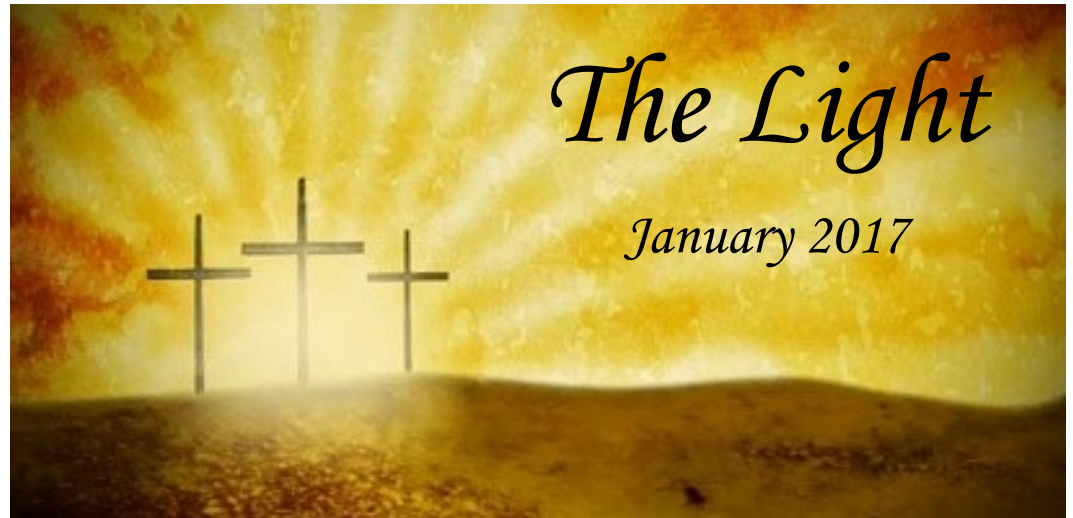


The Light

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The Light™

On Epiphany Sunday, January 8, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center, we will dedicate all of the worship elements of "The Light" worship service. This service is called "The Light" because Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." and the goal of Epiphany is to "Shine the light of God's Love on All people."

Reception to follow!



Bible Studies



THE 101 CLASS: "DISCOVERING THE LUTHERAN FAITH"

This class 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 and is only offered three times a year. It will be held on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in room 202 of the AFLC. **Note the new day and time! The next class begins January 8, 2017!**

INTENTIONAL PARENTING 10 WAYS TO BE AN EXCEPTIONAL PARENT IN A QUICK-FIX WORLD

Every parent has dreams for their children. As parents, we all start out with the best intentions. But, at some point, we move from DREAMS to DUCT TAPE and hope that each day everything will just stick together. Raising kids in today's culture is a difficult challenge and it requires a plan. Without a plan, parents usually default to Quick-Fix Parenting. To be an exceptional parent, you need to be an intentional parent.

Join us for this 5-week video-based study filled with practical content you'll be able to implement immediately. Whether you have kids on the way, toddlers or teens, you will walk away each week with practical takeaways and expert advice. It's never too late to become an intentional parent. Remember, you are the GREATEST influence on the life of your child (no matter their age)! This class will meet on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in room 203 of the AFLC and begins on January 15.

MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

Moms' Bible Study gives mothers with children of all ages 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. "What Love Is: The Letters of 1, 2 & 3 John" by Kelly Minter begins on January 9, 2017. The letters of 1, 2 & 3 John were written to encourage followers of Jesus to remain faithful to the truth. Believers are challenged to look at contrasting themes such as walking in the light instead of darkness, truth versus lies and deception, loving God more than loving the world and the meaning of true fellowship and community rather than shallowness.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

This class meets from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in room 202 of the AFLC. A new study, "The Circle Maker" by Mark Batterson, begins on January 3, 2017. This dynamic, four-session, video-based curriculum reveals the legend of Honi the circle maker, a first-century Jewish sage whose bold prayer for rain saved a generation. With insightful teaching and inspiring stories, Mark Batterson will teach you how to pray in a new way. You'll learn how to draw prayer circles around your dreams, your family, and more importantly, the promises of God. For more information, contact Karen Daugherty.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY

This class meets every Thursday at 9:15 a.m. in room 202 of the AFLC. They will resume the study of Matthew (Part 1) on January 5, 2017. The first two lessons were covered in November, but it's not too late to join in. Please contact Marlene Heinrich to get the study guide. The cost is \$10. Each week, LifeLight participants prepare the lesson at home, meet with the group for discussion of the lesson and listen as Pastor Jon summarizes the scripture and answers questions that have arisen during class. All adults are welcome and encouraged to participate in this small group study.



“GETTING INTO GEAR”

I remember the first time I rode a 10-speed bicycle. It was supposed to be easy—a lot easier than the one speed I was accustomed to riding. When I jumped on my new bike, however, it was a nightmare. I couldn’t get the thing out of tenth gear. I had a dickens of a time just getting it going, but finally, once it was started, I found shifting into gear was rather simple.

Life can be like that, can’t it? It is hard to get things moving, but once they’re going it takes a lot less effort to keep them going. The same thing holds true for the spiritual life. The hardest part of developing new, healthy spiritual habits is getting started—getting into gear. But what you will find is that once you commit to getting started it becomes easier.

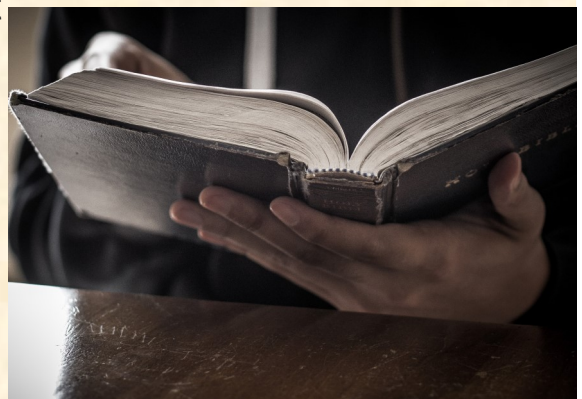
In 2017 I want to challenge all the members of Epiphany to read God’s Word. The Apostle Peter wrote, **“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18)**. It is God’s will for you and me to become mature in His grace and knowledge; that happens through the study of His Word. Challenge yourself to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. Get moving! Get into gear! Find out how faithfully moving with the Lord, through the study of His Word, can give you the strength and support you need for successfully facing the challenges of life.

Make the commitment to come to Bible Class! Make the commitment to begin a daily Bible reading program. You can find a plan for “reading through the Bible in a year” on the back of the purple prayer sheet and weekly on our Facebook page. The more you do it, the easier it becomes. You will also discover that as you read God’s Word and allow God to speak to you regularly, the more you will want to read God’s Word and hear Him speak to you.

I can’t think of a better New Year’s Resolution than committing yourself to the study of the Word. Unless, of course, it is putting God’s Word into practice in our lives. Let January be the month you “get into gear” and get the new year off to a blessed start!

Have a wonderful year of growth in Christ!

Pastor Jon





WARM FOR THE WINTER

The Connect Ministry is collecting new or gently-used blankets, scarves, hats and gloves for the homeless beginning January 8 and ending January 29. The items will be delivered to the Star of Hope the week of January 30. The Star of Hope will then distribute the items to the homeless living under the bridges. Please place your donations in the box in the narthex no later than Sunday, January 29!



BENEFITS OF SERVING OTHERS

There are many benefits you receive when you serve others such as a boost in happiness, health and sense of well-being. Helping others also reduces stress, provides relief from pain, lowers blood pressure and can even add years to your life! Serving others gives you a purpose and allows you to use the gifts that God has given you.

Serving also allows you to show your gratitude, it blesses the person you serve, it encourages other Christians to serve, it enables non-Christians to see part of God's nature through your service, serving non-Christians opens the door to sharing the gospel and serving is pleasing to God.

Lastly, serving is one way that helps us to be more like Jesus as He came to earth not to be served, but to serve.

If you are interested in joining a ministry but don't know where to start, contact Dorian Cornelius via email at dorian@epiphanypearland.org or at 281-485-7833. She will be happy to get you "connected" to the ministry of your choice.





*Joyfully serve the Lord
Openly confess the Gospel
Yearn to grow in God's Word*

NEWS FROM THE LWML

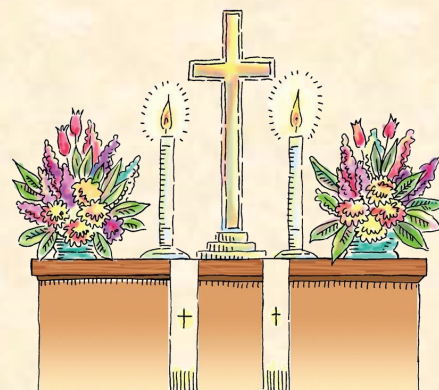
The Women of Epiphany (LWML) would like to share some exciting news from the national office of the LWML. The national Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2017. As a part of the celebration for this event, they have designed a new Mite Box for offerings. (Read in Mark 12:41-43 about the woman who received praise even though she only gave two mites.) LWML President Patti Ross noted, "Over the years, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously. Our Mite Box gives us a focal point for collecting those generous gifts." LWML Districts use 100% of the offerings to support mission projects locally and abroad.

The new Mite Boxes will be available at the Welcome Centers in the main building and in the AFLC gym. The Women of Epiphany encourage everyone at Epiphany to stop by and pick up one of the small Mite Boxes for their use. There are even special Mite Boxes for children! The money that you drop into your tiny box during the month can then be placed in the large Mite Box at the Welcome Centers on the first Sunday of each month. By emptying your Mite Box each month, you can then reuse it for the next month's mites.

**"As you pray and put your money into the box,
you give more than silver and gold;
together we share the riches of Christ with the nations!"**

2017 FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Flowers are placed in the sanctuary to worship and glorify God. They are an expression of the beauty and goodness of God. They symbolize spiritual joy and devotion. Flowers are an expression of our high regard and reverence for God and His house. These flowers are provided by members. There is a new sign-up sheet located on the “schedules” bulletin board across from the main building kitchen. If you would like to sign up, please write your name in the appropriate place. **Only one family per Sunday please!** If this is for a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, memorial etc.) please make a notation. Susan McGrath will contact you with regard to what flowers you prefer.



SAVE THE DATE!

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
MAY 13, 2017
9:00 - 11:30 A.M.
AFLC

If you've been to the Women's Prayer Breakfast before then you know you're going to want to go again. So save the date for Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Start thinking about hosting a table this year and what your theme will be. Or just plan on coming and spending time with other women as we enjoy a meal and some *spiritual nourishment* as well.

Stay tuned for more details coming in the next few months but don't forget to ... **SAVE THE DATE!** You won't want to miss it.



PEARLAND CHRISTMAS PARADE UPDATE

Epiphany's organizers, for the annual Christmas parade entry, Todd and Pam Van Maaren, have been asked, "If it wouldn't have rained on parade day, what would Epiphany's float have looked like?" The Van Maarens had been working diligently to make Epiphany's float for the parade extra special. The float was still a work in progress when,



unfortunately, on December 3 the weather forecast was SO bad that the City of Pearland cancelled the parade.



Epiphany's entry was to be entitled, "The Best Gift for Christmas is Jesus". As you can see, large boxes of "gifts" would have been brightly lit but a spotlight would have shone on a manger with baby Jesus. It was a shame to have missed such a great opportunity to spread the Good News of Jesus but you and I can still do that—every day!

He is Born—Alleluia!



Ladies and Gentlemen of Epiphany,

Thank you so very much for your kindness towards us these past weeks as we have settled into the community. From helping us with moving to gift cards to warm words of welcome, we have been surrounded by generosity. You are awesome! We hope ya'll's Christmas and Epiphany seasons have been full of Christ. God bless you in 2017 and beyond!

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan and Kimmie Misch

The Women of Epiphany/LWML would like to extend a **BIG** thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Christmas Cookie Sale great success. There were many delicious donations of cookies and **many** generous buyers of cookies. We are pleased to announce that this year's sale brought in over \$750. This entire amount will be given to a ministry that will be determined at the January meeting of the LWML. Thanks again for your gracious support of a worthwhile ministry that continues to serve and thank God for His many blessings.

Dear members of Epiphany Lutheran Church,

The volunteers of Pearland Meals on Wheels thank you for your financial and volunteer support. It is greatly needed and truly appreciated.

The Board Members of Meals on Wheels also thanks and appreciate the hours Lillian Barath gives to M.O.W. as your church coordinator. Lillian's commitment spans years.

May God bless you and keep you.

Leah Batemen
Treasurer, M.O.W.



TEXAS

Thanks to the following volunteers who delivered meals for the Pearland Meals on Wheels Program the week of November 14: Art & Becky Broussard, Robert & Cathy Ashcraft, Laila Andersen, Shirley Juroska, Deborah Nester, Iris Lawrence, Jennifer Williams, Vera Armstrong, Neil & Sheral Ballard, Gloria Mills, Debbie Oravetz, Jill Woelfel, Annette Tausch, Jac Rubright and Billy Roesler.

These volunteers took three hours of their busy lives to help deliver meals to shut-ins in the Pearland area. Could you do the same?

The next delivery week assigned to Epiphany will be the week of January 9. If you would like to help deliver or have questions, please contact Lillian Barath.

Epiphany members deliver meals every eight weeks. It takes about two to three hours to make the deliveries. A total of about twenty-three meals are delivered to nineteen different residences.

The delivery schedule is made up the week of January 9. Please contact Lillian Barath or the church office at 281-485-7833 if you would like to deliver meals or if you have any questions. Thank you!

MISSIONARIES WANTED (No passports needed!)

The Bible Markers Ministry is in need of people to help mark the Gospel message in Bibles. These marked Bibles are then given to Christian Helping Hands, Star of Hope, LINC Houston and various other ministries and people. Bible Markers meet on the first and third Monday of the month from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in room 207 of the AFLC. For more information, contact Karen Daugherty or Elaine Woods.



This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

-1 John 3:16 NIV

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!



TOUCHY SUBJECTS

**Sunday, January 22
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Family Life Center
Room 203**

**Parents of children
of ALL ages**



Learn how to talk to your kids about sex, technology, and social media in this video-based seminar by Craig Gross of XXX Church.

It's a touchscreen world and it's full of touchy subjects. As parents, we must have a strategy to guide our kids safely into adulthood, teaching them how to interact with sex, technology and social media. Maybe your son or daughter is young and you don't know when you should even broach these subjects. Maybe you want to talk to your kids but just don't know what to say. No longer does talking to your kids about sex have to be difficult.

As parents we need to have a strategy to guide our kids safely into adulthood. Come learn how to teach them to interact with sex, tech and social media in an internet-saturated culture. This seminar is for parents of kids of all ages—from preschool to high school!

Childcare provided upon request. For more information, contact Beth Milbrath at beth@epiphanypearland.org.

LOCK-IN

Senior High
Servant Lock-In
January 6-7
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Don't miss this amazing night
as we stay up late to serve,
worship and have fun
together. Sign up online!
Invite a friend!

NFUZED

YOUTH MINISTRY

7TH-12TH

9-12th Midweek
Meetups start back,
Thursday, January 12
from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.
Text @nfuzed 912 to
804-302-5378 to stay
updated on our weekly
location!

Youth Night

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

January 1
No Youth - Happy
New Year!

January 8
No Youth - Lock In

January 15
Youth Night

January 22
Youth Night

January 29
Youth Night



TEAMeffort
YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIPS

ATTENTION 7th-12th Grades! Join us July 16-22
for our summer mission trip! We will work with
Teameffort to provide roofing, painting, wheelchair
ramps and general repair to a community in need. A
\$100 deposit is due by March 26! Sign up on the
youth page at ShiningTheLight.org!

1 John 4 : 7-8





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 01/02 Judy Klewer
 01/03 Amanda Ring
 01/03 Ellen Justice
 01/03 Krystle Zapalac
 01/04 Susan Kirk
 01/04 Rebekah Cornelius
 01/05 Dorothy Driessner
 01/05 Max Daugherty
 01/05 Katie Savage
 01/06 Saul Pontifes
 01/06 Mary Erickson
 01/06 Kaitlynn Weiss
 01/06 Michael Kaspar
 01/07 Scott Sanford
 01/07 Fred Heer
 01/08 Sabrina Arnold
 01/08 Abby Smaistrila
 01/08 Luke Cmaidalka
 01/08 Grace Tews
 01/08 George Hernandez
 01/09 Nick Vollman
 01/09 Joyce Carpenter
 01/09 Mike Choyke
 01/09 Jan Pierce
 01/09 Jack Fowler
 01/11 Emily Ostermaier
 01/11 Frances Meyer
 01/11 Kevin Bigon
 01/12 Trey Loftin
 01/12 Kathleen Kaspar
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 01/13 Rachael Ballard
 01/14 Lucas Turner
 01/14 Jennifer Chauvot
 01/14 Rob Chauvot
 01/14 Kathryn Davies
 01/15 Mary Smith
 01/16 Laila Murillo
 01/17 Vicente DiLuca
 01/17 Logan Kunkel
 01/18 Ellie Telschow
 01/18 Teagan Rathje
 01/18 David Green

01/18 Gene Allbee
 01/18 Larry Williams
 01/19 Bryan Johnson
 01/19 Mike Harris
 01/20 Dan Ripley
 01/20 Brian Maly
 01/21 Joe Barath
 01/21 Lynn Meyers
 01/21 Stacy Keys
 01/22 Phyllis Carothers
 01/22 Lynn Ripley
 01/23 Grace Edwards
 01/23 Merlin Mohr
 01/23 Anna Sites
 01/24 Diana Tunstall
 01/25 Irene Bertram
 01/25 Jim Schlachter
 01/25 Devyn Gordon
 01/26 Ethan Mullins
 01/26 Brian Hay
 01/26 Madelynn Mills
 01/26 Andrew Van Maaren
 01/26 Matthew Karloski
 01/26 Peter Cheung
 01/27 Esther Martin
 01/28 Nancy Runge
 01/28 Rebecca Johnson
 01/28 Carolyn Melton
 01/29 Juliana Karloski
 01/29 Sonny Metz
 01/30 Cody Bernstein
 01/30 Mel Medack
 01/31 Jonathan Raess



ANNIVERSARIES

01/01 Larry & Linda Baker
 01/06 Stan & Amy Whalen
 01/08 Dan & Lynn Ripley
 01/09 Mike & Melissa McDonald
 01/11 Brandon & Stephanie Wilkes
 01/15 Bob & Ruth Berdine
 01/17 Jeff & Julie Hartwig
 01/28 Tim & Dorian Cornelius
 01/29 Dave & Barbara Schlothauer
 01/31 Larry & Karen Mullins
 01/31 Merle & Jean Toomes



BAPTISMS

Aubrey Leigh Birkelbach
 December 18, 2016



Welcome
 To Our
 Epiphany
 Family

NEW MEMBERS

Peyton and Candyce Birkelbach and
 children, Blaine, Cayden and Aubrey

Mike Reynolds and Frieda Miller and
 children, Jake and Paige

Logan Williams





2017

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 No Sunday School! No Adult Bible Classes! 10:00am-New Year's Day Worship Service-sanctuary (with communion)	2 Announcements Due! Holiday- Church Office Closed!	3 9-2 MDO 4:00pm-Bible Study-202	4 9-2 MDO 6:30pm-PT-sanctuary	5 9-2 MDO 9:15am-LifeLight-203 7:00pm-Bell Choir -sanctuary	6 9-2 MDO 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen <div>Senior High Servant Lock-In January 6-7 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.</div>	7
8 WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM* 9:15am-New Member Class-202 9:15am-Breakfast for Kid/Youth Leaders-203 9:15am-201 Class-207 11:30am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Children's Choir-101 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym No Confirmation! No Youth Nights!	9 Announcements Due! Meals on Wheels 9:30am-Goodtimers-104 9:30am-Mom's Bible Study-203 7:00pm-Band-AFLC	10 9-2 MDO 4:00pm-Bible Study-202 7:00pm-Friends' Bible Study-207	11 9-2 MDO 6:30pm-PT-sanctuary 7:30pm-Choir-sanctuary	12 9-2 MDO 9:15am-LifeLight-203 7:00pm-Bell Choir -sanctuary	13 9-2 MDO	14 7:30am-Men's Bible Breakfast-gym 9:15am-Elders' Meeting-203
15 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* 9:15am-New Member Class-202 9:15am-Intentional Parenting-203 (NEW!) 9:15am-201 Class-207 11:30am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Puppet Practice-101 11:45am-Jr. Bell Choir Practice-104 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00pm-Leadership Council Meeting202 6:00-8:00pm-Confirmation 6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nightis-gym/204	16 Announcements Due! 9:00am-Quilting-202 No Mom's Bible Study! 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 7:00pm-Band-AFLC	17 9-2 MDO 4:00pm-Bible Study-202	18 9-2 MDO 6:30pm-PT-sanctuary 7:30pm-Choir-sanctuary	19 9-2 MDO 9:15am-LifeLight-203 7:00pm-Bell Choir -sanctuary	20 9-2 MDO 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen	21
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**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?

Epiphantino'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?

Epiphantino'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. 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.