



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for March 5, 2017

That all might thrive and serve in the light of God's grace.



The above pictured group of middle and high schoolers, along with Laurie Tinc, Pastor Chris, and Intern Anders attended the ELCA Southeastern Synod All-Georgia Youth Gathering last weekend in Covington, GA. The theme for the weekend was "Here We Stand...in Community, in Peace, in Grace, and in Faith." Every year, Epiphany youth attend this faith-filled, fun weekend retreat where they meet other teens of faith from all across Georgia. Ask any one of them about their weekend!

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, epiphanysuwanee.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 today

Large group opening at 9:45 downstairs followed by an inter-generational Lenten

Sunday School "Journey of Faith." Join us for an all-ages, interactive hour! Thank you to the Formation Team for planning this event. Children pre-K through 1st grade must be accompanied by an adult.

Confirmands in Action (CIA) meets today, 12:30 -2:30. Parent meeting following the late service to discuss upcoming retreats and camps.

The Epiphany Formation Team asks all Epiphany households to join the *Lenten Journey of Faith* by taking home a blue food donation bag this week in order to return it full of non-perishable food items for the North Gwinnett Food Co-op on March 12. The goal is to collect a truckload of food!

Are you giving online AND still receiving offering envelopes? Contact the church office to discontinue mailed envelopes and save on postage!

Epiphany Seniors Group in March. Epiphany's vibrant group for seniors is traveling to the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA, on March 9. Plan to spend the day with us! We will meet at church at 9 a.m. and travel together in a van. Lunch will follow the tour at an Italian restaurant. Sign up on the Blue slip.

Outreach Team Lenten Service Project: See the display in the narthex and grab a rainbow tag or two to help stock apartments at Rainbow Village. Items needed are for bathrooms, bedrooms, and kitchens. Epiphany also sponsors a family at Rainbow Village, which is currently a mother with 3 children. Kids at Rainbow Village attend daily summer camp for 10 weeks, which is \$55 per child/per week. Some rainbow tags are monetary gifts that will go toward sending the kids to camp. The campaign will run through Lent until Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

Lost-n-Found Youth collection: Backpacks and rain ponchos are needed for the homeless LGBTQ youth in Atlanta. Please place your donated items in the labeled box in the Narthex. The collection will run through March 19.

Women's Book Clubs in March. Epiphany's weekly book club meets Tuesdays at 10 am at church. The March book is "*Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk: A Novel*" by Kathleen Rooney.

The monthly book club will meet Monday, March 27, at 7 pm at **La Madeleine's French Café in Buford.** The March book selection is "*A Man Called Ove*" by Fredrik Backman.

All women of the church are invited!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, April 15, 10-1 p.m. Invite your family and friends to our Easter Egg Hunt! There will be music, story time, crafts, indoor games, photo booth, pictures with the Easter bunny, a bounce house and lunch. This is a FREE event, but please bring a canned food donation for the North Gwinnett Co-op.

Child Protection Training class, March 12, 9:45 a.m. If you work with or want to work with children and youth, you must attend this brief class. The class certificate is good for two years, so if you need recertification, please sign up. Sign up on the Blue slip.

Epiphany Quarterly Congregational Meeting, Sunday, March 26, 10-11 a.m. Mark you calendar and plan to attend this informational quarterly meeting. Find out how **Epiphany is Reflecting God's Light in our community and our world!**

Sweet Repeat Dresses in need of volunteers. Sweet Repeat is a non-profit dress shop that provides girls an opportunity to borrow a dress for prom or homecoming. They have over 900 dresses at the Gwinnett Mall store. They are in need of adult and youth volunteers to work the store Thursdays from 5-7 and Saturdays from 12-4 from now through May 13. For more information, see the flyer on the Serve board or email Susan Zanders, s_zander@bellsouth.net. Facebook: Sweet Repeat Dresses

Epiphany this week

Monday, March 6

7:30 PM Lead team meeting

Tuesday, March 7

10:00 AM **Women's Book Club**

Wednesday, March 8

6:00 PM Community Meal

6:25 PM *Imagine* Children's Choir

7:00 PM Worship—Taize service

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal for Sunday Worship

Thursday, March 9

9:00 AM **Senior's Group trip to Monastery**

Friday, March 10

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 to schedule meetings; send info for the newsletter to Mary Mullenbach at communications@epiphanysuwanee.org.

Wednesdays at the Well on March 8

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 sloppy joes, mac and cheese, garden salad, and dessert.

Suggested freewill offering is \$6/adult, \$3/child. Sign up on the Blue slip.

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 bottle triggers.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday.....Rick and Bernie Davis

Tuesday..... Kevin, Lisa, Patrick & Hannah Denney

Wednesday.....Jason, Virginia, Emily & Natalie Dick

Thursday.....Mike and Anna Doll

Friday..... Mark, Cynthia, Shannon & Jordan Donaldson

Saturday.....Joanie Doorley



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