



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for August 11, 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!**

Please join us for our annual Sunday School Kick-Off Carnival today from 12 pm—2 pm. We're excited to have everyone back for Sunday School formation time and look forward to growing in faith together over the upcoming school year. We hope you catch up with other members today after being away for summer travels!

Epiphany Today

Worship service times are back to 8:30 am and

11 am Please join us during the formation time at **9:45 am** for our Large Group Opening in the sanctuary. We will dismiss to the Sunday School classes immediately after that.

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

Annual Sunday School Kick-Off Carnival Our annual carnival is **12—2 pm today**, complete with lots of games, food, snow cones, and bouncy houses. Lunch will be served and all ages are welcome to come! Please bring a hot or cold side dish or a dessert to share and bring a swimsuit for the kids.

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+).

Save the Dates—Upcoming Epiphany Events

- August 14**—Wednesday Night Dinners resume
- August 18**—CIA Orientation meeting & Cookout
- August 24**—Church Work Day
- August 25**—1st CIA Formation session
- September 7** — Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Day
- September 27-29** — CIA (Confirmation kids) Retreat
- October 7**— HTF Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Funding Our Ministry

Month of July

Giving (<i>General & Capital Funds</i>)	\$54,182
Total spending for ministry	\$57,490
Deficit for the month.....	(\$3,308)
Year-to-date deficit	(\$57,889)

ELCA Churchwide Assembly The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the church, was held this week in Milwaukee to discuss and make decisions about how to go about God's work as a church. The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton was re-elected presiding bishop of the ELCA. Eaton was elected for a first term as presiding bishop at the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. The Assembly also heard an introduction to the recommended proposed social statement, "Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action." To read more, go to www.elca.org.

PJ's for Foster Children We are now collecting NEW pajamas for Atlanta-area foster children of all ages. Many times, foster children are transitioned from home or school with little to no warning. Having a new pair of pj's will help bring them a sense of comfort in a new setting. We need PJ's for all ages, but don't forget older children & teens are in need as well (PJ pants are great for them). There are two blue collection bins in the Narthex area. We'll be collecting PJ's until **August 25**. Stephanie Boylan will be leading an information session on adoption & foster care after the 11 am service that day. More details to come!

Church Work Day Our next church workday and clean-up is on Saturday, **August 24**, 8 am—2 pm. Please come help out any time you can during that time frame. Sign up on the blue slip so we know how many people we'll have helping out.

Women's Retreat at Lutheranch There will be a Women's Retreat led by Pastor Jill Henning at Lutheranch, September 27 - 29. Christ the King Lutheran Church in Peachtree Corners is organizing this event, however it is open to women from other congregations. The theme of the retreat is "How to Find Your Mary When All the World Wants is a Martha". For more information or to register, go to www.ctlutheran.org/womensretreat.

Book Club Selections The weekly book club is on hiatus for the summer. Please feel free to join the monthly book club. The monthly evening book club will meet on **Monday, August 12** at 7 pm at La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They are reading *Sunset Beach* by Mary Kay Andrews. September's book will be *Flight of the Sparrow* by Amy Belding Brown.

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



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, August 12

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting
7:00 PM Monthly Book Club—La Madeleine, Buford

Wednesday, August 14

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

Thursday, August 15

10:00 AM Bible Study

Friday, August 16

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

Sunday, August 18

8:30 AM **Worship Service**
11:00 AM **Worship Service**
12:00 PM CIA Orientation & Cook-Out

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am-4 pm; Friday, 9 am-noon.
Contact laurie.tinc@epiphanySUWANEELC to schedule meetings; send info for the newsletter to Loren Means at communications@epiphanySUWANEELC.

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 on **Wednesday, August 14.***

Camp Rewind at Lutheranch Many of our kids attend summer camp or retreats at Lutheranch, Lutheridge or Lutherock. Here's a chance for adults to go to camp for a week-end! Lutheranch is located in Tallapoosa, GA about a 2-hour drive from Suwanee. Camp Rewind is September 20-22 at Lutheranch and will be a weekend full of fun, camp-themed activities for adults; everything from playing outdoor games and creating your own arts & crafts project, to singing songs and telling stories around the evening campfire. Go to www.lutheranch.org for more information or to register.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday.....Dan, Debbie, Devin & Jake Gaskill
Tuesday.....Mike & Lori Geren
Wed..... Chris, Lisa, Hannah, Adam, Jenna, Paige & Abby Glynn
Thursday..... Chip, Chris, Laura & Scott Graham
Friday.....Mike, Chris, Sam & Jake Groesch
Saturday..... Heather, Claire & Peter Hall

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