



# Epiphany **LIGHT**

*That all might thrive and serve in the light of God's grace.*

October 4th, 2026  
Ministry Highlights



ELC welcomed Pastora Karen and Valeria Gil Casillo of our Milagro partnership last Sunday. We hope you had a chance to say hello between services and heard the inspiring message during Mission Moments at each service.

The Spark class presented a book of positive messages and pictures from ELC activities.

## Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting with us, please complete the visitor information on the welcome card in the seat back and place it in the offering plate.

At Epiphany, we practice open communion, which means **ALL** are welcome to the table. If you are here, you are invited to take communion with us.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship at Epiphany! Activity bags for kids are located in the back of the sanctuary at the usher's table.

Check out our website,

**[epiphanysuwanee.org](http://epiphanysuwanee.org),**

for more information about Epiphany or text/call us if we can be of service, **770-831-1966**.

Epiphany is a church that welcomes **ALL**!



Prayer Request



Epiphany Website



Offering (Realm)

Or text "EPIPHANYGA" to 73256



Visitor or Pew Card

## ***EPIPHANY This Week***

### Sunday, October 4

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| 9:00am  | Worship                             |
| 10:00am | Faith Formation                     |
| 10:45am | Prayer Circle                       |
| 11:00am | Worship                             |
| 2:30pm  | Blessing of the Animals (Upper Lot) |

### Wednesday, October 7

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| 10:00am | Bible Study (Cafe)                 |
| 6:00pm  | Community Dinner (Fellowship Hall) |
| 7:00pm  | Confirmation Session (Cafe)        |
| 7:00pm  | Rehearsal (Sanctuary)              |
| 7:00pm  | Community Church (Cafe)            |
| 7:45pm  | Holy Communion                     |

### Thursday, October 8

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| 10:00am | Bible Study (Meet)          |
| 7:30pm  | Connect Team Meeting (Meet) |

### Friday, October 9

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| 6:30am | Breakfast Bible Study (Suwanee IHOP) |
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## **Connecting & Growing**

***Bible Studies This Week*** Wednesday at 10:00am in the upstairs youth classroom, Thursday at 10:00am on Google Meet & Friday at 6:30am at the Suwanee IHOP.

***Wednesday Community Dinner*** at 6:00pm with Cafe Church at 7:00pm. Confirmation students also meet after dinner. We're looking for Wed night dinner volunteers!

***Men's Group*** meets Mon, October 12th at 6:30pm in the church cafe for pizza & our monthly gathering to discuss the challenges of being a Christian male. Invite folks to join!

***Just So Seniors*** will gather Wed, Oct 14th at 10:00 AM in the cafe. Kris Perkola will highlight various Saints with historical importance. Following the onsite activities, including Holy Communion, the group will enjoy lunch at Ippolito's (sign up at the Connect table).

***AFFIRM Faith Formation Event*** hosted by Cross of Life Lutheran will be a fun fall Bonfire with S'mores galore on Sun, October 18th from 5-7:00pm.

***Book Club*** will meet at the Diner at Sugar Hill on Mon, Oct 19th at 6:00pm to discuss this month's novel, *Life: A Love Story* by Elizabeth Berg.

## Serving & Giving

**Tell the Epiphany Story** If you participate in any of our services, events or other church related activities, be sure to **take some photos** to share with the congregation. You can send them to Bonnie each week by Tuesday! Be sure to have everyone in the picture's permission to share.

**Worship Assistants** Worship is always more meaningful when we participate together. Please consider serving in a role! Contact Julie Ilgen, [julie.ilgen@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto:julie.ilgen@epiphanysuwanee.org) for more info. If you've never participated in a role, don't worry! We will help you every step of the way. You can find the monthly schedule online.



**Serve Team Blessing of the Animals** Bring your furry family member to be blessed on Sunday, Oct 4th in the upper parking lot at 2:30pm. We will have special treats for your pet as well as snacks of the human variety! Please make sure that your pet is leashed or in a carrier.

**DHS Care Closet** We look forward to continuing to serve the students of Duluth High School as they begin their '26-27 school year. We had a very successful clothing drive and Pack the Pantry event already. We still have a wishlist for our DHS friends on our webpage of single serve meals and individually packaged snacks. We thank you for your support and generosity.

**Wednesday Community Dinner** Community Dinners are back & we are looking forward to seeing many of you there each Wed evening! If you would like to help with this ministry by preparing and serving the meal, reach out to Holly Baskette for more information. RSVP via Realm so we have an idea how much food to prepare!

**Guatemala Team** will have its next meeting in November, during Wednesday dinner. We will start discussing next year's delegation visit which is already on the calendar for June 15-23, 2027. And we will come up with new and exciting ways we can engage with our First Fruits Partner ILAG/MILAGRO. We would love to see some new faces join us!



If you would like to participate by entering the Chili Cook-off, decorating your trunk and handing out candy, or bringing a dessert, please see the table in the Narthex with sign up sheets! We are looking forward to a great turn out and fabulous costumes.

## Weekly Prayers

Please pray for the following Epiphany community families this week:

Greg, Stephanie, & Sydney Hutchinson  
Debbie and Lennie Hysong  
Julie, Bryce, & Blake Ilgen  
Kelli and David Jones

## Upcoming Events

- Oct 4: Blessing of the Animals
- Oct 8: Connect Team Meeting
- Oct 11: Lead Council Meeting
- Oct 12-16: Gwinnett Schools Fall Break
- Oct 12: Men's Group
- Oct 14: Just So Seniors
- Oct 15: Grow Team Meeting
- Oct 18: Serve Team Meeting
- Oct 18: AFFIRM Bonfire Event
- Oct 19: Book Club
- Oct 24: Stepping Stones: Bible
- Oct 25: All Ages Faith Formation: Reformation
- Oct 25: Trunk or Treat
- Oct 31: Halloween
- Nov 1: Daylight Savings Ends
- Nov 5: Pub Theology

Epiphany's Official Affirmation of Welcome: Our unity is in Christ. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of any human divisions: race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental conditions, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances or **anything** else that could divide us!



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