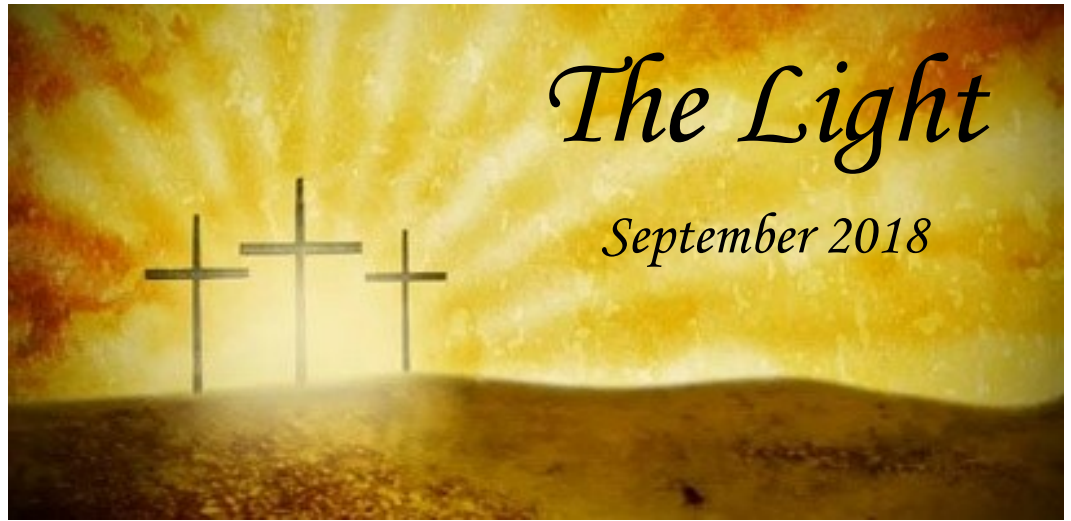


# *The Light*

*September 2018*



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**We're having a Potluck/Tailgate Party to watch the Texans play the Patriots! Bring your favorite dish to share with everyone. Ideas for what to bring are sandwiches, pizza, a bucket of chicken, a side dish, your favorite casserole, etc. Epiphany will provide lemonade, iced tea and water.**

**If you're not into football, come anyway. Just bring food to share and enjoy the fellowship with your church family! There will be games too!**

**If you can help set up/serve/clean up, please contact Michelle Gilbertson or Celina Brunette.**



## **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](mailto: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. It's not too late to start the new study, *All Things New: A Study of 2 Corinthians* by Kelly Minter. 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. Con



## Celebrate Life!

About three weeks ago, my mom celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. A lot has changed in the world since my mom was born. There have been ups and there have been downs, both in the world and in her life. Even though she can't walk much anymore and her chronic pain isn't getting any less, mom continues to be content. In the words of St. Paul, my mom has learned "to be content whatever the circumstances" (Philippians 4:11). With this godly contentment also comes the "peace that passes understanding" (Philippians 4:7) or maybe it's the other way around. Whatever the sequence, mom has it and it shows! From her wheelchair she continues to study God's Word, receive the Lord's Supper, provide sweets to those who care for her as well as being sweet to those who care for her. She greets people with a warm smile and is kind and gentle. She prays for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Additionally, even though she is on a fixed income, she continues to give generously to the Lord's work through her congregation. In short, at 90 years of age mom continues to celebrate life and her life is a testimony to the goodness and grace of her Savior, Jesus Christ.

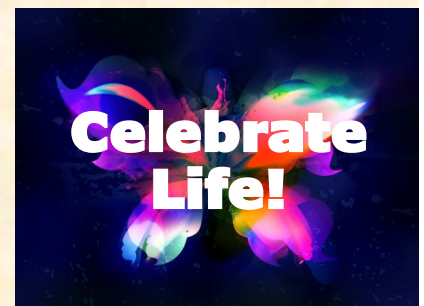
I share this with you because, too often, I see people stressed out, struggling, overwhelmed, discontent and discouraged by life. But it doesn't have to be that way; ask my mom. She knows about pain, brokenness, difficulties and disappointment. She knows that life is not a bed of roses. And yet, she still knows there are roses! There is beauty! There is awe! She got a taste of it when she held her great-grandson for the first time on her birthday. Mom has learned to look for the little gifts of love and beauty in life and she knows they are there because God is there. Where Jesus is—there is love and beauty and grace.

This kind of life doesn't just happen. It is the result of a deep, abiding faith in Jesus Christ. Over the years the faith that was implanted in my mom's heart by the Holy Spirit has been nourished and nurtured. Her faith has grown, is strong and clings to the One thing that makes all the difference—her Savior. **What my mom has is what Jesus wants all of us to have.** And He is the One who provides it. As we begin a new year of Bible Studies, Sunday School and Small Groups, I encourage you to get into the Word and let the Word get into you. A life well-lived is a life that is well-fed by God. Eat the rich food of His Word and drink deeply from the living water of the Gospel. The more you eat, the more you drink, the more you will learn, as my mom has, that life really is worth celebrating every day because Jesus is with us.

In Christ's Love,



Pastor Jon



Join the journey this fall!



Group	Day	Time
Kids' Choir (K - 4)	Sundays (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	9:00 a.m.
Youth Choir (5 - 8)	Sundays (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	11:45 a.m.
Junior Handbell Choir	Sundays	TBD
Orchestra	Sundays	11:45 a.m.
Worship Team ( <i>The Light</i> )	Mondays	7:00 p.m.
Praise Team	Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Adult Choir	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.
Adult Handbell Choir	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
Musical Theater	Summer	TBD



**Epiphany's musicians and their families are invited to join us for a BBQ.**



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 ([cindy@epiphanypearland.org](mailto:cindy@epiphanypearland.org) or 281-485-7833) 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.

**Begins September 6, 2018!**

# The Gospel of Matthew

6-Week Reading Plan for All Ages  
Beginning September 9

**This fall, commit to spending some time daily in God's Word. Follow the Gospel of Matthew from Jesus' birth to His ascension.**

## **WANT A READING PLAN?**

Epiphany has put together a reading plan including brief devotions written by Pastor Jon and Pastor Nathan. Pick up a paper copy in the narthex beginning September 2 or follow along with daily posts on Epiphany's Facebook page beginning September 9.

## **HAVE KIDS?**

Pick up a children's reading plan and explore Matthew with the whole family!

## **WANT TO CONNECT AND DISCUSS?**

Join one of our 6-week discussion groups!

- Friday Group (Starting September 14)  
7:00 p.m. at Vallenson's Brewing Company
- Sunday Lunch Group (Starting September 16)  
after church at area restaurants

Sign up for a discussion group at  
[ShiningTheLight.org](http://ShiningTheLight.org).

## **QUESTIONS OR MORE INFO?**

Contact Beth at [beth@epiphanypearland.org](mailto:beth@epiphanypearland.org).





**CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 || 6:30-8:00 PM  
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 on the upcoming Confirmation Service on October 27. Regular confirmation classes begin on September 16.

Online registration is available at:  
[www.ShiningTheLight.org](http://www.ShiningTheLight.org).

**Youth Night  
8th-12th Graders  
Sundays 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

September 2 No Youth Night - Labor Day

September 9 Greater Than Week 1  
Consider God's Creation - Isaiah 40:26

September 16 Greater Than Week 2  
Sin and Suffering - James 1:1-2

September 23 Greater Than Week 3  
Eternity - Revelation 20:11-15

September 30 No Youth Night - Fall Retreat

*Food, Bible Study and Fun!*

**Veggie Tales Throwback Night**

The night was filled with trivia, a Bob the Tomato building contest and fun videos. Most of all we remembered that the Biblical truths we learned as little kids still apply to our lives today!





# PRAY *for* ME CAMPAIGN

## ***NEEDED: Adults to serve as prayer partners for our Confirmation youth***

Be a prayer champion for the next generation and make an impact that will last into eternity. What does a prayer partner do?

- Each adult will be paired with one or two Confirmation youth (5th-6th graders).
- Pray regularly for your student using the provided prayer guide.
- Meet and get to know your student at the Prayer Partner Night on October 14 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

If you served as a prayer partner last year, watch for an email soon to confirm that you'd like to continue praying for your student.

Register as a prayer partner and receive a prayer guide specially designed to help you pray for your student. More information and registration at:  
[www.ShiningTheLight.org](http://www.ShiningTheLight.org).





# *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](http://www.ShiningTheLight.org)**  
**Registration Deadline: September 18**



## BIRTHDAYS

09/01 Isabella Hill  
 09/02 Tony Munoz  
 09/02 Anne Armstrong  
 09/02 Noah Burney  
 09/02 Breanne Saldivar  
 09/03 Donna Baumann  
 09/04 Collin Turner  
 09/04 Chris Parrack  
 09/04 Amy Whalen  
 09/04 Marlene Heinrich  
 09/04 Jordan Gilbertson  
 09/04 Jamie Savage  
 09/04 Betty Koerth  
 09/04 Kathy Zapalac  
 09/05 Cathleen Morton  
 09/05 Evelyn Knebel  
 09/05 Ella Niemann  
 09/06 Steve Kunkel  
 09/07 Amber Coronado  
 09/08 Kerri Keels  
 09/08 Elijah Ackerman  
 09/09 Owen Snyder  
 09/09 Steve Hager  
 09/09 Amanda Snyder  
 09/09 Caleb Garza  
 09/09 Keith Armstrong  
 09/09 Miles Garner  
 09/09 Amber Robinson  
 09/10 Olivia Martinez  
 09/10 Saul Pontifes  
 09/10 Ena Brunette  
 09/11 Kyle Robinson  
 09/12 Andrew Cloeter  
 09/12 Stan Whalen  
 09/12 Willie Von Gonten  
 09/12 Rhoda Mohr  
 09/13 Sharla Hollis  
 09/14 Glenda Latlip  
 09/14 Mary Ann Gossett  
 09/15 Dennis Ballard  
 09/15 Darren Phan  
 09/15 Charles Ortiz  
 09/15 Barbara Schlothauer  
 09/15 Chase Keasler  
 09/17 Tyler Brewton  
 09/17 Jonathan Munoz  
 09/17 Zach Brackney  
 09/17 Julia Raess  
 09/18 Brynn Hollis  
 09/19 Bert Balzer  
 09/19 Tammy Green  
 09/19 Marty Meyers  
 09/19 Doris Lilie  
 09/20 Charmaine Jewell  
 09/20 Robert Williamson  
 09/21 Joan Stine

09/21 Chase Carothers  
 09/21 Stuart Joergens  
 09/21 Clarice Tunstall  
 09/21 Gavin Robinson  
 09/22 Stephanie Wilkes  
 09/22 Laila Andersen  
 09/22 Mary Mountford  
 09/22 Fran Walther  
 09/22 Paul Myers  
 09/23 Jay Milbrath  
 09/23 Kristen Vollman  
 09/24 Jill Woelfel  
 09/26 Stephanie Hebert  
 09/26 Chris Davies  
 09/27 Gabriel Barrera  
 09/28 Laura Otto  
 09/29 Bobby Hebert  
 09/29 Diana Ballard  
 09/30 Laura Anderson



## ANNIVERSARIES

09/01 Jonte & Tomika Greer  
 09/07 Kirk & Jamie Savage  
 09/08 Peyton & Candyce Birkelbach  
 09/08 Rick & Virginia Keniston  
 09/15 Scott & Cathleen Morton  
 09/21 Glenn & Patsy Peloquin  
 09/22 Neil & Sheral Ballard  
 09/22 Larry & Evelyn Knebel  
 09/25 David & Edie Hardaway  
 09/27 Joe & Lillian Barath  
 09/29 Robert & Carol Tennesen



## BAPTISMS

Daniel Thomas Walliser  
 August 19, 2018



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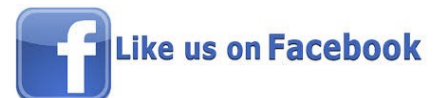


## PRAYER SERVICE FOR GOD'S HEALING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 5:00 P.M. SANCTUARY

On Sunday, September 16 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary we will, once again, hold a special service of prayer seeking God's healing. This is a service of prayer for the sick and suffering which includes the ancient tradition of anointing with oil by the pastor and the laying on of hands by the pastor and the elders.

James, the half brother of our Lord Jesus wrote, "Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord". (James 5:13-14)

You are invited to attend this service on Sunday evening to either receive prayer and anointing by the pastors and elders or to give your support to those who are seeking God's intervention in their time of need.





# 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>2</b> COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* LWML Mite Box Sunday <b>No Blood Pressure Screening!</b> 9:15am-201 Class-207 <b>No Orchestra Practice!</b> 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym <b>No Youth Nights!</b>	<b>3</b> Announcements Due! <b>Holiday Church Office Closed!</b>	<b>4</b> No MDO ! 4:00pm-Bible Study-202 7:00pm-Board of Elders-203	<b>5</b> 9-2 MDO <b>Music Ministry Kickoff BBQ</b> 5:00-7:00pm AFLC	<b>6</b> 9-2 MDO 9:15am-LifeLight-203 1:00pm-GriefShare-202 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meet Up (high school juniors -young adults)	<b>7</b> 9-2 MDO	<b>1</b>
<b>9</b> WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM* <b>Blood Drive 8:00am-noon (203 AFLC)</b> 9:15am-201 Class-207 9:15am-New Member Class-202 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Youth Choir-104 <b>Noon-Potluck/Tailgate Party-gym</b> <b>No Basketball!</b> <b>6:30pm-Confirmation Orientation</b> -sanctuary 6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204	<b>10</b> Announcements Due! 9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203 9:30am-Goodtimers-101 7:00pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC	<b>11</b> 9-2 MDO 4:00pm-Bible Study-202	<b>12</b> 9-2 MDO 6:30pm-Praise Team 7:30pm-Adult Choir	<b>13</b> 9-2 MDO 9:15am-LifeLight-203 1:00pm-GriefShare-202 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meet Up (high school juniors -young adults) 7:00pm-Handbells -sanctuary	<b>14</b> 9-2 MDO 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* 9:15am-201 Class-207 9:15am-Parental Guidance Required-203 9:15am-New Member Class-202 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 5:00pm-Prayer Service for Healing-sanctuary 6:00pm-Leadership Council Meeting-202 6:00-8:00pm-Confirmation 6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204	<b>17</b> Announcements Due! <b>Meals on Wheels Week</b> 9:00am-Quilting-202 9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 7:00pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC	<b>18</b> 9-2 MDO 4:00pm-Bible Study-202	<b>19</b> 9-2 MDO 6:30pm-Praise Team 7:30pm-Adult Choir	<b>20</b> 9-2 MDO 9:15am-LifeLight-203 1:00pm-GriefShare-202 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meet Up (high school juniors -young adults) 7:00pm-Handbells -sanctuary	<b>21</b> 9-2 MDO	<b>22</b> 9:30am-LWML Meeting-203
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						<b>OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE SEPTEMBER 10!</b>

COMMUNITY  
**BLOOD**  
**DRIVE**

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

*Honoring*  
*Nikki Gordon*