

Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church
Elmhurst, Illinois



In Memoriam



John David Tanis

1951-2017

A memorial service will be held for John D. Tanis, our director of music for more than 20 years, on ***Saturday, August 26, 11:00 a.m., at Epiphany.*** As you would expect, we will worship mostly through music as we remember God's promises, commend John to almighty God, and celebrate John's life, work, and ministry. Leading us in worship will be choirs that John directed, children whom John inspired, and students with whom John shared his love for praising God through music.

Please join us on ***Saturday, August 26, 11:00 a.m.,*** as we remember this extraordinary man and musician. Let's give him a glorious send-off!



A Few Words From Pastor Feltman

Some years ago, I was browsing in the gift shop of the National Cathedral in Washington, DC when I came across a beautiful, artistic piece which included these words in calligraphy: ***The journey itself is home.***

The journey itself is home. Those five, simple words nearly brought me to tears, because I was going through a time when there seemed to be nothing but change. I couldn't steady my feet beneath me. Nothing was a sure thing. Everything I stood on felt like "sinking sand." I wondered whether I would ever find a sense of stability. I wanted my life to cease being a journey so that I could arrive at home—a steady place where I could really live life.

The journey itself is home. Those words hit like a lightning bolt in my head and heart. This side of heaven, we are never completely at home. Those simple words bear witness to the sometimes-painful truth that our lives are a journey, not a destination.

My time at Epiphany has been a journey, one that I have desperately wished would end so that we could arrive at some sort of "home." We lost our senior pastor of nearly 20 years under difficult circumstances. We lost our office administrator when she died suddenly. We were slammed with the news that our new pastor's husband was battling cancer, then slammed again with the news of his death. We watched as our beloved director of music, John Tanis, struggled with lymphoma and lost his battle all too soon. We now surround our custodian of 23 years, Maria Terracciano, as she is treated for cancer. Anyone ready, as I am, to have this Epiphany "journey" end so that we can finally be on the safe, steady soil of home?

The journey itself is home. Those five, simple words I found at a gift shop in Washington tell an important truth about life. All of it is a journey. There is no other place to live. As difficult as that reality is, I have come to see the grace in understanding life as a journey. The journey often brings pain, but it also brings new life and exciting possibilities. Even as we say goodbye to yet another faithful servant of Epiphany, we rejoice that Pastor Jen has found enough healing to be our pastor again. We rejoice that the Spirit has sent our way a bright, energetic young pastor to join our team.

I mourn deeply the loss of my colleague, John. His death leaves a hole in our hearts and our ministries that will be hard to fill. But I also am thankful for the newness that God has given. I trust, as Martin Luther so wonderfully wrote in a prayer, that God's hand is leading us and God's love is supporting us.

Your fellow traveler,

Pastor Ron Feltman

LYO News



Moose Flores

As of writing, the mission trip is days away. Plans are coming together, and pieces are falling into place!

I would like to say I'm very excited that Pastor Anna will be joining the LYO team, and I'm looking forward to working together next month and having a smooth hand-off.

We will be welcoming her and our newest freshmen this month. If you are not a freshman but have been away from LYO for a while, this is a great time for you to return, meet Pastor Anna, and be welcomed, too!

To sign up to receive weekly LYO news, use the clipboard near the stairs in the Epiphany Center, or email your first and last names to LYO@EpiphanyElmhurst.org.

Peace,
Moose

August LYO Calendar (contingent)

July 30	9:30 a.m.	LYO for the Sermon time
Aug 6	9:30 a.m.	Mission Trip Debriefing
Aug 13	6:00 p.m.	Game Night
Aug 20	6:00 p.m.	Welcome Freshmen and Pastor Anna!
Aug 27	TBA	

Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are in need of additional Sunday School teachers for all grades, kindergarten through 6th grade, for the 2017-2018 school year. Our vision is to have four teachers per grade.

Interested but have never taught? That's O.K.! Our curriculum is easy enough for all to present and provides ideas for each lesson. If you're still hesitant, Scott Miller is available to answer questions. Please contact Scott Miller today at Scott.Miller@EpiphanyElmhurst.org or at (630) 207-5746 to add your name to our Sunday School teaching family!

VBS 2017 MAKER FUN FACTORY

Throughout the week of July 10-14, over 60 “hands-on inventors” learned through lessons, music, crafts, and games that they are lovingly crafted by God! Thank you to all our volunteers who donated their time in leading the children:

Teacher	Sara Schrage		
Music	Gretchen Hedrick Kristen Hedrick Keregan Hudson	Jessica Sutherland Kali Becker Evelyn Alexander	Rachael Schrage Scott Sutherland
Adult Shepherds			
Kindergarten	Kate Bialecki	Madeline Sly	
1st Grade	Kerrie Samuelian	Kia Becker	Meghan Sly
2nd Grade	Melenie Becker	Jake Smith	James Connor
3rd Grade	Boni Smith	Suzanne Gould	
4 th /5th Grade	Joan Romer-Sheppel	Kevin Miller	
Shepherds	Hannah Gould Megan Hanebuth Kara Jensen David Mooshool Rock Smith Michael Schafer	Brad Hanebuth Rebecca Hartley Kia Becker Samantha Gillespie Ryan Pickel	Erica Hanebuth Jackson Hall Morgan Burnham April Valentino Cameron Bialecki
Kitchen	Nancy Castora Tiffany Jensen Marty Jensen Joyce Urness Antoinette Leoni	Greg Lippert Cleo Tengroth Ruth Clark Irmgard Olson Mikayla Castora	Ellen Lippert Sue Mooshool
Crafts	Julie Miller Julie Hanebuth Lisa Marshall Emily Doering	Amy Mooshool Sarah Martich Carolyn Marshall Justin Martich	Theresa Doering Kelly Martich Mia Calderisi Luke Southwell
Registration	Barb O'Toole Judy Samuelian Terri Kleck	Pat McGonigle Dee Schram	
Pastors:	Ron Feltman and Jennifer Moser		
Videography:	Jennifer Reichert		
Information Technology	Roy Schroeder, Jr.		

VBS would not have been as successful without your help. Thank you! In addition, \$115 in cash as well as food donations were collected for Yorkfield Food Pantry.

Thank you to the following businesses that helped make our VBS a success: Mike's Meat Market, Billy's Pizza, Gordon Food Service, Aldi, and Jewel. Please support these local businesses as a way of saying “thanks”!

Scott Miller, 2017 VBS Director



VBS In Pictures



New Member Orientation and Reception

Those who wish to become members of Epiphany are asked to attend an orientation session prior to joining. The orientation sessions are typically held the week prior to the reception of new members and are at 10:45 a.m. in the Chapel. New members are received during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. If you would like to become a member of Epiphany, please contact Pastor Ron Feltman at (630) 832-8457 or Ron.Feltman@EpiphanyElmhurst.org. Orientation sessions and new member receptions are scheduled on the following dates:

August 27 Orientation

December 3 Orientation

September 10 Reception

December 10 Reception

School Supplies Needed

School days are just around the corner! For many years, Epiphany members have donated school supplies to be distributed by the counselors in Elmhurst District 205 to students whose families are unable to afford these items. Please continue this tradition by purchasing school supplies of your choice and putting them in the collection box in the entry hall any time between **July 16 and August 13**. Your assistance in helping every child have a comfortable beginning to the new school year is deeply appreciated by the families and staff of the Elmhurst schools! THANK YOU!

Children's Resale

The Clothing and Toy Resale will be the week of **September 24-30**. We will be looking for volunteers to help out that week. You may register to work on our website:

epiphanyelmhurst.org/community/resale/ or by contacting Lynn Sutton at: sutton743@comcast.net

If you are going through your kid's closets this summer and are ready to donate children's items, we will tag all merchandise donated for the sale and all proceeds will be given to our designated charity. We are accepting donations on the following Sundays in Fellowship Hall:

July 30

August 13, 20, 27

September 10

Blessing of the Backpacks!



**August 20, 2017
9:30 a.m.**

We want our students to get off to a great start for their school year! Students of all ages should bring their backpacks to worship on Sunday, August 20, at the 9:30 a.m. worship service, and receive a special blessing as they begin a new learning adventure.

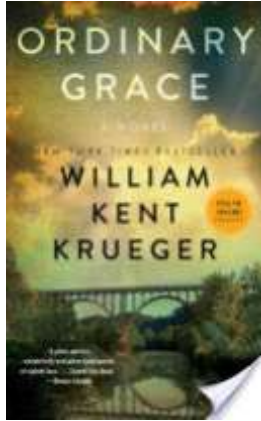
Sunday Morning Bible Study Resumes in September

Beginning Sunday, September 11, anyone who is interested in studying the Bible is invited to meet at 10:45 a.m. in the Conference Room at church. This fall the informal discussions will focus on Paul's letter to the Romans in the New Testament. Our sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, concluding by 12:15 p.m.

For further information, please contact Phil Darling at 630-941-0695 or John Swasko at 708-650-1047.

Summer Reading Book

Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger



Hosted by: Heather Feltman
Date: Monday, August 21, 2017
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Location: The Feltmans, 596 S. Spring Rd, Elmhurst

From *New York Times* bestselling author William Kent Krueger comes a brilliant novel about a young man, a small town, and murder in the summer of 1961. Published in 2013, this book went on to win the Edgar Award for Best Novel in 2014.

New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. The Twins were playing their debut season, ice-cold root beers were at the ready at Halderson's Drug Store soda counter, and *Hot Stuff* comic books were a mainstay on every barbershop magazine rack. It was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a new, young president. But for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum it was a summer in which death assumed many forms.

When tragedy unexpectedly comes to call on his family, which includes his Methodist minister father, his passionate, artistic mother, Juilliard-bound older sister, and wise-beyond-his years kid brother, Frank finds himself thrust into an adult world full of secrets, lies, adultery, and betrayal.

On the surface, *Ordinary Grace* is the story of the murder of a beautiful young woman, a beloved daughter and sister. At heart, it's the story of what that tragedy does to a boy, his family, and ultimately the fabric of the small town in which he lives. Told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, it is a moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

Check It Out!

"She'd spent the better part of the day trying not to think about her mother and parole. Olivia kept shaking her out of her worry by reminding her at least Dad and Naomi weren't getting a divorce. And neither had cancer. But still." Being a teenager is tough: accused of theft, working with rescue dogs, and running a small business keep Emily busy, but not too busy to worry extensively about keeping right with God. The Native American's Windigo seems to stalk the local woods. Can God keep her safe body and soul? Does Josh think she's cute? Colleen Coble wrote the mysterious juvenile novel *Search and Rescue* with a keen understanding of adolescent concerns. Fiction books for adults can also be checked out for FREE! --Assistant Librarian Teri



Epiphany Co-Ed Bowling League Starts in September - New Bowlers Wanted

The Epiphany Bowling League completed its most recent season in May, and will begin again in September, providing a weekly night of fun activity and camaraderie for men and women ages 16 and over. On Thursday evenings beginning after Labor Day, we will gather at Stardust Bowl in Addison. This league is designed for fun, and no matter what your average might be or how long it may have been since you last bowled (if ever!) we guarantee balanced competition and fun for everyone. Teams are formed with a goal in mind of being evenly skilled and having close matches, and close team scores are often the case. We prefer for bowlers to sign up for the full season which runs until May with a number of holidays taken off during the year. We know that this schedule can be challenging for some, so if you want to join for half the season, that's O.K., too. The league needs more bowlers, so we're hoping you'll give it a try! If you are interested and/or have questions, please contact Bob Sutherland at (630) 279-1636 or Marty Jensen at (630) 605-6414.

NOTE: Returning bowlers should also contact Bob or Marty as soon as possible to confirm and secure your spot in the league!



Epiphany Lutheran Church
Men in Mission
Annual Fund Raiser Golf Outing
Sunday – October 8, 2017



This year's golf outing will be held at Sugar Creek Golf Course, Villa Park, Illinois.

Tee times start at 1:00pm. Dinner and Award Ceremony start immediately after the last group finishes.

\$37.00 per golfer includes:

- 9 holes of play, pull or electric cart optional
- Dinner and Award Ceremony
- 10 raffle tickets, extra raffle tickets available the day of the event
- A chance to win big bucks (\$1,000) with a hole in one
- Entry into longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt competition
- Golfer's delight treat bag, including \$20.00 gift card

For those not wanting to play golf but who would still like to attend there is a cost of \$15 for dinner guest only. Dinner guests may participate in all fund raising raffles.

As always, golf related gifts and donations are welcome and appreciated. These gifts are used for raffle prizes which help make this fundraiser a huge success.

Please consider being a "hole sponsor." For a donation of \$250.00 you can sponsor a hole of your choice (subject to availability). As a hole sponsor you'll be provided with a large sign posted by your hole including your company name, logo, phone, internet address or whatever you want on the sign. We will publish the same information in the official Men in Mission Golf Outing program guide which is handed out to all golfers and guests. We will also have your logo and a link to your web page on the official Men in Mission golf web page at <http://EpiphanyElmhurst.org/Golf>.

Or, consider being a goody-bag sponsor. This could include gift cards, discount cards, logoed golf items, etc. Please provide enough items for 48 golfers.

Please call Roy E. Schroeder, Jr. at (630) 550-0250 or email Golf@EpiphanyElmhurst.org for more information!

About Our Members

The Elmhurst Independent Elmhurst Cougars 14U pitcher Brendan Schrage on the mound at the Winfield Summer Slam Tournament on Saturday, July 8. The Cougars finished up the season at the event.



This group of students from the School of Rock took the stage on Sunday, June 25 at the Elmhurst History Museum to perform for people who came to the “Disco Explosion.” The event which celebrated all things 70s was held in conjunction with its current exhibit, “Disco Demolition: The Night Disco Died.” Epiphany’s TJ Ptak is pictured second from right.

Tom McGonigle recently shared his love of flying with several young people as part of the Young Eagles program of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). Founded in 1992, the Young Eagles program has dedicated nearly 25 years to giving youth ages 8-17 their first free ride in an airplane. Tom is a regular volunteer pilot in the program.



August Birthdays

1	Erik Caster	19	Dee Dee Bandy, Kimberly Ptak,
2	Scott Miller, Christopher Hinrichs		Justin Steinecker, Dominic Alfano
4	Jon Dierksheide, Steven Vesely, Joel Brown, Keregan Husdon	20	Terry O'Toole, Joanie Wegmann, Susan Kriz, Ian Klatt, Mackenzie Wright
5	Matt Bialecki, Ava Anderson, Payton Ptak	21	Gary Howell, Jr., Vivianna Sanchez Gillespie,
7	Randy Johnson, Marilyn Heinle, Jennifer Hanyzewski, Michael Sgarioto	22	Gary Howell, Sr., Ian Pickell,
8	Tracy Lupa, Zoey Witzel, Jakob Kieca	23	Ron Koval, Bill Bonner, Carol Doberstein, Fred Peronto, Gregory Browning, Jeremy Damer
9	Sharon Schneider, Michael Lazas, Gary Wilson, Sheryl Larson, Jason VanDenBrook, Kara Larsen	24	Ken Bartels, Ty Hodgson, Aksel Haarstad
10	Diane Schmidt, Mary Groh, Grace Haidle	25	Linda Pionto, Brian Meyer, Daniel Johnson, Kathryn Mueller, Carleigh VanDenBrook, Madison Sechel
11	Bill Theil		Branson Haukland
12	Judith Scheuerman, Sally White	26	Janet Rudhman, Tammy Dufort,
13	Kianna Becker	27	Kelly Kroll, Kate Swasko, Lauren Anderson, Lane Wilson
14	Rose Fuller, Megan Koval, Jennifer Josephs, Nicolas Matkovic, Jack Loneragan, Hayden Nowak, Brooke Vogel	28	Dana Steinecker, Damien Barton
15	Babette Halen, Steven Cripe II, Graham Wilson	29	Keith Olson, Wayne Phelps, David Hawes, Matthew Wyman, McAllister Carson
16	Naniya Kammerdiener, Jenny Barton, Sydney Medema, Madeleine Sorenson, Cayley Getz	30	Lynna Sly, Brad Keller
17	Amber Thomas, Keira White	31	Cathy Caron, Julie Hanebuth, Lauren Rickenbrode, Brennan Thomas
18	Colleen Korzen, Rebecca Bellito, Regina Sauer, Claire Woerner, Jack Callahan, William Fries		

August Anniversaries

1	William and Cynthia Pruitt	19	Chip and Donna Johnson
	Tony and Kristin Hall		Lynna and William Sly
4	Mike and Mary Lazas	20	Dave and Julie Hanebuth
5	Bruce and Jean Hill		Dan and Marianne Wachholz
	Christopher and Kerrie Samuelian		Casey and Rose Fuller
6	Eugene and Diane Hallongren	22	Linton and Erin Puckett
	Gary and Linda Merrinette	23	Frank and Pat Parelo
7	Matt and Kate Bialecki		Gary and Wanda Block
8	Fred and Aniela Peronto		Phil and Margie Gotsch
	Rich and Jennifer Reichert		Jon and Emily Beerhalter
10	Sandra and John Fruzyna	24	Dave and Diane Wyman
13	Elaine and Vern Magnesen		Bob and Donna Rathbone
	Kenneth Becker and Theresa Kleck	26	Patricia and Steven Samar
14	Cindy and James O'Malley	31	Christine and Charles Nutile
16	John and Pam Pozeck		Kimberly and Andrew Ptak
17	Ruth and Bruce Blair		

In Our Prayers

Our members: Todd Becker, Wayne Bell, Judith Billingsley, Nancy Bode, Marie Buford, Shirley Dochoff, Sienna Dudley, Anita Esposito, Bill Friberg, Babette Halen, Martha Haley, Mary Hanson, Josie Heard, Joyce Hill, Catherine Knapp, Jennifer Moser, Bob Sutherland, Marlene Tegmeyer, Maria Terracciano,

Please keep in your prayers the families of John Tanis, Ella Hruby, Elizabeth Lange (Judy Samuelian's mother), The Darlings (on the death of Jackie's sister, Geraldine Seeck), and The Suttons (on the death of Chuck's sister, Christy Buckley.)

Our friends: Eli James Becker (grandson of Gwen and Richard Becker), Bill and Virginia Bonham (Bill Friberg's brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Evelyn Boutin (Lito Toreja's sister), Laverne Budris (Lisa Budris' mother), Don Feld (Lisa Budris' uncle), Gwen Gorman (daughter of Glen and Elsa Heinemann), Keith Groenwald (former member), Andy Hamblin (Jan Davis' son, Helen Evensen's grandson), Lorna Hansen (Amy Rimington's mother), Jan Harms (Jen Mann's mother), Christa Johnson (friend of the Hedricks), John Johnson (Janet Rudhman's brother), Robert Kampf (friend of Daryl Bartelson), Kevorak Kahvedjian (friend of the Haidles), Jan Kopas (nephew of Mary Langer), Bob Krzyzewski (Lila Peters' brother-in-law), Cindy Krzyzewski (Lila Peters' niece), Lindsay Larson (Andrea Redfearn's niece), Greg Lechowski (friend of Joe Schram), Bill Lentine (father of Trisha Graham), Marlene Lundgren (Lila Peters' sister-in-law), Lora Corey Marut (friend of Linda Stratton), Harriet Mason (friend of Sandra Vaughn), Karen McCaa (sister of Amy Pilny), Betsy McKeever (Kristin Hall's aunt), Evan Thomas Mevis (Ruth Blair's grandson), Marie Mueller (mother of Keelie Witzel), Gail Nerison, Nancy O'Leary and Family (Sue Mooshool's sister), Mary Overbeck (friend of Karen and Larry Bircher), Patti Paul (friend of Curt Clifford), Joseph Paumier (father of Ben Paumier), Betty Patch (Lori Trimble's mom), Barbara Phelps (Wayne Phelps' mother), Joe Pilny (David Pilny's father), John Rossi, Eva Salems (Lila Peters' sister), the Seeck Family (family of Jackie Darling's sister), Marge Swanson (Shirley Swanson's mother), Pat Swanson (Shirley Swanson's sister-in-law), Joan Sturino (sister of Dawn Sanders), Bea Tanis (John Tanis' mother), Bill Tarnow (friend of Joe Schram), Irma Tena (friend of the Johnson family), Matt Toole (friend of Phyllis Field), John VanFleet (friend of the Tengroths), Jeff Vidt (Sue Kostecki's brother), Diane Viise (family of Annette and Bill Edwards), Eric Von Schaumburg (husband of Lindsay Rudhman), David Wells (son-in-law of Elsa and Glen Heinemann), Cathy Wendell and Gina Rapaz (sister-in-law and niece of Genevieve Scaro), Lori Wood (friend of Pastor Moser), Betty Zelent (Cindy O'Malley's mother)

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