



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for February 16, 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!**

Epiphany's Craft Group had a guest speaker last weekend that showed them how to use a Cricut machine to create different craft projects. The Cricut is a vinyl cutting machine - it will cut out letters and images that can then be applied to different surfaces. Keep an eye out in the Light for the group's next get-together!

Epiphany Today

Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11 am. Sunday School 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 & Multi-Cultural Church class

All Georgia Youth Retreat - Needed Items for

Youth Due TODAY Our middle and high school youth will be joining Lutheran youth from all over Georgia at the All Georgia retreat **February 21-23** at Camp Grace in Roberta, GA. **As part of this gathering, 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. Items will go to kids that show up to retreats with little or no belongings. *Please have these to Epiphany TODAY or bring them with you tonight for the Mission & Vision Discussion meeting.*

Epiphany's Mission & Vision It's been a while since we've discussed our Mission & Vision at Epiphany, so we need you to be a part of this process. As we consider the following questions, we hope to determine what this means for the Epiphany church community. How has our membership changed over the years? Has the community around us changed? Are we living out our mission and core values? **This month's discussion question will be "What are your church experiences?" - what memorable experiences, good or bad, have you had in church over the years?** Our gathering is **TONIGHT at 6 pm**. We will get started over a Potluck dinner downstairs - *please bring a dish to share*. Childcare will be provided for kids age 5 and under. The upcoming dates we will meet at 6 pm are **March 15** and a future date in the spring to be determined. *Because this is an ongoing process, we need your attendance and participation at each meeting, not just one.* So, please come be a part of this important conversation for Epiphany!

Ash Wednesday Services We will have Ash Wednesday services with the imposition of ashes at **12 pm & 7 pm on February 26**. If you can't make it to the evening service, come to the 12 pm service during your lunch hour. We will have our usual Wednesday night dinner that night from 5:45 - 6:45 pm and then the evening Ash Wednesday service will follow at 7 pm.

Pub Theology Come hang out with Kris Perkola and other Epiphany members for our February Pub Theology get-together on **Thursday, February 27 at 7 pm**. This month's discussion topic will be "Your Own Personal Jesus", with special appearance by Depeche Mode. Just kidding, but come be a part of a great conversation anyway and learn something new! You bring your favorite beverage, we provide the pizza. Sign up on the blue slip or in Realm.

Lenten All-Ages Formation Event The Lenten Cross Generational Formation Event will be held between services on **Sunday, March 1**. Join all ages of Epiphany members as we explore our personal Lenten journeys and consider where our journeys will lead us throughout the Easter season. We will connect, grow, and meet new opportunities for serving. Preschool and kindergarten children must be accompanied by an adult.

Driver Safety Course On **Saturday, March 7** we'll have a Driver Safety Class that will be held in the Epiphany fellowship hall from 9 am to 4 pm. The AARP Driver Safety class is a 6-hour defensive driving class. The class is open to AARP and non-AARP members; 25 years of age or older. Attendance in the class makes a participant eligible for a multi-year discount on their car insurance. The class discusses such topics as the rules of the road, new traffic laws, and proven safety strategies. The cost is \$15 for AARP members; \$20 for non-AARP members. This is open to the community so you are encouraged to pass this information on to friends. Please sign up on the Blue Slip.

Book Club Selections March's book for the monthly book club is *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving. They will meet at La Madeleine French Café - Mall of Georgia/Buford on **Monday, March 16 at 7 pm**. The April book will be *Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead.

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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, February 17 - President's Day

-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED-

7:00 PM Book Club - LaMadeleine French Café, Buford

Wednesday, February 19

5:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner

7:00 PM **Worship Service**

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, February 20

10:00 AM Bible Study

Friday, February 21

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

Sunday, February 23

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@epiphanysuwaneec.org to schedule meetings; send info for the newsletter to Loren Means at communications@epiphanysuwaneec.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 in Realm. This week's meal is Chicken Pot Pie, green beans, red potatoes, cranberry salad, and dessert.

Come help us organize and put together the items we collected for youth in need for upcoming Southeastern Synod retreats. We'll do this during the dinner hour, so come join us at any time!

Save the Date & Your Stuff Don't clean out your closet just yet! On **June 6**, we'll be having a church-wide yard sale to raise funds for our youth retreats, so please hold onto anything you'd like to donate to the church for sale. Please email laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwaneec.org with any questions.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday..... Matt, Julie, Blake & Bryce Ilgen

Tuesday..... Carol Johnson

Wednesday..... Vanessa Johnson

Thursday..... Sheila Jones

Friday..... Allen, Bridgett, Tanner & Eric Jorgensen

Saturday..... Karen Kerlik