



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for February 3, 2019

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, epiphany-suwanee.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!**

Thanks for helping us make another Celebrate Epiphany a big success! This event is a time for us to celebrate the anniversary of Epiphany Lutheran and enjoy some fellowship time together. There was some serious competition for the wonderful silent auction items and baskets that were donated. Thanks to Tim Murphy and Eric Bluhm for leading our "Guess the Baby Picture" game and to Floyd Berger for sharing his auctioneer talents with us again!

Epiphany Today

Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11 am.

Large Group Opening is at 9:45 am in the sanctuary.

Immediately following, kids will be dismissed downstairs for Sunday School Formation. Adults, middle and high school youth remain in sanctuary for our Formation Time Discussion.

Please join us for an important discussion during Sunday School Formation Time today A great

byproduct of Epiphany's "All means ALL" has been our ability to connect with the special needs community around us. For many families of kids with special needs, some don't feel like church is a place for them. They may fear that their child might be disruptive and some churches have even asked these families to leave. To make sure that we are a welcoming and safe place for these families, **Sharon Rich from Gwinnett County Public Schools will be with us** to talk about and answer questions on how we can be a community that continues to be a place where "All means ALL."

Reconciling in Christ Sunday Last Sunday we

celebrated Epiphany's designation as an RIC congregation that welcomes ALL. A Bake Sale was held to raise funds for a future RIC event with other local RIC congregations and for Atlanta Pride in October. Thanks to your generosity, \$357 was raised. We also thank Eddie McClain for sharing his incredibly powerful and personal story with us. We encourage you to go to epiphany-suwanee.org/weekly to listen to the sermon if you missed it.

Celebrate Epiphany Dinner & Silent Auction Thanks to everyone who came to the dinner celebration and bid on our auction items to help support our youth trips and retreats. A huge thank you goes to our Congregational Life team that planned and organized the dinner, to Laurie Tinc for organizing the auction, those of you who donated items for the auction and raffle, and to our high school youth who helped out at the event. We will let you know how much was raised once we have all the totals from the evening. Please make plans to join us again next year!

High School Youth Interfaith Haiti Trip We will again be partnering with the Gwinnett Islamic Circle for our high school youth trip to Haiti. This year's trip will be **July 12-19**. You'll get to travel with people from a different faith background while building relationships with our partners in Haiti as you serve together. College-aged and high school youth who have completed the 9th grade are eligible to participate. *Flights are set and we are beginning to book our tickets for travel!* Please contact Erin Murphy, Executive Director of the Haitian Timoun Foundation at erinmurphy@htflive.org for more details and information.

Just So Seniors February Get-Together Our Just So Seniors group will meet at the church on February 14 at 10 am for centering and enlightenment about the life of St. Valentine, and later enjoy a festive lunch in the fellowship hall. Tickets for the catered lunch are \$15/ea (exact cash or check) and will be on sale today and February 10 after both services. Please sign up on blue slip if you can come!

The Epiphany 5K Run is coming up! Our 2nd Epiphany 5K Run on **Saturday, March 9**. Proceeds will go towards youth trips and retreats to help defray the costs for families. The 5K is at 8:30 am; the Fun Run starts at 9:30 am. Registration for the 5K is \$25; the Fun Run is \$15. We also have the Ghost Runner option for those who want a t-shirt and would like to donate to our cause, but do not wish to run. The Ghost Runner option is \$15. *All registration fees increase after February 25.* You may register and get more details at epiphanysuwanee.org/5K. Please invite your runner friends and others in the community to participate!

Women's Group Game Night All women are invited to Game Night on Monday, February 11, 7 - 9 pm. We will meet in the Real Time room downstairs for games, refreshments and drinks. Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share and feel free to bring your favorite game to share. Sign up on the Blue slip.

February Book Club Selections The weekly book club meets at **10 am on Tuesdays** at Epiphany and has chosen *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak for February. The monthly evening book club will meet on **Monday, February 18** at 7 pm La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They are reading *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah for February.

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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 4

9:00 AM Worship Planning & Staff Meeting
7:30 PM Lead Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 5

10:00 AM Weekly Book Club

Wednesday, February 6

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
6:30 PM Children's Choir
7:00 PM Worship
8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, February 7

10:00 AM Weekly Bible Study

Friday, February 8

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

Sunday, February 10 - Love Sunday

8:30 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:15 PM CIA Session & Handbells Practice

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.

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 Minestrone Soup, sub sandwiches, 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 & Worship is at 7 pm.** Worship Rehearsal follows the service at 8 pm.

Save the Date - February Craft Group Our newly formed Crafting Group will get together on Saturday, February 23, 1 - 3 pm. The group will meet downstairs.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:
Monday..... Kevin, Lisa, Patrick & Hannah Denney
Tuesday..... Mike & Anna Doll
Wednesday....Mark, Cynthia, Jordan & Shannon Donaldson
Thursday.....Joanie Doorley
Friday..... Ed Doyle
SaturdayAndrew, Alaina & Chase Ellis