



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for June 2, 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, epiphanyсуwaneе.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!**

Did you know that calories at church don't count? Epiphany members enjoyed popsicles and ice cream after Wednesday night's service. Come join us this summer for worship on Wednesday nights at 7 pm. We'll have some fun summer activities and/or snacks after the service. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up with the fun!

Epiphany Today

Worship services are at 9:00 am and 10:30 am.

There are no Faith Formation/Sunday School classes in between services. We will resume classes again in August. We invite you to socialize in our coffee bar area before and after services!

VBS Paint & Decorating Party on Tuesday We need your help with decorations for our upcoming VBS! We'll be getting together on Tuesday, **June 4 at 10:30 am** to make and paint decorations for VBS. All ages are welcome to participate and help paint some planets for our "To Mars and Beyond" VBS theme! Please bring box cutters and/or paint brushes with you if you have them.

Going out of town this summer? The work of Epiphany never takes a vacation, so please don't forget about your giving when you go out of town! Our offering totals dip during the summer months, so please sign up for automatic giving through your bank's bill pay service or through our church website and Epiphany Connect at www.epiphanyсуwaneе.org/giving.

ELCA Southeastern Synod Assembly Pastor Chris and members Tom Condon and John Pezzino have been in Chattanooga since Friday for our synod's annual assembly. There is a good chance they are helping elect a new bishop this morning!

Epiphany is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), which is divided into 65 smaller geographical areas called synods. Our synod is comprised of 160 churches in 4 states; Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia. At the annual synod assembly, we elect new leaders, approve things like budgets, as well as hear about things going on in the synod and nationally. Every few years we elect a new bishop and this year happens to be one of them. So we give thanks for our outgoing bishop, Julian Gordy, and his leadership and service and we pray for our newly elected bishop and their future ministry. We also give thanks to Landa Larson for filling in while Pastor Chris is away.

Epiphany This Week

Travel With the Just So Seniors The Epiphany Just So Seniors group will enjoy a morning of centering, sharing brief travel stories, and lunch at Epiphany on **Thursday, June 13** starting at 10 am. All seniors are encouraged to be a part of our "Around the World in 80 Minutes" spin. Details are available in the narthex on the Connect Board. Sign up on the blue slip for the last meeting before the group takes a summer break.

Car Wash Fundraiser Our high school youth will be washing cars during and in between the 9 and 10:30 am services on **Sunday, June 16** to raise money for our youth trips to the National Youth Gathering in 2021 and to Haiti this summer. Cash and check donations will be accepted. Get Dad's car washed for him for Father's Day!

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 epiphanyswanee.org/vbs or in the church office. For questions or more information, email epiphanyswaneevbs@epiphanyswanee.org. Several volunteers are needed in many areas, including: working on decorations before VBS week, set-up for VBS, registration/check-in on June 24, group leaders (adult and youth), group leaders assistants, daily clean-up helpers, end of week ice cream social, and nursery help throughout the week. Can't volunteer all week? No problem! Just let us know what dates you are available. 6th-graders up through all ages of adults are welcome to help out! Sign up on the blue slip, let us know what you'd like to help with and what days you're available.

Book Club Selections The weekly book club is on hiatus for the summer. Please feel free to join the monthly book club over the summer. The monthly evening book club will meet on **Monday, June 17** at 7 pm La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They are reading *By Invitation Only* by Dorothea Benton Frank.

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



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.

Monday, June 3

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

Tuesday, June 4

10:30 AM VBS Craft & Paint Party

Wednesday, June 5

7:00 PM **Worship Service**
8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, June 6

10:00 AM Bible Study

Friday, June 7

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

Sunday, June 9 — NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

9:00 AM **Worship Service**
10:30 AM **Worship Service**
- CIA Kids depart for Lutherock Retreat today -

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am-4 pm; Friday, 9 am-noon.
Contact laurie.tinc@epiphanyswanee.org to schedule meetings; send info for the newsletter to Loren Means at communications@epiphanyswanee.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. **Worship is at 7 pm.** Worship Rehearsal follows the service at 8 pm. *Our Wednesday Night Dinners are on hold for summer break and will resume in August.*

Busy Bags! Did you know we have a basket of Busy Bags for your children to use? If they get restless, please take a bag from the basket located at the back of the church. Each contains activities for our young ones (age 3+). Then relax and enjoy the service!

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday..... Richard & Clemence Stelter
Tuesday..... Patrick, Julie, Sarah & Jake Sutton
Wednesday.....Michael, Winnie & Beverley Sylvester
Thursday.....Perry & Jenny Szarka
Friday.....Mark Thielman
Saturday..... Dave & Debbie Thomas & Layla

Reaching out, raising up, and changing the world through the light of the living Christ!
