

# *The Light*

*July 2018*



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# EPIPHANY GAME DAY



**JULY 8 || GAME TIME 1:10 P.M.**

**\$18 PER TICKET**

**COME SEE ASTROS VS. WHITE SOX! FOR  
MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP GO TO  
[SHININGTHELIGHT.ORG](http://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](http://ShiningTheLight.org).

## **ONLY TWO SERVICES!**

**"Road Trip Mission Trip" Commissioning - 10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, July 15, 2018  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Sanctuary**

Several of you have requested that we occasionally have combined worship services in order to build community at Epiphany. So on Sunday, July 15 we'll have an 8:00 a.m. service in the sanctuary and then one 10:30 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. It will be a special service as we will be commissioning the 7th - 12th grade youth and adults who will be embarking on their "Road Trip Mission Trip" that day. Come and show your support for the 36 youth, 4 college students and 6 adults who will travel to Houston, La Grange and Austin to be the hands and feet of Jesus.





Linda and I just got back from Michigan on Monday evening. We went up to see my mom and to perform a wedding for a long-time member of Epiphany. While we were there we decided to celebrate our anniversary, a bit late, by spending the night on Mackinac Island. The weather was beautiful, the scenery spectacular, but the water was incredible! I think it is hard to beat the bluish-green waters of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. As we were walking around the island I commented to Linda, "this is soul restoring". She agreed.

We need to have our souls restored. The stress, pressure and demands of life can weigh us down and rob us of our joy. And, as much as I enjoyed the soul restoring waters of Lakes Michigan and Huron, there is a far greater water that not only restores the soul but gives life to spiritually dead souls. In John 4, Jesus said to a tired and weary woman, "Everyone who drinks of this water (the water from Jacob's well in Samaria) will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)

Is your soul thirsty for God? If so, drink from the waters of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and it will be refreshed. I read many years ago about the 3 R's of spiritual refreshment. The first "R" is **Refresh Daily**. Drink from the Gospels every day. Take a few moments to read the Scriptures and let them give you life and refreshment. The second "R" is **Renew Weekly**. When God created man and woman He instituted the Sabbath. The Sabbath is a time to rest in the presence of the Lord and to allow God Himself to Renew your spirit. Only a foolish person will think they are too busy to rest in the Lord. Jesus Himself took time to worship His Father in corporate worship. He knew He needed it. And, so do we! Take time to worship the Lord, experience Christian fellowship, hear His Word and receive His Body and Blood in the Sacrament and He will renew you. The third "R" is **Retreat Annually**. Summer is a great time to get away. But, don't get away from God. Get away to be with the Lord and allow Him to lift you up and strengthen you. While it is important to take a break from work it is never wise to take a break from the Lord who loves, forgives and gives living water to any who will receive it.

I hope you get a chance to get away this summer and have your soul restored. But even if you don't get the chance to go to Mackinac Island you can drink the best water of all, the living water of Jesus Christ as you Refresh Daily, Renew Weekly and Retreat Annually.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Jon



# Listen up!

**NEW 2018-2019  
FACILITY USE FORMS  
DUE AUGUST 5, 2018!**

It's time to fill out a Facility Use Form for any activity taking place in any room in any building at Epiphany. Anyone wishing to use the church facilities for ongoing events must turn in a new Facility Use Form no later than Sunday, August 5, 2018 to be sure you have a room reserved. The yellow forms are located on the wall in the hallway outside the main office. Changes become effective September 1, 2018. For questions, please call Debbie Oravetz at 281-485-7833.



# Launch Day!

**August 26 | 9:15am**

**Save the date for an all new Launch Day  
for all ages! Come get excited about the  
Word of God at Epiphany this year!**



## **IT'S UP TO YOU**

If the church grows, it is because YOUR attendance is regular and YOU invite and bring friends regularly.

If it is an active church, it is because YOU are committed to its ministries and give YOUR time and influence.

If it is a scriptural church, it is because YOU are a part of Bible Studies and desire to grow in and through God's Word.

If it is a friendly church, it is because YOU are friendly. YOU take the initiative to meet and greet new and old alike each week.

If it is a soul-winning church, it is because YOU are a witness and YOU are interested in bringing others to Christ.

If it is a teaching church, it is because YOU attend the Sunday School and other educational opportunities and desire to learn.

If it is a giving church, it is because YOU give: not just of your tithes and offerings, but of YOUR God-given abilities and time.

### **LET'S WORK AT MAKING OUR CHURCH THAT KIND OF CHURCH**

We are called to work in and toward God's kingdom. But the direction, the energy, the inspiration, the motivation and the love come to us by God's grace. And of that we have an abundant measure.



# 2018 Shipwrecked



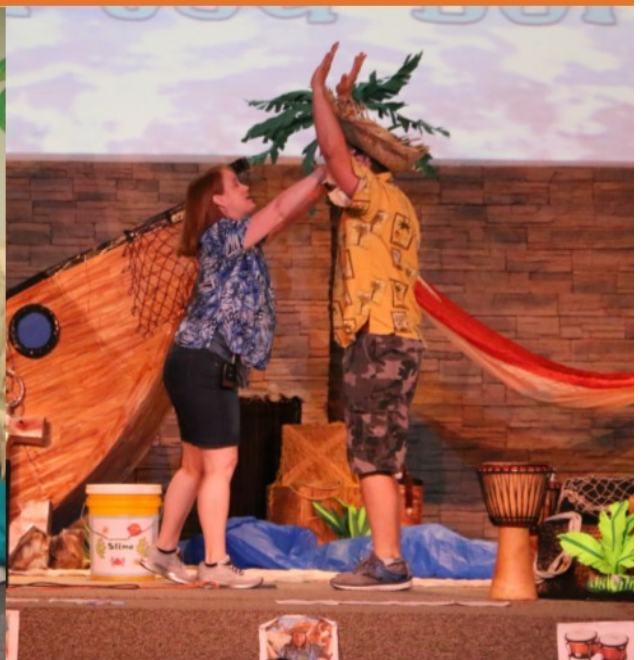




On June 11-15, Epiphany was filled with Shipwrecked VBS decorations and people! Each day we welcomed 230 children to learn about Jesus and that we are rescued by Jesus in all situations! It would not have been possible without our amazing volunteers. Over 120 youth and adults served each day to help the kids enjoy Bible Stories, crafts, games, science, snacks and more. Thank you to all who helped!

This year the children brought over \$2,100 in offerings to help support hungry kids and teach them about Jesus, through Rice Bowls non-profit. They also voted with their offerings for who they wanted to see "seaweed slimed" at the end of the week. Deserted Dori (who might look a bit like Beth Milbrath) was the winner and bravely faced the slime on Friday!

It was an awesome week and a great opportunity to share the Gospel each day. We pray God's blessing on the many seeds that were sown. Thanks again to everyone who helped make it possible through volunteer hours, monetary/supply donations and all the prayers!





# 7th-12th Grade Summer Mission Trip

## INFO AND MEETINGS

# ROAD TRIP

# MISSION TRIP



Our summer mission trip across Texas, July 15-21 approaches quickly . Don't miss our other important meetings! The pre-trip meeting will provide more info on our upcoming trip and prepare us to serve as a team. The post-trip meeting focuses on bringing our trip home, applying our experiences to our lives and remembering the fun we had. The trip presentation lets the congregation know what we did and allows you to share your memories. Dates and times are below. All meet in room 204.

PRE-TRIP MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 6:00PM-8:30PM

POST-TRIP MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JULY 25 6:00PM-8:00PM

TRIP PRESENTATION - SUNDAY, JULY 29 9:00AM-10:10AM





**"5<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS ENJOYED A NIGHT OF FIESTA FUN, FILLED WITH FIESTA FOOD, GAMES, MUSTACHES AND MORE! IT WAS A GREAT NIGHT TO ALSO LEARN THAT IN ALL THINGS, WE ARE FORGIVEN BY JESUS!"**







07/25 Valerie Freeman  
07/26 Chase Drake  
07/26 Mason Brackney  
07/26 Janice Smith  
07/27 Bob Wood  
07/27 Barb Brackney  
07/27 Brody Underwood  
07/27 Katy Ostermaier  
07/27 Jennifer McGinley  
07/27 Jeanette Holt  
07/27 Justin Paden  
07/28 Buck Elston  
07/28 Patricia Roberts  
07/28 Kevin Munoz  
07/30 Chelsea Pierce  
07/30 Blaine Prescott  
07/30 Matthew Kiihne  
07/31 David Latlip  
07/31 Janice Brashier  
07/31 Cade Hollis  
07/31 Colton Weiss



07/01 Willie & Frances Von Gonten  
07/04 George & Renee Hernandez  
07/07 Mike & Rachel Cloeter  
07/07 Brad & Valerie Freeman  
07/08 Fred & Amy Heer  
07/08 David Rumsey & Martha Meyer  
07/08 Kenneth & Jennifer Ward  
07/11 Lauren Ayres & Daniel Grabau  
07/11 John & Beth Roos  
07/12 Kevin & Meredith Ackerman  
07/12 John & Christina Hartman  
07/14 James & Ethel Keys  
07/15 Alex & Katie Tews  
07/16 Larry & Rosa Kelley  
07/19 Aaron & Joyce Carpenter  
07/19 David & Renee Medack  
07/19 Pastor Nathan & Kimmie Misch  
07/21 Richard & Lois Armstrong  
07/21 Robert & Janet Williamson  
07/25 Scott & Elizabeth Stewart  
07/26 Robert & Carolyn Melton  
07/29 Bill & Joan Bente  
07/29 John & Sue Hufnagel  
07/29 Larry & Jennifer Williams  
07/30 Grant & Nancy Runge  
07/30 Rebecca & Carlos Torres



Paul Elmer Meyer  
June 6, 2018



Thank you to all those who were able to attend my Cuba Mission Trip presentation on Sunday May 20. Also, thank you to all who were able to partner with me prayerfully and financially. Jesus told his disciples in John 10:16 "I have other sheep that are not of this flock. I must bring them in also." Those words were spoken over two thousand years ago but you and I were the hands, feet and mouth of Jesus on April 7-14 as He brought in His "other sheep" (399 to be exact) who were not of His flock.

## In the Grip of His Love, Saul Pontifes

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Dear Epiphany Members,

The lovely flowers that were brought to me have brought me much joy and pleasure. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

In His Love,  
Charley Alderman




# 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
<b>1</b> COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* LWML Mite Box Sunday 9:00-10:15am-Blood Pressure Screening-106 9:15am-201 Class-203 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary <b>11:45am-Voters' Meeting &amp; Lunch-AFLC</b> 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym <b>6:30pm-Youth Nights @ the movies</b> -meet at Cinemark	<b>2</b> <b>Announcements Due!</b> 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207  7:00pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC	<b>3</b>  4:00pm-Bible Study-202	<b>4</b> <b>Holiday</b> <b>Church Office Closed!</b>  	<b>5</b>  No Midweek Meet Up!	<b>6</b> 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM* 9:15am-201 Class-203 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204	<b>9</b> <b>Announcements Due!</b> 9:30am-Goodtimers (101 AFLC)  7:00pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC	<b>10</b>  4:00pm-Bible Study-202  No Board of Elders!	<b>11</b>  6:30pm-Praise Team 7:00pm-Summer Choir 7:30pm-Carnegie Choir	<b>12</b>  7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meet Up (high school juniors -young adults )	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:30am-Men's Bible Breakfast-203
<b>15</b> COM/SS & ABC/COM* <b>Only two services!</b> <b>8:00 a.m. sanctuary</b> <b>10:30 a.m. sanctuary</b> <b>Mission Trip Commissioning @ 10:30am</b> 9:15am-201 Class-203 <b>No Orchestra Practice!</b> 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym <b>No Youth Nights!</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Announcements Due!</b> 9:00am-Quilting-202 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207  7:00pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC	<b>17</b>  4:00pm-Bible Study-202	<b>18</b>  6:30pm-Praise Team 7:00pm-Summer Choir 7:30pm-Carnegie Choir	<b>19</b>  No Midweek Meet Up!	<b>20</b> 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen	<b>21</b> 9:15am-Elders' Meeting-203
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# The Big Fish: Jonah's Whale of a Tale

NOW OPEN TO 3rd - 4th GRADERS!

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.

**REGISTRATION  
CLOSES JULY 8!**

Sing Act Paint Create Build

Cast Limit: 30 || Cost: \$30/person

Register at: [ShiningTheLight.org](http://ShiningTheLight.org).