

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Epiphany's Epistle



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***“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 or visit our website www.conyerselc.org.

Sunday Morning Activities

Sunday Adult Forum - 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour - 9:00 a.m.

(Breakfast 2nd Sundays monthly)

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 25 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.
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).

5 Ways to Give ...

- ✓ Bring your contribution 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
- ✓ Consider automatic giving. Contact the church office to find out how to set this up.
- ✓ Click on the QR code to give electronically.



From Pastor David

Have you noticed how close Christmas Day and New Years Day are? One week we celebrate the birth of Jesus. The next week we celebrate the birth of a new year.

Let us take these two births as a message to us not just as individuals but as a church. Something new is born among us. And that something new is the presence of God among us.

But we get scared at the change. We have been comfortable with how things are, even when those patterns and routines are no longer working. We are scared, because change means that we die to old ways. And we are scared of death.

Yet, I offer these two things as guidance. First, the only thing constant in life is change. Change is a part of life. If we resist change, if we stifle change, we only do harm to ourselves.

Second, and more importantly, as believers in Jesus we do not have to be afraid of change and death. Several years ago I heard Rachel Held Evans remind us that we are a Resurrection people. Evans challenged us to remember that as a church we are not to worry about death. Jesus took care of that. Rather, we place our trust in the God who raised Jesus from the dead.

“Let the old church die to its old ways. We don’t win this by holding on with a death grip. We win by trusting the God who raised Jesus from the dead and who will do the same for us. You have the sacraments. You have the call. You have the Holy Spirit. You have one another. You have a God who knows the way out of the grave. You have everything you need. You just need to show up and be faithful.”

So, with the birth of Jesus still ringing in our ears and as the new year awaits us, let us ask what attitudes, what patterns, what behaviors, need to die within and among us. Then in joyful anticipation, let us see what God is birthing among us. Let us see what new life awaits us.

In anticipation of new birth, we are called to change what we mean by “church.” “Church” is not a building. “Church” is not a worship gathering for an hour or so on Sunday morning. “Church” is the people of God, living and sharing their lives in the love and forgiveness that Jesus showed us.

But what does that mean? We have spoken often about what that means for our individual lives of faith. We know that this means that we follow Christ by growing in faith and love every single day.

But what about this space? What about our worship gathering?

As we are called to use and live our lives in the love, justice, and peace of Jesus, so we are called to use this space and use our gathering in the same way. This space is not our church. It is God’s church. We are not called to be Lutheran. We are called to be followers of Jesus, who loved us and gave himself for us.

Jesus said, “For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.” (Luke 9:24) What will happen if we live as individuals and as a church by these words?

We would no longer be concerned about whether we survive. We would be concerned about whether we are giving our lives in love and service.

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From Pastor David

We would no longer be concerned about what happens to this building and this space. We would be concerned about whether we are letting this building and this space be used and used especially for the Kingdom of God.

My prayer is that as we approach the changes before us, we will look for how the Spirit of God is moving. I pray that we may see how God is being born anew among us. And I pray that we may lose our lives and give fully of ourselves to see God's work done here in Conyers in this space known as Epiphany Lutheran Church.

In Christ's love,
Pastor David



Sunday Coffee Hour

We encourage you to drop in for a coffee and fellowship hour anytime from 9-9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday.

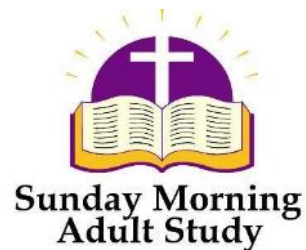
Breakfast is Served!

**Monthly
Every second Sunday
9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
A freewill offering will be collected.**

Sunday Adult Class - 9 a.m. - Rooms 7-9

We have completed our lessons and study on The Seven Churches of Revelation.

Join us as we explore new topics in the new year.



Congregation News & Activities

Epiphany of Our Lord Service with Holy Communion Tuesday, January 6th - 7:00 p.m.

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



We will celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord on January 6, 2026. A light meal will be served at 6:00PM with the service starting at 7:00. Please join us. Also, watch for an announcement about the annual Chili Cook-Off, which will occur in February.

- The Fellowship Committee



Annual Congregational Meeting Part II Sunday, January 25

The annual congregational meeting, part II, will convene on Sunday, January 25, 2026 immediately following worship service. All members are encouraged to mark your calendars and plan to attend.



*Women's Bible Study
meets on the 1st and
3rd Tuesdays of each
month at 9:30 a.m. in
the Library. Come
join us as we contin-
ue our study on the parables of Jesus.*

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.*

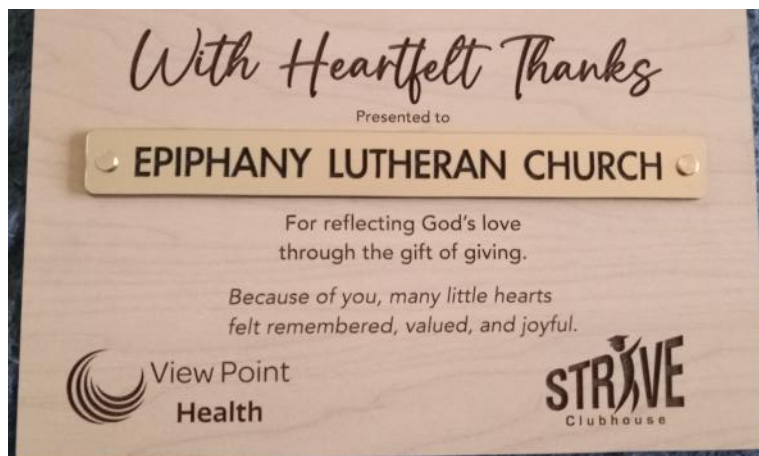


Social Ministry



Epiphany Lutheran Church has always contributed greatly to our community and here is a snapshot of this year's Social Ministry activity. Thanks so much for your generous support as we continue to extend God's love and blessings to our community!

- February: Souper Bowl for RER - \$196, plus 118 cans of food.
- March: Hunger Walk - \$2196; \$351.36 Atlanta Food Bank, \$527.04 RER, \$1317.60 Inspiritus.
- April: Elks Aidemore - \$709.25 used for \$395 gift cards, \$146.25 for 13 baskets with \$5 gift cards, candy and small gifts and \$168 for candy in the eggs for the Easter egg hunt.
- June: Baby Bottle donations for The Refuge Center - \$1209.75.
Food Bank Donations -10 bags of food.
- July: School Supplies for Project ReNeWal - \$282 for supplies for book bags
\$194 for the purchase of 19 book bags.
- October: Project Renewal gas cards \$870; 26-\$25 cards, 4-\$30 cards, 5-\$20 cards
and 2 cards for \$25 off an oil change.
- November: Food for RER - 406 lbs of food donated.
- December: STRIVE Clubhouse - 12 children received gifts from the congregation
(est total \$2000) plus 12-\$25 gift cards for the children and a donor not from
Epiphany gave 12-\$25 for the siblings of the children.

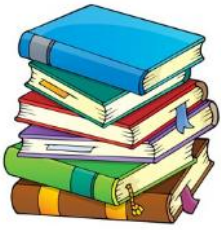


Note: RER is Rockdale Emergency Relief, our local food bank; Inspiritus is the Lutheran Relief Agency; Refuge Center is for pregnancy education and assistance; Project ReNeWal is the women's shelter in Rockdale (which also serves Newton & Walton counties) and STRIVE Clubhouse is a program for children with mental health issues.

~ Evelyn Brown

(Plaque presented to Epiphany in appreciation of donations)

Congregation News & Activities



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The Epiphany Women's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, January 20 at 7 p.m. in the Library. 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. The book selections that have been chosen for 2026 are listed below.

January: "The Seed Keeper" by Diane Wilson

February: "The House Maid" by Frieda McFadden

March: "Seven Holy Women" by Georgia Briggs etc.

April: "Mona's Eyes" by Thomas Schlessner

May: "The Book Club for Troublesome Women" by Marie Bostwick

June: "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride

July: "The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau: A novel" by Kristin Hannah

August: "Dark Wild Shore" by Charlotte McConaghy

September: "Maybe We Should Talk to Somebody" by Lori Gottlieb

October: "Road Trip" by Mary Kay Andrews

November: "Comfort and Joy" by Kristin Hannah

Every Step Walking Fellowship combines physical walking with faith & fellowship to encourage a healthy living. Good for body, mind, heart and spirit. Weekly walks will include 20 minutes of safe & gentle indoor walking, 20 minutes of devotion, sharing & prayer, and an optional 20-minute "extra mile" of moderate outdoor walking. Open to all regardless of physical limitations.

Weekly walks meet at the Fellowship Hall on Thursday mornings @ 9:30AM.

Contact Furman Rogers
if you have any questions:
furmanrogers7@gmail.com.

Did you know Kroger has a Community Rewards Program?

This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Shopper's Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Card. Here's how it works:



1. Create a digital account. A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to our account code so that credit for all your transactions will apply toward Epiphany Lutheran Church.

2. Link your Card to an organization.

- Sign in to your digital account at: www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards/
- Enter Epiphany's Organization Number: LR632 under "Find an Organization".
- Click the "Enroll" button under Epiphany Lutheran Church

3. Your organization earns.

Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.

Thanks for your participation!

Birthdays & Anniversaries



6 Nelson Kelly	26 Kristen Shead
8 Don Norton	Anita Smith
9 Joy White	27 Linda Machansky
13 Sharon Ard	Aaron Pyatt
Westin Harper	Kaitlyn Weber
Robert Hooson	28 Margaret Hill
15 Roberta Crippin	29 Reed Lawrence
Stephen White	30 Sharon Skinner
17 Arline Chapman	
Todd Hefner	
20 Jean Sullivan	
24 Randall Pate	



	DATE	YEARS
Brent & Heather Moore	4	23
Stephen & Joy White	18	29

Did we miss announcing your birthday, anniversary or special event? If so, please email the church office at staff@conyerselc.org so that we may update our records. Thank you!

Altar Flowers

If you would like to honor, or memorialize, a special person or occasion with "fresh" altar flowers, the cost is \$30 per arrangement (\$60 total - and sign on both posted calendars). On weeks when no altar flowers have been requested, we will use seasonal arrangements. If you only want one arrangement (\$30), a separate table has been designated in the sanctuary for those special arrangements.



The flower calendar is posted in its' usual place in the narthex. Remember to include the cost in an envelope and mark it - Flowers. Call the church office on 770-483-6222 if you have any questions.

KEEP CONYERS-ROCKDALE BEAUTIFUL ADVISORY COUNCIL (KCRB) PRESENTS



WEATHER PERMITTING

ROCKDALE COUNTY PAPER & ELECTRONIC SHREDDING DAY

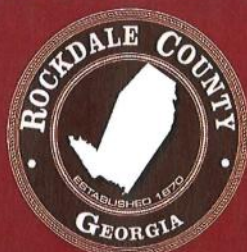
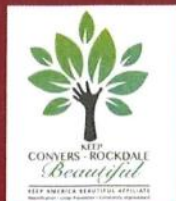


SATURDAY, January 24, 2026

9 AM – 1 PM

1400 PARKER ROAD, CONYERS, 30094

Limited to four banker boxes per vehicle for paper shredding. Papers that are loose, folded or in envelopes are accepted. Please remember to remove all foreign objects from papers to be shredded, including spring loader/binder clips or glue and adhesives. Additional items that are not accepted include photographs, hanging metal file folders and three-ring binders. Electronic shredding items not accepted at this event include CRT/box TVs/computer monitors, hazardous materials, large household appliances, or kitchen appliances without electronic components. Participants must present a photo ID as proof of Rockdale residency or business address.



Updates will be available through the Keep Conyers-Rockdale Beautiful
Advisory Council at kcrb@rockdalecountyga.gov
or by calling 770-278-7052