

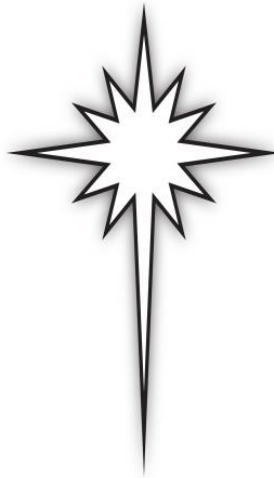
**JANUARY  
NEWSLETTER  
2022**

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*Epiphany Lutheran Church*

A Congregation of the North American Lutheran Church

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



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*Worship Services*  
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
(Nursery Available)  
Holy Communion celebrated each Sunday

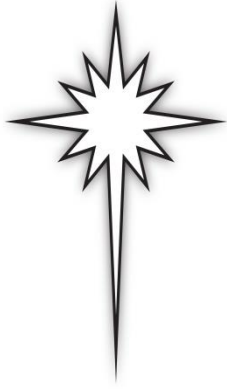
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## PASTOR'S CORNER



*January 2022*  
*Epiphany Lutheran Church*

*I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. <sup>2</sup> He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. <sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.*

*Psalm 40:1-3*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

I think 2021 was a very intense year for the disciples of Jesus at Epiphany. While there were a lot of challenges there were many more joys. It's strange how most people seem to relate to the bad or sorrowful problems in life. I guess we could say it's human nature. I remember a Don Henley song titled "Dirty Laundry". I think his lyrics captured the infatuation of people wanting to know the dirt instead of the joy. (You can catch the song on "You tube") LoL

As I thought about the joys, there are so many I wouldn't know where to begin. But I'd like to express a few of the joys of 2021 such as; Jesus my Savior, Being a priest in God's Church, love, grandchildren, our congregation, family, faith, Epiphany Lutheran, strong church leadership, friends, worship, choir, my favorite hippie, Bible studies, mission outreach, NALC Disaster Relief, hospitality, and the best darn staff one could ever ask for. You know I could go on and on with joys of 2021. I guess like Don Henley I could also go on and on about the dirty laundry in 2021. So, I will let the psalmist speak for me and I hope he can speak for you as we think of the past year together. Yes, God heard the cry of his servant and God lifted me and held me as I've never been held before. I pray that you can also leave the slimy pit and mud behind and look to the vision of life, love, and faithfulness as we share Christ with the community we live in.

*Some of you may be asking, "What's the plan moving forward?"*

Let me express that the plan is what we make together. We must create this vision together or it becomes one person's vision without the life of a faith community. I know how God has prepared, nurtured, and cultivated my spirit for this mission and ministry. I am ready and answered, "Yes Lord". I am praying that you are taking the time to consider how God is working in your life through faith. What is your answer?

To begin the visioning process, we'll meet like we did when I first came into Pensacola. I've asked the council members to host small (12 person) cluster meetings. If you would like to host one in your home, send an email to Kim and she can set that up. The meetings will be held at various times: day, evening, and weekends. The host is not serving a meal. You are providing a place to meet and enjoy conversation on the future of Epiphany Lutheran Church. If you'd like to have coffee and water available that is okay.

The future for Epiphany looks bright and we will celebrate the Feast of Epiphany for the first time on January 6, 2022. There will be a light dinner starting at 5:45 PM and our Worship celebration will begin at 7:00 PM.

Thank you for your continued love, faith and trust as we serve Jesus together at Epiphany

*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 <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9*

# January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2 SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b> No Choir practice <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Worship <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Hospitality	<b>3 OFFICE CLOSED</b> No Choir practice	<b>4</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Faith Circle The Crossings at Milestone 1431 W. Nine Mile Rd. Meet in the clubhouse	<b>5</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Bible Study The Crossings at Milestone 1431 W. Nine Mile Rd. Meet in the clubhouse	<b>6</b> <b>5:45 p.m.</b> Light dinner <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Epiphany Worship Service	<b>7</b> PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	<b>8</b>
<b>9 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</b> <b>8:15 a.m.</b> Choir practice <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Worship <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Hospitality <b>10:45 a.m.</b> Committee chair meeting after Worship	<b>10</b> <b>4:00 p.m.</b> Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	<b>11</b>	<b>12 Annual Reports due</b>  <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Bible Study The Crossings at Milestone 1431 W. Nine Mile Rd. Meet in the clubhouse	<b>13</b> <b>11 a.m. Council reports due</b>  <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Eve Circle Location TBA	<b>14</b> PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	<b>15</b>
<b>16 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b> <b>8:15 a.m.</b> Choir practice <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Worship <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Hospitality	<b>17</b> <b>4:00 p.m.</b> Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Council meeting	<b>19 Newsletter Articles Due</b>  <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Bible Study The Crossings at Milestone 1431 W. Nine Mile Rd. Meet in the clubhouse	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	<b>22</b>
<b>23 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b> <b>8:15 a.m.</b> Choir practice <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Worship <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Hospitality	<b>24</b> <b>4:00 p.m.</b> Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Bible Study The Crossings at Milestone 1431 W. Nine Mile Rd. Meet in the clubhouse	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	<b>29</b>
<b>30 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b> <b>8:15 a.m.</b> Choir practice <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Worship <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Hospitality	<b>31</b> <b>4:00 p.m.</b> Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail					

Admin. hours: Monday -Wednesday, 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m., Thursday, 9a.m. -Noon unless otherwise noted

## **JANUARY CLUSTER MEETINGS**

If you are available to host a small group meeting at your home in January (day, evening, or weekend) please contact the church office by email or call with your availability. This will be a time to meet and have conversation about the future of Epiphany. Please do not serve a meal. If you would like to provide water and/or coffee that would be okay.

## **EPIPHANY CELEBRATION**

On Thursday, January 6 we will celebrate Epiphany with a Worship service and light dinner prior to the service. The dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. and the service begins at 7 p.m. Mark your calendars now!

## **ALL COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING**

Sunday, January 9 after Worship. Committee chairs, please plan to attend so everyone will be on the same page with planning for the new year.

## **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

We are currently lending our support to the synagogue's homeless ministry through the collection of requested items. If you would like to participate, please bring in the following items:

Travel size toiletries

Hats

Gloves

Socks

Collection bins are set up in the corner of the Fellowship Hall and are signed Homeless Ministry.

Collection of food for Manna is on hold until further notice.

## **FAITH CIRCLE**

We will resume monthly Bible study on January 4th at 11:00a.m. We will return to the second Tuesday in February. We will be meeting at the clubhouse at Milestone Crossings. 1431 West Nine Mile Rd. You can enter from West Nine Mile or Ashland . When you come through the gate, follow the signs to the office.

If you have any questions please call me. (440-228-7532) Also if you can email me if you are able to attend.

Bring your Bible and a brown bag lunch. Dessert will be provided.

God's Peace,

Wanda

## **FLOWER GUILD**

Would you like to donate a flower arrangement for the altar one Sunday in 2022? You may donate the arrangement in honor or memory of a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. Cost is \$25 and may be donated online or placed in the offering plate. Just look for the Flower Notebook on the table in the empty space to the right of the chancel to sign up. Dates are available January -June.

## WEBSITE/ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

We have been working on our new website. Have you checked it out???

This is where you can enter a prayer request, see the church calendar, and more!

It is quite different from the past and we ask that you bear with us as we learn how best to utilize this web tool (which is free for our use!). Many of you will be happy to know that the Online Giving within this tool is fully functional! You can now use your bank account, a credit/debit card, or text message for your weekly/monthly offerings.

### Some important items to know:

- You will need to create an account at : [Epiphany Lutheran Church \(churchtrac.com\)](https://epiphanylutheran.churchtrac.com) (<https://epiphanylutheran.churchtrac.com>). Creating an account is for your protection and helps prevent fraud should you choose to give online.
- If you use the email that we have on file for you, most of your information will be automatically added to your account. You can also take this opportunity to update any personal information for you and/or your immediate family members.
- Click on the large green box on the home page to set up online giving.
  - There are 3 headers across the top of the page – Credit/Debit, ACH/Checking and SMS/Text
  - You can schedule a one-time offering or set up a recurring offering. Be aware that automatic offerings begin on the date you enter the information and then at the frequency you set. So, if it is the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month and you set up a monthly offering, they will all be on the 12<sup>th</sup>. To change this, you'll need to delete and re-schedule your automatic giving.
  - If you use your bank account, you'll need to verify two small deposits that will appear in your account in about 2 days. Once you have those deposits, log back in and go to online giving to enter the number of pennies that you received. After confirming the amounts you'll be able to set up your giving amount and frequency.
  - You have the option to add a memo to your gift – for instance if you are giving to the general fund but it is for your flower sponsorship you can add “Flower Sponsor” as a memo.
  - If you wish to also give to a restricted fund, you have the option to add another fund and then choose from the drop-down list for these funds: Building, Memorial, Pastor’s Discretionary, or WNALC.

You have the option to cover the processing fee for your credit/debit card giving. If you choose yes, the software will automatically increase your offering to cover the cost.

You can have multiple offering frequencies and store more than one credit/debit card. You might want to give weekly to the General Fund and once a month to the Building Fund.

If you have any questions, please let Kim or Vanessa know. Thanks to everyone who helped to test the system with us!

## JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Deacon Glenn	Deacon Glenn	Deacon Glenn	Deacon Glenn	Deacon Glenn
LECTOR(S)	Art Kimmel	Steve Meyer	Dan Zeigler	Brenda Ekstrom	Karen McCabe
USHERS	Eddie Gibbons Dan Zeigler	Steve & Marla Meyer	John Ekstrom Will & Nicholas Slotter	Harland & Betty Bross	Steve Meyer John Ekstrom
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Audrey Tinsley Marlene Cooper	Brenda Ekstrom Karen McCabe	Judy Taylor Dianne Ledkins	Carole Dwyer Betty Bross	Chuck & Sidney Glassmire
PORTICO GREETERS	Faye Robinson Regina Gibbons	Dick & Karen Kaminska	Dan & Dawn Zeigler	Alice Fludgate Carleen Bragan	Ron, Chris, & Alana Davis
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett
FLOWER GUILD	Harland Bross	Harland Bross	Harland Bross	Harland Bross	Harland Bross

### Worship Assistant Scheduling

Brenda Ekstrom is now scheduling assistance for Worship each Sunday as she works on the bulletins. She will be in contact with members for availability. If you are willing to serve and/or have scheduling conflicts, please contact Brenda.