

The Light

May 2019



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VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL
2019



THE 3 YEAR OLD CLASS IS CLOSED!

JUNE 3-7
9 A.M. TO NOON
3 YEARS - 5TH GRADE

Get ready to go on a Miraculous Mission that's out of this world! Our VBS adventure is for children ages 3 years old (must be potty trained) through 5th grade. We can only accommodate 275 children so register now! The \$10 cost includes Bible stories, snacks, crafts, games, a t-shirt and more!

We also need adult and youth (entering 6th grade and up) volunteers in all areas including crew leaders, crafts, games, snacks, set up and more. Sign up if you can help. All VBS volunteers are asked to attend a volunteer meeting on Sunday, May 19 at 9:15 a.m. in room 203 of the AFLC. Come share the joy of Jesus this summer!

More information can be found at the VBS displays in the gym and narthex and at www.ShiningTheLight.org.



RESULTS of the congregational survey

- ◇ Renovate the sanctuary
- ◇ Increase visibility of the campus
- ◇ Increase seating capacity within the sanctuary
 - ◇ Improve space utilization
- ◇ Explore the ultimate capacity of the campus
 - ◇ Accommodate growth for office space
- ◇ Accommodate growth for children's/youth spaces
- ◇ Accommodate growth for adult classroom space

RENOVATE

RENEW

RESURRECT

Every Ministry

For Every Generation

An exciting conceptual master plan has been created!

Timeline for roll-out:

- ◇ To be introduced to the Leadership Council, elders, staff, Mother's Day Out (April 2019)
- ◇ Unveiling to congregation (May 19, 2019)
- ◇ Regular Voters' Meeting (June 23, 2019)—seeking new voters to have a voice in shaping the project!
- ◇ Special Voters' Meeting to assess plan, process, fund (TBD)

The Gift of MOM

I read an article about how a nurturing mother can have a dramatic impact upon the brain development of their children. Here is one quote from the article: "Brain images have now revealed that a mother's love physically affects the volume of her child's hippocampus. In the study, children of nurturing mothers had hippocampal volumes 10 percent larger than children whose mothers were not as nurturing. Research has suggested a link between a larger hippocampus and better memory."



Of course those of us who have had nurturing mothers didn't need this article to tell us that a mother's love has a powerful and positive impact on our lives. We've known it all along. It was part of the design—part of the plan—God's plan. God gave us the gift of MOM. It was His plan from the very beginning that children would experience love, acceptance, care, protection, support, nurturing, encouragement, understanding, wisdom, value and a host of other wonderful things from this gift we call MOM.

But the greatest gift any MOM can ever share with her children is the gift of God's love to us in Jesus Christ. What a blessing it is when MOMs (and dads) pray with their children. What a blessing it is when MOMs (and dads) worship with their children. What a blessing it is when MOMs (and dads) raise their children in the knowledge and the love of the Lord Jesus. That truly is the gift that keeps on giving and will be a blessing to their children for all eternity. I thank God my MOM knows Jesus as her Savior and that she shared Jesus with her four boys. I thank God that all my brothers also know Jesus as their Savior because of the countless prayers and love our mom has shared with us over the years. I also thank God that my children have experienced the love of a godly mom and have had the privilege of being raised by a truly remarkable MOM. While the greatest blessing in my life is Jesus Christ the two most important and wonderful women in my life are my wife and my mom.

As we head into the month that we celebrate the gift of Mom (Mother's Day is May 12) it is appropriate for each of us to take the time to thank God for our mothers. For some we thank God for our moms who have finished their race and now bask in the presence of our Risen Lord Jesus. For others who are still blessed to have their moms with them this side of eternity, it is appropriate not only to thank God for their mother but to take the opportunity to tell and show their moms they are loved and appreciated.

While no mom I know is perfect I rejoice that every mom has the opportunity to share the perfect love of Jesus with their children. To all the moms who read this let me say, "Moms you have a special privilege of being God's hands to share the love of Christ with your children. You are never too old to share that love or to start sharing that love. We thank God for you!" To all the children of moms let me say "Thank God for your mom and don't take her for granted."

I pray you will all have a Happy Mother's Day and take the time to thank God for the gift of MOM!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jon".

Pastor Jon



ALL CHURCH MISSION TRIP

AUGUST 2-4 CAMP LONE STAR ALL AGES

YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG OR TOO OLD TO SERVE GOD! DON'T MISS THIS AMAZING WEEKEND OF SERVING AT CAMP LONE STAR AND IN THE AUSTIN AREA. ANYONE 14 AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

OVER 18 - \$75 || AGES 5-18 - \$50 || UNDER 5 - FREE
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP GO TO
WWW.SHININGTHELIGHT.ORG.

Military BibleSticks



Once again, the Connect Ministry is partnering with *Faith Comes By Hearing* to raise funds to send Military BibleSticks to our troops overseas. Each BibleStick includes the entire Audio Drama New Testament and selected Psalms chosen specifically for "warriors". A donation of \$25 sponsors one service member and his or her family.

This year, we are able to request Military BibleSticks for veterans or active military personnel in our congregation. If you would like to request a Military BibleStick for a veteran or active military personnel, please email Dorian Cornelius at dorian@epiphanypearland.org with the person's name and branch of service. Once the fundraising period is over, we will order the Military BibleSticks and have them sent to Epiphany for distribution to the veterans and active military personnel.

You may ask, "Why not just send them Bibles?" Many of the military personnel live in cramped quarters, are in uncomfortable and challenging circumstances and are working hard and putting in long hours. Many are simply too tired to read the Bible if they even have one. The BibleStick is military tough, pocket-sized and low-light for safety in the field so soldiers can take God's Word with them into the most dangerous areas of the world. With God's Word in audio, it can go with them and sustain them in even the most difficult situations.

If you question whether the Military BibleStick is making an impact on our military personnel, CBN News reported in August 2018 that more than 1,500 Military BibleSticks have been distributed to the military personnel at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri through Chaplain Tony Cech. Since March 2018, 1,839 troops gave their lives to Christ. That is quite a testament as to how large an impact such a small thing can make.



- * \$25 sponsors one service member and his or her family
- * \$2,500 impacts an entire company of 100 service members and their families

Donations of any amount are appreciated. Donations need to be made by check; please write "Military BibleSticks" in the memo line. Donations will be accepted from May 1-26.



EPIPHANY LUTHERAN

Spring Fair

and Gardening Extravaganza

The Women of Epiphany/LWML would like to give thanks to all of you who helped to support our Spring Fair this year. Through the help of those who participated, worked, purchased and donated, they helped to make the Fair a great success! Through your support the proceeds will be divided among: Christian Helping Hands Food Pantry in Pearland, our church elder, Saul Pontifes' short-term mission trip to Cuba and Crossing Cambodia, which is a

missionary organization that provides education and other resources for children living on the streets in Battambang.

Blessings!

Tammy Earley,
President,
Women of Epiphany/
LWML



PSALM 68.5 LUNCH & GAMES
Sunday, June 9, 2019
203 AFLC
11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



The Ministry of Psalm 68.5 – “Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation”.

This ministry was founded at Epiphany by members, Bryan and Rebecca Johnson. They have a heart for helping the fatherless and widows/widowers. The ministry has in the past sent fatherless children to summer camps and hopes to provide the same in the future along with other assistance as needed. The widows/widowers are provided activities for fellowship and support each other as they learn to go about their daily lives without their mate. They share a unique understanding of the grief that none of us want to experience, but know, that at any time we may also.

On Sunday, June 9, Psalm 68.5 will host a light lunch and games after the late service for widows/widowers. Please join us in room 203 of the AFLC. The elevator should be working. If you have a favorite game, please bring it along. We can set up multiple tables to accommodate.

Please RSVP by June 2 to Lynda Lund.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

CONGRATULATIONS

Chaplain Ryan Rupe

(Former pastor at Epiphany)

Will be promoted to the rank of Captain on

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Coast Guard Academy Leamy Hall

New London, CT





currently searching for
INTERNS

Are you interested in: learning more about working in ministry, leading or teaching youth lessons/kid's messages, growing deeper in your faith with God and having fun at the same time? Then apply for Epiphany's summer intern program! Over the summer you'll gain experience in multiple areas of ministry from administration and lesson building to hands-on teaching and leading! This is open to all youth who are in 9th-12th grade for the 2018-19 school year. Come join us for a great summer!

For more information or to apply, pick up an application in the Youth Room (AFLC room 204) or the youth page online at ShiningTheLight.org.

Mother's Day
PHOTO BOOTH

Come celebrate one of God's gifts to us on May 12! A photo booth will be set up outside the sanctuary before and after all services!



in a GALILEE FAR, FAR AWAY



JUNE 17-21

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. (M,T,W)

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. (TH)

9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. (F)

3RD - 5TH GRADE

CAST LIMIT: 30
COST: \$125

REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:
MAY 15

a kids' Christmas musical of GALACTIC proportions
created by ● Steve Moore ● Rob Howard ● David Guthrie

Visit www.ShiningTheLight.org to register.



Sunday School Offering Trip

Build-a-Bear at Baybrook Mall

Sunday, May 19 || 3:30 P.M.

All kids (preschool-4th grade) are invited to join us as we use our Sunday School offerings to build bears to donate to kids in need!

Remember, we'll just be building bears to give away on this special day!

It's free, but sign up at:
www.ShiningTheLight.org.

A child is silhouetted against a bright blue background, bowling on a lane. The bowling pins are illuminated with purple light. The text "YOUTH NIGHT AT MAIN EVENT" is overlaid in large white letters.

YOUTH NIGHT AT MAIN EVENT

May 5

5:00-8:15 p.m.

5th-12th Grade

Cost \$18

Pizza, bowling, laser tag and \$10 Fun Card for games!

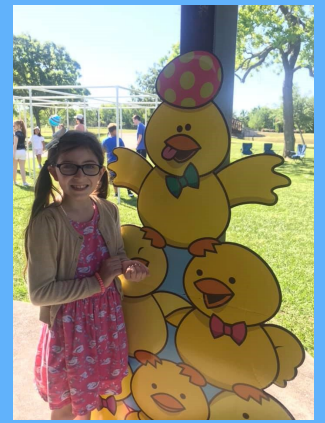
Register by April 30 at ShiningTheLight.org.



YOUTH SPRING RETREAT 2019

April 5-7, Epiphany's youth headed to Martin Dies Jr. State Park for our annual spring retreat. The weekend included canoeing, hiking, games, campfires and more. Most importantly, it was an opportunity to study God's Word, worship and build relationships with one another. Special thanks to the Greens and other Family Campers who met us for worship and cooked Sunday breakfast!





Eggstravaganza 2019

Thank you to everyone who came out to Eggstravaganza In the Park! We had a record number of over 150 kids and about 400 attendees overall! It was a great morning filled with crafts, music, puppets, fun running, egg hunting and most importantly, God! Also, a BIG thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make the morning a great success!





BIRTHDAYS

05/01 Nicole Knudson
 05/02 Dave Brackney
 05/02 Lucy Silberfein
 05/02 Kelly Stevenson
 05/03 Patrick Kramer
 05/03 John Kramer
 05/05 Mei Lu
 05/05 Grace Anderson
 05/06 Kenneth Ward
 05/06 Corley Fichera
 05/06 Logan Zapalac
 05/06 Ray Martinez
 05/06 Ford Hill
 05/07 Madison Tews
 05/07 Matthew Lynch
 05/08 Audie Smith
 05/10 Lydia Ward
 05/10 Christy DiLuca
 05/10 Linda Baker
 05/11 Jackson Cody
 05/12 Meda Kaspar
 05/12 Dave Feller
 05/13 Frank Tausch
 05/14 Adana Mutchler
 05/14 Robert Frers
 05/15 Julie Weiss
 05/15 Robert Ashcraft
 05/15 Dean Lauppe
 05/15 Tyler Ortiz
 05/16 Bob Wiesenborn
 05/17 Marsha Albert
 05/17 Wayne Roberson
 05/17 Leslie Krause
 05/18 James Quinton
 05/20 Grace Milbrath
 05/20 Robin Zapalac
 05/21 Thomas Milbrath
 05/21 Mary Andrews
 05/22 Linda Cerisano
 05/22 Nick Brunette
 05/24 Carol Tennesen
 05/24 Frances Von Gonten
 05/24 Jeff Hartwig
 05/25 Gary Marsh
 05/26 Kelly Elliott
 05/26 Megan St. Romain
 05/27 Elizabeth Burney
 05/27 John Lund
 05/27 Aubrey Underwood
 05/29 Haylee Wuensche
 05/29 Scott Troyer
 05/29 Katie Tews
 05/29 Haylie Gutierrez
 05/30 Billy Roesler

05/30 Audryna St. Romain
 05/30 Bob Berdine
 05/31 Nancy Kummer
 05/31 Dennis Mills



ANNIVERSARIES

05/06 Nick & Celina Brunette
 05/06 Steve & Renee Kunkel
 05/07 Steven & Paula Klewer
 05/09 Leroy & Sara Cantu
 05/11 Charles & Sharla Ortiz
 05/12 Matt & Nikky Walliser
 05/12 Mike & Tania Zuelke
 05/14 Bob & Sarah Hurley
 05/15 Billy & Vicki Roesler
 05/16 Rev. Vijay & Mary Gurralla
 05/16 Chris & Dianne Hendricks
 05/16 Jason & Laura Lund
 05/16 Soren & Melissa Olesen
 05/18 Bobby & Stephanie Hebert
 05/22 Mannie & Jan Steglich
 05/23 Wayne & Janice Brashier
 05/23 Keith & Julie Weiss
 05/24 Chris & Leigh Ann Moore
 05/27 Al & Anna Lentz
 05/28 Seth & Susan Kirk
 05/28 James & Jan Pierce
 05/28 Vernon & Mary Smith
 05/29 Dale & Tammy Green



SYMPATHY

Mildred Fegter
 April 1, 2019



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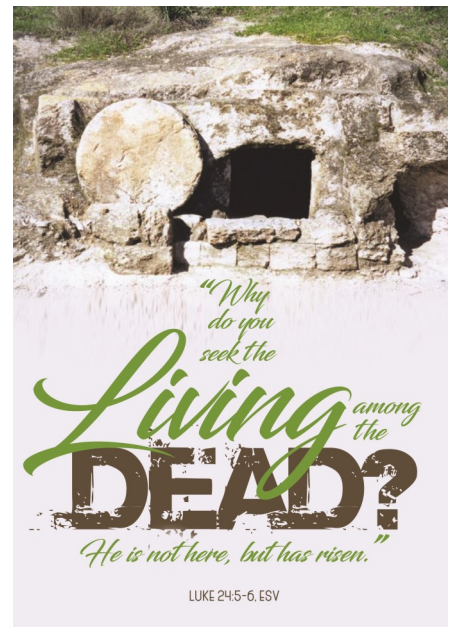
THANK YOU

Epiphany Family,

Thank you so much for your kind thoughts, prayers and cards.

Thank you also to all of the wonderful people who made gifts to the memorial fund in Shirley's (Rubright) name. Your compassion and your thoughtfulness are heartfelt. God bless you all.

Jac Rubright



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



MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* LWML Mite Box Sunday 9:00-10:15am-Blood Pressure Screening-106 9:15am-201 Class-207 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Youth Choir-203 11:45am-Jr. Bell Choir Practice-104 Noon-2:00pm-Bingo Brunch Potluck-AFLC 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 5:00-8:15pm-Main Event (youth grades 5-12)	6 Announcements Due! 9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 7:00pm-IFC-ESL Classes-203	7 9-2 MDO 9:00am-IFC-ESL Classes-203 4:00pm-Bible Study-202 6:00pm-HWS Meeting-202 7:00pm-Board of Elders-202	1 9-2 MDO 6:30pm-Praise Team-sanctuary 6:45pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC 7:30pm-Adult Choir-sanctuary 8 9-2 MDO 6:30pm-Praise Team-sanctuary 6:45pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC 7:30pm-Adult Choir-sanctuary	2 9-2 MDO 9:15am-LifeLight-203 7:00pm-Handbells -sanctuary 9 9-2 MDO 9:15am-LifeLight-203 7:00pm-Handbells -sanctuary	3 9-2 MDO 10 9-2 MDO 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen 11 7:30am-Men's Bible Breakfast-203 9:15am-Elders' Meeting-203	4 11 7:30am-Men's Bible Breakfast-203 9:15am-Elders' Meeting-203
12 WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM* Mothers' Day 9:15am-201 Class-207 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Youth Choir-203 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym No Youth Nights!	13 Announcements Due! 9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203 9:30am-Goodtimers-104 7:00pm-IFC-ESL Classes-203	14 9-2 MDO (Last day!) 9:00am-IFC-ESL Classes-203 4:00pm-Bible Study-202	15 9-2 MDO (Last day!) 6:30pm-Praise Team-sanctuary 6:45pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC 7:30pm-Adult Choir-sanctuary	16 17	18 9:30am-LWML Meeting 203	18 9:30am-LWML Meeting 203
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26 WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM* Graduation Sunday 9:15am-201 Class-207 No Orchestra Practice! 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym No Youth Nights!	27 Announcements Due! Holiday-Church Office Closed! 7:00pm-IFC-ESL Classes-203	28 9:00am-IFC-ESL Classes-203 4:00pm-Bible Study-202	29 9:00am-Quilting-202 6:30pm-Praise Team-sanctuary 6:45pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC 7:30pm-Adult Choir-sanctuary	30	31	JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE MAY 10!



BRUNCH

Sunday, May 5, 2019 || Noon - 2:00pm
All Ages || AFLC Gym

Bring a potluck dish and a friend for fellowship and fun after church! No cost and prizes to be won!

