



The Epiphany Star ✨ *July 2011*
Newsletter of Epiphany Lutheran Church
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Epiphany,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. Amen

What are you doing this summer? What is on your bucket list to have completed by the end of August? For some of us, it is an endless list of home repairs and improvements. It is the list of things that we have been putting off saying that we will get to it when it stops raining or when the weather warms up. For some of us, it is a summer vacation to a destination that we have been planning since our last summer vacation. For some of us, it may be spending time watching our children play baseball, volleyball, swimming, drama, or just playing in the backyard. For many of us, our calendars may be just as busy as they are the rest of the year but the pace of our activities isn't as intense as it is the rest of the year. It is good to have an opportunity to recharge our batteries and stop to look at everything around us.

On Holy Trinity Sunday (June 19) we heard the Creation story from the Book of Genesis. This story always amazes me of how God is able to create everything out of nothing. Humanity was one of the last parts of creation added to our known world. Yet, we are the ones who were created in God's own image and given dominion over everything. God gave us great responsibility. God also gave us an example of how we are to live our lives with the seventh day being "The Sabbath Day"...a day of rest. When was the last time we intentionally looked at our weekly schedule and thought of having a "day of rest?" Have we placed "Sabbath time" on our bucket list of things we want to accomplish when we have enough time to do it? Are we intentional about how we spend our time - like we spend our treasure?

This summer as we are planning all of our varied activities - be sure to plan time for your soul with weekly worship and daily prayer time. There is an old saying that goes something like, "You make time for the things you want to do and put off the things that you don't." Make sure you have time for your physical and spiritual well being each day and week. You don't always have to be in worship at Epiphany, but you should be in worship where you are visiting. Give your heart and soul a time to recharge. You will find it is a great investment in you! God already has invested in you; why not take advantage of

that kind of investment.

May you find the items on your “bucket list” shrinking this summer and your heart and soul recharged in the love of the Lord.

In Christ,
Pastor Richard Hartman

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Our Mission
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We are Christians, called by God, committed to:
Sharing the Gospel,
Serving others as Christ taught us, and
Creating disciples for witness.

Epiphany Lutheran Church's Vision Statement:

A Christian family of God committed to sharing the Gospel and serving others, through joyful worship, education and fellowship.

We Welcome the following new faces to Church Council July 1st!

Steve Auman - Fellowship

Anne Lohman - Stewardship

We would like to thank church Council Members who will continue to serve:

Pastor Richard Hartman

Richard Lee - Treasurer

Deb Crawford - Secretary

Jane Dawkins - Outreach

Jodi McKenna - Congregational Life

Property - Doug Ahr

Ron Michael - President

Alicia Davis - Christian Education

Renee Meunier - Vice - President

We thank Millie Lazzer for your faithful service!



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Please feel free to stop in or call for any of your Pastoral needs. Our office hours are as follows:



Pastor: Sunday - Thursday 7:30am-2:30 pm and some Saturdays as well as Mondays and Wednesday evenings.

Jodi: Mondays 12:30 pm - 3:15 pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:15 am - 3:15 pm.

* Due to unusual circumstances, these hours may be subject to change.

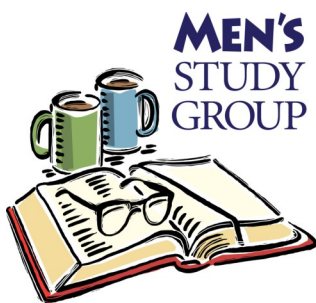


by Kurt Unrue

I hope everyone is having a good summer! Just a reminder - There will be the Pool Party at the Everhart's on July 23rd. More details to come. Watch for e-mails for the one-on-one interviews that will be starting soon!

Tornado in Joplin, Missouri

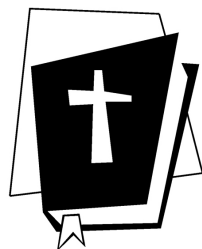
An outbreak of tornadoes tore across the Midwest leaving a path of destruction from Texas to Minnesota. Especially hard-hit is Joplin, Mo., where a powerful tornado leveled parts of the community, killing at least 89 people. Resident city is completely unrecognizable. This outbreak is one of several destructive storms this spring. Communities throughout the Midwest and South have also faced widespread damage due to floods and severe storms. All of your gifts - 100 percent - designated for "U.S. Severe Storms" will be emergency and long - term assistance following these storms. Please give generously and continue to pray for those whose lives have been uprooted by this disaster. Check or money orders sent to: ELCA Disaster Response 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-9300. Write "U.S. Severe Storms" on your check's memo line. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



**MEN'S
STUDY
GROUP**

The Men's Bible study continues to meet throughout the summer. Our meeting this month will be July 9th at 7:00 am. We will continue our walk through the Bible and would encourage all men of the congregation to wake up a little early on Saturday morning to join us in a time of fellowship, good food, and Bible study.

July
Bible
Readings



Join us for worship this month!

Every Sunday at 8:00 am and
10:15 am.

Every Monday at 7:00 pm.
Sunday School classes for all
ages are from the months of
September—May! Please join
us!

July 3rd:

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 10th:

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 17th:

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 24th:

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

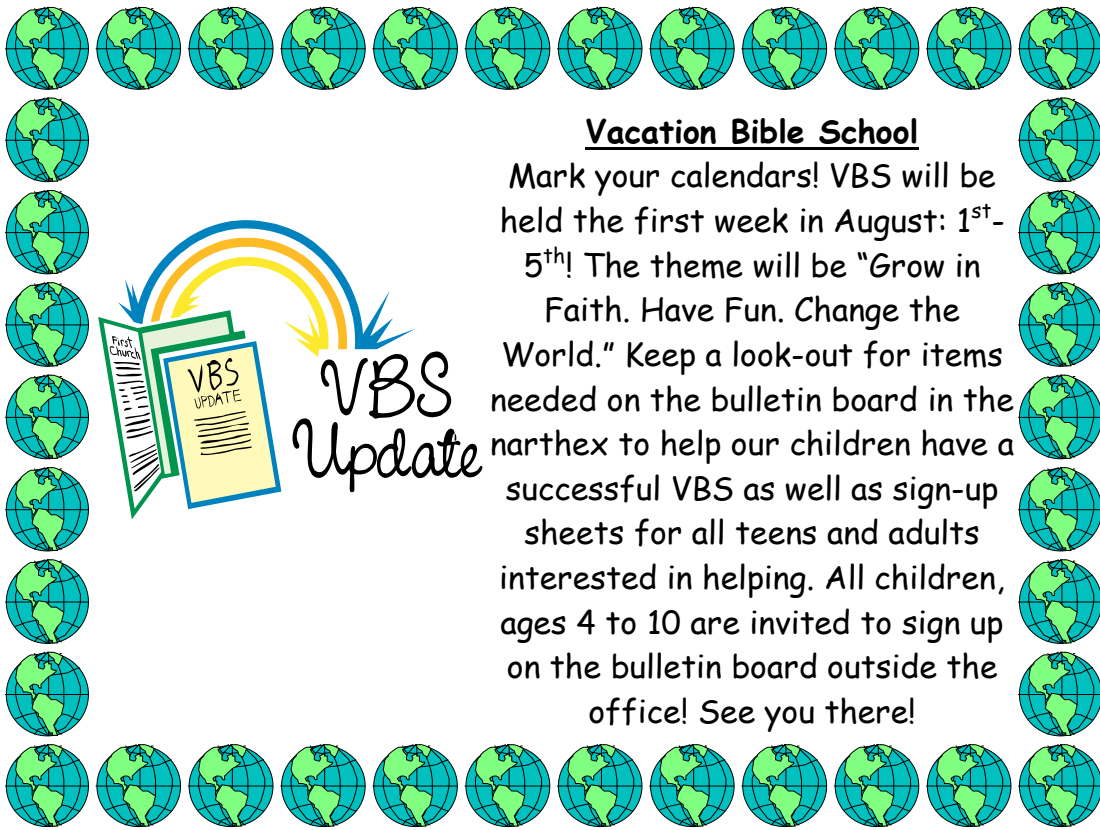
July 31st:

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars! VBS will be held the first week in August: 1st-5th! The theme will be "Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World." Keep a look-out for items needed on the bulletin board in the narthex to help our children have a successful VBS as well as sign-up sheets for all teens and adults interested in helping. All children, ages 4 to 10 are invited to sign up on the bulletin board outside the office! See you there!

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School continues to meet throughout the summer! All adults are invited each Sunday morning at 9:00 am lead by Deb Crawford. We are studying a book written by Ronn Kerr in which we will be learning about the similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam. Please join us as we share in fellowship and study in God's Word!





July Baptismal Birthdays:

<i>Molly Baughman</i>	<i>Dave Dawkins</i>	<i>Bill Williams</i>
<i>Mark Everhart</i>	<i>Andrea Snyder</i>	<i>Luke Richardson</i>
<i>Travis Richardson</i>	<i>Rebecca Hartman</i>	<i>Karen Payne</i>
<i>Pat Butler</i>	<i>Darla Baughman</i>	<i>Betty Ebel</i>
<i>Kay Evans</i>	<i>Ruth Longroy</i>	<i>Anne Lohman</i>

“Happy birthday” to those who celebrate their second birthday during the month of July! Martin Luther said, *“When you wash your face remember your baptism.”* Take time to remember and celebrate with your family by using the special booklet *“Celebrating Your Baptismal Birthday”*

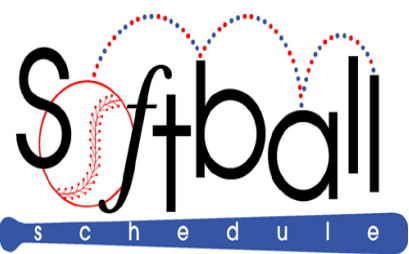


We have a new fundraiser for Epiphany! We now have a container in our parking lot that holds 1.25 tons of recyclables. Every ton of recyclables that we collect brings the church \$20. It's that simple! **These are the items we can fill the Paper Gator with:** Newsprint, Catalogs/Magazines, Junk Mail, Phone Books, Office/School Paper, hard and soft cover books. **Here are the items that are not accepted:** Plastic, Metal, Trash, Glass, Cardboard, and Paperboard (Grocery Item Boxes). We also have posters that are available to let others know about our Paper Gator. Please contact Jodi in the office for a poster today! Please help us help the environment and keep it the way God intended! Thank you in advance for your generosity!



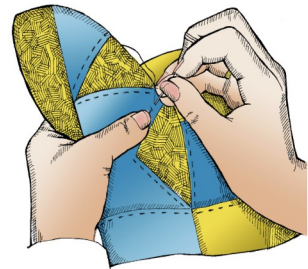
Welcome Lohman's!

We are blessed to welcome the Lohman's into our Church Family here at Epiphany! They join us from Faith Lutheran Church here in Fort Wayne to be able to worship with James' parents Johna and Bob. Anne is a Wedding Consultant at Macy's and enjoys reading, cooking and spending time with her family playing games. James works as an auditor at Lincoln Financial. They have two children; Robert and Elizabeth. The Lohman's have already become involved with the Youth, Counting the offering money, Ushering, Greeters, Church Council as Stewardship, Fellowship, and changing the paraments! We are blessed to have them!



All games are played at West Swinney Park.

Our softball team's tournament will begin the first week of July. Please look for game dates and times in the bulletins in the weeks to come or feel free to call Jodi in the office for game times as we move closer to the dates as these are not yet scheduled. A great big thank you goes out to all the hard work the players have put in to make this happen as well as our cheering fans! This has been fun fellowship time for all!



QUILTING GROUP

Comfort ye my People

The quilters will meet Sunday, July 17th at 9:00 am. Three to four quilts will be made in this quilting session. Please come and join us to help protect our brothers and sister in Christ who are in need from the elements. See you then!




Angels Among Us!

Did you know that we have Secret Angels here at Epiphany? We do! We have members of our congregation who often times do many things behind the scenes and we want to take this time to recognize just a few! These Angels don't necessarily want to be identified. However, here are some of the gifts they have received from Him they share with all of us here! Angels, you know who you are!

Our lawn gets mowed as needed from Spring through Fall!
We have Counters who count our offerings each week and it gets taken to the bank!

Quilters send quilts out they make to keep people around the world warm!

Auditors make sure our money is accounted for!

	<u>July 3rd</u>	<u>July 10th</u>	<u>July 17th</u>	<u>July 24th</u>	<u>July 31st</u>
	WOV Setting 5	LBW Setting 2	Hymnal Supplement	WOV Setting 5	Feast of Life
Organist / Pianist	Sara Davis	Alicia Davis	Sara Davis	Sara Davis	Amanda Pickett
Assisting Minister	Melissa Hartman	Jane Dawkins	Dave Dawkins	Rebecca Hartman	Krista Rumfield
Lector 8:00 am	Jared Meunier	Anne Lohman	Deb Crawford	Sue Johnson	Cheryl Ralston
Lector 10:15 am	Nancy Lee	Melissa Hartman	Ron Roemer	Karen Payne	Alicia Davis
Acolyte	Jonathan Hartman	Rozlynn Everhart	Elizabeth Lohman	Heith Everhart	Amber Logan
Communion Assistant 8:00 am	Charlene Schroeder	Hank Schroeder	Deb Crawford	Devin Meunier	Anne Lohman
Communion Assistant 10:15 am	Cathy Rumfield	Dave Dawkins	Ron Roemer	Mike Rumfield	Sue Davis
Altar Guild	Need	Jane Dawkins	Jodi McKenna	Need	Need
Greeters	Merle Altstiel	Bob & Ruby Havers	Hartman's	Rosie Werling	McKenna's

THIS MONTH USHERS

Capt. Dave Black Don Spohr

Ron Michael Bob Lohman

