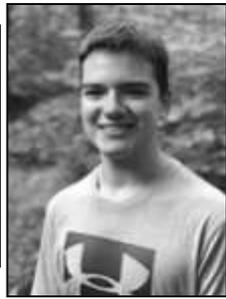




Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for May 5, 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!**

Today we celebrate the Confirmation of our 8th graders! Our Confirmation program is called CIA (Confirmands in Action) and starts when kids enter the 6th grade. They meet a couple of Sunday's a month for lunch and faith formation time and go on several retreats to Lutheridge and Lutherock. Congratulations to Gage Ferguson, Logan Sherrick and Lena Towne!

Epiphany Today

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

Sunday School Formation Time for all ages is 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 & the Dialogues On: Sexuality class

Today is our last Sunday School Faith Formation

Time We will take a break for the summer and resume classes in August. Thanks to all our teachers and leaders!

Confirmation Today The Confirmands in Action (CIA) class of 2019 will share their faith stories about their 3-year journey to their Confirmation at both services. The Rite of Confirmation will be held at the 11 am service. Congratulations to Lena, Gage and Logan and their families!

Just So Seniors May Outing Thursday, **May 9** marks the annual miniature golf outing to the Pirate's Cove Golf venue in Duluth for our Seniors group. They will begin the morning as usual at 10 am in the church coffee area for centering and announcements and then share rides to the "Cove" followed by lunch at the Olive Garden. Cost for miniature golf is \$7.50. Please sign up on the blue slip if you can come!

1st Quarter Giving Statements In order to cut costs & save paper, we will not be mailing 1st quarter giving statements. If you need one, please email Loren Means at bookkeeper@epiphanysuwanee.org.

Funding Our Ministry

Month of March

Giving (General & Capital Funds)	\$60,758
Total spending for ministry	\$54,506
Surplus for the month.....	\$6,280
Year-to-date deficit	(\$15,553)

Do you have a college or grad school graduate?

We will be celebrating our graduates on **Sunday, May 12**. If your family has a student graduating from college or graduate school, please make a note of it on the blue slip so that we may recognize their accomplishment and have updated information about your graduate.

Serving the Community Together Our friends from the Medina Institute (who came to support us during our Wednesday night service on April 24) have set a goal to make 1,000 sandwiches for the homeless on **Saturday, May 19, 12 pm—3 pm**. We will be joined by the local police and fire station to see which team can make the most! Come join us at the Medina Institute, 3580 Sweetwater Rd. in Duluth.

Love Event - Date Changed Come and learn more about our LGBTQIA+ family on **May 19 at 3:30 pm**. The Love Event is a learning experience about sexual orientation, gender identity, LGBTQIA+ rights, and how it all fits into the Kingdom of God. Designed for all ages, we will feature information, activities, and a faith based message for each letter in the LGBTQIA+ acronym. This is a community event where other local churches will be joining us to learn more about Reconciling in Christ. Please invite others to come and learn more about becoming a stronger ally!

Registration for Vacation Bible School is now

OPEN - Volunteers Needed This year's theme is To Mars and Beyond: Explore Where God's Power Can Take You! VBS will be held the week of **June 24-28** from 9 am - 12 pm. VBS is open to all children ages 3-years old - 5th grade (*children must be potty-trained*). The cost is \$25 per child or \$75 max/family. Register on our website at epiphanysuwanee.org/vbs or in the church office. For questions or more information, email epiphansuwaneevbs@epiphanysuwanee.org. Please sign up on the blue slip if you can volunteer for VBS. 6th graders up through all ages of adults are welcome to help out!

Book Club Selections The weekly book club meets at **10 am on Tuesdays** at Epiphany and will be reading various short stories for May. The monthly evening book club will meet on **Monday, May 20** at 7 pm La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They are reading *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Della Owens.

Follow us on **Instagram**, [epiphanysuwanee](https://www.instagram.com/epiphanysuwanee) and **Facebook** at [facebook.com/epiphanysuwaneeega](https://www.facebook.com/epiphanysuwaneeega)



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

May 6

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting

Tuesday, May 7

10:00 AM Weekly Book Club

Wednesday, May 8

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner—Last one before Summer break

6:30 PM Children's Choir

7:00 PM **Worship**

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9

10:00 AM Bible Study & Just So Seniors

Friday, May 10

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

Sunday, May 12—Mother's Day

8:30 AM **Worship Service**

11:00 AM **Worship Service—Quillows for Graduates**

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 Hot Dog Bar with Toppings, slaw, tomato and cucumber salad, chips and an Ice Cream Bar. 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. ***This is our last Wednesday Night dinner before the summer break. Many thanks to Chris Bergman, Marie Olson & Miranda Fox for all their hard work and keeping us well-fed this year!***

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday.....Jason, Lisa & Joel Pugsley

Tuesday.....Sam, Sandy & Lisee Pullara

Wednesday.....Alan Rabstojek

Thursday.....Ram & Pam Ramkumar

Friday.....Mark & Kerin Reed

Saturday.....Bennie, Jolene, Emma & Ally Reeves