



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for May 20, 2018

That all might thrive and serve in the light of God's grace.



Congratulations to our 2018 Confirmands - Emma, Kendra, Jake and Sofia! Many thanks to their adult guides, Julie Belfield & Stewart LaFave.

Welcome visitors!

If you are visiting with us, please complete the visitor information on the Blue Signup Slip in your bulletin. Epiphany's nurseries for infants and toddlers are staffed with adult childcare professionals. Children up to kindergarten age are welcome in the nurseries, located just outside the worship center. Of course, children of all ages are invited to worship. **Please have a cup of coffee with us in our Holy Beans Café** in the lobby. Check out our website, epiphanyswanee.org, for more information about Epiphany. And don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of service, 770-831-1966. Epiphany is a church that welcomes **ALL!**

Today we celebrate the Rite of Confirmation for our 8th grade class. The picture above left was taken at the baptismal retreat at the beginning of their journey through the CIA (Confirmands in Action) program at Epiphany. Pictured are Julie Belfield (adult guide), Jake Sutton, Kendra Posey, Emma Reeves and Stewart LaFave (adult guide). Sofia Nunziata is pictured above (2nd from left) with the CIA group before they headed out on their Fall retreat to Lutheridge. Confirmation is an Affirmation of Baptism and an opportunity for these young people to affirm for themselves the promises that their parents, sponsors and congregation made for them at their baptism.

Epiphany Today

Our Summer Worship schedule has started

Worship times are now 9:00 am and 10:30 am and there are no formation/Sunday School classes in between services. We invite you to socialize in our coffee bar area before and after services! We will go back to our regular worship schedule in late July/early August.

Going out of town this summer? The work of Epiphany never takes a vacation, so please don't forget about your weekly giving when you do! Sign up for automatic giving through your bank's bill pay service or through our church website and Epiphany Connect - www.epiphanyswanee.org/giving.

Tap Into Truth Pub Theology with Anders Come for food, beverages, and a discussion in a laid-back, casual atmosphere at Epiphany on Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. Sign up on the Blue Slip if you can attend!

Stay Connected this Summer! Since we are not having Wednesday night dinners or formation classes during the summer, we encourage you to stay connected to your church family with other activities. Mark your calendars now for these Summer Youth & Family events starting next week!

- Wednesday, May 23** - Join us at Suwanee Town Center after the 7 pm service. Grab Rita's Italian Ice and hang out with us as we celebrate the end of the school year!
- Wednesday, May 30** - Cool off with Popsicles after the service
- Wednesday, June 6** - Get ready! Water balloon battle after the 7 pm service and Elementary kids Lock-In
- Wednesday, June 20** - VBS Week at Wednesday Service - everyone gets an instrument! Also, High School Hang Out after the service (location TBD).
- Sunday, June 24** - Middle & High School Kids Lock-In
- Wednesday, July 25** - Join us at Suwanee Town Center after the service. Grab an Italian ice, smoothie or frozen yogurt from one of the shops and hang out with your Epiphany friends!
- Sunday, July 29** - Rising 9th Grade Event - Welcome to Real Time!

Register now for Vacation Bible School This year's theme is Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God! **VBS will be held the week of June 18-22 from 9 am to 12 pm.** VBS is open to all children ages 3-5th grade (*children must be potty-trained*). The cost is \$25 per child or \$50 max/family.

Register on our website at epiphanySuwanee.org/vbs or in the church office.

Volunteer for VBS! Several volunteers are needed in many areas, including: working on decorations before VBS week, set-up for VBS on Sunday, June 17, registration/check-in June 18, group leaders (adult and youth), group leaders assistants, daily clean-up helpers, end of week ice cream social on June 22, and nursery help throughout the week. Can't volunteer all week? No problem! Just let us know what dates you are available. 6th graders up through all ages of adults are welcome to help out! **Sign up on the blue slip, let us know what you'd like to help with, what days you are available.** Or, you can email Gina Hermansen at epiphanyvbs@epiphanySuwanee.org.

We need to borrow some items for VBS Do you have artificial Christmas trees, camping tents, inflatable rafts, and/or inner tubes we can borrow to use for VBS? All items will be returned to you afterwards. Please sign up on the blue slip or see Tim Murphy if you can provide any of these items.

Epiphany Gardens - Weed n Water Signup Eagle Scout Phillip Howey's extraordinary gift to Epiphany was six beautiful raised bed gardens at the far end of the parking lot. The CIA middle school crew has spent the last few weekends planting vegetables, fruit, **and** herbs! If you would like to help us tend the garden over the summer, there's a sign up sheet on the Serve bulletin board in the narthex. You may use the hose on the side of the building. Email Julie Sutton for details - juliesutton@gmail.com.

Women's Book Clubs in June. The weekly Women's Book Club is on a break for the summer. Please feel free to join the Monthly book club this summer! They meet once a month in the evening. Coming up for June, the monthly book club will be reading The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg. They will meet on Monday, June 11 at 7 pm at La Madeleine (Mall of Georgia location).

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Epiphany This Week

Wednesday, May 23

7:00 PM **Worship**
8:00 PM Suwanee Town Center Hangout after service
8:00 PM Rehearsal for Sunday Worship

Thursday, May 24

10:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Tap Into Truth Pub Theology with Anders

Friday, May 25

6:30 AM Men's Breakfast Bible study, (*IHOP, 3463 L'ville-Suwanee Rd*)

Sunday, May 27 - Pentecost

9:00 AM **Worship**
10:30 AM **Worship**
1:00 - 6:00 PM Farewell to Anders Open House

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am-4 pm; Friday, 9 am-noon. Contact laurie.tinc@epiphanySuwanee.org to schedule meetings; send info for the newsletter to Loren Means at communications@epiphanySuwanee.org.

Save the Date - Farewell to Anders Mark your calendars for our **Farewell Open House for Anders on Sunday, May 27, 1 pm - 6 pm**, at McGinnis Reserve Clubhouse (Chris & Gina's neighborhood). You may drop in any time during those hours to wish him well. More details to come about food, drinks, etc. This will not be Anders last Sunday at Epiphany, so if you can't make it, you'll still have time to say goodbye. We will let you when his last Sunday is as soon as we have that information.

Wednesdays at the Well on May 23 Our midweek gathering provides a "cup of living water" in the middle of your week. Worship is at 7 p.m. The Wednesday night meal is on hold for summer and will return sometime in August. **Join us after the service at Suwanee Town Center** and grab Rita's Italian Ice or a snack from one of the other shops as we celebrate the end of the school year!

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday..... Pam & Ram Ramkumar
Tuesday..... Nithin Ravula
Wednesday..... Mark, Kerin & Caitlin Reed
Thursday..... Kenny, Kathy, Haley & Emily Reese
Friday..... Bennie, Jolene, Emma & Ally Reeves
Saturday..... Jim & Karen Renehan