



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for January 19, 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!**

Have you purchased your tickets for Celebrate Epiphany yet? Today is the last day to buy tickets and register for our annual celebration of Epiphany's anniversary. There will be a catered dinner, followed by a silent auction and raffle. There are several price ranges of auction and raffle items, so please join us on January 26!

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

Results of January 12 Congregational Meeting:

- We approved the results of the 2019 Budget and approved the 2020 Budget
- We approved removing the specific names of First Fruits partners in the Bylaws
- We approved adjusting the First Fruits benevolence percentages of the General Fund and the Capital Fund

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, with your recurring gift online in Realm or when you make your offering on Sundays.**
- **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.

Funding Our Ministry

Month of December

Giving (<i>General & Capital Funds</i>).....	\$91,836
Total spending for ministry	\$59,817
Surplus for the month.....	\$32,019
2019 Year-to-date deficit	(\$38,204)

Pub Theology on Thursday Make plans to join us for our next Pub Theology discussion on **Thursday, January 23 at 7 pm**. The discussion topic will be Miracles, and will be lead by Kris Perkola. We promise you will learn something new not only from Kris, but also about other Epiphany members in attendance. We provide the pizza, you bring your favorite beverage and come ready to have a great conversation! Sign up on the blue slip or in Realm.

Buy Tickets TODAY 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. **TODAY is the last day to buy tickets and register.** You may buy tickets at church today or sign up and pay in Realm. 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 are asking the congregation to help us provide the following NEW items for kids in need:** pillowcase & pillow, blanket, body wash/soap, washcloth & deodorant. Please have these to Epiphany by February 16 and place in the collection bin in the Narthex. The items will help kids that show up to retreats with very few if any belongings or necessities.

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 20 - MLK Day

-Church Office Closed-

Wednesday, January 22

5:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
7:00 PM Worship Service
 8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, January 23

10:00 AM Bible Study
 7:00 PM Pub Theology

Friday, January 24

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

Sunday, January 26

8:30 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Worship Service
 12:00 PM CIA/Confirmation Session
 5 - 8 PM Celebrate Epiphany

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 week's meal is Fried Chicken, sweet potato casserole, green beans, salad & dessert. Epiphany's Craft group will have a table during dinner this week for families to make a Constellation Box.

Epiphany's Craft Group Join Craft Group on Sunday, **February 9** at 1:30 pm for a special class on vinyl cutting machines! Our guest speaker is teaching all about using a Cricut and how you can get FREE access to a Cricut Maker. Sign up on the blue slip for more information.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday.....Joanie Doorley
 Tuesday.....Ed Doyle
 Wednesday..... Eric, Patty & Elise Etherton
 Thursday..... Mike, Dana, Peyton & Hunter Evans
 Friday.....Paul & Diane Evans
 Saturday.....Beth, Scott, Gage & Finn Ferguson