

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Epiphany's Epistle



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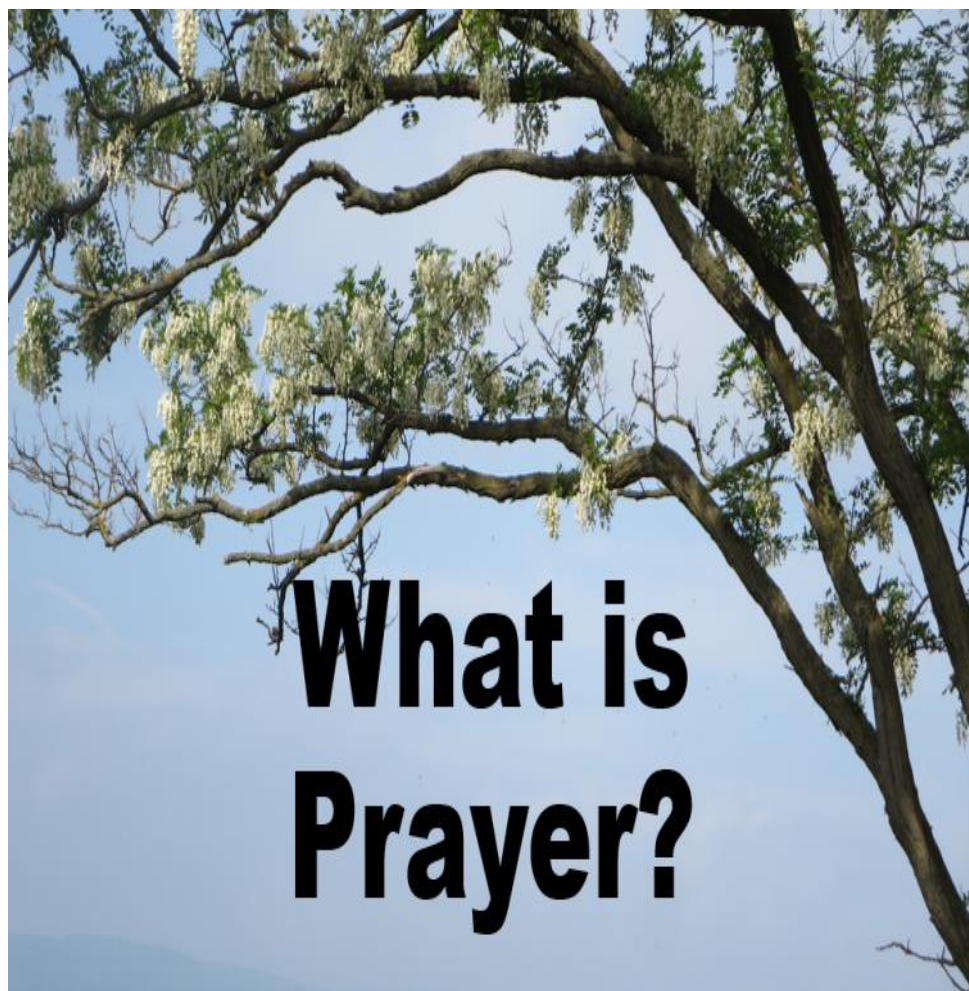
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## August 2025



***“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.*

*Coffee Hour - 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, August 24 is the deadline for information to be submitted for the September 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).

### **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](http://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*

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*“When I called, you answered me;  
You increased my strength within me.” (Psalm 138:3)*

What is prayer?

Sometimes people think that prayer is something that pastors do, as if ordination passes on the correct words and proper tone and inflections. We do this whenever we assume that only the pastor can bless a meal or give an invocation.

Growing up, I was helped in my understanding of prayer by my mother, who taught me that prayer is simply a conversation with God. Just as my relationships with family and friends grows only as I communicate with them, so my relationship with God grows in the same way.

Understanding prayer as communication also means that I am called to listen as much as I talk. Such listening can happen in silence or in reading Scripture or in gathering with the faithful in worship or study.

In my further growth in prayer, I have come to understand prayer as not only communication but also as a communing with God. Prayer means that I root myself in God, seeking to be shaped by the God who loves me and sees the child of God that I am and the child of God that I can become.

When I see prayer as such communion, I am moved away from prayer as a transactional approach, where I present God my requests and desires and God then answers them. Rather, prayer is transformational, becoming the person that God calls me to be.

As one example, Psalm 138 offers this transformational approach. The psalmist in his need does not ask God to solve his problems. He asks God for increased strength to face what might come his way. What would happen if we similarly pray each day, “O God, increase my strength within me.”

As another example, Jesus offers simple words when the disciples ask how to pray. These words that we pray each Sunday and that many of us pray each day show us how God calls us to be and for the strength to face what might come our way. So, I invite you to dwell on these words and how they might shape our faith and our life:

*Our Father in heaven* – not just my God, but the God of all who live;

*Hallowed be your name* – help me know how you are beyond my understanding;  
*Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven* – give me the understanding to know your will and the strength to live from that will;

*Give us this day our daily bread* – Give me what I need not what I want, and help me to work that everyone’s needs are provided;

*And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us* – Help me to forgive as you forgive, help me to love as you love;

*And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil* – Give me the strength to face whatever trials might come my way;

*For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours now forever* – You alone are the source of all my strength.

*Amen.*

~In Christ, Pastor David



# Congregation News & Activities



## ***Congratulations to our High School Graduates!***

On June 1 during worship, we celebrated the high school graduations of:

Reese Kamke  
Isaac Allen  
Claire Lawrence  
and Noah Carter

As they begin this new season of their lives, we wish them God's blessings with wherever their lives will take them.  
Once again, way to go!



## ***Confirmation***

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Congratulations again goes out to Noah and Evan Carter who recently affirmed their faith in the Rite of Confirmation.

As they enter into full adult participation within the church, we pray that God will continue to strengthen their faith in both of their lives.



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## 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. Refreshments are served.

## 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



A big thank you to everyone who donated money or school supplies for Project Renewal. We had a gift of 19 back packs (\$194 value), \$282 in cash and regular donations of supplies, so we were able to give pencils, pens, glue sticks, erasers, crayons, rulers, dividers, paper and plastic folders, index cards, pencil pouches, notebook paper and spiral notebooks (both wide and college rule), and 1" regular binders for all 18 children. All donations were delivered on Thursday, July 31.

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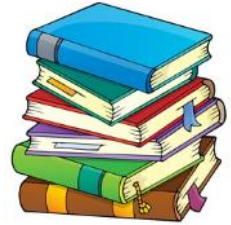


Saying good-bye to folks is never easy, but we know that in the case of our vicar, James Hilden-Minton, he is moving on toward a goal he has had for a long time. Join us on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate with James and wish him God-speed. There will be a combination theme for this potluck: ethnic and/or vegetarian. Choose one or the other to create a dish for our potluck table.

~ The Fellowship Committee

## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The Epiphany Women's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, August 19 at 7 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). The book selection for the month of August is: "Walk Like You Have Somewhere to Go" by Lucille O'Neal.



**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](mailto: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/](http://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!



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Our annual **VBS for All (formerly VBS for Special Needs)** was fantastic as always! We were blessed to have the Bible story told in a make believe van, to the fire truck, sheriff's car, and ambulance each coming a different night, to music and dance time, comfort dog visit, face painting, games, and water night, to crafts and a delicious meal served every night. We also want to thank Bishop Kevin Strickland for joining us one night. Your presence made a big impact on all of us & we are thankful for your time. Till next year, God is with you, wherever you go!

## Epiphany Lutheran Church





# Congregation News & Activities







**nami**

National Alliance on Mental Illness

**Rockdale & Newton  
Counties GA**

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



**1st MONDAYS**

**6:30 to 8:00 PM**

**NAMI Family Support Groups are peer-led for adults who are supporting loved ones with mental health challenges. We meet monthly to share our experiences and offer each other hope and empathy in a non-judgemental space.**

**There are two ways to participate in our FREE Monthly Support Groups.**

***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***



**<https://tinyurl.com/NAMIrnfamilysupportgroup>**

**Visit us online at [namirockdalenewton.org](http://namirockdalenewton.org)**

**Call the NAMI HelpLine (M - F, 10 a.m.–10 p.m., ET.) at  
1-800-950-NAMI (6264) for support and connection to resources.**

***During a Mental health or substance use crisis **Call 988**  
or the Georgia Crisis and Access Line at 1-800-715-4225.  
If you dial 911 ask for a mental health trained police officer.***

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Ryan Ard
- 2 Barbara Nieman
- 4 Philip Nieman
- 9 Teresa McCurry
- 14 Leighton Pyatt
- 18 Lindsey Viohl  
Savannah Harbin
- 20 Eardley Ramsay
- 22 Stephen Simmons
- 26 Tommy Lane
- 27 David Armstrong-Reiner  
Billy Buckner
- 29 Bertie Thomas  
Bryan Peterson  
Omara Olok
- 31 Joann Zahm



|                         | Date | Years |
|-------------------------|------|-------|
| Rodney & Tracy Parker   | 1    | 7     |
| Mike & Becky Jones      | 3    | 34    |
| Tim & Katherine Carey   | 22   | 45    |
| Lindon & Seirra Stanley | 25   | 7     |
| Donald & Miriam Holcomb | 28   | 70    |

***Did we miss announcing your birthday, anniversary or special event? If so, please email the church office at [staff@conyerselc.org](mailto: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.