

August & September 2022

The Candle

Pastor's Message

Because of our Sabbatical Month in August, I'm thinking about the month of September here in July. This fact has caused me to pair together two topics – rest and work. First, in August I am encouraging our entire congregation to rest as much as you are able – here at Advent but, also, in your personal lives. You might try getting a bit more sleep, taking a break from something that saps your energy (technology? t.v.? worry? anger?) and, making more room for things that bring you joy (connecting with an old friend? reading a book for pleasure? a walk in one of our many parks? listening to music?). However you choose to rest – I encourage you to come to worship each weekend. Worship during August is meant to be simple while still feeding our souls—we will sing your favorite hymns and hear sermons by our Bishop and Northeast Ohio synod staff and be given “tools” to help us during our sabbath rest.

Then in the month of September I am encouraging all of us to “get back to work” -- It is not only the month where we lift and celebrate organized labor – we traditionally start up our Christian Education programs and encourage all to enroll in Sunday School. And, on Sunday, the 11th of September, we will participate in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's “*God's Work. Our Hands.*” Day of Service. Since 2013, we have joined congregations across the United States in a concerted effort to reach out and serve folk in our community. It will be time to pull out those yellow shirts, worship as a body, share a meal together and then get to work.

This combination of rest and work in one article is but a reflection of the natural rhythm of life that I believe is God's desire for all of creation. Too much rest with no opportunity to serve leads to inertia and a lack of accomplishment. Too much work with no rest leads to burn out. I am reminded of a question once posed to me on a spiritual retreat: “Which is more important – breathing in or breathing out?” The answer, according to the retreat leader -- “It all depends on what you've just done last.”

May you find Grace and Peace in the next two months amid whatever it is you choose to do and may you find a rhythm that both feeds your soul and gives you opportunities to live out your love for God's creation.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Steve*

dates
to Remember



Election Day
August 2



Blood Drives
August 20
10am-3pm



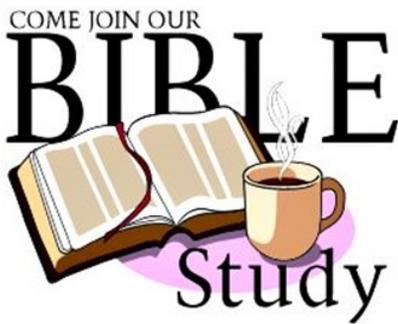
Day of Service
September 11



*“But the Lord stood
at my side and gave
me strength”
2 Timothy 4: 17*

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Our Purpose: “Loved by God, we share Christ's love with all”

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 @ 440.862.2790 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

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| July 30-Aug 5 | Barb Zahn, Bev McArthur |
| Aug 6-12 | Doreen Mattson, Isabel Tomer |
| Aug 13-19 | Christine Noble, Mary Jo Jones |
| Aug 20-26 | Jenny Dubeansky, Sara Coleman |
| Aug 27-Sept 2 | Becky Spudich, Nancy Shorts |
| Sept 3-9 | Nancy Marshaus, Rose Schrum |
| Sept 10-16 | Lee Sundblom, Kay Smith |
| Sept 17-23 | Becky Young, Sue Keeley |
| Sept 24-30 | Jen Egner, Sandy Kehler |

31 Days of Prayer

August Sabbatical is an opportunity for prayer

The Prayer & Spirituality team has made available prayer and reading materials to help provide inspiration, during this time in August of reflection, prayers and dreams. Please stop by the table in the Narthex each weekend in August to pick up weekly supplemental materials. Materials will also be sent via E-Blast.

“I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1



Points from your Parish Nurse

- ♥ As you know this August Advent will be taking a sabbatical as suggested by our Bishop Laura Barbins. What this means is we will cancel our monthly meetings and allow time for reflection and relaxation. We will still worship each week but in a simpler form. We will spend more time in prayer and listening to what our Lord may be telling us. Our lives are so busy that it is easy to miss God's whispers. That is why we must *"Be still and know that I am God."* Psalm 46:10
- ♥ The Annual Picnic for the Caregivers Support Group will be held on Thursday, August 11 at Veterans Park at 12noon. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, September 8 at 1pm at Advent. Anyone who is caring for a loved one is welcome to join us.
- ♥ The Care Team Ministry will meet on Saturday, September 3 at 10am at Advent. We are in need of volunteers to join our ministry. Eucharistic Ministers are also needed. Training is available. If you are interested in joining us, please call/text/email me at 440-346-3120 or adventparishnurse@gmail.com.
- ♥ There will be no Blood Pressure screenings in August. Our next screening will be the weekend of September 17/18.
- ♥ Flu season is right around the corner. My hope is to offer the Annual Flu Clinic on the last Sunday in September or the first Sunday in October. Unfortunately Walgreen's did not return my call in time to put the information in the newsletter. Watch the bulletin for further details.
- ♥ No better time than now to remember, "When in doubt, Point to the Cross!"

Your servant in Christ,
Christine Noble, Parish Nurse

Care Team



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| July 24-Aug 6 | Lida Mackey, Becky Young, Joyce Dick |
| Aug 7-20 | Kay Smith, Kathy Jennings, Kathy Kling |
| Aug 21-Sept 3 | Mary Jo Jones, Barbara Louis, Rose Schrum |
| Sept 4-17 | Carole Niebes, Lee Sundblom |
| Sept 18-Oct 1 | Sandy Kehler, Barb Caspell |

Upcoming Blood Drive

Saturdays, August 20

9am-2pm

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 - June

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

Excused: Denise McClanahan, Dave Enzerra, Thomas Knowles

Approval of May Council Minutes: Motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Pastor's Report: verbal

* The August Sabbatical was discussed. Use the time to focus on prayer, visioning and dreaming about the future of this congregation. No council meeting, ministry meetings, little to no worship materials.

* Thomas Knowles is stepping down from his position from council. His council term will be determined and we should appoint someone to fill the remainder of his position.

* Council/Leadership retreat went well. Thank you to all those who helped put it together and lead. Pastor Daubert provided 3 training videos. Those unable to attend the retreat are asked to watch the videos and be prepared for discussion at the July council meeting. Videos will be placed into the council folder of Dropbox. A Dropbox invite will be sent to all council members.

Treasurer's Report:

Income is 7.1% over plan.

Expenses 12.1% under budget

Ministry teams are under budget.

Bond Memorial needs an accounting correction. Dave will take care of this.

Tim inquired if the now **LBG Ministry**, could be included in the "Ministry" section of the Treasurer's report, and the \$500 budget be listed as such. Dave suggested that it would be best to move that for the start of the 2023 calendar/budget year.

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

Ministry Team Reports Received: Technology, Outreach, Property, H&W, LBG, W&M,

Property: report on file. We still have a racoon issue and it is a work in progress to get rid of them. Much of the items stored in the AFC have been ruined. Yvonne will find a company to come and clean out the AFC once the racoon's have been removed.

Yvonne noted that she was excited about the blended worship service/potluck planned for the end of July – a good way to start the August Sabbatical.

It was also noted for PR purposes, to begin listing church at 9am, fellowship at 10am, and then church at 11am. This might encourage more people to stay and fellowship, if a specific time slot was confirmed.

Witness: Thank you to all the council members who attended the new member dinner. It went well and the new members enjoyed hearing about our church ministries. Election Day went well.

Fellowship: Donuts for Dads is coming up this weekend for Father's Day.

Outreach: the idea of a food pantry being held at Advent was discussed within the ministry and was decided that it was not a good idea. This needs much planning and many volunteers.

Discussion of having a dry good pantry is still being discussed.

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

Old/Ongoing Business:

Youth Leader Update: We have received a couple of applications. One interview has been done, resulting in "not a good candidate." Another interview will be done this week, although pastor is not sure if it is a good fit. No strong candidates at this point.

PPP Grant Money: Tabled until next month.

Parsonage: Much discussion took place. Analysis was done, realtor walk-through complete. Appraisal received. Full documents on file. Dave presented the Parsonage & Property Keep/Sell Assessment and discussion ensued.

**Motion was made and seconded, that the team moves forward with further analysis, data gathering, pastor discussions, and financial data in keeping/selling the parsonage/property; motion was approved.

Current team is the finance ministry. Dave Mattson and Yvonne will be in touch with the BSTC to continue working on this. It was agreed that communication to the congregation is needed concerning this topic.

Stewardship: Janet Tilton has agreed to serve as chair of this ministry.

Leadership Retreat: will be discussed next month once all of council was able to watch the training videos.

Calling Campaign: Council, Witness and W&M have been making phone calls. No feedback at this time. Calls continuing.

Synod Assembly: Report on file.

Live-Stream Ministry: Greg Preske has stepped down from this ministry. Currently Eric & Yvonne are running slides. It was recommended, at least for the summer and until the computer, camera, and volunteer issues are fixed, that live-stream will just be wide-angle viewing with no embedded words. Live-stream will still alternate weekends Traditional/Contemporary. Contemporary service will have a Power Point for in-person. Computer issues were discussed. A new computer is needed, and the tech team has authorized the purchase of a new computer. Bob Adkins will ask the team who is purchasing this computer.

New business:

New Treasurer Approval: Rick Hofer has resigned as Treasurer and chair of Finance. Bob Adkins has volunteered to serve as Treasurer. Becky Spudich will serve as ministry chair. Dave Mattson is currently acting as treasurer until Bob is on board.

**Motion was made and seconded for approval of Bob Adkins becoming Advent's Treasurer, motion was approved.

Key-Keeper: brief discussion took place. Do we re-key the church or use "code" lock? Need a key-keeper and a key policy written. Full discussion tabled until next month.

"Faith in Action" initiative: Pastor has run into many situations lately where people are calling him needing rides/transportation. He does not feel comfortable doing this. Need to build a group of volunteers, both male and female, that are able to help with this. This will be discussed next month also.

Ministry of the Month: Focus each month on a different ministry: newsletter articles, temple talks, table in the Narthex. Explain the different aspects of each ministry and try to gain more volunteers. Which team should be focused on in September? Possibly Outreach or Stewardship.

Summer Schedule: Council will meet in July, although both Denise and Dave will not be in attendance. Pastor Steve will run the meeting, with pre-done agenda by the Exec team. Council will continue to meet hybrid (both in-person and zoom)

Other new business:

It was mentioned that the United Methodist church is locking its doors once church services begin. We need to raise awareness – We may need to make some safety changes soon.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion was made, seconded, and meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.



**Council
Minutes**

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Keeley, Council Secretary

Luther in History

Translation of the Bible

Luther had published his German translation of the New Testament in 1522, and he and his collaborators completed the translation of the Old Testament in 1534, when the whole Bible was published. He continued to work on refining the translation until the end of his life. Others had previously translated the Bible into German, but Luther tailored his translation to his own doctrine. Two of the earlier translations were the Mentelin Bible (1456) and the Koberger Bible (1484). There were as many as fourteen in High German, four in Low German, four in Dutch, and various other translations in other languages before the Bible of Luther.

Luther's translation used the variant of German spoken at the Saxon chancellery, intelligible to both northern and southern Germans. He intended his vigorous, direct language to make the Bible accessible to everyday Germans, "for we are removing impediments and difficulties so that other people may read it without hindrance." Published at a time of rising demand for German-language publications, Luther's version quickly became a popular and influential Bible translation. As such, it contributed a distinct flavor to German language and literature. Furnished with notes and prefaces by Luther, and with woodcuts by Lucas Cranach that contained anti-papal imagery, it played a major role in the spread of Luther's doctrine throughout Germany. The Luther Bible influenced other vernacular translations, such as the Tyndale Bible (from 1525 forward), a precursor of the King James Bible.



Sunday School

Begins on September 18
10:15am

Mark your calendars!!

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

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION FORUM RESUMES

Is it possible to disagree politically and still love unconditionally? The Sunday morning adult education forum will begin exploring this topic on September 18th at 10:30am via zoom. This will involve a multi-week discussion of the book, *Not in it To Win It*, by Andy Stanley (the son of Dr. Charles Stanley). It is available at Amazon.com for \$15.42.

If it better fits your schedule to participate from Advent, you can bring your own E-device and sign in from church.

If you are interested in joining us, please call/text Tim Krueger at (440) 391-0369 so that you can be placed on our emailing list-which is how the zoom information is sent out. You may also email him at *LTCTKRUE@aol.com*.

Prayers in the Parks

A summer program inspired by the Holy Spirit with a focus on the Fruits of the Spirit through the power of prayer.

Meet for about an hour at a park location nearby every other Sunday evening (weather permitting) (excluding Sunday, September 4th).

See park locations/dates below.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

If the Holy Spirit leads you to participate in one or more sessions, please feel free to contact us at:

Ken Lutz: ken6047L@yahoo.com / 440.655.7930

Debra Cyrus-Lutz: d_cyrus57@hotmail.com / 440.520.2369

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| August 7 | 6:30pm | Veterans Park (5730 Hopkins Rd. Mentor) |
| August 21 | 6:30pm | Painesville Township (1025 Hardy Rd. Painesville) |
| September 11 | 6:30pm | Fairport Harbor (2nd and 202 Plum St. Fairport) |
| September 25 | 6:30pm | Lakefront Lodge (30525 Lakeshore. Willowick) |

“...But with God, all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26

Get Ready for Our Day of Service on September 11th

Advent is once again participating in the ELCA Day of Service this year. It will be Sunday September 11th. There will be one worship serve at 10:00am. It will be followed by a lunch, then we will go to our various projects. It is a great opportunity for fellowship and giving a little back to our community.

Current projects being planned are:

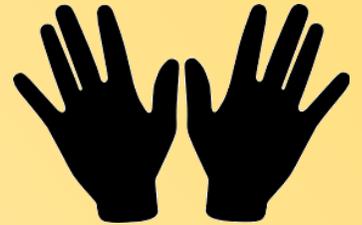
Make Pillows for Hospice – Bev McArthur

Sing in Traveling Choir – Doreen Mattson

Make Blankets for Various Charities– Lida Mackey

Do Yard Work and Small Projects for person(s) – Becky Spudich

Package Personal Care Items for Forbes House – Denise Janosko & Cheryl Manos



Mark your calendars.

The Community Outreach Ministry Team

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! GOD'S WORK! OUR HANDS!

After the worship service we will enjoy a delicious lunch of Sloppy Joe's and Hot Dogs. Then we will go out into the community to serve our fellow man. **DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR YELLOW T-SHIRT!**

Please help support our projects which are sponsored by Worship, Fellowship, and Outreach.

Forbes House Collections

We will be collecting items for care kits to be donated to Forbes House in Painesville. Forbes House provides temporary shelter for battered women and their children. Please place your donations in the marked bin in the narthex. We will be collecting donations now and until our Day of Service on Sunday, September 11. We will gather, sort, and bag kits on that day as well. Thank you for your generosity and please consider sharing this list with your family and friends.

Regular size items (not trial or jumbo size) needed:

Shampoo/Conditioner

Body Wash

Soap Bars

Washcloths

Non-aerosol Deodorant

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Combs or Hairbrushes

Liquid or Baby Bar Soap

***Feminine products are needed and will collected as well.**

Any questions can be directed to Cheryl Manos or Denise Janosko

“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.” Mark 16:15

Ministry of the Month

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM

If you were to Google **Christian Education**, you would find hundreds of definitions, thousands (millions, even) of books, articles and philosophical essays trying to define those two words. Basically, it is this:

A **Christian** is a person who believes in Jesus Christ and follows his teachings while **Education** is a purposeful activity designed to transmit knowledge or foster skills and character traits. To educate means to give intellectual, moral, and social instruction/training to someone. Sounds simple enough.

Here at Advent we have "Ministry Teams," made up of people working **together**. The goal of the **Christian Education Ministry Team** is to provide the Advent family with ongoing spiritual growth through faith, worship, and instruction. We seek to develop biblical understanding within a safe environment through enriching programs that teach about Christ, encourage Godly living and Christian leadership and witness. In the various programs offered here at Advent, there is a real "give and take" comfort level in which all participants can learn from each other as we talk, listen, study, and enjoy some 'hands-on' fun activities.

Throughout the month of September, we will be sharing more news about the programs offered. For now, please take note:

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 25-29 from 6-8pm (a light supper will be served)

Sunday School resumes on September 18 beginning at 10:15am.

Sunday Morning Adult Forum resumes on September 18 beginning at 10:30am.

Brown Bag Bible Study resumes Thursday, September 22 from 12-1:30pm on Zoom

Hope Circle Meeting resumes on Tuesday, September 13 at 9:30am.

Sophia resumes on Saturday, September 10 at 10am.

Join us, won't you? ***"Loved by God, we share Christ's love with all."***

Lida Mackey, *Christian Education
Ministry Liaison*



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

ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMING STATEMENT

Our mission is “Loved by God, we share Christ’s love with all.” We are a fully-inclusive faith community of shared Christian beliefs. We invite you to join us on your faith journey, no matter where you are on your path to God. We welcome you with open arms to bring your whole self, just as you are today. Let us learn and grow together to love God more fully and embrace our neighbors as ourselves.

We are committed to being an all-encompassing community of faith who welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, people of differing abilities, persons of diverse cultures and national backgrounds into the life and leadership of our church. We embrace their families and friends.

As a fully-affirming congregation, you will find that diversity is a part of the essence of our church's home and inspires us to reach out beyond the walls of our building in service to the community. It is in this commitment that we seek racial equality, gender parity and equal opportunity for people with disabilities.

We sincerely invite you to become a part of our worship and work as a faith community.

Here is an update from the Loved By God ministry team-

There has been lots going on behind the scenes since our May 15th Congregational Meeting where we voted to become a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) church. Our team met in June and agreed on several "next steps."



⇒ Tim Krueger and Becky Spudich had a Zoom meeting with Reconciling Works in order to obtain general information regarding the best way(s) to move forward. Ashlei shared several ideas/resources that are available to us. We were pleased to find out that we are already doing (or planning to do) the vast majority of her suggestions.

⇒ You may have noticed some changes-

- Framed copy of our new Welcome Statement and RIC certificate hung in the narthex
- RIC logo added to our electronic sign, bulletins, newsletter and letterhead
- Website updated with logo and link to our Welcome Statement
- Advent Facebook page updated with logo
- Tim responded to a beautiful letter we received from Peace Lutheran Church in Cleveland Hts. We are hoping to develop an ongoing relationship with them.

If you are interested in joining our exciting Ministry Team, please contact Tim Krueger (440) 391-0369 or Becky Spudich (440) 487-7897. We will be meeting in September and would love to have you join us.

SEPTEMBER

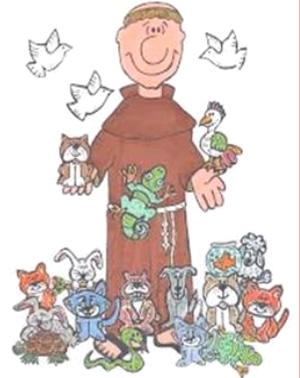
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| | 11 10:00am Day of Service Worship 11:15am Day of Service Lunch 4:30pm Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm Men's AA | 12 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Council Meeting | 13 9:30am Hope Circle 11:15am Witness Ministry | 14 7:00pm AA Meeting 8:00pm AA Discussion Group | 15 9:30am Quilting | 16 7:00pm AA Meeting 8:00pm AA Group Meeting | 17 4:00pm Evening Worship 5:00pm BP Screening |
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AUGUST

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Blessing of the Pets

Calling all dogs, cats, hamsters, goldfish and parrots-- and any other animal who is part of your family! On Saturday, October 8th at 2pm, Pastor Steve will be blessing our pets. We will meet in the back parking lot where we will have a short service to thank God for all the creatures we have been blessed to call part of our family. This will be held rain or shine (Fellowship Hall is pet friendly). Annie and Ember are hoping that all their Advent friends will come and join them!



Blessings
Prayer and Spirituality Ministry Team

Coming Soon...

To be of help to our neighboring community, Advent is going to be a location for housing a "Little Food Pantry," also known as Blessing Boxes. Similar to our Free Little Library, our Little Food Pantry will hold non-parishable food items for those in need. Take what you need, bring what you can, but be blessed.

We will begin accepting items for stocking, such as: canned goods (fruits, vegetables, tuna, soups etc.), dry boxed goods (pastas, rice, cereal, etc.), shelf milk, peanut butter, apple sauce, dry cat/dog food. There will be a collection box outside the church office.

A huge thank you to Sterling Coleman, who has volunteered to build our Little Food Pantry. Thank you so much Sterling for sharing your time and talents with Advent!

Stay tuned!



Outreach

Food Pantry Donations for the month of:

**August:
Shampoo & Detergent**

**September:
Toothpaste &
Toilet Paper**

**Volunteers
Needed**



"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 1/2 cups Whole Wheat Flour
- 1/4 cup Sugar
- 1 teaspoon of Baking Powder
- 1 Tablespoon of Oil
- 3/4 cup Water
- 1/4 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 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. Make a cross on each loaf of bread cutting all the way though 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.

Thank you for your ministry!

Come One! Come All! Church Picnic - July 31st

- ◆ There will be one blended worship service at 10:00am (indoor).
- ◆ Potluck luncheon and fellowship - 11:15am
- ◆ Bring your favorite **covered dish or dessert**

Fall Worship Schedule begins September 18

- Saturdays - 4:00pm**
(*note new time effective Sept. 10)
- Sundays - 9am & 11:30am**



Altar Flowers

August

- 7 Sundblom
- 14 Noble
- 21 Open
- 28 Open

August Altar Guild

Nancy Marshaus, Kathy Jennings



September

- 4 Open
- 11 Open
- 18 Open
- 25 Hamilton

September Altar Guild

Dawn Toth

New Birth

Ethan David Gaines

born June 22

Parents: Shawn & Jacqueline Gaines
Big brothers: Calvin & Simon
Grandparents: David & Susan Enzerra



God's Blessings!!

Finance Update • June 30, 2022

| <u>GENERAL FUND</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>DIFFERENCE</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Balance 1/1/22 | \$ 73,709.02 | 73,709.92 | |
| Income | 150,866.88 | 136,498.00 | 14,368.88 |
| Expenditures | 146,795.02 | 162,205.00 | 15,409.98 |
| Ending Balance June 30, 2022 | \$77,780.88 | \$48,002.02 | \$ 29,778.86 |

BUILDING FUND/ EXISTING MORTGAGE

| | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Balance 1/1/22 | \$2,451.18 | \$2,451.18 | |
| Income | | | |
| Expenditures | | | - |
| Ending Balance June 30, 2022 | \$ 24,843.68 | \$ 2,451.18 | No Mortgage |

DESIGNATED/ RESTRICTED FUNDS

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|---|---------------------|
| Balance 1/1/22 | \$151,099.72 |
| Income | 20,627.70 |
| Expenditures | 38,906.73 |
| Ending Balance June 30, 2022 | \$132,820.69 |

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

Please be sure to contact the church office if your email, address or phone number has changed, as we strive to keep our directory and church files up to date.

Thank you!

Our thoughts, prayers, and Christian sympathies are extended to Rob Grove & family, upon the death of Judy Grove. Judy went home to the Lord on Monday, July 18.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, the 30th of July at Advent.

May the strength, comfort and peace of our Lord embrace all who grieve.



**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**

ADVENT'S STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Steven C. Bond 710.4757
 Office Administrator: Sue Keeley 862.2790
 Organist: Elizabeth Sumiejski 255.5489
 Chancel Choir Director: Doreen Mattson 946.5043
 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)

Lay Assistants and Bread Givers

Doreen Mattson 946.5043

Worship Assistants (9am)

..... OPEN

Worship Assistants (11am)

..... OPEN

Nursery OPEN

Ushers

Bob McClanahan 352.8025

Worship Tech

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

Prayer Ministry

• **Prayer Vigil**

Sue Keeley 862.2790

• **Prayer Chain**

Sue Keeley 862.2790

• **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

Memorial Gifts

Barb Zahn 440.223.2852

Finely Aged Ministry

Christine Noble 346.3120

Funeral Luncheons

Christine Noble 346.3120

Bonnie Reppert 336.2228

Historian

Kathy Sneary 221.0445

Blood Drives

Cherie Moore 623.308.9514

Webmaster

Church Office 257.5565

Liturgical Arts

Fawn Patrick 357.7898

Quilting

Sandy Agard 953.1494

Cradle Roll OPEN

Social Media Coordinator OPEN

CHURCH COUNCIL

Pr. Steve Bond 710.4757

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Council Secretary

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Worship Schedule

- ♦ Saturday's @6:00pm (changes to 4:00pm Sept. 10)
Sunday's @9:00am ▪ Sunday's @11:00am
Sunday's @9:00am ▪ Sunday's @11:30am (Sept. 18)
- ♦ Youth Sunday School ▪ Sunday's ▪ 10:15am
(begins September 18)
- ♦ Adult Sunday School: ▪ Sunday's ▪ 10:30am
(begins September 18)

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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"*