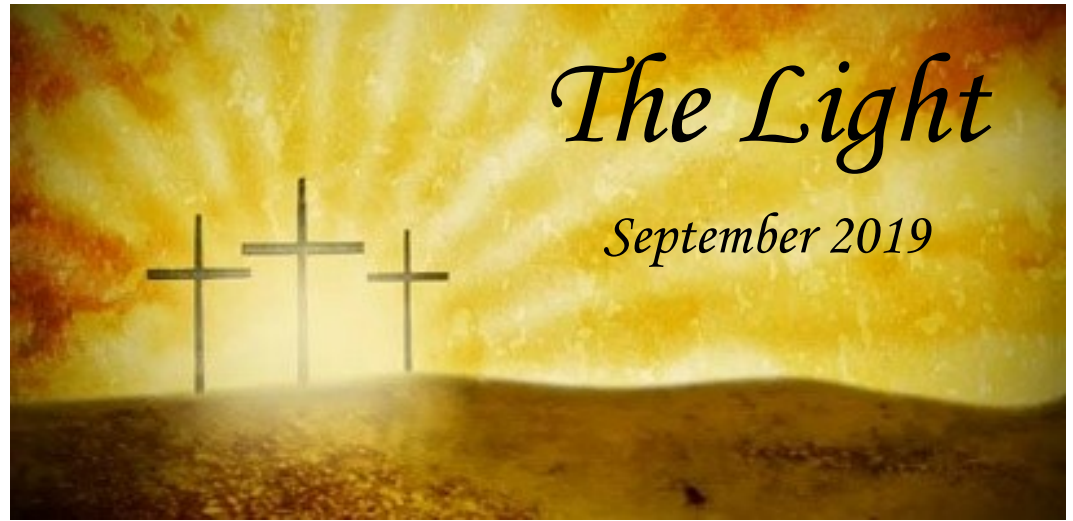


The Light

September 2019



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Pastor Jon Salminen

(Senior Pastor)

Pastor Nathan Misch

(Associate Pastor)

Pastor David Johnson

(Pastor of Music Ministries)



We're having a Potluck/Tailgate Party to watch the Texans play the Atlanta Falcons! 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, dessert, 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.



BUILDING

HERE WE STAND

In the name of Jesus

HERE WE STAND PROJECT UPDATE

Standing together, all generations present *AFFIRMED* that Epiphany supports proceeding to the design phase of the *Here We Stand Project*.

Standing together, Epiphany Lutheran Church authorizes the *Here We Stand Committee* to seek and procure funding to proceed to the design phase of the project (established at \$265,000 to \$340,000) and subsequently enter into contract with the architectural firm.

After careful evaluation of various funding models for the entire project, a recommendation will be presented for voter consideration and approval.

+ To God Alone be the Glory +



EXPECT A MIRACLE!

In the first chapter of Luke's Gospel the angel Gabriel reveals to Mary that she would become the Mother of God's Son, Jesus. Listen in on their conversation as it is recorded in Luke Chapter 1.

Mary: "How will this be since I am a virgin?"

Gabe: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Holy Spirit will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God ... For nothing is impossible with God."

Mary: "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said."

There are several things that jump out to me as I read and reread these glorious words from the Gospel of Luke. None, however, are more fascinating than Mary's response to this miraculous revelation. Notice she doesn't say, **"Yeah, right!"** Nor does she respond by saying something like, **"No thanks, I like my life just the way it is."** Neither does she say, **"You don't expect me to believe THAT do you?"** I guess her response strikes me as odd, or at best unique, because so often in today's world skepticism, doubt and unbelief seem to be the normal response to the miraculous.

Gabriel said, **"Nothing is impossible with God."** The Bible repeats that message more than once. We saw how Mary responded to that statement, but how do we? Can God really change my life? Can God really make **"all things work together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose?"** Most Christians would probably say "yes" to these questions. Of course, God can do it. God can do anything He desires. He's omnipotent!

Where most people have difficulty is in asking a follow up question: **"Will God do it?"** Will God change my life? Will God work good out of all situations that I face, as I seek His will? Mary believed God would and God did. God always keeps His Word. Unlike us God never breaks a promise, so what He's promised us in His Word He will do. **WE AS GOD'S PEOPLE, THEREFORE, SHOULD BE EXPECTING TO FIND THE MIRACULOUS TAKING PLACE IN OUR LIVES.**

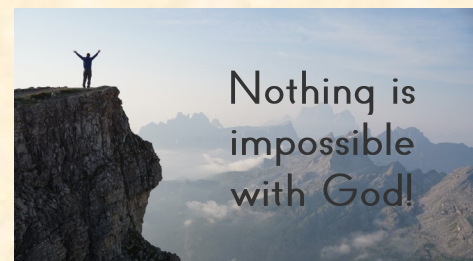
But if you don't know what God's will is for your life, or if you don't know the promises God has made to you, how can you (through faith) expect them to be fulfilled? Mary knew the promise and she responded in faith. Will you? I want to challenge you to **"JUST SAY 'YES'!"** Find out the amazing promises of God through the study of His Word. Commit yourself to being involved in a Bible Study Group. Allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life with His life-changing promises.

The Prophet Hosea once wrote, **"My people are being destroyed for the lack of knowledge."** My prayer is that Epiphany will be a congregation that is committed to receiving the knowledge that God reveals through the study of His Word. Furthermore, may we respond with a bold and confident faith to the knowledge and promises of God; and like Mary, say "Yes" to our Lord's will. Finally, may we become sensitive to the Lord's dealings in our lives and expect the miraculous to happen.

In Christ's Love,



Pastor Jon





GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. It provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

If you've lost someone close to you or know someone who has, please join us on Monday evenings from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. Our next support group will begin on Monday, September 9. There is a one-time fee of \$15.00 for a workbook. For more information or to register, please contact Cindy Eppelheimer in the church office at cindy@epiphanypearland.org or 281-485-7833.

It is important that you register so that we have enough workbooks for everyone.



Be included

in the new Epiphany Lutheran
Church directory

Photography dates
September 17-21

Lifetouch

Hey,
Members -
SMILE!

A new pictorial directory for Epiphany is in the works. Scheduling for appointments is ongoing. Online scheduling is available in addition to sign ups in the narthex and AFLC before and after worship services. Portrait appointments will begin Tuesday, September 17 and continue through Saturday, September 21. Plan to schedule your appointment early to get the best date and time for you!

Each family that is photographed will receive a complimentary 8"x10" portrait and a free directory from Lifetouch Church Directories.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

A Place of Grace and Belonging

Women's Fellowship Group was inspired by the desire for the women of our church to have a time to gather together and grow as Sisters in Christ. A time for spiritual strengthening, deeper connection and fun!

Each fellowship night will include:

- A Bible study led by one of our leaders.
- Fellowship time over a potluck meal.
- A fun activity themed for the month.

All women ages 18+ are invited to join us the third Thursday of month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in Room 202 of the AFLC.

Questions? EpiphanyWFG@gmail.com

We can't wait to see you there!

*Mark your
calendars!*

2019

Meeting Dates:

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19





Inviting Singers!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Adult Choir (9th grade and beyond)

Wednesdays

7:30 – 9:00 P.M.

First Rehearsal – September 4 – Sanctuary

Youth Choir/Praise Teens (4th grade through 9th grade)

Sundays

11:45 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

First Rehearsal – September 8 – AFLC (203)

Choral— Global— Modern— Contemporary— Psalms— Hymns— Spiritual Songs

Inviting Instrumentalists!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!

Orchestra (8th grade and beyond)

Sundays

11:45 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Horns— Strings— Woodwinds— Guitars— Percussion

*Interested music makers are encouraged to email
pastor_david@epiphanypearland.org to explore options for
ensemble and/or solo work.*



Inviting Christmas – tide singers and learners!

A Choral Workshop

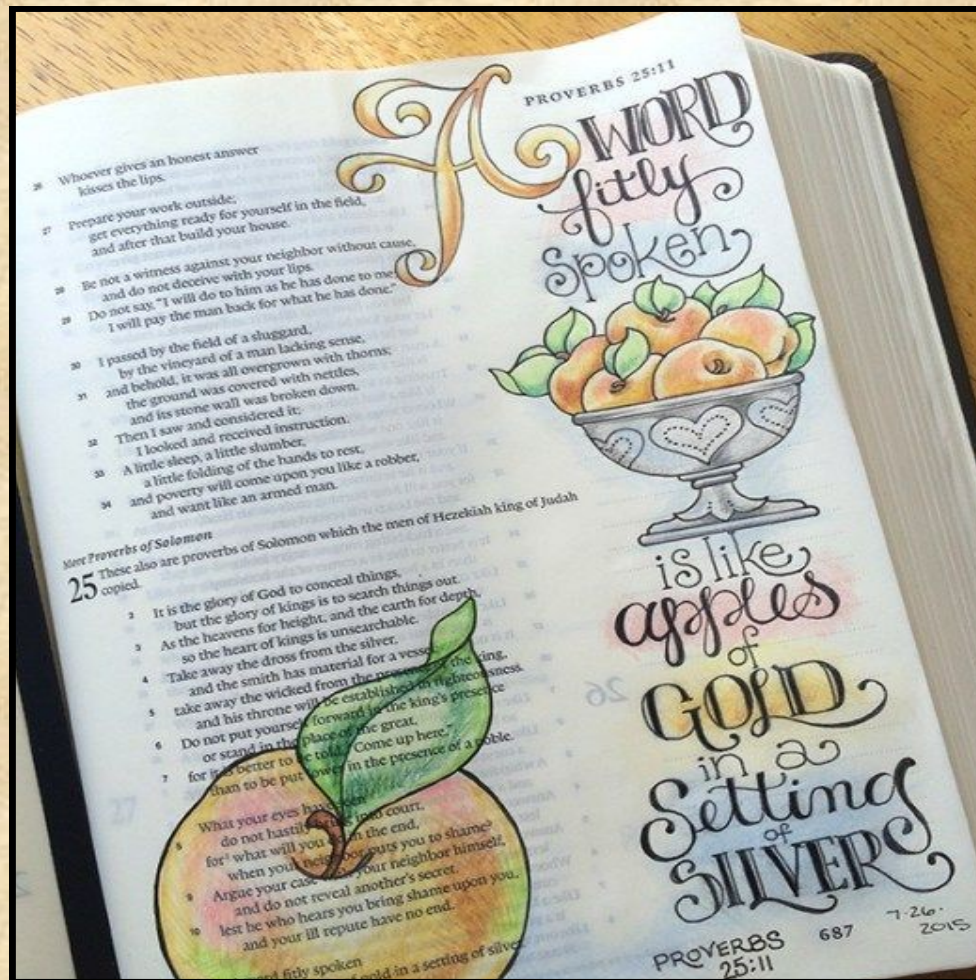
Saturday, October 12, 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.

Join the adult choir for a choral workshop experiencing new Christmas music for 2019. Our guest clinician is Milton Pullen – acclaimed Artistic Director of the *Bay Area Chorus*, nationally celebrated conductor, professor, educator and recipient of the 2010 Texas Choirmaster Award (the highest honor conferred by the Texas Choral Directors Association). His heart for music is unwavering. He inspires singers of all ages and abilities!



A light lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the event!

Gulf Coast Zone Fall Rally Epiphany Lutheran Church/LWML



"APPLES OF GOLD"

Bible Study based on Proverbs 25:11

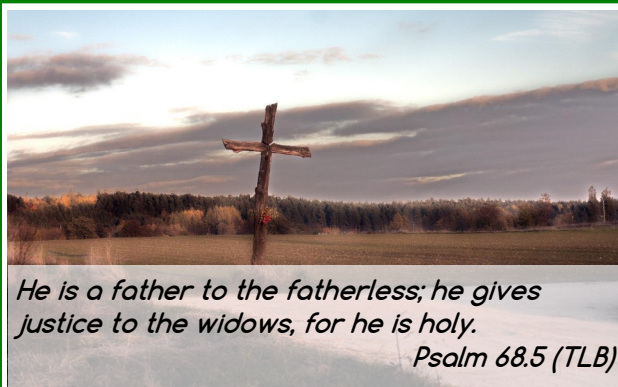
Speaker: Pastor David Johnson

Sunday, October 20 at 2:30 p.m.

Freewill offering

Dinner at 4:30 p.m.

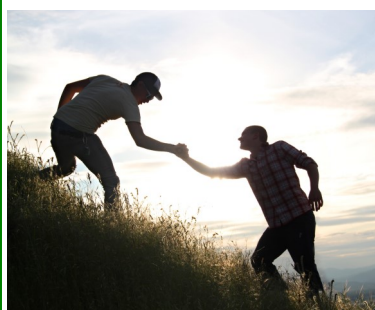
ALL Epiphany Ladies are invited!



Psalm 68.5 Ministry

The Psalm 68.5 Ministry identifies the widows and the fatherless among Epiphany's congregation and communicates with them to determine if they have any special needs that the ministry and/or the church as a whole can address.

Psalm 68.5 plans special lunches and gatherings for the widows/widowers based on seasonal activities including Epiphatinos. The ministry would also like to expand their ministry for the widows/widowers to include minor home improvement needs as they might arise. Those needs can range from hanging a ceiling fan to installing a garbage disposal to mending a fence.



For the fatherless kids, they work with the families to make the ministry's resources available to assist the kids in their participation in summer camps, etc. Psalm 68.5 would like to expand their ministry to include mentoring for fatherless kids to provide spiritual and emotional support as needed. Mentors can provide support, advice, friendship, reinforcement and constructive examples.

Psalm 68.5 is looking for volunteers to help communicate with the individuals regarding their needs, volunteers to help with the preparations for the gatherings, volunteers who are handy with tools to assist with minor home improvement needs and volunteers who could mentor fatherless children. If you would like to assist Psalm 68.5, please contact Jeff West at 281-382-3464 or westj5132@peoplepc.com to discuss where your gifts could best be used.

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.



CAMPING TRIP

October 11-14, 2019

Texana Park and Campground



Do you love the outdoors? Fellowship? Fun? Then consider joining the Camping Ministry on our upcoming trip. We will be camping at Texana Park and Campground (we are in slot 77) from October 11-14. On Sunday morning we have a group breakfast and campfire church service. Book your camping spot near us at <http://www.brackenridgepark.com> If you have any questions please reach out to Tammy Green.



Epiphany's Health Ministry is sponsoring two CPR classes, one on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and one on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. Both classes will be held in room 203 of the AFLC. All members, age 16 to adult, are invited to attend. This is not a certification class but will prepare you to perform CPR in an emergency setting. The cost is \$30.00.

Knowing how to do CPR is an important skill to have and especially important for those who serve in Epiphany's worship ministries such as elders, ushers, greeters, Welcome Center volunteers and nursery workers; everyone can benefit from these classes. A light snack will be available prior to the class. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Ellwanger.

Please RSVP to Donna by October 9 as class size is limited.



SEEK. DISCIPLE. MULTIPLY.

ANYONE WITHOUT CHRIST IS A MISSION FIELD.
ANYONE WITH CHRIST IS A MISSIONARY BY
VOCATION. - REV. DR. DAVID KIM

Did you know?

As of 2015, more than 6.65 million people live in the greater Houston area (that number is even larger now). Here are some facts:

- 41% speak a language other than English at home.
- 70,000 are refugees from other countries.
- 200+ different language groups are represented.
- AND, fewer than 20% total have an active faith in Jesus. That's less than 1.5 million! Over 5 million people in the greater Houston area alone need the Gospel of Jesus.

Glocal's mission is to seek the lost, disciple the found and multiply disciple-makers and churches locally and globally in order to reach those who do not yet know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The Rev. Dr. David Kim, founder of Glocal, will be joining us on Sunday, October 6, 2019, to share with the Adult Bible Class and with *The Light* what Glocal is doing to bring the Gospel, and also how you can help support Glocal.

SMALL GROUPS at Epiphany

Pastor Jon's Small Group

Varied ages and interests. Meets weekly.
For more information, contact:
Pastor Jon Salminen 281-485-7833/pastor_jon@epiphanypearland.org

Winebox Wednesdays Small Group

Food, fun and fellowship. Varied topics. Meets weekly.
For more information, contact:
Christy DiLuca

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study at 7:00

Coffee in a relaxed setting. Varied topics. Meets weekly at various locations.
For more information, contact:
Amelia Dawson

Hollis Small Group

Varied ages. Meets on Tuesday evenings at church. Varied topics.
For more information, contact:
Brad and Sharla Hollis

Acts 2:46-47a - And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people.

The Christian life was not one meant to be lived alone. Groups ministry, and small groups in particular, are one way to do life together as we follow Jesus Christ. Below are some active small groups that are currently open to new members!

Families With Younger Children Small Group

Meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at church. Starts at 6:00 p.m.
Bible study starts at 6:30 p.m. Childcare provided.
For more information, contact:
Celina Brunette
Amanda Snyder

Helton/Rubright Small Group

Varied ages and interests. Meets the second and fourth Mondays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at different members' houses.
For more information, contact:
Larry Helton

"Friendswood-based" Small Group

Varied ages and interests.
Meets the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Current study: "The Reason for God" by Tim Keller
For more information, contact:
Lyn Wolff

Junior Bell Choir **PreK - 3rd Grade**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord in our junior bell choir! Practices meet in room 104, 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Sundays. We perform during the 10:30 a.m. worship services before children's messages.

Fall Dates:

Practices: 9/8, 10/13, 11/10

Performances: 9/15, 10/20, 11/17



Puppet Ministry **5th-12th Grade**

We are looking for a few good arms! Come share the Good News of Jesus with the little kids! Practice is in room 209 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Sundays before Youth Nights and Confirmation. We perform for children's messages in worship services.

Fall Dates:

Practice: 9/8, 9/15, 10/6, 10/13

Performances: 9/22, 10/20

More Info:

Contact: Chase Drake at
chase@epiphanypearland.org



Picnic and Playground Day **Sunday, September 15**

11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Epiphany's Playground
Families with kids 3rd grade
and under



Enjoy a pizza picnic and play on Epiphany's playgrounds! Invite a friend!



Fall Retreat

5th-12th Grade || September 27-29

**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 17**



ALL CHURCH MISSION TRIP 2019

August 2-4, 42 Epiphany adults and kids headed to Camp Lone Star for our first All Church Mission Trip. We painted at Camp Lone Star and worked at Austin Street Youth Ministry who ministers to homeless youth. In addition to service, the weekend included Bible Study, community time, slip-n-slide/swimming and overall fun. Thank you to all who came to serve and helped make it a great weekend!





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS **BIRTHDAYS**

09/01 Isabella Hill
 09/02 Noah Burney
 09/02 Anne Armstrong
 09/02 Tony Munoz
 09/02 Spencer Manning
 09/02 Breanne Saldivar
 09/03 Donna Baumann
 09/04 Marlene Heinrich
 09/04 Collin Turner
 09/04 Amy Whalen
 09/04 Jordan Gilbertson
 09/04 Landon Rathje
 09/04 Kathy Zapalac
 09/04 Chris Parrack
 09/04 Betty Koerth
 09/05 Evelyn Knebel
 09/06 Steve Kunkel
 09/07 Amber Coronado
 09/08 Kerri Keels
 09/08 Elijah Ackerman
 09/09 Steve Hager
 09/09 Keith Armstrong
 09/09 Owen Snyder
 09/09 Amber Robinson
 09/09 Amanda Snyder
 09/09 Caleb Garza
 09/10 Olivia Martinez
 09/10 Ben DuBois
 09/10 Ena Brunette
 09/10 Saul Pontifes
 09/12 Willie Von Gonten
 09/12 Stan Whalen
 09/12 Rhoda Mohr
 09/12 David Hardaway
 09/12 Andrew Cloeter
 09/13 Sharla Hollis
 09/14 Mary Ann Gossett
 09/15 Darren Phan
 09/15 Barbara Schlothauer
 09/15 Dennis Ballard
 09/15 Charles Ortiz
 09/15 Chase Keasler
 09/17 Julia Raess
 09/17 Tyler Brewton
 09/18 Brynn Hollis
 09/19 Tammy Green

09/19 Marty Meyers
 09/19 Bert Balzer
 09/19 Doris Lilie
 09/19 Matt Rathje
 09/20 Robert Williamson
 09/20 Charmaine Jewell
 09/21 Gavin Robinson
 09/21 Chase Carothers
 09/21 Clarice Tunstall
 09/21 Stuart Joergens
 09/21 Joan Stine
 09/22 Mary Mountford
 09/22 Laila Andersen
 09/22 Stephanie Wilkes
 09/22 Fran Walther
 09/22 Paul Myers
 09/23 Kristen Vollman
 09/23 Jay Milbrath
 09/24 Jill Woelfel
 09/26 Chris Davies
 09/26 Stephanie Hebert
 09/27 Greg Hill
 09/27 Gabriel Barrera
 09/28 Gary Mutchler
 09/29 Diana Ballard
 09/30 Laura Anderson



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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09/01 Jonte & Tomika Greer
 09/08 Peyton & Candyce Birkelbach
 09/08 Rick & Virginia Keniston
 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



THANK YOU

Thank you faithful prayer warriors for the prayers the past six months for our son in law, Brian Gee. Brian has safely returned from Afghanistan. The power of prayer works.

Thank you.
Jeff and Julie Hartwig



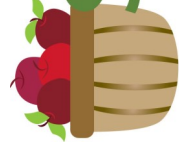
www.ShiningTheLight.org

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



September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* LWML Mite Box Sunday No Blood Pressure Screenings! 9:15am-201 Class-203 No Orchestra Practice! 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym No Youth Nights!	2 Announcements Due! Holiday-Church Office Closed!	3 No MDO! No IFC-ESL Classes! 4:00pm-Bible Study-202	4 9-2 MDO 6:30pm-Praise Team-sanctuary 7:30pm-Adult Choir-sanctuary	5 9-2 MDO 6:45pm- <i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC 7:00pm-Handbells -sanctuary	6 9-2 MDO	7
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Coming in September! An evening for all ages!

ACTS 2:42

SUNDAY NIGHTS

ENCOUNTERING GOD TOGETHER

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 - Contact

Chase concerning childcare
options.

Acts 2:42

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

For more information, contact Chase at chase@epiphanypearland.org.