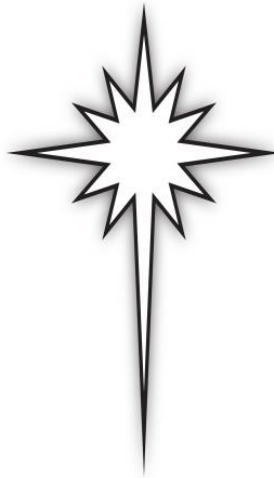


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Epiphany Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the North American Lutheran Church

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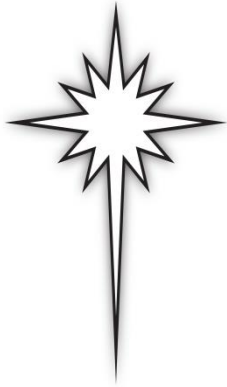
Worship Services
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for children Preschool age and under)
Holy Communion celebrated each Sunday

Hospitality to follow

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PASTOR'S CORNER



November 2022 *Epiphany Lutheran Church*

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

The passage from Philippians reminds the followers of Jesus to set aside the worries of today. I think sometimes it's hard not to worry. We worry about all kinds of things in our world, in our country, in our state, in our community, and in our homes. If you listen to the news or read the news, the slow drip of negativity brings worry and anxiousness to many. But scripture reminds us that our worry about tomorrow is fleeting. We are called to trust in the Lord for all things not just some. Trust that Jesus can steady our lives and guard our hearts so that nothing can steal the joy and love we have for the Lord.

We rejoice with thanksgiving as our congregation at Epiphany celebrates a life filled with love and faithfulness. The anxiousness and worries of God's church in transition passed quickly as we focused on the central aspect of why we gather... "Jesus". We gathered in a new location leaving behind a church name while being spiritually feed a new church identity, Epiphany Lutheran Church. We prayed in faithfulness and rejoiced in the works of the Spirit as God's church began to grow. We rejoice with prayers of thanksgiving as God continues to provide individuals with gifts that add to the celebration of worship each week. The invitation to worship at Epiphany as an expression of one's faith in Christ Jesus is open to all people. Thereby, rejoicing and praising God for all who come to know Christ through his church.

I encourage you to read the passage at the top of this page once more and ask yourself, "*How have I received the peace from God in Christ Jesus?*" I'm sure that you've given time in prayer and rejoiced in God's goodness. How has his peace brought you comfort this past year? Many of you will celebrate Thanksgiving as you gather with family. *As you do the table blessing, ask that each person around the table express what they are thankful for this year.* It's a wonderful way of lifting up our prayer and petition with thanksgiving to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Faithfully Serving,
The 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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in the Mid Rise building in the Azalea Room at Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Dr.	3 5:30 p.m. Visioning meeting at Dwyer's home	4 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	5 10:00 a.m. Eve Circle at Dwyer's home Time Change-Move clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed
6 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Love in Action collection begins	7 3:30 p.m. Praise group practice 4:30 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail 5:30 p.m. Social Ministry meeting via zoom	8 11:00 a.m. Faith Circle at Brit Ahm 7:00 p.m. 101 Lutheran class via zoom	9 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in the Mid Rise building in the Azalea Room at Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Dr.	10	11 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	12
13 TWENTY THIRD 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	14 3:30 p.m. Praise group practice 4:30 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	15	16 Newsletter Articles due 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in the Mid Rise building in the Azalea Room at Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Dr.	17 11 a.m. Council reports due	18 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	19
20 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality-Pie Fest 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	21 3:30 p.m. Praise group practice 4:30 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail 6:30 p.m. Council meeting and budget review via zoom	22 7:00 p.m. Lutheran 101 class via zoom	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving Office closed	25 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	26
27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality No Sunday School	28 3:30 p.m. Praise group practice 4:30 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	29	30 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in the Mid Rise building in the Azalea Room at Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Dr.			

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Epiphany Lutheran Church

Admin. hours: Monday -Wednesday, 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m., Thursday, 9a.m. -Noon unless otherwise noted.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Welcome to the Epiphany family!



HOSPITALITY

***All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings! You feed them from the abundance of your own house. Letting them drink from your river of delights.
Psalm 36:7-8***

*“God will always provide. It just might look different from what we had in mind.”
Maggie Wallem Rowe*

Happy Thanksgiving!

As we prepare for the Holidays, let us not forget to be **THANKFUL** for the Grace and Love that God gives us daily! Let us remember to share the “good news” with our neighbor.

As the quote above states, “God will always provide,” and He does, sometimes we are what He provides. We provide food to Manna and support other organizations; therefore, God uses us at Epiphany to provide for others! We are Hospitable to all who come through our doors. We provide the word of God, drink, food, and fellowship. For this, we are thankful!

Hospitality is buzzing, thanks to all who have volunteered to bake and or serve. What a JOY! We love our YOUTH members that have assisted us in preparing and serving during hospitality. They are doing an amazing job! If your young person has not signed up, please encourage them to do so. They will receive a blessing as they bless others. We welcome them!

Sunday, November 20 we will bring back “The Pie Fest”. If you would like to participate and bake a pie for Hospitality, please see Brenda to sign up. In the past, this has been a magnificent event, enjoyed by all. Your Hospitality Team looks forward to hosting this event!

We appreciate the support and prayers from each of you.

God’s Peace!

Brenda

As always, it is a JOY and HONOR to serve in GOD’S House!

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Current News!



Manna Food Bank – Mission Sunday was October 9, 2022. Kathie Norem delivered 513 lbs of food donations and \$20 in cash. 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.

Waterfront Rescue Mission-We have placed a bin in the back of the fellowship hall by the window. We are collecting trial sizes of shampoo, crème rinse, lotion, toothpaste, floss, deodorant, sanitizer etc. We donate these to be handed out to the homeless.

Ronald McDonald House – Pastor Frank and Regina met with Krystal Howell, Volunteer Manager of The Ronald McDonald House, Monday October 10, 2022. Krystal expressed a dire need for pantry items to feed the parents staying at RMH while their child is in the Children’s Hospital at Sacred Heart. These grab and go items are what they go through the quickest. Pastor had Kim send out an SOS email to all the Epiphany and Brit Ahm congregations. The results were AMAZING! The backseat and the trunk were both packed! Regina and Carole Dwyer delivered the donations to The RMH on Monday, October 17, 2022.



Events Upcoming!

Ronald McDonald House – Krystal Howell, Volunteer Manager, also stated the need for meals to be prepared at the RMH, or pre-made and delivered, for the parents/guardians housed in the facilities. Social Ministries is currently working with Pastor Frank to see if we can meet some of their needs. We will also be including RMH's "Santa's Workshop," in our Love in Action.

The School Board - Regina spoke with Michele Slater at the "Global Learning Academy off "P" Street in Pensacola. They have Pre-K – 5th grade and is the most poverty-stricken school in Pensacola. Michele expressed a need for incentive items for 3rd, 4th & 5th graders. These items will be used to reward students for completing 3 evening test sessions in December.

Lutheran Services Adult Guardianship - Has 2 men in their care that need X-L clothes, and shoes. The Social Ministry Committee will get a grant to fulfill these needs. If anyone would like to donate any items, please let Regina know.

Love in Action (formerly tree of warmth) – This year Epiphany Lutheran Church will be placing a vertical banner in the Sanctuary inviting the congregation to take snowflakes with items for donations written on them. We will continue to support our homeless shelters: Washburn Center, Waterfront Rescue Mission, and Women of Clear Vision. We will also be including the Ronald McDonald House's Santa's Workshop and Kids House wish list. **The banner will be up November 6, 13, 20, 27 and December 11, 2022.**

Ride alongs with Dr. Reverend 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 meet the folks at Open Books, Lions Club, 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 are going to keep him busy!

Brit Ahm Synagogue Clothing Drive – This is 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.** Clothing items need to be clean with no stains. They are to be folded and placed on the back pews for collection. **The last clothing swap for the year is December 10, 2022 at 1 p.m. Members of Epiphany Lutheran Church can bring their clothing donations the Sunday prior which is December 4, 2022.**

Please Continue to Collect These Items to donate!

Remember to save **tab tops** for Ronald McDonald House. Save **eyeglasses** for Lion's Club. **Trial sized toiletries** for Waterfront Rescue Mission. Containers for these items are located in the fellowship hall, by the windows in the back of the room. They are labeled Epiphany Lutheran Church.

The next meeting of the Social Ministry Committee will take place on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 5:30 pm via zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Regina Gibbons
Chair of Social Ministry Committee

MEMBER CARE

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.
Galatians 5:22

Member Care has been busy with its casserole and bulletin ministries this year. We've taken 11 soup or casseroles to members who have been home bound because of surgery or illness. Recently we have started to send cards to members who are ill or have had surgery. The Sunday Bulletins are delivered each Sunday by members to four of our home bound members. They also take the wine cup and wafer, so that they may take communion in their home. You are just giving them the Home communion cups. It has been suggested to take some snacks that are served at fellowship time to the home bound. Just a small plate, as they are really appreciated. Feel free to see Carleen on Sunday mornings after service has ended if you would like to take a bulletin to a home bound member. It is one of the most awesome things we do at Epiphany! This ministry offers smiles to someone who hasn't had a lot to smile about.

Respectively submitted by,
Carleen Bragan

FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 8th and continue working through the "My Faith" study guide series. It's a great series that helps each of us identify important aspects of faith and what it means to us on a personal level. This month, we'll be looking at Session 7, What Do I Believe? If this will be your first time attending, don't let the "Session 7" worry you – it is a good series to start at any point.

The group meets at 11am in the classroom at Brit Ahm, and all ladies of Epiphany are welcome! Guests are also welcome. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Dawn Zeigler.

EVE CIRCLE

Ladies of Epiphany please join Eve Circle on the following date for fellowship & The finishing of The Chosen season 2. We will meet at the home of Carole Dwyer. For more information, please contact Helen Magnuson/Carole Dwyer

Nov. 5th at 10 a.m. We will watch episode 8 " Beyond Mountains".

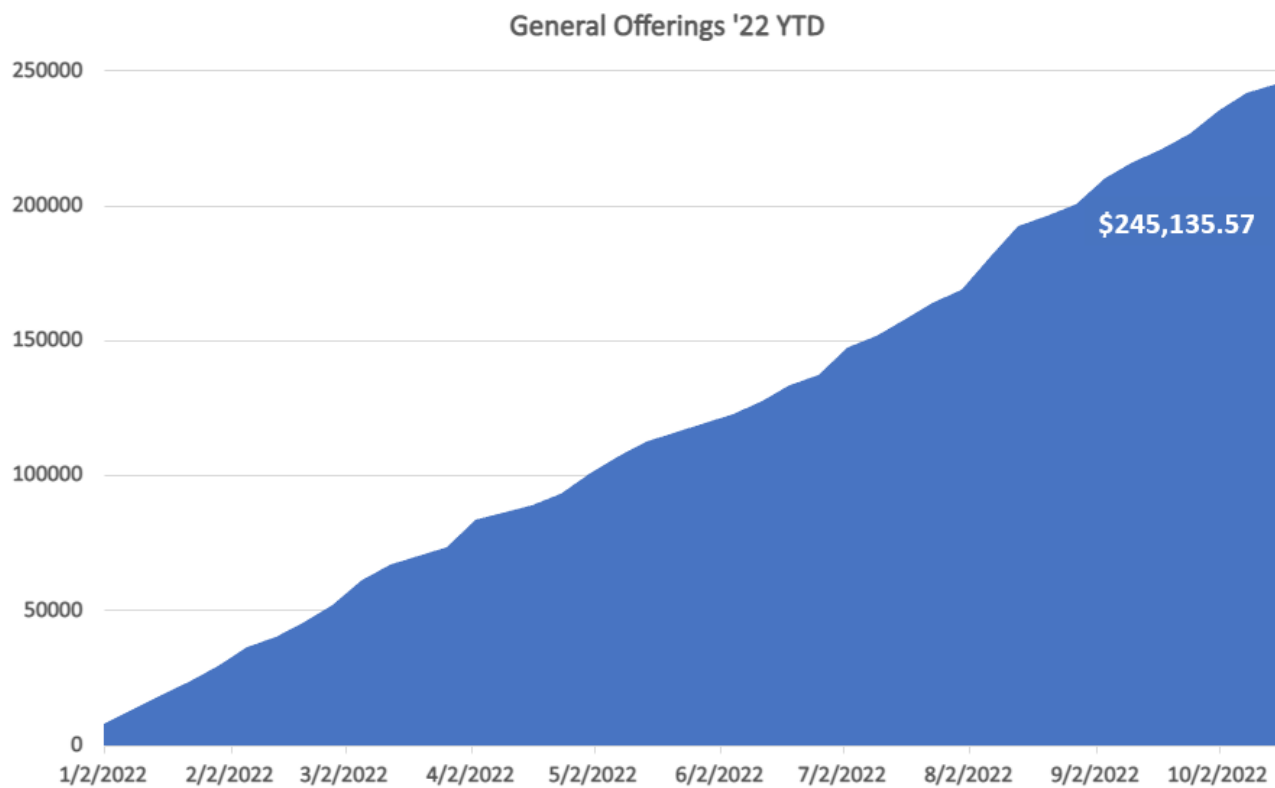
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<https://thenalc.org/newsletter/>

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YTD GENERAL OFFERINGS (Running total through 10/16)



BUDGET AND ELECTIONS CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 4th after Worship.

We will be voting on the 2023 Budget and the 2023 list of Council members scheduled to serve.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Carole Dwyer	Paul Marchant	Regina Gibbons	Dawn Zeigler
LECTOR(S)	Jim Cooper	Molly Harvey	Pete Morgan	Marlene Cooper
USHERS	Eddie Gibbons Eric Johnson	Art Kimmel John Ekstrom	Harland Bross Randy St. Louis	Steve Meyer Chuck Glassmire
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Betty Bross Alice Fludgate	Heidi Long Dawn Zeigler	Karen McCabe Audrey Tinsley	Sidney Glassmire Judith Lewing
PORTICO GREETERS	Randy St. Louis Fludgates	Randy St. Louis Marliese Herrick	Randy St. Louis Faye Robinson	Randy St. Louis Audrey Tinsley
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Ali Baggett	TBA	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett
FLOWER GUILD	Flower Guild	Flower Guild	Flower Guild	Flower Guild
HOSPITALITY HOST	Betty Bross	Marliese Herrick	Youth Sunday Grace, Stella, Everlynn	Volunteer needed

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!**