



Epiphany Lutheran Church

Service at 9:30 am

Worshiping at:

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Congratulations to Marlene C., Karen K., Barb L., and Donna B. for completing the August crossword puzzle!

Complete the crossword at the end to get a prize!

EPIPHANY PENSACOLA

September 2024 Newsletter

A congregation of the NALC



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Epiphany Lutheran Church
"Judgment"



"By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me." John 5:30

The office staff delayed the newsletter for September so that we could hear about the final court hearing. We do not have any news at this point on what the outcome will be from the hearing last month. We'll hear the judge's ruling on or around September 3rd.

The scripture passage, John 5:30, reflects just how I feel about doing all the legal work for the church. During the time of these arguments, I work more as a legal assistant than I have time for. It takes time away from my call to serve God as a shepherd of his people. As I seek to please God in my service to the church, I am thankful for his gifts. I know that God gave me the understanding and the ability to help our congregation with these legal proceedings, but it takes a spiritual toll on me. Therefore, whatever the outcome of this last hearing, I am done being the legal analyst for our congregation.

Jesus says, *"I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. ⁴⁸ The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge." John 12:47-48*

Based on the experience of last month's court hearing and past hearings with the Evil Lutheran Church of America, I see that some people have truly rejected Jesus for wealth, hate, and lies. The accusations and lies spilled from the leadership of St. Paul is nothing more than evil itself. I pray for the people following the leadership of St. Paul.

At the hearing last month, our attorney showed the judge that we entered mediation with honor and integrity. We spoke about what we knew and understood in meditation and were rightful owners of the insurance money negotiated at mediation. We pointed out to the court how the leadership of St. Paul cannot be trusted and want everything that isn't theirs. We testified and submitted emails showing the plan from the leadership of St. Paul to steal and lie about the insurance money they received from hurricane Sally. I cannot say what will happen to our \$100,000.00 but I can tell you that the leaders of St. Paul conceived a plan in darkness that would steal our money, defraud their attorney, and defraud their lender. We submitted these emails showing the court the plans they conceived after being notified that they would be receiving the insurance payout.

In Luke chapter 18, Jesus speaks about the unjust judge and the outcome of the case brought before him. We don't know what the outcome will be based on the judge's opening comments. But, we will be done with the earthly judge and the court system. We will put the past behind us and we will look to the future with God and the church at Epiphany.

In His Service,
Rev. Dr. Franklin Gore
For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves,
it is the gift of God ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.
Ephesians 2:8-9

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>September 2024</i>						
1 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30a Worship 10:30a Hospitality 10:40a Children's choir 11:15a Adult Ch. Ed.	2 Labor Day – Office closed	3	4 4:30p Choir practice	5	6 Office closed 3:30p Praise team practice	7
8 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Mission Sunday 8:30a Manna drop off 9:30a Worship 10:30a Hospitality 10:40a Children's choir 10:40a Special meeting 11:00a Children's Ch. Ed. 11:15a Adult Ch. Ed.	9	10 11:00a Faith Circle	11 4:30p Choir practice	12 11:00a Council reports due	13 Office closed 3:30p Praise team practice	14
15 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30a Worship 10:30a Hospitality 10:40a Children's choir 11:00a Children's Ch. Ed. 11:15a Adult Ch. Ed.	16	17 6:00p Council meeting (Ashland)	18 4:30p Choir practice NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE!	19	20 Office closed 3:30p Praise team practice	21
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Admin. hours: Monday -Wednesday, 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m., Thursday, 9a.m. -Noon unless otherwise noted.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SPECIAL MEETING

Sunday, September 8 @ 10:40a

Vote on special expenditure for property at Ashland

Mission Sunday

Sunday, September 8

Children's Christian Ed starts back!

Sunday, September 8 @ 11:00a

Faith Circle

Tuesday, September 10 @ 11:00a

Council reports due

Thursday, September 12 @ 11:00a

Council meeting @ Ashland

Tuesday, September 17 @ 6:00p

Newsletter articles due

Wednesday, September 18

Social Ministry meeting

Sunday, September 22 @ 11:30a

SOLE

Tuesday, September 24 @ 12:00p



DISASTER REPSONSE COMMITTEE

We have a new committee at Epiphany. It is the Disaster Response Committee. This committee will be responsible for the distribution of the Flood Buckets that were given to the congregation to fill and return.

In the event of a storm in our area the committee will contact the members of Epiphany and see if they need help with storm cleanup. If you need help the committee will get volunteers from the congregation to assist in the cleanup.

It is my hope and prayer we will not need to put our plan into action for a long time, but we must be ready just in case we have a storm.

In His service,
Deacon Glenn



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ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS!

Did you know you have FREE MONEY for projects at Epiphany? If you have a policy, no matter the size, with Thrivent you are eligible to do two Action Team projects per year. These projects can be used to increase the ministry of our church. Each project can have \$250.00 used toward the proposed project. All you have to do is go online to Thrivent and fill out the application.

If you need help Brenda Ekstrom, in the church office, can set up an appointment for you to come to the office and help you fill out the application or Deacon Glenn will come to your home and assist you in filling out the grant application

Once again it costs you nothing but a few minutes of your time. And with two annual projects, a total of up to \$500.00 could be used to increase the outreach of Epiphany Church.

Please contact the office and find out how you can expand the mission of Epiphany.

In His Service

Deacon Glenn

***Update:** We've had several members come in and fill out their applications. Make your appointment with Brenda today! Also, Thrivent has sent T-shirts to be given away to anyone who wants one. There are several different sizes. You can pick one up during office hours.

If you have any Choice Dollars to spend, PLEASE DONATE them to the church!

COMMITTEE NEWS

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

ByGrace

The Epiphany Praise Team has a new name: ByGrace. Their new logo is below, and swag is coming soon!



ByGrace is in need of a drummer, lead, and bass guitar players. If you have any of these gifts or know someone who may be gifted in playing these instruments, please have them contact the Director of Contemporary Music, Donna Busarow.

Children's Choir

Epiphany Children's Choir has resumed, and the youth are doing an amazing job coming to practices and participating in the vocal arrangements. The Children's Choir will be singing each month. In August, we sang "What A Mighty God We Serve" for the congregation.

In September, look for the Children' Choir to sing "God is So Good."

The Children's Choir is open to all youth ages Pre-K through 8th grade so please, join us. Practices are on Sunday mornings from 10:40 a.m. until 10:55 a.m. and special practices will be held in December for the Christmas program.

Christian Education



We are so excited about what is coming in September! We have added a middle school/high school Christian Education class on Sunday mornings and will be discussing current topics and WWJD to handle the situations that so many face.

K-5th graders will also be starting in September and there are many fun games and activities planned to support the Biblical teachings. One of our favorite things that we do is called “So what?” This allows us to take what we learn and then talk about what we do next and how we can put what we are learning into action.

As a reminder, Christian Education starts on September 8th for our K through high school members.

We also have a **Sunday morning opportunity for adults** to meet and the class is reviewing Genesis through Revelation with some great study questions to help participants delve deeper into each chapter. Be sure to pick up your copy of the study questions.

Another exciting **opportunity for women** to participate in a Bible study at 11:00 a.m. at Ashland on the second Tuesday of each month. Please touch base with Wanda Gore or Marlene Copper if you would like to learn more about this opportunity.

Our **Confirmands will be starting their** two-year journey in September, and we are excited to see the growth in our members through this experience. Please keep the Christian Education program in prayer so that we can continue serving and making disciples.

FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle will be on September 9th at 11:00am at Ashland.

We will begin a new study about Old Testament prophecies about Christ revealed in the New Testament as they pertain to the Apostle and Nicene creeds. We will all learn a lot!



Please bring a brown bag lunch and your Bible. We continue to collect feminine products for Favor House.

Looking forward to seeing everyone, bring a friend.
God's Peace,
Wanda and Marlene

SOLE (SHARING OUR LIVES AT EPIPHANY)

SOLE is a group of spirited seniors at Epiphany that meet for fellowship and lunch once a month. We choose something different each month either to cater at Ashland or meet at a local restaurant that can accommodate our size.



Yes, we are many but always welcome more! We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month so if you would like to join this fun group for lunch, call Alice at for details.

The next lunch date is Tuesday, August 27th. Watch the Wednesday web-blasts for the location.

HOSPITALITY

A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance.... A cheerful heart has a continual feast.

Proverbs 15:13,15 NRSV

The Hospitality Team served up another joyful, fulfilling Hot Dog/Ice Cream Social! Everyone had a great time and was graciously thankful and complimentary to our team. FYI, it is our pleasure to serve.

Thanks to John Ekstrom for grilling all 120 hot dogs, Harland Bross for providing the beautiful flower arrangements, Steve Meyer and Randy St. Louis for helping to clean up, and my team for all they do! Many heartfelt thanks to you all!

Many thanks to everyone who provided cookies and cakes to complement the meal.

As summer ends, our team will start preparing for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Epiphany (January). "Pie Fest" will be November 17th. A signup sheet will be available in October (after the Fall Fest) if you would like to bake your favorite pie and bring it to share.

Prayers for everyone to have a safe and happy Labor Day.

As always, it is **still** a JOY and HONOR to serve in God's House at Epiphany!
God's Peace,
Brenda

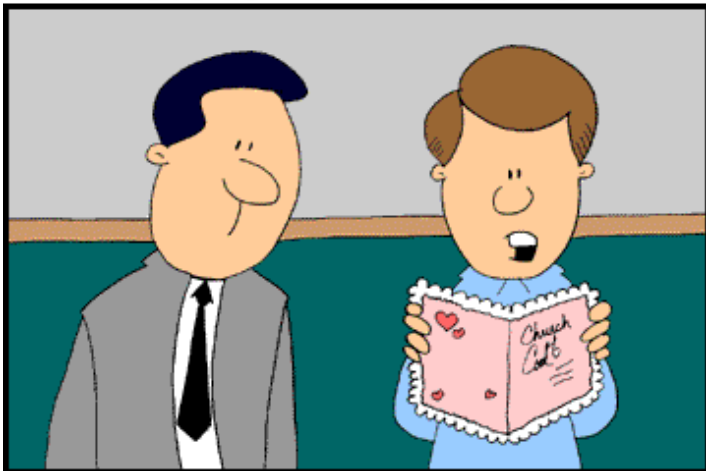




~CARTOON CORNER~

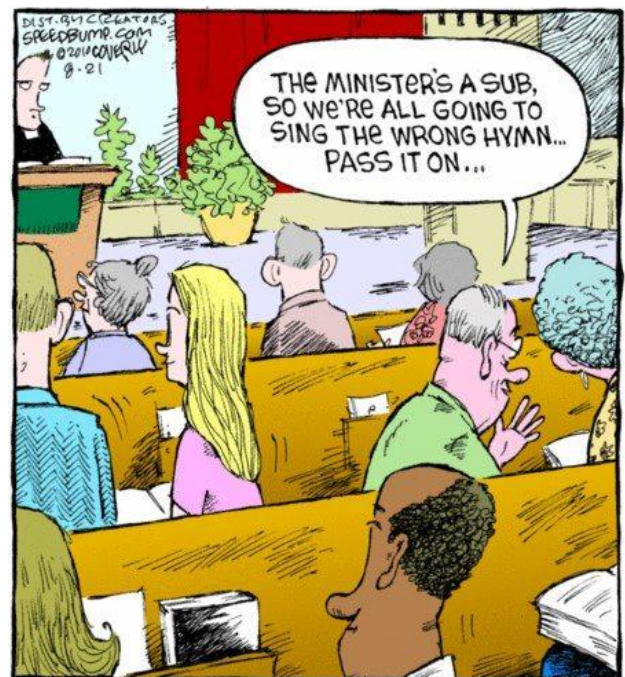


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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	SEP 1	SEP 8	SEP 15	SEP 22	SEP 29
ASSISTING MINISTERS	N/A	John Ekstrom	Sara-Margaret Seevers	Madilyn Marchant	Stephen Clements
LECTOR(S)	Jim Cooper	Steve Meyer	Wanda Gore	Pete Morgan	Brenda Ekstrom
USHERS	Harland Bross Chuck Glassmire	Steve Meyer Randy St. Louis	Eddie Gibbons John Ekstrom	Eric Johnson Harland Bross	John Ekstrom Chuck Glassmire
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Jim and Marlene Cooper	Heidi Long Betty Bross	Kim McCormick Shelly Johnson	Alice Fludgate Karen McCabe	Eddie and Regina Gibbons
PORTICO GREETERS	Randy St. Louis Faye Robinson	Randy St. Louis Marla Meyer	Randy St. Louis Faye Robinson	Randy St. Louis Marsha Suarez	Randy St. Louis Ron Davis
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett
FLOWERS	Carleen Bragan	Audrey Tinsley	Brenda Ekstrom	Etta McDonald	Harland Bross
REFRESHMENTS	Etta McDonald Dianne Williams	Ron Davis Judie Cox	John Reitmire Liz Richbourg	Gloria Seiler Fe Kellas	Shelly Johnson Bonnie Baggett
CUP BEARERS	Brooklyn Gorday Eli Baggett	Everlynn Harvey John Reitmire	Ethan Oomens Leighton Marchant	Brooklyn Gorday Eli Baggett	Everlynn Harvey John Reitmire

Worship Assistant Scheduling

Brenda Ekstrom is scheduling assistance for Worship each Sunday as she works on the bulletins. The Assisting Ministers will continue to be scheduled by Pastor. Brenda will be in contact with members for availability to serve. If you are willing to serve and/or have scheduling conflicts, please contact Brenda. Also, as Sunday approaches and you discover you cannot serve and cannot switch with someone, please contact Brenda or the office. Thank you!

These are photos of Braxton Harrison's Baptism that Deaconess Nancy Guthrie did in Conneaut, Ohio. He was baptized under Epiphany.

Pastor Gore approved Braxton's Baptism to be done by Deaconess Guthrie as part of Epiphany's commitment to be Kingdom Builders.



Ways to Give

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

One more reminder on the Capital Campaign. We don't have to do it all ourselves. We sent letters to sister congregations asking for their help and we can and should be asking family and friends to help too. It'll take more than just us, and you never know who might be looking for an opportunity to be a part of something greater...until you ask.

We've set up several very simple ways for anyone to give.

<https://epiphanypens.churchtrac.com/> - click on the Building Fund Donate button

<https://donorbox.org/building-fund-capital-campaign>

Scan the QR code below.



Share the link on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EpiphanyLutheranPensacola/> or by mail:

Payment should be made to:

Epiphany Lutheran Church (Note: Capital Campaign)

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1450 Old Chemstrand Rd

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Ken Busarow – Treasurer

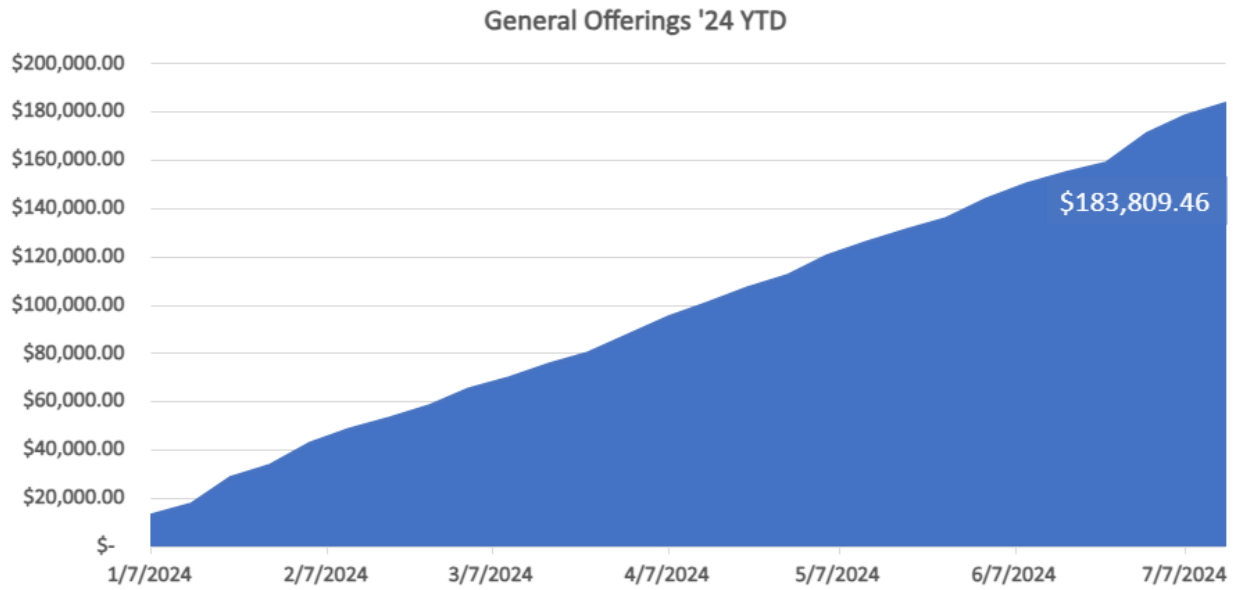
Vanessa Pascoe – Co-treasurer

treasurer@epiphanypensacola.org

PRAYER REQUEST PROCEDURES

All listed on the prayer request will be lifted up in prayer for a period of three weeks at which time the request will be removed unless indicated otherwise. If you wish your request to remain on the prayer list for a longer period of time, please notify the office with that information.

OFFERING TOTAL (YTD)



NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Sara SeEVERS will be compiling the newsletter. Newsletter articles for October are due September 18. Please send all articles for the next newsletter to Sara at bookkeeper@epiphanypensacola.org by September 18..If you have any questions, please contact the office.

E-MAIL UPDATE**



As part of our Social Media upgrades coming in 2024, we're upgrading our e-mail services for the staff and Church Council at Epiphany. Here are the new e-mail addresses effective January 1, 2024.

STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Franklin J. Gore	pastor@epiphanypensacola.org
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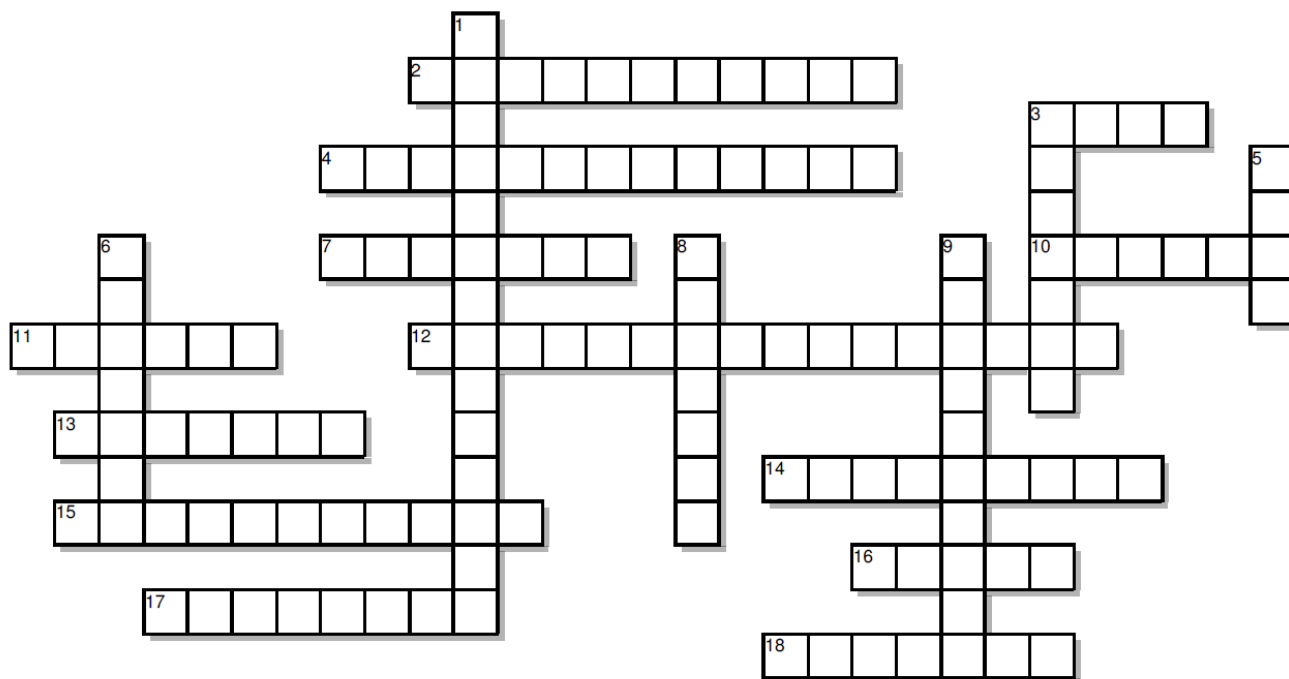
CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Hospitality	Suzanne Morgan	hospitality@epiphanypensacola.org
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Congratulations to Barb L., Marlene C., Karen K., and Donna B. for turning in their completed August crossword puzzles.

The September Newsletter Crossword Puzzle

You must **READ** the newsletter to find the answers. Bring your completed crossword puzzle to church and hand it in to one of the office staff for a chance to win a **PRIZE!** The winners will be announced in September's newsletter.



Across

- 2 "A glad heart makes a cheerful _____..."
- 3 The Children's Choir is open to all youth _____ through High School
- 4 Please donate your _____ to the church.
- 7 Where is the council meeting being held on September 17?
- 10 SOLE meets on what Tuesday of the month?
- 11 Children's Christian Ed begins on September ____.
- 12 What new committee do we have at Epiphany?
- 13 Who did the flower arrangements for the hotdog/ice cream social?
- 14 What month will the Confirmands begin their journey?

- 15 Which Sunday after Pentecost is September 15?

- 16 Who do you call for details about SOLE?
- 17 What holiday is on September 2?
- 18 Adult Christian Ed is reviewing _____ through Revelation.

Down

- 1 This committee meets on the first Sunday of the month.
- 3 What will hospitality be doing on November 17?
- 5 Who grilled hotdogs for the hotdog/ice cream social?
- 6 What is the Praise Team's new name?
- 8 What did Steve and Randy help with at the hotdog/ice cream social?
- 9 Faith Circle will be studying Old Testament _____.