

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Service at 9:30 am

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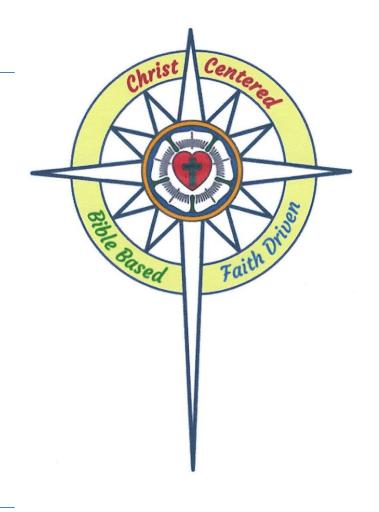
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EPIPHANY PENSACOLA

April 2024 Newsletter

A congregation of the NALC



Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Words can be found in any direction and can overlap each other. Use the word bank below. PUZZLE WILL MOVE TO THE LAST PAGE OF NL STARTING IN MAY

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Word Bank

1. grace	2. owners	3. feet	4.apostles
5. common	6. power	7. proceeds	8. houses
9. heart	10. soul	11. number	12. lands

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On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but



the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:1-6

Alleluia! He has Risen! He has Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

I don't think that I've ever experienced the season of Lent or any other like I experienced these past few months. We've been together for many years now and as time goes, relationships grow. We build a sense of community from the relationship and we build closeness in our relationships as we share our lives together. Wanda and I have approached the faith communities we've lived in with openness to build relationships and community. We've been open to the community by sharing our love for others and we've received loving kindness from our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We've experienced a lot of loss over the past year and it was compounded this Lent as members of the church family were called home to the Lord. Wanda and I feel the loss of family and it has taken its toll on us just as it has for those who grieve their loved ones. Grief is a strange emotion and it affects people differently. No one person can express what you might be feeling or what I may feel at the moment. I just know that this lent has been a tough experience and we've felt a lot of grief. I know that you who know the members of the church who lost loved ones these past few months are supporting them and caring for them. I encourage you to continue to do so. Not with "How are you doing?" but just a simple hug and hello.

I can honestly tell you that the words "How are you doing?" will bring them back to their loss. They are doing the best that they can. I encourage you to see to their wellbeing with just normal discussion and let them share what they need.

While I grieve like everyone else for those who have suffered loss, I rejoice in God's promise. It is in the Word of God at the top of this page and the statement below this paragraph that we find comfort. We know with certainty that we will lead a new life in Christ as promised in Holy Scripture. It's been hard at times but I know through faith, that we shall have eternal life together.

Alleluia! He has Risen! He has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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14 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Mission Sunday 8:30a Manna drop off 9:30a Worship 10:30a Hospitality 11:00a Kids' Sunday School 11:15a Adult Sunday school	15 3:30p Praise group 4:30p Choir practice	6:30p Council meeting	17 6:30p Adult Bible Study NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE!	18	19 11:30a Bell practice @ Ashland Office closed	20 9:00a – 1:00p OUTDOOR MARKET
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DATES TO REMEMBER

The Outdoor Market @ Epiphany

Saturday, April 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 9:00a – 1:00p

Faith Circle

Tuesday, April 9 @ 11:00a

Council reports due

Thursday, April 11 @ 11:00a

Mission Sunday

Sunday, April 14

Council meeting

Tuesday, April 16 @ 6:00p

Newsletter articles due

Wednesday, April 17

SOLE

Tuesday, April 23 @ The Oar House @ 11:00a

Serve lunch at Ronald McDonald House

Sunday, April 28 Time=TBA



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.



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The Outdoor Market at Epiphany

Epiphany Lutheran Church 9176 Ashland Ave, Pensacola, FL 32534

The "Outdoor Market at Epiphany" began March 16 and will continue every Saturday 9:00a – 1:00p. March 30th it will be closed.

"The Outdoor Market @ Epiphany" is a family friendly event where locals come together to buy and sell from local farmers/vendors. All items will be locally made, locally grown and locally crafted by locals. Local means within 50 miles. Items such as fresh eggs, milk, meat, produce, trees, honey, farm animals/puppies (UPON APPROVAL), homemade goodies, art, jewelry, bakery



goods, crafts, soaps, crocheted items, fresh cut flowers, gourmet keto coffee, etc... Produce vendors are allowed to source their produce from other farmers within 50 miles.



Since our Market meets on church grounds, we ask that all products sold are respectful of the church's religious preferences. Vendors will be asked to put away any products that do not comply with these standards. To maintain the family friendly environment that we promote, we also hold the right to ask any vendor to remove a

product from their table that is not family friendly.

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.

A special thank you from MaryPat Forgie:



"...my church family's love, prayers, kind words, hospitality, and flowers have truly been the emotional support that I have needed to begin the healing of my broken heart for my beloved daughter Denise."

Peace and love to you all!

MaryPat Forgie

COMMITTEE NEWS

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVENTURE!

In Sunday School, during Lent, the children were preparing their hearts and minds for Easter by tracing Jesus' journey to the cross and resurrection. Reading stories in the "Adventure Bible Story Book", "The Spark Bible Book", and all four gospels using the "NIV Adventure Bible" helped the children understand God's love for us and to reflect on what Jesus did for us. The children read about Jesus entering Jerusalem as King on



Palm Sunday, Jesus washing the feet of the disciples, instituting the Lord's supper (Communion), praying in the garden of Gethsemani, being betrayed by Judas and being arrested, walking to Golgotha with the heavy cross on His beaten back, being crucified, dying on the cross, and being raised from the dead to new life. Because of Jesus, we now have new life in Christ. THANK YOU, JESUS!

The children participated in many related fun activities. They memorized the Lord's prayer and recited it in church. They participated in a children's sermon on the Holy Trinity with the help of St. Patrick. Each week they played a related game, or Bible Bingo, and made a craft related to a Bible story. They helped create a resurrection egg and filled eggs with candy for a Sunday School class egg hunt. They also heard a special Palm Sunday story from the book entitled "The Donkey Who Carried a King" by R.C. Sproul. On March 24th, they went shopping at the Epiphany Treasure Chest in the Hospitality area using their earned Luther Bucks. Luther Bucks can now be earned for participation in the Children's choir.

It is exciting to see the children find the designated scriptures in their Bibles, read them, understand their meaning and tell how they can apply them to their life. It is a blessing for us to be a part of the Children's spiritual growth. We are looking forward to more children participating in Sunday School. Parents are welcome to attend with their young children. We appreciate the help Molly gives us each week.

If you would like more information or would like to help with Sunday School activities, please contact Donna Busarow Marlene Cooper, or Karen McCabe.

FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle will meet April 9th at 11:00 a.m at Ashland. Please bring your Bibles and a brown bag lunch. Dessert provided.

We will continue watching The Chosen.

Peace, Wanda 440-228-7532



SOCIAL MINISTRY

On April 28, 2024, Epiphany Lutheran Church will provide Lunch for the Ronald McDonald House. Due to very few pop tabs being collected for the month of March, there was no donation taken to the Ronald McDonald House.

The first of June will be the Camp Happy Sands outing for their campers. The Quarters for Lent will be used to provide lunch and other items for the campers. A grant is also being requested to help support Camp Happy Sands. The grant and quarters for Lent will also be used to help our education area.

Manna food collection for the month of March was 400 pounds.

Submitted by Dianne Ledkins, Chairperson

SOLE (Sharing Our Lives at Epiphany)

Seniors... the weather is warming up so we will meet for lunch at The Oar House, 1000 S. Pace Blvd, on Tuesday, April 23 at 11:00 a.m. If you don't care for seafood, there are other choices on the menu so please come! Note that this time is an hour earlier than usual to beat the crowd. Please RSVP to Alice (call or text 850-860-0368). **All seniors are invited!**



February's SOLE lunch took place at Lost Pizza Co



The Oar House



HOSPITALITY

Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see how good God is. Blessed are you who run to him. Worship God if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness. Psalm 34:8-9

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

What a joyous way to start a new month. Celebrating our Risen Lord. Praising and thanking him for all he does for us. Sending us a good "messenger" in Pastor Gore as he brought great messages and teachings throughout Lent. As ministers of faith, let us go out and share with one another the Good News!

March was a very busy month for the Hospitality Team; however, it would not have been possible without the help of many. Although sadly there was a loss within our family, our team was honored to host two (2) Celebration of Life Receptions. One in a Patriotic setting in honor of Don Lenn, the other in a Spring setting in honor of Denise Godwin, daughter of MaryPat Forgie. Thank you to all who attended and those who helped with serving, setting up and cleaning up. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to our annual Easter Brunch which will be a blessing to all. We will be serving wraps, croissants, chips, deviled eggs, and punch. Table arrangements were prepared by: Kim McCormick, Karen Kaminska, Harland and Betty Bross, and Brenda Ekstrom. A nice luncheon was enjoyed by all.

The Hospitality Team is thankful for each and all our congregation. As servants for the Lord, it is always our pleasure to serve, assist and help when and where needed.



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

2024 APRIL MONTHLY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

From: Epiphany Lutheran Church Executive Council

Welcome to *your "First" Monthly church council newsletter* to our Congregation from your Executive Council. We will be focusing attention on the progress of our future Home of Our Lord and Savior, our *Epiphany Lutheran Church*.

As you all are aware, we've been very busy with the Lenten season, also, the Celebration of Life ceremonies with the passing of our brothers and sisters and their journey returning to Arms and Care of Our Lord and Savior.

As with the early childhood of Jesus, we're feeling like His parents' uncertainty and apprehension when they "lost" Him for three days. Imagine their relief when they found Him "dazzling" the Pharisee's, teachers and synagogue elders and their surprise with His seemingly "cavalier" response for their concern saying "Did you NOT know I "must" be about my Father's Business!

Well, that's where we're at with Escambia County's "paper processing for permission and permits! We are in that "learning curve." 1) the delay was primarily due to the building code difference in requirements between a "Pole Barn" and "Building." That has been settled and Escambia County is in the process of finishing the permit. 2) Harland, having overcome that hurdle, has drafted the building "blueprints" getting ready to submit for an architectural review and approval. We're fortunate to have Harland to "pick-up-the-ball" as all the local architects were unavailable to take on our church project. 3) In a discussion with Harland, we should be able to break ground within the next six to eight weeks.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Paul A. Herrick
Executive Council

Vice President

MEET YOUR COUNCIL

Vice President: Paul Herrick



Paul Herrick was born in 1943 in St. Paul, MN. He was baptized in St. Luke's Lutheran Church three days after his birth. His mother was Lutheran (her father built Zion Lutheran Church in Mercer) and his father converted from Catholic to Lutheran when they married in 1935.

Paul's family moved to Mercer, WI when he was 6 or 7. He learned to play the drums and taught lessons for extra money. Paul's love of flying came at an early age and started flying at age 9 in a Piper PA-11 Cub Special. He soloed at age 14 in a Beech Bonanza.

Paul was first married from 1974 to 1984 and raised three boys as a single parent until he met Marliese in 1989. They were married in 1995 and joined her talented daughter, then 15, now married and living in France, (Academy Award nominee 2023) and son, 22, now full-partner attorney. Together, they have nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren (so far).

Paul graduated from Georgia Southern University in 1974 with a dual BS degree in Political Science and Criminal Justice. He also graduated US Army fixed wing flight school in 1964. He went to Vietnam from 1964 to 1966 and came back as a flight instructor in advanced and flight tactics. He also taught primary, advanced contact and instrument flight training also. Paul qualified in both helicopter and multi engine by "challenging courses," while the other graduations were required from aircraft transition course. He also flew on the civilian side of the house as a flight and instrument instructor as well as FAA ground school basic, advanced and instrument instructor.

Militarily, Paul held tactical, test pilot, maintenance officer/test pilot, safety, OSHA and ALSE officer, instrument flight examiner rating, Army aircraft accident investigator, along with combat pilot. He accumulated 13,879 flight hours, all accident free. Paul still keeps his civilian ratings current, though he doesn't use them much. Paul has had 40 plus years of military service. Between his civilian flying and military flying he has achieved about 22500+ flight hours. Paul has flown 80 plus different aircraft over his 71 years of flying and still flies every year since retiring.

Briefly, the other half of Paul's life was spent as a restaurant/lounge owner, police dispatcher, patrolman, investigator, crime prevention specialist, unit CO, undercover operative, crop duster, SHADO Trainer, chief security investigator, internal audit manager, assistant director of security, DoD cartographer, aeronautical information specialist, bartender, tool crib attendant, flight facility supervisor, travel audit supervisor, hardware storer night manager, risk management and director to retail loss prevention.

Then, Jack-of-all-trades, master-of-one and now, he is done at 81!

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	APR 7	APR 14	APR 21	APR 28
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Stephen Clements	Brian Pascoe	Carole Dwyer	Ken Busarow
LECTOR(S)	JR Lee	Suzanne Morgan	Ron Davis	Mia Chiarello
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HOSPITALITY HOST	Marliese Herrick *Linda Bartlett	Bill Baggett *Bonnie Baggett	Youth Sunday *Judith Lewing	Chris Davis *Gloria Seiler
CUP BEARERS	Everlynn Harvey Eli Baggett	John Reitmire Grace Busarow	Brooklyn Gorday Everlynn Harvey	Leighton Marchant Ethan Oomens

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!

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://epiphanypns.churchtrac.com/ - click on the Building Fund Donate button https://donorbox.org/building-fund-capital-campaign Scan the OR 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 May are due April 17. Please send all articles for the next newsletter to Sara at **bookkeeper@epiphanypensacola.org** by April 17. If you have any questions, please contact the office.