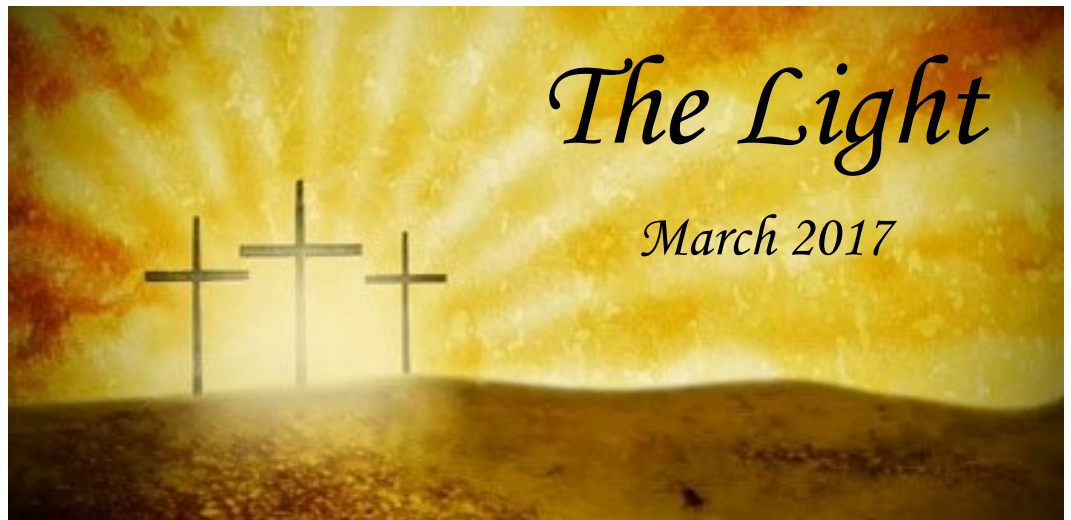




# *The Light*

*March 2017*



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*Pastor Jon Salminen*  
(Senior Pastor)

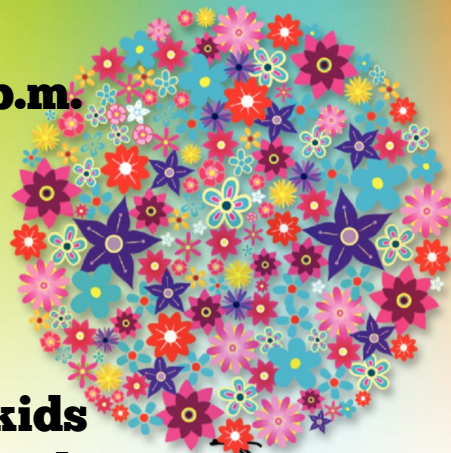
*Pastor Nathan Misch*  
(Associate Pastor)

*Pastor David Johnson*  
(Pastor of Music Ministries)

## **Picnic and Playground Day Sunday, March 5**

**11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Epiphany  
Playground**

**Families with kids  
2nd grade and under**



**Enjoy a pizza picnic and play on  
Epiphany's playgrounds! We'll also have  
some fun outside games too!  
Invite a friend!**

## THE LATEST FROM EPIPHANY'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Epiphany's Leadership Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Sunday, February 19, 2017.

The following topics were discussed:

- ◆ The proposed goals for the Leadership Council were discussed. A motion was made to adopt the proposed 2017 goals as discussed. The motion was seconded and passed. The goals will be presented for the congregation's information at the upcoming Voters' Meeting.
- ◆ Pastor Jon reported Epiphany's worship attendance and membership numbers: baptized members -1301, communicant members - 1025, worship attendance average for 2017 - 418.
- ◆ It was noted that 30 people attended the All Ministry Meeting held on Saturday, February 4. The meeting allowed the pastors to describe what they believe is important to the health and growth of the congregation.
- ◆ Pastor Jon reported that the theme for the mid-week Lenten services will be: "The Sacred Head Now Wounded" and will focus on the various "wounds" our Savior willingly endured for our healing and salvation.
- ◆ The Council learned that the door offering for the "Souper Bowl of Caring" raised almost \$500 along with an immense amount of food provided by members of the congregation. The food and funds went to support Christian Helping Hands.

*Jonté Greer, President*  
*Scott Stewart, Vice-president*  
*Kim Garza*  
*Michelle Gilbertson*  
*Dale Green*  
*Jo Lauppe*  
*Ray Martinez*  
*Wayne Roberson*  
*Brent Snyder*  
*Renee Van Bramer*  
*Pam Van Maaren*

The first regularly scheduled Voters' Meeting of 2017 is set for Sunday, February 26 in the AFLC gym immediately following the late services.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Leadership Council will be Sunday, March 26 at 6:00 p.m. in room 202 of the AFLC.

## The "Unfairness" of the Cross

I was standing in a checkout line the other day and I heard a little girl say to her mom, "that's not fair—you bought something for him (I'm assuming it was her little brother) but you won't get me anything". As I have been down that road in the past, my ears perked up to listen to the mother's response. She reminded the very unhappy little girl that "just the other day you got something and he didn't". That didn't placate the little darling and she said again "that's not fair".

Unfair! We hear that a lot don't we? Much of the time it is true; life is unfair. That truth can paralyze us or we can deal with it. It isn't fair one child can walk and run with the greatest of ease while another is confined to a wheel chair. It isn't fair that innocent people are victimized while criminals walk the streets because of a technicality. It isn't fair that good things happen to bad people and bad things happen to good people. But again, it is reality!

But have you ever considered the ultimate unfairness? That is what the season of Lent is all about! How fair is it that the **only** person to never sin is punished for the sin of the entire world? How fair is it that the **only** person to love all people unconditionally should be hated by so many? How fair is it when the loving **Creator** is accused, condemned and crucified by hate-filled creatures? How fair is it when those deserving death walk away free because the only really innocent person to ever live was tortured and then killed in their place? It isn't fair at all.

The next time you claim something is unfair I challenge you to remember the ultimate unfairness—the cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During this season of Lent we will ponder the Sacred Head that was wounded to give us eternal life. I hope you will join us as we journey to the cross of our Lord Jesus and His empty tomb. Life is unfair and aren't you glad that's how God treats us? He doesn't give us what we deserve instead He gives us what we don't deserve—forgiveness, life and salvation. And He does it all for Jesus sake!

Yours in Christ's Love,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Pastor Jon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Jon



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring. Almost \$500 in monetary donations was raised and 1,185 pounds of food was collected. Thank you also to all the families who helped sort, package and deliver the food to Christian Helping Hands.

CHH is a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization, formed in 1983 by local churches in our area to help people in need by providing short-term assistance with basic needs. Their goal is to help the less fortunate become more self-sufficient whenever possible. CHH is supported solely by donations of food and money by member-churches, other churches, private individuals, memorials, social and service clubs and corporations.



## A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated during our "Warm for the Winter" blankets, hats, scarves and gloves drive. We collected (7) 39 gallon trash bags and two medium boxes of blankets, hats, scarves and gloves for the homeless that the Star of Hope serves. Because of your generous donations, these homeless folks will stay warm during the cold nights and maybe they will be filled with the warmth of Jesus' love as they wrap themselves in the blankets.

**COMING IN APRIL**—Connect plans to, once again, adopt a platoon through "Project Frontlines" to whom we will send care packages. This is a project in which we would like the whole congregation to get involved. We will have more details in the April newsletter.

If you are interested in joining a ministry but don't know where to start, contact Dorian Cornelius at [dorian@epiphanypearland.org](mailto:dorian@epiphanypearland.org) or 281-485-7833. She will be happy to get you "connected" to the ministry of your choice. The Connect Ministry will meet on Thursday, March 2 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in room 202 of the AFLC. We are always looking for fresh ideas to get people involved in ministry. Come join us!



## LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES

Ash Wednesday, March 1	4:30 p.m. (communion)	7:00 p.m. (communion)
Lenten Service, March 8	4:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Lenten Service, March 15	4:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Lenten Service, March 22	4:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Lenten Service, March 29	4:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Lenten Service, April 5	4:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Palm Sunday, April 9	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. *	
Maundy Thursday, April 13	4:30 p.m. (communion)	7:00 p.m. (communion)
Good Friday, April 14	12:00 p.m. (noon)	7:00 p.m.
Easter, April 16	6:00 a.m. with communion 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. <i>The Light Worship*</i> 11:00 a.m.	

\*services will be held in the AFLC



### LENTEN MEALS

Five of the six Lenten Meals have a leader/group! However, **we still need a**

**group to take care of the meal on MARCH 15!** All groups can use your with donations of desserts or entrées for their week's theme. Just check the sign-up sheets that are posted on the bulletin boards in the gym and administrative hallway. You'll see what will be served each week and how you can help by making something or simply offering to help – it will just take you a minute to sign up!



### LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The 2017 Lenten devotionals from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available now at the Welcome Centers. The devotionals, "from the cradle to the empty grave" begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1 and continue through Easter Monday, April 17. Pick one up today!



# SUMMER CAMP

2017

**COME SERVE THIS SUMMER!**  
 July 7-9 || Camp Lone Star  
 Completed 3rd-6th Grade  
 Cost: \$75  
 Register at [ShiningTheLight.org](http://ShiningTheLight.org)  
 by June 30  
 An amazing weekend of service  
 and camp fun!



## GADGETS & GIZMOS

**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 12-16**  
**9:00 a.m. to noon**  
**3 years - 5th Grade**  
 Volunteer sign up begins April 9.  
 Registration opens April 23.



# FAMILY DAY CAMP

May 6 || 10:00am-6:30pm || Carolina Creek's The Wild || \$15 Per Person

Families with kids of all ages! Come play and connect with God and your family! Ziplines, jumping pillow, water park, and two meals are included during the day. For more information and to sign up, go to [ShiningTheLight.org](http://ShiningTheLight.org)

# Spring Youth Trips

GET YOUR COASTER KICKS AT SIX FLAGS FIESTA TEXAS THIS SPRING!  
VISIT [SHININGTHELIGHT.ORG](http://SHININGTHELIGHT.ORG) FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER!

## 9-12TH SPRING RETREAT

APRIL 28-30  
SAN ANTONIO, TX  
\$75  
REGISTER BY APRIL 24

## EPICENTER

March 31-April 1

*6th-8th Grade Gathering  
Salem Lutheran Church in Tomball*

Join youth from around Houston for amazing  
music, speakers, games and more!  
Registration Fee: \$40 || Deadline: March 19  
Registration and info at [www.ShiningTheLight.org](http://www.ShiningTheLight.org)

# Youth Lenten Meal

March 29-serve our congregation with a delicious Lenten dinner! We need help with set-up, serving, clean-up and desserts! Sign up at [ShiningTheLight.org](http://ShiningTheLight.org)!

## **NFUZED** **EPHIPHANY YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **UPCOMING YOUTH NIGHTS**

**MARCH 6—YOUTH NIGHT**

**MARCH 12—NO YOUTH, SPRING BREAK**

**MARCH 19—NO YOUTH, SPRING BREAK**

**MARCH 26—YOUTH NIGHT**

**YOUTH NIGHTS**

**SUNDAYS 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

## 7TH-12TH GRADE SUMMER MISSION TRIP

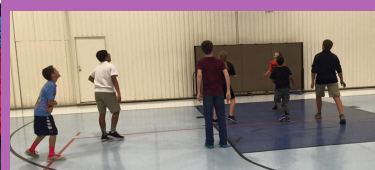
# mission

**JULY 15-22**  
**EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE - MARCH 26**  
**COST: \$250**

Join us this summer as we head to Eureka Springs to roof, paint, build wheelchair ramps and do clean-up/repair with up to 90 other youth and adults too! Sign up at [ShiningTheLight.org](http://ShiningTheLight.org) and don't miss this great chance to make an impact for Jesus! Financial assistance is available.

# February Lock-In, Serve Fest and Youth Night

From late nights to super heroes to canned food, here's how our youth have been learning about and serving God this month! Thank you to all of our AMAZING volunteers!





## BIRTHDAYS

03/02 David Rumsey  
 03/02 Nora Hayes  
 03/03 Connor Inthirath  
 03/03 Micah Herbrich  
 03/03 Leslie Gordon  
 03/04 Heather Eppelheimer  
 03/04 Kari Hindman  
 03/04 Chase Davis  
 03/04 Rev. Jay Simonsen  
 03/04 Marlo Gordon  
 03/05 Shannon Medack  
 03/05 Brenda Johnson  
 03/06 Brian Bennett  
 03/07 Jessica Williams  
 03/07 Nathan Cloeter  
 03/07 Steven Klewer  
 03/09 Kalynn Allen  
 03/09 Bob Lange  
 03/09 Ethan Legge  
 03/09 Makayla St. Romain  
 03/10 Oliver Oberlies  
 03/12 Stephen Milbrath  
 03/12 Vera Armstrong  
 03/12 Ethel Keys  
 03/12 Dennis Rohne  
 03/12 Emmett Ackerman  
 03/13 Shirley Juroska  
 03/14 Cameron Beckwith  
 03/14 Keith Weiss  
 03/14 Susan Daniels  
 03/15 Pastor Nathan Misch  
 03/15 Gene Lester  
 03/16 Renee Kahre  
 03/17 Luke Fleming  
 03/17 Jameson Ring  
 03/17 Beth Milbrath  
 03/17 Charlie Fowler  
 03/18 Trevor Smith  
 03/18 Kyle Rupe  
 03/18 Luke Renaud  
 03/19 Jimmy Dick  
 03/19 Luke Wilson  
 03/19 Kathy Tews  
 03/20 Cullen Knight  
 03/20 Jack Armstrong  
 03/20 Luke Kunkel  
 03/20 Edie Hardaway  
 03/20 Colton Parrack  
 03/21 Rose Gonzalez  
 03/21 Abbey Vollman  
 03/22 Vivian Chudej  
 03/23 Janet Pearson  
 03/23 Ruth Roos  
 03/23 Lynda Lund

03/24 Daniel Karloski  
 03/24 EJ Kirk  
 03/25 Denise Erdman  
 03/25 Janet Williamson  
 03/26 Nora Snyder  
 03/26 Tammy Earley  
 03/27 Traci Elliott  
 03/27 Larry Woelfel  
 03/28 Patsy Goodman  
 03/28 Evyn Carpenter  
 03/29 Patsy Peloquin  
 03/29 Danielle Ortiz  
 03/29 Tad Baumann  
 03/29 Mark Edwards  
 03/29 Sondra Reyes  
 03/30 Kylie Brewton  
 03/31 Joseph Lukner  
 03/31 Keagen Chapman



## ANNIVERSARIES

03/01 Jason & Krystle Gutierrez  
 03/05 Jake & Mallory Fowler  
 03/06 Andrew & Amber Robinson  
 03/07 Todd & Pamela Van Maaren  
 03/11 James & Robin Quinton  
 03/11 Kristopher & Rebekah Zapalac  
 03/14 Jerry Don & Tammy Earley  
 03/17 James & Deanna Young  
 03/19 Wade & Mary Wood  
 03/20 Chris & Aleta Parrack  
 03/21 Cregg & Gina Dombrosky  
 03/21 Scott & Michelle Gilbertson  
 03/23 Melchor & Kim Garza  
 03/24 Scott & Ruby Troyer  
 03/25 Brad & Kim Piel  
 03/26 Robin & Kathy Zapalac  
 03/27 Kenny & Doris Lilie



## BAPTISMS

Duke James Frampton  
 February 12, 2017



*With Deepest Sympathy*

## SYMPATHY

Freddie Hoppens  
 February 5, 2017

Fred Galka  
 February 19, 2017



**A BIG**  
Thank You To

## THANK YOU

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our relatives, friends, and neighbors for assistance given us during the illness and death of my beloved husband and our father, Lowell Baumann. A special thanks to the Rev. Dr. Jon Salminen for his visits and prayers, the organist the Rev. David Johnson, and to our elder, Jeff West. We also appreciate all of the ladies who helped with the lunch and all who contributed memorials, food and other tokens of sympathy. Your kindness will always be remembered.

-Donna Baumann and children

# 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

# MARCH 2017

## Sunday

## Monday

## Tuesday

## Wednesday

## Thursday

## Friday

## Saturday




**Remember!**

**Time changes**

**Sunday, March 12!**

<b>5 COM/SS &amp; ABC/COM/WOR*</b> <b>LWML Mite Box Sunday</b> 9:00-10:15am-Blood Pressure Screening-106 9:15am-New Member Class-202 9:15am-201 Class-207 11:30am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary <b>11:30am-Picnic &amp; Playground Day</b> 11:45am-Children's Choir-101 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00-8:00pm-Confirmation 6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204	<b>6 Announcements Due!</b> 9:30am-Mom's Bible Study-203 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 7:00pm-Band-AFLC 7:00pm-Prayer Shawl Meeting-107	<b>7 9-2 MDO</b> 4:00pm-Bible Study-202 7:00pm-Board of Elders-202	<b>1 9-2 MDO</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 4:30pm-Ash Wednesday Service w/com 5:15-6:30pm-Lenten Meal-gym 6:15pm-Praise Team 7:00pm-Ash Wednesday Service w/com 7:45pm-Choir	<b>2 9-2 MDO</b> 9:15am-LifeLight-203 11:30am-Connect Meeting-202 7:00pm-Bell Choir -sanctuary	<b>3 9-2 MDO</b> 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen	<b>4</b> 7:30am-Men's Bible Breakfast-gym 9:15am-Elders' Meeting-203
<b>12 WOR/SS &amp; ABC/COM/COM*</b> 9:15am-New Member Class-202 9:15am-201 Class-207 11:30am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Children's Choir-101 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym <b>No Confirmation!</b> <b>No Youth Nights!</b>	<b>13 Announcements Due!</b> 9:30am-Goodtimers-104 <b>No Mom's Bible Study!</b> 7:00pm-Band-AFLC	<b>14 No MDO!</b> 4:00pm-Bible Study-202 7:00pm-Friends' Bible Study-207	<b>15 No MDO!</b> 4:30pm-Lenten Service 5:15-6:30pm-Lenten Meal-gym 6:15pm-Praise Team 7:00pm-Lenten Service 7:45pm-Choir	<b>16 No MDO!</b> 9:15am-LifeLight-203 7:00pm-Bell Choir -sanctuary	<b>17 No MDO!</b> 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen	<b>18</b>
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<b>26 WOR/SS &amp; ABC/COM/COM*</b> <b>Reception of New Members</b> 9:15am-201 Class-207 11:30am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Children's Choir-101 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00pm-Leadership Council Meeting-202 6:00-8:00pm-Confirmation 6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204	<b>27 Announcements Due!</b> 9:30am-Mom's Bible Study-203 7:00pm-Band-AFLC	<b>28 9-2 MDO</b> 4:00pm-Bible Study-202 7:00pm-Friends' Bible Study-207	<b>29 9-2 MDO</b> 9:00am-Quilting-202 4:30pm-Lenten Service 5:15-6:30pm-Lenten Meal-gym 6:15pm-Praise Team 7:00pm-Lenten Service 7:45pm-Choir	<b>30 9-2 MDO</b> 9:15am-LifeLight-203 7:00pm-Bell Choir -sanctuary	<b>31 9-2 MDO</b> 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen	<b>APRIL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE MARCH 10!</b>



# WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

## SATURDAY, MAY 13

### 9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

### Family Life Center

Ladies—Mark Your Calendars! On Saturday, May 13 (yes, it's Mother's Day weekend), the Women's Prayer Breakfast is on the schedule again. Right now, we're looking for ladies who will create a theme for their table (from a Bible verse), then play hostess to six or more friends or "friends to be".

This is a time to show off your "hidden" creativity! Your choices for themes are limitless; for example: a beach theme - *"Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea—the Lord on high is mighty."* Psalm 93:4.

As a hostess, you may sell tickets to your guests who will be seated with you or we will be happy to sell them for you and place guests at your table.

We're excited to have the AD Players with us again this year! The title of their performance is **"John, His Story"**, a play based on the Gospel of John. More information about this wonderful story will be coming to you soon!

We are SO excited about this year's event! Interested?  
Call Linda Easto or Cindy Eppelheimer at 281-485-7833.