



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for October 28, 2018

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 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, epiphanysuwane.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!**

Exciting news! We now have an outdoor gathering space that can be used for outdoor worship, meetings, confirmation and high school events, and many more things! This wonderful space is the Eagle Scout project of Kirk Siegele, who is a member of the troop that meets at Epiphany. It's located in the woods to the left of the sanctuary and also includes a fire pit.

Epiphany Today

Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11:00 am.

Sunday School Formation Time for all ages is

downstairs at 9:45 am. Everyone is invited to attend the cross-generational event between services. The focus will be on what the Bible says about Connect, Grow, Serve and Worship. There will be activities for all ages, along with snacks mentioned in the Bible that will round out the morning. Preschool and kindergarten children must be accompanied by an adult. Come learn how the Bible applies to our everyday lives!

We continue our Annual Appeal for the

General Fund, Be the Light Thanks to Steve Volpert for putting together today's video presentation. As we reflect on all that God has entrusted us with, we have the opportunity to prayerfully consider how we can be God's light here at Epiphany and out in the world. This invitation to generosity will not only focus on giving financially, but also on serving and inviting others to be a part of what makes Epiphany unique. Our appeal concludes with Pledge Card Sunday on November 11.

Trunk or Treat Fall Festival is TODAY Our annual Trunk or Treat Fall Festival event is today from 4:30 - 7 pm. This is serious business here at Epiphany and the competition gets tougher every year! This year we will have a corn hole tournament for adults (teams of two people - please bring corn hole boards or allow us to borrow yours) in addition to our chili cook-off competition, best dessert bake-off and best trunk and costume contests. This is an all-ages event, so make plans to join us!

Dinner will be provided, but we need each family to bring a side dish according to your last name: A-I: cold side; J-R: hot side; S-Z: breads.

Please bring a non-perishable item to donate for the North Gwinnett Co-Op - a grocery shopping list of needed items for the Thanksgiving boxes will be handed out after the 8:30 and 11 am service if you'd like to help out with that. Wear your costume and invite your friends and neighbors to come along - all are welcome!

Real Time Retreat to Lutheranch Our high school youth will be going on a retreat to Lutheranch in Tallapoosa, Georgia on **November 2 - 4**. The cost is \$135/person. Please sign up on the Blue Slip if you can go or email Tony Bullard at tony.bullard@epiphanysuwanee.org if you need more information. We hope you can join us!

Just So Seniors Ready to Connect, Grow, and Serve On November 8 at 10 am, the Epiphany Seniors group will meet in the fellowship hall downstairs for centering, socializing, and their annual service project. The group will finish off the morning with lunch at a local eatery. Friends are always welcome! Please sign up on the Blue Slip if you can come!

Thanksgiving Food Drive for the North Gwinnett Co-Op Every year Epiphany collects food for the Thanksgiving meal boxes that the North Gwinnett Co-Op distributes to families in need. In the past Epiphany has filled 100 or more boxes and we hope to do the same this year. We need to have all the food for the meal boxes at church by November 11 so we can sort, pack and get them to the Co-Op by the 15th. Please help us make Thanksgiving dinner possible for less fortunate families in our area. We are handing out a grocery shopping list of items needed for the boxes today. Please take a bag, fill it up and return it to Epiphany no later than November 11.

College Care Packages These boxes are filled with snacks and other items to help get our college students through final exams. If you have a college student, please provide their name on the Blue slip. There's a display in the Narthex with tags for the items we need donated for the boxes. All items are due back **November 4**. We need more large shoe boxes (athletic shoe size boxes; no boot-size shoe boxes). Please leave them on the table in the Narthex.

Book Club Selections The weekly book club meets at **10 am on Tuesdays** at Epiphany and has chosen *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee for November. The monthly evening book club will meet on **Monday, November 19** at 7 pm at La Madeleine French Bakery & Café in Buford. They are reading *Saints for All Occasions* by Courtney Sullivan for November.

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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.



Epiphany This Week

Tuesday, October 30

10:00 AM Weekly Book Club

Wednesday, October 31 - Halloween

- NO DINNER, ACTIVITIES OR WORSHIP -

Thursday, November 1

10:00 AM Bible Study

Friday, November 2

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

- Fri. - Sun. - Real Time High School Retreat to Lutheranch

Sunday, November 4

8:30 AM **Worship**
 9:45 AM Large Group Opening
 11:00 AM **Worship**
 12:15 PM Handbells Practice

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.

Women's Group Dinner and a Movie Night Our next Women's Group get-together will be dinner and a movie on Tuesday, November 13. More information about the time and location for dinner and the movie to come. Mark your calendars now and make plans to join us!

*Save the date for the annual Ornament Exchange Party on Monday, December 10 at 7 pm.

Wednesdays at the Well Our midweek gathering provides a "cup of living water" in the middle of your week with a short sermon and communion.

There will be no Wednesday Night dinner or Worship service on Wednesday, October 31. Please join us again next week for dinner and Worship on Wednesday, November 7.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:
 Monday.....Dennis Nelson
 Tuesday.....Darlene Newberger
 Wednesday.....Catherine, Sofia & Rocco Nunziata
 Thursday.....Rod & Marie Olson
 Friday.....Jennifer, Aubrielle, Blake & Grant Palagonia
 SaturdayThomas & Suzy Pearson