



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for January 12, 2020

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, 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!**

Wednesdays at the Well has resumed! Dinner is now served from 5:45 - 6:45 pm. We have a short break at 6:15 pm for prayer, birthday recognitions, a weekly raffle and quick announcements. Worship is at 7 pm, with a short message and Holy Communion. Come get to know other Epiphany members over a meal!

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 class

Congregational Meeting TODAY We have a Congregational Meeting **TODAY after the 11 am service** to vote on the 2020 budget and the changes to our Bylaws regarding First Fruits. Lunch will be served and has been prepared by Steve Belfield. The meal will be a preview of what Wednesday Night Dinners are like since Steve will be preparing those meals for us. We need a quorum at the meeting, so please make it a priority to be present at this important gathering. The nursery will be available during the meeting for kids age 5 and under. We will eat and meet downstairs immediately after the 11 am service concludes.

Important Giving Reminders:

- If you increased or changed your pledge amount for the 2020 General Fund or the 2020-2022 Capital Fund, **please remember to change those amounts with your online bill payment or with your recurring gift online in Realm.**

- **The best way to view your giving totals, your 2020 Pledge or make changes to your recurring gift is in your online Realm account rather than in the app on your phone.** To log into your online Realm account go to www.epiphanyswanee.org and click the Realm logo at the bottom of the page to log in.

- End of the year giving statements will be mailed out soon. **If you have recently moved, please log in to your Realm account and update your mailing address** so your giving statement will go to the correct address.

- **Ways to Give:** Online Bill Pay with your bank, in the offering plate with cash/check, online in Realm or in the app, or by text message (details on back).

Epiphany's Mission & Vision Our next Mission & Vision discussion gathering was scheduled for today at 6 pm, but will be rescheduled to a date in the future. Upcoming meeting dates are set for **February 16** and **March 15 at 6 pm** with a Potluck dinner. We will likely add an additional date after the March 15 meeting.

Tickets Now on Sale for Celebrate Epiphany Our annual Celebrate Epiphany dinner and silent auction/raffle is right around the corner! This adults-only fundraiser event will be held on **Sunday, January 26, 5 - 8 pm**. Celebrate Epiphany is the commemoration of Epiphany's anniversary. Please give any items you have purchased for the silent auction or raffle to Laurie Tinc and include the cost/value of the item. Tickets are now on sale for \$25/each (cash & checks; payment by credit card will include a processing fee), and includes a catered dinner. Proceeds will go towards sending our high school youth to the 2021 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Please sign up on the blue slip if you can help on January 26 with set-up or clean-up afterwards.

All Georgia Youth Retreat Lutheran youth from all over Georgia will be coming together to spend a weekend together on February 21-23. The retreat will be at Camp Grace in Roberta, GA and is open to middle and high school youth. The cost is \$130/person (\$115/ea additional family member). Please register by January 26 in Realm. **As part of that, we will be collecting the following items for kids in need:** New pillowcase & pillow, blanket, body wash/soap, washcloth & deodorant. Please have these to Epiphany by February 16.

Text Giving Is Now Available Leave your wallet at home? Don't carry your checkbook with you? You can now text an offering to Epiphany by texting "EPIPHANYGA" to 73256. You may then choose to pay from your bank account or by credit card. We do ask that you check the box to contribute a little extra to cover the processing fees.

Book Club Selections January's book for the monthly book club is *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. They will meet at La Madeleine French Café - Mall of Georgia/Buford on **Monday, January 20 at 7 pm**. The February book will be *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes.

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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

Monday, January 13

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting

Wednesday, January 15

5:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner

7:00 PM Worship Service

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, January 16

10:00 AM Bible Study

Friday, January 17

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

Sunday, January 19

8:30 AM Worship Service

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.

New Happenings for Wednesdays at the Well Join us for a mid-week break from cooking and fast food at our community meal on Wednesdays. **The meal is served from 5:45 – 6:45 pm prior to our regular worship service at 7:00 pm.** There will be a short "Grub Break" at 6:15 pm for a prayer, announcements, birthday recognition and weekly raffle. Suggested free-will offering is \$6/Adult and \$3/child. Sign up on the blue slip or via Realm Connect. This is a community meal, so feel free to invite others as we fellowship together. This week's meal is BBQ, mac-n-cheese, coleslaw, and banana pudding for dessert.

Pub Theology is Back for January Make plans to join us for our next Pub Theology discussion coming up on **Thursday, January 23 at 7 pm**. The discussion topic will be Miracles, and will be lead by Kris Perkola. We provide the pizza, you bring your favorite beverage and come ready to have a great conversation with your fellow Epiphany members. Sign up on the blue slip!

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday..... Bernie & Rick Davis
 Tuesday..... Kevin, Lisa, Patrick & Hannah Denney
 Wednesday..... Jason, Natalie & Emily Dick
 Thursday..... Virginia, Natalie & Emily Dick
 Friday..... Mike & Anna Doll
 Saturday..... Mark, Cynthia & Jordan Donaldson