



Epiphany Lutheran Church

Service at 9:30 am

Worshiping at:

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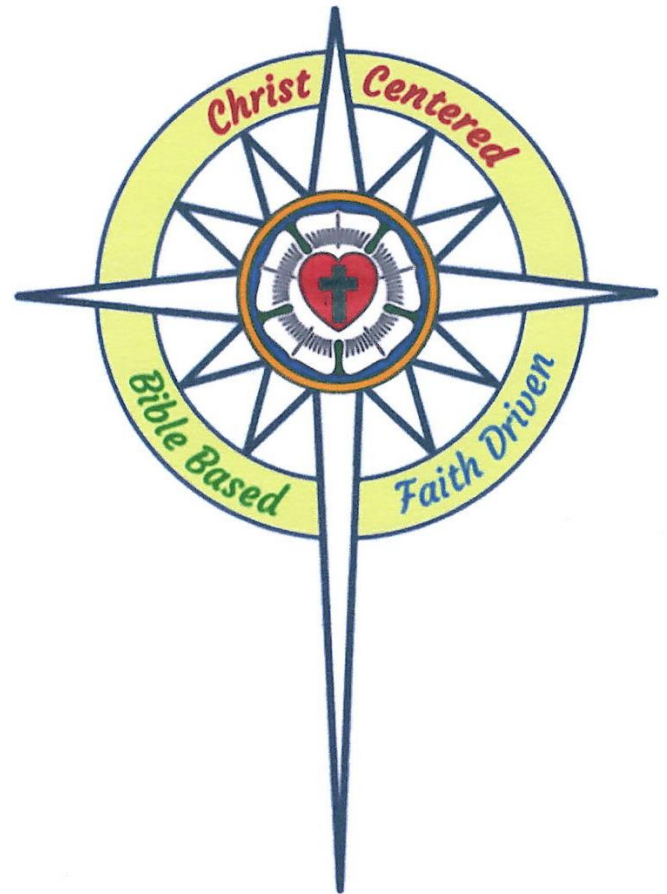
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EPIPHANY PENSACOLA

November 2023 Newsletter

A congregation of the NALC



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Jesus said: I am the Way; I am Truth and Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. ^{NJB} John 14:6

The Reformation rested upon three fundamental principles:

1. Our salvation is entirely a gift of grace from God and not of our own doing.
2. We receive that grace through faith and not by any works we might do.
3. The sole norm and rule of all doctrine is the Holy Scriptures.

Last month we recognized the Reformation in our celebration on Sunday, October 29th. We also recognized the two young adults that made their affirmation of faith as they completed Confirmation. On that same Sunday we dedicated the new Baptismal Font designed and built by Norman Beal. All of these events are special to the people of God at Epiphany.

Sola Gratia: Central to what we believe is the assurance of salvation based on the unearned free gift of God's grace.

Through the Word of God combined with water, we are baptized bringing us new life; because in baptism our sins are forgiven. In this one sacrament given to us through Jesus, each of the fundamental principles are lifted up. *Sola Scriptura*, *Sola Fide*, and *Sola Gratia*.

Sola Scriptura: We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and it alone is the source and nor for what we believe. Because God's Word is perfect, we do not edit or rewrite the Word.

Sola Fide: God's gift of grace is received through faith in what Jesus has done for us. The good things we do are not to win salvation. That has been accomplished through Jesus' death and resurrection. The good things we do for God's church is witness to what God has given to the world.

Sola Christo: The promise of eternal life (salvation) is the life, death, and resurrection of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Christianity is inclusive in that Jesus died for the sins of the whole world. It is exclusive in that Jesus taught that there were NOT many ways to the Father. There is only one way: Jesus!

The Rev. Dr. Franklin J. 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***

NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30p Adult Bible Study in the clubhouse in the auditorium at Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Dr.	2 11:30a Bell Practice @ Ashland	3 Office closed	4 Time Change-set clocks back 1 hour before bed.
5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY New member Sunday 9:30a Worship @ Ashland 11:30a Fall Festival	6 3:30p Praise group practice 4:30p Choir practice	7	8 6:30p Adult Bible Study in the clubhouse in the auditorium at Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Dr.	9 11:30a Bell Practice @ Ashland	10 Office closed	11 10:00a Chrismon making class @ Ashland.
12 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Mission Sunday Love in Action Collection 8:30a Manna drop off 9:30a Worship 10:30a Annual Budget meeting 10:50a Hospitality 11:00a Adult Sunday school 11:00a Kids' Sunday School	13 3:30p Praise group practice 4:30p Choir practice	14 11:00a Faith Circle @ Ashland	15 6:30p Adult Bible Study in the clubhouse in the auditorium at Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Dr.	16 11:00 Council reports due 11:30a Bell Practice @ Ashland	17 Office closed	18
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Admin. hours: Monday -Wednesday, 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m., Thursday, 9a.m. -Noon unless otherwise noted.						



DATES TO REMEMBER

Worship at Ashland Ave, New member Sunday

November 5, 2023

Fall Festival

November 5, 2023-11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Love in Action Collection/Mission Sunday
(Manna)**

November 12, 2023

Newsletter Articles Due

November 20, 2023



Retreat Leaders

Retreat Organizer & Worship Leader

Rev. Melinda H. Jones, Pastor
Advent Lutheran Church, SC
843.554.1181

Retreat Organizer & Hospitality Leader

CONTACT

Rev. Kristen Phillips, Pastor
Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran
Church & School, FL
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Guest Speaker

Rev. Dawn Rister, Pastor
Salem Lutheran Church
Salisbury, NC

Craftmaster

Ms. Kay Seivert
Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran
Church and School

Musician

Mr. Joe Collins
Guitar Extraordinaire

COUNT IT ALL JOY



Count it all joy, my brothers
and sisters, when you meet
trials of various kinds, for you
know that the testing of your
faith produces endurance.

James 1:2-3



13TH Annual Women's Retreat

Friday, 10 Nov-Sunday, 12 Nov 2023

New Ebenezer Retreat Center

Rincon, Ga

Event begins Friday, November 10

5 PM

Check-in is after 2 PM

*Please contact retreat organizer, Rev. Kristen Phillips, Pastor of
Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran. Information is above.*

COMMITTEE NEWS

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS!

Children from first grade through fifth grade meet every Sunday at 11:00 for Sunday School. We go on a great adventure of reading, exploring, and discovering God's precious words in the Bible. Each child has the NIV Adventure Bible to use in the classroom. As we study about the wonderful people in the Bible and their faithful prayers, we see the power of prayer. Each child also has the book "Discover How to Pray" Each week it presents a scripture and tells a story about a biblical character that illustrates the scripture. We have lots of fun too. Children do a related craft. They earn Luther Bucks for completing specific tasks. They will get to spend their Luther Bucks at the Epiphany Treasure Chest in December. Sunday School is a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about God and to experience God's love. Parents are welcome to visit.



For more information, see Marlene Cooper or Donna Busarow.

FAITH CIRCLE

Faith will meet on November 14th at 11:00am at Ashland. We will be watching episode 2 of The Chosen. Bring your bibles.

In October we had a wonderful time watching episode 1 and having discussion over lunch. The ladies have voted to have brown bag lunch again so we can again have fellowship and discussion. In December we will watch episode 3 and have a Christmas ornament exchange and potluck.

God's Peace,
Wanda

SOCIAL MINISTRY

We welcome Terry and Linda Bartlett to Epiphany Social Ministry team, and they have offered to jump right in and be an active part of our team. We look forward to serving with them as we serve others.

Epiphany has been so diligent and faithful to God's call to feed the hungry. We collect food for Manna Food Bank the 2nd Sunday of each month with no exceptions and Manna looks forward to and depends on our faithful donations. October was a little short and I trust we will add just a little extra when we collect on Nov. 12. Trunk to trunk beginning at 8:30 am. Let's bless others with that which God has blessed us.

Everything is ready for Love in Action. Oh, what a wonderful time of year approaching. We look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas. Family, friends, gifts and most importantly remembering our Saviors birth.

We will focus on 4 ministries to assist this year. Waterfront Mission, Favor House, Currie House and The Global Learning Center.

On Nov. 12th, ornaments from each of these ministries will be available for you take with you and their wish List needs for each. Please purchase or create what your heart tells you and then for the next 4 Sundays we will collect your love offerings of these needed items. Please do not wrap them but return them with the ornaments you chose. Social Ministry will organize and distribute all gifts on Dec. 10th.

Missions

Waterfront Mission: Waterfront Rescue Mission believes that caring for the poor and homeless is not an option; it is an acceptance from the Lord. The mission provides the basic physical needs of the men who come off the streets for a place to eat and sleep. They have many community partners that connect guests with vital services such as physical and mental health care, life skills, job opportunities, Veterans services and permanent housing

Wish List: men's underwear (all sizes), socks, hoodies, blankets, warm shirts, hats.

Favor House: Offers a safe environment for abused women and their children. They have trained, compassionate and professional counselors who provide individual counseling to all survivors of intimate partner violence as well as offer support groups and classes

Wish List: White twin sheets (new or gently used). They will accept any color, but they do bleach them so white is preferred. Children's toys (so mothers can give their children gifts) also teenagers and the women enjoy jewelry (new, used and/or jewelry kits). Bath and Body wash or cologne, key chains, wrapping paper, makeup bags, umbrellas, gloves, hats and non-slip socks

Currie House: They offer a safe place for children age 10-17 who have been legally removed from their homes. They offer family and individual counseling and manage schooling as well as a network of mental health services to care for uninsured children, adults and families.

Wish List: puzzles, books (for teenagers), pajamas youth size and young adults, school shirts, board games, playing cards

Global Learning Center: This is a Title One school in Escambia County that serves a diverse population of lower income and military families. They focus on science, technology and environmental awareness. Their vision is to create a school where everyone who enters is exposed to other cultures and become successful and responsible citizens. The school has many transient and military families with frequent turnover of student population.

Wish List: boys and girls underwear sizes 4 to 8. School supplies, Skorts (some of the girls have trouble finding large to extra-large uniform slacks so they do allow them to wear skorts (large or extra-large))

Let's join in helping these ministries offer those they serve gifts of love so they will fill the joy we take for granted because we are so blessed.

There will be a member of Social Ministry under the Love in Action banner each week if you have any questions or contact Carole Dwyer if you have questions or concerns.

Serving HIM with you

Carole

Epiphany Seniors

Save the date!

**Christmas luncheon
December 15, 2023
More details to come**



CHRISMON MAKING CLASS

**Saturday, November 11
Ashland Ave Property
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Saturday, November 11 CHRISMON making class! The class will be held at the Ashland Property from 10 to 12. Supplies for the CHRISMONS will be provided.

Please bring the following items to class: scissors, small hoop (if you work with a hoop). The finished CHRISMON will be small (2&1\4"). So be sure to bring your glasses!

There will also be other CHRISMON symbols that are easier to make. School age children may come with a parent. Let's rejoice and gather to create CHRISMONS for a tree for our property. Betty Bross has made these CHRISMONS, and she is bringing a tree with the CHRISMONS she made. Looking forward to seeing you all at this class.

Peace,
Carleen Bragan



HOSPITALITY

Fall is upon us!

“For our light affliction, which is for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. 2 Corinthians 4:17

We have a great celebration planned for our Confirmands on October 29th. We will welcome these young Sisters into our body of Christ and pray for them to grow in spirit and willingness to serve at Epiphany.

Things are happening at Epiphany! Worship will be at Ashland where we will be receiving New Members for the first time at our new location. We are excited to have them joining our congregation. Hospitality will host them with cake and punch following worship on November 5, 2023. If you have not met our new members, please join us in fellowship to meet and welcome them. In addition, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday, remembering the saints gone before us. Fall Fest will also be on Sunday, November 5th after Hospitality. Please plan to stay and join the fun.

Our Hospitality Team is grateful to have new team members join us in serving God’s people. We welcome Bill and Bonnie Baggett, Linda Barlett, and Casey McAllister. Please make them welcome as you come through the line.

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

God’s Peace,

Brenda



MEET YOUR COUNCIL

Property Liaison: Eddie H. Gibbons



Eddie & his family came to Pensacola from Jacksonville in 1981. At eighteen years old he helped run a family-owned waterbed store. Eddie built and installed waterbeds for two years. In 1983 he jumped on a boat and did commercial fishing for nine months. Eddie began framing houses as part of a crew in 1983. He worked on framing crews for eight years. Eddie met Regina in 1987. They married in 1989. They have three wonderful children, and four grandchildren. In 1991 Eddie started his own framing company. “Gibbons Construction” was born. Eddie employed anywhere from one to eighteen employees for eighteen years. In 2008 the economy crashed, and the building industry went bust. Eddie worked for Advanced Construction for six months. One of the doctors that Advanced Construction was working for hired Eddie on the spot, when he completed his multi-million-dollar addition to his home. Eddie has worked for Real Estate companies, and even did some painting. Once the doctor started bragging to his friends what good work Eddie was doing, he started to get phone calls from other doctors. Eddie is now employed by four to five doctors in the area, and they keep him very busy. Eddie has three children, and four grandchildren. Eddie and Regina have been living in the same house for thirty-three years. Eddie has served as property liaison on the Church Council for over 12 years.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

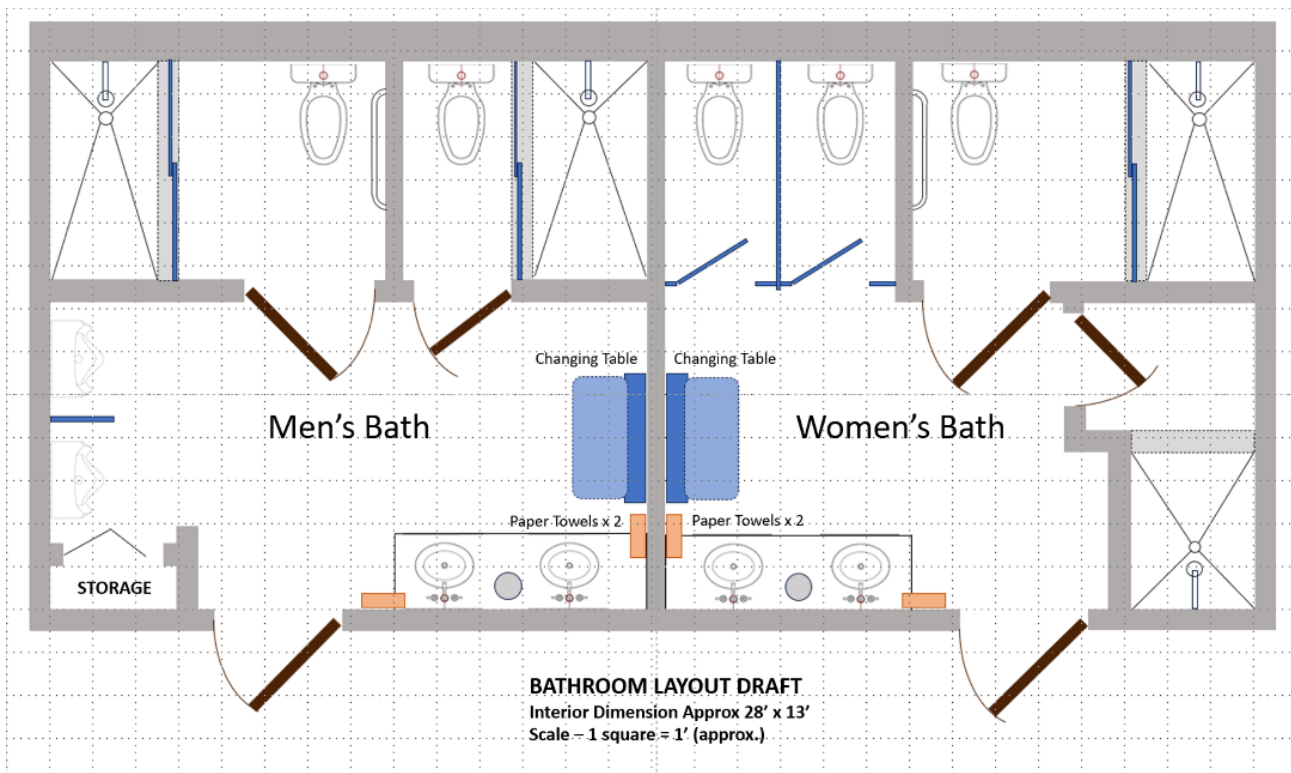
	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26
ASSISTING MINISTERS	N/A	Paul Marchant	Art Kimmel	Brenda Ekstrom
LECTOR(S)	Pete Morgan	Karen McCabe	Jim Cooper	Brenda Ekstrom
USHERS	John Ekstrom Harland Bross	Chuck Glassmire Eddie Gibbons	Steve Meyer Eric Johnson	Paul Herrick Randy St. Louis
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Kim McCormick Shelly Johnson	Jim and Marlene Cooper	Betty Bross Heidi Long	Judy Taylor Dianne Ledkins
PORTICO GREETERS	Randy St. Louis	Randy St. Louis Marsha Suarez	Randy St. Louis Faye Robinson	Randy St. Louis Audrey Tinsley
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett
FLOWER GUILD	Flower Guild	Flower Guild	Flower Guild	Flower Guild
HOSPITALITY HOST	No Hospitality	Hospitality	Youth Sunday	Hospitality
CUP BEARERS	Grace Busarow Brooklyn Gorday	Leighton Marchant Everlynn Harvey	John Reitmire Ethan Oomens	Grace Busarow Brooklyn Gorday

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!**

What's Going on at Ashland?

There has been much progress on the bathroom project! The toilets are in. The showers are in. The sinks are in. Fully operational men's and women's restrooms are just around the corner!



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)

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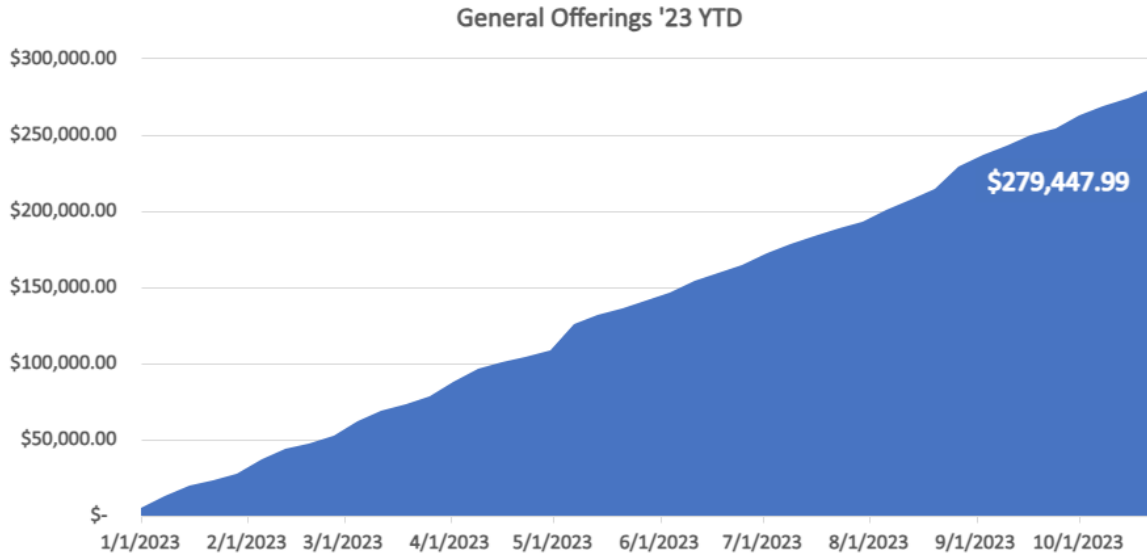
He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Ken Busarow – Treasurer

Vanessa Pascoe – Co-treasurer

treasurer@epiphanypensacola.org

OFFERING TOTAL (YTD)



NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Sara Seevers will be compiling the newsletter. Newsletter articles for December are due November 20th. Please send all articles for the next newsletter to Sara at bookkeeper@epiphanypensacola.org by November 20th. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

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.