

The Light

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Launch Day 2018

August 26 || Gym || 9:15 a.m.

Get plugged in at Epiphany!

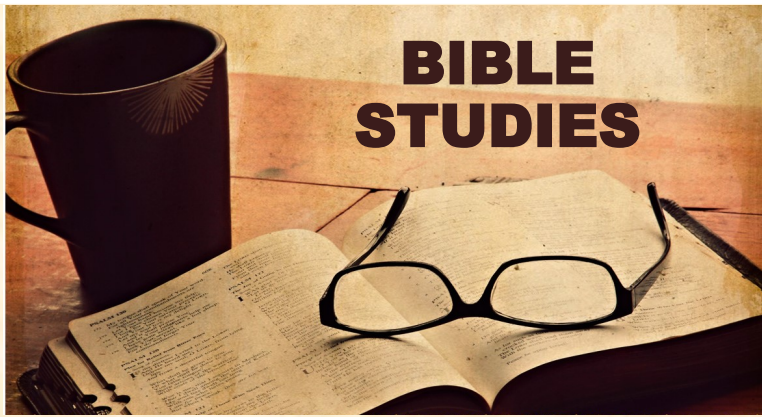
ALL AGES!

Everyone is invited to join us in the gym for Bible Study, food, prizes and fun! This day is an opportunity for all ages to find out how you can get plugged in to Bible Study and all of the ministry opportunities at Epiphany.

Don't miss the hot dog lunch in the gym after the late services.

Contact Beth Milbrath
beth@epiphanypearland.org or
Chase Drake
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for more information.





The 101 Class: "Discovering the Lutheran Faith"

This class, taught by the pastors, 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. It is held on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in room 202 of the AFLC. **The next class will begin September 9! If you are planning on attending please contact Dorian at 281-485-7833 or dorian@epiphanypearland.org.**

Parental Guidance Required

Join us for this six-week, video-based study featuring Andy Stanley and Reggie Joiner. Of all the assignments God will give you during your time on earth, none may be more sacred than the task of raising your children. *Parental Guidance Required* is designed to give you the counsel you need to help prepare your children for the future. This study is geared toward parents of kids of all ages – from preschool to college. It meets every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in room 203 of the AFLC. **This class begins on September 16!**

Ladies' Bible Study

This Bible Study is open to women of all ages; it's a chance to gather together in fellowship and friendship. This class meets at 9:30 a.m. every Monday in room 203 of the AFLC. A new study, *All Things New: A Study of 2 Corinthians* by Kelly Minter, begins **August 20**. The city of ancient Corinth was much like our own modern-day cities: a melting pot of electrifying cultural experiences to be had, along with the myriad pitfalls of spiritual depravity. Still, Paul wrote to the church of God in Corinth. Meaning God's church is meant to thrive in any city and every circumstance in which we find ourselves. Paul's letter is as timely as ever. We will explore the anchoring truths of bearing treasures in jars of clay, meeting Christ through a pressing thorn, opening wide your heart in the midst of hurtful relationships and what it means to embrace the lost and lonely as ministers of the new covenant. Each of us has a message to proclaim and live by. Because of Jesus the old has gone, the new has come.

New LifeLight Study

The Gospel of John describes Jesus as "the Word". God wants to say something important to us human beings. He is saying it through Jesus and John's purpose in writing his Gospel is clear: "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." (John 20:31) You are invited to join the LifeLight study group as we dig deeply into the Gospel of John. The study begins Thursday, **September 6** at 9:15 a.m. in room 203 of the AFLC. Study guides are available for \$10 from Marlene Heinrich.

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE ASSEMBLING

"Please read the instructions before assembling." The words were in bold and definitely big enough for me to read. So, what did I do? I said to myself, "Yeah, right! You'd have to be an idiot not to be able to figure this out." Two hours and several descriptive adjectives later, I concluded I wasn't as smart as I thought I was. With a large piece of humble pie crammed in my mouth, I finally decided to join the ranks of the idiots who were wiser than me and read those instructions.

Maybe you've had a similar experience. If only you'd taken the time to learn before you acted. You could have saved yourself time, frustration and maybe even pain. But as I talk with people, I have come to believe many (like me) seem to learn things the hard way before they learn to do it the right way.

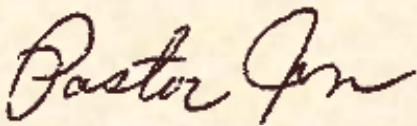
I share this with you because I am convinced that the Word of God can be likened to an instruction manual for life. People throughout the ages have realized that when God's Word is correctly understood and applied to life—blessings abound.

On August 26 we will celebrate Launch Day. Launch Day is our "Kick Off" of the fall educational activities at Epiphany. It is also called "Rally Day" as we rally around the life-giving Word of God in a variety of classes both on Sunday and during the week. We probe, question, learn and grow as God's Word addresses issues of everyday life.

I want to challenge you to commit yourself to the study of God's Word this year. You will find that the Word of God is the most practical and relevant book ever written—which shouldn't surprise us since God is the author. You will find that Bible Study is fun! You will receive Divine Wisdom as God works in your life. What have you got to lose except maybe some frustration and anxiety?

I encourage **all our members** to rally around the Scriptures this year. I look forward to seeing you soon in Bible Study.

Yours in Christ's Love,



Pastor Jon



Join the journey this fall!

EPIPHANY'S MUSIC

Adult Choir Handbells YOUTH CHOIR
What Sweeter Music THE LIGHT
PRAISE TEAM ORCHESTRA
INSTRUMENTS WORSHIP TEAM
Musical Theater The Light Fest
KID'S CHOIR
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STORY SONG • JESUS CHRIST



If you've lost someone close to you or know someone who has, please join us Thursday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in room 202 of the AFLC. Our next support group will begin on Thursday, September 6. Please contact Cindy Eppelheimer in the church office (281-485-7833 or cindy@epiphanypearland.org) to register so that we have enough workbooks. There is a one-time fee of \$15.00 for a workbook. We know it hurts and we want to help. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy or Pastor Jon.



One of the great things about serving at Epiphany is that you do not have to be a member of Epiphany to serve in most of our ministries; the only exception being those ministries involving children.

If you enjoy helping others, the **Usher Ministry** really needs you! This is an opportunity for teens, ladies and gentlemen! Ushers serve a vital role for the congregation especially during worship services. The time commitment is one Sunday a month. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Hartwig for more information.

If you enjoy reaching out to shut-ins, the **Meals on Wheels Ministry** is a ministry that delivers meals to shut-ins every eight weeks. The time commitment for the **Meals on Wheels Ministry** is approximately three hours from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on the day you volunteer. Contact Lillian Barath for more information. Another option is the **Have a Heart Ministry**, a ministry where you can either call and/or visit shut-ins or those who are in the hospital. The time commitment for **Have a Heart Ministry** varies based on the number of calls/visits you do. Contact Donna Ellwanger for more information.

If you have young children, we have a ministry where they can help too. In both the sanctuary and the AFLC, we have busy bags with crayons, books and paper to keep the little ones busy during the service. Periodically, the bags need refreshing. For over a year, we have been looking for someone to come in once a month to update the bags. The bags would need to be done during normal office hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday) as the supplies for the busy bags are kept at the church. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Dorian Cornelius at dorian@epiphanypearland.org.

If you would like to get involved 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





Youth Mission Trip 2018

From July 15-21, 46 Epiphany youth and adults traveled through Texas to serve local communities. We served at several places including: Bethesda to support adults with special needs, Camp Lone Star to further their goal of teaching youth about God in nature and several Austin charities including the food bank and homeless community. The youth also spent every day in scripture learning what it means to have a servant's heart. Lastly, we had a blast at the camp's slip 'n' slide and renting a swimming barge in Austin. Over all, our youth served God faithfully and grew closer to God and each other. This was an amazing trip and we look forward to serving God as we are now home!







**End of Summer Bash in Galveston
Sunday, August 12
Incoming 8th - 12th Graders**

Leave Epiphany after late services.

Return to Epiphany at 7:30 p.m.

Bring money for a fast food lunch.

This event is free but you **must register at**
ShiningTheLight.org by August 7 so we can
plan for transportation. Space is limited!



**CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 || 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.
5th - 7th GRADERS AND PARENTS**

Come find out about Epiphany's Confirmation Program and all our upcoming events. Pizza available - 2 slices and a soda for \$3. Shirts and catechisms will also be available for purchase.

The 7th graders will be measured for robes and get information about the upcoming Confirmation Service on October 27. Regular Confirmation Classes begin on September 16.

Please fill out the Registration/Medical Form which can be found on any of the youth pages at www.ShiningTheLight.org.

ESCAPE the ROOM

**Fall Kick-Off || 7th-12th Graders
6 - 8 p.m. || August 26 || Gym**



Fall Retreat

5th-12th Grade
September 28-30

**High ropes, swimming, amazing Bible Study and
worship at Pineywoods Camp**

5th and 6th Graders
One - Night Retreat
Leave Friday at 6 pm
Return Saturday at 9 pm
Cost: \$65

7th - 12th Graders
Weekend Retreat
Leave Friday at 6 pm
Return Sunday by noon
Cost: \$95

Register at www.ShiningTheLight.org
Registration Deadline: September 18



BIRTHDAYS

08/01 Katherine Kelley
 08/03 Martha Meyer
 08/05 Elisabeth Helton
 08/06 Glenn Bigon
 08/06 Ken Schesser
 08/07 Leandra Maly
 08/07 David Klewer
 08/07 Mariam Pontifes
 08/07 James Keys
 08/08 Jake Klewer
 08/08 Jeff West
 08/08 Pamela Van Maaren
 08/08 Janice Jeske
 08/08 Ellen Roberson
 08/09 Jeremy Foster
 08/09 Thomas Kidd
 08/09 Beverly Stanford
 08/10 Luke Anderson
 08/11 Abby Van Maaren
 08/11 Caitlyn Jardon
 08/12 Sarah Kiihne
 08/13 Jessica Elston
 08/13 Ashten Hollis
 08/14 Renee Medack
 08/14 Megan Keasler
 08/14 Ryler Hartman
 08/14 Peyton Birkelbach
 08/16 Charles Stager
 08/17 James Kramer
 08/17 Alexander Heer
 08/17 Cash Sites
 08/17 Elaine Ward
 08/18 Paula Klewer
 08/18 Mary Zeller
 08/18 Eric Anderson
 08/19 Maddie Allen
 08/19 Daniel Tunstall
 08/19 Ed Kaspar
 08/19 Gabriel Ortiz
 08/20 Chris Kiihne
 08/20 Nicholas Robinson
 08/21 Donna Ellwanger
 08/21 Trisha Meiller
 08/22 Tricia Robinson
 08/22 Mike Zuelke
 08/24 Linda Salminen
 08/24 Jennifer Turner
 08/24 Amber Cotter
 08/24 Jayla Greer
 08/24 Jack Pavlovic
 08/25 Mary Lou Medack
 08/26 Cameron Piel
 08/27 Rob Robinson
 08/27 Adam Aaron
 08/27 Richard Juroska
 08/28 Stephen Wolff

08/28 Elsie Schulze
 08/28 Greg Kunkel
 08/29 Cathy Ashcraft
 08/30 Renee' Van Bramer
 08/30 John Meiller
 08/31 Verna Allbee
 08/31 Amelia Dawson
 08/31 Kimmie Misch
 08/31 Presley Lester



ANNIVERSARIES

08/01 Chris & Kathryn Davies
 08/01 Phillip & Stacy Keys
 08/04 Robert & Cathy Ashcraft
 08/06 Eric & Patty Aaron
 08/06 Richard & Shirley Juroska
 08/06 Steven & Jennifer Turner
 08/08 Audie & Janice Smith
 08/09 Brent & Amanda Snyder
 08/17 Craig & Phyllis Carothers
 08/18 Mike & Judy Cotter
 08/20 Andy & Bernice Bilich
 08/23 Saul & Mariam Pontifes
 08/24 David & Paula Brewton
 08/25 Jeff & Laura Otto
 08/26 Max & Karen Daugherty
 08/30 Curtis & Terri Garner



BAPTISMS

Owen David Pham
July 8, 2018

Jonathan James Born Prescott
July 8, 2018

Lila Elise Smith
July 21, 2018

Olivia Annagene Pollard
July 22, 2018



THANK YOU

Dear Rev. Salminen, Rev. Johnson, Rev. Misch, Elders and all the saints at Epiphany,

Thank you so much for your prayers and partnership. By God's grace we had thirteen baptisms since Easter; eleven in Michigan and two in Minnesota. We are starting Ohio very soon at two locations. May our good Lord continue to bless you and use you. Thank you!

Rev. Farrukh Kahn
POBLO International



WHAT'S NEW

Check out the updated Veteran's perpetual plaque in the Ascension Family Life Center and the new plaque that has been added; they recognize the military members who have departed who have served our country.

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
SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE AUGUST 10! 5 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 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204	6 Announcements Due! 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 7:00pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC	7 4:00pm-Bible Study-202 7:00pm-Board of Elders-203	1 The Big Fish 9:00am-1:00pm 6:30pm-Praise Team 7:00pm-Summer Choir 7:30pm-Carnegie Choir	2 The Big Fish 9:00am-1:00pm 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meet Up (high school juniors -young adults)	3 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen The Big Fish 9:00am-1:00pm	4 7:30am-Men's Bible Breakfast-203 9:15am-Elders' Meeting-203 9:30am-Altar Guild Meeting -narthex
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COMMUNITY
BLOOD
DRIVE

Sunday, September 9, 2018
8:00 a.m. - noon
203 AFLC

SAVE THE DATE!