

Notice Of Special Congregational Meeting

A **Special Congregational Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, November 12, at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary** to act on a recommendation from the Congregation Council to spend approximately \$80,000 to replace the boiler and to authorize financing for the purchase.

Our boiler has served us well for nearly 64 years, but it has stopped working and is beyond repair. Because cold weather is upon us and the building is used each day by “inside” and “outside” groups alike, it is imperative to replace the unit as soon as possible. The Council is especially concerned about the lack of heat for the Adult Christian Care, which houses elderly clients each day. The Property Committee has received bids for the replacement and made a recommendation to the Congregation Council. Information about the specifics of the replacement will be sent to the congregation prior to the meeting.



Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church
Elmhurst, Illinois



We Remember Them

On Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and November 5, we will remember the following members of Epiphany Lutheran Church who entered the Church Triumphant since the last All Saints Day.

James Barney
November 27, 2016

Gregory Moser
December 24, 2016

Darryl May
January 24, 2017

Barry Vaughn
March 2, 2017

Ben Dochoff
March 31, 2017

Jerry Paparone
April 3, 2017

Violet Arbor
June 25, 2017

John Tanis
July 7, 2017

Ella Hruby
July 7, 2017

Elizabeth Lange
July 16, 2017

Helen Evensen
August 18, 2017

Bob Haley
October 19, 2017

Judith Billingsley
October 21, 2017

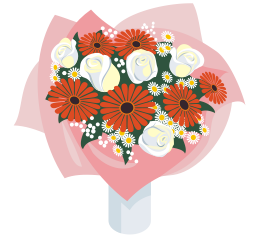
Leroy Ackerman
October 24, 2017

*When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death.
We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
we too might live a new life.*

2018 Altar Flower Sign-Up

If you would like to provide altar flowers for any of the 2018 church services, please complete this form and mail it to Dawn Sanders or put it in the Altar Guild mailbox in the church office.

Please note that altar flowers will NOT be used on Ash Wednesday (February 14), Sundays in Lent (February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25), Maundy Thursday (March 29), Good Friday (March 30), Easter Sunday (April 1), Christmas Eve (December 24), or New Year's Eve (December 31).



The cost for the two altar bouquets or a special arrangement is \$36. Phillip's Flowers bills the church. Please make checks payable to "Epiphany Lutheran Church" and be sure your payment reaches Dawn by the 30th of the month. Thank you!

Please send to: Dawn Sanders
572 Saylor
Elmhurst, Illinois 60126-3826

We would like to provide flowers for the altar in 2018 on the following date:

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Dedication for the flowers is:

() In memory of: _____
(Name and/or Relationship)

() In honor or celebration of: _____
(Name and/or Relationship)

() In gratitude for blessings received.

() Other: _____

Disposition of flowers: Pick - up () Sick or Shut - in ()

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Baptisms

Are you interested in having your child baptized at Epiphany? The sacrament of baptism is the first step of a life-long journey of faith, where we become part of the body of Christ. The Lutheran tradition teaches that in baptism, we die to our old, sinful selves and are raised from the water into a new life in Christ, just as Christ once rose from the grave. As parents, we promise during our child's baptism to teach them about the faith and to care for our child's spiritual life until they are ready to take on their baptismal promises for themselves. If you are interested in having your child baptized at Epiphany, we ask that you come to a baptism class to learn more about this sacrament, and to schedule your child's baptism. Our next class will be held in the Chapel **November 5 after the 9:30am worship service**. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer at (630) 832-8457 or Jennifer.Moser@EpiphanyElmhurst.org. We hope to see you there!



Christian Education Committee Being Reactivated

After a time of inactivity, we are reviving the Christian Education Committee. If you would like to help provide vision, direction, and oversight of our faith formation programs (Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation, adult education), please join us for our first meeting on **Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church library. You need not be participating in any of these programs to be on the committee. We just need folks who have a passion and energy around "growing in faith." If you have any questions, contact Pastor Feltman at (630) 832-8457 or Ron.Feltman@EpiphanyElmhurst.org.

LYO and Confirmation News



Pastor Anna

Pastor Anna is re-thinking the space in the loft above Epiphany Center, including removing the pool table to have more space. The pool table is free to any Epiphany member who would also be willing to move it from the loft! Please contact Pastor Anna if you're interested or have further questions.

Confirmation

Saturday, November 18 – Movie/Board Game Night in the loft above Epiphany Center
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (movie TBA)

LYO

Sunday, November 5 - LYO, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, November 10 - Saturday, November 11 - "Ultimate Lock-in" at Enchanted Castle,
Lombard, 9:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 12 - LYO, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 19 - LYO "Friendsgiving" Potluck - bring a dish to share - Epiphany Center,
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 26 - no LYO, Pastor Anna preaching

Both Confirmation and LYO

Sunday, November 26 - Rake 'n' Run, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Epiphany youth will come together for a service project raking leaves for senior Epiphany members and friends in order to help them be ready by the city leaf pickup date! Gather back at church afterwards for lunch and fellowship.



23 of Epiphany's Confirmation class and 6 adults volunteered at Feed My Starving Children on Friday, October 20. They hand packed meals that will be delivered to children in need around the world.

Men In Mission Annual Christmas Dinner and Fundraiser

The Men in Mission Annual Christmas Dinner and Fundraiser will take **place Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** in Epiphany Center. This is the main fundraiser for the entire year with emphasis being placed on helping needy families at Christmastime. Through this event we provide families in need with food, clothing, and gifts for children.

Over 30 people received help from us last year at Christmas because of the generosity of our congregation and the Elmhurst business community. Throughout the year we also provide funds for medical, utility, and housing expenses to those in need, and to Epiphany organizations that assist the needy, to the extent we are able to do so.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person and will be on sale Saturdays and Sundays November 25 and 26, December 2 and 3, and December 9 and 10.

This is an adult-only event.

A Christmas tree will be decorated and donated to a family in need. Ornaments for the tree would be appreciated.

If you are unable to attend the dinner/fundraiser but would like to make a donation, we accept cash or checks made out to Men In Mission. We honor requests for anonymity, if desired.

If you have any questions please contact the co-chairmen of Men In Mission: Bill Friberg at (630) 606-0219 or Tom Connolly at (630) 832-1732 or speak to any of the Men In Mission board members: Brendan Connor, Phil Darling, Dave Norquist, Gary Sanders, Roy Schroeder, Sr., Roy Schroeder, Jr.



God's Global Barnyard Campaign

Epiphany will be raising money **through November 5** for ELCA World Hunger with God's Global Barnyard. With your donations we will purchase animals to help end hunger. Sunday School students will have special "piggy" banks or banks shaped like barns, and will decide which animals Epiphany buys. We will be doing this as a church family, not individually, so any donation no matter how large or small is appreciated. Epiphany Barnyard will be taking shape in the Sunday School hallway as animals are purchased. You can also have your own bank and we will have a donation collection center in Epiphany Center in the coming weeks. You may also use the ELCA World Hunger envelopes in the pews. Your gift reflects God's love, making a difference in people's lives around the world. Donations support long-term, sustainable solutions for hunger that keep on giving for years to come.



Tree Of Love And Caring

As many of you know, Epiphany has had a long-standing Christmas tradition of supporting those in need through the Tree of Love and Caring. This year we will embark on a new adventure in supporting Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and "at risk" children. Many of these children are in the foster care system and will greatly appreciate your generosity. Due to the earlier deadline needed by LSSI, we will be changing our time frame this year as well. The tree will be up in Epiphany Center on Sunday, November 12. It will be up between services until all of the children's names are taken. Each of the stars will have a child's age listed along with their "top two" toy preferences. We are asked to spend approximately \$25 per child. **The wrapped gifts will be due back in the gym on Sunday, December 3 by 10:30 a.m.** Please attach the red star ornament tag firmly to the top of the wrapped gift. Thank you so much for your help and generosity!

If you have any questions, please reach out to either Lisa Budris (630) 247-9264 or Linda Anderson (630) 290-7656.



Making A Difference In Your Offerings

Gifts of Appreciated Securities:

Did you know that you can contribute appreciated securities tax-free to Epiphany? Securities that have appreciated in value may be donated to Epiphany, and you pay no capital gains tax on the securities you donate. Epiphany sells your securities and uses the proceeds for its mission and ministry. Because Epiphany has its own brokerage account, we can provide a seamless process to accept in-kind transfers of securities such as common stock, mutual funds, and Exchange Traded Funds (ETF's). By transferring to Epiphany, the securities are not sold until they reach Epiphany's brokerage account. The full amount is then tax free and allows you to potentially use the full amount as a charitable donation/deduction on your tax return making this a win/win situation. Please consider this as part of your year-end tax planning and for future years as well.

Required Minimum IRA Distributions (RMD's): Why not save yourself the tax? Many individuals are required to withdraw funds from their retirement accounts as a required minimum distribution (RMD) in the year their age reaches 70 ½. As part of a simple tax planning tool, you can use part of your RMD to fulfill your offerings to Epiphany, whether as part of your annual giving strategy, as a one-time contribution, or anytime during the year. IRS rules allow for what is known as a "qualified charitable distribution". The impact of these distributions is TAX FREE and, at the same time, could generate additional benefits on your tax return. This is especially true for those who cannot deduct their annual givings as a charitable contribution.

If you have any questions, or have an interest in pursuing either of these topics, please phone or email Jeff Kociak at (630) 290-5987, or jkociak@ejfcpa.com.

Memorials

For John Tanis given by:

Anita Esposito
Elsa Heinemann
Paul and Barbara Rimington
Cleo Tengroth
Keelie and Joe Witzel
Grace and Wilbert Lippert
Mary Langer
Vern and Elaine Magnesen
Mary K. Hanson
Ruth Clark
Audrey Seifried and Karin Boullion

For Betty Lange given by:

Audrey Seifried and Karin Boullion

For Barry Vaughn, Sr. given by:

Audrey Seifried and Karin Boullion

We're Updating Our Directory

- Has your family changed?
- Did you miss our last photography sessions?
- Do you want updated professional family portraits?

Lifetouch is coming back to photograph more families.

After the new photography sessions, all families pictured in the book will be provided new, updated Community Books. Contact the church office if you would like to be included in our updated Community Book. Still happy with your 2016 picture, then no action is required. You will receive a new updated more complete book with your 2016 picture included.



Photography is scheduled for Monday, November 27 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

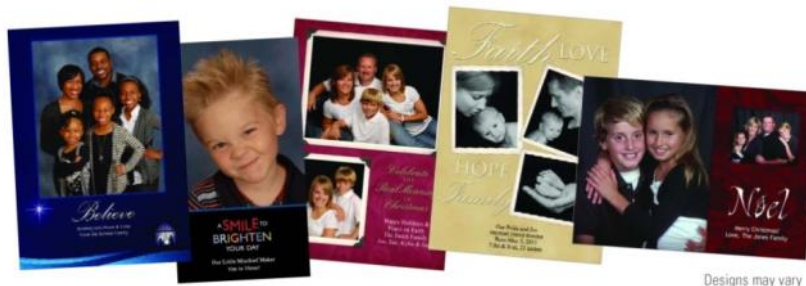
For your convenience you can sign up in several ways.

- Sign up online at <http://www.epiphanyelmhurst.org>
- Look for the directory sign up button on the home page.
- You can sign up at our website anytime.
- Sign up after church any weekend at a sign up table.
- Call the church office at (630) 832-8457.

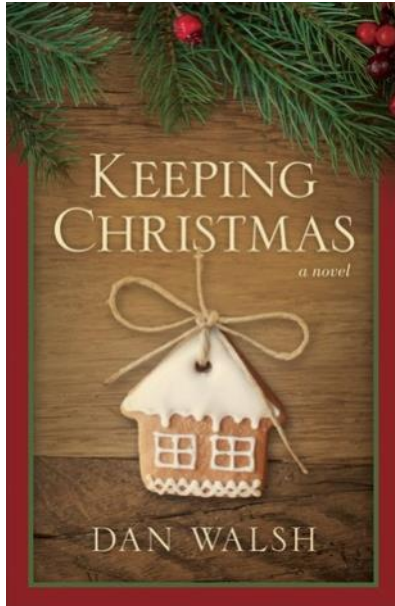
Each participating family receives a complimentary 8x 10 and copy of our new book! You will also have the opportunity to purchase high quality professional portraits at discounted prices. Senior Citizens will receive a 20% discount. **Portrait orders will be back in time for Christmas.**

Our book won't be complete without you and the best times always go first so sign up early!

Greeting cards available at your portrait session!



Check It Out!



Thanksgiving with just her husband was simple, but Judith laments that her kids didn't just "leave the nest but [flew] so far away I'd never see them again. Even at Christmas." She plummets into a deep depression just as everyone else feels the joy of the holiday season. Dan Walsh's *Keeping Christmas* is a novel about the emotional cost of American mobility and the emotional value of friendship. Reading this book is a sorrowful experience until the expected happy ending. The author has keen insights into small-town life, fiscal responsibility, family bonding, and long relationships. This book and the many other Christmas books can be checked out for FREE!

--Assistant Librarian Teri

Greetings From The Lipperts

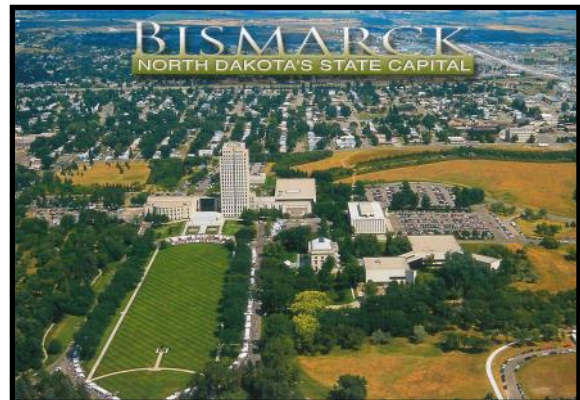
Tuesday, October 17

To our Epiphany Friends:

Wow! That was quite a send-off! As some of you know, Grace and I were born and educated here, so we still know lots of people living here. Our grand daughter, Emma, and her husband, Michael, have been of immense help. They live in Wilton, which is 30 miles north of here on the way to Minot. Grace attended college there. I graduated from NDSU in Fargo.

We're thinking of you.

Most Sincerely,
Grace and Wilbur



The Capitol building sits on over 100 acres of land, and a new residence for the governor is under construction.

November Birthdays

- 1 Diane Hallongren, Paul Rimington, Kristen Hedrick, Maddie Banta
- 2 Jill Hinrichs, Sarah Meyer
- 3 Marty Jensen, Evan Semmelhack, Michael Ducey
- 4 Marjorie Thiel, Michael Hodgson
- 5 Gale Olson, Leo Kular, Joanna Sgarioto, Kevin Fisher
- 6 Gary Kostecki, Joan Sheppel, Katie Triska, Christian Jordan
- 7 Patrick Jones, Kyle Trimble, Catherine Evans, Joseph Steinecker
- 8 Elaine Magnesen, Jenny Schwartz, Sienna Paterno, Kevin Miller, Christopher Foster, Owen Zeitler
- 9 Rita Adams, Samuel Toreja
- 10 Nancy Bode, Cory Hinrichs, Sabrina Pilny, Joseph Brown
- 11 Gary Wegmann, Meredith Vogel, Courtney Klatt
- 12 Barb Odean, John Haukland, Joshua Johnson
- 13 David Vogel, Amy Persenico, Jonathon Rotermond
- 14 Erin Mehring, Norah Haarstad, Emily Wegmann
- 15 Alice Marshall, Richard Schmuhl, Meryl Cripe
- 16 Brad Holmer, Debbie Holmer
- 17 Eric Doberstein, Mike Smith, Sydney Sterrett
- 18 Nina Gortowski, Maggie Banasek, MacKenzie Kortess, Eve Fuller
- 19 David Pilny, Reese Wildermuth, Elizabeth Duhig, Kyla Barton
- 21 Mary Lazas, James Langer
- 22 Quentin Hanyzewski
- 23 Dennis Kimble, Rick Pfaff, Kellie Matkovic
- 24 Benjamin Parker
- 25 Kenneth Becker, Brian Adams
- 26 Jeff Zeitler, Erica Hanebuth, Julia Langer
- 27 David Chudik, Eric Peronto, Eric Roeschlein
- 28 Brett Bonthron, Sloan VanDenBrook
- 29 Kathryn Ardinger, Amanda Mooshool, Delaney Swenson, Nora Bender
- 30 Dieter Werner, Michael Hartley, Alec Billing, Hazel Eisenmenger

November Anniversaries

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| 1 Terri and Barb O'Toole | 12 Andrew and Joanna Todd |
| 2 Jeff and Kristen Zeitler | 18 Willian and Patricia Schwarz |
| 4 James and Nancy Langer | 19 Heather and Ron Feltman |
| 5 Gerald and Susan Mooshool | 21 Jim and Jean Browning |
| 7 Spencer and Jennifer Gulley | 25 Eric and Patrice Thiel |
| 10 Ken and Laura Fries | 26 Dane and Dawn Swenson |
| 10 Jeff and Laura Kociak | 28 Ken and Vicki Cripe |
| 12 Mike and Gail Nolen | 29 Wayne and Joan Bell |

In Our Prayers

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

We extend our sympathy to the Haley family on the death of Bob Haley, Friday, October 20. A memorial service took place at Epiphany on Saturday, October 28. Please keep the Haleys in your prayers during their time of grief.

We also extend our sympathies to the Billingsley family on the death of Judith Billingsley, Saturday, October 21.

Finally, we keep in your prayers the Ackerman family on the death of Leroy Ackerman, Tuesday, October 24.

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), 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 Kahvedsian (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), Patti Paul (friend of Curt Clifford), Joseph Paumier (father of Ben Paumier), Betty Patch (Lori Trimble's mom), Joe Pilny (David Pilny's father), John Rossi, Eva Salems (Lila Peters' sister), Marge Swanson (Shirley Swanson's mother), Pat Swanson (Shirley Swanson's sister-in-law), Joan Sturino (sister of Dawn Sanders), 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 Kosteck'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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