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## Epiphany Lutheran Church

Service at 9:30 am

Worshiping at:

6700 Spanish Trail, Pensacola, FL 32504

850-287-5667

Mailing Address:

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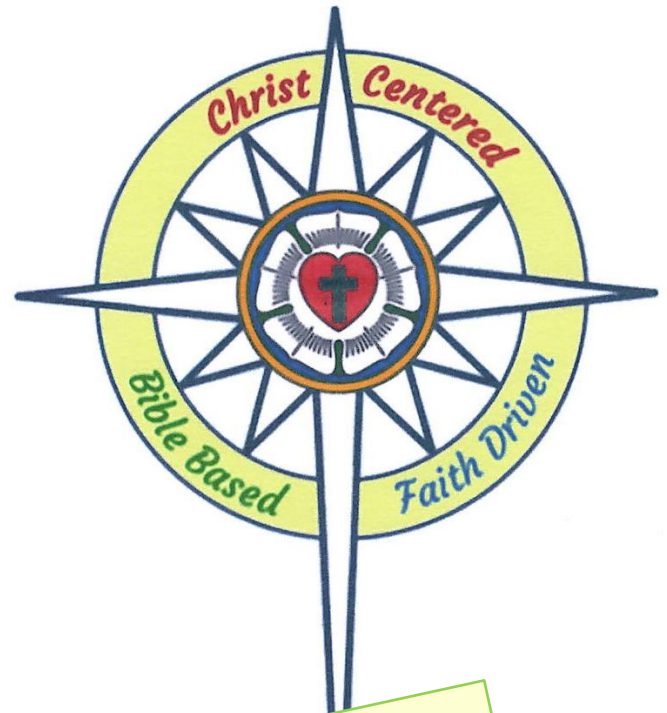
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[epiphanypns.churchtrac.com](http://epiphanypns.churchtrac.com)

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**Congratulations to Suzanne M., Barb L., Alice F., and The Busarows for completing the July crossword puzzle!**

**Complete the crossword at the end to get a prize!**

# EPIPHANY PENSACOLA

## August 2024 Newsletter

A congregation of the NALC



August 2024  
Epiphany Pensacola

*August 2024*  
*Epiphany Lutheran Church*

“Plans”



*“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord.”*     **Jeremiah 19:11-14**

Epiphany Lutheran Church, Pensacola stands at another point in church history. The church lives because the Spirit of Christ dwells among this Body. Our challenge this year is to listen to God’s voice as we discern or consider where the spirit is moving each of us. As followers of Jesus, we seek to live out God’s vision for the church. Therefore, in this time of rebuilding, we pray for God’s guidance in the life and community of His church.

As I reviewed the ministry programs at Epiphany for this coming year, I prayed for God’s Spirit to bless each person leading, each person attending, and the ministry of His Church for the future. I encourage you (including our young disciples) to invite your friends to worship as well as Christian education hour. As you look through the newsletter in the coming months, you will see activities beginning more frequently at the Ashland property. I hope and pray that the body of Christ will consider all the opportunities the church provides for your Spiritual care. Is there a way that you can help? One sure way to help, is to attend the education opportunities being provided for the people of God. It takes a lot of planning to help God’s people grow spiritually. Another way to help is to attend worship service. Not for me or anyone on the ministry team. But for you and your relationship with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Jesus says, *“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*     **Acts 1:8**

In Christian witness we gather each week to praise God for his blessings and love. How appropriate. Jesus called, gathered, and taught his followers and they became his disciples. Through his call, we gather, learn, and witness to his message of eternal life. As Disciples of Christ, we witness to the world that he is our Lord and that we are his people.

*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 God<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>August 2024</i>						
28	29	30	31	1	2 Office closed  4:30p Christian Ed meeting	3
4 <b>TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 9:30a Worship 10:30a Hospitality 10:40a Kid's choir practice 11:15a Adult Sunday School 11:30a Social ministry meeting	5	6	7 3:30p Praise team practice	8 Committee Budgets due	9 Office closed  5:00p NALC online Mission Convocation	10
11 <b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 8:30a Manna drop off 9:30a Worship 10:30a Ice cream/hotdog soc. 10:40a Kid's choir practice 11:15a Adult Sunday School	12	13 11:00a Faith Circle	14 3:30p Praise team practice	15 11:00a Council reports due	16 Office closed	17
18 <b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 9:30a Worship-Contemporary 10:30a Hospitality 10:40a Kid's choir practice 11:15a Adult Sunday School	19 1:30p Office closing	20 6:30p Exec. Com. Meeting via Zoom	21 3:30p Praise team practice  <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE!</b>	22	23 Office closed	24
25 <b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 9:30a Worship 10:30a Hospitality 10:40a Kid's choir practice 11:15a Adult Sunday School TBH Serve lunch at RMH	26 1:30p Office closing	27 Noon S.O.L.E.	28 3:30p Praise team practice	29	30 Office closed	31

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



# *DATES TO REMEMBER*

**Christian Education meeting**

Friday, August 2 @ 4:30p

**NALC online mission convocation**

Friday, August 9 @ 5:00p

**Mission Sunday**

Sunday, August 11

**Ice cream/hotdog social**

Sunday, August 11 @ 10:30a

**Faith Circle**

Tuesday, August 13 @ 11:00a

**Council reports due**

Thursday, August 15 @ 11:00a

**Executive Committee meeting via Zoom**

Tuesday, August 20 @ 6:30p

**Newsletter articles due**

Wednesday, August 21

**Serve lunch at RMH**

TBA



## 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 will meet August 13th at 11:00 a.m. at Ashland. We will be having a picnic style lunch after we finish our last study with Marlene on womanhood.

Hotdogs will be provided. Please bring your bibles and a dish or dessert to share.

Any questions, please call or text Marlene or Wanda. We are looking forward to seeing you as we continue to grow our faith together.

God's Peace,  
Wanda



## Children's Choir/Sunday School

We are looking forward to starting Children's Choir on August 4th. The Children's Choir will be singing during the service on August 18th so we look forward to seeing all youth in the congregation at our first practice at 10:40 a.m. on August 4th. All participants earn Luther Bucks to spend at the Treasure Chest for attending practice and for singing at church services.

The Christian Education team will be meeting on August 2nd to plan the curriculum dates for the Treasure Chest shopping for the K through 5th grade youth for 2024-2025. Donations are always welcome for the Treasure Chest and the youth LOVE spending the Luther Bucks they earn.

Christian Education for the youth ( K through 5th grade) will start on September 8th. We will start at 11:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. Remember, youth will earn Luther Bucks for attending Christian Education on Sundays.

Submitted by: Donna Busarow

## SOLE (SHARING OUR LIVES AT EPIPHANY)

**SOLE** is a group of spirited seniors at Epiphany that meet for fellowship and lunch once a month. We choose something different each month either to cater at Ashland or meet at a local restaurant that can accommodate our size.



Yes, we are many but always welcome more! We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month so if you would like to join this fun group for lunch, call Alice for details.

The next lunch date is Tuesday, August 27th. Watch the Wednesday web-blasts for the location.

## HOSPITALITY

*Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you. Psalm 26:2-3 NRSV*

**SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 11, 2024**

**ANNUAL HOT DOG AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

*Following Worship at Brit Ahm*

***ALL ARE WELCOME***

*(there is no charge, donations appreciated)*

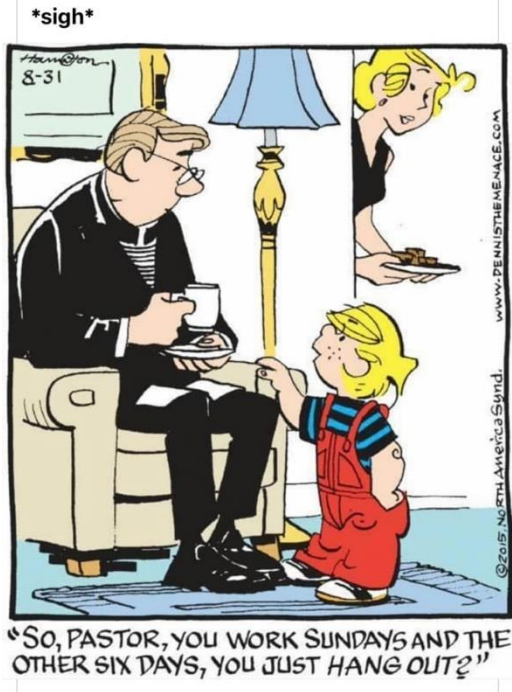
As always, it is **still** a JOY and HONOR to serve in God's House at Epiphany!

God's Peace,

*Brenda*



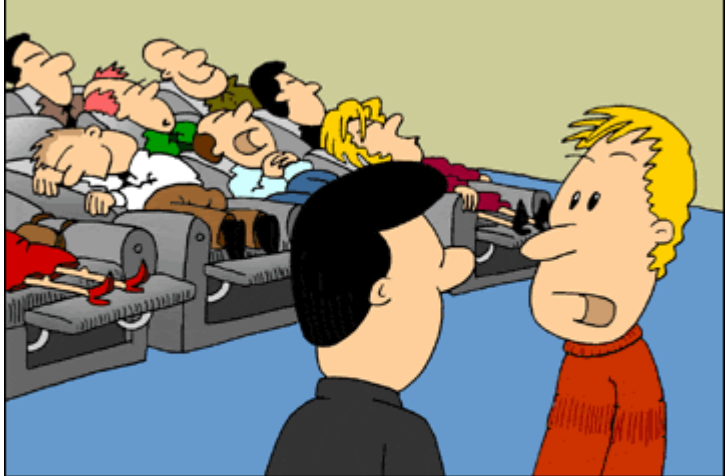
# ~CARTOON CORNER~



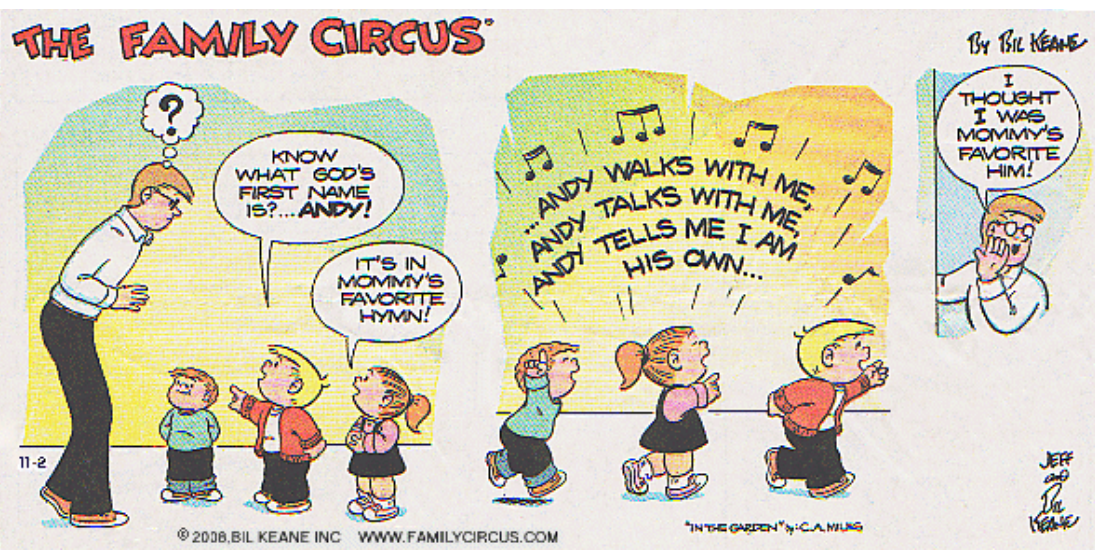
The Stewardship Committee's latest idea for helping to raise the annual church budget.



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# AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	AUG 4	AUG 11	AUG 18	AUG 25
<b>ASSISTING MINISTERS</b>	Brenda Ekstrom	Carlo Canapa	Karen McCabe	Art Kimmel
<b>LECTOR(S)</b>	Art Kimmel	Randy St. Louis	Regina Gibbons	Rod Dwyer
<b>USHERS</b>	John Ekstrom Art Kimmel	Steve Meyer Harland Bross	Eddie Gibbons Chuck Glassmire	Harland Bross Rob Krauss
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>	Betty Bross Kim McCormick	Rob and Jane Krauss	Alice Fludgate Heidi Long	Casey McAllister Shelly Johnson
<b>PORTICO GREETERS</b>	Randy St. Louis Ron Davis	Randy St. Louis Brad Fludgate	Randy St. Louis Faye Robinson	Randy St. Louis Christine Davis
<b>NURSERY ATTENDANT</b>	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett
<b>FLOWER GUILD</b>	Harland Bross	Carleen Bragan	Marlene Cooper	Etta McDonald
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	Judie Cox Casey McAllister	Carrie Lee Art and Camille Kimmel	Sara Seevers	Wanda Gore Shelly Johnson
<b>CUP BEARERS</b>	Everlynn Harvey Eli Baggett	Everlynn Harvey John Reitmire	Brooklyn Gorday Leighton Marchant	Ethan Oomens John Reitmire

## 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://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)

PO Box 999

1450 Old Chemstrand Rd

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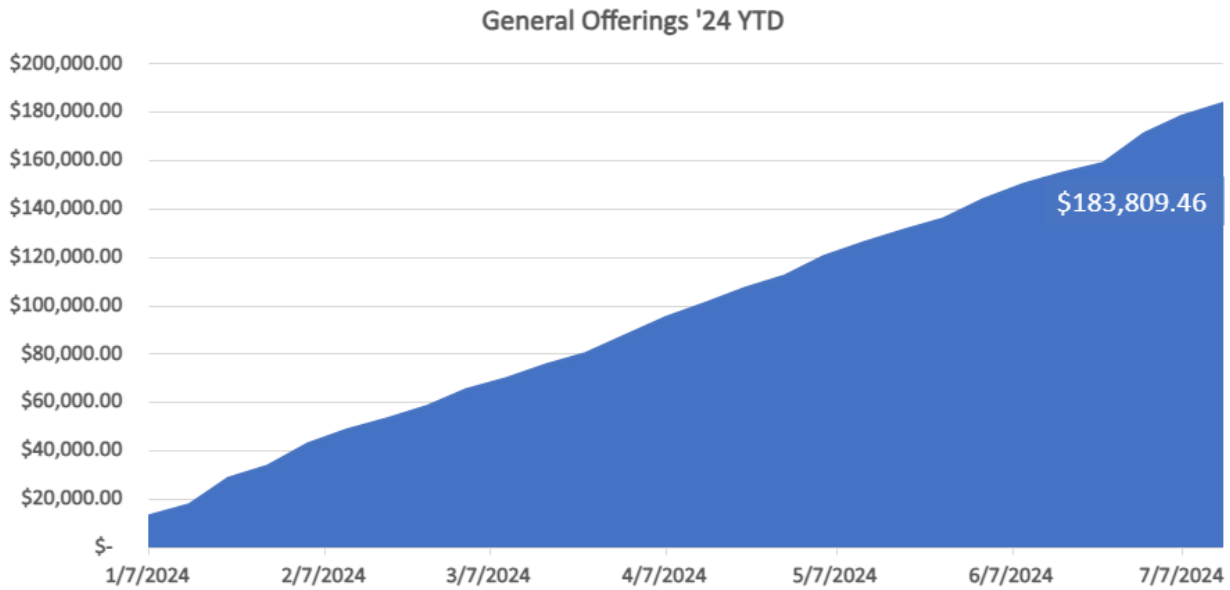
Ken Busarow – Treasurer

[treasurer@epiphanypensacola.org](mailto: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 September are due August 21. Please send all articles for the next newsletter to Sara at [bookkeeper@epiphanypensacola.org](mailto:bookkeeper@epiphanypensacola.org) by August 21. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

## 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	<a href="mailto:pastor@epiphanypensacola.org">pastor@epiphanypensacola.org</a>
Office Manager	Kim McCormick	<a href="mailto:officemgr@epiphanypensacola.org">officemgr@epiphanypensacola.org</a>
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### **CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS**

President	Pete Morgan	<a href="mailto:president@epiphanypensacola.org">president@epiphanypensacola.org</a>
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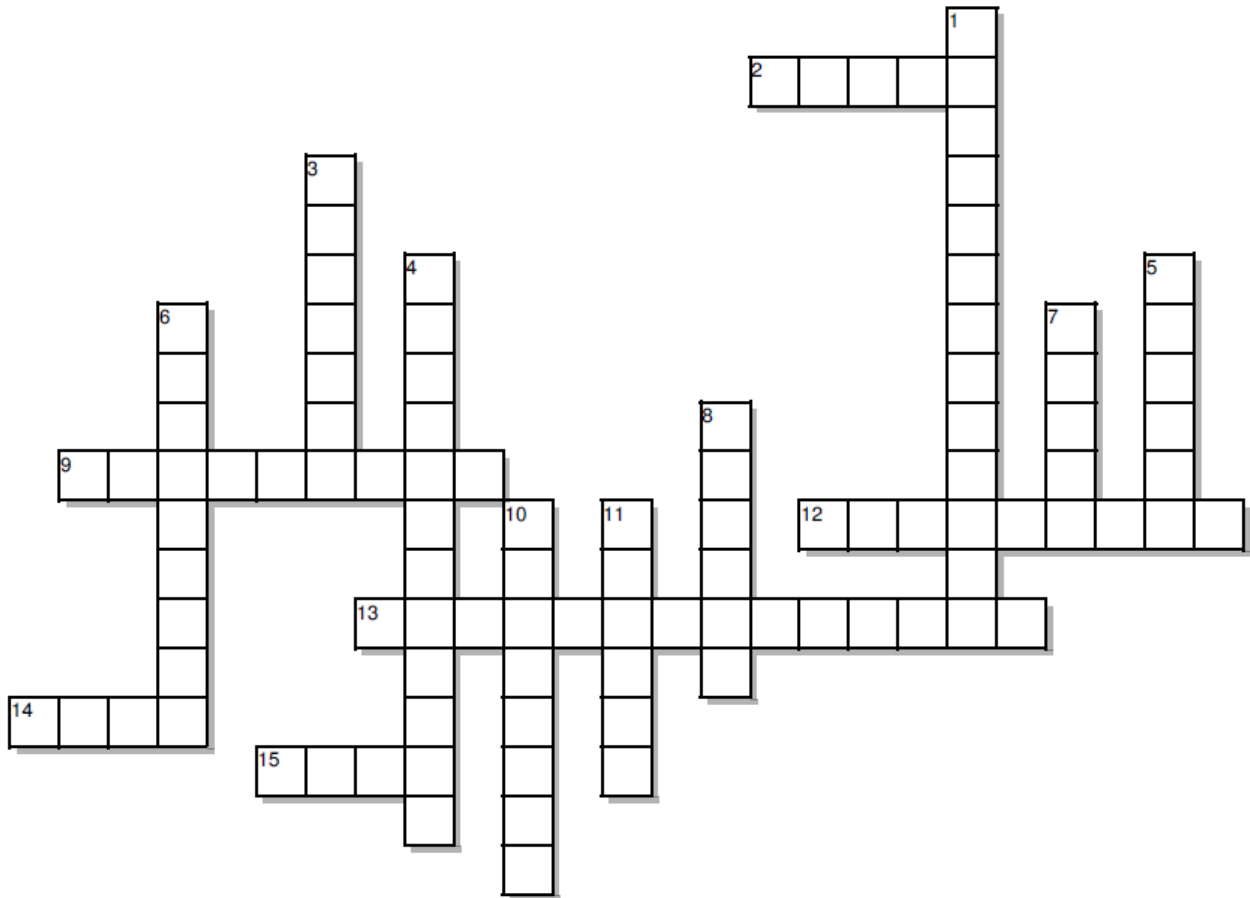
### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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Mutual Ministry	Harland Bross	<a href="mailto:mutualministry@epiphanypensacola.org">mutualministry@epiphanypensacola.org</a>
Prayer Requests		<a href="mailto:prayerrequest@epiphanypensacola.org">prayerrequest@epiphanypensacola.org</a>
Tech Support		<a href="mailto:support@epiphanypensacola.org">support@epiphanypensacola.org</a>
Facebook Support		<a href="mailto:facebook@epiphanypensacola.org">facebook@epiphanypensacola.org</a>

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

## The August 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 September's newsletter.



### ACROSS

- 2 Who writes the Faith Circle article
- 9 "you will be my \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem..." Acts 1:8
- 12 the day of the week that the praise team practices
- 13 who has a meeting on August 4
- 14 how many Sundays are in August
- 15 Children's choir starts on August \_\_\_\_\_

### DOWN

- 1 new section of the newsletter
- 3 food that will be served on August 11
- 4 the type of service held on August 18
- 5 Who writes the Hospitality article
- 6 What month does youth Sunday school start back?
- 7 the title of Pastor's article
- 8 style of lunch for the August Faith Circle
- 10 Faith Circle meets on August \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 what color is the calendar background