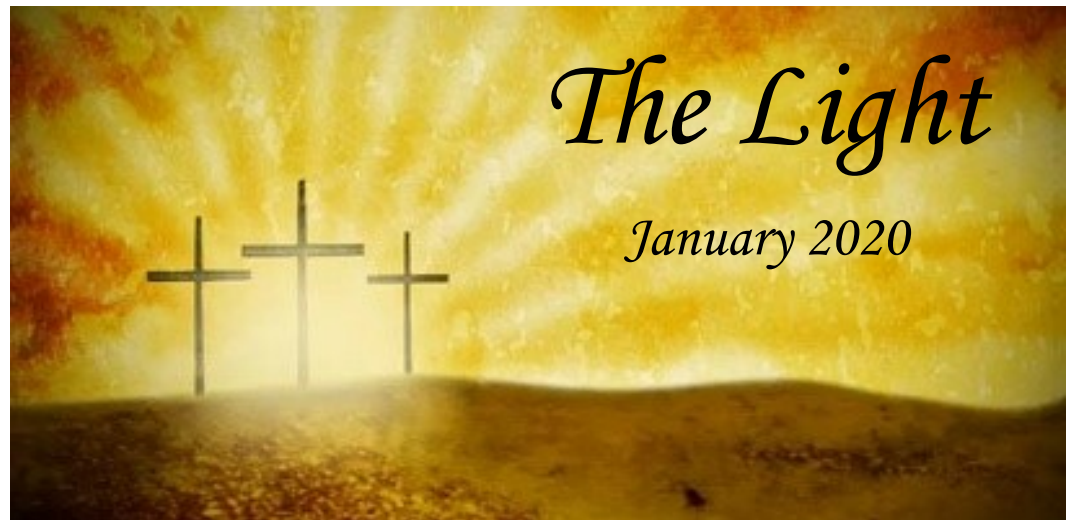


The Light

January 2020



**Are you celebrating a birthday in 2020?
Then this party is for YOU!**

All Church Birthday Bash

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
11:45 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.**

Join us for a potluck lunch and lots of fun! We'll also welcome the new members who joined Epiphany in 2019. 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.



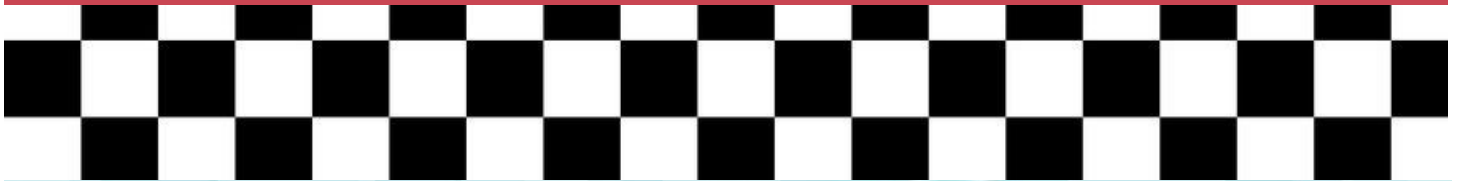
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Pastor Jon Salminen
(Senior Pastor)

Pastor Nathan Misch
(Associate Pastor)

Pastor David Johnson
(Pastor of Music Ministries)

Epiphatinos



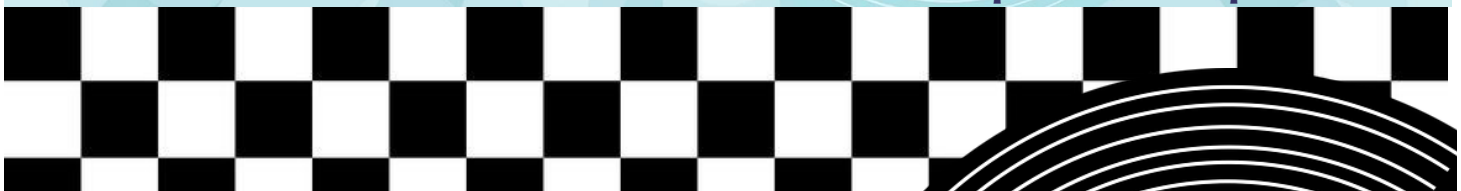
Back to the '50s

Sock Hop

February 22



Two Seatings:
5 pm and 7 pm



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!

RESERVATIONS:

Reservations begin Sunday, January 26, 2020; in person (narthex or AFLC), by phone (281-485-7833) or online at www.ShiningTheLight.org.



Time Presses On

Remember as a child when the odometer on your parent's car rolled over a hundred thousand miles? If it was getting close when we were on a trip, I'd watch that odometer for 20 miles just so I wouldn't miss the time it turned. We do that on New Year's Eve too. Many people will tune in to watch the ball drop so they can shout "Happy New Year" and watch 2019 give way to 2020. With each turn of the odometer, with each turn of the calendar, we are reminded that time presses on as we head down the road of life.

With each mile we travel, and with each "new year" on our journey through life, we encounter change. This is not the world my parents grew up in. This is not the world in which I grew up. Life is changing and it is changing quickly. Change is both exciting and scary. Change by its very nature takes us to a new place, an unfamiliar place, a place of uncertainty. That's why the promise of a "new year" is so intriguing. None of us knows for sure what to expect. It's kind of like a horror movie, exciting and scary at the same time.

What we do know, as the children of God, is that as we head into the future we do not go there alone. There is One who already knows what is coming. There is One for whom the past, the present and the future are one, because He stands outside human history and sees it all. It is this One, the Lord our God, who assures us that the future we are entering is a blessed future. It is blessed for He goes with us to guide us through all the uncertainties.

You and I may not know what the future holds, but we do know the One who holds the future. What we know about the One who holds the future is that He is Emmanuel (God with us); that He loves us and has proven His love for us (through the Cross and the Empty Grave); that He is in control of all things (Colossians 1:15-17); that He works good out of every situation we encounter in life (Romans 8:28), and that He is coming again for His Bride (you and me) to bring us to the new world that He will create at His Second Coming (Revelation 21:1-5).

As we prepare for 2020, a new year, a new decade, we can head into the future with confidence and joy, because Jesus remains Emmanuel, God with us.

Happy New Year!



Pastor Jon





Grieving the **death** of a loved one?

*Find support
and healing at
GriefShare.*

griefshare.org



**A new 13-week session
begins on January 13, 2020!**

**GriefShare
Mondays
6:45 - 8:45 p.m.
Sanctuary**

GriefShare is a group that meets weekly. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. There are three key parts to your GriefShare experience:

- Video Seminar
- Support Group
- Workbook

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



Share Your Blessings With Those Less Fortunate

This year, from January 6-27, the Connect Ministry is collecting the following items for the Star of Hope:

- Deodorant for men and women (regular & travel size)
- Large lotion
- Large bars of soap
- Diapers – Sizes 5 & 6
- Adult Depends Underwear for Men & Women (Large/X-Large)
- Razors
- Hand Sanitizer
- Bath towels, face towels and washcloths
- Twin-size fitted & flat sheets only
- Baby wash
- Baby wipes
- Sippy cups

Please place your donations in the collection boxes in the narthex of the main building no later than January 27. The items will be delivered to the Star of Hope the week of January 27.

Your donations will certainly be appreciated by those who visit the Star of Hope. Thank you!

2020 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.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DECEMBER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING:

Two Epiphany officers are appointed annually in January; see the descriptions below. If interested in additional information, please call the church office.

* Secretary - This person prepares monthly minutes for the Leadership Council meetings and the three regular Voters' meetings. Also, some legal documents may need a signature.

* Treasurer - This person reviews the monthly financial statements of ELC and prepares a synopsis for the monthly Leadership Council meetings and the three regular Voters' meetings. Also, the Treasurer assists in the preparation and presentation of the yearly budget to the Leadership Council, Budget Forum and Voters' Assembly.

*Jo Lauppe, President
Joan Simonsen, Vice President
Eric Anderson
Aaron Carpenter
Christy DiLuca
Christina Hartman
Steve Kunkel
SueEllyn Kunkel
Brent Snyder
Scott Stewart
Pam Van Maaren*

Renovation - Two areas are being explored

- The LCEP/Laborers for Christ Ministry works with churches at minimum wage during construction phases and can offset these costs by 15-25%.
- Generis 30-day free trial contract can analyze Epiphany's giving patterns and potential. Gloop software analytics can supply types and formats of needed data.

Financial Update

- "Adding to Advent" Matching Gift Opportunity - we have exceeded our goal of \$50,000.
- The yearly pledge amount is up 6% although the total number of pledging units is less than last year.



HERE WE STAND **PROJECT UPDATE**

In the name of Jesus

- ◆ Exploratory meeting held with Lutheran Church Extend Funds' Laborers for Christ. Discussions held with a Lutheran architect and design specialist, as well as a seasoned project manager. Amazing new insights and possibilities of saving 10%-30% on labor expenses.
- ◆ Exploring potential funding models with *Generis*—synching church analytics and community insights. A singular approach for sustained, long-term generosity and dynamic capital fund raising approaches.
- ◆ Investigating funding options with Texas District Church Extension Fund (TX CEF) to initiate design work!

+ To God Alone be the Glory +



More than 29 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

***“Lord, even as we enjoy the
Super Bowl football game,
help us be mindful of those
without a bowl of soup to eat.”***

Since that day, more than \$143 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

On Sunday, January 26, we will be passing out bags after services at Epiphany. We ask that you fill the bags with nonperishable food and bring them back on February 2. All proceeds benefit Christian Helping Hands. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need.

Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday!





Bible Study

— DISCOVER GOD'S WORD —

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 and is required for those desiring membership at Epiphany. It is held on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in room 203 of the AFLC. **The next class will begin January 12, 2020.**

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. The next study will be *Twelve Women of the Bible* by Lysa TerKeurst, Elisa Morgan, Jeanne Stevens and others. In this twelve-session small group Bible Study, the authors look at the spiritual lessons learned from twelve biblical women and what they mean for your life today. You'll discover lessons from each of these women that will help you persevere through the circumstances you are facing today. **This class will begin on January 13, 2020!**

LIFELIGHT

This class meets weekly on Thursday at 9:15 a.m. in room 203 of the AFLC. "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ..." (Romans 5:1) Start the new year off right and join us for our next Lifelight Bible Study as we journey through the book of Romans. **This class begins on January 9, 2020.**



20th Anniversary!

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN
Spring Fair
and Gardening Extravaganza

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020

9 AM - 4 PM

Family Life Center

Call for Vendors

Do you own a small business?

Have a favorite craft show vendor?

Epiphany's 20th Annual Spring Fair & Gardening Extravaganza has been set for Saturday, March 28th and planning has begun! We are currently accepting applications for handmade craft vendor booths as well as a few direct marketing salespersons. If you are interested in renting a booth, please contact Mannie Steglich at 2020esf@woodenwonderstx.com or Tammy Earley at TammyEarley1EpiphanySpringFair@gmail.com. There is an early bird discount on booth rentals for a limited time! Please share with your favorite small businesses.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP



Women's Fellowship Group - It's Never Too Late to Join!

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread together in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts." Acts 2:46

God's Word gives us many examples of the importance of Christian fellowship and cultivating friendships within our church family. The Women's Fellowship Group has had a great start this inaugural semester doing just that. We have consistently had 16-20 women from all three services and all age groups attending each third Thursday of the month in room 202 of the AFLC.

We've studied the topics of Biblical friendships, prayer, hospitality and, most recently, Christmas carols. We've eaten lots of great food, made prayer journals for ourselves, Christmas ornaments for our homebound members and had many laughs over Bunco. The sweetest reward, however, has been growing closer as sisters in Christ.

We have many more fun nights planned for the spring including a spa-themed night, a spring craft, and a "learn and shop" with the missional non-profit Hilltop of Hope just in time for Mother's Day gifts.

Make plans to join us in January for a get-to-know-you night! We're planning a Bible Study/table talk time around the theme "faith conversations".

For more information, contact us at EpiphanyWFG@gmail.com or chat with one of our hostesses: Amelia Dawson, Alli Oberlies, Donna Ellwanger, Kim Raess, Melissa Olesen, SueEllyn Kunkel, Tammy Earley and Tiffany Harmon.



Let's Chat!

Faith Conversations & Appetizer Potluck

Join us January 16 at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the AFLC

Pearland Hometown Christmas Parade December 7, 2019

Thank you to John Hartman, Dan Oberlies, Pastor Nathan and the other volunteers who helped build and decorate the Epiphany float for the annual Pearland Christmas parade. The lights on our float entry could be seen from far away and the float itself was a great advertisement for the Light Fest.



"Behold the Child" Children's Christmas Service December 8, 2019

Thank you to the many Sunday School children and Mother's Day Out children who participated in this year's combined Children's Christmas Service and Mother's Day Out Sunday. A special thank you to Amanda Snyder, Tamika Greer, Jennifer Ward and the Sunday School and Mother's Day Out teachers who helped to make this service a huge success.





Light Fest at Epiphany

On December 14, Epiphany spent an evening sharing the excitement of Christmas with our community. Thank you to everyone who helped make Light Fest a great success! We had our biggest crowd ever to celebrate the Christmas season and Jesus, our Light!

The evening included: Christmas lights, food trucks, live music, a living nativity, a hay ride, a petting zoo, face painting, a fire pit and much more!

A huge thank you to all our amazing volunteers! It wouldn't have been possible without you!



Help take down the lights on Sunday, January 12 after the late services. Lunch will be provided.



Treasured

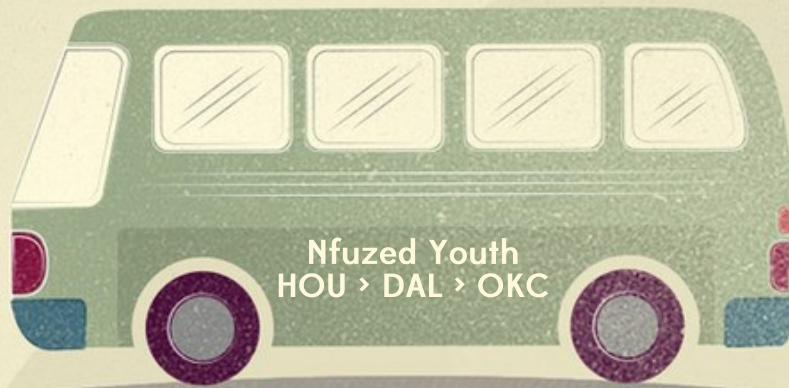
A THREE-WEEK STUDY TO CONNECT
MOMS AND DAUGHTERS

Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m. in room 202
Starting January 26

Moms and daughters (5th-12th Grade) are invited to join us for a special three-week study about life, God and growing up. You don't want to miss this time to connect!

Register for this free study at ShiningTheLight.org.





Summer Mission Trip

Completed 7th-12th Grade

July 12-18

\$175

Come serve this summer! We'll travel to Dallas and Oklahoma City and be the hands and feet of Jesus. Registration and \$100 deposit is due by February 17.

More information and registration at:

ShiningTheLight.org.



BIRTHDAYS

01/02 Brandon Gutierrez
 01/02 Judy Klewer
 01/03 Ellen Justice
 01/03 Britney Campbell
 01/03 Krystle Van Der Karr
 01/04 Becca Cornelius
 01/05 Max Daugherty
 01/06 Michael Kaspar
 01/06 Saul Pontifes
 01/06 Kaitlynn Weiss
 01/07 Scott Sanford
 01/08 Luke Cmaidalka
 01/08 Grace Tews
 01/08 George Hernandez
 01/08 Abby Smaistrla
 01/09 Joyce Carpenter
 01/09 Candyce Birkelbach
 01/09 Nick Vollman
 01/09 Jan Pierce
 01/11 Frances Meyer
 01/12 Amanda Hayes
 01/12 Kathleen Kaspar
 01/12 Andrew Reed
 01/13 Ethan Chauvot
 01/13 Rachael Ballard
 01/14 Jennifer Chauvot
 01/14 Rob Chauvot
 01/14 Keila Crews
 01/14 Kathryn Davies
 01/15 Mary Smith
 01/17 Logan Kunkel
 01/17 Vicente DiLuca
 01/18 Larry Williams
 01/18 Gene Allbee
 01/18 David Green
 01/21 Stacy Keys
 01/21 Lynn Meyers
 01/21 Joseph Barath
 01/22 Phyllis Carothers
 01/22 Janet O'Connor
 01/23 Merlin Mohr
 01/24 Diana Tunstall
 01/25 Irene Bertram
 01/26 Jonathan Prescott
 01/26 Madelynn Mills
 01/26 Matthew Karloski
 01/26 Andrew Van Maaren
 01/26 Brian Hay
 01/29 Juliana Karloski
 01/30 Natasha Davis
 01/30 Mitch Allen
 01/31 Carter St. Romain

01/31 Jonathan Raess



ANNIVERSARIES

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



BIRTHS

Averie Reinhardt Tews
 December 17, 2019
 Parents are: Alex & Katie Tews



BAPTISMS

Averie Reinhardt Tews
 December 29, 2019
 Parents are: Alex & Katie Tews



THANK YOU

Thanks to all of you who dedicated your time and donations towards our Advent meals. We couldn't have done it without you. Hope you have a blessed 2020.

The Women of Epiphany/LWML would like to extend a BIG thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Christmas Cookie Sale a great success. There were many delicious donations of cookies and many generous buyers of cookies. We are pleased to announce that this year's sale brought in over \$870. The entire proceeds of the sale will be given to Saul Pontifes for his mission trip to Haiti and to Cameron Davies who is a DCE student at Concordia Texas. Thanks again for your gracious support of a worthwhile ministry that continues to serve and thank God for His many blessings.



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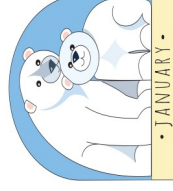
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Sunday Morning Schedule:


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



JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE JANUARY 10! 5 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* Epiphany (observed) LWML Mite Box Sunday No Blood Pressure Screenings! 9:15am-201 Class-202 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym No Confirmation! No Youth Nights!	6 Announcements Due! 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 No IFC-ESL Classes!	 7 No MDO! No IFC-ESL Classes! 4:00pm-Bible Study-202	1 Holiday- Church Office Closed!	2 No MDO!	3 No MDO! 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen Escape the Room (grades 5-8) 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.	4 Escape the Room (grades 9-12) Youth Lock In AFLC Friday, 6:00 p.m. - Saturday, 8:00 a.m.
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A Six Week Wednesday Evening Speaker Series

Beginning January 15, 2020
6:30 p.m., AFLC Gym.

Topics Include:

Vaccines, Medicine and Faith
Climate Change and Stewardship of Creation
Hospitality in the 21st Century
Faith and Academia

Visit ShiningTheLight.org for more information!