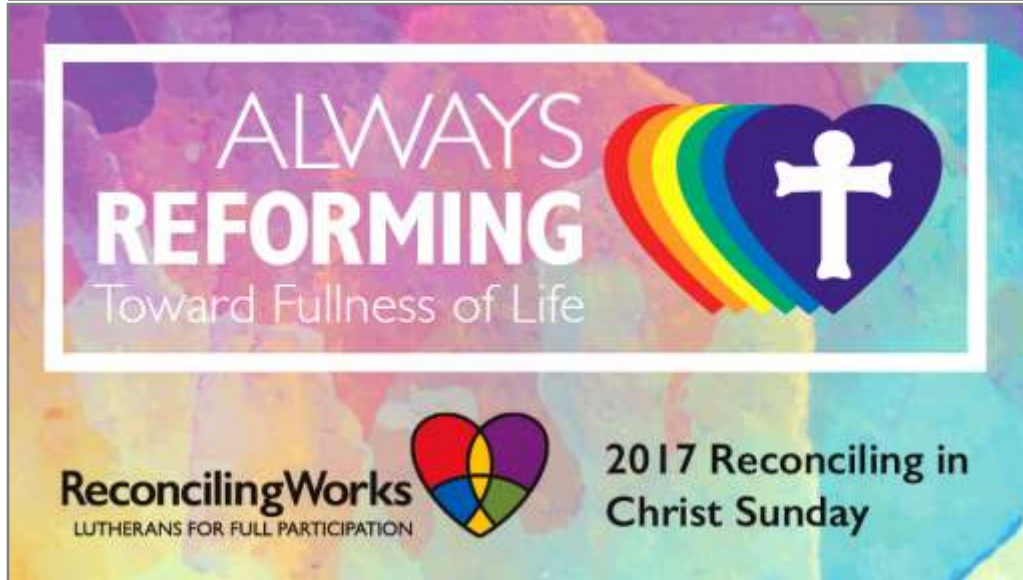




# Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for January 29, 2017

*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 Signup 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 cafe in the lobby or check out our website,

[epiphanyсуwanee.org](http://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!

***"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."***

*-Romans 15:7*

**Epiphany's Affirmation of Welcome statement:** "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.**"

*Did you know?*

\* Reconciling in Christ (RIC) was first formed in 1984 with just a handful of Lutheran congregations in the US and Canada. ReconcilingWorks began organizing in 1974!

\* Many churches say "all are welcome" but in reality exclude the LGBTQ community. Publicly stating we are an RIC church on our website helps the LGBTQ community find us.

\* Reconciling Works is an independently organized 501 (c)(3) organization. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) recognizes Reconciling Words as an "Independent Lutheran Organization."

## *Epiphany today*

*Sunday school for all ages downstairs at 9:45.*

Signs outside the classrooms identify the age groups.

Pre-K, K & 1, 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th — *Spark!*

Middle School — *CIA Small Group*

High School — *Real Time Discussions*

Adults — *Animate: Bible in the formation hall; Bible Study of Matthew in the choir room.*

***"Celebrate Epiphany" tonight at 5:00!*** Tonight we celebrate Epiphany's 20th Anniversary with a formal dinner, live music, slide show, and more. Together we take a look back at Epiphany's past and look forward to our future! Many thanks to the Congregational Life Team for planning this event.

*Items for the Lost-n-Found Youth organization are due today!* The items collected will be distributed to homeless LGBTQ youth in Atlanta ages 18-25. The RIC Committee thanks you for your generosity and support! For more info about Lost-n-Found Youth visit [Infy.org](http://Infy.org).

## *Looking for a way to serve at Epiphany?...*

*...Do you like to bake?* Epiphany needs members to help with baking communion bread each week. It's a simple process that doesn't require advanced pastry skills. An easy recipe with just 5-6 ingredients is provided. The unleavened bread requires no yeast or rising/punching time. Just make 12 small loaves of bread and drop them off at church on Friday for the coming week. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, contact Laurie Tinc, [info@epiphanyсуwanee.org](mailto:info@epiphanyсуwanee.org).

2017 All-Georgia Youth Gathering, February 24-26, 2017. Registration is now open for Southeastern Synod congregations. **"Here We Stand...in Community, in Peace, in Grace...in Faith."** All Epiphany youth grades 6-12 are invited to be part of this annual Georgia area event sponsored by the ELCA. Please sign up on the Blue slip and indicate your t-shirt size. Contact Laurie Tinc for more information, [laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto:laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org).

**Start planning for VBS "Hero Central"**

June 26-30, 2017! Registration opens April 15th.

Would you like to help plan this year's VBS? (crafts, games, registration, etc.) Sign up on the Blue slip!

An initial planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 12th following the late service. Come be a part of the team!

**Epiphany Seniors February event.** Join our Seniors Group Thursday, February 9 for a morning Bible study followed by lunch at *The Greek Island Grill and Bar* in Suwanee. Sign up on the Blue slip.

Check out the *Connect, Grow, Serve* board in the lobby for more information on upcoming Seniors activities, or check us out on **Epiphany's website** at [epiphanysuwanee.org](http://epiphanysuwanee.org). All are welcome!

**Help feed Georgia families by registering for the Hunger Walk/Run today!** Lutheran Services of Georgia is holding its annual Hunger Walk/Run on March 5 at 755 Hank Aaron Drive in Atlanta. Start a team at Epiphany or join an existing team by visiting [www.lsga.org](http://www.lsga.org) or contact Tim Swenson with LSG at [tswenson@lsga.org](mailto:tswenson@lsga.org). LSG serves foster families, families at risk for being separated, and recently resettled refugees who are all impacted by hunger in their daily lives.

**Women's Books Clubs in February.** The Tuesday morning weekly book club that meets at Epiphany will read **"Negroland: A Memoir"** by Margo Jefferson. The evening monthly book club will meet Monday, February 15th at *La Madeleine's French Café* in Buford at 7:00 pm to discuss **"Lilac Girls"** by Martha Hall Kelly. All women are invited!

Follow us now on Instagram, [epiphanysuwanee.org](http://epiphanysuwanee.org).



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*Epiphany this week*

Tuesday, January 31

10:00 AM Women's Book Club  
7:00 PM Ladies Trivia Night, *Hammerhead's*

Wednesday, February 1

6:00 PM Community Meal,  
6:25 PM *Imagine Children's Choir*  
7:00 PM Worship  
\*\*\*due to Steve and Erin traveling in Haiti, no rehearsal this week.

Friday, February 3

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

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am-4 pm; Friday, 9 am-noon. Contact [laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto:laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org) to schedule meetings; send info for the newsletter to Mary Mullenbach at [communications@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto:communications@epiphanysuwanee.org).

*Wednesdays at the Well* on February 1

Our midweek gathering provides a "cup of living water" through fellowship, formation, and worship. Take a 90-minute break in the middle of your week. Come, be refreshed at the *Well!*

*Community meal this week serves southern fried chicken, sweet potato casserole, mixed vegetables, green salad, and dessert.* Suggested freewill offering is \$6/adult, \$3/child. Sign up on the Blue slip.

**7:00 Worship concludes the series: "Raising Jesus":** What was it like raising Jesus from birth through age 30? Not much is known. Come and explore!

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

- Monday..... Chris, Stacie, Cade & Chase Zeman
- Tuesday.....Emily Acuff
- Wednesday.....Anne Arris
- Thursday.....Brad, Kristin & Brynn Atchison
- Friday.....Fred, Ben & Katherine Aubrey
- Saturday..... Rolando, Eliane, Cameron & Emilie Balli

**Help keep Epiphany Green!** Remember our TerraCycle recycle bins located downstairs by the entrance. Bring in your empty hard-to-recycle items, like toothpaste tubes, deodorant sticks, mouthwash bottles and spray bottles.

Saturday, January 28 Haiti Immersion team departs