Announcements for February 23, 2020

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY Adult Bible Class — This class, taught by the pastors, meets at 9:15 a.m. in the AFLC gym. The current study is on the book of Galatians.

The 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 202 of the AFLC.

The 201 Class: The Lutheran Difference: Justification and Sanctification — This study focuses on the differences and importance of God's work of justification for us and continuing work of sanctification within us, comparing and contrasting our beliefs with those of other Christian denominations. This class meets on Sunday in room 207 of the AFLC at 9:15 a.m. Contact Kevin Ayres, Jeff West or Rick Wolff for more information.

- **MONDAY**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 every Monday at 9:30 a.m. in room 203 of the AFLC. The current study is *Twelve Women of the Bible* by Lysa TerKeurst, Elisa Morgan, Jeanne Stevens and others.
- **TUESDAY** Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study This study, open to men and women, meets from 4:00 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday in room 202 of the AFLC. The current study is Max Lucado's *Life Lessons from Matthew*. Contact Saul Pontifes for more information.
- **THURSDAY LifeLight Bible Study** This class meets weekly on Thursday at 9:15 a.m. in room 203 of the AFLC. The current study is on the book of Romans.
- **FRIDAY**Men's Bible Study Group This class meets at 5:30 a.m. on various Friday mornings (check the weekly schedule) in the main building kitchen. The current study is called *Paul: A Biography* by N.T. Wright.
- **SATURDAY Men's Bible Breakfast** The men of Epiphany meet on the second Saturday of the month in room 203 of the AFLC at 7:30 a.m. for Bible Study, breakfast and fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN DEVOTIONS — The 2020 Lenten devotionals from Lutheran Hour Ministries are now available at the Welcome Centers and on our website. The devotions, "*Deliver Us: Jesus Sets Us Free*" begin on Ash Wednesday, February 26 and continue through Easter Monday, April 13. Pick one up today!

<u>"DON'T GIVE UP — GIVE" CALENDAR</u> — "Don't Give Up — Give" calendars are available at the Welcome Centers and on our website at www.ShiningTheLight.org. These calendars give suggestions for giving to Christian Helping Hands every day during Lent.

ARE YOU SPRING CLEANING TOO? — The White Elephant Sale at our 20th Annual Spring Fair needs your gently-used donations! 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 after 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27 or from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 28. Other donations needed for the Spring Fair & Gardening Extravaganza include baked goods and plants! For more information, email Tammy Earley at TammyEarley1EpiphanySpringFair@gmail.com.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING THANK YOU — Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring. We received \$537.00 in monetary donations and collected 828 pounds of food for Christian Helping Hands. Thank you also to those who helped sort and package the food. CHH is a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization, formed in 1983 by local churches in our area to help people in need by providing short-term assistance with basic needs. Their goal is to help the less fortunate become more self-sufficient whenever possible. CHH is supported solely by donations of food and money by member-churches, other churches, private individuals, memorials, social and service clubs and corporations.

<u>VOTERS' MEETING</u> — Come join us for the Annual Voters' Meeting **today** at 11:45 a.m. in the AFLC Gym. Lunch will be served and babysitting will be available. Let's have a record turnout for this very important meeting.

LENTEN MEAL HELP NEEDED — Believe it or not, Lenten Meals are here! The first meal, is this week on Ash **Wednesday** and will be hosted by Mary Andrews, Linda Easto, Rosa Kelley and Linda Knudson. The menu consists of soup, sandwiches and desserts. We always have a big turn out for this meal so please take a moment and sign up to bring one of the item listed. Sign-up sheets are posted in the hallway next to the narthex. If you have any questions or need help signing up, please contact Cindy Eppelheimer at cindy@epiphanypearland.org or 281-485-7833. Thank you so much for your help!

<u>INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP MEETING</u> — There will be a mission trip meeting **next Sunday**, March 1 at noon in room 202 of the AFLC for those adults who are interested in a possible international mission trip this summer. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Nathan or Dave Rumsey.

<u>WE NEED YOU!</u> — The Altar Guild is in need of men and women who are willing to serve and free training is available to anyone who is interested. The time commitment is minimal. It takes two people approximately 30 minutes to set up and take down communion; you do not have to serve every month. There are also four Saturday morning meetings a year that last about an hour. Volunteers are needed at all three services—8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and the 10:30 a.m. service in the AFLC. Please prayerfully consider serving and when you choose to serve, please contact Marlene Heinrich.

<u>PRAYER REQUESTS</u> — Our prayer ministry is for anyone who has a need they would like lifted up to the Lord in prayer. If you would like us to pray for you, please send your request to Cindy (cindy@epiphanypearland.org or 281-485-7833) in the church office. You may also submit your prayer requests on the purple prayer request forms which are located in the hallway outside the main office and in the attendance folders. Please complete a separate request for each individual. Please obtain permission from the person you are requesting prayers for; not everyone wishes to be prayed for publicly.

<u>ONLINE GIVING</u> — We have partnered with Vanco in order to offer Online Giving. There are two ways you can participate in this: 1. Go to www.ShiningTheLight.org and click on the green "Online Giving" button. You will be redirected to another page where you can set up a onetime gift or set up a recurring gift. (If you already use bill pay, please continue to do that.) 2. Download the Give+ App for Android or iPhone. Search for Epiphany Lutheran Church by name or zip code (77581) and then click on Epiphany then follow the instructions to give from your phone. Online Giving (or through the app) is simply one more avenue to express the thankfulness and joy we have for what our God has done for us in Jesus.

<u>WASN'T THAT A GREAT SERMON?</u> — Have you ever wished you could listen to a sermon again? Sermons are available online. Go to www.ShiningTheLight.org. Click on the media button, then sermons and choose the sermon you wish to listen to. This is a great way to access the sermons 24/7 for travelers, those who missed a Sunday service or those who just want to hear a sermon again.







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