

The Light

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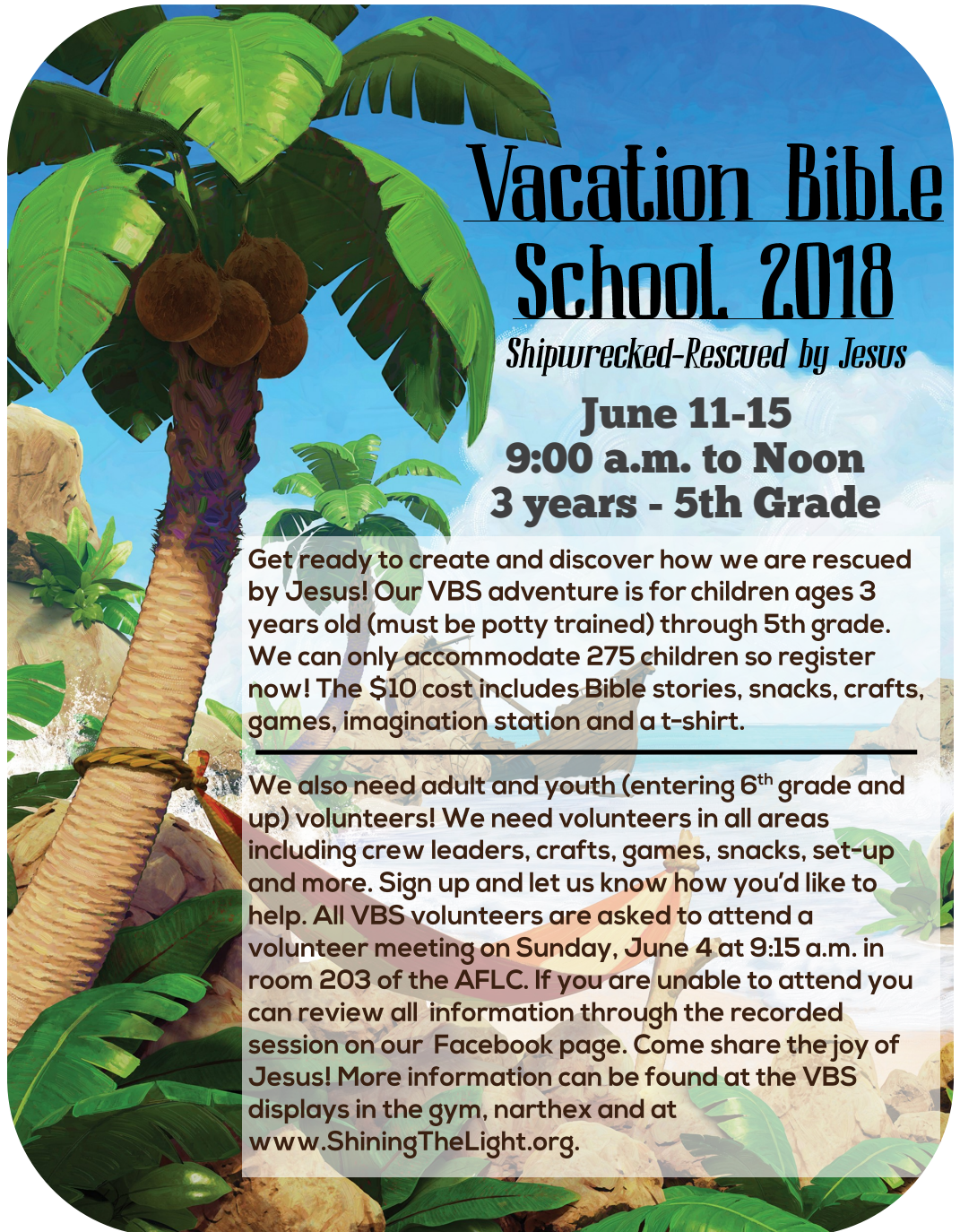
Vacation Bible School 2018

Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus

June 11-15
9:00 a.m. to Noon
3 years - 5th Grade

Get ready to create and discover how we are rescued by Jesus! 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, imagination station and a t-shirt.

We also need adult and youth (entering 6th grade and up) volunteers! We need volunteers in all areas including crew leaders, crafts, games, snacks, set-up and more. Sign up and let us know how you'd like to help. All VBS volunteers are asked to attend a volunteer meeting on Sunday, June 4 at 9:15 a.m. in room 203 of the AFLC. If you are unable to attend you can review all information through the recorded session on our Facebook page. Come share the joy of Jesus! More information can be found at the VBS displays in the gym, narthex and at www.ShiningTheLight.org.



Join us on the Journey

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

This summer 47 students and leaders are heading across Texas to serve on Epiphany's summer mission trip. Students will be serving on a variety of projects in Houston, Camp Lone Star and Austin. This year, we'd like to connect each of our students and leaders with a prayer partner back home.

Here's your opportunity to support one of our students and "come along" on the mission trip. Sign up to serve as a prayer partner on the youth page of ShiningTheLight.org.

CHRISTIAN HELPING HANDS Summertime Food Drive

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH? That's the question many young children will ask this summer. You have heard the saying "there is no free lunch". This is true for many children in our community. School will be out soon and as a result subsidized breakfast and lunch programs are not available. Christian Helping Hands experiences a greater need for donations during the summer when children are home and not receiving breakfast and lunch at school.

They really need donations of single-size snacks of any kind. Examples are: goldfish, Capri Sun, raisins, cheese/peanut butter and crackers, macaroni and cheese, fruit snacks or any other single serving snacks.

Also needed are peanut butter, jelly, cold cereals and spaghetti sauce.

Please place your donations in the Christian Helping Hands donation box in the narthex of the main building to help Christian Helping Hands feed hungry children this summer. Please donate as often as you can. Thank you!

Christian Helping Hands is the local non-profit food pantry supported by Christian churches in the Pearland area. They are located at 3402 Swensen Drive in Pearland and their phone number is 281-485-9776.



Jesus and Vacation

Easter is done. The world is moving forward. Soon, summer will be upon us and we will be headed indoors, the beach, or places other than Houston, Texas to beat the heat, see family and enjoy the good creation God has given to us to steward. This is good! We are privileged to be able to do this.

But, I bet you didn't know Paul writes about vacations and the beach. He does! Paul says something about this in 2 Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 5:17ff. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰**We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."**

Wherever you are, whenever you are there, including on vacation or at the beach, you are God's newly recreated ambassador in Christ Jesus! You are, in many ways, missionaries for Jesus at home, abroad, on vacation, at the beach and all points in between. In other words, you are always on mission for God. Exciting! So, here's the question: How are you going to shine the light of God's love on the people around you this summer as his emissary?

I'm glad you asked! While you may already have some ideas or practices that you do in order to shine His Light and bring the Gospel with you, maybe you'd like a few more ways of shining the Light this summer (and all year, if I'm honest). Here are some other thoughts:

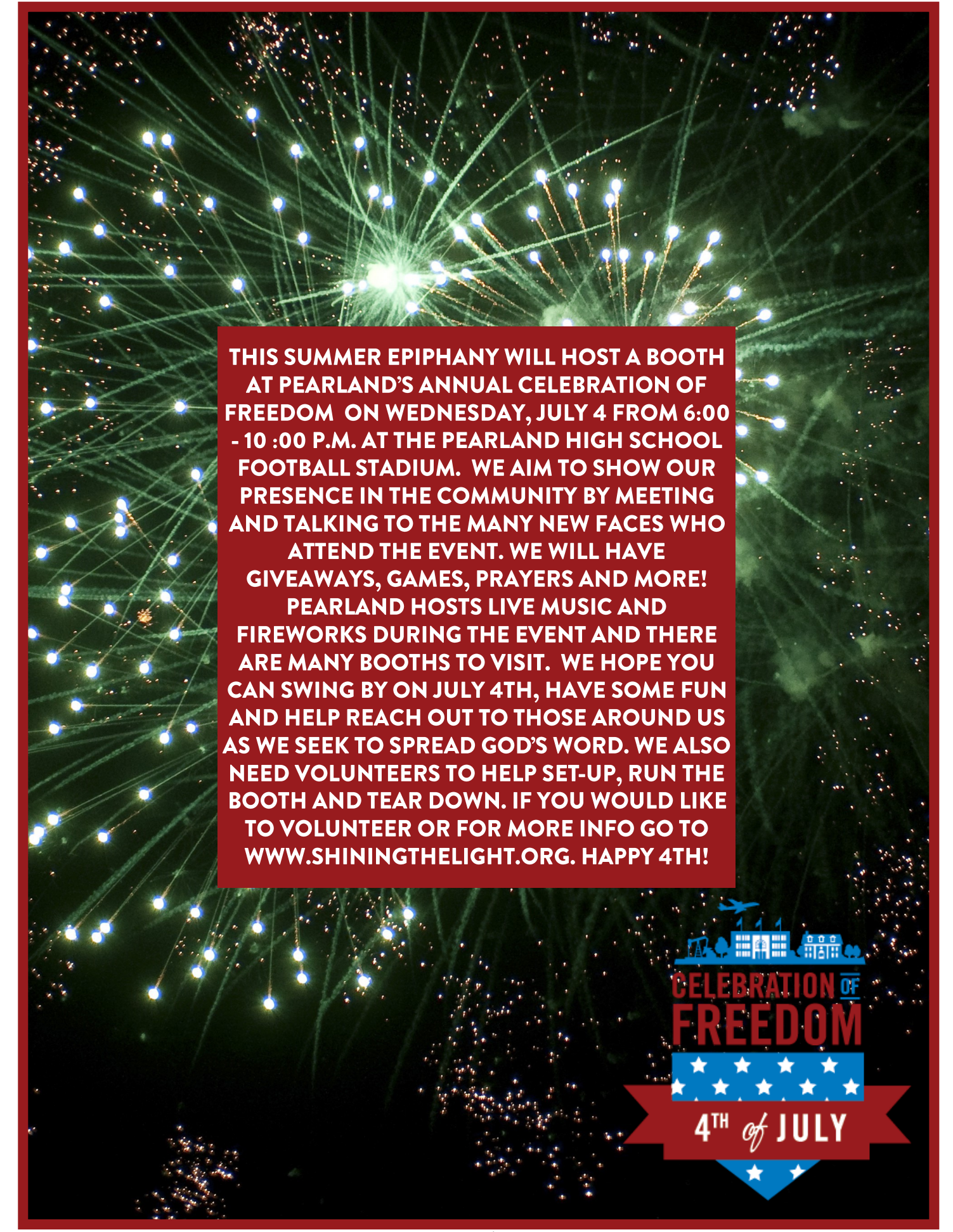
1. Ask if you can pray with your waiter/waitress if you're eating out. This is so simple, but it is one way that we can bring Jesus with us to the people we engage at restaurants. I have never encountered anyone who was angry that I asked; most times, they are really receptive to it and will be glad you even cared enough to ask.
2. Ask God to give you opportunities to speak of Jesus. Paul asks for prayers that doors might be opened for him to share Jesus. Not a bad prayer! Jesus is so much more willing to give than we are to receive those opportunities. Just ask! And get ready. (How do you get ready?)
3. Stay in His Word. Be prepared to give a defense for the hopes that you have (maybe you prepared a seven-word statement for the Gospel during our Lenten series!); those spaces are all around us, and if we do number two constantly, number three will follow along.

These are just a few examples of how we can do this. But, take encouragement if this all sounds a bit frightening. Jesus tells His disciples that when they are going and discipling and teaching and baptizing, He will be with them always, to the end of the age.

Are you His disciple? Then He has promised to be with you as you do those things.

He is Risen! Happy Easter!





THIS SUMMER EPIPHANY WILL HOST A BOOTH AT PEARLAND'S ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 FROM 6:00 - 10 :00 P.M. AT THE PEARLAND HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUM. WE AIM TO SHOW OUR PRESENCE IN THE COMMUNITY BY MEETING AND TALKING TO THE MANY NEW FACES WHO ATTEND THE EVENT. WE WILL HAVE GIVEAWAYS, GAMES, PRAYERS AND MORE! PEARLAND HOSTS LIVE MUSIC AND FIREWORKS DURING THE EVENT AND THERE ARE MANY BOOTHS TO VISIT. WE HOPE YOU CAN SWING BY ON JULY 4TH, HAVE SOME FUN AND HELP REACH OUT TO THOSE AROUND US AS WE SEEK TO SPREAD GOD'S WORD. WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SET-UP, RUN THE BOOTH AND TEAR DOWN. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFO GO TO WWW.SHININGTHELIGHT.ORG. HAPPY 4TH!



MILITARY BIBLESTICKS

The Serve 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".

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.

Below are just a few of the testimonials sent from military chaplains and soldiers:

"The format is perfect. Soldiers can listen while they are waiting for meetings or missions to start. What a booster shot for morale and spiritual edification." – Army Chaplain

"Many of us have been in Iraq for a while, and the doldrums lifestyle leaves you worn out and empty. It has never been easier to get into God's Word." – Chaplain's Assistant

"God's Word brings my soldiers comfort, security and peace. Thank you for the Military BibleSticks." – Army Chaplain

"I have never been able to get all the way through the New Testament. Now here in Iraq, I did it for the first time." – U.S. Marine

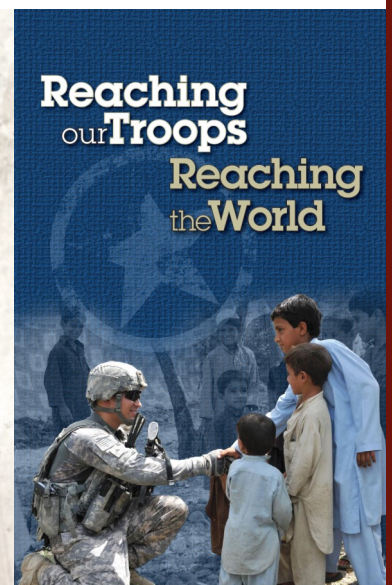
"Listening to the Audio Bible really helped me to understand the emotions in the Bible. I can read the words over and over, but to hear the word spoken to me really puts it all together. Thank you." – U.S. soldier

"It has helped renew my faith in life and people." Rank: SFC Branch: Army

"Your BibleStick really helps me get scripture in hard times." Rank: SGT Branch: Army



A \$25 donation provides one soldier a Military BibleStick and their family an audio Bible. For \$2,500, you can impact an entire platoon and their families. Our goal is to raise \$7,500 and send BibleSticks to 3 platoons (300 men and women). Donations need to be made by check; please make checks payable to Epiphany and write "Military BibleSticks" in the memo line. Donations will be accepted from May 1-27.



Reaching
our Troops
Reaching
the World

Lutheran World Ingathering

For the annual Lutheran World Relief ingathering, the quilters of LWML donated 82 quilts and 9 fabric kits. These are then shipped to the underprivileged or in need throughout the world. The quilts might be used for warmth, bedding, shelter dividers or even to bundle up possessions when traveling or to escape unsafe or dangerous areas.

Earlier in the year the quilters donated 12 quilts to LINC-Houston.

Quilts are made from donated fabrics, also recycled fabrics. Used sheets, drapes, blankets or bedspreads are used as fillers in the quilts.



All are invited to help with these projects. If you have any questions or would like to donate items contact Lillian Barath. Quilters meet on the second Monday and the fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in room 202 of the AFLC. No experience is necessary to help create these useful quilts.

2018 Pioneer Summer Camps

52 CAMPS AVAILABLE
GRADES 1ST-12TH
ALL STUDENTS WELCOME
NOT JUST LSA STUDENTS
SIGN UP TODAY



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Lutheran South Academy

Visual Fine Arts Night

Thursday, May 3rd at 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria

Formal Presentation by Local Artist, Mike Quinn

Artwork on display from our

Lower, Middle, & High School Art Students



FEATURING HOUSTON ARTIST MIKE QUINN

Mike Quinn's lifelong fascination with animals is reflected in his whimsical creatures; including tribal masks, large scale fiberglass sculptures, paintings, and his trusty line of "Fish With Attitude".

For over 20 years Mike has been selling his art from coast to coast and around the world.

An Evening with Ken Medema

Sunday, June 10

7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

An unforgettable evening of story-telling and song with Ken Medema—composer of **THE BIG FISH**!

The musician extraordinaire launches our summer journey into UBS 2018—Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus and our Summer Musical Theater Adventure about Jonah!

His unique skills embrace every audience (young and old) with the grace, compassion and unrelenting love of God!

Come, share and sing God's story in Jesus and Jonah! Be inspired by Ken's own story and be prepared to hear him artfully orchestrate personal stories to lyrics, poetry and song!



The Big Fish: Jonah's Whale of a Tale

A "fishing"
expedition is
planned for
Thursday
afternoon!



©2018 Chapel Galleries

Welcome to a fun-filled Musical Theater adventure!

July 30-August 3
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Open to 5th-8th Graders

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Jazz, blues and a little country swing make a big splash as we fish for the truth of Jonah's story.

Sing—Act—Paint—Create—Build

Cast Limit: 30
Cost: \$30/person

Picnic and Playground Day **Sunday, May 6**

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Epiphany's Playground
Families with kids 2nd grade
and under



Enjoy a pizza picnic and play on Epiphany's playgrounds! Invite a friend!

Mother's Day **PHOTO BOOTH**

**Come celebrate one of God's gifts to us on
May 13! A photo booth will be set up outside
the sanctuary before and after all services!**





Sunday School Offering Trip

Build-a-Bear at
Baybrook Mall
Sunday, May 20
4:00 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 Texas Children's Hospital. Remember, we'll just be building bears to give away to kids in need on this special day! It's free, but sign up at www.ShiningTheLight.org.

TRIUMPH SPORTS CAMP

Triumph Sports Camp is coming to Epiphany! An awesome sports program where the main ingredient is FUN! Triumph Sports is a Christ-Centered sports camp that uses sports as a means to help spread the Gospel. Camps are open to 5-12 year-olds. The after-VBS camp is \$85 and the other camps are \$75. Register now at TriumphSports.com.

- After-VBS Camp - June 11-14 || Noon - 4:00 p.m.
- All Sports Camp - July 9-12 || 9:00 a.m. - Noon
- Dodge Ball Camp - July 9-12 || 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.



MISSION TRIP PARENT MEETING

Join us on Sunday, May 20 from 6:00-6:30 p.m. for what you need to know about the upcoming mission trip this summer. If you cannot make it, check out Facebook Live on Epiphany's Facebook page.

Youth Night Schedule Sundays 6-8pm

May 6: Youth Night @ Main Event

May 13: No Youth Night - Mother's Day

May 20: Youth Night and Parent Meeting

May 27: No Youth Night - Memorial Day

Youth Night at Main Event May 6 || 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.



Eggstravaganza 2018

Thank you to everyone who came out to Eggstravaganza In the Park! 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
 05/01 Bradley Grych
 05/02 Dave Brackney
 05/02 Lucy Silberfein
 05/03 John Kramer
 05/03 Patrick Kramer
 05/05 Peggy White
 05/05 Grace Anderson
 05/06 Logan Zapalac
 05/06 Ray Martinez
 05/06 Kenneth Ward
 05/06 Ford Hill
 05/07 Madison Tews
 05/07 Matthew Lynch
 05/08 Audie Smith
 05/10 Lydia Ward
 05/10 Linda Baker
 05/10 Christy DiLuca
 05/11 Jackson Cody
 05/12 Paul Meyer
 05/12 Matthew Pontifes
 05/12 Meda Kaspar
 05/13 Frank Tausch
 05/14 Allison Broussard
 05/14 Robert Frers
 05/15 Robert Ashcraft
 05/15 Julie Weiss
 05/15 Dean Lauppe
 05/15 Tyler Ortiz
 05/16 Bob Wiesenborn
 05/16 Susan Landers
 05/17 Hanna Long
 05/17 Leslie Krause
 05/17 Wayne Roberson
 05/17 Marsha Albert
 05/18 James Quinton
 05/18 Gene Green
 05/20 Robin Zapalac
 05/20 Grace Milbrath
 05/20 Terri Garner
 05/21 Thomas Milbrath
 05/21 Mary Andrews
 05/22 Linda Cerisano
 05/22 Nick Brunette
 05/24 Jeff Hartwig
 05/24 Corey Stansfield
 05/24 Carol Tennessen
 05/24 Frances Von Gonten
 05/25 Gerard Grych
 05/25 Melina Munoz
 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 Scott Troyer
 05/29 Jackson Calderon
 05/29 Katie Tews
 05/29 Haylie Gutierrez
 05/30 Audryna St. Romain
 05/30 Billy Roesler
 05/30 Ashton Davis
 05/30 Bob Berdine
 05/31 Dennis Mills
 05/31 Nancy Kummer
 05/31 Craig Sites



ANNIVERSARIES

05/06 Nick & Celina Brunette
 05/06 Will & Melissa Cheung
 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
 05/20 Kevin Suggs & Abby Wolff
 05/22 Mannie & Jan Steglich
 05/23 Wayne & Janice Brashier
 05/23 Keith & Julie Weiss
 05/24 Chris & Leigh Ann Moore
 05/24 David & Kristin Pham
 05/27 Al & Anna Lentz
 05/28 Seth & Susan Kirk
 05/28 Dario & Kelly Murillo
 05/28 James & Jan Pierce
 05/28 Vernon & Mary Smith
 05/29 Chris & Susan Daniels
 05/29 Dale & Tammy Green



SYMPATHY

Esther Martin
 April 6, 2018



THANK YOU

THANK YOU, THANK YOU! If you enjoyed the delicious cookies that were served on Easter morning, you can say "thank you" to many special people who helped to make it happen. Epiphany has so many wonderful "bakers" who are willing to pitch in when the need arises so it is difficult to name each and every one. I am so grateful to our volunteers and thank those folks and the people who helped with serving the cookies and drinks on a blessed Easter day.

Linda E.



Like us on Facebook

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
6 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* LWML Mite Box Sunday 9:00-10:15am-Blood Pressure Screening-106 9:15am-201 Class-203 9:15am-One Christ, Many Creeds-101 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Kid's Choir-101 11:30am-1:30pm-Picnic & Playground Day <i>(families with kids 2nd grade and under)</i> 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 5:00-8:15pm-Main Event <i>(youth grades 5-12)</i>	7 Announcements Due! 9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 7:00pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC	1 9-2 MDO 4:00pm-Bible Study-202	2 9-2 MDO 6:30pm-PT-sanctuary 7:30pm-Choir-sanctuary	3 9-2 MDO 9:15am-LifeLight-203 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meet Up <i>(high school juniors-young adults)</i>	4 9-2 MDO	5
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27 WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM* 9:15am-201 Class-203 9:15am-One Christ, Many Creeds-101 No Orchestra Practice! 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym No Youth Nights!	28 Announcements Due! Holiday-Church Office Closed!	29 Meals on Wheels 4:00pm-Bible Study-202	30 9:00am-Quilting-202 6:30pm-PT-sanctuary 7:30pm-Choir-sanctuary	31 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meet Up <i>(high school juniors-young adults)</i>		JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE MAY 10!

EPIPHANY GAME DAY



JULY 8 || GAME TIME 1:15 P.M.

\$18 PER TICKET

COME SEE ASTROS VS. WHITE SOX! FOR
MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP
GO TO SHININGTHELIGHT.ORG.