

ARE YOU CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN 2019? THEN THIS PARTY IS FOR YOU!

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### All Chrisch Birthday Bash SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 11:45 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Join us for a potluck lunch and fun! We'll also welcome the new members who joined Epiphany in 2018. Just bring a dish to share!

Interested in sponsoring a table? Every month has their own table. We need volunteers to sponsor a month and provide table decorations. Contact Beth Milbrath at beth@epiphanypearland.org for more information.

### **INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CENTER**

As you may have heard, the International Friendship Center (IFC) is starting ESL classes on January 14 and 15. You can support this new ministry by holding it up in prayer. Please pray specifically that God would:

- bring people to us who need language classes and who
- equip the leaders and teachers for the start of the classes.
- cause friendships to form through the classes.
- open doors for the Gospel to be shared with our new friends.

Dear Lord, make us willing messengers of your Good News to all people. Let our hearts be tender to those who do not yet know you. Make us bold and give us words. Amen.

Thank you for joining us in prayer for the start of the IFC!

The IFC Prayer Leaders, Donna Ellwanger and Kimmie Misch

### **2019 FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR**

Flowers are placed in the sanctuary to worship and glorify God. They are an expression of the beauty and goodness of God. They symbolize spiritual joy and devotion. Flowers are an expression of our high regard and reverence for God and His house. These flowers are provided by members. There is a new sign-up sheet



located on the "schedules" bulletin board across from the main building kitchen. If you would like to sign up, please write your name in the appropriate place. **Only one family per Sunday please!** If this is for a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, memorial etc.) please make a notation. Someone will contact you with regard to what flowers you prefer.

#### **New Year's Resolutions—A Spiritually Healthy New Year**

Some people dislike "New Year's Resolutions" but, I for one, think they are important—for the simple reason that we are all "works in progress" and each new year is an opportunity to develop, mature and be healthy physically and spiritually.

We all know that eating well is one key to being healthy. Linda has resolved to make this year the year of "good eating" at the Salminen home. I'm sure that I will eventually be grateful for the new menus and meals that will become a part of our new lifestyle. Did you know that eating well is also a key to Spiritual Growth? I want to challenge you to put yourself on a healthy spiritual diet in 2019. This diet consists of only two spiritual meals that if consistently eaten will help make you spiritually healthy.

First, feed your soul with weekly worship and regular reception of the Lord's Body and Blood. Maybe you've been a once-a-monther or twice-a-monther or maybe even a C and E (Christmas and Easter) worshipper. Commit to weekly worship in 2019. It will help you grow spiritually and it will also enhance your love life (love of God and love for your fellow worshippers).

Second, feed your soul daily through daily devotions or a "read through the Bible in a year" program. You can find a daily reading schedule (for reading through the Bible in a year) every week on the back of the purple prayer sheets. These sheets can be found in the narthex, the administrative hallway in the main building and at the Welcome Center in the AFLC. So you can begin immediately, you can also find the reading schedule on our website (scroll down to the bottom of the main page and look for the Bible) and they are published every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. on our Facebook page. I don't know if anything helps my spiritual life grow more than spending time every day reading God's Word and letting the Lord speak to me. What a blessing it is to tune out the noise of this world and spend a little quiet time with God! Once it becomes a regular part of your spiritual lifestyle you won't want to miss a single day.

Of course, there are many other things that can add to a healthy spiritual life in 2019 but these two items are a great starting point to growing up in the Faith this New Year. Make them a part of your 2019 lifestyle.

I hope you'll see less of me as Linda's "healthy eating plan" does it's job and I hope

I'll see more of you as you make eating a healthy spiritual diet a part of your 2019.

In Christ's Love,

**Pastor Jon** 



### Lutheran South Academy

# INVITES YOU TO 8 TH GRADE DAY

Experience a day in the life of a Pioneer!

JANUARY 18TH 12:00 - 3:00 PM

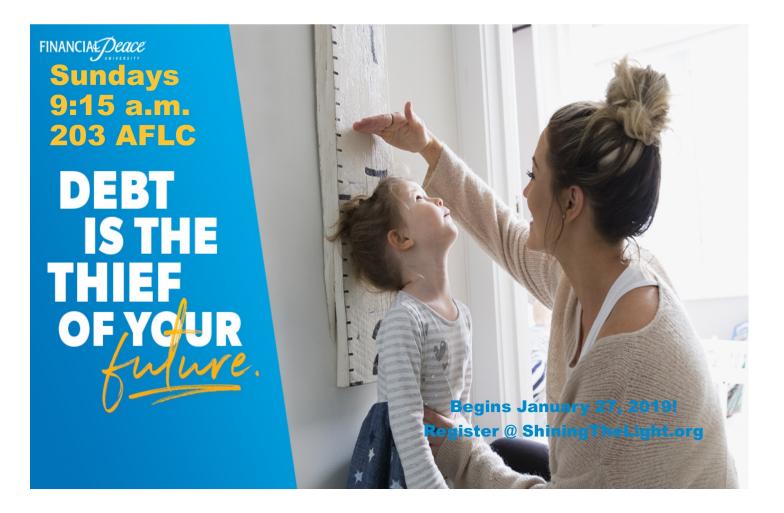
MEET THE TEACHERS, MAKE FRIENDS, AND EXPERIENCE A LITTLE BIT OF OUR PIONEER CULTURE.

### PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO STAY AND TOUR THE SCHOOL.

Please RSVP kate.fleming@lutheransouth.org 281-617-5626









GriefShare Mondays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Sanctuary

A new 13-week session begins January 21, 2019!

To register or for more information: cindy@epiphanypearland.org

#### WORDS FROM THEIR SEAMSTRESS!

Light Fest 2018 required new clothing for the Holy Family and their biblical visitors. Seamstress and charter member Joan Bente was asked/ coerced/encouraged to customize Epiphany's own nativity wardrobe. So, with her ingenious mind, she artfully crafted a myriad of new fashions. Here is her story...



The process began! Wheels turned! Patterns ... processes ... fabrics ... jewels ... buttons ... lining. Imaginable and some unimaginable details were considered; after all, this clothing had to be fit for the kings—and worthy for the King! Craft closets and stores were mined for regal cloths, humble robes and angelic regalia ... all to welcome visitors to the live nativity!

Costumes were assembled, stitched and created over many months. Red, gold and maroon fabrics emerged! Green sheets, curtains, blackout drapes and table cloths became tunics for Joseph, Mary, kings and shepherds. Crowns were fashioned from paper mache, metal pumpkins, batting, pipe insulation, elastic, belts, duct tape and decorative curtain rod finials! Imagination, stitching, engineering and perseverance prevailed. Every seamstress' skill was unleashed to make sure these garments would be timeless treasures for future Light Fests to come!

Joan Bente endured frustrations, trials and tribulations but delivered the goods with pristine care to be enjoyed for years to come. She remains a grateful servant for Christ and His Church! Take a moment to express thanks for her unique God-given gifts!

### **2018 Pearland Christmas Parade!**

Were you there?!? A BIG thank you to everyone who helped to spread the Word with our parade entry. Our float was a great "advertisement" for Epiphany's Light Fest – music playing, folks waving and many lights! A great team led by John Hartman joined together to make Epiphany's parade entry a shining success. Many thanks and blessings to everyone who participated for your gift of time and love!





### Women's Renewal Retreat Camp Lone Star March 1 - 3

The Women's Renewal Retreat is time set aside for ladies to reflect on Christ and His Word, be in fellowship with other sisters in Christ and spend time in His creation. Author and teacher, Donna Pyle, will lead sessions on Saturday and Sunday. Participants can also take part in all of the camp activities or spend time in quiet reflection and rest.

The registration fee of \$146 includes lodging, meals and programming. The deadline is February 15 and a link can be found at ShiningTheLight.org. Please also email Beth Milbrath at beth@epiphanyplearland.org so we can make plans for transportation.



The \$25 fee includes transportation and guided tour. Bring money for a lunch at the Oakridge Smokehouse. Space is limited! Register at ShiningTheLight.org. For more information, contact Beth Milbrath at beth@epiphanypearland.org or 281-485-7833.



### Share the love of Christ on Super Bowl Sunday!

On Sunday, January 27, Epiphany's youth will be passing out bags after the services. Fill the bags with nonperishable food and bring them back on February 3.

All proceeds benefit Christian Helping Hands.

# GIVE BLOOD.

Epiphany Lutheran Church Blood Drive Sunday, January 20 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Donor Coach in Parking Lot

Sign Up Today!

Visit www.giveblood.org Click on the Digital Donor Link Use sponsor code: 0031

Contact Cindy Eppelheimer (281) 485-7833 for more information

Free T-shirts!

Share your donation story using #commitforlife









Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Commit for Life.



5515 W. Broadway, Pearland, TX 77581

The Women of Epiphany cordially invite you to our curated home, lifestyle and handmade craft event.

Join us as we shop for a cause!

We are excited to provide a venue for you to support local businesses and artisans in one convenient location. You will be delighted to discover what a talented region we live in! Proceeds

from our raffle, plant sale, cafe & bake shop will be given to local and national nonprofits dedicated to supporting our community and world-wide humanitarian efforts. We are also pleased to offer free gardening and wildlife education classes!

Now accepting handcraft vendor applications! Please visit www.ShiningTheLight.org and click on the fair logo for vendor information and an application.











### Light Fest at Epiphany

Thank you to everyone who helped make The Light Fest a great success! We had 400 adults and children in our building to celebrate the Christmas season and Jesus, our light! The evening included: Christmas lights, food trucks, live music, a living nativity, a petting zoo, face painting, a fire pit and the love of Jesus! Thank you to all of our volunteers including: the Light team, costume/nativity team, music teams, petting zoo team, station workers and all of the prayers and donations received. It wouldn't have been possible without you!











## Summer MISSION TRIP

### **7TH-12TH GRADERS**

### When: July 14-20

Where: Lutheran Valley Retreat, Woodland Park Colorado What: An amazing week of service and adventure

Cost: \$350 Non-refundable \$175 deposit due by February 4

More info and registration at ShiningTheLight.org



### BIRTHDAYS

01/02 Brandon Gutierrez 01/02 Judy Klewer 01/03 Britney Campbell 01/03 Krystle Zapalac 01/03 Ellen Justice 01/04 Rebekah Cornelius 01/04 Susan Kirk 01/05 Dorothy Driessner 01/05 Max Daugherty 01/05 Katie Savage 01/06 Mary Erickson 01/06 Kaitlynn Weiss 01/06 Michael Kaspar 01/06 Saul Pontifes 01/07 Scott Sanford 01/07 Fred Heer 01/08 Abby Smaistrla 01/08 Grace Tews 01/08 George Hernandez 01/08 Joanne Stinson 01/09 Nick Vollman 01/09 Joyce Carpenter 01/09 Jack Fowler 01/09 Candyce Birkelbach 01/09 Jan Pierce 01/11 Frances Meyer 01/11 Emily Ostermaier 01/12 Amanda Hayes 01/12 Kathleen Kaspar 01/13 Ethan Chauvot 01/13 Rachael Ballard 01/14 Keila Crews 01/14 Rob Chauvot 01/14 Jennifer Chauvot 01/14 Kathryn Davies 01/15 Mary Smith 01/17 Vicente DiLuca 01/17 Logan Kunkel 01/18 Gene Allbee 01/18 David Green 01/18 Larry Williams 01/19 Mike Harris 01/20 Joni Grych 01/21 Joe Barath 01/21 Lynn Meyers 01/21 Stacy Keys 01/22 Phyllis Carothers 01/23 Merlin Mohr 01/23 Anna Sites 01/24 Diana Tunstall 01/25 Irene Bertram 01/25 Jim Schlachter 01/26 Peter Cheung 01/26 Brian Hay 01/26 Andrew Van Maaren 01/26 Alexa Davis

01/26 Matthew Karloski 01/26 Madelynn Mills 01/26 Jonathan Prescott 01/28 Nathaniel Monsees 01/28 Carolyn Melton 01/28 Nancy Runge 01/29 Sonny Metz 01/29 Juliana Karloski 01/30 Mitch Allen 01/31 Jonathan Raess 01/31 Carter St. Romain



ANNIVERSARIES

01/01 Larry & Linda Baker
01/02 C.J. & Sonya DuBois
01/06 Stan & Amy Whalen
01/09 Mike & Melissa McDonald
01/11 Brandon & Stephanie Wilkes
01/15 Bob & Ruth Berdine
01/17 Jeff & Julie Hartwig
01/18 Justin & Deb Burney
01/28 Tim & Dorian Cornelius
01/29 Dave & Barbara Schlothauer
01/31 Merle & Jean Toomes



Thank you so much for your generous donation to POBLO International! Your financial partnership allows us to continue meeting the physical, social, and spiritual needs of those we come in contact with in the United States and beyond. Thank you so much for your prayers and partnership. By God's grace missionary Julie Aftab continues to share the Gospel in the greater Houston area under the leadership of Rev. David Cecil. We are working on bringing a

male missionary to Houston. We have started 2 mission fields in Ohio (Kettering and Columbus). By His grace we had 14 baptisms since Easter. May our God continue to bless you. Thank you!

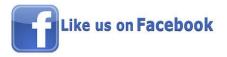
#### Rev. Farrukh Khan



### HELP WANTED

Epiphany is looking for a dependable person to assist with set up/take down for Sunday morning worship service in the AFLC. Some lifting is required. You must be 18 years or older. All employees are required to complete our Safe & Secure program which includes a background check. For more information, please contact our Facilities Manager, Larry Woelfel, at 281-485-7833, ext. 311 or email him at larry@epiphanypearland.org.

The Leadership Council is seeking someone to serve as the Leadership Council Secretary for 2019. If you are interested, please contact Scott Stewart, Leadership Council President.



| Sunday Morning Schedule:<br>8:00 am - Traditional Worship Service-sanctuary<br>9:15 am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class<br>10:30 am - Blended Worship Service-sanctuary<br>10:30 am - <i>The Light</i> Worship Service-AFLC | *  | *WOR: Worship<br>COM: Worship with Communion<br>SS: Sunday School<br>ABC: Adult Bible Class | nion                                     |  |  | JANUARY<br>2019                                  |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday                                | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
|  |  | 1<br>Holiday<br>Church Office Closed!   | 2 No MDO :                               | <b>3 No MDO !</b><br>9:15am-LifeLight-203                              | <ul> <li>4 No MDO :</li> <li>5:30am-Men's Bible<br/>Study Group<br/>-MB kitchen</li> </ul> | v  |
|  |  |   | 6:30pm-Praise Team<br>7:30pm-Adult Choir |  | Youth Lock  <br>A <br>7:00 p.m.  | In (grades 9-12)<br>FLC<br>8:00 a.m.             |
| 6 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR*<br>Epiphany<br>LWML Mite Box Sunday  | 7 Announcements Due!<br>Meals on Wheels Week   | 8 No MDO !  | 9 No MDO!                                | <b>10</b> 9-2 MDO<br>9:15am-LifeLight-203                              | <b>11</b> 9-2 MDO  | <b>12</b><br>7:30am-Men's Bible<br>Breakfast-203 |
| 9:00-10:15am-Blood Pressure Screening-106<br>9:15am-201 Class-203<br>11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary<br>11:45am-Youth Choir-203<br>Noom 1 (aht East Tola Down   | 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207  | 4:00pm-Bible Study-202  | 6:00-9:00pm-IFC Training                 | 6:30-8:30pm-Homework<br>Hangout-204                                    |  | 9:00am-Altar Guild<br>Decoration<br>Removal      |
| 2:00-4:00pm=Basketball-gym<br>No Confirmation!<br>No Youth Nights!   | 7:00pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team<br>-AFLC   | 6:00-9:00pm-IFC Training<br>-203<br>7:00pm-Board of Elders-202                              | 6:30pm-Praise Team<br>7:30pm-Adult Choir | 7:00pm-Handbells<br>-sanctuary   |  | y: 1 Jann-Lucers<br>Meeting-203                  |
| <b>13</b> WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM*<br>9:15am-201 Class-203<br>9:15am-New Member Class-202<br>11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary   | <b>14 Announcements Due!</b><br>9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203<br>9:30am-Goodtimers-104                                  | <b>15</b> 9-2 MDO   | 16 9-2 MDO                               | <b>17</b> 9-2 MDO<br>9:15am-LifêLight-203                              | <ol> <li>9-2 MDO</li> <li>5:30am-Men's Bible<br/>Study Group<br/>-MB kitchen</li> </ol>    | 19   |
| 11:45am-Youth Choir-203<br>2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym<br>6:00-8:00pm-Confirmation<br>6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204  | 7:00pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team<br>-AFLC   | 4:00pm-Bible Study-202  | 6:30pm-Praise Team<br>7:30pm-Adult Choir | 6:30-8:30pm-Homework<br>Hangout-204<br>7:00pm-Handbells<br>-sanctuary  |  |  |
| 20 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR*<br>Blood Drive 8:30am-12:30pm<br>9:15am-201 Class-203<br>9:15am-New Member Class-202<br>11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary  | <b>21 Announcements Due!</b><br>9.00am-Quilting-202<br>9.30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203<br>10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 | <b>22</b> 9-2 MDO   | <b>23</b> 9-2 MDO                        | 24 9-2 MDO<br>9:15am-LifeLight-203                                     | <b>25</b> 9-2 MDO  | <b>26</b><br>9:30am-LWML<br>Meeting-203          |
| 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym<br>6:00pm-Leadership Council Meeting-202<br>6:00-8:00pm-Confirmation<br>6:00-8:00pm-Y outh Nights-gym/204   | 6:30pm-GriefShare-sanctuary<br>7:00pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team<br>-AFLC  | 4:00pm-Bible Study-202  | 6:30pm-Praise Team<br>7:30pm-Adult Choir | 0:30-8:30pm-r10mework<br>Hangout-204<br>7:00pm-Handbells<br>-sanctuary |  |  |
| <b>27</b> WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM*<br>9:15am-201 Class-207<br>9:15am-New Member Class-202   | <b>28 Announcements Due!</b><br>9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203   | <b>29</b> 9-2 MDO   | <b>30</b> 9-2 MDO<br>9:00am-Quilting-202 | <b>31</b> 9-2 MDO<br>9:15am-LifeLight-203                              |  | FEBRUARY<br>NEWSLETTER                           |
| 9:15am-FIO-203<br>11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary<br>11:45am-1:300m-All Church Birthday<br>11:45am-1:300m-Bash-AFLC<br>2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym<br>6:00-8:00pm-Confirmation<br>6:00-8:00pm-Y outh Nights-gym/204        | 6:30pm-GriefShare-sanctuary<br>7:00pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team<br>-AFLC  | 4:00pm-Bible Study-202  | 6:30pm-Praise Team<br>7:30pm-Adult Choir | 6:30-8:30pm-Homework<br>Hangout-204<br>7:00pm-Handbells<br>-sanctuary  |  | ARTICLES DUE<br>JANUARY 10:                      |
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# FEBRUARY 23

### EPIPHATINOS AN EVENING OF JAZZ

GRAB YOUR DANCING SHOES AND JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS DINNER PLUS LIVE MUSIC AND DANCING! TWO GREAT TIMES! EARLY SEATING: 5:00 P.M.

LATE SEATING WITH EXTENDED MUSIC AND DANCING: 7:00 P.M.

### WHAT IS EPIPHATINOS?

Epiphatinos is the major fundraiser for Epiphany's youth. Epiphatinos is supported by free will offerings. Without your generosity, youth ministry and missions at Epiphany would not be possible! HOW DO I MAKE A RESERVATION?

Reservations begin Sunday, January 27, 2019; in person (Narthex or AFLC), by phone (281-458-7833) or online at www.ShiningTheLight.org.