

# *The Light*

*February 2017*



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*Pastor Jon Salminen*  
(Senior Pastor)

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(Associate Pastor)

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(Pastor of Music Ministries)

Dust off your boots and join us for a delicious barbecue dinner  
plus live music and dancing! Two great times!

Early Seating: 5:00 p.m.

Late Seating with extended music and dancing: 7:00 p.m.



#### WHAT IS EPIPHATINO'S?

Epiphatio's is the major fundraiser for Epiphany's youth. Proceeds go to helping our youth make a difference for Christ in this world. This would not be possible without your support!

#### HOW MUCH DOES A NIGHT AT EPIPHATINO'S COST?

Epiphatio's is supported by free-will donations. Without your generosity, youth ministry and missions at Epiphany would not be possible.

#### HOW DO I MAKE A RESERVATION?

We will begin to take reservations beginning Sunday, January 29, 2017. We will be taking reservations in person (narthex or AFLC), by phone (281-485-7833) and online at [www.ShiningTheLight.org](http://www.ShiningTheLight.org). We can accommodate large groups at one of our "party" tables (groups of 10-18). Otherwise, 6 people will be seated per table. Invite a friend and let them experience the passion our youth have for Christ by serving others.



## **WORSHIP IS VITAL TO OUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

Recently, I was talking to a person about the importance of worship. As we spoke, he said he had never considered worship in the way I had described it. He seemed genuinely grateful for the talk and said "more people need to hear this". With that in mind, I want to share with you some thoughts about the importance of worship in the life of the child of God.

**IN WORSHIP GOD MEETS US IN ORDER TO CHANGE US.** God meets us in the reading and proclamation of His Word. Do we hear Him? In worship God is present through Holy Baptism where He adopts us into His family and washes away our sins. In worship Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior gives us His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.

Understand that the most important aspect in our worship is not what we do for God. The emphasis in our worship is not that we pray or sing with joy in our hearts, as important as those things are. The emphasis is not that we offer God a percentage of our income in order to support the advancement of His Kingdom through our ministry. The most important aspect of worship is that God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is present to bind up our broken hearts, to empower us for our journey through life and to forgive us so that we can begin each new day towards eternity with a fresh start and a clean slate.

**WHILE GOD SERVING US IN WORSHIP IS THE STARTING POINT, AND WE COULD RIGHTLY SAY THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF OUR WORSHIP, REGULAR WORSHIP IS ALSO VITAL TO THE HEALTH OF GOD'S PEOPLE BECAUSE IN WORSHIP WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS TO US IN JESUS CHRIST.** Every worshipper brings something to the worship experience. Worship isn't just a one-way street where God comes to us. Worship also involves our response to God. Whenever our Lord comes to us to serve us in worship He always expects us to respond to His goodness and love. We don't just sit around like sponges soaking up God's love. We respond to it. Our response takes several different forms. We respond to God in worship by confessing our sins and our faith in Him. We respond to God in worship by singing praises to His wonderful name. We respond to God in worship by offering Him our prayers, our adoration, even our money, as an act of worship. All of these are ways we respond to God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

In our worship, each worshipper is important, because each worshipper brings something to the worship experience, your response, your prayers, your confession, your love and your compassion are meant to be shared with others. A full church reminds us that we are not alone in our faith. There are others, many others, who share a common faith and are here to help us and support us in our journey through this life into eternity.

**WORSHIP IS VITAL TO THE HEALTH OF THE CHILD OF GOD BECAUSE WORSHIP GIVES US DIRECTION.** In the old days of ocean sailing, a small boy was traveling with his father. About once a day the boy saw the captain stand on deck with a navigational tool looking up at the stars. The boy said to his father, "Daddy, what is the captain doing?" His father replied, "The captain is taking our bearings, seeing where we are and finding out if we are going in the right direction."

Worship helps us get our bearings. It helps us see if we are heading in the right direction. Every week we look, not to the stars, but to God. It is so easy to become confused or lose our way. In worship we touch base with the Lord of our life and from Him we take our bearings for going forward in life.

In closing, let me suggest to you some simple ways you can prepare your heart for worship so that worship will be more than just going through the motions.

**First**, when you come to worship, come with an open heart. Let God show you what hidden sin may be keeping you from experiencing all that God desires to give you as His dearly loved child. An open heart to God allows you to drop the masks we so often hide behind and lets us worship Him in spirit and in truth.

**Second**, come to worship looking for God. He is here. Look for Him to speak to you personally, to bless you with His favor and love.

**Third** and finally, come to worship expecting God to change you. No one can be the same once they have had an encounter with the Lord Jesus. Come to worship expecting to meet God and expect to be a different person because of it.

I look forward to seeing you in worship!



Pastor Jon

## PRAYER SERVICE FOR GOD'S HEALING

On Sunday, February 19 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.

## THE LATEST FROM EPIPHANY'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Epiphany's Leadership Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Sunday January 15, 2017.

The following topics were discussed:

- An All Ministry Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, February 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. This will be an opportunity for the pastors to share their thoughts and vision about where Epiphany is going and to discuss the change in our governance structure. All members involved in ministry and those who wish to be involved are encouraged to attend.
- Although Epiphany did not achieve its budget for 2016, we also did not spend the budgeted amount and therefore, ended in the "black" for the year. Pastor Jon thanked all those who support Epiphany's ministry through their prayers, active ministry and financial giving.
- The recent renovation of the AFLC was completed under budget with approximately 50% of the funds expended being recouped by the AFLC fundraiser. The voters had approved expenditures up to \$130,000; the renovations cost about \$125,000. The fundraiser brought in about \$65,000. Appreciation was expressed for the artwork completed and gifted to Epiphany by member, Robin Zapalac.
- Appointments were approved for the positions of Church Secretary and Financial Officer for 2017. Linda Easto will continue as Secretary and Anna Sites will continue in the Financial Officer position.
- Leadership Council goals for 2017 were discussed and adopted. These goals will be presented at a Voters' Meeting scheduled for Sunday, February 26.

*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 next Leadership Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 19 at 6:00 p.m. in room 202 of the AFLC. Congregation members are encouraged to attend if they have questions or wish to express any concerns to the LC.

### ***The Light Has Come***

Have you seen *The Light*? The new worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the AFLC, *The Light*, is ready for you with new and exciting elements which enhance our worship of God. The lighting is done, the stage area is remodeled, the projection system is in, the art work and altar are in place and, most importantly, Pastor Misch is here to lead us in worship. What a blessing these changes have been and will continue to be to God's people here at Epiphany.



Of course, there was a cost to all these changes. The Voters' Assembly of Epiphany approved the spending of \$130,000. The project was completed under budget at \$126,500. Some of the funding for this project, about \$20,000, came from money in dedicated accounts for audio/visual upgrades and improvements. Additionally, the members of Epiphany donated \$68,000 through "The Light" Worship Renovation Project. In total approximately \$88,000 was given by our members to offset the expense of improving our worship space so that Epiphany can do a better job of bringing the Word of God to more people in the greater Pearland area. Let us praise God for this church, for He has given us a place that pleases Him right here in Pearland, Texas.





**ALL MINISTRY MEETING  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4  
9:00 - 10:30 A.M.  
SANCTUARY**

Where is Epiphany heading? What do we want to see happen in our congregation? What is being planned for our future? You are invited to join the pastors on Saturday morning, February 4 as they share with the congregation some of the things they would like to see happen at Epiphany in the next few years. This meeting is open to all. It will also be an opportunity to discuss the new structure for ministry in view of our constitutional changes. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and will wrap up by 10:30 a.m. Join us for food and coffee beginning at 8:30 a.m.



There's  
Room  
for  
**YOU!**

**WE'RE SAVING A SEAT  
JUST FOR YOU!  
COME JOIN US!**

**Voters' Meeting & Lunch  
Sunday, February 26, 2017  
Noon  
AFLC Gym**

**LET'S HAVE A RECORD TURNOUT FOR  
THIS IMPORTANT MEETING!**

## MDO FALL 2017 REGISTRATION

It's that time again! Stay at home or work from home parents, consider registering your child for Mother's Day Out for up to 20 hours per week! Children are cared for in a loving and secure environment, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through everyday activities.

Check out our website at [ShiningTheLight.org/mdo](http://ShiningTheLight.org/mdo) or our Facebook page—Epiphany Lutheran Mother's Day Out for more information. You can also call us at 281-485-7896 or email us at [mdo@epiphanypearland.org](mailto:mdo@epiphanypearland.org). Our MDO Directors are Becky Broussard and Pam Van Maaren.



Registration for next fall will begin on Wednesday, February 1 for church members and families already enrolled in the program. Children may enroll for 2 days or 4 days (2 days - Tuesday & Thursday or Wednesday & Friday, 4 days - Tuesday through Friday).

Children who are currently on our waiting list will be able to register for next fall on Wednesday, February 8 in the MDO office.

Community registration will begin on Wednesday, February 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the narthex. Please pass the word on to your friends and neighbors!

**Registration Fee:** \$100 per child for 2 days a week  
\$200 per child for 4 days a week

### Monthly tuition for the 2017/2018 school year is as follows:

1 child 2 days \$190  
1 child 4 days \$380

2 children 2 days \$325  
2 children 4 days \$650

3 children 2 days \$460  
3 children 4 days \$920



The Houston Lutheran Chorale under the direction of Kerry Talley is seeking singers to celebrate the birth of our nation on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Who:** All who love to sing – no auditions required

**When:** Rehearsals begin January 29  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
(two Sunday afternoons each month)

**Where:** Trinity Lutheran Church,  
800 Houston Avenue, Houston, TX 77007

**For More Information:** 832-489-6773 or [www.hlc-tx.org](http://www.hlc-tx.org)

The concert is scheduled for July 4, 2017. Other special performances may be added.

## 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



### GETTING READY FOR LENTEN MEALS!

Our Lenten fellowship time is just around the corner. Starting on Ash Wednesday, March 1, we would again like to offer Lenten Meals on the six Wednesday evenings of the Lenten season. Like Advent Meals, dinner will be held in the AFLC gym from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. between worship services. ***But ... we will need groups to make and serve the meals each week.*** Get together with your small group members, ministries (Ushers, LWML, Altar Guild, etc.), MDO teachers and decide on a theme for the week of your choice. This is easy and fun! Sign-up sheets are located on the "Schedules" bulletin board across from the main building kitchen and in the AFLC. Questions? Call the church office at 281-485-7833 for more information.







# **WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

## **SATURDAY, MAY 13**

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

### **Family Life Center**

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 guests to 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.

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



# Come share the love this February!

## Family Serve Fest

**Sunday,  
February 12**

**Noon - 2:00 P.M.**



**Kids are never too young to serve God! Join us after the late services for lunch and a variety of service opportunities for the entire family!**

**Service projects will include sorting food for Christian Helping Hands, making cards for soldiers, decorating bags for Lunches of Love and more. Plus we'll have a devotion and fun game!**



**More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:**

***“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”***

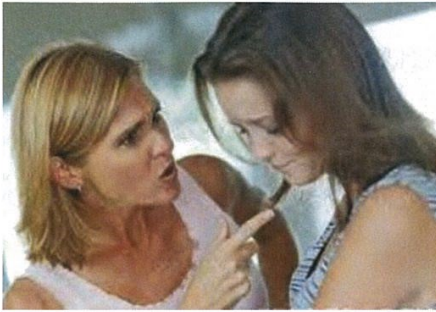
Since that day, more than \$90 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. On Sunday, January 29, we will be passing out bags after services at Epiphany. We ask that you fill the bags with nonperishable food and bring them back on February 5. All proceeds benefit Christian Helping Hands. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need.

**Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday!**



## Moving from YOU SHOULD to SHOULD YOU?

**“You should do this.” or... “What do you think you should do?”**



Which do you think is a more effective way to teach today's young people how to make good decisions? “You should do this.” or... “What do you think you should do?”

It's funny how often parents, mentors, and youth pastors end up becoming the voice of “you should” or “you should not” in a young person's life.

“Don't listen to that song, it's bad.”

“Don't drink alcohol, it's bad.”

What are these kids going to do when they get on their own... call us up and ask us what to do? What if, instead of telling young people what to do, we began helping them learn to make decisions by asking them, “What should you do?”

Let's say we hear our kids listening to a song we are concerned about. What is the most effective way to get our kids thinking about the message of this song? We could stand up on our soapbox and start whining about how dirty today's music is and ban our kids from streaming it. If our kids like the song, do you think this approach will get them to open up about the song, or clam up?

What if we asked them questions about the song? What did he say he likes to do? How many young people today believe that? Is that true? How do you think that's working for him? Questions help us move from monologue to dialogue and get them talking. Furthermore, they require our kids to come up with the conclusions themselves. After all, some day very soon they are going to turn 18 and have to do this on their own. Are you equipping them for that day?



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We just need to lead them to discovering the answer for themselves.

My wife and I have found that this method of asking questions works much better with our kids. One of our kids in particular, is like Gus from the movie *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*. The only way to get Gus to do something was to make him think of it himself. You might remember Toula pointing this out to her mom:

Toula Portokalos: Ma, Dad is so stubborn. What he says goes. "Ah, the man is the head of the house!"

Maria Portokalos: Let me tell you something, Toula. The man is the head, but the woman is the neck. And she can turn the head any way she wants.

You might remember the scene where they sat down with Gus and asked him for advice about who should work at the travel agency, while all along they knew the answer. They just needed Gus to come up with the answer for himself.

Many of our kids can be just like Gus. We just need to lead them to discovering the answer for themselves. We do this by presenting them with truth and asking questions. We do this by moving from "You should" to "Should you?"

Which method do you use?

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# SUMMER 21 EPIPHANY

## 2017 VBS - GADGETS AND GIZMOS!

Get ready to be creative during Gadgets & Gizmos this summer June 12 - 16! Over five days kids 3yrs-5th grade will learn about our wonderful God who made us and saved us! Registration opens May 7, don't miss your chance to part of this wonderful and exciting week!

## 3rd-6th Grade Summer Camp

We are excited to announce our weekend trip to Camp Lonestar, July 7-9 for students currently in 3rd-6th grades. Over the weekend they will learn about God, play games, swim, have a campfire, do a service project and, of course, HAVE FUN! Sign up at [www.ShiningTheLight.org](http://www.ShiningTheLight.org) today!

## 7TH-12TH MISSION TRIPS - EUREKA SPRINGS

July 16-22, students currently in 7th-12th grades head to Arkansas to serve the community! February 5 at 9:15 a.m. we will have an information meeting in room 204 of the AFLC. We will go over what you need to know for the trip and for our youth fundraiser, Epiphatinos on February 25. Sign up at [www.ShiningTheLight.org](http://www.ShiningTheLight.org)!



# MIDNIGHT MANIA

5TH-6TH GRADES

AND

# LATE NIGHT LUNATICS

7TH-8TH GRADES

## TWO EVENTS | ONE NIGHT

February 10, 6:00 p.m. - February 11, 8:00 a.m.

5TH-6TH AND 7TH-8TH GRADES. TWO LOCK INS,  
ON THE SAME NIGHT, AT THE SAME TIME.  
SIGN UP AT [WWW.SHININGTHELIGHT.ORG](http://WWW.SHININGTHELIGHT.ORG)  
AND PAY \$10 BY FEBRUARY 7. IF YOU  
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL  
[BETH@EPIPHANYPEARLAND.ORG](mailto:BETH@EPIPHANYPEARLAND.ORG)





## BIRTHDAYS

02/01 Iris Lawrence  
 02/01 Victor Bulerez  
 02/01 Susan Alderman  
 02/02 Hayden Scallan  
 02/02 Terensa Castro  
 02/03 Jo Lauppe  
 02/03 Judy Cotter  
 02/04 Nancy Canalito  
 02/06 Ashton Walker  
 02/06 Robin Quinton  
 02/07 Linda Hornow  
 02/07 Christina Hartman  
 02/07 Dave Schlothauer  
 02/07 Rick Wolff  
 02/07 Carol Lester  
 02/08 Amanda Clark  
 02/09 Rylee Underwood  
 02/09 Becky Broussard  
 02/09 Kathryn Ayres  
 02/10 Dalton Keels  
 02/10 Liberty Eubanks  
 02/10 Jamie Hufnagel  
 02/13 Grace Elliott  
 02/13 Shirley Hannes  
 02/13 Mallory Fowler  
 02/14 Emma Quinton  
 02/14 Jean Toomes  
 02/14 Cindy Eppelheimer  
 02/15 Brian Wukasch  
 02/15 Tristan Long  
 02/15 Mary Gurralla  
 02/15 Jack Davies  
 02/15 Chris Parrack  
 02/16 Linda Easto  
 02/16 Renee Kunkel  
 02/16 Tony Kunkel  
 02/16 Sherry Riveness  
 02/16 Linda Hess  
 02/16 Nicholas Medack  
 02/17 Lauren Ayres  
 02/18 Sharon Singleton  
 02/18 Sarah Whalen  
 02/19 Beth Roos  
 02/20 Lois Armstrong  
 02/20 Travis Morton  
 02/22 Jac Rubright  
 02/22 Taylor Stewart  
 02/23 Allison Rhodes  
 02/23 Asher Curless  
 02/23 Tomika Greer  
 02/23 Bradley Dombrosky  
 02/23 Jared Curless  
 02/24 Betty Stallings  
 02/24 William Cannon

02/24 Bill Bente  
 02/25 Gabby Inthirath  
 02/25 Irene Parker  
 02/25 Marsha Ebeling  
 02/26 Blaine Birkelbach  
 02/27 Randall Martin  
 02/27 Allison McDonald  
 02/27 Angie Schesser  
 02/28 Rick Keniston  
 02/28 Sabrina Smith  
 02/28 Mitchell Lester



## ANNIVERSARIES

02/04 Patrick & Linda Kramer  
 02/05 John & Dottie Reimer  
 02/06 Mike & Jodi Harris  
 02/09 Dean & Jo Lauppe  
 02/12 Sverre & Laila Andersen  
 02/12 Daniel & Susan Karloski  
 02/14 Keith & Vera Armstrong  
 02/14 Fred & Amelia Galka  
 02/14 Thomas & Jeanette Holt  
 02/17 David & Judy Klewer  
 02/17 John & Lynda Lund  
 02/20 Matt & DeAnna Rathje  
 02/25 Chaplain Ryan & Lisa Rupe  
 02/26 Gregg & Allison Lynch  
 02/26 Sonny & Melinda Metz



## SYMPATHY

Lowell Baumann  
 January 5, 2017

Cindy Williamson  
 January 26, 2017



## THANK YOU!

We praise God for His abundant blessings this past Christmas season when toys flowed from many generous people in our LINC partner churches to 1600 joyful recipients in 16 LINC mission churches! Better yet, thousands heard about the gift of salvation through Jesus and mission churches have reported that new families are returning to their churches! We want to thank all who shared toys ...

-LINC Houston  
 (LINC was one of the recipients of our Giving Tree)




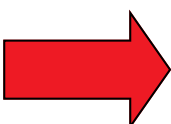


**Sunday Morning Schedule:**  
**8:00 am - Traditional Worship Service-sanctuary**  
**9:15 am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class**  
**10:30 am - Blended Worship Service-sanctuary**  
**10:30 am - *The Light* Worship Service-AFLC**

**\*WOR: Worship**  
**COM: Worship with Communion**  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<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 9:15am-Intentional Parenting-203 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>6</b> Announcements Due! 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</b> 9-2 MDO  4:00pm-Bible Study-202  7:00pm-Board of Elders-202	<b>8</b> 9-2 MDO  6:30pm-PT-sanctuary 7:30pm-Choir-sanctuary	<b>9</b> 9-2 MDO 9:15am-LifeLight-203  7:00pm-Bell Choir -sanctuary	<b>10</b> 9-2 MDO  Midnight Mania Late Night Lunatics February 10-11 6:00pm-8:00am	<b>11</b> 7:30am-Men's Bible Breakfast-gym 9:15am-Elders' Meeting-203 9:30am-Altar Guild Meeting-202
<b>12 WOR/SS &amp; ABC/WOR/COM*</b> 9:15am-New Member Class-202 9:15am-201 Class-207 9:15am-Intentional Parenting-203 11:30am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Children's Choir-101 Noon-2:00pm-Family Serve Fest-AFLC 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00-8:00pm-Confirmation 6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204	<b>13</b> Announcements Due! 9:30am-Goodtimers-104 9:30am-Mom's Bible Study-203  7:00pm-Band-AFLC	<b>14</b> 9-2 MDO  4:00pm-Bible Study-202  7:00pm-Friends' Bible Study-207	<b>15</b> 9-2 MDO  6:30pm-PT-sanctuary 7:30pm-Choir-sanctuary	<b>16</b> 9-2 MDO 9:15am-LifeLight-203  7:00pm-Bell Choir -sanctuary	<b>17</b> 9-2 MDO 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen	<b>18</b>
<b>19 COM/SS &amp; ABC/COM/WOR*</b> 9:15am-New Member Class-202 9:15am-201 Class-207 9:15am-Intentional Parenting-203 11:30am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Puppet Practice-101 11:45am-Jr. Bell Choir Practice-104 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 5:00pm-Healing Service-sanctuary 6:00pm-Leadership Council Meeting202 <b>No Confirmation!</b> 6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204	<b>20</b> Announcements Due! 9:00am-Quilting-202 <b>No Mom's Bible Study!</b> 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207  7:00pm-Band-AFLC	<b>21</b> 9-2 MDO  4:00pm-Bible Study-202	<b>22</b> 9-2 MDO 9:00am-Quilting-202  6:30pm-PT-sanctuary 7:30pm-Choir-sanctuary	<b>23</b> 9-2 MDO 9:15am-LifeLight-203  7:00pm-Bell Choir -sanctuary	<b>24</b> 9-2 MDO	<b>25</b> 9:30am-LWML Meeting-203  EPIPHATINO'S LONE STAR EDITION AFLC Seatings: 5:00 & 7:00pm
<b>26 WOR/SS &amp; ABC/WOR/COM*</b> 9:15am-New Member Class-202 9:15am-201 Class-207 9:15am-Intentional Parenting-203 11:30am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Children's Choir-101 Noon-Voters' Meeting/Lunch-AFLC 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00-8:00pm-Confirmation 6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204	<b>27</b> Announcements Due! 9:30am-Mom's Bible Study-203  7:00pm-Band-AFLC	<b>28</b> 9-2 MDO  4:00pm-Bible Study-202  7:00pm-Friends' Bible Study-207				<b>MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE FEBRUARY 10!</b>

# The Light

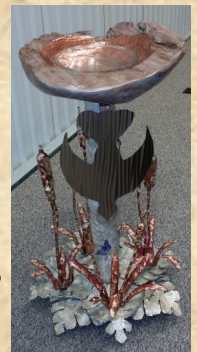
The ecclesiastical furnishings and artistry for *The Light* have been crafted and gifted to the church by Robin Zapalac—a long-time member of Epiphany. They have been fashioned primarily of steel, copper and bronze. Granite has been used for the top of the altar and the basin for the baptismal font is made from teakwood root.

The **Altar** is inscribed with the Greek words, “I Am the Light of the World.” (John 8:12) The altar spans eight feet and is adorned on the sides with the Alpha and Omega, reflecting Revelation 22:13—“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” The etched thorn-crowned image of Jesus imbeds into our minds and hearts the crucifixion of the Son of God.



The **Cross** bears the Greek inscription, “He is Risen.” (Matthew 28:6) This post-resurrection proclamation of the angel abated the fears of the women who bore witness to an empty tomb. Resurrection is God’s cataclysmic answer to death and the grave.

The **Font** artistically continues to bear witness to our baptized life in Christ. Traditional fonts are constructed with eight sides. Sunday is considered the first day of the week and the “eighth day”—the day of Christ’s resurrection and of our new creation. Eight sculpted metal limbs, palm fronds, branches and butterflies are all present, reminding us of our new life in Christ. The gothic-stylized haloed dove descends as did the Holy Spirit at Jesus’ own baptism.



The **Word and Sacrament Wall Sculpture** implores, in Greek, “May the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” (Colossians 3:16) In Baptism, we encounter Jesus forgiving and claiming us as His own as water unites with the name of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Holy Communion, we encounter the real presence of Jesus in, under and with the bread and wine. Together these are the tenets of our Christian faith. Ultimately our faith is nurtured and nourished through God’s divine service in Word and Sacrament.