



The Light

June 2017



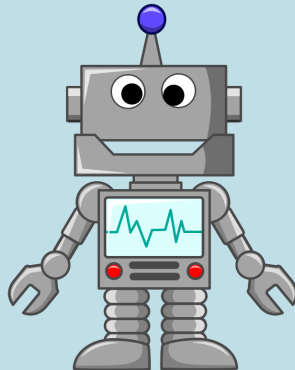
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GA G E T S & G I Z M O S

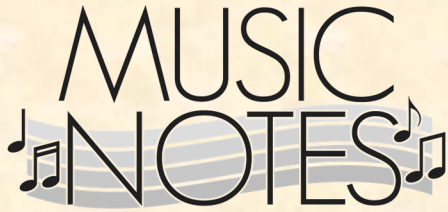


Vacation Bible School
Open House
Saturday, June 10
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

Pick up your name tag and t-shirt and enjoy snacks, crafts and a movie! You must pick up your nametag in advance if you would like to take advantage of our drop-off line. All children who do not have a nametag will need to be walked in by a parent on the first day. Shirts and nametags will also be available for pick up on Sunday, June 11 from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. in room 6 of the main building.

Bring A Picture ID To Pick Up - This year we will be asking parents to present a picture ID when picking up their child from VBS each day. We appreciate your help as we work to keep all of our children safe!

Set Up - Help us turn our buildings into a gadgets and gizmos workshop for VBS! Set up on Saturday, June 10 from 9:00 a.m. - noon.



Shining the Light Summer Choir

FROM PASTOR DAVID

Voices of all ages are invited to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs!

Wednesday evenings
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Beginning June 7

We will strive to lead and shape the congregational song every Sunday at the 8:00 a.m. worship service through July.

Prayer is ...

Well, what is prayer to you? Henri Nouwen writes this: Prayer “is a way of being empty and useless in the presence of God and so proclaiming our basic belief that all is grace and nothing is simply the result of hard work.” This month, God will be bringing many children (and their parents!) to Epiphany for this year’s VBS. We know that if His Gospel is to bear fruit, He will do it: it’s not just the result of our hard work. In the next two weeks, prior to and during the week of VBS, we are asking you to pray over that event. If you are comfortable praying for this on your own, please do so! If you would like specific things to pray about—good news—at all services on June 11 there will be a handout with items for which you can pray.



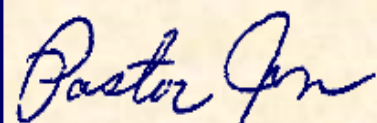
Pray over this event. If you can only pray for one thing, ask God to open doors into the community for His Gospel. He is far more willing to give than we are to ask!

Periodically I am asked to suggest books to read. Over the summer months when the “living is easy” it is a good time to relax and feed the mind (and soul). While the best book of all is the Bible there are some other excellent books I consider “must reads” for their inspiring Christian message. So here is “Pastor Jon’s Suggested Reading List”:

- #1. **The Hiding Place** - This is the Corrie Ten Boom story, a Christian who was arrested during World War II for hiding Jews from the Nazis. It will make you think hard and long about sacrificial love.
- #2. **The Cost of Discipleship** - Written by Lutheran Pastor and Professor Dietrich Bonhoeffer who was martyred by the Nazis. This is a call to consider the cost of following Christ in a fallen world.
- #3. **Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Prophet, Martyr, Spy** - This is an excellent biography by Eric Metaxas on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and his participation in the resistance movement against Adolph Hitler and the Nazis.
- #4. **The Case for Christ** - This best selling book by Lee Strobel will help the reader see the overwhelming evidence behind the claims of the person of Jesus Christ. It will also equip the reader to defend his or her faith.
- #5. **The Chronicles of Narnia** - These delightful children’s books by C.S. Lewis present Christian themes in a very creative way. Parents can read these books to their children (I did and it was awesome.) and enjoy a summer vacation to the land of Narnia. If you only read one book in this series I highly recommend “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”.
- #6. **The Reason for God** - In the face of a world filled with skepticism, are there good reasons to believe in Jesus Christ? Author, Timothy Keller sets forth a great defense of the Christian Faith and challenges the arguments of skeptics who believe that a reasonable person cannot believe in the existence of God. It is challenging and insightful.
- #7. **Crazy Love** - Few books have challenged my walk with Jesus over the past few years like this book by Francis Chan. In view of God’s crazy love for us, how can we not respond in kind? Be prepared to be convicted and encouraged by this wonderful little book.
- #8. **Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did and Why it Matters** - The title says it all. N.T. Wright is a brilliant scholar who cuts through a lot of the muck and mire to get to the heart of the Christian Faith.
- #9. **Mere Christianity** - This book, by C.S. Lewis, is one of the most influential Christian books of the 20th century. Be prepared to be challenged and enlightened by the wisdom and insights of this one-time atheist Oxford scholar turned outspoken Christian apologist.
- #10. **Mother Teresa** - Few people have epitomized the life of love and service to the poor like Mother Teresa. This excellent biography by Kathryn Spink will delight as well as inspire and challenge the reader.

If you have the time to read some of the books on this list and would like to have a cup of coffee and talk about them I would love to meet with you. Happy reading!

Pastor Jon



NEWS FROM EPIPHANY'S LWML ...



This year at the Lutheran World Relief ingathering, the Women of Epiphany completed 94 quilts, 45 school kits and 7 fabric kits. This is an annual gathering of our projects. During the year our quilters also donated 10 quilts to LINC Houston.

The quilting group invests all to help with this

endeavor. No experience is necessary. The group meets on the third Monday and the last Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in room 202 of the AFLC. Come join in this worthwhile project to help throughout the world.



MORE NEWS FROM EPIPHANY'S LWML ...

You may not be aware of an LWML ministry that is available to all Epiphany members. In a corner of the narthex, there is a greeting card stand which contains a variety of cards - birthday, get well, sympathy, etc. The cost to purchase one of these cards is only **50 cents** - a big difference from the cost of a card in a store! These cards are so helpful for those last-minute needs that arise when you least expect them.



The money the LWML receives from this ministry goes only to purchase additional cards to place on the stand. Please, remember that you can help this valuable ministry by placing the donation for your purchases in the small box atop the card stand. Thank you!

THANK YOU

Dear Family of Epiphany,

Thank you with love for all your kindness and love during and after Mel's sickness and death. I'll never be able to say thank you enough.

With lots of love,
Mary Lou Medack and family

A Special
THANK YOU



**VOTERS'
MEETING**

**Sunday,
July 2
Noon
AFLC**



LUAU

JUNE 25

6-9 PM

COMPLETED 5TH-12TH GRADE

JOIN US IN THE GYM FOR FOOD,
GAMES AND MOANA!



EPIPHANY SUMMER INTERNS

This summer four of our high school youth will be interning to grow in their faith and take an inside look at what doing ministry is all about! They will assist with: children's messages, youth nights, Sunday School, special events, care ministry and more. This will be a great blessing to both ministry and them. Here is a bit about them!



RACHEL MOORE

Rachel is an incoming senior at Pearland High School. Her favorite subjects are economics, physics and English. Her confirmation verse

is 1 Corinthians 15:10. Her favorite youth group memory is making all of the girls beds fit in a small room because they didn't want to split up. She is looking forward to seeing the elementary kids excitement for Jesus and the middle school age kids' dependence on God as they wrestle with challenges.



JORDAN GILBERTSON

Jordan will be a junior at The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. Her favorite subjects are chemistry and algebra; she also enjoys spending half her day

dancing. Her favorite Bible passage is Isaiah chapter 40 because it talks about always being able to rely on God at all times. She is most looking forward to learning about what it takes to work in a church, more specifically, with the younger youth. She also is looking forward to growing in her faith by helping younger kids do the same.



KYLIE BREWTON

Kylie is a recent graduate from Clear Springs High. She enjoyed studying science and medical classes, which inspired her future in Exercise Science. Romans 8:38-39, is

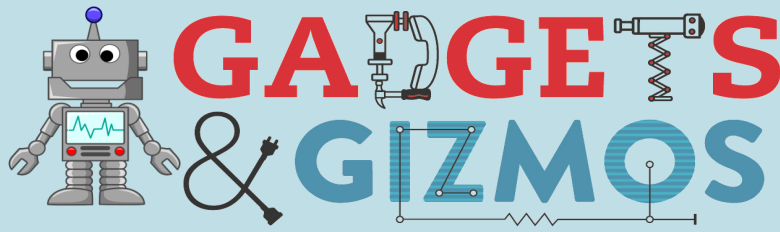
Kylie's favorite verse because it teaches no matter what life brings, her relationship with the Lord will never be altered. Through this internship, Kylie hopes to show and teach about the love of Christ to all of those around her. She also hopes to learn more about her relationship and faith with Christ for her next adventure in the fall.



CAMERON DAVIES

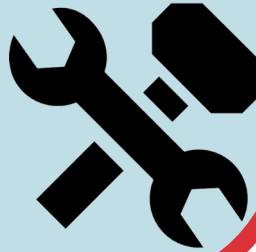
Cameron Davies is an incoming senior at Brazoswood High School in Clute. At Brazoswood, Cameron spends most of his time in the band hall, practicing his

trumpet. His favorite story from the Bible is from the book of Job. During his time as an intern, Cameron most looks forward to getting to work with other hardworking people who are also in tune with their faith in God.



Crew Night || June 10 || 6:00-8:00pm
Entering 6th Grade-12th Grade

Crew night is both a training and a thank you to our great youth volunteers! We will eat food, go over training and have fun with great games and activities! You won't want to miss it! Note, youth volunteers do NOT need to go to regular training meetings.



Youth Nights

*7th-12th Graders
Join us Sundays
from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
for food, study and fun!*

JUNE 4

Youth Night

JUNE 11

No Youth - VBS Prep

JUNE 18

Youth Night

JUNE 25

Luau Night!

**SUMMER
CAMP**
2017

COME SERVE THIS SUMMER!

July 7-9 || Camp Lone Star

Completed 3rd-6th Grade

Cost: \$75

Register at ShiningTheLight.org by June 30.

An amazing weekend of service and camp fun!

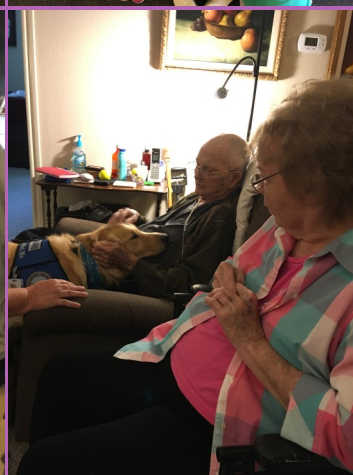
BUILD A BEAR FOR TEXAS CHILDREN'S

On May 21, our kids used their offerings to build and pray over 12 bears for sick kids at Texas Children's Hospital. Thank you to all the families who were able to come out and serve in such a fun way!



COMFORT DOG VISIT

On May 16 Memorial Lutheran Church visited us with their LCCK certified comfort dog! Damaris was enjoyed by all who met her. A BIG thank you to Memorial!



MOTHERS DAY PHOTOS

On May 14 we celebrated Mother's Day with a photo booth, crafts and a video of our kids sharing why they love mom! Thank you to all moms!



MAIN EVENT

On May 7 our 5th-12th graders went to Main Event for a fun youth night of community! From bowling to games to laser tag it was a great way to spend the night with God's family!



SPRING RETREAT

On April 28-30, our high school youth went to San Antonio for our Spring Retreat. From games, to Six Flags, great food, worship and Bible Study, it was a great weekend of learning about God's plan for our relationships!





BIRTHDAYS

06/01 Lorin Dick
 06/01 Kyle Woelfel
 06/01 Jonathan Hay
 06/02 Anna Walliser
 06/02 Jeanne Hazen
 06/03 Kathleen DeWolfe
 06/04 John Reimer
 06/05 Caleb Castro
 06/05 Katie Russo
 06/05 Brady Turner
 06/05 Cameron Davies
 06/06 Eric Aaron
 06/06 Eric Seale
 06/07 Clarence Wittwer
 06/07 Janet Frers
 06/08 Jennifer Williams
 06/08 Tim Cornelius
 06/09 Charlene Threlkeld
 06/09 Jacob Erdman
 06/09 Chelsea Jones
 06/09 Martha Balzer
 06/09 John Hufnagel
 06/10 Candace Earley
 06/10 Lisa Maly
 06/11 Harrison Medack
 06/11 Kim Brackney
 06/11 Anna Riveness
 06/11 Rachel Moore
 06/12 Meredith Kaspar
 06/12 Michaela Kaspar
 06/13 Sandy Burton
 06/13 Josh Matchette
 06/14 Olivia Ulbricht
 06/15 Emma Lynch
 06/16 Sara Erdman
 06/16 Henry Long
 06/16 Emily Long
 06/17 Kim Raess
 06/17 Dani Hufnagel
 06/19 Amanda Dawson
 06/19 Bob Pearson
 06/20 Ryland Cmaidalka
 06/20 Rita Legge
 06/21 Amber Calderon
 06/21 Jonte Greer
 06/22 Ken Mills
 06/22 Beverly Quinton
 06/25 Isaak Baumann
 06/25 Mitchell Mills
 06/25 Deanna Stansfield-Young
 06/25 Michael Hernandez
 06/26 Reid Davies
 06/26 Gloria Mills
 06/26 Brittany Earley

06/26 Susan Keys
 06/27 Brady Smaistrle
 06/27 Charley Alderman
 06/28 Dorian Cornelius
 06/29 Logan Williams
 06/30 Misty Paden
 06/30 Kevin Ayres



ANNIVERSARIES

06/01 Gary & Pat Doerre
 06/01 Kelly & Traci Elliott
 06/02 David & Marsha Albert
 06/04 Craig & Nichole Lodrigue
 06/05 Robert & Janet Frers
 06/05 Steve & Denise Hager
 06/05 Merlin & Rhoda Mohr
 06/06 William & Brenda Johnson
 06/06 Jay & Beth Milbrath
 06/06 Jac & Shirley Rubright
 06/08 Marty & Lynn Meyers
 06/08 Clarence & Cheryl Wittwer
 06/09 Pastor Jon & Linda Salminen
 06/13 Brian & Fran Wukasch
 06/15 Blaine & Caitlyn Prescott
 06/16 Todd & Angie Arnold
 06/16 Jerry & Diana Langer
 06/20 Eric & Laura Anderson
 06/21 Jimmy & Kristen Vollman
 06/22 Jimmy & Debbie Dick
 06/22 Jon & Mary Erickson
 06/22 Gary & Danette Marsh
 06/23 Dan & Allison Oberlies
 06/25 Vicente & Christy DiLuca
 06/27 Adam & Amy Aaron
 06/27 Joe & Vickie Heinrich
 06/27 Jonathan & Kim Raess
 06/29 Jacob & Meredith McGowan
 06/29 Wayne & Ellen Roberson
 06/30 Clyde & Shirley Hannes
 06/30 Larry & Jill Woelfel



BIRTHS

Logan Henry Zapalac
 May 6, 2017

one LORD,
one Faith,
one Baptism....
 EPHESIANS 4:5

BAPTISMS

Carter Houston St. Romain
 May 7, 2017



“THE TWO WILL
 BECOME
one flesh.”
 MARK 10:8, NIV

WEDDINGS

Abigail Lynn Wolff
 & Kevin Grady Suggs
 May 20, 2017



FATHER'S DAY



Sunday Morning Schedule:

8:00 am - Traditional Worship Service-sanctuary
 9:15 am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 10:30 am - Blended Worship Service-sanctuary
 10:30 am - *The Light* Worship Service-AFLC

*WOR: Worship

COM: Worship with Communion
 SS: Sunday School
 ABC: Adult Bible Class



2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* Pentecost Graduation Sunday LWML Mite Box Sunday 9:00-10:15am-Blood Pressure Screening-106 9:15am-201 Class-207 9:15am-VBS Training-203 11:30am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Music Ministry Potluck-AFLC 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00-8:00pm-Youth Night-gym/204	5 Announcements Due! 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 7:00pm-Band-AFLC	6 7:00pm-Board of Elders-202	7 6:30pm-PT-sanctuary 7:30pm-Summer Choir -sanctuary	8 7:00pm-Bell Choir -sanctuary	9 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen	10 7:30am-Men's Bible Breakfast-gym 9:00am-Noon-VBS Set Up 9:15am-Elders' Meeting-203 9:30am-Altar Guild Meeting -202 4:00-6:00pm-VBS Open House -sanctuary/narthex 6:00-8:00pm-VBS Crew Night -gym
11 WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM* 9:15am-201 Class-207 11:30am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:30am-Noon-VBS Set Up-gym Noon - 2:30pm-Noon-VBS Set Up-gym 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00pm-Leadership Council Meeting (offsite) No Youth Nights!	12 Announcements Due! No Goodtimers!	13 7:00pm-Band-AFLC	14 6:30pm-PT-sanctuary 7:30pm-Summer Choir -sanctuary	15	16	17
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9:00 A.M. – NOON (all rooms)						
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25 WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM* 9:15am-201 Class-207 11:30am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00-9:00pm-Luau Night-gym (5th-12th grades)	26 Announcements Due! Meals on Wheels Week	27 4:00pm-Bible Study-202	28 9:00am-Quilting-202 6:30pm-PT-sanctuary 7:30pm-Summer Choir -sanctuary	29	30	JULY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE JUNE 10!

EPIPHANY GAME DAY



AUGUST 6 || GAME TIME 1:15 PM
\$18 PER TICKET

EACH TICKET INCLUDES ADMISSION, A
HOT DOG AND A DRINK. FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP GO TO
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