



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for June 9, 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, epiphanyswanee.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 Epiphany has our own gardens? Baby Pea pods, bean blossoms, cucumbers and so much more! Stop and take a look—they are off to the side of the church closest to Peachtree Industrial Blvd. We need your help with keeping it watered; garden watering sign up sheets are in the Narthex on the bulletin board. You may use the church's hose to water.

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!

Epiphany's Gardens Need Your Help Thanks to our middle school kids, along with Julie Sutton and Greg Laszweski, Epiphany has a garden! We need people to sign up to help keep it watered in the summer. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex on the bulletin board. To follow along with the progress or help out, search Facebook for "Epiphany Garden Groupies" and be added to the group!

Child Protection Training If you will be volunteering for VBS or volunteer with kids in any capacity at church and haven't taken our Child Protection Training, you will need to come to one of our upcoming sessions. You will also need to take it again if it has been three years since you last attended a session. The upcoming training sessions are on **Sunday, June 16** after the 10:30 am service and **Wednesday, June 19** immediately after the 7 pm service.

We Have a New Bishop for the ELCA

Southeastern Synod Pastor Chris and members Tom Condon and John Pezzino were in Chattanooga last weekend for our synod's annual assembly. Rev. Kevin Strickland was elected to be the new incoming bishop for the Southeastern Synod. He will serve a six-year term. The bishop-elect has served as assistant to the bishop and executive for worship with the ELCA churchwide organization in Chicago since 2014. He served as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Nashville from 2011 to 2014, and of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Maryville, Tennessee, from 2008 to 2011.

Strickland received a Bachelor of Arts from Newberry (S.C.) College in 2004 and a Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in 2008. Newberry is one of 27 ELCA colleges and universities, and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, N.C., is one of seven ELCA seminaries.

Strickland will be installed October 5; The Rev. Julian Gordy has served as bishop since 2007 and will retire Aug. 31.

We give thanks for our outgoing bishop, Julian Gordy, and his leadership and service and we pray for our newly elected bishop, Kevin Strickland, and his future here in Atlanta.

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!

Volunteers Needed for VBS 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. Registration is now closed, but we still need volunteers. We have 100 kids registered for VBS, so we need a lot of hands!

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.

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+).

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

Monday, June 10

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting

Wednesday, June 12

7:00 PM **Worship Service**

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, June 13

10:00 AM Bible Study & Just So Seniors

Friday, June 14

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

Sunday, June 16 — Father's Day

- CAR WASH FUNDRAISER -

9:00 AM **Worship Service**

10:30 AM **Worship Service**

11:30 AM Child Protection Training

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. **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.*

Funding Our Ministry

Month of April

Giving (General & Capital Funds)	\$48,344
Total spending for ministry	\$65,422
Deficit for the month	(\$17,078)
Year-to-date deficit	(\$32,630)

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday..... Margaret Thompson
 Tuesday..... Wade, Renae, Cole, Jack & Peyton Thompson
 Wednesday..... Nathan, Laurie, Connor & Kenna Tinc
 Thursday..... Chris, Kim, Jack & Lena Towne
 Friday..... Scott & Cris Townsend
 Saturday..... Steve, Kim & Jackson Volpert

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