

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Epiphany's Epistle



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## January 2024



***“Follow Christ, Live Faithfully,  
Serve All”***

## General Information



We are an active church with friendly people who are journeying with God through Jesus Christ. Come join us!

For more information, please call us at 770-483-6222, email us at [staff@conyerselc.org](mailto:staff@conyerselc.org) or visit our website [www.conyerselc.org](http://www.conyerselc.org).

### **\*Sunday Morning Activities\***

*Sunday Adult Forum - 9:00 a.m.*

*Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.*

*Worship Service is also streamed live via Facebook and the Epiphany YouTube pages*

### **\*Weekly Online Devotion\***

*Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m.*

*via Facebook Live on the Epiphany Facebook page*



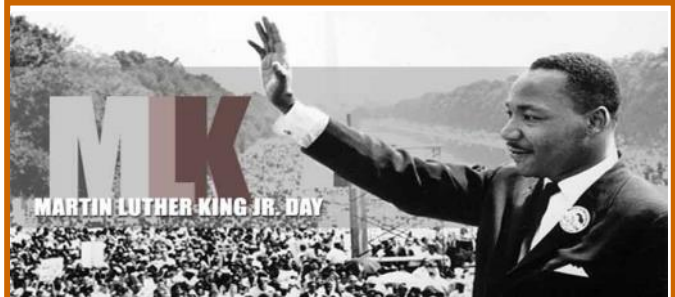
### **DEADLINE!**

Sunday, January 28, is the deadline for information to be submitted for the February newsletter. You can email your news to the church office at [staff@conyerselc.org](mailto:staff@conyerselc.org).  
Thank You!

**OFFICE HOURS:** Please note that the church office hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, until further notice (except for adjustments due to unforeseen circumstances).

### **4 Ways to Give ...**

- ✓ Bring with you to worship service on Sundays.
- ✓ Mail in your contribution to Epiphany Lutheran Church, 2375 GA Hwy. 20 SE, Conyers, GA 30013.
- ✓ Click on the DONATE tab on our web page at [www.conyerselc.org](http://www.conyerselc.org)
- ✓ Consider automatic giving. Contact the church office to find out how to set this up.



**The church office will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday**

## *From Pastor David*

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The new year always offers the promise of new beginnings. We make our lists of resolutions and intentions, vowing that this year will be different.

Now though this is the place where most articles speak of how those resolutions are soon abandoned, I would rather dwell for a moment on what a new year signifies: the possibility of renewal, and the hope of a new start.

Many people think of the Book of Revelation as a book for the end times. Especially as the New Jerusalem descends to the earth in the closing chapters, many treat it as a vision of heaven. But as the city descends, God says an amazing thing: “See, I am making all things new.” (Revelation 21:5)

With that statement God indicates that the new heaven and new earth that is promised is not simply a future reality. Rather, it is a transformation that begins now.

With that statement God echoes the words of Paul to the Corinthians: “From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:16-17) God in Revelation and Paul to the Corinthians are saying that renewal and transformation has already happened, has already begun. We are called to see that renewal in ourselves and others.

Which brings us back to the new year ....

The new year reminds us that renewal and transformation are always there for us. And when we falter in our resolutions and intentions, we pick ourselves up again and remind ourselves that we can begin again. We can start that process for as many times as it takes until the change becomes evident and takes root.

We are still in the season of Christmas (remember those twelve days?). As Christmas reminds us that Jesus is born within and among us every single day, so the new year signifies that change is possible, renewal can be our reality.

So, write your lists of intentions. And if you fail, try again. Rejoice in the hope that this new year brings and know that we are called to see ourselves and others as God sees us and not as others. You are a child of God. You are loved and lovable.

And have a happy new year.

In Christ,  
Pastor David

# Congregation News & Activities

*Epiphany of Our Lord Service  
with Holy Communion  
Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.*

*\* Burning of the greens will follow the service \**



## **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS**

Please plan on joining us for our first class of 2024 at 9 a.m. on Sunday, January 7, when we will return to our weekly study of the book of James, as well as our “Stories My Sunday School Teacher Never Told Me” Series.

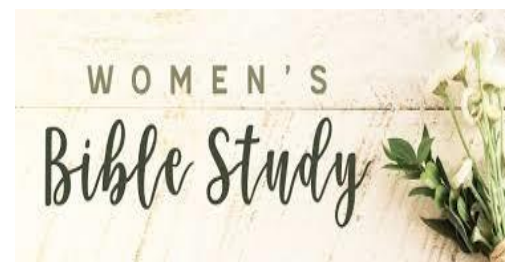


## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Thursday Mornings  
8:00 to 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall

*Pastor David leads a discussion  
on the upcoming Sunday's lessons.*

We invite you to join us for the  
Women's Bible Study on Tuesday,  
January 9, at 9:30 a.m. This year we will be exploring  
the richness and the beauty of the Psalms.  
For January, we will discuss the Wisdom Psalms -  
Psalm 1, 19 & 127.

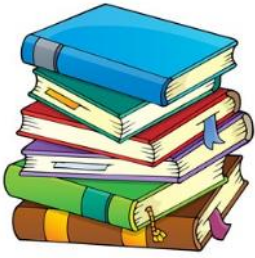


## **Annual Congregational Meeting Part II Sunday, January 28**

The annual congregational meeting, part II, will convene on Sunday, January 28, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.



# Congregation News & Activities



## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The Epiphany Women's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, January 16, at 6 p.m. Any woman in the church is invited to join us. For more information call Evelyn Brown at 404-825-4615 or e-mail [evbrown56@gmail.com](mailto:evbrown56@gmail.com). Here are the books we are reading this year and the hosts for the month:

- January:** Before the Coffee Gets Cold...Tushikuzu Kawaguchi (Evelyn)  
**February:** Horse...Geraldine Brooks (Merri)  
**March:** The Lost Apothecary...Sarah Penner (Joy)  
**April:** Hang the Moon...Jeannette Walls (Megan)  
**May:** The Little Liar...Mitch Albom (Sharon)  
**June:** All the Children are Home...Patry Francis (Julie)  
**July:** The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue...V.E. Schwab (Emily)  
**August:** 7 Husbands of Evelyn Hugo...Taylor Jenkins Reid (Abby)  
**September:** The Dictionary of Lost Words...Pip Williams (Margaret)  
**October:** The Making of Another Motion Picture Masterpiece...Tom Hanks (Evelyn)  
**November:** Bright Lights, Big Christmas...Mary Kay Andrews (Merri/Mary)  
**December:** Pot Luck

*Other suggested books that might interest you:*

Killers of the Flower Moon...Grann  
My Brilliant Friend... Elena Ferrante  
How to Walk Away...Katherine Center  
Lady Tan's Circle of Women...Lisa See  
Tell Me A Story—My Life with Pat...Cassandra Smith  
Walk Like You Have Somewhere to Go...Lucille O'Neill  
The Foundling...Ann Leary

Just Mercy...Bryan Stevenson  
The Seven Sisters...Lucinda Riley  
Night of Miracles...Elizabeth Berg  
The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store...James McBride  
The Book of Lost Friends...Lisa Wingate  
Hello Beautiful...Ann Napolitano  
Tom Lake...Ann Patchett

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

A hearty thank you to all who participated in our Christmas gift outreach. Your generosity was very much appreciated!





Rockdale & Newton  
Counties GA

Supporting Rockdale, Newton, Jasper, Walton, Butts, & Morgan Counties



**It's Official!!  
Our Support Groups  
are no longer combined!**

**NAMI Family Support Group**

is held on the 1st Monday of each month  
from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

**NAMI Connection Support Group**

is held on the 3rd Monday of each month  
from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

**Two Ways to Participate**

**In-person** at the **Grit & Grace Addiction  
Recovery Support Center** located at  
**1400 Parker Rd. SE, Conyers GA, 30094**

**OR**

**By Phone or Video using Zoom.**  
Participation **requires a one-time  
registration** for the group(s)  
you want to attend.

**You'll be added to our mailing list  
to receive the meeting reminders.**

***The NAMI Georgia Helpline connects  
you to local mental health resources.***

***Open Monday-Friday 9 - 5 pm***

***770-408-0625***

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



6 Anna Beaucher	26 Kristen Shead
Nelson Kelly	Anita Smith
8 Donald Holcomb	27 Linda Machansky
Don Norton	Aaron Pyatt
9 Joy White	Kaitlyn Weber
13 Sharon Ard	28 Margaret Hill
Christopher Harper	Sirrah Muckle
Robert Hooson	29 Reed Lawrence
15 Roberta Crippin	Marshall Taplin, III
Stephen White	30 Sharon Skinner
17 Arline Chapman	
Todd Hefner	
Mary Owen	
20 Jean Sullivan	
24 Randall Pate	



	DATE	YEARS
Brent & Heather Moore	4	21
Stephen & Joy White	18	27



## Meals On Wheels Needs Your Help!

A short 1.5 to 2 hour commitment is all it takes on a Saturday morning to ensure that people in need in our community receive a meal. Has not knowing what's required held you back from volunteering? If so, you are welcome to either ride along to see how it all works, or I can give you a complete written explanation. Just contact Tim Lohr at 404-807-2192, or by email at [timlohr@icloud.com](mailto:timlohr@icloud.com). Otherwise, you can simply write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

\*Tim Lohr

**No Meeting in November 2023**



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