

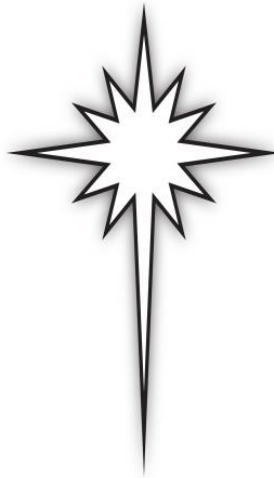
**MARCH  
NEWSLETTER  
2022**

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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



*Mailing Address*  
1450 Old Chemstrand Rd.  
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*Worship Services*  
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
(Nursery Available for children Preschool age and under)  
Holy Communion celebrated each Sunday

*Hospitality to follow*

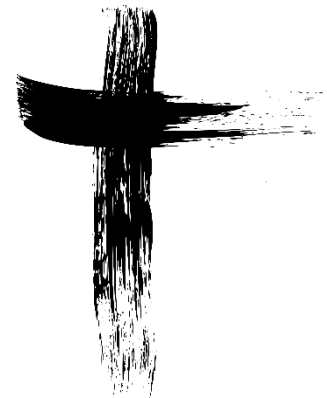
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## PASTOR'S CORNER

*March 2022  
Epiphany Lutheran Church*

### *"Celebrating The Cross and Resurrection"*



The central event of the Christian faith is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. "That unitive event of cross and resurrection is the core of the apostolic preaching; it is also the central celebration of the church's liturgy."<sup>1</sup>

Ash Wednesday is considered the Day of Atonement. March 2, 2022, we begin a journey through Lent. It begins a penitential discipline which leads us to Maundy Thursday where we hear absolution and peace in the liturgy.

This year on Transfiguration Sunday, we will embrace the pleasant medieval custom of the farewell to Alleluia. A banner will be made with the word "Alleluia" and it will be processed out of the sanctuary as a symbol of putting away Alleluia until the feast of the Resurrection. I'm not sure if you've ever experienced this symbolism in the liturgy before but I hope that you will embrace the Alleluia of the heart so that you may find that joy and satisfaction on the day of the Resurrection. I am hoping to do an activity with the children's message to teach them the importance of Lent for the Christian heart.

I hope that all of you will attend **Ash Wednesday service on 3/2/2022 at 7:00 PM**. At the worship service, you will receive ashes as the extraordinary rich symbol of our faith and Christian practices. "Ashes in a Jewish and Christian context suggest judgment and God's condemnation of sin; frailty, our total dependence upon God for life; and repentance. We are reminded forcefully of the words of the committal in the burial service, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust."<sup>2</sup>

**Genesis 3:19** By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

**1 Corinthians 15:47, 49** The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

*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*

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<sup>1</sup> Philip Pfatteicher & Carlos Messerli, *Manual on the Liturgy: Lutheran Book of Worship*. (Minnesota: Minneapolis, Augsburg Publishing House, 1979)

<sup>2</sup> Pfatteicher & Messerli, *Ibid*, p. 307

# March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9 a.m. – Noon office hours Sherry cover	<b>2 Ash Wednesday</b> 5:00 p.m. Rosh Chodesh service at Brit Ahm. 6:00 p.m. Soup supper 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	<b>5</b>
<b>6 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Easter Flower order forms available	<b>7</b> 4:00 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail  6:00 p.m. Social Ministry meeting via zoom	<b>8</b> 11:00 a.m. Faith Circle The Crossings at Milestone 1431 W. Nine Mile Rd. Meet in the clubhouse	<b>9</b> 6:30 p.m. Bible Study The Crossings at Milestone 1431 W. Nine Mile Rd. Meet in the clubhouse	<b>10</b> 11 a.m. Council reports due	<b>11</b> PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	<b>12</b> Time Change Move clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed
<b>13 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 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	<b>14</b> 4:00 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	<b>15</b> 7:00 p.m. Council meeting	<b>16 Newsletter Articles Due</b> 6:30 p.m. Bible Study The Crossings at Milestone 1431 W. Nine Mile Rd. Meet in the clubhouse	<b>17</b> Office closed	<b>18</b> PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	<b>19</b>
<b>20 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School	<b>21</b> 4:00 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6700 Spanish Trail Pensacola	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	<b>26</b>
<b>27 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School	<b>28</b> 4:00 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6700 Spanish Trail Pensacola	<b>31</b>		
Admin. hours: Monday -Wednesday, 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m., Thursday, 9a.m. -Noon unless otherwise noted						

## **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, March 2

5:00 p.m. Service of Rosh Chodesh- the congregation at Brit Ahm has invited Epiphany to join them as they blow the shofar and ring in the new Hebrew month.

5:30 p.m. once their service has finished, Epiphany will begin to set up for Ash Wednesday

6:00 p.m.- 6:45 p.m. Epiphany soup supper

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship begins

## **LENT COIN OFFERINGS**

Coin folders and coin collection boxes are available at Worship. Please pick one up before or after service. All monies collected will go toward Mission.

## **EASTER FLOWER ORDERS**

I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener. John 15:1 Easter will be here before we know it, that joyous time of spring when we grace our Altar with Easter lilies and hydrangeas and celebrate our Risen Savior! To help plan ahead the Easter lilies will be \$15 and the hydrangeas \$20. Starting Sunday, March 6 you will see the order form in the Sunday bulletin. Peace, Carleen Bragan

## **HOSPITALITY**

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks; your name is near. People tell of your wondrous deeds.

Psalm 75:1

Although we are currently worshiping at the Brit Ahm Synagogue, members of Epiphany Lutheran Church as Christians call this place home. Everyone is welcome, our table is always open, but most of all we are Christ centered. We could not ask for any better hospitality than what the members of the Synagogue has extended, and we are very grateful and thankful.

Hospitality Team has a few more smiling faces on our team. We welcome Lori Corbin, Marsha Suarez, Marliese Herrick. Thank you all for your willingness to serve and join this ministry.

Hospitality will be hosting a brunch for Easter after Worship. Everyone is welcome to join us for this event. Everything will be provided by Hospitality, there is no charge, donations however will be accepted and appreciated.

We look forward to having the time to fellowship, enjoy some lunch and laughter as we strive to get back to our “normal” events. We hope you will plan to join us! Bring a friend! Spread the Good News of Christ and Epiphany Lutheran Church! As always, it is a JOY and HONOR to serve in GOD’S House!

God’s Peace,  
Brenda

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Social Ministry Committee met via Zoom on Wednesday, February 2, 2022.  
Current News!



**Manna Food Bank – Mission Sunday was February 13, 2022.** We collected 310 pounds of food! There was a sign inside the Synagogue every Sunday to remind the congregation of the Mission Sunday date and we will continue to do so. We will have a sign-up sheet passed around the congregation on Sundays for volunteers to offer to deliver the donations to Manna Food Bank. **Gerry will be in charge of making sure volunteers have their cars parked by the entrance on the right side of the Synagogue, by 8:00 am on their volunteered day.** We have volunteers

so far as follows: Judith for February, Carole for March, and Gerry for April. The address to deliver is: 3030 N. E Street, Pensacola, FL 32501. Just pull around to the back on the left side of the building, back your vehicle into the driveway, ring the doorbell and someone will come to help unload your trunk. **Please sign up to deliver! We need your help! Don't forget to take photos, get the slip stating the pounds donated and email those to Regina.**

**Note:** PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD ITEMS INSIDE THE BRIT AHM MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE. ALSO, DO NOT LEAVE ANY FOOD ITEMS OUTSIDE THE SYNAGOGUE. This is a trunk-to-trunk process.

Ronald  
McDonald  
House

**Pull Tab Collections** – This is a joint effort with the members of the Synagogue. Both congregations donate into the collection box by the window in the fellowship room by the windows. **Barb will be responsible for the delivery of those each month or when it gets full.**

**Eyeglasses for Lions Club** – This is also a joint effort with the members of the Synagogue. Both congregations will donate into the collection box also by the window in the fellowship

hall by the windows. **Barb will also be in charge of the delivery of those each month or when it gets full.** The Lions Club Eyeglass donation box was full! and 22 pairs of eyeglasses were delivered to the local Lions Club office. Lion Club members inspect the glasses, determine the prescription, and clean the eyewear so it can be used again. These glasses will then get matched with someone who needs them anywhere around the world. Many are used in medical missions to other countries.

Lions Club

Welcome  
To our  
Church

**New Member Sunday – Will be Sunday, February 27, 2022.** Judith will be in charge of creating the cards for the donation to the NALC, Great Commission Fund in honor of our new members.

**Books for Prisoners** – Is on hold for now. We do not have any place to store the books.

### **Please Continue to Collect These Items to donate!**

Remember to save **tab tops** for Ronald McDonald House. These tabs...along with other donations help the Ronald McDonald House pay the electric, and water bills! 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.

**Brit Ahm Synagogue clothes swap/ Clothing Drive** – This will be a joint effort. Both congregations will donate. Clothing items need to be clean with no stains. They are to be folded and placed on the back pews for collection. The schedule is as follows: February 26, June 11, September 17, and December 10, 2022. These are Saturdays, which is when the Synagogue has their service. The clothes swap begins at 1 p.m. on these dates. We could start bringing in the donations the Sunday before beginning with the June date. For example, our donations can come in on Sunday, June 5, September 11, and December 4, 2022. All remaining items that people cannot use will be donated to the homeless. We are invited to join the Synagogue with the delivery of items. Anyone interested in helping to deliver can contact Jerri with the synagogue. Please ask Regina or the church office for email contact information.

**Brit Ahm Synagogue Feeding the Homeless** – The homeless folks currently living under the I-10 bridge have relocated. There will be 2 groups of approximately 40 persons in each group. Jerri with the Synagogue holds a get together at her home every Monday evening. Anyone that would like to join them for soup and prepare sack lunches can email Jerri. Space is limited each week.

Jerri is also in charge of delivering the sack lunches, clothing etc, to the homeless. She invites us to volunteer to meet them somewhere or just show up where the homeless are: The deliveries will be on Tuesdays at 11:00am, and usually only takes about 30 minutes. Anyone interested in deliveries or locations to meet can contact Jerri. Jerri brought up the fact that at the new homeless shelters, the residents will have places for gardens. The residents will also have kitchens. Sometime in the future the Synagogue may be taking donations for gardening tools, plant sprouts, planting soil, and kitchen items. More to come on that.

**Due to Bible Study being held on Wednesdays, the next regular meeting of the Social Ministry Committee will take place on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 6 pm via Zoom**

Respectfully submitted by Regina Gibbons  
**Chair of Social Ministry Committee**

## **FAITH CIRCLE**

We will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 11 o'clock at Milestones Crossings clubhouse. We will continue to have Faith Circle every second Tuesday of each month until further notice. Thank you.

## **BUILDING USAGE**

Council has approved the following motion: Motion to add an additional \$300.00 per month to the usage payment at Brit Ahm to use the building and or classrooms on **Wednesday** for meetings, Bible study, and or ministry starting March 23, 2022. Committees, if you wish to use the building or classrooms for your monthly meetings on Wednesdays, please first contact Kim. All meetings have to be scheduled on a joint calendar with the Synagogue, so we do not interfere with each other's activities.

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

April 10: Palm Sunday, service at 9:30 a.m.

*First Holy Communion celebrated*

April 14: Maundy Thursday, service at 7:00 p.m.

April 15: Good Friday, service at 7:00 p.m.

April 17: Easter Sunday, service at 9:30 a.m. (*Easter Brunch to follow worship-provided by Hospitality*)

## MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	March 2 Ash Wednesday	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Deacon Glenn	Deacon Glenn	Deacon Glenn	Deacon Glenn	Deacon Glenn
LECTOR(S)	Rod Dwyer (1) Marlene Cooper (2)	Art Kimmel (1) Brenda Ekstrom (2)	Dan Zeigler (1) Sam Miller (2)	Will Slotter (1) Karen McCabe (2)	Steve Meyer (1) Regina Gibbons (2)
USHERS	Harland Bross Dan Ziegler	John Ekstrom Steve Meyer	Will Slotter Eddie Gibbons	Chuck & Sidney Glassmire	Harland & Betty Bross
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Wanda Gore Betty Bross	Audrey Tinsley Carleen Bragan	Pete & Suzanne Morgan	Dianne Ledkins Judy Taylor	Sidney Glassmire Dawn Zeigler
PORTICO GREETERS	Randy St.Louis Faye Robinson	Randy St. Louis Ron & Chris Davis	Randy St. Louis Regina Gibbons	Randy St. Louis Dan Zeigler	Randy St. Louis Brad & Alice Fludgate
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett
FLOWER GUILD	Flower Guild	Flower Guild	Flower Guild	Flower Guild	Flower Guild

### 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.

## TIME CHANGE

### Reminder

Move clocks ahead 1 hour  
Saturday night, March 12  
before you go to bed.