

# *The Light*

*October 2018*



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**WE'RE HAVING A PICNIC!**

**Sunday, October 7  
Noon-2:00 p.m.  
Centennial Park**

**Food, fellowship and fun!**



**Bring your lawn chair/picnic blanket  
and your favorite outdoor game.**

**Invite your friends and neighbors.**

**We'll provide the meat, popcorn  
and snow cones!**

**Come rain or shine!  
If it rains we'll move to the AFLC.  
We hope to see you there!**



# HEALING HANDS

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## **PRAYER SERVICE FOR GOD'S HEALING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018 5:00 P.M. SANCTUARY**

On Sunday, October 21 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.



## GETTING READY FOR WORSHIP

Worship is boring! I don't get anything out of going to church! The Bible doesn't speak to my life and what I'm going through! Can you relate? Have you heard that before? Have you, maybe, even said it yourself? If you never have, this article probably won't mean much to you. But, if you have struggled in worship or in the study of God's Word, keep reading because it could just possibly change your worship life.

First let me say there is no better way to experience a healthy spiritual life than to be immersed in the proper soil and allow the right nutrients to allow you to grow. Jesus once said in John 15:5-6, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned."

If you are not regularly studying God's Word, worshipping the Lord with your brothers and sisters in Christ and receiving the Lord's Supper: start immediately. If, however, you are doing those things but still seem like you are either stagnant or withering ask yourself if you are simply going through the motions or actually expecting God to touch you, speak to you and empower you for everyday living.

For example, the other day Linda was speaking to me but I wasn't paying attention. We were together, she was speaking to me, but I completely missed what she was saying because my mind was somewhere else. I wonder how often that happens in worship or Bible Study. Let me assure you that every time you study God's Word, receive the Sacrament and come into the Lord's House for worship, God is present and is speaking to you. We might just need to get ready to listen by preparing ourselves for an encounter with the Lord. Let me suggest a few things that can help you prepare to meet God through His Word and Sacraments:

1. Come expecting to meet God and be changed.
2. During the confession of sins make it personal. What are some specific things you need to get off your chest and confess to the Lord?
3. As the pastor announces the forgiveness of sins, realize that it is really Jesus who is wiping away your sins and allowing you to start over.
4. In the reading of the Scriptures and during the sermon imagine that you and the Lord Jesus are sitting alone and He is speaking His Word specifically to you. Expect to learn and grow because you are in the very presence of God.
5. As you respond to God's love in the songs, prayers and offering consider how the woman caught in adultery and saved by Jesus from those who would condemn and stone her would have responded (see John 8:1-11). Do you think she was excited? Amazed? Relieved? Thankful? How does your response to God's love in Christ reflect your appreciation of the new life our Savior gives you?

Make no mistake about it—Jesus wants you to grow, not wither. He wants you to be fruitful, not fruitless. He is present to bless you through His Word and Sacraments. Get the most out of your encounter with Christ by preparing your heart to meet Him.

In Christ's Love,



Pastor Jon



**Heralding the Trumpeteers!**  
John Cloëter, Jessica Williams, Cameron Davies, Tim Brunette, Nick Brunette

## **FALL CAMPING TRIP**

**Matagorda Bay Nature Park and Campground**

**6420 FM 2031, Matagorda, TX 77457**

**Friday, October 12 - Sunday, October 14**

Make your own reservations at [www.lcra.org/reserve](http://www.lcra.org/reserve).  
If you want your reservation made for you, please pay  
Tammy or Dale Green for one day of camping for your  
preferred site size.

**Cost: \$27 (general site), \$32 ( preferred  
site), \$37 (pull through), \$37 (waterfront)  
plus \$5/day per person over 13  
or \$2 for over 65**

A group breakfast and church service will be  
held on Sunday, October 14.



## **CARNEGIE HALL—REALLY? HOW DID THIS HAPPEN ANYWAY?**

The venue at Carnegie Hall is intended to be the opening Christmas Concert for the 2018 season in New York City. More than 160 voices gather from a variety of churches and community ensembles to be shaped by the baton of nationally-acclaimed composer and clinician, John Leavitt. For nearly 15 years, John Leavitt, a life-time member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, partnered with Concordia Publishing House as one of CPH's premier composers. As the former Director of Worship and Music publications, I had the opportunity to bring to fruition a variety of John Leavitt's works, premiered both at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. We have remained professional colleagues for several decades and I was eager to respond to his personal invitation to bring my choir, not only to Carnegie, but also to share in an impromptu concert at St. John the Divine Cathedral. It is a time where ordinary singers are brought together to create the extraordinary, singing the narrative of Christmas tradition, but more importantly to proclaim Jesus—incarnate Lord, manger born, heaven sent, Eternal God! Soli Deo Gloria indeed! *Pastor David*

I think being able to go to New York and participate in the Carnegie Hall experience is an awesome thing. I know the whole choir is also excited. I think it will be a wonderful time for us all. *Pat Succop*

I'm really looking forward to praising the Lord in the company of fellow believers in such a wonderful setting. *Cathy Ashcraft*

Singing at Carnegie Hall is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me and I am able to experience it with my daughter and friends. I would never achieve this opportunity on my own; it is a gift from God that I will sing of His son's birth in such an amazing venue. Soli Deo Gloria! *Jennifer Williams*

CARNEGIE HALL! WOW! This experience will undoubtedly be the highlight of my musical career. Having retired after 48 years of service as a church organist, I never dreamed the Lord would shower Epiphany's choir with this opportunity. Pastor David has opened many doors for us and I thank God for his leadership. For me, this is an experience of a lifetime and I will cherish these times with these friends forever. May all glory be to God! *Pat Doerre*

### **CHOIR WORKSHOP**

**Saturday, October 13, 2018**

**Epiphany Lutheran Church Sanctuary**

**9:00 - 11:00 a.m. (with a light lunch following)**

Come enjoy the choral genius of Sid David—acclaimed Director of Music and Fine Arts at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston. He will work with the Adult Choir and those headed to Carnegie Hall for the New York performance of John Leavitt's Christmas cantata, "What Sweeter Music."



All interested singers are encouraged to participate. Even if you are not part of our music program currently, come and learn some great Christmas music. Perhaps you will stay for Advent and Christmas! For more information, contact Pastor David.



# Light Fest

## AT EPIPHANY

Saturday, December 8  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

*An evening of food, music, children's activities,  
living nativity and LIGHTS !*

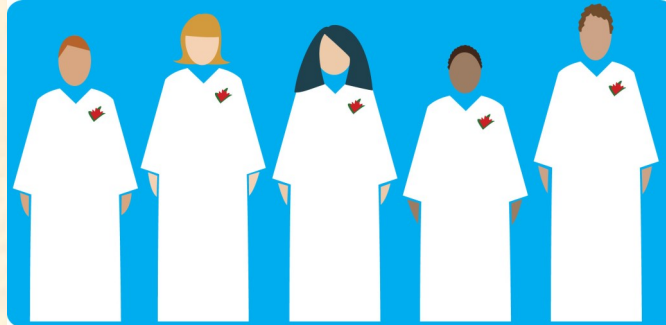
Light Fest

# BUILD DAYS

Your help is needed to expand our lights! Join us for our first **LIGHT FEST BUILD DAY** on Saturday, October 13 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We will also need many adult and youth volunteers to string lights, set up and serve at Light Fest. For more information and to register to help go to [www.ShiningTheLight.org](http://www.ShiningTheLight.org).



**CONFIRMATION SERVICE**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018**  
**SANCTUARY || 4:00 P.M.**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!**

**EVANGELINE CURLESS**  
**AUDREY FICHERA**  
**ANDREW GARRETT**  
**AVA GREEN**  
**MATTHEW HAY**

**NORA HAYES**  
**BRYNN HOLLIS**  
**JAKE KLEWER**  
**CALEB PETRY**

**DARREN PHAN**  
**CHRISTOPHER STEWART**  
**JONATHAN STEWART**  
**LYDIA WARD**

Groups

# Leadership Training

**Wednesday Evenings**  
**In October/November**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**203 AFLC**  
**Begins October 3, 2018!**

Who is this for? Any group leaders: Altar Guild, Bible Studies, Elders, Leadership Council, small group leaders, etc.

What to expect: Training on effective communication, group building, conflict management, Bible Study, raising up leaders after you and infusing a missional attitude and heart into your group.

# REFORMATION CELEBRATION

**5th-12th Grade—come party like its 1517!**



**October 28  
6:00-8:00 pm  
AFLC GYM**

**Food, music, games, friends and more! And  
don't forget the crazy dress contest!**

## CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE CHANGE

We will not be having evening Confirmation Classes on Sunday, October 7. The new schedule for October is listed below:

### 7th GRADERS:

OCTOBER 7 - Apostles' Creed Review during Sunday School [9:15 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.]

OCTOBER 14 - Ten Commandments Review

OCTOBER 21 - Final Lord's Supper Lesson and Tasting

### 5th and 6th GRADERS:

OCTOBER 7 - No Confirmation

OCTOBER 14 - Lord's Prayer [2nd and 3rd Petitions]

OCTOBER 21 - Lord's Prayer [4th and 5th Petitions]

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EPIPHANY YOUTH MINISTRY

**No Youth Night  
on October 7!**

**Make plans to join us for  
the Fall Picnic that day  
from noon to 2 pm at  
Centennial Park. We'll  
have lots of food, games,  
fun and friends!**



Hey,  
Pastor Jon

I've got a  
question!

# BIG QUESTIONS

ABOUT GOD, THE BIBLE & LIFE

PASTOR JON JOINS US AT YOUTH NIGHT  
8th-12th GRADE || OCTOBER 14 || 6 to 8 PM

# HOMEWORK

# HANGOUT!

THURSDAYS 6:30-8:30 PM || HIGH SCHOOL || ROOM 204 || STARTING OCTOBER 11

*Bring your homework. We'll provide the smoothies and milkshakes.*



## BIRTHDAYS

10/01 Allison Oberlies  
 10/02 Sandra Lange  
 10/02 Jeremy Broussard  
 10/03 Colin Silberfein  
 10/03 Ruth Berdine  
 10/03 Matthew Hay  
 10/03 Christina Hay  
 10/04 Arthur Harmon  
 10/04 David Albert  
 10/04 Amy Rubright  
 10/04 Jeanne Bogar  
 10/08 Steve Spurling  
 10/09 Nikki Gordon  
 10/11 Diana Brown  
 10/11 Dawn Clark  
 10/12 Christian DiLuca  
 10/12 Annsley Grych  
 10/13 Ann Watson  
 10/13 Mannie Steglich  
 10/14 John Cloeter  
 10/15 Steven Turner  
 10/15 Dillon Keels  
 10/15 Cregg Dombrosky  
 10/15 Kim Munoz  
 10/16 Bernice Bilich  
 10/16 Tiffany Harmon  
 10/16 Matthew Stevens  
 10/17 Grant Runge  
 10/17 Eric Hindman  
 10/17 Blake Elliott  
 10/17 David Maly  
 10/18 Art Broussard  
 10/18 Larry Kelley  
 10/18 Mary Vijjeswarapu  
 10/19 Curtis Garner  
 10/21 Diane Carver  
 10/21 Nora Sailor  
 10/21 Robert Melton  
 10/22 Nichole Lodrigue  
 10/22 Merle Toomes  
 10/22 Dale Green  
 10/22 Sydney Hardaway  
 10/22 Sverre Andersen  
 10/22 Nikky Walliser  
 10/22 Anna Lentz  
 10/22 Allison Lynch  
 10/23 Ruth Ziehr  
 10/23 Cash Elston  
 10/24 Lillian Barath  
 10/24 Richard Armstrong  
 10/24 Meredith Ackerman  
 10/24 Garret Riveness  
 10/25 Camryn Kazmierski  
 10/26 Jeff Otto

10/27 Karen Helton  
 10/27 Danny Underwood  
 10/28 Caleb Maly  
 10/28 Johnnie Walther  
 10/28 Linda Knudson  
 10/29 Jennifer Ward  
 10/29 Nancy Monsees  
 10/30 Brad Freeman  
 10/30 Sharon Nieto  
 10/31 Dianne Weiss



## ANNIVERSARIES

10/01 Jim & Deana Hebert  
 10/02 Ruel & Jane Wiley  
 10/04 Justin & Misty Paden  
 10/06 Tony & Sue Ellyn Kunkel  
 10/06 Bob & Sandra Lange  
 10/06 Bob & Wanda Wood  
 10/07 Garret & Sherry Riveness  
 10/08 Michael & Cecelia Ganje  
 10/09 Gene & Ginger Green  
 10/10 Jeff & Jennifer McGinley  
 10/10 Tyler & Amanda Ring  
 10/12 Donald & Amanda Hayes  
 10/12 Ed & Kathleen Kaspar  
 10/13 Ken & Angie Schesser  
 10/14 Lou & Laura Russo  
 10/15 Dennis & Diana Ballard  
 10/16 Vernon & Vivian Chudej  
 10/16 Jeff & Dawn Lester  
 10/17 David & Kerri Keels  
 10/18 Lester & Mary Andrews  
 10/20 Flash & Marlo Gordon  
 10/22 Bert & Martha Balzer  
 10/22 Art & Becky Broussard  
 10/24 Jim & Deborah Nester  
 10/28 Brad & Sharla Hollis  
 10/28 Craig & Anna Sites



## SYMPATHY

George Stafford  
 August 24, 2018



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## BUDGET FORUM

Come join us for the Annual Budget Forum on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at noon in the AFLC Gym. Learn about the proposed budget for 2019. This budget will affect all of Epiphany's ministries and the finances of our church in the coming year. This is the time for all members to ask questions and to voice their concerns about the proposed budget. Lunch will be served and babysitting will be available.



## CONNECT

Connect is looking to grow its ministry. The mission of Connect is to get people involved in ministry at Epiphany. We are looking for outgoing people with fresh ideas about how to get the congregation involved in ministry.

If you believe Connect would benefit from your involvement, please contact Dorian Cornelius at 281-485-7833 or [dorian@epiphanypearland.org](mailto:dorian@epiphanypearland.org).



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**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> Announcements Due! 9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 7:00pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team	<b>2</b> 9-2 MDO 4:00pm-Bible Study-202	<b>3</b> 9-2 MDO 6:30pm-Praise Team 7:00pm-Group Leadership Training-203 7:00pm-Carnegie Choir 7:30pm-Adult Choir	<b>4</b> 9-2 MDO 9:15am-LifeLight-203 1:00pm-GriefShare-202 7:00pm-Handbells	<b>5</b> 9-2 MDO	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* <b>LWML Mite Box Sunday</b> 9:00-10:15am-Blood Pressure Screening-106 9:15am-201 Class-207 9:15am-Parental Guidance Required-202 9:15am-New Member Class-203 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Youth Choir-203 <b>Noon-2:00pm-Picnic @ Centennial Park</b> 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym <b>No Confirmation!</b> <b>No Youth Nights!</b>	<b>8</b> Announcements Due! <b>No Ladies' Bible Study!</b> 9:30am-Goodtimers-104 7:00pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC	<b>9</b> 9-2 MDO 4:00pm-Bible Study-202 7:00pm-Board of Elders-202	<b>10</b> 9-2 MDO 6:30pm-Praise Team 7:00pm-Group Leadership Training-203 7:00pm-Carnegie Choir 7:30pm-Adult Choir	<b>11</b> 9-2 MDO 9:15am-LifeLight-203 1:00pm-GriefShare-202 6:30-8:30pm-Homework Hangout-204 7:00pm-Handbells -sanctuary	<b>12</b> 9-2 MDO 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen	<b>13</b> 7:30am-Men's Bible Breakfast-203 <b>9:00am-Choral Workshop -sanctuary</b> <b>9:00am-Noon-Light Fest Build Day-gym</b> 9:15am-Elders' Meeting-203 9:30am-Altar Guild Meeting-202
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A watercolor illustration of autumn foliage, including various shades of orange, yellow, and green leaves, along with small brown berries on thin stems, set against a light beige background.

# **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICES**

**(with communion)**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2018**

**NOON**

**7:00 P.M.**