



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for March 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, 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's high school and middle school youth attended the ELCA All-Georgia Youth Gathering last weekend. The gathering was held at Camp Grace in Roberta, Georgia. The theme for the weekend was "God is Now Here/Nowhere". Thanks to Laurie, Chris, Tony & Chris for chaperoning and leading our youth!

Epiphany Today

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

Large Group Opening is DOWNSTAIRS

immediately following the 8:30 am service.

Formation time for all ages today is our Lenten

Event, which is also downstairs.

Lenten Cross Generational Formation Event

Today is Epiphany's annual Lenten formation event between services. All ages are encouraged to join in the activities as we begin our journey down the path of preparation for Easter. We'll investigate ways to make Lent a special season to connect, grow, serve, and worship. Preschool and kindergarten students must be accompanied by an adult. Lent starts with Ash Wednesday this coming week.

No Handbells practice today - Handbells will not practice today or March 10. Practice will resume on March 17.

The Epiphany 5K Run is coming up!

Our 2nd Epiphany 5K Run is 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 \$30; 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 \$20. You may register and get more details at epiphanysuwanee.org/5K. Please invite your runner friends and others in the community to participate!

We also need volunteers for the 5K. We need people to volunteer for packet pick-up on Friday, March 8. On race day, we need people to help with the race set-up, people to work the water stations and direct runners during the race, and help with clean-up after the race. *Please sign up on the blue slip if you can volunteer to help out with the race.*

Ash Wednesday Services Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season when God calls us to reflect on the meaning of Christ's death and resurrection. The imposition of ashes – when you receive ashes in the sign of the cross on your forehead – sets the tone for Lent. We will have services at **12 pm and 7 pm on March 6** with the imposition of ashes.

Just So Seniors - March Our Seniors will meet **March 14** in the coffee area at 10 am. They will continue their Lenten journey with a Bible study. Bring the Bible you prefer to compare the language and grow even more in faith and scriptural knowledge. They will have lunch at the Greek Island Grill following the meeting.

We Need Your Old Sneakers! We are collecting wearable, usable sneakers in conjunction with the Epiphany 5K Event. All donated shoes will be redistributed to small business partners in Haiti, Nicaragua, Bolivia and Ukraine; shoes that are in fairly good shape will generate funds for the youth. (Shoes showing wear and tear will be sent to partners who recycle the materials.) All sizes are accepted! Place them in the box by the door downstairs through March 17.

Office Help Needed We need some volunteers to help out in the church office Tuesday - Thursday, 9 am - 12 pm, with light office work and answering the phone. Please sign up on the blue slip if you can help out or if you would like more information.

Volunteers Needed for March Rainbow Village Dinner We need individuals to sign up to prepare and serve the meal for Rainbow Village residents on **Tuesday, March 19**. You may get a group together or volunteer as an individual and be a part of the group that serves that evening. Volunteers need to be at Rainbow Village by 5:15 pm and dinner is served at 6 pm. Rainbow Village is located about 10 minutes from Epiphany in Duluth. Please sign up on the blue slip if you can help serve.

March Book Club Selections The weekly book club meets at **10 am on Tuesdays** at Epiphany and has chosen *Shameless* by Nadia Bolz-Weber for March. The monthly evening book club will meet on **Monday, March 18** at 7 pm La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They are reading *The Almost Sisters* by Joshilyn Jackson for March.

Follow us on **Instagram**, *epiphanysuwanee*
and **Facebook** at *facebook.com/epiphanysuwaneega*



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, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

10:00 AM Weekly Book Club

Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner - Soup Potluck
6:30 PM Children's Choir
7:00 PM Worship/Ash Wednesday Service
8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, March 7

10:00 AM Weekly Bible Study

Friday, March 8

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

Sunday, March 10

8:30 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:15 PM CIA/Confirmation Session

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 - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper Potluck 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 - this week is a Soup Supper Potluck. Please bring a soup to share with others. We will also need your help with dinner clean-up.** 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 - Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Services

We will have our Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 20**. Easter Services on **Sunday, April 21** will be at **9 am** and **11 am**.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:
Monday..... Ken & Ann Hintz
Tuesday..... Phil, Leisa, Philip, Marissa & Kayla Howey
Wednesday..... Brad Hull
Thursday..... Greg, Stephanie & Sydney Hutchinson
Friday..... Matt, Julie, Blake & Bryce Ilgen
Saturday John, Laura, Max, Charlotte & James Indorf