Announcements for September 23, 2018

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY Adult Bible Class — This class, taught by the pastors, meets at 9:15 a.m. in the AFLC gym. The current study is: 2 Timothy—A Letter of Encouragement.

The 101 Class: "Discovering the Lutheran Faith" — This class, taught by the pastors, is for those who are interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church, Epiphany in particular. This class is required for those desiring membership at Epiphany. It is held on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in room 203 of the AFLC. **Please note the room change!**

The 201 Class "Love, Joy & Peace: Fruit of the Spirit" — We look at how to understand deeply the Holy Spirit's work of sanctification, to recognize our personal strengths and weaknesses in view of God's calling and to identify ways we can bear fruit in the Lord's service. Love, Joy and Peace will be topics in this series. This class meets on Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in room 207 of the AFLC. Contact Kevin Ayres, Jeff West or Rick Wolff for more information.

Parental Guidance Required — This six-week, video-based study features Andy Stanley and Reggie Joiner and is geared toward parents of kids of all ages – from preschool to college. It meets every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in room 202 of the AFLC. **Please note the room change!**

- **MONDAY** Ladies' Bible Study This Bible Study is open to women of all ages; it's a chance to gather together in fellowship and friendship. This class meets every Monday at 9:30 a.m. in room 203 of the AFLC. The current study is *All Things New: A Study of 2 Corinthians* by Kelly Minter.
- **TUESDAY Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study** This study, open to men and women, meets from 4:00 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday in room 202 of the AFLC. The current study is: *Pursuing God* by Margaret Feinberg. Contact Saul Pontifes for more information.
- **THURSDAY LifeLight Bible Study** This class meets weekly on Thursday at 9:15 a.m. in room 203 of the AFLC. The current study will be on the Gospel of John.
- **FRIDAY** Men's Bible Study Group This class meets at 5:30 a.m. on various Friday mornings (check the weekly schedule) in the main building kitchen. The current study is called *Paul: A Biography* by N.T. Wright.
- **SATURDAY Men's Bible Breakfast** The men of Epiphany meet on the second Saturday of the month in room 203 of the AFLC at 7:30 a.m. for Bible Study, breakfast and fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>**GROUPS LEADERSHIP TRAINING**</u> — Groups Leadership Training will be held on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in room 203 AFLC beginning October 3, 2018. This training is for group leaders such as: Altar Guild, LWML, Bible Studies, Elders, Leadership Council, Small Groups Leaders, etc. You can expect, among other things, training on effective communication, group building, vision, conflict management, Bible Study, raising up leaders after you and infusing a missional attitude and heart into your group.

WE'RE HAVING A PICNIC! — Join us at Centennial Park on Sunday, October 7 from noon-2:00 p.m. for food, fellowship and fun! Bring your lawn chair or picnic blanket, your favorite outdoor game and invite a friend/neighbor. Epiphany will take care of the rest. We'll provide the meat, popcorn and snowcones! You can help the fellowship committee by donating the following items: boxes of Capri Sun, canned soft drinks and individual bags of chips. Place your donated items in the box labeled "Community Picnic" starting on September 23. Donations are due Sunday, September 30. The picnic will take place rain or shine. If it rains we'll move to the AFLC. We hope to see you there!

PEARLAND LIFE CHAIN 2018 — The National Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. More than 1500 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sunday, October 7 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. The Pearland Life Chain will be located at Pearland Parkway and 518 on the public sidewalk. All churches in the area are invited. Bring your whole family! Signs will be passed out in the parking lot by Chase Bank. For more information contact Richard Lang at 713-298-4755 or email pearlandlifechain@gmail.com. Please see http://LifeChain.net for more information.

LUTHERAN WITNESS — It is time to renew or begin your subscription to the Lutheran Witness/Texas Messenger Magazine. The 2019 subscription is \$13.75. If you wish to continue or begin receiving the Lutheran Witness, fill out the yellow form which can be found at the Welcome Centers. Place your completed form, along with a check for \$13.75 (payable to Epiphany Lutheran Church), in the envelope <u>on</u> the church office door by Sunday, October 14! Please write "Lutheran Witness" in the memo section of your check. Please do not include cash!

PARENTAL GUIDANCE REQUIRED — Join us for this six-week, video-based study featuring Andy Stanley and Reggie Joiner. Of all the assignments God will give you during your time on earth, none may be more sacred than the task of raising your children. *Parental Guidance Required* is designed to give you the counsel you need to help prepare your children for the future. This study is geared toward parents of kids of all ages – from preschool to college. It meets every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in room 202 of the AFLC.

<u>SMALL GROUP FOR PARENTS OF SMALL CHILDREN</u> — Join our small group on Tuesday in room 203 AFLC from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We meet for fellowship and eat dinner from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. and then start the study at 6:30 p.m. We are studying *Sacred Parenting* by Gary Thomas. This video -based study focuses on raising our children to be more holy. Childcare is provided. Please let Celina Brunette know if you are attending, via email at celina.brunette@gmail.com or text at 832-314 -5498.

MATTHEW SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION — Join our small group on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in room 204 AFLC (the youth room). We will be discussing the church-wide 6-week Gospel of Matthew reading plan/devotional. These are available in the narthex. Childcare is provided upon request; please let us know asap if you will be needing childcare so that arrangements can be made. We hope you will join us! If you need childcare, contact Sharla Hollis at shollis505@gmail.com or 832-248-4332.

WELCOME CENTER MINISTRY – The Welcome Center Ministry is looking for friendly, smiling faces to help guests who are looking for information about Epiphany! This is an opportunity for teens, ladies and gentlemen! Welcome Center volunteers serve a vital role as they are an initial point of contact for guests. The time commitment is one Sunday a month. Please contact Rachel Cloeter at mrcloeter@yahoo.com if you are interested.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE — The Women of Epiphany/LWML is gathering school supplies for Lutheran World Relief school bags. School supplies are on sale now so it's a really good time to buy. We need only the following items: spiral note books, wood rulers, pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, pencils, pens, crayons (24 count box) and erasers. Please put them in the LWML box in the administrative hallway and mark them school supplies. Thank you for your gift of love to children who would otherwise do without.

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The Gospel of Matthew

6-Week Reading Plan for All Ages

This fall, commit to spending some time daily in God's Word. Follow the Gospel of Matthew from Jesus' birth to His ascension.

WANT A READING PLAN?

Epiphany has put together a reading plan including brief devotions written by Pastor Jon and Pastor Nathan. Pick up a paper copy in the narthex or follow along with daily posts on Epiphany's Facebook page.

HAVE KIDS?

Pick up a children's reading plan and explore Matthew with the whole family!

WANT TO CONNECT AND DISCUSS?

Join one of our 6-week discussion groups!
Friday Group (Starting September 14)
7:00 p.m. at Vallenson's Brewing Company
Sunday Lunch Group (Starting September 16) after church at area restaurants

Sign up for a discussion group at ShiningTheLight.org.

QUESTIONS OR MORE INFO? Contact Beth at beth@epiphanypearland.org.

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PRAYER SERVICE FOR GOD'S HEALING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018 5:00 P.M. SANCTUARY

HEALING HANDS

MARK 1:29-39

On Sunday, October 21 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary we will, once again, hold a special service of prayer seeking God's healing. This is a service of prayer for the sick and suffering which includes the ancient tradition of anointing with oil by the pastor and the laying on of hands by the pastor and the elders.

James, the half brother of our Lord Jesus wrote, "Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord". (James 5:13-14)

You are invited to attend this service on Sunday evening to either receive prayer and anointing by the pastors and elders or to give your support to those who are seeking God's intervention in their time of need.