



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for October 27, 2019

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



REFORMATION Sunday

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, epiphanyсуwanee.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 is Reformation Sunday! Reformation Sunday honors Martin Luther's bold action on October 31st, 1517. On that date Luther posted his statement of faith, known as the 95 Theses, on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, thus beginning the Protestant Reformation and the foundation of the Lutheran church.

Epiphany Today

Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11 am. Sunday

School Faith Formation classes for all ages are downstairs at 9:45 am.

Signs outside the classrooms identify the age groups.

K & 1, 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th — Spark!

Middle School - downstairs in CIA Room

High School - downstairs in the Real Time room

Adults - Downstairs for Bible Study & Dialogues On: Race class

What Begins Here... Thank you to everyone who turned in their pledge card last Sunday. Your response is important to help us plan for next year's budget and beyond. **If you haven't turned in your pledge card yet, there's still time to do so.** We also have extra ones if you need one; please ask an usher for one. If you have any questions about your current pledge, what the best form of payment is for your pledge or how to set it up, please email Loren Means at bookkeeper@epiphanyсуwanee.org.

Trunk or Treat Is TONIGHT Our annual Trunk or Treat Fall Festival is tonight, 4:30 pm — 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) for the adults. 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.* All ages are welcome and please invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you!

Offering Envelopes If you would like to continue to receive pre-printed personalized offering envelopes, please let Laurie Tinc know no later than mid-December. You may email her at laurie.tinc@epiphanyсуwanee.org.

Real Time High School Retreat Last call for the Real Time retreat! We need to plan transportation, so please let us know ASAP if you'll be coming along. The retreat is at Lutheranch in Tallapoosa, GA, **November 1-3**. Cost is \$150 and includes transportation and food; checks may be made out to Epiphany. Return time on November 3 will be sometime before the 11 am service at Epiphany. Please see Laurie Tinc or Tony Bullard to get a permission form to fill out.

Don't forget— Time Change Next Weekend It's time to set the clocks back an hour next weekend. Just a reminder so you can show up to church at the right time on Sunday morning!

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—last call if you'd like a college care box for your student! Please put their name on the blue slip.

Elementary & Middle School "Late-In" Sunday, **November 24**, we will be having a Late-In! From 5 pm to 11 pm, all Elementary and Middle School youth are invited to come hang out, play some games, and watch a movie. NO sleepover this time around! Parents will pick up kids at 11 pm.

Thanksgiving Eve Service We will have a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, **November 27 at 7 pm**. The service will be the Holden Evening Prayer service that we use throughout the Advent season. Please bring your family and friends along! There will not be a Wednesday night meal that night.

Save the Date Our annual Women's Ornament Exchange party will be on Monday, **December 2 at 7 pm** at Gina Hermansen's house. Please bring an ornament no more than \$15 in value to exchange. More details to come!

Book Club Selections The monthly book club will meet on **Monday, November 18** at 7 pm at La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They will be discussing *Ask Again Yes* by Mary Beth Keane. December's book is *The Christmas Pearl* by Dorothea Benton Frank and will meet at the home of Cathy Laszewski on December 18.

Follow us on **Instagram**, [epiphanysuwanee](https://www.instagram.com/epiphanysuwanee) and **Facebook** at [facebook.com/epiphanysuwaneega](https://www.facebook.com/epiphanysuwaneega)



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.

Epiphany This Week

Monday, October 28

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting

Wednesday, October 30

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner

7:00 PM Worship Service

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, October 31

10:00 AM Bible Study

Friday, November 1

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

-Real Time High School group leaves for Lutheranch-

Sunday, November 3

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Large Group Opening

11:00 AM Worship Service

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 Swedish Meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots, salad 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.

Save the Date for Celebrate Epiphany As you start your holiday shopping, please remember to look for items you can purchase and donate for our annual Celebrate Epiphany dinner and silent auction/raffle. This adults-only fundraiser event will be held the evening of **Sunday, January 26**. Please give any items you purchase to Laurie Tinc and include the cost/value of the item.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday..... Mark, Kerin & Caitlin Reed

Tuesday..... Bennie, Jolene, Emma & Ally Reeves

Wednesday..... Barbara Reilly & Julie Frisbee

Thursday..... Jim & Karen Renehan

Friday..... Greg, Debbie, Courtney & Catie Richardson

Saturday..... Sage, Tina, Marisa & Stephen Ridgely

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