



The Light

June 2018



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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!



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.

CROSSOGEN

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Sunday, June 24
9:15 - 10:10 a.m.
AFLC Gym

Join us Sunday, June 24, for a Sunday School experience ages 0 - 100 can get excited about! We will join as a community to learn about the Bible and each other! Don't miss your chance to grow with the rest of God's family at Epiphany!

The Privilege and Responsibility of Being Dad

Many years ago a song by Harry Chapin made an impact on my life. The song, “Cat’s in the Cradle”, is about a dad who was always too busy to be with his son. He was too busy to be there when his son was born. He was too busy to teach him how to play catch. He was too busy to be involved in his son’s life in any meaningful way. The refrain of the song is the son’s voice saying, “I’m going to be like you dad. You know I’m going to be like you.” As the song comes to a close, the father is now an older man (I’m assuming in retirement) who wants to share time with his son but now the son is too busy to make time for his father. The song ends with the words, “He grew up just like me. My boy was just like me.”



As we prepare to celebrate Father’s Day—the day I tell my family is the third most important day of the year (just behind Easter and Christmas)—it leads me to ask: “What lessons am I teaching my children?” Although I have fallen short in so many ways in being a role model for my children, I still recognize the great privilege and opportunities Dads and Moms have in “training up their children in the way that they should go”. As a dad who has been given a second chance many times over, I have concluded that these are some of the most important lessons I could teach my children:

1. Their dad loves Jesus more than anything else. He is the One who first loved me, died and rose again so that I could be His forever. Because of Jesus I get the privilege of living with my children forever in heaven with my Lord.
2. Their dad loves and is devoted to their mom.
3. I want to be the kind of husband I would like my daughter to one day marry.
4. I want to be the kind of man I’d be proud for my son to one day become.
5. I want my children to experience the love of their Heavenly Father, through their earthly father.
6. When they blow it (and they will) Jesus still loves them unconditionally and His forgiveness is the key to starting over.
7. I made time to be with my children because they were loved and treasured by their dad.

Although there are many other lessons I hope I have taught my children over the years, I believe that if I’ve been able to teach them these lessons before I leave this earth I will be excited to have them say, “We’re going to be like you dad, you know we’re going to be like you.”

Happy Father’s Day!

Pastor Jon

Pastor Jon



The League Pledge - In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League has a 75-year history. Part of that history is the LWML Pledge, written in 1955 by the Rev. William Fricke, which is a reminder of the essence of the reasons for being in mission and a pledge of commitment to the Lord. Every time a woman recites the LWML pledge she is recommitting herself to God's Mission Work. This is a commitment made intentionally and with honor. The above pledge is said before every LWML meeting.

What is a pledge? A pledge is a promise, a vow, an intent. LWML women hold to a promise of service.

Why is the pledge recited? We pledge in gratitude and obedience to our risen Lord and Savior.

What is promised? We promise to be fully engaged and to serve willingly.

What is our commitment? Our commitment is our whole selves; body, heart and mind. Consecrate means to devote to some purpose; and so, we consecrate our whole selves to the spreading of His Gospel message through Bible Study, service and supporting LWML mission grants.

What is the LWML goal? It is the "great task" of bringing the lost and erring into fellowship with Him. We don't make this commitment alone. We make it with our sisters and brothers in Christ. As we make this pledge to God, we make it to one another, promising to work in partnership and harmony as women who serve the Lord in gladness. As we say "Amen", we say let it be for us!



VOLUNTEERS

ATTENTION USHER, GREETER & WELCOME CENTER VOLUNTEERS!

Attention members who are currently involved in the Usher, Greeter and Welcome Center Ministries and those who might be interested in being involved. Pastor Jon will be leading an **important** workshop on Saturday, June 30 at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Whether you have been in one of these ministries for many years or have just begun, please plan on attending.



There's
Room
for
YOU!

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

Voters' Meeting & Lunch
Sunday, July 1, 2018
following the 10:30 a.m. services
AFLC Gym

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

Shining the Light Summer Choir

Voices of all ages are invited to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs!

Wednesday evenings

7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Beginning June 6!

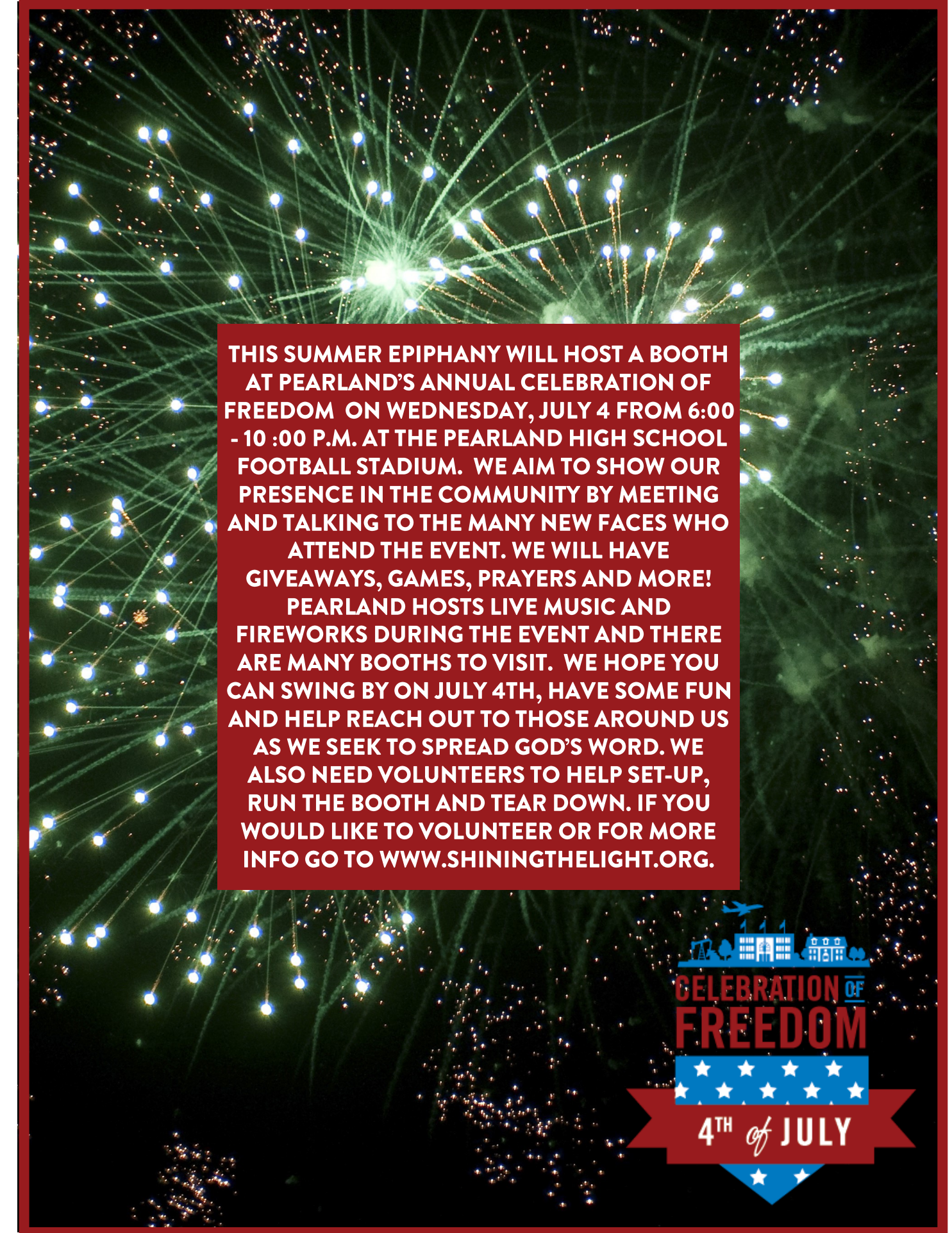
We will strive to lead and shape the congregational song every Sunday at the 8:00 a.m. worship service through July.

Congratulations to our known 2018 High School Graduates!

Cameron Davies	Brazoswood HS	Concordia University Texas	DCE Program
Erika DiLuca	Dawson HS	Oklahoma State University	Architecture
Kalista Heinrich	Turner HS	Stephen F. Austin University	
Dalton Keels	Pearland HS	San Jacinto College	Pursuing a career in music
Rachel Moore	Pearland HS	Rice University	Economics & Social Policy
Danielle Ortiz	Turner HS	University of Houston	Business Finance
Danielle is also receiving an Associates Degree in General Studies from Alvin Community College			
Sabrina Smith	Dawson HS	Texas A & M University	Chemical Engineering

Congratulations to our known 2018 College Graduates!

Brittany Earley	University of Houston Clear Lake, BS Interdisciplinary Studies
Thomas Milbrath	University of Texas at San Antonio, BS History with Teaching Certification
Melina Munoz	University of North Texas, MS Behavior Analysis



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.



Military BibleSticks Thanks You!



Thanks to your generous donations, Epiphany was able to raise \$4,680 for Military BibleSticks. As previously announced, a donor at Military BibleSticks graciously agreed to match any donated funds dollar for dollar, so the matched amount is \$9,360. This will enable Military BibleSticks to put a BibleStick into the hands of 374 military personnel. That is very exciting!

This is the third year that we have partnered with Military BibleSticks and we feel it is such an important organization that we have created a dedicated account at Epiphany so that the congregation can contribute to Military BibleSticks throughout the year. If you are interested in contributing to the Military BibleSticks, please make your check out to Epiphany Lutheran Church and put "Military BibleSticks" in the memo section so the office knows to put the funds into the Military BibleSticks dedicated account. Once a month the office will send funds off to Military BibleSticks. We thank you for your support of our military who are currently serving both stateside and overseas to protect our freedoms.

If you would like to get involved at Epiphany but don't know where to start, contact me at dorian@epiphanypearland.org so we can talk about your interest in serving at Epiphany.

- Dorian Cornelius








RICE BOWLS

This year our VBS offerings will go to Rice Bowls! This organization helps feed orphans all over the world, in places like Haiti, Ethiopia, and the Philippines. They partner with 58 faith-based children's homes in 9 countries and provide 100% of the food for the orphan children in their care! Please join us in supporting these children!

"Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow."
Isaiah 1:17

 Nearly 160 million children across the world are orphans

 Every few seconds, another orphan dies of malnutrition.

 Rice Bowls feeds over 1775 children. That's over 1.9 million meals a year!



MEET SATHYAM

Sathyam's grandmother was his only caretaker and struggled with addiction, unable to care for him. He had to beg for food. An ear infection led to hearing loss in one of his ears. Things were bad. Fortunately, Sathyam was placed into the loving care of one of our partner homes in India. Now Sathyam gets 3 meals each day. He loves to garden and do "gymnastics". One day, he hopes to become a doctor and a guardian to kids like himself.


WE CALL THEM HEROES



Vacation Bible School 2018

Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus

OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, June 9
4:00-6:00pm | AFLC Gym

Pick up your name tag/t-shirt and enjoy snacks, crafts and a movie! You must pick up your nametag in advance if you would like to take advantage of our drop-off line. All children who do not have a nametag will need to be walked in by a parent on the first day.

Shirts and nametags will also be available for pick up on Sunday, June 10 from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. in room 6 of the main building.

CREW NIGHT | Saturday, June 9
6:00-8:00pm | AFLC Room 204

All youth volunteers, come join the crew of youth volunteers for a fun night of pizza, friends and games! You won't want to miss the great night as we prepare for VBS on Monday. It's a great way to have a great time and learn what you'll be doing. Also, we will be tie dying our VBS shirts! Contact chase@epiphanypearland.org if you cannot attend to receive training and your shirt.

SET UP HELP NEEDED! - Have fun turning our buildings into a deserted island for VBS! Set up on Saturday, June 9 from 9:00 a.m. - noon.

The Big Fish: Jonah's Whale of a Tale

A "fishing"
expedition is
planned for
Thursday
afternoon!

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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, 5515 West Broadway, Pearland

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

Register at: ShiningTheLight.org.

EPIPHANY SUMMER INTERNS

This summer two of our high school youth will be interning to grow in their faith and take an inside look at what doing ministry is all about! They will assist with: children's messages, youth nights, Sunday School, special events, care ministry and more. This will be a great blessing to both ministry and them. Here is a bit about them!



Cameron Davies is a graduating senior from Brazoswood High School, during which he participated in Cross Country and Band. When not at school, Cameron enjoys spending time with his friends and

training for marathons. This fall, Cameron will be attending his first semester at Concordia University to study Religious Education. Cameron wants to be an intern due to his love for church work and God.



Abigail Van Maaren is an upcoming junior at Turner High School and a student at Alvin Community College, planning to graduate with her Medical Assistant certification and associate degree. Aside from school, Abby has been involved in gymnastics for almost a decade and coaches 4 to 14-

year-old gymnasts. Coaching has been one of the most difficult but rewarding things she has been able to do. She hopes this internship will strengthen her faith and that she can share her faith and love with people God brings her way. She looks forward to the new challenges God has in store for her.

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.



BUILD A BEAR FOR TEXAS CHILDREN'S

On May 20, our kids used their offerings to build and pray over 8 bears for sick kids at Texas Children's Hospital. Thank you to all the families who were able to come out and serve in such a fun way!



SKATE NIGHT

JUNE 20 || 6:00-8:00PM
PEARWOOD SKATE || \$0
ALL AGES || \$1 PIZZA

**COME FOR A FUN NIGHT OF SKATING AND A CHANCE
TO BE WELCOMING TO VBS FAMILIES AFTER VBS!**



MAIN EVENT

On May 6 our 5th-12th graders went to Main Event for a fun youth night of community! From bowling to games to laser tag it was a great way to spend the night with God's family!



SPRING RETREAT

April 27-29, our high school youth went to Galveston for our Spring Retreat. From games, to the beach, great food, worship and Bible Study, it was a great weekend of learning about communicating God's Word!





BIRTHDAYS

06/01 Lorin Dick
 06/01 Kyle Woelfel
 06/01 Jonathan Hay
 06/02 Anna Walliser
 06/03 Nora Wynn
 06/03 Kathleen DeWolfe
 06/04 John Reimer
 06/04 Robert Guyton
 06/04 David Kazmierski
 06/05 Katie Russo
 06/05 Brady Turner
 06/05 Cameron Davies
 06/06 Eric Aaron
 06/06 Eric Seale
 06/07 Janet Frers
 06/08 Tim Cornelius
 06/08 Jennifer Williams
 06/09 Jacob Erdman
 06/09 John Hufnagel
 06/09 Charlene Threlkeld
 06/09 Martha Balzer
 06/10 Lisa Maly
 06/10 Candace Earley
 06/11 Kim Brackney
 06/11 Anna Riveness
 06/11 Rachel Moore
 06/11 Harrison Medack
 06/12 Meredith Kaspar
 06/12 Michaela Kaspar
 06/13 Sandy Burton
 06/14 Olivia Ulbricht
 06/15 Emma Lynch
 06/16 Sara Erdman
 06/16 Henry Long
 06/16 Emily Long
 06/17 Frank Dittman
 06/17 Dani Hufnagel
 06/17 Kim Raess
 06/19 Amanda Sterling
 06/19 Caleb Petry
 06/21 Amber Calderon
 06/21 Jonte Greer
 06/22 Ken Mills
 06/22 Beverly Quinton
 06/23 Miller Broussard
 06/25 Michael Hernandez
 06/25 Deanna Stansfield-Young
 06/25 Isaak Baumann
 06/26 Susan Keys
 06/26 Reid Davies
 06/26 Gloria Mills
 06/26 Brittany Earley
 06/27 Charley Alderman
 06/27 Weston Barrera

06/27 Brady Smaistrila
 06/28 Dorian Cornelius
 06/29 Logan Williams
 06/30 Misty Paden
 06/30 Kevin Ayres



ANNIVERSARIES

06/01 Gary & Pat Doerre
 06/01 Kelly & Traci Elliott
 06/02 David & Marsha Albert
 06/05 Robert & Janet Frers
 06/05 Steve & Denise Hager
 06/05 Merlin & Rhoda Mohr
 06/06 William & Brenda Johnson
 06/06 Jay & Beth Milbrath
 06/06 Jac & Shirley Rubright
 06/08 Marty & Lynn Meyers
 06/09 Pastor Jon & Linda Salminen
 06/13 Morgan & Cathleen Garner
 06/13 Brian & Fran Wukasch
 06/15 Blaine & Caitlyn Prescott
 06/16 Todd & Angie Arnold
 06/16 Jerry & Diana Langer
 06/17 V.J. & Summer Ortiz
 06/20 Eric & Laura Anderson
 06/21 Jimmy & Kristen Vollman
 06/22 Jimmy & Debbie Dick
 06/22 Gary & Danette Marsh
 06/23 Dan & Allison Oberlies
 06/25 Vicente & Christy DiLuca
 06/26 Kevin & Tammie Allen
 06/26 Jonathan & Kim Raess
 06/27 Adam & Amy Aaron
 06/27 Joe & Vickie Heinrich
 06/29 Jacob & Meridith McGowan
 06/29 Wayne & Ellen Roberson
 06/30 Clyde & Shirley Hannes
 06/30 Larry & Jill Woelfel



Births in the Church Family

BIRTHS

Hadley Raye Ortiz
 (daughter of VJ and Summer Ortiz)
 May 17, 2018



THANK YOU

The Women of Epiphany LWML would like to thank everyone who helped and supported our Spring Craft Fair and Garden Extravaganza. The funds raised will be sent to Crossing Cambodia -Greg Holz school for street kids, Bartimaeus Fellowship Church Christian Foundation for the Blind India and GSLC Cuba Mission trip Saul Pontifes. Each mission will receive \$1565 thanks to the blessed support of all of you! Thank you!

Tammy Earley
 LWML President

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 Thank you for the beautiful funeral service for Esther Martin. Your words honored her life and brought us great comfort. Also, thank you and your church so much for hosting the reception following the service. The food was wonderful. We shared many memories of Esther and it gave us time to find strength to continue on for the rest of the day. Thank you again and May God bless!

Joseph & Melinda Martin
 & family

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 Dear friends at Epiphany Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your continued support. I want to take the time to sincerely thank you for your support. Your generous gift will help POBLO to spread the Gospel to the unreached people/communities in the greater Houston area. We really appreciate it. Thank you and God's blessings.

Julie Aftab
 POBLO

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
<p>JULY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE JUNE 10!</p>					1	2
<p>3 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* LWML Mite Box Sunday Graduation Sunday 9:15am-201 Class-202 9:15am-VBS Training-203 No Orchestra Practice! 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204</p>	<p>4 Announcements Due! 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 7:00pm-<i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC</p>	<p>5 7:00pm-Board of Elders-207</p>	<p>6 6:30pm-Praise Team 7:00pm-Summer Choir 7:30pm-Carnegie Choir</p>	<p>7 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meet Up (high school juniors -young adults)</p>	<p>8 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen</p>	<p>9 7:30am-Men's Bible Breakfast-203 9:00am-Noon-VBS Set Up 9:15am-Elders' Meeting-209 4:00-6:00pm-VBS Open House-gym 6:00-8:00pm-VBS Crow Night-204</p>
<p>10 WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM* 9:15am-201 Class-203 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 7:00pm-An Evening With Ken Medema -sanctuary No Youth Nights!</p>	<p>11 Announcements Due! No Goodtimers!</p>	<p>12 9:00am-Bible Study-202</p>	<p>13 6:30pm-Praise Team 7:00pm-Summer Choir 7:30pm-Carnegie Choir</p>	<p>14 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meet Up (high school juniors -young adults)</p>	<p>15 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen</p>	<p>16 9:30am-Altar Guild Meeting -narthex</p>
	<p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9:00 A.M. – NOON (all rooms)</p>					
	<p>Noon-4:00pm Triumph Sports Camp</p>	<p>Noon-4:00pm Triumph Sports Camp</p>	<p>Noon-4:00pm Triumph Sports Camp 6:30pm-Praise Team 7:00pm-Summer Choir 7:30pm-Carnegie Choir</p>	<p>Noon-4:00pm Triumph Sports Camp No Midweek Meet Up!</p>	<p>22 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen</p>	<p>23 9:30am-LWML Meeting-203</p>
<p>17 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* 9:15am-201 Class-203 No Orchestra Practice! 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00pm-Leadership Council Meeting-202 6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204</p>	<p>18 Announcements Due! 9:00am-Quilting-202 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 7:00pm-<i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC</p>	<p>19 4:00pm-Bible Study-202</p>	<p>20 6:30pm-Praise Team 7:00pm-Summer Choir 7:30pm-Carnegie Choir</p>	<p>21 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meet Up (high school juniors -young adults)</p>	<p>22 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen</p>	<p>23 9:30am-LWML Meeting-203</p>
<p>24 WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM* 9:15am-CrossGen Sunday School-gym 9:15am-201 Class-203 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204</p>	<p>25 Announcements Due! 7:00pm-<i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC</p>	<p>26 4:00pm-Bible Study-202</p>	<p>27 9:00am-Quilting-202 6:30pm-Praise Team 7:00pm-Summer Choir 7:30pm-Carnegie Choir</p>	<p>28 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meet Up (high school juniors -young adults)</p>	<p>29 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen</p>	<p>30 9:00am-Usher/Greeter/ Welcome Center Training- sanctuary</p>



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.