



Epiphany Lutheran Church

Service at 9:30 am

Worshiping at:

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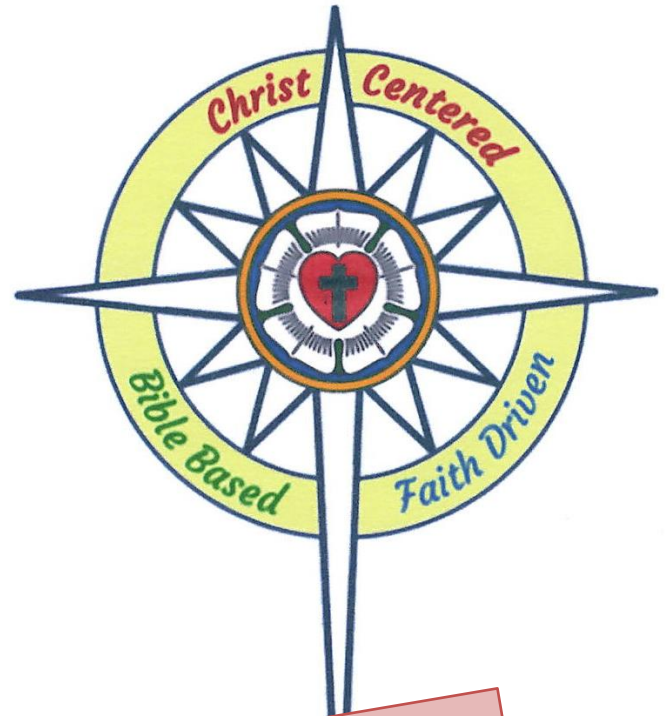
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Congratulations to Alice F., Karen K., and Suzanne M. for completing June's crossword puzzle! You can pick up your prize at church on Sunday.

Complete the crossword at the end to get a prize!

EPIPHANY PENSACOLA

July 2024 Newsletter

A congregation of the NALC



July 2024
Epiphany Lutheran Church

“Celebrating Freedom”



“But the minds of Israel were hardened. Indeed, to this day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, see the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:14-18

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month we celebrate the freedom of our country. It isn't a celebration for parts of The United States of America. The celebration on the 4th of July is one for all Americans and is not dependent on your gender, nationality, or race. Many men and women gave their lives for the freedom we celebrate this month. Those who served and those who gave their life for our freedom believed in this country. They believed in “One Nation Under God” – (Freedom isn't free - someone paid the ultimate price).

We are blessed to live in a country where we can live freely as individuals. We are blessed to choose our vocation, our spouse, our friends, and yes, our religion. We are blessed that we can have various thoughts and opinions without being arrested or in some cases sentenced to death. All these blessings begin with the recognition and love for The United States of America.

While this month recognizes the freedom gained in our country, we must not forget that everyday is a day of freedom in Christ Jesus. The Gospel of John 8:34-36 says, “Jesus answered them, Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So, if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.” As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are blessed with a Savior that made the ultimate sacrifice for all of humanity. Those who believe in Jesus are truly saved and have the promise of eternal life (John 3:16).

Our blessings through Christ, through the gift of the Spirit, through the vision and guidance of God, are humbling. I witness the church giving in faith. I witness the church extending love in faith. I witness the church evangelizing in faith. We are blessed to have such witnesses of freedom. I encourage you to stay the course of freedom earned by Christ himself. What a blessing it is to live a life in Christ knowing that we are saved by grace through faith. We should not lose sight of both freedoms.

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 God⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>JULY 2024</i>						
	1	2	3 3:30p Praise team practice @ Ashland	4 4th of July!  Office closed	5 Office closed	6
7 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30a Worship 10:30a Hospitality 11:30a Social Ministry meeting	8	9 11:00a Faith Circle @ Ashland	10 3:30p Praise team practice @ Ashland	11 11:00a Council reports due	12 Office closed	13
14 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Mission Sunday 8:30a Manna drop off 9:30a Worship 10:30a Hospitality 11:15a Adult Sunday School	15	16 6:00p Council meeting @ Ashland	17 3:30p Praise team practice @ Ashland NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE!	18	19 Office closed	20
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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

Social Ministry meeting

Sunday, July 7 @ 11:30a

Faith Circle

Tuesday, July 9 @ 11:00a
At Ashland

Council reports due

Thursday, July 11 @ 11:00a

Mission Sunday

Sunday, July 14

Council meeting

Tuesday, July 16 @ 6:00p

Newsletter articles due

Wednesday, July 17

SOLE

Tuesday, July 23 @ noon
At Ashland

Council/staff retreat

Saturday, July 27 – All day



In The Summertime

By Audrey Mullen

**I forgot my Lord in the summertime
Just the time I was needed most.
I was not away, but on each Lord's Day
I just failed to be at my post.**

**I forgot my Lord in the summertime
As I lazily lay in bed;
While the faithful few had my work to do
I was spiritually dead.**

**I forgot my offerings in the summertime
When He needed it most of all;
While my cash was spent, I was pleasure-bent,
Just off duty for God until fall.**

**I forgot my prayers in the summertime,
But the devil did not forget.
Working day and night – he kept up the fight;
He's a go-getter, that you can bet.**

**I forgot my soul in the summertime,
I go along without spiritual food.
While my Lord on High sent my blessings
I showed him only ingratitude.**

This summer let's not forget how important it is for our attendance to stay strong. Let us continue to work hard to obtain our spiritual and building goals for Epiphany. It is important that we maintain an average of 100 people in attendance every Sunday for bank purposes and the future of our church.

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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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.

COMMITTEE NEWS

FAITH CIRCLE

FAITH Circle is continuing the adventure that takes us on a journey through the Bible discovering the way the Bible exalts "womanhood". We read scriptures that recognize the significance of women in Old Testament in ancient Israel highlighting their active participation in Biblical society. We read New Testament scriptures that praised the significant contributions made by women in the early Christian church and presented women as truly extraordinary. Jesus treated women with equality and respect.



We look forward to our next study on July 9th. The topic will be "Our True Identity as Women in Christ Today". On August 13th, we will end this study with scriptures that offer women encouragement and empowerment to live in our world today and in the future as God's "Treasured Possessions".

We meet together at 11:00 at Ashland on the 2nd Tuesday of the month for our summer study: July 9 and August 13.

If you were not able to attend previously, please join us. Bring your Bible and a brown bag lunch. It is a wonderful time of study and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!

Your "sisters in Christ"

For more information, contact Marlene Cooper

Children's Choir

Children's Choir practice will begin on August 4th and they will sing at the service on August 18th. The children will earn Luther Bucks for coming to practices and for singing at the service. Practice will be at 10:40 following the service. This should allow enough time for the children to grab a snack from hospitality.

Children's Sunday School will start back September 8.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

~Blasting into July~

Our lunch date with Camp Happy Sands was June 14, 2024. Regina obtained a Thrivent grant to go along with money collected from Quarters for Lent that provided Camp Happy Sands' request for the lunch meals. We had a blast providing the lunches to the kiddos. The kids were able to fish, swim and play games while we were there. We presented a check to Camp Happy Sands in the amount of \$358 ++ dollars and 95 pairs of flip flops. We were informed that the money would be used to help provide backpacks for the campers during this season and future seasons of camp.

Our focus for July is Manna Food Bank. During the summer months, Manna does not receive a lot of donations. If possible, remember to bring canned goods to help out. Also don't forget pop tabs. Ronald McDonald House benefits a lot from the tabs.

I know it seems a little early to think about the fall festival, but November will be here before we know it. Last year's festival was a lot of fun. The committee is seeking any ideas for the festival to help this year be as great if not greater than last year.

Respectfully submitted by Chairperson
Dianne Ledkins



Brad, Alice, Jeremy,
and Dianne help
Camp Happy Sands
staff at their beach
picnic.



SOLE (SHARING OUR LIVES AT EPIPHANY)

Lunch this month will be Tuesday, July 23 at noon. Several people have requested to have lunch catered at Ashland again so if you have a suggestion where to order from please let me know.

Watch the web-blasts for update details in a few weeks.

Please contact Alice Fludgate for information about the group. **All seniors are invited!**



HOSPITALITY

A friend loves at all times ~Proverbs 17:17

Jesus tells us to “Love thy neighbor as thy self”, which is hard to do sometimes. Our human self can be stubborn, thus is why we take the time to listen to God, whose lives in our hearts.



I was in Sam's not too long ago and saw a “senior” gentleman sitting by himself, waiting on his wife. I stopped to ask if he was enjoying his day and to comment that he looked mighty comfortable. As usual, we (I) struck up a conversation with him; then we started talking about God and his abundant love for us and how we just don't understand how people live without God in their lives. We both concluded that people are too busy for God.

The conversation went on about how ball games, soccer, the beach or whatever was more important than a weekly/daily visit with God. It was a great visit and testimony from this gentleman as we shared our love for God and our church, how we serve and love our church family.

Finally, running on borrowed time, I said I had to get going and it was then he offered me the following message, which I have longed to share. I trust you will receive the message as I did and will want to share with the “stranger” you next meet.

*Never Found The Time
I knelt to pray, but, not for long
I had so much to do,
Must hurry off and get to work
For bills would soon be due.*

*And so I said a hurried prayer,
Jumped up from off my knees,
My Christian duty now was done
My soul could rest at ease.*

*All through the day I had no time
To speak a word of cheer,
No time to speak of Christ to friends
They'd laugh at me I feared,
No time...no time...too much to do,
That was my constant cry,
No time to give to those in need,
At last 'twas time to die.
And when before the Lord I came
I stood with downcast eyes,
Within His hand he held a book
It was the "Book of Life."*

*God looked into the book and said
"Your name I cannot find,
I once was going to write it down,
But never found the time."
John 14:6, 1 John 4:8, Proverbs 22:1, John 3:16*



Will you find the time?

Hospitality Team will be hosting our annual "Hot dog and Ice Cream Social", on August 11, 2024, following worship at Brit Ahm. All are Welcome!

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

"This old world we are living in is mighty hard to beat, You get a thorn with every rose but ain't the roses sweet.

This sun catcher was made by Pastor's friend, Steve Ritter, for Epiphany and is hanging in the bay window at the office.

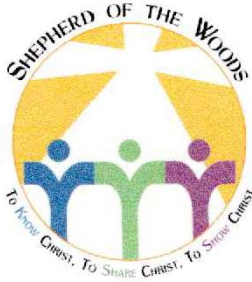


JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	JUL 7	JUL 14	JUL 21	JUL 28
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Regina Gibbons	Art Kimmel	John Ekstrom	Stephen Clements
LECTOR(S)	Brad Fludgate	Brenda Ekstrom	Steve Meyer	Karen McCabe
USHERS	Eddie Gibbons Randy St. Louis	Eric Johnson John Ekstrom	Steve Meyer Chuck Glassmire	Harland Bross Rob Krauss
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Audrey Tinsley Casey McAllister	Alice Fludgate Shelly Johnson	Betty Bross Heidi Long	Camille Kimmel Jane Krauss
PORTICO GREETERS	Randy St. Louis Christine Davis	Randy St. Louis Brad Fludgate	Randy St. Louis Marla Meyer	Randy St. Louis Faye Robinson
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Regina Gibbons	Regina Gibbons
FLOWER GUILD	Carleen Bragan	Etta McDonald	Brenda Ekstrom	Audrey Tinsley
HOSPITALITY HOST	Heidi Long *Sharon Livingston	Bill & Bonnie Baggett *Carleen Bragan	Youth Sunday Liz Richbourg	Jane Krauss *Gail Hugus
CUP BEARERS	Everlynn Harvey Eli Baggett	Brooklyn Gorday Eli Baggett	Everlynn Harvey Leighton Marchant	Ethan Oomens Brooklyn Gorday

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!



**Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church &
Little Lambs Early Learning Center**
7860 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32256

June 5, 2024

To the faith-filled community of Epiphany Lutheran Church:

On behalf of your brothers and sisters in Christ at Shepherd of the Woods in Jacksonville, Florida, please receive our heartfelt thank you for your gift of \$1,000 for our new mission plant we are working on in St. Augustine, Florida. It was such a gift to support you in your time of need and what a beautiful blessing to receive your support now as we seek to expand the Kingdom and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

May our gracious Lord continue to lead and guide his church in mutual support, love and care. Epiphany Lutheran Church holds a special place in our hearts and we pray for continued blessings for you.

Blessings,

Pastor Kristen Phillips
Senior Pastor
Shepherd of the Woods

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://epiphanydns.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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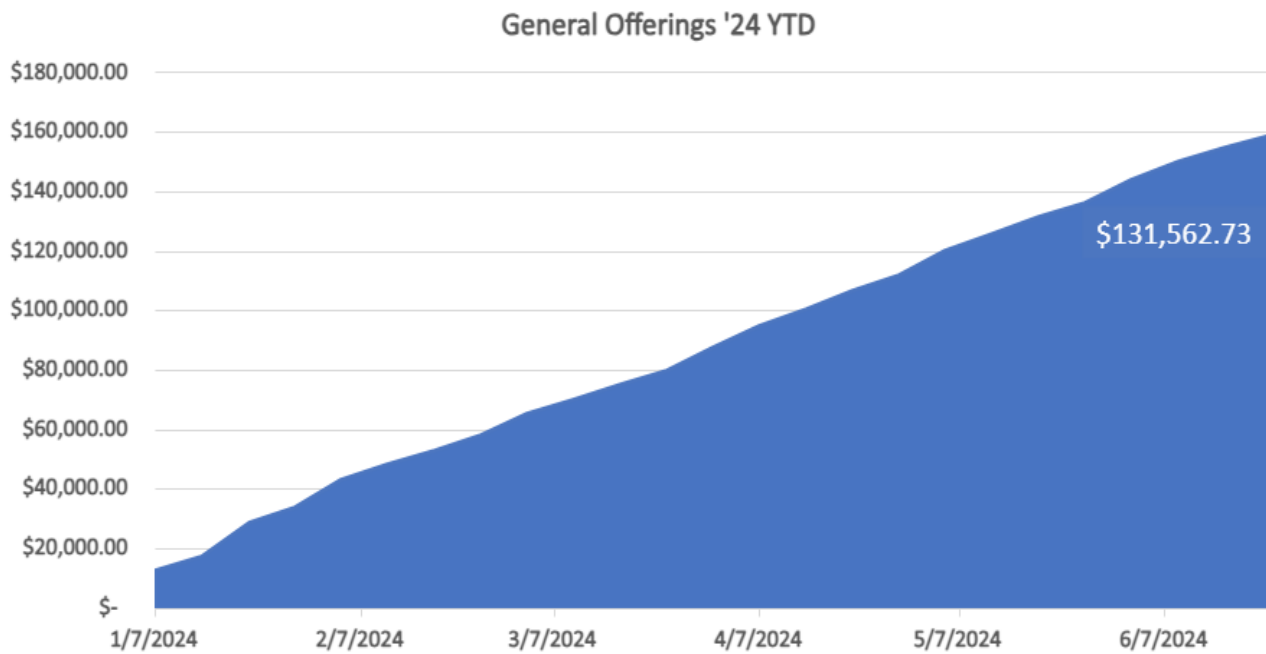
Ken Busarow – Treasurer

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)



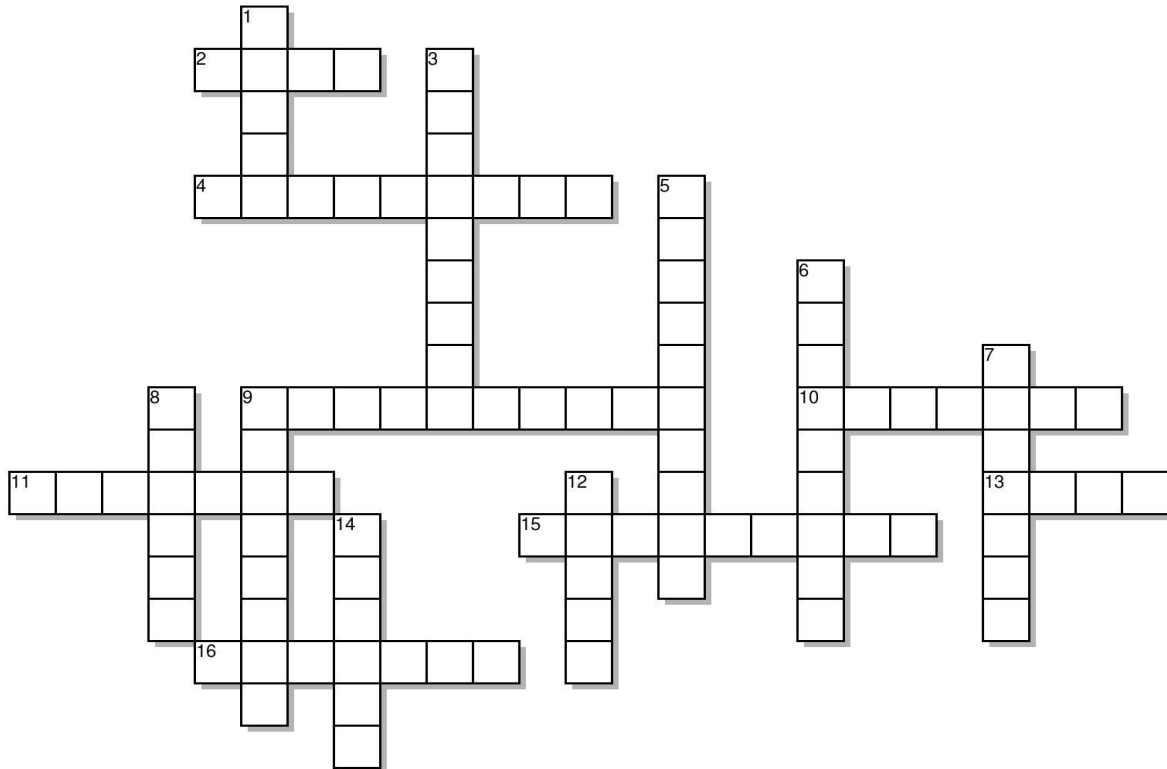
NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Sara SeEVERS will be compiling the newsletter. Newsletter articles for August are due July 17. Please send all articles for the next newsletter to Sara at bookkeeper@epiphanypensacola.org by July 17. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Congratulations to Alice F., Karen K., and Suzanne M. for turning in their completed puzzles. You may pick up your prize at church on Sunday!

The July 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 August's newsletter.



ACROSS

- 2 Never found the _____
- 4 Which choir begins practice on August 4?
- 9 I forgot my Lord in the _____
- 10 What do we celebrate on July 4?
- 11 The church needs one _____ people in attendance
- 13 Who meets on Tuesday, July 23?
- 15 What liturgical season are we in?
- 16 _____ isn't free

DOWN

- 1 What day of the month does Faith Circle meet?
- 3 Jesus made the ultimate _____
- 5 What day of the month does Adult Sunday School start?
- 6 What is the theme of Faith Circle right now?
- 7 _____ Sunday; second Sunday of the month
- 8 _____ Mullen
- 9 _____ of the Woods Lutheran Church
- 12 Where did the kids of Camp Happy Sands go on their picnic?
- 14 A _____ loves at all times