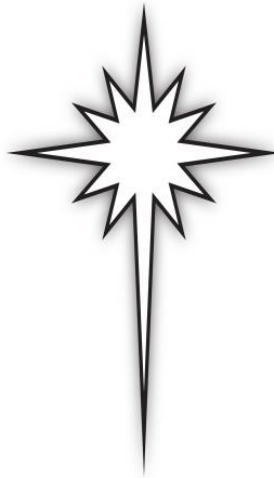


**JULY
NEWSLETTER
2022**

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.
PO Box 999
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

Email: nalcofpensacola@gmail.com
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Church Connect page: epiphanypns.churchtrac.com



PASTOR'S CORNER



July 2022 *Epiphany Lutheran Church*

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20



Remembering the journey of one faithful disciple of Jesus and Celebrating the beginning of the journey for another.

This month will be a month of celebration for all of America as we celebrate Independence Day on July 4th. Last week's sermon, from the Epistle "Galatians", was a message to remind the faithful of the freedom won by Jesus for all people. I passionately encouraged all of the congregation to understand the gift that God provided so that we no longer live in the slavery of sin. I pray that you are able to relate to this passion and can help others build a relationship in Christ Jesus.

This month, Wanda and I travel to Ohio and Michigan to share time with our family and to celebrate the freedom and promise Jesus brings into the life of the faithful. Sarah Louise Wilson was like a mother to us. She was at the door with her husband the day Wanda and I walked in with our children to visit St. Paul in Warren, Ohio. Sarah served on the evangelism team and she gave support to Wanda as we tried to navigate a new congregation. Her passion for Jesus was evident as she supported, worked, and provided a welcoming smile for visitors and members of St. Paul. She touched many lives over the years and she will be missed. We know that as we gather on July 9th we'll also remember what Jesus tells his disciples "*I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*"

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing..." Hazel Rain was dedicated to God after she was born and this month she will be baptized into the body of Christ and her life will be filled with the Holy Spirit. Wanda and I will travel to Michigan to be with our kids celebrating with them, the baptism of our granddaughter. Hazel's new life in Christ is just beginning and she will have the same promise you and I have from Jesus, "*I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*" Being led by the Spirit, Hazel will grow in faith and love for Jesus. Her mom and dad will nurture her spiritual growth and with the help of others in their church (like Sarah), Hazel will feel loved in the body of Christ. It's a special day of celebration and we look forward to being part of her baptism on July 17th.

God's Peace be with you all,

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 ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	2
3 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality	4 Happy 4th of July! Office closed 11 a.m. -5 p.m. Picnic with Brit Ahm	5	6 6:00 p.m. Social Ministry mtg. at Brit Ahm 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6700 Spanish Trail Pensacola	7	8 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	9
Pastor on Vacation beginning afternoon of 7/3 through 7/18						
10 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 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 4:00 p.m. Praise team practice 4:45 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	12 11:00 a.m. Faith Circle 6700 Spanish Trail Pensacola	13 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6700 Spanish Trail Pensacola	14 11 a.m. Council reports due	15 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	16
Pastor on Vacation						
17 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality	18 4:00 p.m. Praise team practice 4:45 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	19 7:00 p.m. Council meeting	20 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6700 Spanish Trail Pensacola Newsletter Articles due	21	22 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	23
Pastor on vacation						
24 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality	25 4:00 p.m. Praise team practice 4:45 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	26	27 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6700 Spanish Trail Pensacola	28	29 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	30
31 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality						
Admin. hours: Monday -Wednesday, 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m., Thursday, 9a.m. -Noon.						

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Congratulations to Epiphany's seniors, Sierra, Wade, and Valeria (not pictured) as they received their quilts!



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Current News!



more than 526 healthy meals
for neighbors in need in
Escambia + Santa Rosa
counties.

Mailing Address:
3030 N. E Street
Panama, FL 32501

MANNA
(850) 432-2953

DONATION RECEIPT

Donor's Name: Epiphany Lutheran Church
Address: 6700 Spanish Trail
Panama, FL 32504
Phone: _____ Email: pastor.epiphany@ps
@epimn1.com

Company Name: _____
Contact Person: Rev. Dr. Franklin J. Cole
RECEIVED: \$ _____ Pounds 490
Other: _____

Received By: Melvin B. Date: 5/9/22

Manna Food Bank – Mission Sunday was May 8, 2022. Dawn Ziegler delivered 490 lbs of food donations. Gerry will be calling the volunteers to remind them to have their cars parked by the entrance on the right side of the Synagogue, by 8:00am, on their volunteered day.

Pull Tab Collections – Alice dropped off 4.8lbs of pull tabs to The Ronald McDonald House. This is a joint venture between the Synagogue and Epiphany Lutheran. We are responsible for delivering the tabs when the box is full. The Ronald McDonald House uses the money from the tabs to pay their utilities.

Donation of the Lenten coin offerings – on May 22, 2022, Epiphany Lutheran Church presented a \$500 check to Charlie Roose, Director of Camp Happy Sands. **Deacon Glenn, Sherry, and some of the Social Ministry Committee along with volunteers from the congregation, delivered lunch to 35 children and workers on June 14, 2022.** We have been in partnership with Camp Happy Sands for more than 30 years.

Upcoming Events

Ride alongs with Rev. Dr. Frank Gore: Pastor wants to ride along and to be introduced to the communities in which we serve. He would like to go with someone to deliver Manna, meet the folks at Open Books, Lions Club, Ronald McDonald House, Waterfront Rescue Mission, The Washburn Center, Kids House, Favor House, Women of clear vision, Epp Center, Keep Pensacola Beautiful, Camp Happy Sands and Proud Moments, just to name a few. Looks like we gone keep him busy!

Brit Ahm Synagogue Clothing Drive – This will be a joint effort. Both congregations will donate. **The Synagogue members will be delivering the donations to the homeless. We are also invited to join them if we want to. Anyone interested in helping to deliver can contact Jerrimoble@gmail.com.** Clothing items need to be clean with no stains. They are to be folded and placed on the back pews for collection. **The donation delivery schedule is as follows: September 17 and December 10, 2022. These are Saturdays, which is when the Synagogue has their service. Begins at 1 p.m. Members of Epiphany Lutheran Church can bring their clothing donations the Sundays prior to the Saturdays listed. Those dates will be as follows: September 11, 2022, and December 4, 2022.**

Please Continue to Collect These Items to donate!

Remember to save **tab tops** for Ronald McDonald House. 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.

The next meeting of the Social Ministry Committee will take place on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, 6 pm at the Synagogue in the Bible Study room.

Respectfully submitted by Regina Gibbons
Chair of Social Ministry Committee

BRIT AHM VTS (Vacation Torah School)

July 11th – 15th, 2022

Ages 5 to 12

\$15 per child (up to 3 children)

Discount for 4+ children

There will be crafts, outdoor games, worship and Torah learning in a fun, immersive environment. If you would like to sign up your child, please contact the office at Brit Ahm at 850-484-0900 for further instruction.

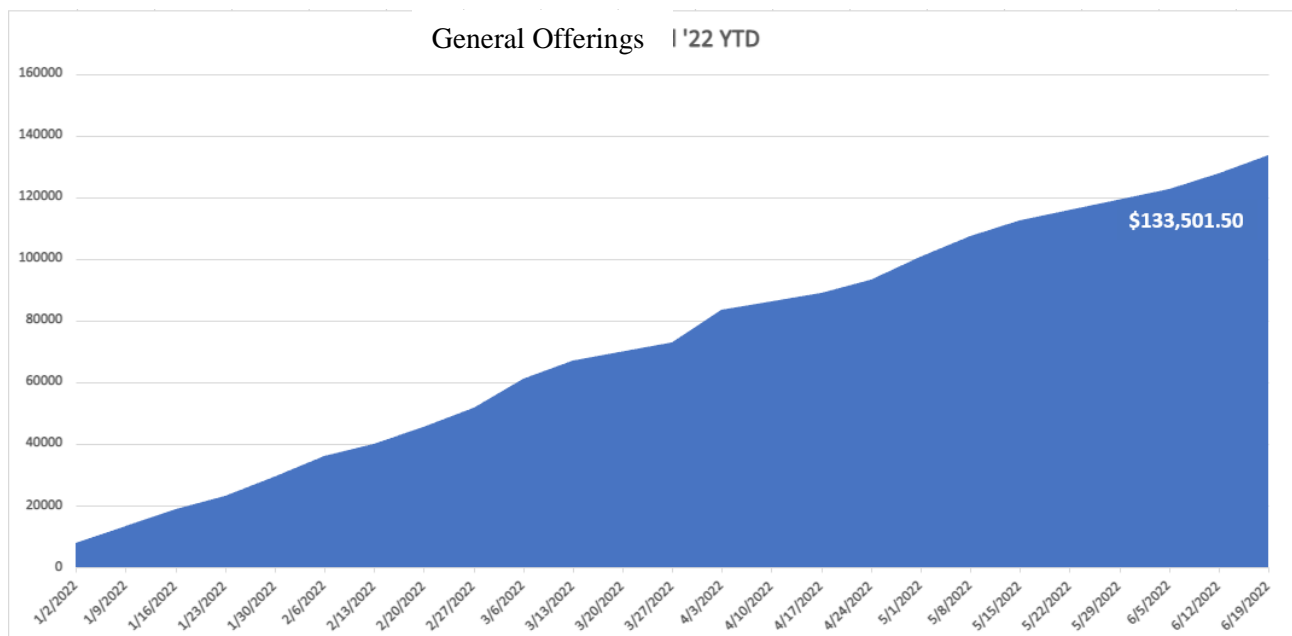
A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA

Have you recently finished filing your income taxes? Were you able to claim Itemized Deductions or did you Claim the Standard Deduction? When the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was implemented a few years back, it greatly increased the Standard Deduction, meaning that most people will no longer benefit from itemized deductions. Itemized deductions include medical expenses (over a certain threshold), real estate taxes paid (up to a limit), mortgage interest paid, and charitable contributions. If you are now claiming a Standard Deduction, you are no longer benefiting (for income tax purposes only) from your charitable contributions... but what if there was a way that you could?

Do you have an IRA that you are taking “Required Minimum Distributions” from? If yes, you could receive a tax benefit for making “Qualified Charitable Distributions”, or QCDs. A QCD is where you tell the custodian of your IRA to send a portion of your RMD to a qualified public charity. The custodian sends this amount directly to the charity and you can exclude that amount from your taxable IRA distributions on your tax return for the year. This only works for IRA distributions – not pensions, not 401(k) plans. Your IRA custodian should have paperwork for you to complete should you choose to make QCDs. If you have general questions, Vanessa is happy to talk to you.

YTD GENERAL OFFERINGS (Running total)



**UPDATED 2022 BUDGET
AS VOTED ON AT THE JUNE 26 CONGREGATION MEETING**

**Epiphany Lutheran Church
2022 Updated Budget**

	2022 Church Approved Budget	2022 Updated Church Budget
Human Resource Expenses		
Total Salaries and Benefits	207,437	210,137
Other Employee Related Expenses:		
Vehicle Expense Reimbursement	900	900
Payroll Provider Expenses	1,200	1,200
Workers Comp Insurance	1,500	1,250
Total Other Expenses	3,600	3,350
Total Human Resource Expenses	211,037	213,487
Facilities and Operations Expenses		
Building Usage Expenses	34,780	40,000
Utilities	2,400	1,500
Office Expense	15,000	15,000
P&L Insurance	2,500	2,500
New Building Savings	90,000	90,000
Long-term Asset Purchases	12,000	12,000
Legal Defense	15,000	5,000
Total Facilities & Operations Expenses	171,680	166,000
Programs and Outreach		
Worship and Music	5,000	6,500
Hospitality	3,500	4,255
Member Care	1,500	1,500
Christian Education	1,500	1,200
NALC Support	3,500	4,000
Social Ministry	1,500	2,000
Stewardship	1,000	850
Quilting Expenses	500	500
Substitute Musicians	450	875
Substitute Worship Leaders	300	300
Conferences & Retreats	5,000	5,000
Total Programs and Outreach	23,750	26,980
Grand Total General Fund Expenses	406,467	406,467
Projected Income		
Projected General Giving	315,000	316,936
Projected New Building Giving	90,000	96,865
Projected Other Income	2,000	1,561
Projected Fundraisers	0	0
Projected Transfers	0	0
Projected Total Income	407,000	415,362
Annual Budget (Deficit)/Surplus	533	8,895

Approved by Council June 21, 2002

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Alice Fludgate	Betty Bross	Paul Marchant	Daniel Turner	Alyssa Pascoe
LECTOR(S)	Brad Dye	Pete Morgan	Molly Harvey	Steve Meyer	Brenda Ekstrom
USHERS	Harland & Betty Bross	Chuck Glassmire Eddie Gibbons	Art Kimmel Steve Meyer	Eric & Shelly Johnson	John Ekstrom Randy St. Louis
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Audrey Tinsley Karen McCabe	Sidney Glassmire Kim McCormick	The Morgan's	Betty Bross Heidi Long	The Pascoes
PORTICO GREETERS	Randy St. Louis Ron and Chris Davis	Randy St. Louis Faye Robinson	Randy St. Louis Audrey Tinsley	Randy St. Louis Marliese Herrick	The Meyer's
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 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!**