



# Epiphany Light

Ministry Highlights for August 17, 2025

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



We had a great time at Free Chapel Church in Gainesville for their Feed My Starving Children Packing Event. Not everyone made it into the photos, but we had 37 Epiphany friends on our shift. Our shift of 220 volunteers packed 35,220 meals.

## Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting with us, please complete the visitor information on the welcome card in the seat back and place 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. Our unstaffed nursery is available for children up to age 5 and is located just outside the doors to the left of the worship center. Check out our website, [epiphanyswanee.org](http://epiphanyswanee.org), for more information about Epiphany. And don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of service, text or call 770-831-1966. Epiphany is a church that welcomes **ALL**!

Prayer Request  
QR code or Pew Card



Epiphany Website



Offering (Realm)  
or text "EPIPHANYGA" to 73256



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## Today at Epiphany

**Worship services are at 9 am and 11 am.**

**Faith Formation Today (Sunday School)** Join us downstairs at 10:10 am!

**Prayer Circle** Join us at 10:45 am in the Nursery for a time of community prayer. All are welcome!

**Bloom & Worship Women's Group Lunch** Meets at La Hacienda Bar & Grill at 12:30 pm. Join in as we fellowship and look for opportunities to connect, grow and serve.

**Got Your Name Tag On?** Let the office know if you need one. Visitors let one of the Ushers know if you would like a name tag!

**New Member Class** Interested in a member of Epiphany? We will host a class after the 11:00 am worship service on August 24th. Contact Pastor Chris for more information or to let him know you are interested. Lunch will be provided.

**Book Club** Monday, August 18th, 6:00 pm, at The Diner at Sugar Hill. Join us as we discuss our next book, "The Lost Ticket" by Freya Sampson.

**Epiphany at Suwanee Fest** will have a non-profit organization booth at Suwanee Fest 2025, which will take place at Suwanee Town Center on September 20th and 21st. This is our opportunity to tell the Epiphany story and invite the community to experience what makes Epiphany a special place for all. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth in two to three hour shifts each day with 4 people per shift. Use the QR code to sign-up to tell our community what makes Epiphany special!

Suwanee Fest 2025



Volunteer Sign-up

## Connecting and Growing

**Bible Studies This Week** Wednesday morning at 10:00 am in the Cafe, Thursday morning at 10:00 am on Google Meet, and Friday morning at 6:30 am at Suwanee IHOP.

**Stepping Stones Event** All parents and youth Pre-k through 5th grade are invited to meet with Mr. Kris and Pastor Chris on Saturday, August 23rd, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. The event will focus on the Lord's Prayer and will meet at the Hermansen's home in Suwanee.

## Serving and Giving

**Tell the Epiphany Story** One of the greatest acts of service is to invite others to experience what makes Epiphany a special place for all. Share the story with others and INVITE them!

(More on back)

**ELCA's "God's Work, Our Hands"** National Day of Service is September 7th, 2025. Our primary service project will involve donating and collecting food items sorted and assembled into "Happy Sacks" for distribution to Duluth High School students who primarily rely on school meal programs for their nourishment. These "Happy Sacks" will contain "protein enriched" shelf-stable individual serving food items designed to sustain the students over the weekend. Many of the students live in emergency housing with only microwave access and unknown access to personal refrigeration and dishes/cutlery.

We invite the congregation to join the Serve Team in sorting the donations for the "Happy Sacks" following the late service on September 7th in the Fellowship Hall. For convenient purchasing of individual serving size foods, you may utilize the Amazon wish list or acquire items from your preferred retailer. Please ensure that the wish list is annotated with items purchased elsewhere. Kindly place donations on the shelves at the main entrance by September 7th. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

GWOH 2025



Amazon List

**Wednesday Dinners Help** We are looking for volunteers willing to do *two dinners* per month. This is a service commitment and not a financial commitment as meal supplies are self-funded via free will offerings. If you are willing to help out, please contact the church office or see Steve Belfield. Our Wednesday ministry needs your support!

**Calling All A/V Geeks** Looking to train up some additional folks for handling the sound board, livestream production and service worship slides used during worship on Sundays. Just think how listing these skills will look on your resume! Interested, stop by and see Steve Belfield and we will work to gather a group for training. You don't have to do it all, just one piece is a help when needed.

**Stay Informed** Use the Realm Connect app or by visiting our updated church website calendar. If you have questions on using Realm or getting around the website, let the church office know, and we will have someone assist you.

## Weekly Prayers

Please pray for the following Epiphany community families this week:

Bobbie Bock  
Carol Bowlus  
Stephanie, Ryan & Joshua Boylan  
Bill Bozeman

**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** that often divides us.

## Epiphany This Week

### Monday, August 18

9:00 am Staff Meeting (Café)  
6:00 pm Book Club (The Diner at Sugar Hill)

### Wednesday, August 20

10:00 am Bible Study (Café)  
6:00 pm Community Night Dinner  
7:00 pm Confirmation Wednesday Session  
Café Church  
7:00 pm Worship Rehearsal (Worship Center)  
7:45 pm Holy Communion (Worship Center)

### Thursday, August 21

10:00 am Bible Study (Google Meet)  
7:30 pm GROW team Meeting (Google Meet)

### Friday, August 22

6:30 am Breakfast Bible Study (IHOP in Suwanee)

### Saturday, August 23

1:30 pm Stepping Stones (Hermansen home)

### Sunday, August 24

9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Faith Formation Time (Downstairs)  
10:45 am Weekly Prayer Circle (Nursery)  
11:00 am Worship  
12:30 pm New Member's Class (Fellowship Hall)

**Church Office hours 9 am to 4 pm Monday—Friday**

You can now text to our church phone line 770-831-1966

## Upcoming Events:

- ♦ Aug 25: Epiphany Personnel Team Meeting
- ♦ Sep 1: Labor Day Holiday (Office Closed)
- ♦ Sep 4: Pub Theology
- ♦ Sep 7: God's Work Our Hands Sunday
- ♦ Sep 8: Men's Group
- ♦ Sep 10: Just So Seniors Group
- ♦ Sep 12: MILAGRO Gala (Atlanta Country Club)
- ♦ Sep 12-14: Confirmation Retreat
- ♦ Sep 15: Book Club
- ♦ Sep 20-21: Epiphany @ Suwanee Fest
- ♦ Sep 21: Bloom & Worship Women's Group Lunch
- ♦ Oct 2: Pub Theology
- ♦ Oct 6: Men's Group
- ♦ Oct 8: Just So Seniors Group



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