

Epiphany Lutheran Church

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The Light March 2020



Epiphany Lutheran



& Gardening Extravaganza

March 28, 2020 Family Life Center 9am - 4pm

Handcraft Vendors - Plant Sale - Raffle & Door Prizes - BBQ Lunch -Bake Sale - White Elephant Sale - Free Garden & Wildlife Education Classes

The Women of Epiphany cordially invite you to our curated home, gardening 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 at our Handcraft Market.

Proceeds from our raffle, plant sale, White Elephant Sale, BBQ cafe & bake sale will be given to local and international nonprofits dedicated to supporting their communities through education and humanitarian efforts:

> Christian Helping Hands Crossing Cambodia Glocal Mission

Be sure and follow our event on Facebook! We will be featuring our vendors and adding other Fair updates. It can be found by going to the "Epiphany Lutheran Church - Pearland" Facebook page and looking under the "events" tab. By selecting your interest, you'll get updates automatically!



## **HERE WE STAND PROJECT UPDATE**

## STAND 57 RESOLUTION APPROVED AT THE FEBRUARY 23 VOTERS' MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, That Epiphany Lutheran Church of Pearland, Texas approve a loan request from the Church Extension Fund of the Texas District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the amount of \$250,000. The purpose of the loan is to fund design engineering and architectural services for the Here We Stand campus remodel project, which consists of the renovation and expansion of the existing Sanctuary and AFLC buildings as well as other land improvements on the 2-acre site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the legal signers as specified in the Constitution and Bylaws of Epiphany Lutheran Church are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver on behalf of the Church all documents deemed necessary and proper for the repayment of the indebtedness.

+ To God Alone be the Glory +

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING:

All Epiphany members are welcome to attend the Leadership Council's meetings. These meetings are held the third Sunday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in room 202 of the AFLC.

#### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

- In conjunction with the consulting firm Generis's suggestions, the committee is in the process of offering an additional, updated electronic giving option for Epiphany's congregants.
- The newer format is designed to be more convenient and will be available during the worship setting.
- Be watching! Soon you will be able to make your gifts to the Lord with Paypal or Zell via givingatepiphanypearland.org.

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

#### **HELP WANTED - THIS MAY BE YOU!**

- Do you automatically jot down notes during meetings? The Lord may be calling YOU to answer the call to serve as Epiphany's SECRETARY.
- The SECRETARY takes monthly notes during the LC meetings and three regular Voters' Meetings. Also, some legal documents may need signatures.
- Do YOU have accounting experience? You could be serving as Epiphany's TREASURER.
- The TREASURER does NOT pay the bills, but reviews Epiphany's monthly financial statements and prepares a synopsis for review by the LC and the Voters' Assembly.
- In addition, once a year in the fall, the TREASURER assists in the preparation of the annual budget given to the LC, for presentation at the Budget Forum and the Voters' Assembly.

The LC asks that you prayerfully consider serving in one of these important roles at Epiphany. You may call the church office for more information.

## THE "UNFAIRNESS" OF THE CROSS

I was standing in a checkout line the other day and I heard a little girl say to her mom, "that's not fair—you bought something for him (I'm assuming it was her little brother.) but you won't get me anything." As I have been down that road in the past, my ears perked up to listen to the mother's response. She reminded the very unhappy little girl that "just the other day you got something and he didn't." That didn't placate the little darling and she said again, "that's not fair."

Unfair! We hear that a lot, don't we? Much of the time it is true, life is unfair. That truth can paralyze us or we can deal with it. It isn't fair one child can walk and run with the greatest of ease while another is confined to a wheelchair. It isn't fair that innocent people are victimized while criminals walk the streets because of a technicality. It isn't fair that good things happen to bad people and bad things happen to good people. But again, it is reality!

But have you ever considered the ultimate unfairness? That is what the season of Lent is all about! How fair is it that the **only** person to never sin is punished for the sin of the entire world? How fair is it that the **only** person to love all people unconditionally should be hated by so many? How fair is it when the loving **Creator** is accused, condemned and crucified by hate-filled creatures? How fair is it when those deserving death walk away free, all because the only truly innocent person to ever live was tortured and then killed in their place? It isn't fair at all.

The message of the Christian faith isn't about "fairness" it's about GRACE! It's about MERCY! Mercy is not getting what we deserve and Grace is about getting what we don't deserve. We don't get the condemnation we deserve because we have sinned against God in our thoughts, words and deeds. We do, however, get what we don't deserve: love and forgiveness!

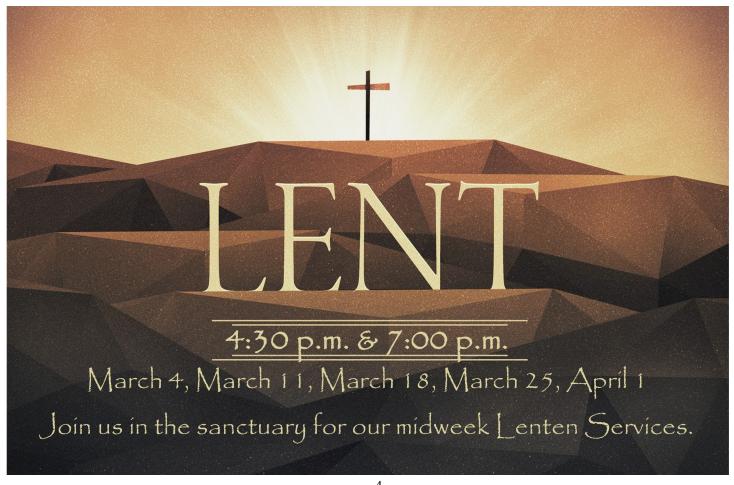
The next time you claim something is unfair I challenge you to remember the ultimate unfairness—the cross of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. During this Season of Lent, we ponder the Sacred Head that was wounded to give us eternal life. I hope you will join us as we journey to the cross of our Lord Jesus and His empty tomb. Life is unfair and aren't you glad that's how God treats us? He doesn't give us what we deserve instead He gives what we don't deserve—forgiveness, life and salvation. And He does it all for Jesus sake!

Yours in Christ's Love,

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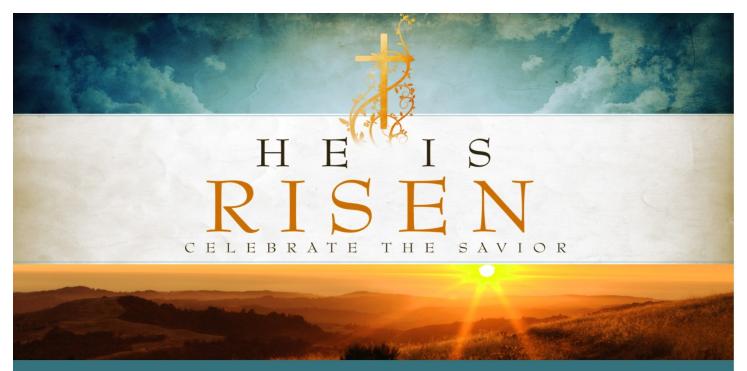
Pastor Jon











## JOIN US FOR EASTER SERVICES SUNDAY, APRIL 12

6:00 a.m. – Sunrise Worship Service with Holy Communion

8:00 a.m. - Festival Worship Service

10:30 a.m. - Festival Worship Service

10:30 a.m. - The Light Worship Service\*

\*All services will be held in the sanctuary except *The Light* service which will be held in the AFLC.

# EGGSTRAVAGANZA IN THE PARK

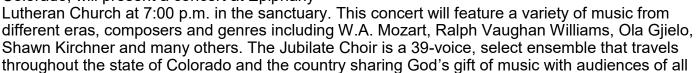
Invite a friend and join the fun!

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 10:00 A.M. TO NOON CENTENNIAL PARK

Fun Run at 10:30 a.m.
Egg Hunt and Live Music at 11:15 a.m.

## Jubilate Choir Lutheran High School Parker, Colorado Saturday, March 28 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

On Saturday, March 28, the Jubilate Choir from Lutheran High School in Parker, Colorado, will present a concert at Epiphany





ages. The choir has performed for a variety of different events including two appearances as a select performance ensemble at the Colorado Music Educators Conference. The concert is part of the group's spring tour through parts of Texas which includes concerts, assemblies and church services. The Jubilate Choir is directed by Christopher Loesel and accompanied by Daniel Vanderhyde.



Save the date!

Nonprofit Hilltop of Hope, started & run by members of Sugar Creek Baptist in Sugar Land, will be joining us at our April 16 meeting. They will be sharing their mission story and also bringing some of their beautiful inventory.

www.hilltopofhope.org

# Women's Fellowship Group

The Blessing of Encouragment

March 19

7:00 p.m. in 202 AFLC

Our Bible Study theme will look at how to be an encourager.

We will also have a spring craft make and take night.

Please bring an appetizer to share.

Questions? EpiphanyWFG@gmail.com

# ALL CHURCH MISSION TRIP JULY 31 - AUGUST 2



You're never too young or too old to serve God! Don't miss this amazing weekend of serving in the Austin area. Anyone 14 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.

OVER 18 - \$85 | AGES 5-18 - \$60 | UNDER 5 - FREE

For more information and to sign up, go to ShiningTheLight.org.



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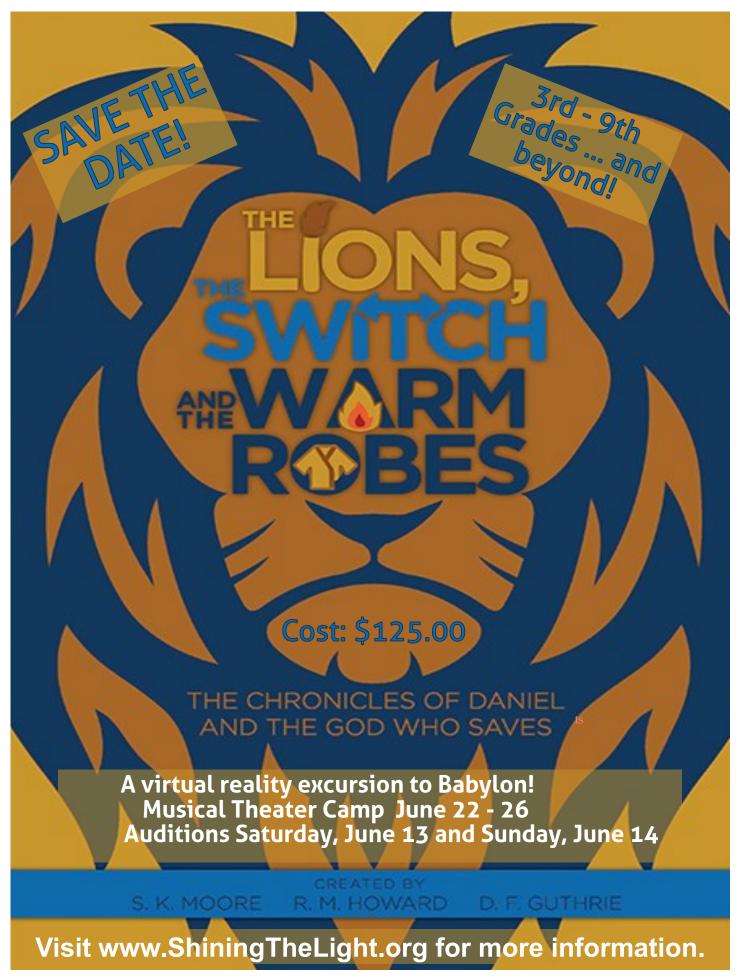
MARCH 22 || 6 TO 8 PM

## GUEST SPEAKER

Jessica Frasier

Life can be hard! Jessica Frasier, Licensed Professional Counselor and Dawson High School Student Support Counselor, will be joining us at youth night to provide some guidance on handling the stress of school and life.

You don't want to miss this important night!





APRIL 24-26 AUSTIN



Join us for Bible study, worship and lots of fun in Austin! Registration fee of \$85 due by April 17. Registration and more information at ShiningTheLight.org.

# Epiphatinos - Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for Epiphatinos! It was a fabulous fifties night filled with wonderful music, dancing and food! Your generous donations raised over \$13,000 to support youth ministry at Epiphany. A special thank you to Dale Green and the Epiphatones band for the fabulous music and to John Gordon for smoking the turkey and pork.

We hope that you enjoyed the night as much as we enjoyed serving you!





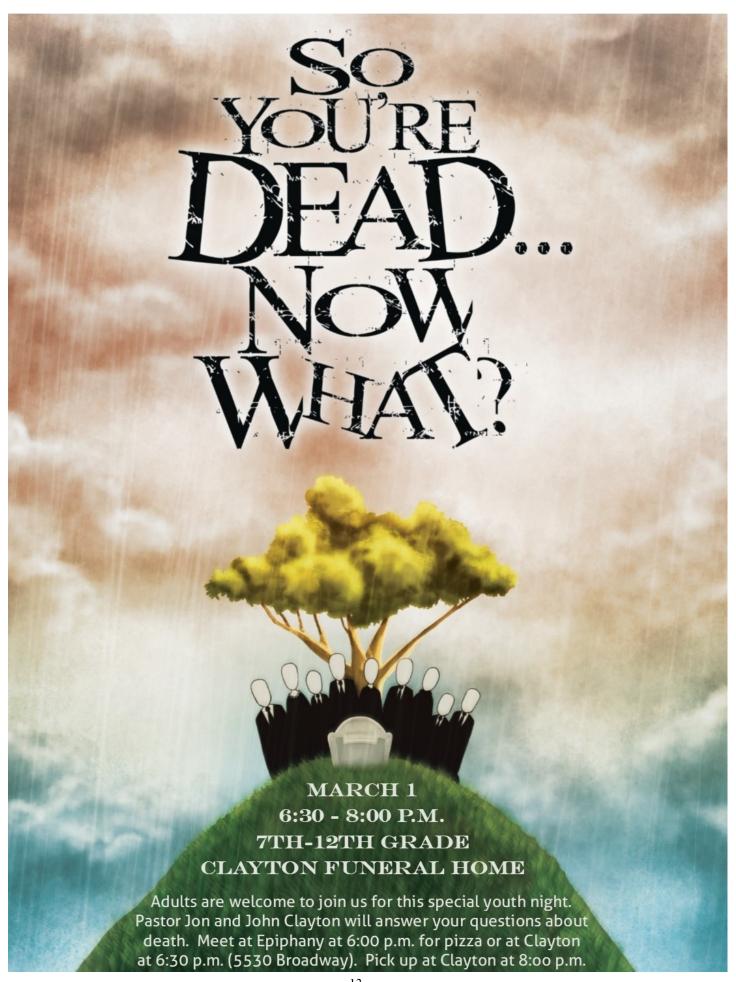
















## **BIRTHDAYS**

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- 03/10 Oliver Oberlies 03/12 Ethel Keys
- 03/12 Vera Armstrong 03/12 Stephen Milbrath
- 03/12 Emmett Ackerman
- 03/12 Dennis Rohne
- 03/13 Carol Kidd
- 03/13 Dean Wright 03/13 Shirley Juroska
- 03/14 Keith Weiss
- 03/14 Cameron Beckwith
- 03/15 Gene Lester
- 03/15 Pastor Nathan Misch
- 03/17 Luke Fleming 03/17 Beth Milbrath
- 03/18 Trevor Smith
- 03/18 Kyle Rupe
- 03/19 Jimmy Dick
- 03/20 Edie Hardaway
- 03/20 Sue Langston 03/20 Sara Coffman
- 03/20 Colton Parrack
- 03/20 Luke Kunkel
- 03/20 Jack Armstrong 03/22 Vivian Chudej
- 03/23 Lynda Lund
- 03/24 Connor Mohr
- 03/24 Daniel Karloski
- 03/25 Janet Williamson 03/26 Tammy Earley
- 03/26 Nora Snyder
- 03/27 Larry Woelfel
- 03/28 Patsy Goodman 03/28 Evyn Carpenter
- 03/28 Melissa Olesen
- 03/29 Tad Baumann 03/29 Danielle Ortiz
- 03/29 Patsy Peloquin
- 03/30 Kylie Brewton
- 03/30 Grant Coffman

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

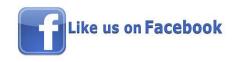
03/01 Jason & Krystle Gutierrez 03/02 Greg & Danielle Chancellor 03/06 Andrew & Amber Robinson 03/07 Todd & Pamela Van Maaren 03/09 Nick & Krystle Van Der Karr 03/11 James & Robin Quinton 03/14 Jerry Don & Tammy Earley 03/15 Mark & Brittny Berges 03/19 Wade & Mary Wood 03/20 Chris & Aleta Parrack 03/21 Cregg & Gina Dombrosky 03/21 Scott & Michelle Gilbertson 03/23 Melchor & Kim Garza 03/24 Matthew & Amanda Sterling 03/24 Scott & Ruby Troyer 03/25 Brad & Kim Piel 03/26 Dan & Ashley Reed 03/26 Robin & Kathy Zapalac 03/27 Kenneth & Doris Lilie



With Deepest Sympathy

## SYMPATHY

Marsha Ebeling February 2, 2020







## THANK YOU

A big thank you to Epiphany's prayer warriors and donors!

Last month, I, along with five other Christians from Pearland, traveled to Haiti carrying almost 500 pounds of donations and an agenda full of activities from sun up to sun down. We spent mornings out exploring Haiti and afternoons in Bible Study, soccer games and "Camp Gladiator" boot camp.

From the initial planning for this trip, there was nothing too big or too small for this group to accomplish (hence the INSANE - but greatly needed - amount of donations). We immersed ourselves in the Haitian culture, tried Haitian street food, toured the market, saw where the StreetHearts kids go to school and explored the neighborhood surrounding the StreetHearts centers.

What an AMAZING, INCREDIBLE week! And an AMAZING, INCREDIBLE addition to our Streethearts family who we cannot wait to see again in August.

> In His Service. Saul Pontifes

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
1 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* LWML Mite Box Sunday 9:00-10:15am-Blood Pressure Screening-106	2 Announcements Due! 9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203	3 9-2 MDO 9:15am-IFC-ESL Classes-203	4 9-2 MDO	<b>5</b> 9-2 MDO 9:15am-LifeLight-203	6 9-2 MDO	7 Spring
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## Epiphany Spring Fair & Gardening Extravaganza

Saturday, March 28 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. AFLC

# 20 years of Thanksgiving!

2020 marks the 20th anniversary of our church's Spring Fair! Around the year 2000, the Women of Epiphany decided to introduce additional support of local and international missions beyond their contribution to LWML mission grants through Mite and offering collections. These selected mission groups have often had a special connection to Epiphany. With your support, the Spring Fair has blessed many ministries with just over \$67,000! Donations over the years have gone to Houston LINC, seminary scholars, Pastor Vijay Gurrala's ministry in India, Krause Children's Center, Ablaze, Transform Asia, The Lutheran Hour, Crossing Cambodia, Christian Foundation India for the Blind and many others. Each year our church members have stepped up with generous donations of volunteer time, baked goods, plants and items for the White Elephant Sale. You've also come out to support our Handmade Market vendors (many of whom are Pearland residents) and purchase BBQ lunch plates. Thank you for your continued support!

As the Women of Epiphany prepare for the fair on March 28, we do so with great anticipation! With your help and attendance, we will once again be able to bless and greatly support God's workers and mission! This year's recipients are:

Glocal Mission Crossing Cambodia Christian Helping Hands

## **Donation Requests**

<u>Baked Goods</u> - Please label your homemade baked goods with the recipe name and dietary or allergen details e.g. nuts, peanut butter, gluten free, etc.

<u>Plants</u> - Please label with plant name and care instructions.

White Elephant Sale - Past years' best selling items included gently used toys, books, games, DVD movies, home and holiday decor. We will gladly accept other items, but please no clothing.

Donations may be dropped off in the gym on Friday, March 27 after 2:30 p.m. or Saturday, March 28 between 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Questions? Email Tammy Earley, TammyEarley1EpiphanySpringFair@gmail.com