



# Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for June 17, 2018

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



## Thank you, Epiphany

It is hard to believe that I have been at Epiphany for almost two years already. It's even harder to believe that today is my last day with this incredible community.

A few weeks ago, I preached a sermon and included a story about a family blessing ritual that my family does for both ordinary and momentous occasions in our lives. Each blessing started with the verse from Ecclesiastes 3 - "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." For the last 21 months that I have

spent at Epiphany, for this awesome season of my life I say, simply, thank you.

Thank you for your generosity and your leap of faith to support an intern from Trinity Lutheran Seminary for two years.

Thank you for your warm hospitality and welcoming me into this Epiphany family with open arms and hearts.

Thank you for your contagious joy in worship and at the coffee hour.

Thank you for your love, your encouragement, and your continued affirmation of this truly awesome calling that God has given me for my life.

Thank you for your commitment to the Gospel message of radical, inclusive, unconditional love. For teaching, preaching, and living that ALL truly means ALL and that the gifts of God are FREE and are for EVERY.SINGLE.PERSON.

My hope for this community is that you continue to tell your story because it is one that is unique to this larger community, region, and a story that needs to be heard. A story of extravagant grace, radical love, and the abundant hope of the resurrection. I also hope that down the road another intern has the opportunity to learn, grow, and serve at Epiphany. As a community, you have so much to offer and gave me more than I could have ever dreamed for. Thank you for making this season of my life the best yet. It has been one of the great joys of my life to be a part of this community.

Frankly, goodbyes are not fun. Ever. So, I say to all of you- See y'all later! May the peace of Christ that surpasses all of our understanding be with you all until we meet again.

Peace,

Anders aka Jean Shorts Boy aka The Kid aka Skinny Pants

## 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, [epiphany-suwanee.org](http://epiphany-suwanee.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!**

## Epiphany Today - Happy Father's Day!

### 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!

### Car Wash Fundraiser Today

 Get Dad's car washed!

Our youth going to the National Youth Gathering and Haiti this summer are raising money to offset the out-of-pocket costs of these trips and also pay for some of the Haiti summer camp supplies. They'll be washing cars starting at 8:30 am in the upper parking lot and ending when the last car is clean after the 10:30 service! A free-will offering is encouraged, with cash and checks accepted.

### 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, June 20** - VBS Week at Wednesday Service - everyone gets an instrument! Also, High School Kids Hang Out after the service at the Hermansen's clubhouse/pool.

-**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!

**Vacation Bible School** This year's theme is Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God! **VBS starts this week - 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 [epiphanyswanee.org/vbs](http://epiphanyswanee.org/vbs)** or in the church office.

**Volunteer for VBS!** Volunteers are still needed in many areas, including: registration/check-in June 18, 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@epiphanyswanee.org](mailto:epiphanyvbs@epiphanyswanee.org).

**Hygiene Items for Haiti** We will be collecting items to create hygiene kits for our high school youth to distribute in Haiti in July. Please place the items in the collection bin in the Narthex by **Sunday, June 24.** The items needed are: washcloths, full-size bars of soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant. We need full-size toothpaste and deodorant (not travel size). You may also make a monetary donation to help purchase hygiene items. Make sure to mark your check or envelope with "HTF Hygiene Kits".

**Epiphany Gardens - Weed n Water Signup** The CIA middle school crew has spent the last few weekends planting vegetables, fruit, **and** herbs in our raised beds at the far end of the parking lot! 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](mailto:juliesutton@gmail.com).

**Women's Book Clubs in July.** 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 July, the monthly book club will be reading The Night the Lights Went Out by Karen White. They will meet on Monday, July 9 at 7 pm at La Madeleine (Mall of Georgia location).

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## Epiphany This Week

### Monday, June 18

9 AM - 12 PM VBS  
7:30 PM Lead Team Meeting

### Tuesday, June 19

9 AM - 12 PM VBS

### Wednesday, June 20

9 AM - 12 PM VBS  
7:00 PM **Worship**  
8:00 PM Rehearsal for Sunday Worship  
8:00 PM High School Hangout @ Hermansen's Neighborhood pool/clubhouse

### Thursday, June 21

9 AM - 12 PM VBS  
7:00 PM Big Recess at Rainbow Village

### Friday, June 22

6:30 AM Men's Breakfast Bible study, (IHOP, 3463 L'ville-Suwanee Rd)  
9 AM - 12 PM VBS/End-of-week Ice Cream Social

### Sunday, June 24

9:00 AM **Worship**  
10:30 AM **Worship**  
7:00 PM High School Lock-In

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

**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](http://www.epiphanyswanee.org/giving).

**Wednesdays at the Well on June 20** 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.

## Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:  
Monday.....Richard & Clemence Stelter  
Tuesday.....Patrick, Julie, Sarah & Jake Sutton  
Wednesday.....Michael, Wynnie & Beverly Sylvester  
Thursday.....Perry & Jenny Szarka  
Friday.....Mark Thielman  
Saturday.....Dave, Debbie & Laila Thomas

Reaching out, raising up, and changing the world through the light of the living Christ!