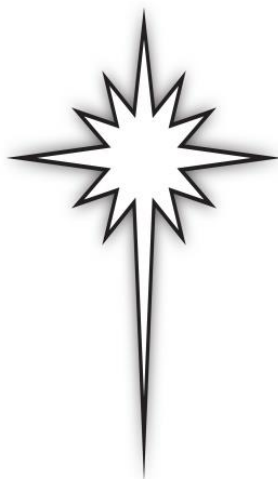


**AUGUST
NEWSLETTER
2022**

Epiphany Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the North American Lutheran Church

Worshiping at:
6700 Spanish Trail
Pensacola, FL 32504
Ph. 850-287-5667



Mailing Address
1450 Old Chemstrand Rd.
PO Box 999
Gonzalez, FL 32560

Worship Services
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for children Preschool age and under)
Holy Communion celebrated each Sunday

Hospitality to follow

Email: nalcofpensacola@gmail.com

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Church Connect page: epiphanypns.churchtrac.com



PASTOR'S CORNER

Due to Pastor's recent vacation, feeling under the weather upon his return and moving, he will have an article in next month's newsletter.

2022 NALC ONLINE MISSION CONVOCATION

**Friday, August 5
5-8 p.m. Central Time**

Since this year's Convocation is being held online, members of all Congregations are invited to attend as visitors. You may access the visitor livestream on August 5 via the NALC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/thenalc> to listen to the proceedings.

LUTHERAN 101 CLASS

Beginning in September, Pastor will be teaching a class entitled Lutheran 101. It will be a one-hour weekly class via zoom and will follow the book titled, Lutheranism 101. Class date and time to be determined. If you're thinking of attending, please email or call the office with your interest. This will help us to determine if books need to be ordered.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Class will resume on Sunday, August 7th after Worship. Please take some time to enjoy Hospitality then come join the group at 11 a.m.

FAITH CIRCLE

This Bible study will meet on Tuesday, August 9 at 11 a.m. at Brit Ahm. All ladies of the Congregation are invited.

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00 p.m. Social Ministry meeting via zoom	2	3 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6700 Spanish Trail Pensacola	4	5 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed 5:00 p.m. NALC Online Mission Convocation	6
7 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School	8 4:00 p.m. Choir practice 5:00 p.m. Praise group practice 6700 Spanish Trail	9 11:00 a.m. Faith Circle 6700 Spanish Trail Pensacola	10 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6700 Spanish Trail Pensacola	11 11 a.m. Council reports due	12 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	13
14 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 a.m. -9:15 a.m. Manna food drop off (trunk to trunk) 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School	15 4:00 p.m. Choir practice 5:00 p.m. Praise group practice 6700 Spanish Trail	16 7:00 p.m. Council meeting	17 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6700 Spanish Trail Pensacola Newsletter Articles due	18	19 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	20
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Admin. hours: Monday -Wednesday, 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m., Thursday, 9a.m. -Noon.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Current News!

CAMP HAPPY SANDS

Donation of the Lenten coin offerings – on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, Epiphany Lutheran Church, Deacon Glenn, Sherry, and some of the Social Ministry Committee along with volunteers from the congregation, delivered lunch to 35 children and workers. We have been in partnership with Camp Happy Sands for over 30 years.

Manna Food Bank – Mission Sunday was July 10, 2022. Dianne Williams **delivered 238 lbs of food donations.** Gerry will be calling the volunteers to remind them to have their cars parked by the entrance on the right side of the Synagogue, by 8:00 am, on their volunteered day.

Upcoming Events

Ride alongs with Rev. Dr. Frank Gore: Pastor wants to ride along and to be introduced to the communities in which we serve. He would like to go with someone to deliver Manna, meet the folks at Open Books, Lions Club, Ronald McDonald House, Waterfront Rescue Mission, The Washburn Center, Kids House, Favor House, Women of clear vision, Epp Center, Keep Pensacola Beautiful, Camp Happy Sands and Proud Moments, just to name a few. Looks like we gone keep him busy!

Brit Ahm Synagogue Clothing Drive – This will be a joint effort. Both congregations will donate. The Synagogue members will be delivering the donations to the homeless. We are also invited to join them if we want to. Anyone interested in helping to deliver can contact Jerri at the Synagogue. Clothing items need to be clean with no stains. They are to be folded and placed on the back pews for collection. **The donation delivery schedule is as follows: September 17, and December 10, 2022. These are Saturdays, which is when the Synagogue has their service. Members of Epiphany Lutheran Church can bring their clothing donations the Sundays prior to the Saturdays listed. Those dates will be as follows: September 11, 2022, and December 4, 2022.**

Please Continue to Collect These Items to donate!

Remember to save **tab tops** for Ronald McDonald House. Save **eyeglasses** for the Lion's Club. Collection containers for these items, are located in the fellowship hall by the windows in the back of the room. They are labeled with Epiphany Lutheran Church.

**The next meeting of the Social Ministry Committee will take place on
Monday, August 1, 2022, 6 pm via zoom.
Respectfully submitted by Regina Gibbons
Chair of Social Ministry Committee**

HOSPITALITY

Life is better if we do it together.....

Life is better when you can share it with family, like our Epiphany Family. The Ladies have really stepped up in assisting and providing refreshments for Hospitality!

Thanks to everyone for all the help! My sincerest thanks to Ms. Faye and Marsha for hosting Hospitality in my absence. I heard they did a wonderful job.

We have several volunteers to bake refreshments for August and we are excited. Nothing is better than “homemade”. I will have a sign-up sheet for those who would like to show off their “specialty” and provide refreshments for a Sunday.

We are planning our First Epiphany Lutheran “Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social” for September 11th after worship. Everyone is welcome, there is no cost, however donations are appreciated.

We look forward to celebrating this event with you all!
As always, it is a JOY and HONOR to serve in GOD’S House!

God’s Peace,
Brenda

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

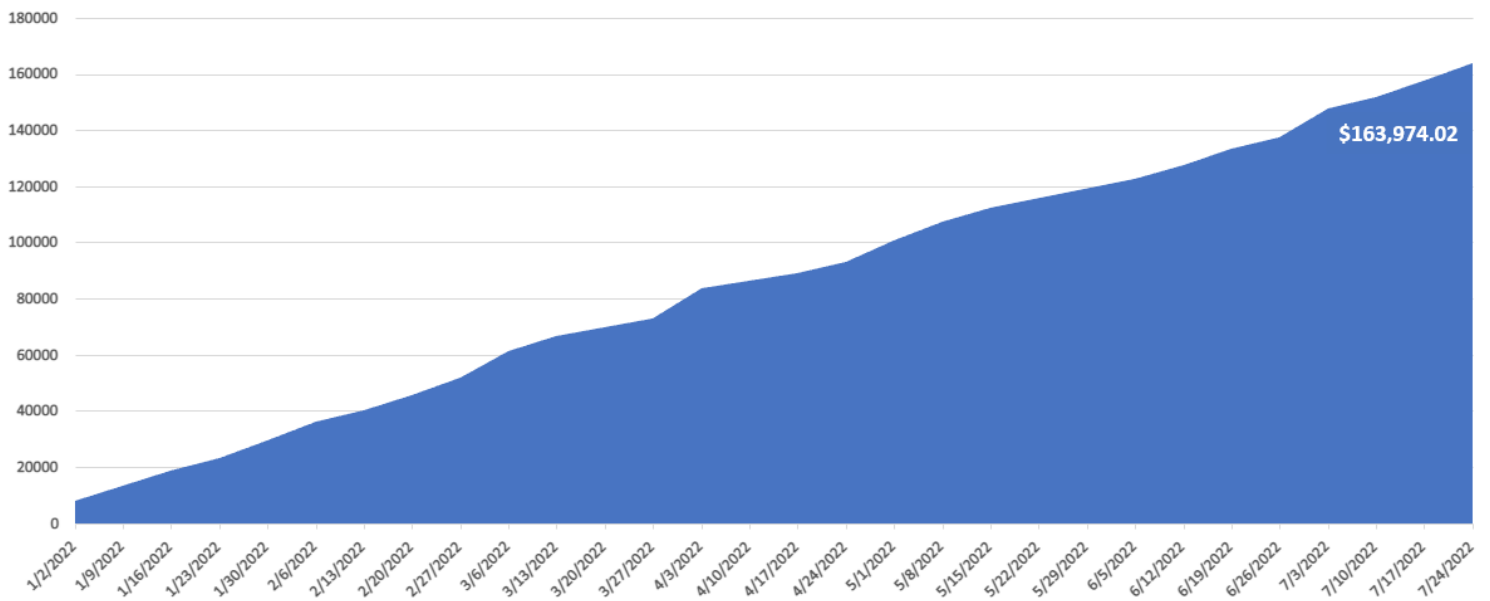
Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA

Have you recently finished filing your income taxes? Were you able to claim Itemized Deductions or did you Claim the Standard Deduction? When the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was implemented a few years back, it greatly increased the Standard Deduction, meaning that most people will no longer benefit from itemized deductions. Itemized deductions include medical expenses (over a certain threshold), real estate taxes paid (up to a limit), mortgage interest paid, and charitable contributions. If you are now claiming a Standard Deduction, you are no longer benefiting (for income tax purposes only) from your charitable contributions... but what if there was a way that you could?

Do you have an IRA that you are taking “Required Minimum Distributions” from? If yes, you could receive a tax benefit for making “Qualified Charitable Distributions”, or QCDs. A QCD is where you tell the custodian of your IRA to send a portion of your RMD to a qualified public charity. The custodian sends this amount directly to the charity and you can exclude that amount from your taxable IRA distributions on your tax return for the year. This only works for IRA distributions – not pensions, not 401(k) plans. Your IRA custodian should have paperwork for you to complete should you choose to make QCDs. If you have general questions, Vanessa is happy to talk to you.

YTD GENERAL OFFERINGS (Running total)

General Offerings '22 YTD



AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Ken Busarow	Regina Gibbons	Paul Marchant	Carole Dwyer
LECTOR(S)	Marlene Cooper	Rod Dwyer	Karen McCabe	Jim Cooper
USHERS	Chuck Glassmire Art Kimmel	Steve Meyer Dan Zeigler	John Ekstrom Randy St. Louis	Eric Johnson Harland Bross
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Carleen Bragan Kim McCormick	Judith Lewing Shelly Johnson	The Glassmires	Betty Bross Alice Fludgate
PORTICO GREETERS	Randy St. Louis Audrey Tinsley	Randy St. Louis Brad Fludgate	Randy St. Louis Faye Robinson	Randy St. Louis Dan Zeigler
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett
FLOWER GUILD	Flower Guild	Flower Guild	Flower Guild	Flower Guild

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 can not switch with someone, please contact Brenda or the office. Thank you!**