



# *The Light*

*July 2019*



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## EPIPHANY GAME DAY



**AUGUST 6 || GAME TIME 7:10 P.M.**

**\$15 PER TICKET**

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**BUILDING**

**HERE WE STAND**

*In the name of Jesus*

- ◆ **26 NEW VOTERS** were welcomed at the meeting on June 23! Exciting news!
- ◆ **150 MEMBERS** of every age attended the Town Hall Meeting and pasta feast on May 17.
- ◆ **Full REPORT** to be made available for **ALL GENERATIONS** to review.
- ◆ **ALL MEMBERS** of the steering committee continue to receive and consider feedback.
- ◆ We **ALL** need to consider, pray and **BUILD**—community, relationship, trust and love as we consider our Gospel future—together!
- ◆ **SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING** to consider and shape the future of **HERE WE STAND** to be held late August.



## Freedom and Responsibility

As the 4th of July draws near it is natural for any red-blooded American to consider the great freedom we enjoy in the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave." What a tremendous privilege we have living in a country where we can practice our religious beliefs without threat of punishment or governmental intrusion. But at the risk of sounding unpatriotic let me say there is a dark side to freedom.



In his book, *Fireflies*, Tagore writes: "Emancipation from the bondage of the soil, is no freedom for the tree." Today we hear a lot about our "personal freedoms" and "my rights" and God help anyone who would try to limit ours. Unfortunately, freedom can be used, as Tagore points out, to free ourselves from the very things that give us life. Just as it is no freedom for a tree to be "freed" from the soil, neither is it freeing for a child of God to be lifted out of the life-giving soil of God's Word and Sacraments and the responsibilities we have to live as God's people in this world.

As Christians we are bound by a much higher constitution than the Constitution of the United States. We are bound by the Law of Christ. Jesus said shortly before he was betrayed and crucified, **"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."** (John 13:34-35)

When we start demanding our rights and personal freedoms, in the context of the church, we have already lost the battle. Love doesn't demand its own way but looks to the needs of others. Love doesn't say "I'll worship if you do it the way I want" but says, "Let me understand it from another's perspective." Love doesn't say "I have the right to say what I want" but rather asks "Will what I say build up others or tear them down?"

As we enjoy the great freedom we have as Americans during this Fourth of July holiday let us also remember the words St. Paul wrote to the Galatian Christians so long ago, **"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other."** (Galatians 5:13-15)

In Christ's Freeing Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Jon". The signature is written in a dark ink on a light-colored background.

Pastor Jon





## Have-A-Heart Ministry

The Have-A-Heart Ministry visits shut-ins and those who are ill in their homes, nursing homes and hospitals to provide encouragement, comfort and a sense of belonging.

Have-A-Heart also calls to follow up on members who are in the hospital or at home after a hospitalization. The purpose of the call is to check on their condition, see if they have any needs, let the member know that the church is aware of their condition and that we care. The ministry also sends out cards to shut-ins and families who have lost a loved one.

Twice a year, around Easter and Christmas, the Have-A-Heart Ministry delivers homemade gift baskets to shut-ins.

You do not have to be a member to participate in this ministry—only a concern for the hurting. If you are interested in becoming part of this vital ministry, please contact Donna Ellwanger.



## Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is seeking willing hands to help set up the Lord's altar each Sunday and for special worship services. Setting up the altar includes preparing the wine and wafers for weekly communion. After each service, members of the Altar Guild clean the used vessels and linens and inspect the pastor's and acolyte's robes. The Altar Guild also checks the candles to ensure they will burn for the entire service. They learn the seasons of the church and prepare the altar with the paraments and banners with the proper season colors. Lastly, the Altar Guild ensures that the sanctuary is fully decorated for Easter and Christmas.

The Altar Guild meets several times throughout the year in the sanctuary for fellowship and Bible Study. If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, please contact SueEllyn Kunkel.

Connect is committed to growing its ministry. Connect's mission is to get people involved in ministry at Epiphany. We are looking for outgoing people with fresh ideas for getting 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).







# HOUSTON LUTHERAN CHORALE ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CONCERT

## AN AMERICAN TRIBUTE

**July 4, 2019**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**800 Houston Avenue**  
**6:00 p.m.**

The concert is followed by hot dogs, Frito pies and desserts in the gym. No reservations or tickets are required. Just come enjoy the music and have fun. You are encouraged to bring your lawn chairs to sit outside in the parking lot after the meal to enjoy the view the fireworks offered by the city of Houston.



### **S.Y.S. (SAVE YOUR STAMPS)**

Epiphany's LWML/Women of Epiphany requests your support of the Lutheran World Relief's *Project Comfort* through the very simple act of saving all of your cancelled postage stamps. To date, all LWML societies have collected more than 65,000,000 cancelled stamps which are then sorted and sold to dealers. The proceeds from these sales pay

for the shipping of our beautiful handmade quilts, fabric kits and clothing to those in need around the world. Stamps do not need to be trimmed or removed from the envelopes but, if you care to, make sure that there is at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch around the stamp because the perforation is the most important aspect of the stamp. You may place them in a plastic bag and deposit them in the LWML box in the administrative hallway across from the main office. If you wish to learn more or have questions, please contact Wanda Wood.



# Listen up!

**NEW 2019-2020  
FACILITY USE FORMS  
DUE AUGUST 4, 2019!**

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 4, 2019 to be sure you have a room reserved. The pink forms are located on the wall in the hallway outside the main office. Changes become effective September 1, 2019. For questions, please call Debbie Oravetz at 281-485-7833.



## **MISSIONARIES FROM RUSSIA TO VISIT EPIPHANY**

The Rev. Charles and Connie Cortright, missionaries from the LCMS Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia, will be at Epiphany on Saturday July 6, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in room 203 of the AFLC.

They will provide an informative presentation about their ministry in Russia. Connie contacted Epiphany and requested an opportunity to share their experiences and their love for the Lord and for the Russian people.



Mark your calendars and come hear what the Lord is doing in Russia. Men and women are invited. There will be a continental breakfast and fellowship at the beginning of the gathering. For further information, contact Donna Ellwanger.



I am writing to tell you that I really appreciate you folks working with us on the Military Bible outreach. Just saying "thank you" barely conveys how deeply grateful we are!

The impact His Word will have in their lives is incalculable; many whom have never known Him will discover His truths for the first time, Prodigals will return home, and thousands will grow deeper in their relationship with Him. Since the mission began we have received thousands of testimonies, here are just two that convey the gratitude they feel ...

**"I am a disabled American Army Veteran. I want to thank you for this gift. *The BibleStick is the key to me keeping my spirituality.* I have PTSD, major depression disorder, and bad knees and back. This is very painful and makes it difficult to get to church. This BibleStick gives me hope." And here's one from an active duty Service Member ... *"I've already listened through 3 entire times. I listen ALL the time. I've learned things I never knew. Who paid for these? I received mine from my chaplain and they are all over this base ... would you please express our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed? Air Force***

Thank you for sending this life changing "*care package*", it will strengthen and encourage those who have, and do, stand strong to protect and defend our nation. God richly bless you as you bring His love to your community and around the world!

Serving Jesus Christ together,

Ann Williams

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*Greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for his friends. - John 15:13*

**Sunday, August 18, 2019  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Donor Coach (parking lot)**

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DRIVE**

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Sponsor Code  
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**SIGN  
UP  
TODAY!**





# 2019 Miraculous Mission VBS







From June 3-7, Epiphany was filled with Miraculous Mission space 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 \$1,800 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 "galactic goo'd" at the end of the week. Dr. Hare E.C. (who might look a bit like Thomas Milbrath) was the winner and bravely faced the goo 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 POOL PARTY

JULY 28  
6:00 - 8:30 PM

WE WILL MEET AT THE LESTER'S HOUSE.  
SWIMMING, FOOD, GAMES AND MORE!  
JUST BRING A DESSERT OR SIDE DISH TO  
SHARE! MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION AT  
[SHININGTHELIGHT.ORG](http://SHININGTHELIGHT.ORG).





July 26, August 9  
Family Life Center Gym  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

# *Friday Night Youth*

A FUN-FILLED NIGHT FOR 5th-12th GRADERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Epiphany is partnering with Pearland ISD Life Skills teacher Natalie Pizzo to offer a youth night for students with special needs. Adult and youth (entering 8th grade and above) volunteers are needed to help make this possible. Come share the love of Jesus with the students and provide parents with a much-needed night out. More information and volunteer registration at [ShiningTheLight.org](http://ShiningTheLight.org).

## Midweek Meetup

Wednesdays 7:00-8:15 pm

High School Seniors (completed 11th grade) -Young Adults

Take time to hang out with friends and study God's Word.

Meeting places vary from week to week.

Contact Chase Drake at [chase@epiphanypearland.org](mailto:chase@epiphanypearland.org)  
to get on our text message group for all the updates.



Coming in  
September!

An evening for  
all ages

# sunday nights

Acts 2:42

6:00 pm - Dinner  
6:30 pm - Opening Worship  
6:45 pm - Bible Study  
Adult Bible Study Groups  
5th-7th Grade Confirmation  
8th-12th Grade Youth Night  
4 yrs - 4th Grade - Bible Time  
Under 4 yrs - Nursery

They devoted  
themselves to the  
apostles' teaching and  
to fellowship, to the  
breaking of bread  
and to prayer.  
Acts 2:42.

For more information, contact Chase at  
[chase@epiphanypearland.org](mailto:chase@epiphanypearland.org).

LAUNCH DAY 2019  
AUGUST 18 AT 9:15 A.M.  
GYM

PARENTS AND KIDS (3 YEARS - 12TH GRADE)  
JOIN US AS WE LAUNCH INTO A NEW YEAR OF YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY





## BIRTHDAYS

07/02 Larry Cornelius  
 07/02 Dianne Hendricks  
 07/02 David Brewton  
 07/03 Stefan Riveness  
 07/03 Cliff Campbell  
 07/04 Megan Mills  
 07/04 Annette Tausch  
 07/05 Celiste Kelley  
 07/05 Laura Tunstall  
 07/05 Bob Hurley  
 07/05 Audrey Fichera  
 07/06 SueEllyn Kunkel  
 07/06 Juliette Kelley  
 07/06 Lilliana Kelley-Rojas  
 07/07 Rachel Cloeter  
 07/07 Larry Knebel  
 07/08 Tyler Davis  
 07/09 Vickie Heinrich  
 07/09 Noah Gilbertson  
 07/10 Sarah Hurley  
 07/11 Ava Green  
 07/11 Daniel Walliser  
 07/12 Heather Gordon  
 07/12 Gregg Kiihne  
 07/12 Arlene Gumbiner  
 07/13 Graham Silberfein  
 07/13 Elizabeth Conner  
 07/13 Pam West  
 07/14 Brian Krause  
 07/15 Chaplain Ryan Rupe  
 07/16 Larry Helton  
 07/17 Amelia Galka  
 07/17 Zachary Kunkel  
 07/17 Sheral Ballard  
 07/18 Pastor David Johnson  
 07/18 Jimmy Walker  
 07/19 Gina Dombrosky  
 07/20 Caitlyn Prescott  
 07/21 Parker Cheung  
 07/22 Doran Freeman  
 07/22 Ronnie Reeh  
 07/22 Paula Brewton  
 07/22 Beryll Hansen  
 07/22 David Harmon  
 07/25 Jeff Lester  
 07/25 Valerie Freeman  
 07/25 Lisa Rupe  
 07/25 Brooke Carothers  
 07/25 Colten Campbell  
 07/25 Quinn Chauvot  
 07/26 Janice Smith  
 07/26 Chase Drake  
 07/27 Katy Ostermaier

07/27 Bob Wood  
 07/27 Jeanette Holt  
 07/27 Julie Davis  
 07/27 Brody Underwood  
 07/27 Justin Paden  
 07/27 Jennifer McGinley  
 07/28 Kevin Munoz  
 07/28 Buck Elston  
 07/28 Patricia Roberts  
 07/30 Blaine Prescott  
 07/30 Matthew Kiihne  
 07/31 Cade Hollis  
 07/31 Colton Weiss  
 07/31 Janice Brashier  
 07/31 David Latlip



07/01 Mitch & Julie Allen  
 07/01 Willie & Frances Von Gonten  
 07/04 George & Renee Hernandez  
 07/06 Ronald & Lisa Davis  
 07/06 Randy & Chris Wuensche  
 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 Daniel Grabau & Lauren Ayres  
 07/11 John & Beth Roos  
 07/12 Kevin & Meredith Ackerman  
 07/12 John & Christina Hartman  
 07/12 Gary & Adana Mutchler  
 07/14 James & Ethel Keys  
 07/15 Alex & Katie Tews  
 07/16 Larry & Rosa Kelley  
 07/19 Aaron & Joyce Carpenter  
 07/19 Joe & Corley Fichera  
 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  
 07/29 Bill & Joan Bente  
 07/29 Larry & Jennifer Williams  
 07/30 Greg & Amy Hill  
 07/30 Carlos & Rebecca Torres  
 07/31 David & Tiffany Harmon



## BAPTISMS

Vincent Bernstein  
June 23, 2019



## WEDDINGS

Kalista Heinrich & Nathan Smith  
June 29, 2019



## SYMPATHY

Nikki (Gordon) Gary  
June 14, 2019



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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>AUGUST NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE JULY 10!</b>	<b>1 Announcements Due!</b> 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207  7:00pm-IFC-ESL Classes-203	<b>2</b> 9:00am-IFC-ESL Classes-203  4:00pm-Bible Study-202	<b>3</b>  6:30pm-Praise Team 6:45pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team-AFLC <b>No Midweek Meetup!</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Holiday-Church Office Closed!</b>  <b>4<sup>TH</sup> of JULY</b>	<b>5</b> 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen	<b>6</b> <b>9:30am-Missionaries From Russia Presentation-203</b>
<b>7 COM/SS &amp; ABC/COM/WOR* LWML Mite Box Sunday</b> 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	<b>8 Announcements Due!</b> 9:30am-Goodtimers-104  7:00pm-IFC-ESL Classes-203	<b>9</b> 9:00am-IFC-ESL Classes-203  4:00pm-Bible Study-202	<b>10</b>  6:30pm-Praise Team 6:45pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team-AFLC 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meetup	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>6:00-8:00pm Mission Trip Pre-trip Gathering -gym/204</b>	<b>13</b> 7:30am-Men's Bible Breakfast-203 9:15am-Elders' Meeting-203
<b>14 WOR/SS &amp; ABC/COM/COM*</b> 9:15am-201 Class-203 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym <b>No Youth Nights!</b>	<b>15 Announcements Due!</b> 9:00am-Quilting-202 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207  7:00pm-IFC-ESL Classes-203	<b>16</b> 9:00am-IFC-ESL Classes-203  4:00pm-Bible Study-202	<b>17</b>  6:30pm-Praise Team 6:45pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team-AFLC 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meetup	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen	<b>20</b>
<b>21 COM/SS &amp; ABC/COM/COM*</b> 9:15am-201 Class-203 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00pm-Leadership Council Meeting-202 <b>No Youth Nights!</b>	<b>22 Announcements Due!</b> 7:00pm-IFC-ESL Classes-203	<b>23</b> 9:00am-IFC-ESL Classes-203  4:00pm-Bible Study-202	<b>24</b> 9:00am-Quilting-202  6:30pm-Praise Team 6:45pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team-AFLC 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meetup	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>6:00-9:00pm-Special Needs Youth Night-203/gym</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30am-LWML Meeting-203
<b>28 WOR/SS &amp; ABC/COM/COM*</b> 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>29 Announcements Due!</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00am-IFC-ESL Classes-203  4:00pm-Bible Study-202	<b>31</b>  6:30pm-Praise Team 6:45pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team-AFLC 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meetup	<div> <b>July 14-20</b>  <b>7th - 12th grade Summer Mission Trip</b>  <b>Please keep them in your prayers.</b> </div>		





# ALL CHURCH MISSION TRIP

## AUGUST 2-4 CAMP LONE STAR ALL AGES

YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG OR TOO OLD TO SERVE GOD! DON'T MISS THIS AMAZING WEEKEND OF SERVING AT CAMP LONE STAR AND IN THE AUSTIN AREA. ANYONE 14 AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

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