

STARLIGHT

EPHANY'S WEEKLY NEWS - JANUARY 10, 2010

IMPORTANT YOUTH INFO...

See inside *Starlight* for details about:

- January 16 & 17 - Ski Trip to North Carolina
Tuesday, January 19 - CIA Mid-Term Gathering
7 p.m.
Tuesday, January 25 - 2010 Youth Mission Trip to
Haiti Information Meeting
7 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 10

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Adult Seminar: What Do Our Kids
Really Need to Succeed?
9:45 a.m. Coffee Conversation for High School
Youth - PJ's Coffee House
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation for pre-K to 8th grade
Children - Godly Play
Middle School - Transformers
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 p.m. CIA Discipleship Formation
1:30 p.m. Tyrannus Korean Church

Monday, January 11

- 5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Tuesday, January 12

- 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday, January 13

- 5:45 p.m. Epiphany Community Meal
7:00 p.m. Grace Ways Community Study:
Called to Freedom

Thursday, January 14

- 8:00 a.m. Classical Conversations - Suwanee
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsals

Friday, January 15

Saturday, January 16

- 6:00 a.m. Tyrannus Korean Church
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Regular Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. - noon
Staff Meeting 10 a.m. - noon Monday
Phones will forward to answering machine.

WELCOME VISITORS!

So that we can get to know you, please complete the visitor information on the blue Signup Slip included with your bulletin. If you have any questions, our ushers will be happy to assist you. Childcare for children up to age five is available in our nursery downstairs.

Please visit our website for a complete list of our ministries and scheduled activities. Plan to join us! If you are interested in any of the activities or groups described in this issue of *Starlight*, or if we as a church staff can ever be of service to you, please contact us at 770-831-1966.

GRACE WAYS COMMUNITY STUDY

Please join us for Grace Ways Community Study, which resumed this past Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

Grace Ways is an open experience that fosters community, develops friendships, and deepens spiritual connections through the exploration of the scriptures. Led by Pastor Rick, a published author, teacher and popular speaker at leadership events, participants have already discovered it to be deeply relevant to their lives today. They have found it to be hopeful, joyful, authentic, and life-giving.

The Winter 2010 focus will be "Called to Freedom." The resource will be Paul's letter to the Galatians. The issues that the churches in Galatia faced in being truly free are still part of the fabric of our own lives. By interacting with this important New Testament letter, we will all experience a joyful liberation in our own lives so that we are set free to thrive and serve in the light of God's grace!

Childcare is provided during Grace Ways. The study is preceded by Epiphany's community meal, which serves from 5:45 to 6:15.

On the menu Jan 13: Sloppy Joes and Mac and Cheese!

Congregational Annual Meeting, Part II... is scheduled for January 31 at 6 p.m. in the worship center.

During the meeting, the slate of 32 council members and Epiphany's 2010 annual report will be presented to the congregation. All are urged to come and participate in focusing in on the exciting vision that will help Epiphany grow into the wonderful missional church that God intends for us to be!

Come early and join us for a potluck meal and fellowship downstairs before the meeting at 5 p.m.

WORSHIP LIFE

Prayer concerns can be shared on the blue slip inserted in your bulletin. You may choose to have your request shared with a deacon only or be shared with Epiphany's prayer team.

The Altar Flowers and the Eternal Candle can be given in memory or honor of loved ones. Please visit the sign-up sheet in the narthex to reserve special dates during 2010.

FAITH FORMATION

This Morning:

Godly Play for Children - Godly Play centers on a storyteller sharing hands-on Bible lessons with the children. Children are given the opportunity to interact with the story and respond to what they have learned. Children ages 2 through fifth grade are invited to come; classes are pre-K through kindergarten, first through third grades, and fourth and fifth grades. This morning's lessons focus on "Baptism" for all ages

Middle School Youth - You're transformers! Faith formation for 6th, 7th and 8th graders meets this morning at the front of the worship center (door on your right). Come to the "Transformers" session for talk, fellowship and snacks, beginning at 9:45. Greg Richardson leads the group.

Adult Seminar: What Do Our Kids Really Need to Succeed? - We've had strong interest in continuing the conversation here at Epiphany on parenting and on the role of the church and community in raising up vibrant, healthy and hope-filled servant-leaders in the world. Beginning today, Sunday morning adult faith formation time will focus on parenting and forming our children and adolescents. Using the developmental asset approach as a resource, as well as best practices in parenting approaches, Pastor Rick will lead this conversation. Join us January 10 through February 14 for the six-week session. Topics for discussion will include the basic building blocks that every child needs to succeed as well as fighting fairly, maintaining healthy boundaries, transmitting values, and much more! This is a needful and timely discussion for everyone.

High School Students - "Coffee Conversations" meets at PJ's Coffee House in Suwanee Town Center on Sundays this month (January 10, 17, 24 and 31), beginning at 9:45. Check with Kelli Jones if you need a ride.

Attention CIA Parents and Youth: Mid-Term Gathering on January 19 - There will be a mid-term gathering for all parents and youth involved with CIA — Confirmands in Action. The session is set for Tuesday, January 19, beginning at 7 p.m. and lasting one hour. The agenda will include attention to the year and adjustments needed to achieve excellence, information about the Spring Retreat and Summer Camp, and attention to matters relating to those young people being confirmed on May 23.

Adult Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Join the study group this Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the study of the Gospel of Matthew. Discover Immanuel - God with us, Jesus - God with skin on! Come for fun, fellowship and a good cup of coffee. Contact Terry Sisk, 404-803-1102 (cell), for more information.

Daily Prayer Calendar	This Week's Birthdays												
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CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Dinner this Wednesday: For the Kids... featuring Sloppy Joes, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans and Cupcakes. Sign up on today's blue slip and join us for good food and fellowship (dinner 5:45 to 6:15) before Grace Ways at 7!

Subscribe to The Lutheran Individually - Beginning with the January issue, you will need to subscribe to *The Lutheran* directly to continue receiving the magazine. Epiphany is no longer providing subscriptions for every member out of the spending plan. To subscribe, go to Epiphany's website and click on the subscription information link on the left side of the home page, or go directly to the Augsburg Fortress website, www.augsburgfortress.org.

Youth Ski Trip Planned for January 16-17 – Epiphany youth will be hitting the slopes next weekend on their annual ski trip to North Carolina. They will ski on Saturday at Appalachian Ski Mountain in Blowing Rock and stay overnight at Grace Lutheran Church in Boone. A complete packing list will be provided when you sign up, but plan on bringing a sleeping bag, towel, dry clothes, change of shoes, etc. Total cost for the trip is \$125.

The ski trip is open to all youth, middle school through college. (Parents: we have enough youth leaders signed up to travel with the group; you have the weekend off!) Please contact Paula Atkins if you'd like more information about the ski trip or to sign up, 770-676-7227.

EFEMS Women's Workshop - EFEMS (Epiphany Females Encouraging, Mentoring, Supporting) is sponsoring a one-day women's experiential workshop titled: **Awakening Feminine Connections: An opportunity to identify your individuality and discover how you are connected to others.** The intent of this workshop is to provide an opportunity to identify your individuality and recognize the immense value you bring to the circle of feminine relationships.

All women are invited to attend this one-day workshop in the worship center on January 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please use the blue slips for registration. The \$25 fee for this workshop includes all materials, continental breakfast and lunch, and is due at the time of registration. Please make checks payable to SOTERIA and leave them in the Women's Group mailbox in the church office. Deadline for registration is January 24, 2010. If you have any questions you may contact Susan Ditore.

7th Annual Lutheran Night at the Gladiators - Join Metro Atlanta Lutherans on Saturday, February 6. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. and tickets are \$15. It's also "Free Kids Replica Jersey Night" (first 2,000 children - doors open at 6:05 p.m.) Contact Tom Condon for tickets at condonfamily@charter.net. Ticket deadline is January 20.

OUTREACH

Announcing the 2010 Youth Mission Trip to Haiti - Interested in a trip that places you in a movement and partnership that is changing the world? Interested in something that will also change your life? Epiphany will be partnering with Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livermore, California, on a Haitian Timoun Foundation youth mission trip to Haiti, July 3 - 10, 2010. As with the summer 2009 trip, participants will enter into the world of our partners in Haiti with a special emphasis on Wings of Hope in Fermathe and our centers in Jacmel. To participate in this event, youth must have completed 9th grade by this summer and demonstrate a maturity and readiness for such an experience. An informational gathering for interested parents and youth will be held on Monday, January 25, at 7 p.m. Please contact Pastor Rick for more information.

It's Not Too Late to help Haitian Families on a "Path to a Better Life" - Join with others to help eradicate extreme poverty in Haiti, one family at a time. Give a gift that shares what God has so graciously given you. Chemen Lavi Miyò, or "Path to a Better Life," reaches out to the poorest of the poor and helps them enter into an 18-month program that develops essential life skills.

What does your \$1,000 gift provide? You'll be giving a family better living conditions - adding a concrete floor and tin roof to their small home. You'll also give them the gift of clean water and better sanitation - adding a water filtration system and outdoor latrine. Through your contribution, the children will have an opportunity to go to school and prepare themselves for a better life. Access to health care and instruction in essential health care practices also is part of your generous gift. Your gift will also include the initial assets for the mother to begin a small business. Imagine giving the gift of opportunity for someone to become self-sufficient in providing for her family. Stop by the table in the narthex and give a gift to CLM that truly lasts a lifetime.

Epiphany Lutheran Church

...is first and foremost a WORSHIPPING community who gives God our very best and humbly receives God's free gifts.

TODAY AT EPIPHANY

The Altar Flowers are given today by Pastor Rick and Harriet in honor of granddaughters Elle and Amara.

Audio CDs of today's sermon will be available on Wednesday in the Sermon CD box on the desk in the narthex. Listen to the message again and then share it with someone! The cost for the CD is \$2.00.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS JANUARY 10

	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	Martha and Bill Fleck	Sandy Pullara
Ushers	Glen Bergs and Eric Bluhm	Jim Carella and John Murray
Altar	Terrie Schiefelbein/Sanders	Terrie Schiefelbein
Acolytes	Tanner Mazanetz and Owen Mazanetz	Juliana and Robert Harding
Crucifer	xx	xx
Gift Bearers	Schiefelbein Family	Liskey Family
Comm Asst	Martha and Bill Fleck	Ron Barrett and Sandy Pullara
Lay Reader	Gail Small	Sharon Seufert
Prayer Deacon	Chuck Klotz	Landa Larson
Assisting Minister		Betty Benardo
Bread Bakers		Karen Kerlik, Susan Heck and Rebecca Knaak
Nursery		Kirsten Carella
Counter		Diane Barrett and Bill Schiefelbein

NEXT SUNDAY

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS JANUARY 17

	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	Chris and Linda Bates	Vanessa Johnson
Ushers	Bill and Billy Schiefelbein	Greg Kaczorowski and Dave Shealy
Altar	Terrie Schiefelbein/Sanders	Terrie Schiefelbein
Acolytes	Evelyn Schiefelbein	Sarah Sutton and Caroline Means
Crucifer	xx	xx
Gift Bearers	Simone Family	Towne Family
Comm Asst	Terrie Schiefelbein and Karen McKnight	Judy Kaczorowski and Loren Means
Lay Reader	Erin Murphy	Debbie Shealy
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LAST WEEK

Attendance at our worship services last week was 201.

Thanks for worshipping and serving!

*Information for Starlight is due Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin.
Please email to julie.sutton@epiphanysuwanee.org.*

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