



# Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for October 13, 2019

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



## **Welcome visitors!**

If you are visiting with us, please complete the visitor information on the Blue Sign-up Slip in your bulletin. Epiphany's nurseries for infants and toddlers are staffed with adult childcare professionals. Children *age 5 and under* 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, [epiphanyсуwaneе.org](http://epiphanyсуwaneе.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!**

## **Congratulations to our newly installed bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Synod, Bishop Kevin Strickland!**

Bishop Strickland was installed last weekend at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta. Bishop Strickland was formerly the Assistant to Bishop Eaton (Bishop of the ELCA) in Chicago. He will be attending Atlanta Pride today.

## **Epiphany Today**

**Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11 am. There are no Sunday School Faith Formation classes today. We invite you to socialize in our coffee area in between services.**

**What Begins Here...** By now, you should have received a letter in the mail with details outlining our 2020 General Fund Appeal and the 2022-2022 Capital Fund Appeal. Your pledge card is also enclosed in that letter. We will be turning in pledge cards next **Sunday, October 20**. We ask that you set aside time this week to think and pray about your giving. We need your help to continue our message of All means ALL to our community and to share with others what a unique and special place Epiphany is. In addition to funding our own budget, the generosity that begins here allows us to be generous in assisting others locally and across the globe.

**Handbells Rehearsal Dates** Our handbell choir will rehearse **TODAY, 12:15-1:15 pm**, and October 20. Please meet downstairs in the music room.

**Atlanta Pride Parade TODAY** The 49th Annual Atlanta Pride Parade takes place today. The newly-installed Bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Synod, Bishop Strickland, will be marching with the Georgian Lutherans this year! The Parade kicks off at 12 pm and Bishop Strickland will be presiding over a communion service at 11:30 am during the parade line-up. Georgia Lutherans Welcome You also has a booth in Piedmont Park at the Pride festival, where people may get information about Reconciling in Christ churches and ask questions.

If you would like to attend the parade today with other Epiphany members, there will be a group leaving Epiphany today at **9:30 am** to caravan to the Doraville MARTA station. Please find Laurie Tinc or Tony Bullard after the service.

A very special thank you to those of you from our congregation who stood as a human buffer against the hate-filled speech from counter-protestors during the Trans March yesterday. Your compassion and tenacity to express All means ALL to everyone is greatly appreciated.

# Epiphany This Week

**New Member Class** Are you interested in becoming a member of Epiphany? Please join us for our new member class on **Sunday, October 20**, 12 pm—2 pm. Lunch will be served, so please sign up on the blue slip to let us know if you will be attending.

**Trunk or Treat Is Around the Corner** Get your costumes and trunk themes ready! Our annual Trunk or Treat Fall Festival is coming up on Sunday, **October 27, 4:30—7 pm**. There'll be contests for best trunk, best adult costume, best kid costume, and best family costume. We'll also have a soup & chili cook-off and a best dessert contest (apple and pumpkin). We'll have a corn hole tournament again (teams of 2), so start practicing now! Dinner will be provided, but we need A-L last names to bring a hot side and M-Z last names to bring a cold side dish. Please invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you! Sign up on the blue slip if you're attending and let us know what you'll be bringing as well.

**Real Time Going to Uncle Shuck's** Get lost! Our High School group will be meeting at Epiphany on **October 19** to trek over to Uncle Shuck's Farm for a Corn Maze, Haunted Trails, Wagon Ride, and S'mores! Arrive fed at 6pm, and we'll caravan over. Cost is \$20 per person. Please sign up on the blue slip!

**October Pub Theology** No surprise here—our topic for the October Pub Theology is Theology of Reformation. Come learn and talk about Martin Luther with your fellow Epiphany members on Thursday, **October 24 at 7 pm**. We provide the pizza, you bring your favorite beverage and join the conversations!

**College Care Boxes** Each fall we put together care packages for our college students. Please bring in large shoe boxes for our upcoming College Care Box project and take a tag off the board with needed items for the boxes. Items are due back by **November 6**. Parents—please list your college student's name on the blue slip if you'd like a box for them.

**Book Club Selections** The monthly book club will meet on **Monday, October 21** at 7 pm at La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They will be discussing *Have You Seen Luiz Velez* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. The November book is *Ask Again Yes* by Mary Beth Keane.

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**Epiphany's Official Affirmation of Welcome:** Our unity is in Christ. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of any human divisions: race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental conditions, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or **anything** that often divides us.

## Monday, October 14

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting

## Tuesday, October 15

7:00 PM Rainbow Village Big Recess

## Wednesday, October 16

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner

7:00 PM **Worship Service**

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

## Thursday, October 17

10:00 AM Bible Study

## Friday, October 18

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

## Saturday, October 19

6:00 PM Real Time to Uncle Shuck's

## Sunday, October 20—turn in Pledge Cards

8:30 AM **Worship Service**

11:00 AM **Worship Service**

12:00 PM New Member Class & CIA Formation Session

**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*.

**Wednesdays at the Well** Our midweek gathering provides a break in the middle of your week with a short sermon and communion. **Join us for dinner at 6 pm and get to know other Epiphany members over a great meal!** Dinner will be Brats & Fixings, cheesy potatoes, slaw, and dessert. Suggested free-will offering is \$6/adult, \$3/child. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. Sign up on the Blue slip. **Worship is at 7 pm.** Worship Rehearsal follows at 8 pm.

**Youth Retreat** Prince of Peace Lutheran in Johns Creek is hosting their first Reckless Love Youth Retreat on October 26, 5-8:30 pm. Dinner will be served, and there will be small and large group discussions along with worship and a guest speaker. All high/middle school youth welcome!

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## Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday.....Darlene Newberger

Tuesday.....Catherine, Rocco & Sofia Nunziata

Wednesday.....Rod & Marie Olson

Thursday.....Thomas & Suzy Pearson

Friday.....Candace & Robert Perkola

Saturday.....Kris Perkola

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

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