



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for November 4, 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, 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!**

Today we celebrate All Saints' Day at Epiphany. All Saints' Day in the Christian church stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven and the living on Earth. We give God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of all of his saints and we honor and remember our family members and friends in Christ who have passed on. All are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of their loved one(s).

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.

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 Real Time Room

Adults - downstairs for Bible Study & Dialogues On: Turning Conflict Into Community class

We continue our Annual Appeal for the

General Fund, Be the Light 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.

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. **Please return items to Epiphany no later than November 11.** **Items needed:** Box potatoes (mashed/au gratin etc.), Yams, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Fruit, Box of Stuffing, Gravy mix or jar, Box of Macaroni & Cheese, Box of Cornbread or Muffin mix, Chicken Broth, Cream of Mushroom soup, Marshmallows, Evaporated or sweet condensed milk, Cake mix & icing or cookie mix or brownie mix, \$20 gift card to Publix, Wal-Mart, Kroger (so family can purchase a turkey).

Real Time high school youth return today from their weekend retreat at Lutheranch.

Thank you to Candace Perkola for organizing our all-ages Bible formation event last Sunday and to the Congregational Life Team for another awesome Trunk or Treat Fall Festival!

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!

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.**

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 TODAY.** We need more large shoe boxes (athletic shoe size boxes; no boot-size shoe boxes). Please leave them on the table in the Narthex.

Rainbow Village Dinner - November 13 We need a group of individuals to prepare and serve the meal at Rainbow Village on **Tuesday, November 13**. Volunteers need to be there at 5:15 pm and dinner is served at 6 pm. Please sign up on the Blue Slip if you can help.

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

Monday, November 5

7:30 PM Lead Servant Team Meeting

Tuesday, November 6 - Election Day

-NO BOOK CLUB TODAY-

Wednesday, November 7 - Halloween

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
6:25 PM Children’s Choir
7:00 PM Worship
8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, November 8

10:00 AM Seniors Group & Bible Study

Friday, November 9

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

Sunday, November 11

8:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Worship
12:00 PM CIA (Confirmation) Formation Session
12:15 PM Handbells Practice

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

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service Bring your friends and family to our Thanksgiving Eve worship service on **Wednesday, November 21 at 7 pm**. Bring canned goods for the North Gwinnett Co-Op; no Wednesday night meal beforehand.

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. **Join us for dinner at 6 pm** for Chicken Enchiladas, cilantro-lime rice, Southwestern salad, and dessert! Suggested free-will offering is \$6/adult, \$3/child. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. Sign up on the Blue slip. **Children’s choir is at 6:25 pm** - pre-school through elementary-age kids. **Worship is at 7 pm**. Worship Rehearsal follows the service at 8 pm.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday..... Robert & Candace Perkola
Tuesday.....Kris Perkola
Wednesday.....John Pezzino, Sr.
Thursday..... John, Dana, & Coleman Pezzino, Jr.
Friday..... Teresa Pino
Saturday Paul, Kathy, Valerie & Nick Preuss

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