

**June
2022**

The Candle



I wonder what you are expecting from me as your pastor in this issue of our newsletter? Are you expecting that I might address our recent congregational meeting and vote to

become a member of "Reconciling in Christ (RIC)" congregations of the ELCA. Perhaps you are hoping that I lift up the vote and celebrate it's outcome. I do. Maybe you hope that I might address care and concern for those who voted against the motion and are now questioning whether they still have a place here at Advent. I do care and continue to hope and pray that we can continue conversation of how it IS possible to share our unity in Christ while still disagreeing on issues.

However, what I most want to share is a request from our Bishop, Rev. Laura Barbins, that we as a congregation take a sabbath rest. I'm including a link to the YouTube page of our Synod so that you may hear her complete message. She suggests that we might take the month of June or July off – and exactly what she means by that in this video. Please take a moment to watch this now: [An Invitation](#)



If you are reading the print version of this Newsletter, you will have to type the link (<https://youtu.be/nVx-X6g4jvU>) into a web browser on any device connected to the internet. If you are unable to do so, please ask me to watch this video when you come to church next. I am suggesting that we prepare to accept her invitation during the month of **August**. I agree with our Bishop that we have been far too anxious and busy about many things and that allowing God space to work among us as God sees fit is, perhaps, the most important thing we can do at this time.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Steve*

dates
to Remember



Happy Father's
Day

June 19



Blood Drive

June 11

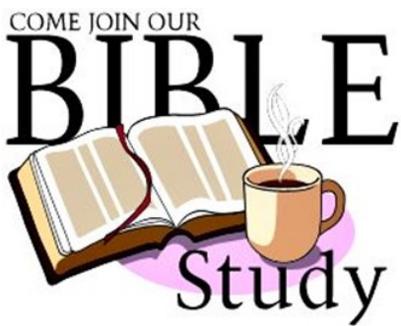
9am-3pm

You're
Invited.



*"...But with God,
all things are
possible."
Matthew 19:26*

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY –The Brown Bag Bible Study group meets on the fourth Thursday of every month from 12-1:30pm – unless otherwise agreed upon in order to accommodate such things as conflicts with holidays etc. We are currently meeting on Zoom and will continue to do so indefinitely. Each month we will focus on a



different book of the Bible – from Genesis to Revelation. This Bible study will be light and informal. In other words – FUN. You DO NOT have to be a Bible scholar to participate. There will be no books to purchase. Just bring your Bible. You DO NOT have to attend every session. If you have to miss one or more sessions, that will be no problem. Just dive back in whenever you can. If you are interested in participating, please call, email or text Tim Krueger or Becky Spudich. Their contact information is in the current church directory.

Prayer Chain

Do you wish to feel strengthened and fulfilled by offering your time to help others? Nothing could be more gratifying than lifting someone up in prayer in their time of need. Please contact Sue Keeley @ 862.2790 or by e-mail at suesworkout@att.net if you would like to become part of the prayer chain ministry, or if you have any questions. Prayer is Powerful!!



Pastor Prayer Intercessors

- May 28– June 3 Nancy Marshaus, Rose Schrum
- June 4-10 Lee Sundblom, Kay Smith
- June 11-17 Becky Young, Sue Keeley
- June 18-24 Jen Egner, Sandy Kehler
- June 25-July 1 Rick & Mary Hofer

Congratulations Graduates!



- Julie Dorko** graduated from DeVry University, earning a Bachelors degree in Human Resources
- Meggyn Keeley** graduated from Butler University, earning her Masters degree in Fine Arts
- Felicity Lojek** is graduating from Mentor High school. Felicity will be attending Kent State University in the fall, majoring in Biomedical Sciences
- Evyn Pajestka** (son of Julie Dorko) is graduating from Mentor High school. Evyn will be attending the University of Akron, majoring in Mechanical Engineering
- Zachary W. Patrick** graduated from Lake Erie College, earning a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Sports Management and a minor in Athletic Coaching. Zach is pursuing a career within the sport industry. Zach is the 3rd generation of the Johnson-Patrick family to have graduated from Lake Erie College.

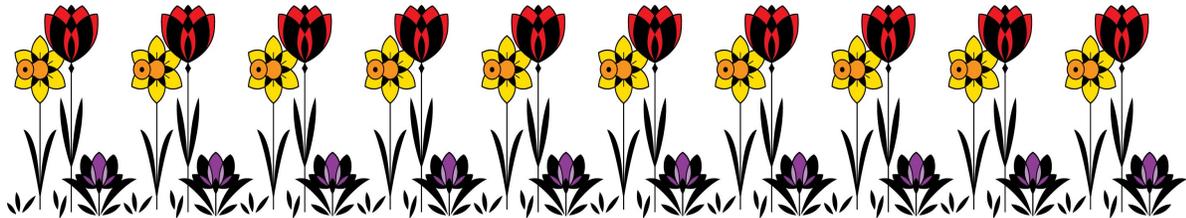
May God Bless all of our graduates!



Points from your Parish Nurse

- ♥ June is National Men's Health month. It is observed to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. This month is a time to encourage all the men in your life to eat right, exercise and seek medical treatment for illness or injury. If you are stressing about a symptom, e.g. a sore knee, a persistent headache, it can be easy to get in a cycle about worrying about it, But going to the doctor can do two incredible things: one, it can figure out what's wrong and two, it will keep you from worrying!
- ♥ Quarterly meeting for the Care Team will be held on Saturday, June 4th at 10am. We are in need of volunteers to join us. If you are free on June 4th please feel free to attend the meeting to learn about this ministry.
- ♥ Caregiver Support Group will meet on Thursday, June 9th at 1pm. If you or someone you know is caring for a loved one, please join us. All information is kept confidential. It is important to know that whatever challenges you are facing, we are here to listen and help in any way we can.
- ♥ Blood Pressure screening will be held on Sunday, June 19th at 10am in the Parish Nurse office. Stop by to have yours checked.
- ♥ On a personal note I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Pastor Steve and my Advent Family for supporting the Parish Nurse program here at Advent. I will be celebrating 20 years on June 13th as your Parish Nurse! It has been a true honor and privilege to care for you and keep you healthy in mind, body and spirit. I am most grateful for your trust in me at your most vulnerable times. Your love and continued support has been a blessing to me and I thank you. God bless each of you with good health, peace and joy.
- ♥ As always, "When in doubt, Point to the Cross!"

Your servant in Christ,
Christine Noble, Parish Nurse



Health & Wellness

Care Team

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| May 29-June 11 | Mary Jo Jones, Barbara Louis, Rose Schrum |
| June 12-25 | Carole Niebes, Lee Sundblom |
| June 26-July 9 | Mary Hofer, Sandy Kehler, Barb Caspell |



Upcoming Blood Drive

Saturday, June 11
9am-3pm

call 1.800.RED.CROSS

~or~

RedCrossBlood.org
Key word: Advent



"For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,
You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:14

Council Minutes - April

In Attendance (via Zoom & in-person): Jo Brantweiner, Denise McClanahan, Pastor Steve, Bob Adkins, Cherie Moore, Yvonne Kulma, David Enzerra, Tim Krueger, Cathy Doering, Dave Mattson, Rick Hofer, Lida Mackey, Eric Williamson

Excused: Thomas Knowles

Call to Order: 7:02pm

Meeting opened with moment of silence.

Devotion

Approval of March Council Meeting: Motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Pastor's Report:

Each week seems a bit more “normal.” Please reach out / keep communication open to friends and people we haven’t seen.

We are in the midst of Holy Week. We will have a Sunrise Easter worship service this year.

Pastor will be on vacation Easter Sunday afternoon through the following Sunday. Please call the church office if a pastoral concern arises.

Brief heads up – during the council retreat, we will be using a tool called “Disc.” Watch for an email from pastor this coming week, with a link to a survey, code, and instructions. Following taking the survey, you will receive your results – PLEASE forward those to Pastor Steve, who will then get those to Pastor Daubert for analysis in prep for the council retreat. Advent will cover the cost, so more accurate results are achieved.

**Motion to approve Pastor’s report was made, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Income is 8.6% above plan; expenses are 12.5% below plan.

Ministry teams are below plan.

Funds: hearing loop still has a balance, but with donations, Memorials, and Endowment – the balance will be covered.

Estate check received \$5,000 (Luella Scholl). This was placed in Endowment.

**Motion was made and seconded, and the Treasurer’s report was approved.

Ministry Team Reports Received: Prayer & Spirituality, Fellowship, Technology, H&W, Outreach, W&M.

- LBG Committee: Surveys completed, results given to LBG committee for review. A letter is being written from pastor Steve to the congregation, answering and following up with some of the comments/questions received within the survey. We will be calling for a Special Congregational Meeting for a vote as the next step. A date is yet to be determined.
- Property: Outdoor Clean-Up/Work Day is scheduled for May 14. Yvonne will coordinate with the garden people to decide on mulch needs. Anderson will be out to fix the broken toilet. Yvonne asks that if you see something broke or needs attention, just do it as you are able, you don’t need to check in with Yvonne about every need to get approval.
- Outreach: Food Pantry overview (report on file). More volunteers are needed.
- Witness: OK Gang Luncheon, April 18 – call Donna Lesiacsek for a reservation. Working on plans for new members (class and dinner). No date set yet – witness will meet tomorrow.
- Fellowship: Mother’s Day – quilt and muffins for moms. All women, ages 18 and over, will be put into a drawing for the quilt.

**Motion was made and seconded, and the Ministry reports were approved.

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10

Administration/Housekeeping Items:

Devotion for May: Dave Enzerra

Council treats: we will start this again. Denise will bring snacks for May's council meeting.

Old/Ongoing Business:

GPOD sign-up:

A sign-up sheet for May's services was passed around. GPOD duties was discussed, as making coffee has been added. Pastor will announce that we are now having coffee between services and it can be found in the kitchen (not the Narthex) at this time.

Youth Leader Update:

The job description was sent to "Just for Churches," and they in turn place our ad with several other job sites. It's been over a month, and we have not yet received any applications.

Live-Stream Ministry:

Live-stream continues to cause us problems. Discussion ensued about posting the job vs. having someone come and train our volunteers. There needs to be one person there every week to oversee this – someone who can handle the issues as they arise. We need additional Sunday help!

Do we switch programs? (Vmix vs. Pro-Presenter) A technology meeting needs to be scheduled, after Easter, to discuss moving forward plans. Warren Brown has good sound board info/knowledge when we get to that point. Question was raised concerning showing the "empty pews" during the livestream. Technology will discuss this.

PPP Grant Money:

Food Pantry -Currently, about 4 calls a month are received about Food Pantry needs in our area. Many people come our doors during the week, looking for many different needs for help. Food Pantry Kits were discussed, about having some at Advent, but Dave needs to do some research concerning this, as St. Andrew has specific record-keeping with those received goods from the pantry.

**Possible use for PPP Grant Money: Would Advent be interested in sponsoring a refugee from Ukraine? Just a thought to begin thinking about. ** Depending on the needs, could the PPP Grant money be used for our Live-Stream repairs/updates?

Parsonage: Denise spoke with Finance, they are working on the housing logistics/analysis, comparing maintaining the parsonage vs. selling it.

Stewardship: Looking for chairperson to lead this year's program; team needs to be formed..

Retreat: May 21, 8am to 2pm. \$30.00 due to Yvonne. Dave Enzerra reviewed the retreat agenda (document on file). Retreat on "Servant Leadership." DISC will be used to determine leadership styles.

New business:

Calling Campaign: Witness, W&M, and Council are working together to reach out to ALL Advent members to touch base and check-in. Dave Mattson has spreadsheets from the previous phone campaign that was done, but they need to be updated, but can be used as a starting point.

Synod Assembly: May 13/14. Two day event: Day 1 being an education day with 2 half day seminars (various topics), and Day 2 the business day of Synod affairs. Pastor and Yvonne will attend – still in need of 1 male delegate. Beth Hamilton is attending the Friday education day. Deadline for registration is tonight. No one else was interested in attending.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion was made, seconded, and meeting adjourned at 8.33pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Keeley, Council Secretary



**Council
Minutes**

Luther in History

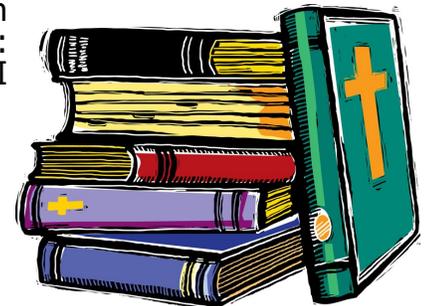
Luther marries

Martin Luther married Katharina von Bora, one of 12 nuns he had helped escape from the Nimbschen Cistercian convent in April 1523, when he arranged for them to be smuggled out in herring barrels. "Suddenly, and while I was occupied with far different thoughts," he wrote to Wenceslaus Link, "the Lord has plunged me into marriage." At the time of their marriage, Katharina was 26 years old and Luther was 41 years old.

On 13 June 1525, the couple was engaged, with Johannes Bugenhagen, Justus Jonas, Johannes Apel, Philipp Melanchthon and Lucas Cranach the Elder and his wife as witnesses. On the evening of the same day, the couple was married by Bugenhagen. The ceremonial walk to the church and the wedding banquet were left out and were made up two weeks later on 27 June.

Some priests and former members of religious orders had already married, including Andreas Karlstadt and Justus Jonas, but Luther's wedding set the seal of approval on clerical marriage. He had long condemned vows of celibacy on Biblical grounds, but his decision to marry surprised many, not least Melanchthon, who called it reckless. Luther had written to George Spalatin on 30 November 1524, "I shall never take a wife, as I feel at present. Not that I am insensible to my flesh or sex (for I am neither wood nor stone); but my mind is averse to wedlock because I daily expect the death of a heretic." Before marrying, Luther had been living on the plainest food, and, as he admitted himself, his mildewed bed was not properly made for months at a time.

Luther and his wife moved into a former monastery, "The Black Cloister," a wedding present from Elector John the Steadfast. They embarked on what appears to have been a happy and successful marriage, though money was often short. Katharina bore six children: Hans – June 1526; Elizabeth – 10 December 1527, who died within a few months; Magdalene – 1529, who died in Luther's arms in 1542; Martin – 1531; Paul – January 1533; and Margaret – 1534; and she helped the couple earn a living by farming and taking in boarders. Luther confided to Michael Stiefel on 11 August 1526: "My Katie is in all things so obliging and pleasing to me that I would not exchange my poverty for the riches of Croesus."



Group Studies

Men's Studies

- ◆ **Retired Men's Group** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30am. If you are a retired man and would like to share your thoughts and discuss a wide variety of subjects, please join us.



We would welcome your participation.

Women's Studies

- ◆ **Sophia Project:** Meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10am-11am in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us.
- ◆ **Hope Circle:** Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30am. All are welcome!



"...but Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.'" Matthew 19:14

President's Corner

Spring is here and with it, changes are afoot. Our ministries have been working hard since the beginning of the year and with the reopening of the church. The Property and Technology Teams are making slow progress with fixing many items which seemed to fall into disrepair due to lack of use and inactivity. Thanks to all who have worked in these ministries. You are making a difference in the life of our church.

Other news to share with you involves a changing of the guard on the Endowment Committee. Bob McClanahan has been chairing this committee and after serving on the committee for many years in various capacities, is now stepping down. In his place, Donna Prescott is taking on the task of being the President. To replace Donna as Secretary, John Marshaus is filling that role and John Bolton continues the job of Treasurer. Dave Mattson also serves on this committee in addition to new members, Becky Spudich and Melissa Sommers.

In Finance and budgetary concerns, Advent is doing very well. We are currently meeting and exceeding our budget for the year and while we have open job positions which could impact us in the future, we have much to be thankful for and are not in any way having trouble in this area. Thank you, Advent Lutheran Church for your continued unfailing support of our ministries!!

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Loved by God (LBG) Committee wishes to thank all of you who attended and cast your vote at the May 15th special congregational meeting. The motion to approve of the proposed welcoming statement, thereby enabling Advent to become part of the rostered community of Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), passed by a vote of:

70 approve
16 disapprove

The love of Christ did show through during the entire meeting- reminding us that we are all one in the spirit, regardless of how we may have voted.

This is not the beginning of the end for the LBG Committee, but, the end of the beginning. We will continue to search for opportunities to increase Advent's inclusivity of all people, regardless of race, ethnic background, or physical and mental ability.

Again, thank you for accompanying us on this journey of faith and we hope that some of you might consider joining us on the LBG Team.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Tim Krueger (440-391-0369) or Becky Spudich (440-487-7897).

Peace,
The Loved by God Committee

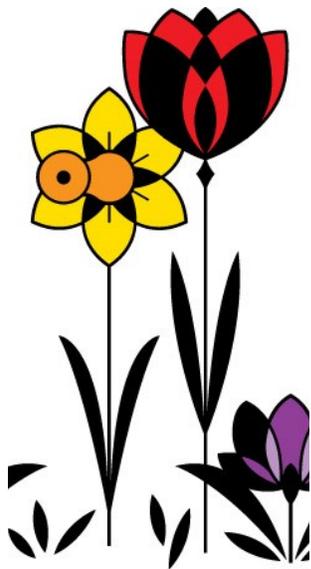


In Honor of Father's Day

Please join us on June 19th in the Narthex to celebrate DAD.

We will be serving donuts to everyone in celebration of Fathers Day.

We hope to see you there between the Sunday services!



Outreach

Food Pantry Donations for the month of June:

Deodorant, Toilet Paper

Volunteers Needed



Advent Work Day - Part 2
Saturday, June 18th
8:00am-??

There will be lunch



- ◆ We will continue to spruce up and fix things throughout the church.
- ◆ Window washing, gutter cleaning, and other miscellaneous items that need cleaned up or fixed.
- ◆ Any questions: contact Becky Spudich or Yvonne Kulma

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul." 3 John 2

Looking for Communion Bread Bakers

We are looking for people to bake communion bread for 2022. Communion Bread will be ongoing over the summer (**every Sunday**). Worship and Music has decided we will have bread over the summer months and continue into the fall. There are several recipes available. We would need three loaves each week, one for Saturday evening and one for each Sunday Service. You can take a whole month or just one Sunday here and there.

If you are interested or would like to look over the recipes, please contact Cathy Doering at 440-379-7338 or email at cookmaker761@aol.com. Below is just one of the recipes which is very easy!

Whole Wheat Communion Bread

2 ½ cups Whole Wheat Flour
¼ cup Sugar
1 teaspoon of Baking Powder
1 Tablespoon of Oil
¾ cup Water
¼ cup Honey

Preheat oven to 350 Degrees. Mix dry ingredients together. Stir Honey and Water together until dissolved. Then stir in the dry ingredients. Dough will be slightly sticky. Divide into three balls and sprinkle lightly with flour. Roll out each ball to about ¼ to 1/2 inch thick. Make a cross on each loaf of bread cutting all the way through the bread. Bake for about 12-15 minutes on a greased cookie sheet. Dab with oil once the bread is baked and cooled. Can be frozen. Wrap each loaf individually.

Thanks for your ministry!

Altar Flowers

June

5	Open
12	McClanahan
19	Hayden
26	Open



June Altar Guild

Julie Oswald, Becky Young

Pierstorf Memorial Fund

The Pierstorf Memorial Fund offers zero-interest educational loans to Lutherans living in the state of Ohio. Students must be enrolled full-time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university. Yearly loans of up to \$3,000. For more information and to apply, visit Pierstorf.org. For questions: pierstorf@messiahfp.org.

Deadline for applications is June 26, 2022.

ADVENT ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 11, 2022

Two \$1000 scholarships

Recipients chosen via lottery

Eligibility criteria listed on the application form

Please email Donna Prescott [dmprescot@sbcglobal.net]
for an application

Questions - contact Donna Prescott (dmprescot@sbcglobal.net/ 440 364 5534)

Finance Update · April 30, 2022

GENERAL FUND

Balance 1/1/22	\$ 73,709.02	73,709.92	
Income	107,396.82	98,509.00	8,887.82
Expenditures	97,300.50	110,712.00	13,411.50
Ending Balance April 30, 2022	\$83,805.34	\$61,506.02	\$ 22,299.32

BUILDING FUND/ EXISTING MORTGAGE

Balance 1/1/22	\$2,451.18	\$2,451.18	
Income			
Expenditures			-
Ending Balance April 30, 2022	\$ 2,451.18	\$ 2,451.18	\$ - No Mortgage

DESIGNATED/ RESTRICTED FUNDS

Balance 1/1/22	\$151,099.72
Income	14,391.25
Expenditures	28,847.10
Ending Balance April 30, 2022	\$136,643.87

Treasurer's Report with Fund Balances are posted at the end of each month on the council bulletin board in the hallway.

From the Office

Deadline Reminder:

Newsletter information: by the 15th of the month

New Birth

**Mazen David Enzerra
born May 16**

**son of Nathan & Enas Enzerra
grandson of David & Susan Enzerra**

God's Blessings!



Dear Advent Family,  *Thank You,*

Thank you so much for all the cards, phone calls, thoughts, and prayers that I received following the death of my husband.

I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Warmly, *Mary Richardson*

**To submit items to *The Candle*, contact:
Sue Keeley - Office Administrator at 440.257.5565
You may also e-mail your information to:
adventmentor1@sbcglobal.net.**

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 Praise Team Director: Tracy Ammon 749.0690
 Parish Nurse: Christine Noble 346.3120
 Youth Director:

OFFICE HOURS

Administrative Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9am-5pm
 Friday: 9am-12pm

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9am - 1pm / Friday: Day off
"It is always best to call in advance for an appointment as his schedule may take him out of the office even during these times"
 Cell phone: 440.710.4757 / Email: pastorstevebond@aol.com

Parish Nurse

Monday, 10am - 2pm

VOLUNTEER CONTACTS

Greeters

Worship Assistants (6pm)

Lisha Ciani 216.905.5306

Lay Assistants and Bread Givers

Doreen Mattson 946.5043

Worship Assistants (9am)

..... OPEN

Worship Assistants (11:30am)

..... OPEN

Nursery

..... OPEN

Ushers

Bob McClanahan 352.8025

Worship Tech

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Altar Guild Chairperson

Becky Young 257.7578

Children's Choir Director

Jennifer Dubeansky 255.1468

Sunday school

Beth Hamilton 669.1902

Service Outreach

..... OPEN

Food Pantry

..... OPEN

Youth & Family Ministry

Beth Hamilton 669.1902

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 Sue Keeley 862.2790

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• **Healing Touch**
 Christine Noble 346.3120

Meals for Members

Barb Caspell 440.840.5393

Barb Louis 352.7055

SuperHeRose Youth Group

SuperLittles

..... OPEN

LAMB (Youth)

Nancy Marshaus 231.9483

Membership Support

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Dated Material - May 23, 2022

Smile! Know that God Loves **You!**

ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Worship Schedule

- ◆ Live-Stream Sunday's @9:00am & 11:00am
- ◆ In-Person Worship ▪ Saturday's @6:00pm
 - Sunday's @9:00am
 - Sunday's @11:00am
- ◆ Youth Sunday School ▪ off for the summer
- ◆ Adult Sunday School: ▪ Sunday's ▪ 10:15am

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Advent Welcomes You!

Welcome! With delight, we greet all who come to worship. You are sincerely welcomed and invited to be a regular worshipper here in God's house. If you are looking for a church home, you will find a ready welcome here at Advent Lutheran Church.

Welcome Friends



Advent's Purpose Statement: *"Loved by God, we share Christ's love with all"*