole, Greg Lippert and Chris Samuelian enough for getting the rooms painted. Marty Jensen and Property Committee fixed the lights in our older classrooms and will be getting our TVs mounted. It takes a village, and we are so very thankful for ours!

I am so very grateful for all of our weekly classroom teachers, including several new to the team! These dedicated individuals are here, ready to teach, every week! We can always use a few more, even if just to substitute. Please contact Kerrie Samuelian if interested.

We are ready to welcome all Sunday School children Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade, new and returning, on Sunday, September 10. We will again be starting in "big" church with our families and heading downstairs after the Children's Sermon. Parents, grandparents, caregivers, etc., will need to come downstairs to pick their children up after worship. We do ask that everyone register for Sunday School, even if you have done so in the past. We are working on getting and keeping our records as accurate as possible. You can register at: <https://www.epiphanyelmhurst.org/sunday-school-and-childrens-ministry>.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (CONTD.)

If you have any friends or neighbors or cousins interested in learning more about Children's Ministry at Epiphany, please share my contact information with them, invite them to worship, or just share your own experiences! We are always welcoming of new families!

Sunday School families will receive an email from the new Children's Ministry account the week before Sunday School starts with a calendar, information about each of the teachers, and optional fun activities for the next few months. A few key dates for everyone to be aware of are:

- **Presentation of First Bibles for 4th Graders – Sunday, September 24**
- **Confirmation – Sunday, October 29**
- **Sunday School Christmas Program – Sunday, December 17**
- **First Communion for 5th Graders – Tentatively scheduled for Sunday, February 11, 2024.** *(Please note this is NOT Palm Sunday as has been done in the past due to D205 Spring Break.)*



During Pastor Anna's maternity, Kerrie Samuelian will be the contact person for Sunday School. Please feel free to reach out to her at kidsministry@epiphanyelmhurst.org, or 630-388-9228.

Your 2023-2024 Sunday School team welcomes all of God's Children to our classrooms this year. Thank you to the congregation for your support of our families!

With gratitude,

Kerrie Samuelian and the Sunday School team

CONFIRMATION



Confirmation 2023-24 begins in September with our annual family meeting on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. All prospective 7th and 8th grade Confirmation families that Pastor Anna is aware of were sent email and mail with more information. If you did NOT receive this mailing and are interested in participating in Confirmation at Epiphany this year (both 7th and 8th grade families), or if you have further questions, please contact Kate Mueller at Kate.Mueller@EpiphanyElmhurst.org.

Confirmation classes will begin at 6:45 p.m. this year and go until 8 p.m., beginning Wednesday, September 13. Please note time change from the last few years!

9th grade families, please mark your calendars for Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism Sunday which will be Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023.

EPIPHANY HIGH SCHOOL LYO IS BACK FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR!

LYO stands for "Lutheran Youth Organization" and has been the nickname for Epiphany's high school youth group (grades 9-12) for years. During the school year, we meet regularly on Sundays for faith, friends, and fun! We'll check in with each other each week about our highs/lows, work on service projects together (service hour credit for school is available), and discuss how our Christian faith is showing up in our everyday lives. We'll also plan special monthly fun social events.



This fall, we are currently planning to meet most Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in the LYO room DOWNSTAIRS, on the side of the building closest to Hillside Ave. Many of us are now familiar with the "new" LYO room since we've been using it for a year, but there's been lots of updates over the past year and especially this summer! We have a couch, tables and chairs and plenty of comfy seating, lots of board games, a new smart TV, a ping pong table, and a kitchenette area with a sink, fridge, microwave and Keurig machine.

New LYO participants of any grade 9-12 are ALWAYS welcome! Please email Kate (Kate.Mueller@EpiphanyElmhurst.org) if you, a friend, or someone you know would like to be added to the weekly email list for LYO parents and youth. We're also working on a new text system to keep everyone posted about regular LYO events and will have more information about this in early September.

LYO SEPTEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE

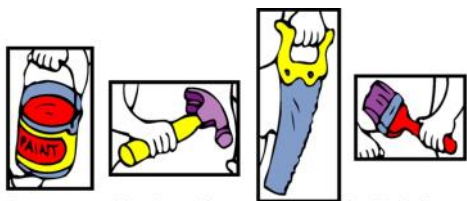
Sunday, September 3 – NO LYO, Labor Day Weekend

Sunday, September 10 - Epiphany Fall Kickoff Sunday - LYO, 10:45 a.m., LYO Room
SERVICE PROJECT DAY – making 100 school kits for Lutheran World Relief

Sunday, September 17 - LYO, 10:45 a.m., LYO Room

Sunday, September 24 - LYO, 10:45 a.m., LYO Room

Please stay tuned to LYO weekly e-news/texts for the most current updates, and you can also follow us on Instagram [@epiphanylyo](https://www.instagram.com/epiphanylyo)!



Group Work Camp 2023



MORE PICTURES FROM LYO GROUP WORK CAMP 2023



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES



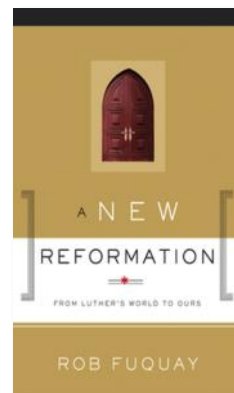
The Sunday Morning Bible Study group would like to invite you to its opening session of the year on Sunday, September 10, from 10:45 a.m.-noon. All sessions will convene in the room directly across from the church library. We will continue our informal discussions of the New Testament, beginning with the 6th Chapter of the Book of Romans. For more information contact Phil Darling at (630) 291-0721 or John Swasko at (708) 650-1047.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, and 25
7:00 p.m. (Meets via ZOOM)

We'll resume our Wednesday evening Bible study on September 20, 7:00 p.m., with a 6-week look at the scripture verses and concepts that led to the Protestant Reformation and discover how the biblical concept of justification by faith is just as relevant and true for Christianity as it was in Martin Luther's time.

Our study will be enriched by videos by author and pastor Rob Fuquay and readings from his book, ***A New Reformation***. We'll take a close look at the life of Martin Luther and the world of sixteenth-century Europe. We will discover what makes Luther's message revolutionary today—and how we can embrace Reformation in the church and in our personal lives.



The book is available for purchase at the church office for \$20. **PLEASE NOTE THAT READING FOR THE BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS IS NOT REQUIRED.** Please feel free to join us for the class sessions only if you prefer.

To join Zoom Meeting: <https://epiphanyelmhurst.zoom.us/j/6308328457>

To join by phone: (312) 626-6799, enter meeting ID: 630 832 8457

2023-24 **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** calendar:

November 1-December 13

January 3-February 7

February 14-March 20

April 3-May 8

The Acts of the Apostles

The Sermon on the Mount

Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross

Moses: In the Footsteps of a Reluctant Prophet

INTERESTED IN

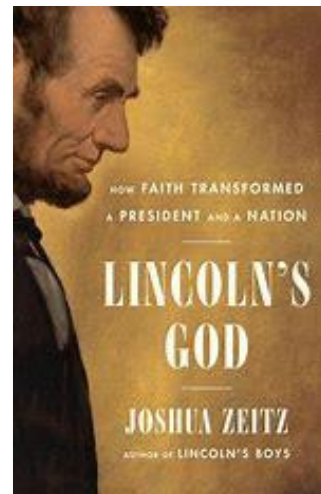
BAPTISM?

Are you interested in having your child baptized at Epiphany? If so, please speak with or email Pastor Ron, Ron.Feltman@EpiphanyElmhurst.org.

READING WITH THE REV

September 26, 2023
7:00 p.m. (Meets via ZOOM)

Lincoln's God:
How Faith Transformed a President and a Nation
Joshua Zeitz



More than any president before him—or any president after, until George W. Bush—Lincoln harnessed popular religious enthusiasm to build broad-based support for a political party and a cause. A master politician who was sincere about his religion, Lincoln held beliefs that were unconventional—and widely misunderstood then, as now. After his death and the end of an unforgiving war, Americans *needed* to memorialize Lincoln as a Christian martyr. The truth was, of course, considerably more complicated, as this original book explores.

Join us as we explore Lincoln's spiritual journey from spiritual skeptic to America's first evangelical Christian president/believer—a conversion that changed both the Civil War and the practice of religion itself.

To join Zoom Meeting: <https://epiphanyelmhurst.zoom.us/j/6308328457>

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2023 *Reading with the Rev* calendar:

- October 24 ***Wade in the Water***, by Nyani Nkrumah
- November 28 ***Soul Boom***, by Rainn Wilson
- December 19 ***This Tender Land***, by William Kent Kruger

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Our next New Member Orientation is tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, October 1 at 10:45 a.m. in the Epiphany Center.** If you are interested in learning more about or joining Epiphany, please plan to attend! Please contact Pastor Ron in the office or via email at Ron.Feltman@EpiphanyElmhurst.org if you would like to RSVP in advance or with any questions.



EPIPHANY STARS VISITATION MINISTRY

You may know that the Epiphany community includes many people who are not able to get out of their homes and participate in the fellowship and activities available to the rest of us.

One of the ways that we can make these folks feel included in our fellowship of faith is through a program of visitation by members. On **Sunday, September 17, 10:45 a.m.**, in the Conference Room, we're going to kick off a new visitation ministry we're calling **EPIPHANY STARS**.

This program of visitation will be different than some we had in the past (like Stephen Ministries) in the following ways:

- There will be minimal time devoted to training.
- Visitors may choose their level of participation. You may simply want to take communion to a shut-in once a month. You may want to develop a long-term relationship with someone who has no family nearby. You may look in briefly on someone who was recently hospitalized or bereaved. You may be open to providing transportation to a doctor's appointment. We will accommodate any level of participation.
- There will be occasional meetings to support one another, and records will be kept of visits, but the "administrative" part of this ministry will be kept to a minimum.

If you are interested in participating in this new caring ministry, please plan to attend an orientation session on **Sunday, September 17, 10:45 a.m., in the Conference Room**. We will share information and brainstorm about how we can most effectively minister to our sick, shut-in, bereaved, and hospitalized members.

If you have any questions (or suggestions!), feel free to contact Pastor Ron at (630) 832-8457 or Ron.Feltman@EpiphanyElmhurst.org.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

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 October (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.



WITH GRATITUDE



The Altar Guild is entrusted with the privilege of preparing the chancel and its furnishings for corporate worship. Certain routine preparations are done prior to any worship service (whether it be a Sunday morning (or Saturday night) service, or a funeral or a wedding or other special service). (from The Altar Guild handbook, 1981) For over 32 years, Carole Poltrock has been a most valuable and valued member of Epiphany's Altar Guild. Joining in 1991, she became co-chairperson in 1996, and chairperson in 2009. Carole's commitment and attention to detail for those routine preparations come from the ladies who taught her (like Elaine Magnesen) just as she has taught other members throughout the years. Also, from her own tips she's shared along the way. She has an eye for how things should look and patience to get it done just right.

Being a member of Altar Guild is primarily a behind-the-scenes position. Just like some other ministries in the church, Altar Guild quietly does its work. The congregation sees the candles for All Saints Day, Christmas Tree, and Holy Week symbols, especially the Living Cross, but rarely the hours required for those and ordering of elements, preparation and cleanup each and every Sunday. Carole has done that faithfully through the years. Altar Guild's role is to support the pastors and she has worked with many. During the early months of the pandemic, she helped our church pivot – providing ashes to go one-way in the new parking lot, creating the tiered display and wreath of lilies for Easter and ensuring pre-filled communion cups were available when people returned in person to name of few examples. She has tied acolyte robes, pinned carnations for confirmation students, written baptismal certificates, taught Sunday School, rung bells and more but has worked tirelessly behind-the-scenes with Altar Guild most of all.

Carole quietly retired from Altar Guild at the end of August and for this ministry and other involvement in the church, we thank her.

Well done, good and faithful servant! YOU have truly been one of Epiphany's brightest stars!

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER PAINTERS

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Greg Lippert, Terry O'Toole, and Chris Samuelian for helping me paint two classrooms in the Sunday School wing recently. A job beautifully done!



-Phil Darling

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.

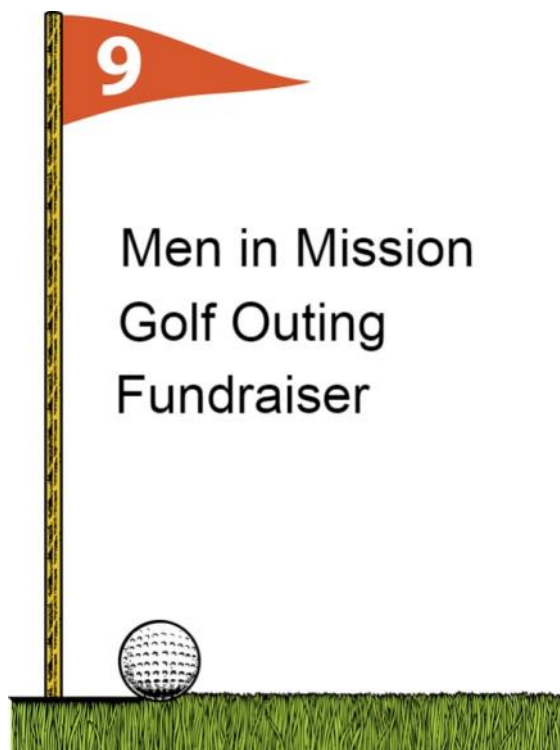


The fee of \$40 per person includes 9 holes of golf with cart, a goody bag, and several on-the-course contests. Golfers will also have the option of trying to “Beat the Pastor” on the 9th hole. The fee for dinner is \$20 per person, which includes a great meal and a ticket for a free soft-drink. Alcoholic 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, click on the link on the opening page of this Constant Contact, print out the form, and return it with payment by September 28, as instructed on the form. You also can register after church on September 9-10, 16-17, and 23-24.

Thank you and God Bless!



ICDI SNACK COLLECTION CONTINUES

We asked, and you delivered again, Epiphany! Thank you to all who donated snacks for the asylum seekers and the Interfaith Council of Displaced Immigrants (ICDI). Their stores were pretty low, and they were grateful to receive the 53 snack packs we delivered to them. “The buses keep coming,” we were told. So, Epiphany **will keep collecting!**

Please continue to **drop off your donations of snack pack items to the bin in Epiphany Center.** As a reminder, we are collecting individual size packs of dried fruits (can substitute vegan fruit snacks), nuts, protein bars and breakfast bars, chips and or pretzels, apple sauce (squeezable packs work best), and cookies. As donations come in, we will assemble the snack packs to be delivered to CITA or the Chicago Immigrant Transit Assistance Program. If you have questions or want to get involved, please email Karen Norquist at knorquist@comcast.net. Again, THANK YOU!



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



JOIN THE ROMEOs



Are you retired or working from home and would like to get out? The ROMEOs usually meet the third Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at Fresh Start Café. They will meet next on **Wednesday, September 20**. Contact David Norquist (630) 310-0934 or Wes Odean (630) 605-1147 for more information.

You are invited to “Why Theology Matters: a Conversation with the Chaplain” at the home of Elmhurst College Chaplain Rev. H. Scott Matheney, 255 W. Elm Park Avenue, on **Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.** Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Chaplain Matheney directly at (630) 617-3025 or email hscottm@elmhurst.edu.



PRESCHOOL DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP SCHEDULE



Buttons and Bows Preschool will start its first school year at Epiphany on **Monday, September 11!** We are blessed to have many children present in our building throughout the week. Listed below are weekday time periods that our parking lot will be busiest due to drop-off and pick-up times for the children.

Monday—Friday

8:15 - 9:00 a.m.

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

11:45 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.

2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Epiphany members and guests are still welcome to access the building during these times but are advised that parking and main parking lot entrance will be busy.

Thank you and WELCOME Buttons and Bows families!

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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Claudia Adams, John Halen | 19 | Clara Hosler, Marion Johnson, |
| 2 | Gianna Crowley, Jason Schmuhl | | Isla Pratt, Joan Schroeder, |
| 3 | Cathleen Anderson, Kristin Dudley, | | Dawn Swenson |
| | Marcus Roy | 20 | Michael Anderson, Drew Bialecki, |
| 4 | Lila Peters | | Lisa Hartley |
| 7 | Cathy Hunt, Landon Redfearn | 21 | Skylar Lupa, Keelie Witzel |
| 8 | Eric Porter | 22 | Charlie Cripe |
| 9 | Chris Reynolds, Jill Setterlun | 23 | Jonathan Beerhalter, Marjorie Johnson |
| 10 | Tessa Alfano, Sienna Dudley, | 24 | Justin Allen, Kim Hinrichs, |
| | Emily Winkler | | Nicholas Kortez, Vada Reynolds |
| 12 | George Beerhalter, Jax Chavez, | 25 | Finley Ewald, Virginia Johnson, |
| | Ron Feltman, Joe Sutton | | Maya Martin, Joyce McGowan |
| 13 | Ruth Clark, Marjorie DeSombre, | 26 | Brian Hosler |
| | Jennifer Frahm, Daniel Gotsch, | 27 | David Heinle, Mark Johnson, |
| | Benjamin Halen, Patricia Schwarz | | Nathan Markwald, Katrina McGowan, |
| 14 | Kyle Haukland, Keira McGowan | | Emric Paumier, Jack Winkler |
| 16 | Tiffany Jensen, Amy Jones, | 28 | Curt Clifford, Brent Johnston |
| | Denise Porter, Christopher Wilcox | 29 | Catherine Jones, Barbara O'Toole |
| 18 | Caden Bialecki, Scott Sutherland, | 30 | Mike Stufflebeam |
| | Lorna Sutton | | |

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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|----|----------------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1 | Mark and Michelle Leibrock | 18 | Gary and Susan Kosteki |
| 3 | Marshall and Jennifer Villarreal | | Mike and Lori Lewis |
| 4 | Bill and Annette Edwards | 22 | Chase and Brittany Bending |
| 7 | Mark and Andrea Redfearn | 23 | Todd and Dawn Becker |
| 8 | Chuck and Chris Hunka | 26 | Beth and Bob Kunesh |
| 13 | Christopher and Suzanne Wilcox | 29 | Tammy and Jeff Banasek |
| 17 | David and Meredith Vogel | | |
| | Grady and Anna Wick | | |



Epiphany Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Out of office dates: P. Anna—TBD P. Ron—9/1—9/4					1 8:40 a.m. Praying for Our Children	2 5:30 pm. Worship
3 9:30 a.m. Worship	4 OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	5	6 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Family Meeting,	7	8	9 5:30 p.m. Worship
10 FALL KICKOFF! 9:30 a.m. Worship/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Bible Study, LYO, Praise Band Rehearsal	11 PRESCHOOL STARTS! 7:00 p.m. Hannah's, Property Committee	12	13 6:45 p.m. Confirmation	14	15 8:40 a.m. Praying for Our Children	16 5:30 pm. Worship
17 9:30 a.m. Worship/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Epiphany Stars, Praise Band Rehearsal, First Bibles Class, LYO	18 7:00 p.m. Youth Committee	19 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee	20 9:00 a.m. ROMEOS 6:45 p.m. Confirmation 7:00p.m. Bible Study (ZOOM)	21	22 Articles due for October STAR	23 5:30 p.m. Worship Organ Recital following worship
24 First Bibles Received 9:30 a.m. Worship/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Bible Study, Organ Recital	25 7:00 p.m. Congregation Council	26 7:00 p.m. Reading with the Rev	27 6:45 p.m. Confirmation 7:00p.m. Bible Study (ZOOM)	28 DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR MEN IN MISSION GOLF OUTING	29	30 5:30 p.m. Worship

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, Sheila Durbin, Bill Edwards, John Halen, Wilbur Lippert, Molly Loeser, Joan Lux, Wes Odean, Joy Wieska

We extend our sympathies to the family of Bill Friberg, who died July 4, 2023 at the age of 94.
 We also extend our sympathies to the family of Rich Loeser, who died July 11, 2023 at the age of 84.

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), Casey (friend of Stacy Hildy), Cindy Dettloff (Diane Solem’s sister-in-law), 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), 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), 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), Jim Pacini (friend of many Epiphany members), 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), 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), 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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