

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2023

Epiphany Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the North American Lutheran Church

Worshiping at:
6700 Spanish Trail
Pensacola, FL 32504
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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

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PASTOR'S CORNER

*October 2023
Epiphany Pensacola*

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. Mark 16:16

This month on Reformation Sunday, we will celebrate the "Affirmation of Faith" as two young adults complete their confirmation course.



Confirmation is normally a two-year course with studies in the Old and New Testament, Luther's Small Catechism, Lutheranism 101, and several Bible based books on Faith, Jesus, and Service.

With the help of their confirmation teacher, Deacon Carole; Madilyn Marchant and Stella McAllister completed the course work in one year. They showed commitment to the course, and they passed all of their exams while having fun with Deacon Carole. The two young ladies will have their final oral exam with our council president and me on October 22nd. I know that this one-year condensed course was tough on the two students as well as their parents. Deacon Carole was flexible in her time, and she truly helped the families throughout the course. The accelerated confirmation program did not diminish the work that is expected for confirmation. These two young ladies met with their teacher on Sundays and one day during the week throughout the summer.

I hope that everyone in the congregation will be there to celebrate with the young adults as they confirm their belief in Jesus and affirm their baptism. The day of Confirmation is also the Sunday we celebrate the Reformation. So, don't forget to wear red for worship that morning.

I hope you will join the celebration on October 29, 2023. Come celebrate your life in Christ Jesus along with Madilyn and Stella who will affirm their baptism during worship.

The Rev. Dr. Franklin J. Gore

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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM PASTOR AND WANDA

Wanda and I want to thank the congregation council and the congregation for the prayers and bereavement time we received this summer. It was a rough summer with the loss of her sister and my brother within 30 days of each other. I returned to Ohio in September to preside over the funeral of my brother and his wife who was called to the Lord a few years ago. As I write this thank you, I am also aware that others suffered deep loss this year. Please know that Wanda and I continue to pray for you and your families.

God's Peace,
Pastor and Wanda

MEET YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member of the Month: Suzanne Morgan



Suzanne Morgan maintains a successful real estate business as a Broker-Owner, along with her husband, Pete, of Service Matters Realty Inc., Service Matters Property Management, Inc. and newly established Service Matters Association Management, Inc. She is a managing member/owner of a real estate investment. Suzanne has been a licensed real estate agent since 2015 and in 2021 earned her real estate Broker's License.

Suzanne attended LaGrange College, LaGrange, GA and graduated in 1983 with a B.A. in Criminal Justice/Social Work. She moved to Montgomery, AL and worked temporarily at McInnis School as a social worker and then took a permanent position as Director of Resident Services at the Cedars Retirement Facility. In 1997 Suzanne received her A.S. in Nursing (RN) and took a position at Baptist Hospital, Montgomery, AL as Floor/Charge Nurse on the surgical and oncology floor. In 2000 Suzanne joined Montgomery County Public School Health Services as the first School Nurse focused on serving diabetic students. While still serving as a school nurse, in 2007 she completed Forensic Nurse Certification and interned part time under the tutelage of Dr. Kenneth Snell, Chief Medical Examiner of AL Department of Forensic Sciences. Suzanne moved to Milton, FL in 2012 and worked for Prometric, Test Development as a Nurse Aide Evaluator for Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties. Upon receiving her Florida real estate license, she joined her husband in 2015 at Keller Williams Realty Gulf Coast to form Team Morgan and received the Keller Williams Realty Regional Silver Award. In 2016 she was instrumental in the formation of Team Morgan-Byrd and receiving the Keller Williams Realty Regional Triple Gold Award. Suzanne, along with her husband Pete, established Service Matters Property Management, Inc. and Service Matters Realty, Inc. in 2017 and Service Matters Association Management, Inc. in 2022 with an office in Pace, FL.

Suzanne served four years on the Board of Directors for Independence for the Blind of West Florida and is active in the Les Harlequins krewes and the Blackwater Pyrates - a community service group.

Suzanne is married to Pete Morgan and together they have five adult children and five grandchildren and reside in Milton, Florida.

HOSPITALITY

September 17th was our hotdog and ice cream social. Lots of people turned out for it and a great time was had by everyone. A big thank you is due to Harland for the beautiful flower arrangements on the tables and to Faye, John, Brenda, and Marsha for organizing and serving.



CHRISMON MAKING CLASS

Saturday, November 11
Ashland Ave Property
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

This class is open to all who are interested in learning more about Chrismons and learning how to make them. All supplies and patterns will be provided. Many of us know how to do counted cross stitch and are willing to share their knowledge in making Chrismons. There will also be other patterns and materials to make the Chrismons for those who aren't interested in doing the counted cross stitch. Please come and join us on Saturday, November 11 from 10am to 12pm to make Chrismons for our Christmas tree at the Ashland Ave property. A sign-up sheet will be passed to the congregation in October to get a better idea of how many are interested in attending this class.

Submitted by,
Carleen Bragan



FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle will meet October 10 at 11:00 am at the Ashland property. We will begin watching The Chosen. Please bring your Bibles for discussing the film and reading scripture after watching episode one. Bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert will be provided. As always, all are welcome. Invite a friend so they can experience the love and joy that we all share each month.

God's peace,
Wanda

EPIPHANY SENIORS

Twenty of us spirited seniors met for lunch on September 20 at The Oar House. There were so many great conversations and great food that we decided we wanted to continue meeting for lunch each month. Starting in October we will be meeting every fourth Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at a local restaurant. Watch the weekly e-blast for October's restaurant. I will post the location when I find a place that can seat our group size. Shortly, I will email the suggested new group names to those that attended today. If you come up with more suggestions, let me know and I will add them to that list. We will vote for a name during October's luncheon.

For questions you can contact me, Alice Fludgate at a.fludgate@icloud.com.

God bless!

Alice Fludgate

CHOIR MINISTRY

Dear Church Family

The choir is starting to learn Advent and Christmas music! Nothing puts you in the Christmas spirit like Christmas songs and carols.

When you join the Chancel Choir, not only do you become family with the choir members, but you also become a student of music! The Chancel choir is currently learning music theory and studying and learning how to read music. Come join us! We have a weekly 1-hour rehearsal at 4:30 PM followed by dinner and beer at a local brewery on Mondays! Everyone is invited! If you can't make the Monday rehearsal, we also rehearse on Sunday mornings prior to the beginning of service.

Money is not the only way to give to our church. Your time and your talent given in the music ministry is so much more valuable because you are giving of yourself – not dollars – and giving God your time, talent and worshiping Him with every note you sing feeds your heart and your soul, too!! The handbells are cranking up this month and I will post and announce the rehearsal times. The rehearsals will be held at Ashland and will be daytime hours.

The Children's Choir started rehearsing and you will love hearing them sing! They are so joyful!! They will sing once a month on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

God Bless you and prayerfully consider joining us making a joyful noise to our Lord.

Kelly Koontz

CHOIR MINISTRY (CONT)

Choir Member Highlight: Laura Canapa



How long have you been a member of this congregation?

It was right as we were becoming Epiphany. Carlo and I were the first New Members after the change.

What is your profession?

Currently I am a Special Needs Teacher at Tate High School. There have been a lot of changes during the last 10 years. I've been teaching special needs students involving laws, documentation, and not as much support from Aides in the classrooms requiring more giving of oneself both personally and financially. As a teacher, I always try and remember that my work environment is also a student's learning environment.

What drew you to Choir?

I've been singing in various choirs since I was in 3rd grade. In Undergraduate school, I was a music minor and sang in the University choir, performing in musicals and shows.

How does choir help with your worship experience?

Music is an integral part of worship for me. From my experiences in Children's Choir to Youth Group, unless I'm involved in the music program it just feels like something is missing. Music is a part of my relationship with Christ. I continue to find messages from Christ through simple songs I learned at a very young age, such as Jesus Loves Me. Those songs are wonderful reminders that the trials of life are not as important as they seem.

What would you say to encourage others to join Choir?

Joining the choir is a wonderful way to expand and open your heart and mind to Christ. It's a great way to grow and support your church family, contributing something of yourself. If you're worried about technical stuff like timing and reading music, those come with time and Kelly is a great teacher. I think of Choir as mission.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Love in Action: We will have a banner up and ornaments with a wish list for each ministry we'll be supporting at our service at our services November 12 – December 10. Gifts can be brought to Brit AHM for the following during that time and then our Social Ministry team will distribute and deliver to the ministries we're supporting; Favor House, Curry House, Global Learning and Waterfront Mission.

Please contact Carole Dwyer
Serving HIM with you
Carol

STORM PREPAREDNESS

As October approaches we sometimes forget about hurricane season, but we still have two months of the season to get through. Here are a few quick tips to make sure you and your family are prepared in case of a storm:

1. Always keep the gas tank of your vehicles half full
2. Make sure that dead branches are cut down and removed.
3. Make sure your cell phones and other devices are fully charged.

We pray that we are spared from any storms this season, but we must be ready just in case.

In His Service
Deacon Glenn

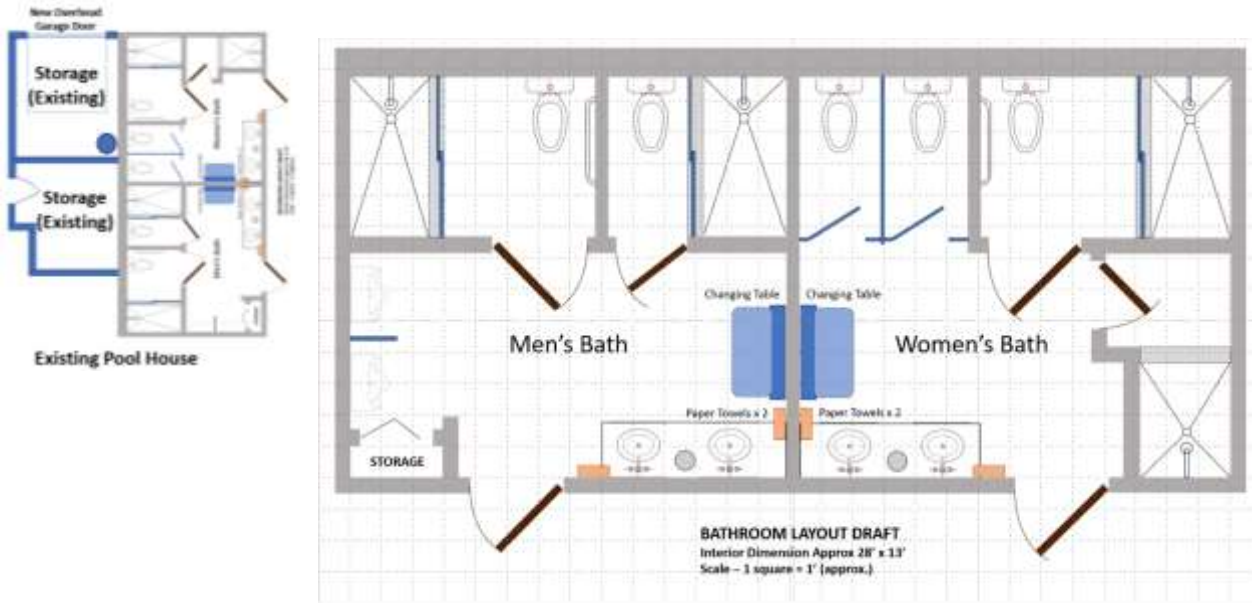


NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

On Wednesday, October 18 at 10 a.m. we will have a New Member orientation for those that would like to join Epiphany. If you are interested in joining, please notify the office prior to the 18th so paperwork may be filled out prior to the class.

ASHLAND CAMPUS BATHROOM UPDATE

Exciting times and if you missed the update, here's a recap. The pool house bathroom renovation design is complete. This bathroom space will serve as the general restroom facility for the multi-purpose transition building. There are ample facilities to meet our needs during worship and other events being held on the property. It's also equipped with four shower stalls which will allow Epiphany to offer our facilities to NALC Disaster Relief Teams, mission teams and others in need of a staging location.



Submitted by,
Ken



OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30a Worship @ Ashland 10:30a Hospitality 11:30a Confirmation Time and Talent form will be in bulletin... please volunteer your time and talent if able.	2 3:30p Praise group 4:30p Choir practice	3	4 6:30p Adult Bible Study in the clubhouse in the auditorium at Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Dr.	5	6 Office closed	7
8 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Mission Sunday 8:30a Manna drop off 9:30a Worship 10:30a Hospitality 11:00a Adult Sunday school 11:00a Kids' Sunday School 11:00a Social ministry meeting	9 3:30p Praise group 4:30p Choir practice	10 11:00a Faith Circle at Ashland Ave 7:00p Lutheran 101 class via Zoom	11 6:30p Adult Bible Study in the clubhouse in the auditorium at Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Dr.	12 11:00a Council reports due	13 Office closed	14
15 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30a Worship 10:30a Hospitality 11:00a Adult Sunday school 11:00a Kids' Sunday School 1130a Confirmation class	16 3:30p Praise group practice 4:30p Choir practice	17 6:00p Council meeting @ Ashland	18 Newsletter Articles Due 10:00a New member orientation at Ashland Ave 6:30p Adult Bible Study in the clubhouse in the auditorium at Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Dr.	19	20 Office closed	21 8:00a Church property clean-up at Ashland
22 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30a Worship 10:30a Hospitality 11:00a Adult Sunday school 11:00a Kids' Sunday School 11:30a Confirmation class All Saints Fliers due	23 3:30p Praise group 4:30p Choir practice	24 7:00p Lutheran 101 class via Zoom 11:00a Epiphany Seniors luncheon	25 9:30a Office staff meeting 6:30p Adult Bible Study in the clubhouse in the auditorium at Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Dr.	26	27 Office closed	28
29 REFORMATION SUNDAY Reformation/Confirmation- wear red! 9:30a Worship 10:30a Hospitality 11:00a Adult Sunday School 11:00a Children's Sunday School	30 3:30p Praise group 4:30p Choir practice	31 5:30p – 7:00p Trunk or Treat at Ashland property				
Admin. hours: Monday -Wednesday, 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m., Thursday, 9a.m. -Noon unless otherwise noted.						



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS!

Sunday school for children from 1st grade through 5th grade has begun and will pick up on October 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the trailer. We invite all elementary school children. Parents are also welcome.

"Friends of God Discover How to Pray" is our theme. Together we will learn what God's word, the Bible, teaches us about prayer and how various people in the Bible became friends with God through their faithful prayers. God loves you very much and wants you to be His friend too. Join us as we discover how prayer enables you to be friends with God.



For more information, see Marlene Cooper or Donna Busarow.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

A lot of people are willing to give God the credit, but not too many are willing to give God the cash. Giving is more than a responsibility-- it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience--it is evidence of our faith. -Anonymous

Character is how you treat those who can do nothing for you. -Anonymous

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

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

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.

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://epiphanypns.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)
PO Box 999
1450 Old Chemstrand Rd
Gonzalez, FL 32560

He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
Ken Busarow – Treasurer
Vanessa Pascoe – Co-treasurer
treasurer@epiphanypensacola.org

OFFERING TOTAL (YTD)



OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29
ASSISTING MINISTERS	N/A	Pete Morgan	Betty Bross	Suzanne Morgan	Madilynn Marchant Stella McAllister
LECTOR(S)	Brenda Ekstrom	Brad Fludgate	Pete Morgan	Wanda Gore	Steve Meyer
USHERS	Chuck Glassmire Harland Bross	John Ekstrom Art Kimmel	Steve Meyer Paul Herrick	Eddie Gibbons Eric Johnson	Harland Bross Randy St. Louis
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Kim McCormick Karen McCabe	Audrey Tinsley Heidi Long	Betty Bross Casey McAllister	Shelly Johnson Alice Fludgate	Madilyn Marchant Stella McAllister
PORTICO GREETERS	Randy St. Louis	Randy St. Louis Marsha Suarez	Randy St. Louis Faye Robinson	Randy St. Louis Audrey Tinsley	Randy St. Louis Betty Bross
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Carol Dwyer	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett
FLOWER GUILD	Flower Guild	Flower Guild	Flower Guild	Flower Guild	Flower Guild
HOSPITALITY HOST	Hospitality *Betty Bross	Judy Rothdeutsch *John Carroll	Youth Sunday *Pat Brune	Casey McAllister *Gloria Seiler	Linda Bartlett *Alice Fludgate
CUP BEARERS	Grace Busarow Brooklyn Gorday	Ethan Oomens John Reitmire	Everlynn Harvey Grace Busarow	Leighton Marchant Brooklyn Gorday	Ethan Oomens 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!**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Worship at Ashland Ave (hospitality to follow)

October 1, 2023. The Time and Talent form will be in your bulletins. Please sign up if you are able

Mission Sunday-Bring food for Manna

October 8, 2023

New member orientation

October 18, 2023, at 10:00 am at Ashland Ave

Newsletter Articles Due

October 18, 2023

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2023 – **Wear red!**

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held at the Ashland property on October 31, 2023, from 5:30p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Fall Festival

November 5, 2023-11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Ashland Ave clean up

There will be a clean-up day at the Ashland property on October 21 beginning at 8 a.m.



WORD SEARCH – REFORMATION/CONFIRMATION

¹²Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be **persecuted**. ¹³But **wicked** people and **impostors** will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being **deceived**. ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have **learned** and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from **childhood** you have known the **sacred** writings that are able to **instruct** you for **salvation** through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All **scripture** is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, reproof, for **correction**, and for **training in righteousness**, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be **proficient**, equipped for every good work. -2 Timothy 3 12-17

Reformation/Confirmation

P T G W U F R S D O P P C B F
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righteousness	correction	proficient
persecuted	scripture	impostors
childhood	deceived	salvation
learned	training	instruct
wicked	sacred	