

**OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER
2022**

Epiphany Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the North American Lutheran Church

Worshiping at:
6700 Spanish Trail
Pensacola, FL 32504
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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



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*“Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but **God is the builder of everything” Hebrews 3:1-4***

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the last Sunday of September we held a special congregation meeting to ask all of you if you wanted to extend an offer on the property for a new church building. The overwhelming majority of the congregation voted yes to submit the signed contract. We begin a time period of investigation on this property and will have the inspections and review available to the people of God in the next month.

There were many good questions brought forward during the meeting on Sunday. One of them was concerning the layout of the house. Let me attempt to give you a floor plan of the home as you look at the picture.

- a. To the far right is a large open room and directly behind the room is a laundry room. Both of those rooms use to be the attached garage and have the length you see along the roof line.
- b. The 2nd roof line in from the right is a dining area and behind that is the kitchen hall and a portion of the kitchen
- c. The high roof line is the entry way and the drop down living room. Behind them to the back of the house is the remaining kitchen area and the family room that leads to the hallway.
- d. The far left roof and some of the left part of the higher roof line are bedrooms, baths, and the master bedroom is located on the backside of this roof line.

We know that there will still be questions to answer. I think it will help to have a floorplan of the house along with the inspection at our next information meeting. But for now, let's celebrate the opportunity God has given to us as we move forward in our lives with Christ and in the mission of his church.

We have much to do in the next few months. We also will have planning and discerning to do this year. We must continue to live with faithfulness in worship and in giving. Our future depends on all of us placing our faith and trust in God. The new property provides opportunities for future mission work and it will provide the opportunity for the followers of Jesus to invite and share ministry with the community around our new location. There is great joy in establishing a permanent place of worship for the people of God at Epiphany. In this time of transition, focus on the joy of the Lord over and above the worries of this world. I encourage you to reflect and rest in verse 3 of the hymn, “Lead On, O King Eternal! (LBW 495)

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 2:8-9

Lead On, O King Eternal!



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917

Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

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October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship-Installation of Ch. Ed. teachers. 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School	3 3:30 p.m. Praise group practice 4:30 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	4	5 6:00 p.m. Social Ministry meeting via zoom 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in the Mid Rise building in the Azalea Room at Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Dr.	6	7 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	8
9 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Mission Sunday 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 11:00 a.m. 5 th grade – High School Sunday School at Pastor's home 11:00 a.m. K-4 th grade Sunday School education trailer	10 3:30 p.m. Praise group practice 4:30 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	11 Faith Circle Time and Location to be announced. This is a tentative date. 7:00 p.m. 101 Lutheran class via zoom	12 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in the Mid Rise building in the Azalea Room at Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Dr.	13 11 a.m. Council reports due	14 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	15 10:00 a.m. Brit Ahm special outside service Epiphany is invited
16 NINETEENTH 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	17 3:30 p.m. Praise group practice 4:30 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	18 7:00 p.m. Council meeting	19 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in the Mid Rise building in the Azalea Room at Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Dr. Newsletter Articles due	20	21 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	22
23 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship - New Members 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m. 5 th grade – High School Sunday School at Pastor's home 11:00 a.m. K-4 th grade Sunday School education trailer	24 3:30 p.m. Praise group practice 4:30 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	25 7:00 p.m. Lutheran 101 class via zoom	26 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in the Mid Rise building in the Azalea Room at Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Dr.	27	28 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	29
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Admin. hours: Monday -Wednesday, 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m., Thursday, 9a.m. -Noon unless otherwise noted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday school for young adults:

Beginning Oct. 9th, Wanda will host 5th and 6th grade getting them prepared for Confirmation. I will work with the youth from 7th grade and up. Each of these courses will be geared to the age of the groups. If you would like your child to participate and they are not signed up, please notify the church office.

Location and dates for Sunday school:

5th grade – high school:

2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

Classes will begin on:

October 9th at our home at 11 a.m.

Langley Ave. Pensacola, FL. 32504

Sunday school for K-4th grade:

Beginning Oct. 9th, children in these grades will begin class on “how to pray” following a book of stories mainly from the Old Testament that asks questions and provides activities to teach them how to pray. Class duration will be approximately 30-40 minutes.

Sunday school for those below 5th grade: 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

*Classroom location: Epiphany Lutheran Church – **Classroom trailer at 11 a.m.***

Challenges with providing Sunday school: The biggest challenge we face as a congregation is the commitment to educate our children in God’s Word.

Why is this a challenge?

- Because we don’t have a permanent location
- We need individual commitments to help teach the children
- Parents will need to commit to bringing them to Sunday school wherever their classrooms are located
- Christian education for children has suffered since COVID and will be hard to re-establish without commitments from parents and congregation members.

Brothers and Sisters,

I pray that you will discern your education and engage in an opportunity to learn or teach others. I’ve heard requests for these opportunities from members and parents. I am committed to providing these opportunities and hope that you are committed to engaging in them.

*Faithfully Serving,
Rev. Dr. Franklin Gore*

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, October 23rd

If you are interested in joining Epiphany, please notify the church office to schedule a time to meet with Pastor.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 30th

Please wear **RED** to Worship.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We will be observing **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** on November 6, 2022. There will be a listing of those being memorialized in worship.

You are invited to lift up the names of your loved ones who have passed away this past year (Nov.2021-current date) whether they were a member of NALC of Pensacola (Epiphany) or a non-member. Please notify the church office by Sunday, October 23 the name of your loved one.

There is also a form you may fill out at worship and place in the offering plate if that is more convenient. The form will be an insert in the Sunday, Oct. 9th bulletin. Going forward, forms will be available on the bulletin table.

2023 INTERCONGREGATIONAL TRIPS

Israel Trip 2023:

Dates: February 16th-27th, 2023

Registration link: <https://buff.ly/3z1RxEM>

The registration link includes the itinerary and various information about flights, prices, and so on. Rabbi Eric Tokajer from Brit Ahm Messianic Synagogue and Rabbi David Tokajer from Congregation Mayim Chaym will be teaching throughout the trip.

Inter-Congregational Cruise 2023:

Dates: January 14th-19th, 2023

Cruise Ship: Carnival Valor

Cruise Destinations: Starting in New Orleans, and traveling to Costa Maya, Cozumel, and back to New Orleans.

Congregants are encouraged to find the best price that they can. The travel agent that we are recommending is Danielle Tokajer. Please contact Epiphany if you would like the travel agent contact information.

In order to be included in the congregational meeting rooms, including the service rooms and dining rooms, congregants must book early dining, and then send their booking number to Hosanna Trombino at Brit Ahm. Please contact Epiphany if you would like the contact email.

Our service times will depend on whether we are at sea or at port. On sea days, we will have morning services; on port days, we will have evening services.

Let me know if you have any further questions or requests!
Thank you for your time,
Trinity Wilkes at Brit Ahm

ISRAEL TOUR

FEBRUARY 16-27, 2023

\$4170* PER PERSON

PRICE INCLUDES

- Round Trip Pensacola to Tel Aviv
- 10 days in Israel/12 days with travel
- Hotels w/Breakfast & dinner daily
- English-speaking guide
- All admissions & Tips
- 2 MJ Rabbis teaching throughout



* Departure flights from another city available upon request and adjusted price.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Epiphany donated 542 pounds of food to Manna in September! Let's keep it up and make October's donation even better on Sunday, October 9th.

Coming Soon! This year's "Tree of Warmth" will be found under the title "Love in Action" as we cannot have a Christmas tree at the Synagogue. Look for the "Love in Action" banner with items to be collected sometime in October. The banner will be located in the Fellowship Hall.

HOSPITALITY

Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

What joy and blessings it was to see everyone enjoying the hot dogs, chips, and ice cream after a wonderful message we received in worship. Although we enjoyed the fellowship with our friends and guest, we did not do so without remembering those of 9/11, 2001. May God bless, comfort, and give peace to the ones left behind. Let us never forget!

We are excited to introduce our "Youth Sunday" for Hospitality. We have a sign-up sheet for those who are interested in assisting with hospitality on the 3rd Sunday of October and November. We have had several to volunteer already, therefore, we thought it would be good to extend it to all our youth. Please see Brenda Ekstrom if you and or your child would like to volunteer.

In addition, we have a sign-up for "adults" to volunteer to host, serve, set-up and clean-up. Here again we have had interest in helping and we certainly want to honor their willingness to serve. As we all know we are limited for space and can only accommodate 3 or 4 persons in the kitchen area at a time. Signing up for a Sunday will certainly help manage this and know who will be there to host. Refreshments will be provided. Someone from the Hospitality Team will always be there to assist and show you around.

As always, it is a JOY and HONOR to serve in GOD'S House! God's Peace, Brenda

FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle met in September at the home of Gloria Seiler for bible study and a pool party! Eve Circle ladies joined in to make a lovely gathering of Epiphany Lutheran women. It was a beautiful day to be outside as we studied in the Word and enjoyed a delicious potluck. Swimming afterward capped off an enjoyable day.

Our study this month covered God's teachings on confession and forgiveness of sin. There were nearly 20 ladies in attendance, and we had lively discussion on those teachings and a multitude of other things as well. It is a wonderful experience to share the things God has taught - and is teaching - us about his Word through the bible. We grow together in faith as we learn from each other!

The Epiphany "Circles" meet monthly for bible study, and all ladies are welcome! Please watch the bulletin inserts and web blast emails for time and location of the next Faith Circle and Eve Circle bible study.

ONLINE GIVING INSTRUCTIONS

The Online Giving within this tool (Churchtrac) is fully functional! You can use your bank account, a credit/debit card, or text message for your weekly/monthly offerings.

Some important items to know:

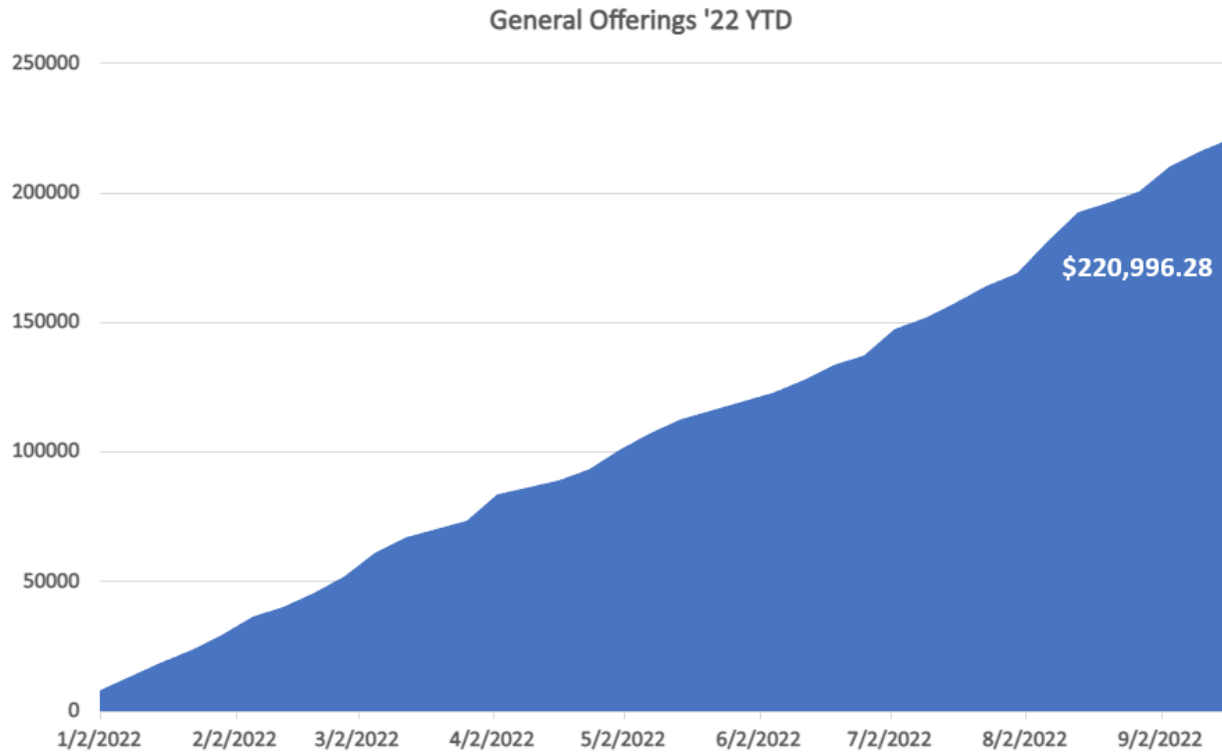
- You will need to create an account at : [Epiphany Lutheran Church \(churchtrac.com\)](https://epiphanylutheran.churchtrac.com) (<https://epiphanylutheran.churchtrac.com>). Creating an account is for your protection and helps prevent fraud should you choose to give online.
- If you use the email that 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 12th of the month and you set up a monthly offering, they will all be on the 12th. 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. As of Sept. 7, the small deposits will be identifiable by the descriptor "ACCTVERIFY" instead of "AMTS1:2." 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.

YTD GENERAL OFFERINGS (Running total)



LINK FOR NALC NEWSLETTERS

If you would like to keep up with all news regarding the North American Lutheran Church, you may find current and past newsletters at this link:

<https://thenalc.org/newsletter/>

You may also join the NALC news electronic mailing list from this page.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

Soon, the Portals of Prayer quarterly devotion books will once again be available. The last quarter, Oct.-Dec. is on order. Once they are received, they will be on the table with the bulletins if you wish to pick one up.

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Betty Bross	Ken Busarow	Brenda Ekstrom	Carole Dwyer	Daniel Turner
LECTOR(S)	Brad Dye	Karen McCabe	Steve Meyer	Brenda Ekstrom	Brian Pascoe
USHERS	Chuck Glassmire Harland Bross	Art Kimmel Eddie Gibbons	John Ekstrom Randy St. Louis	Steve Meyers Eric Johnson	Harland Bross John Ekstrom
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Wanda Gore Judith Lewing	Molly Harvey Dawn Zeigler	Betty Bross Heidi Long	Eddie and Regina Gibbons	Brian and Vanessa Pascoe
PORTICO GREETERS	Randy St. Louis Marliese Herrick	Randy St. Louis The Kaminska's	Randy St. Louis Faye Robinson	Randy St. Louis Lori Corbin	Randy St. Louis Marsha Suarez
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Torryn Given	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 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!**