



# Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for September 8, 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 *age 5 and under* 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](http://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!**

**Our Church Work Day was a big success thanks to you!** We greatly appreciate our members and the Boy Scouts who came out a couple of Saturdays ago to take care of some much needed upkeep and repairs around Epiphany. A lot of projects inside and outside of the church were completed, including expanding our garden.

## *Epiphany Today*

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

**Sunday School Formation Time is downstairs**

**immediately after Large Group Opening 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: Race class

**Sunday Adult Faith Formation Classes** We have two options for Adult Formation classes. One class is a small group style discussion called "Dialogues On: Race" that encourages honest talk about difficult topics. In a time when so many conversations end in conflict, *these discussions help equip people to share their ideas, listen well to others and learn from different viewpoints.* Our other adult formation class is a Bible Study class. The current topic is Walking Through the Gospel of John - What does it look like for Jesus to be the Christ? The class and discussion is led by Pastor Chris and Kris Perkola.

**Water and the Word** A formation cross-generational event will be held between services at **9:45 am on September 15**. All ages are invited to take part in this connect and grow experience about baptism. Questions being discussed are: What is baptism really?, Why do we do it?, and How should we remember our baptism? Informational sessions, follow-up activities including a baptismal memorabilia exhibit, and a special story time for the younger folks will complete the morning. Preschool through kindergarten students must be accompanied by an adult. Please sign up on the blue slip if you have anything you would like to have included in the baptism exhibit such as photos, certificates, clothing, etc.

**Save the Date—Our Infamous Trunk or Treat is Coming Up** Competition is always fierce, so start planning your costumes and trunk now! Trunk or Treat will be held on **Sunday, October 27, 4:30—7 pm.**

**Welcome to Our New Nursery Director** Our new nursery director is Sarah Myers. She is also a Para-Pro at Duluth High School and the granddaughter of Epiphany member Karen Kerrigan. Please welcome Sarah and introduce yourself to her, especially if you have kids that utilize our nursery. *As a reminder, please remember that our nursery is for children ages 5 and under.*

**Epiphany's Just So Seniors Group is Back** After taking a break for summer, it's time for our Just So Seniors group to rally for another year to connect, grow, and serve. They will meet **September 12** at 10 am in the church coffee area. The theme for the day is "Water and the Word". We'd love to have you as a part of this community—sign up on the blue slip!

**Save the Date—Atlanta Pride Parade and Poster**

**Party** The 49th Annual Atlanta Pride Parade takes place on **Sunday, October 13**. The newly-installed Bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Synod, Bishop Strickland, will be marching with the Georgian Lutherans this year! The Parade kicks off at 12 pm and Bishop Strickland will be presiding over a communion service at 11 am during the parade line-up. Georgia Lutherans Welcome You Booth shifts are also available both Saturday, October 12 and Sunday after parade. We will also have a poster making and tie-dye shirt party on **Sunday, October 6** at Epiphany.

**September Pub Theology** We've had a great turn-out at our last two Pub Theology events and we'd like for you to join us if you haven't made it to one yet! This is a great opportunity to get to know other Epiphany members and participate in some great conversation. This month's topic will be Care of Creation. Kris Perkola will lead the discussion on Thursday, September 26 at 7 pm. Pizza is provided, you just bring your favorite beverage!

**College Care Boxes** Please bring in large shoe boxes for our upcoming College Care Box project. Each fall we put together care packages for our college students. Parents—please list your college student's name on the blue slip if you'd like one for them.

**Book Club Selections** The monthly book club will meet on **Monday, September 16** at 7 pm at La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They will be discussing *Flight of the Sparrow* by Amy Belding Brown. October's book club pick is *Have You Seen Luiz Velez* by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

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**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, September 9**

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting

**Wednesday, September 11**

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner

7:00 PM **Worship Service**

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 12**

10:00 AM Just So Seniors & Bible Study

**Friday, September 13**

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

**Sunday, September 15**

8:30 AM **Worship Service**

9:45 AM Water & the Word Faith Formation Event

11:00 AM **Worship Service**

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am-4 pm; Friday, 9 am-noon.**  
Contact [laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto:laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org) to schedule meetings; send info for the newsletter to Loren Means at [communications@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto: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.** Dinner will be Sesame Chicken, fried rice, ginger carrots, salad & dessert. Suggested free-will offering is \$6/adult, \$3/child. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. Sign up on the Blue slip. **Worship is at 7 pm.** Worship Rehearsal follows the service at 8 pm.

**Save the Date for the 6th Annual HTF Golf Tournament** With your generous support, last year's HTF Golf Classic raised nearly \$14,000 and was a tremendous success toward its mission. These funds allowed the our HTF partners to lead summer camps in various locations of Haiti. This year, on **Monday, October 7**, we will hold our 6th Annual HTF Golf Classic. It will again be held at Olde Atlanta Golf Club in Suwanee, and we'd be honored to have you participate again. The purpose stays the same: to raise the necessary funds to help support our youth and HTF partners lead camps in the Summer of 2020.

## Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

- Monday.....Karen Kerrigan
- Tuesday.....Chris, Amy, Anna & Charlie Klein
- Wed.....Elaine Koenig
- Thursday.....Lauren & Kaitlyn Kress
- Friday.....Chuck, Evelyn & Erica Kretzmann
- Saturday.....Stewart, Deborah, Sean & Mikaela LaFave