

The Adventure

A newsletter from Advent Lutheran Church.



WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday

8:45 & 11:00 am - Worship
9:00 am - Children's Choir
10:00 am - Forums
10:00 & 11:00 am - Church School

Tuesday

11:30 am - Staff Mtg
6:30 pm - Church School
6:30 pm - Handbells
7:30 pm - Youth Night

Wednesday

10:00 am - Bible Study
6:30 pm - Confirmation
6:30 pm - Adult Choir

Thursday

9:30 am - Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm - Praise Team

Friday

9:00 am - God Chicks
9:00 am - Bulletin Team
Clean Team

Saturday

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study
9:00 am - Yoga
5:00 pm - Worship



**“Now the LORD said to Abram,
‘Go from your country and your kindred
and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.’”
Genesis 12:1 NRSV**

One of my favorite stories in the Bible is often referred to as “The Call of Abraham.” I’ve always been stunned by the purity and simplicity of Abram’s faith. Abram is relatively old (the Bible tells us he is 75) and he lives with his large, extended family. God tells Abram to leave everything he is familiar with—the land he loves, the people he loves—and pick up everything and “go.” The Bible doesn’t record any dialogue between God and Abram. All we know is that God told Abram to go and Abram went. It’s a story of absolute trust in God and I’ve always treasured it.



Until one day this past May, when God told *me* to “go” it was clear. It was the voice of God. I wasn’t clear where. But God wanted me to be willing to go “somewhere else.”

I wish I could tell you that God said “go,” and Elizabeth promptly and obediently went. But the truth is there was a *lot* of heated dialogue between God and Elizabeth. Having lived in the same area of the country my whole life, my extended family is here. I have great, lifelong friends here. I have well-loved hiking and running trails here.

I liked Abram’s story well enough when it was tucked safely in my Bible, but I wasn’t so happy when the story of Abram became *my* story. I knew that if God was calling me, God was calling my husband, Rich, too. There was deep, heartfelt wrestling and lots of teary conversations with family and friends. But over the course of many months, Rich and I knew, beyond a doubt, that God was calling us to something new.

Once we *agreed* to go, God showed us *where* we would go: Advent Lutheran in Maple Grove.

Now that it is clear where God is sending us, Rich and I are excited! We have watched God move obstacles we could not have moved by ourselves. Trusting God has tested and strengthened our faith and it has deepened our relationship with God and each other. We refer to this as “our great God adventure.” Really, when you open your heart to God’s leading, your entire life becomes “one great God adventure.”

Abram’s story is a nice story. Elizabeth’s story is a nice story. But what is your story? Every day God is calling you into adventure. For most of you this won’t be a physical move. But is there something in your life that God is asking you to leave behind or trust God for something new? Something you can’t see just yet, but you feel a pull towards your own “God adventure?” Trust me; it is easier to stay put. But if you’re willing to experience God’s love and faithfulness in a new way, listen carefully to where God may be calling *you!*

Thank you for calling me to be your new senior pastor. I can’t wait to see where God will lead us!

Joyfully,
Pastor Elizabeth Felt

Living our Faith

Greetings from your Congregational Council

As my term of President of Advent's Congregational Council begins, I want to publicly thank Kim Seeger, outgoing President. She was highly competent as she assumed all the presidential duties/roles. She consistently demonstrated her sincere commitment for the good of Advent's present and future. It was my pleasure to learn from her and reap the benefit of her great sense of humor! Many thanks to the outgoing council members: Bill Beaupre, Nancy Christenson, Kendall Harvey, Steve Karlson, Steve Meindl, Jan Roadfeldt, Dan Shaffer and Bruce Wagner, as well as the remaining council members: Judy Brossard, Tom Brusegaard, Vern Menk and Stacey Saetveit for your valued service. I welcome these members who are joining the council this year: Troy Cardinal, Linda Greene, Paul Hamel, Anna Karlson, Derick Larson and Sue Skarolid. I look forward to serving with you, as well as with Pastor Elizabeth and Pastor Tim.

Council
President's
notes

In anticipation of and preparation for Pastor Elizabeth Felt starting her position as Senior Pastor at Advent on February 16, I have had the pleasure of communicating with her via email and phone calls. I asked her what she learned about Advent that prompted her to accept God's call and move from the state of Washington to Minnesota. She easily listed these factors:

- Advent is so "cool" and we don't fully realize it. She wants to help us realize what a great congregation we have at Advent and to see how God is actively at work in the congregation.
- Advent members have joined together to pay down the mortgage debt. This is no small thing. Paying down debt is HARD. This speaks volumes about the integrity and dedication of the people at Advent. She is already anticipating the fun of a future "burn the mortgage" party to celebrate the occasion.
- There is a great sense of joy and sense of humor at Advent.
- People want the best for all. There is a spirit of goodwill.
- People demonstrate an eagerness to grow deeper to God and to spread that out into the community.
- She was impressed when she heard about the excitement and acceptance of the Interfaith Evening of Peace Service that was held at Advent on April 2016. She thinks it is important to learn about our neighbors who have a different religion, speak different languages and wear different clothes than we do. She acknowledges that people are fearful of the unknown, even though the Bible instructs us to not be afraid. God is clearly at work in these interfaith conversations and she is excited to see where God will lead Advent next.
- The gifts God has given Pastor Elizabeth for ministry match Advent's needs. She has a compelling need to use those gifts.

I begin my term as your president, confident that God will continue to bless and guide us each day.

Grateful for God's Grace,
Alice Olson, Council President

UPCOMING FORUMS:

- Feb. 5 & 12: Sufism and Christ. Led by Pastor Tim Tengblad.
- Feb. 19: No Forum - Coffee with Pastor Elizabeth Felt.
- Feb. 26: God's Nature in Trees. Led by Pastor Tim Tengblad.
- Mar. 5: Congregation wide assembling of sandwiches in Grace Hall for "363 Sandwiches Street Ministry."
- Mar. 12: Pastor Elizabeth Felt's Installation! One Worship service at 10:00 am.
- Mar. 19 & 26: Prayer - Finding The Heart's True Home. Led by Pastor Elizabeth Felt.
- Apr. 2 & 9: Prayer - Finding The Heart's True Home. Led by Pastor Elizabeth Felt.



Book Club

Book Club meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Advent Library. Here are the upcoming books for discussion. We would love to have you join us for any of the discussions.

February 9: "What Was Mine" by Helen Klein Ross

March 9: "Some Wildflower In My Heart" by Jamie Langston Turner

April 13: "Driftless" by David Rhodes

Contact Tammy Arntson at purplewagon@gmail.com, if you have questions or would like to receive emails announcing upcoming books and meeting times.



SNOWBIRDS!

Please make sure to contact Joan in the church office to let her know when you will be coming back! We greatly appreciate the information. Thank You!
joancornica@adventlutheran.com
or 763-425-4243.



I don't know what to say about everything going on in the world today, but I know what we can do in our community: we can show up with Grace. Every single day; with every single person; in every single situation, I can choose to live from a place of Love, Patience & Blessing. It may sound simplistic and naïve, but I believe from the bottom of my heart that each of us has the opportunity every day to impact our little slice of the world. Through our words and our actions, our little slice of the world will be a better place because of them.

GRACE



If we aren't showing up with Grace, we are probably showing up with anger, getting even, fighting to be right, with bitterness and no forgiveness. That is when we start to make unwise choices that change our little world (hurting the hearts and souls of family, friends, the grocery store clerk, co-workers, etc). The idea of showing up with Grace in no way diminishes the horror of mass shootings. But it keeps me from feeling powerless and insignificant. I can be an influencer, for something good.

Wouldn't it be something, if we each choose to live grace? It will make a difference. It's something we can do starting right now. No training required!! Let's choose Grace!!

(I think this came from a forum that Pastor Tim led a few months ago. I thought it needed to be repeated and an alternative to New Year's resolutions.)

Let's show up with Grace!!!
Bonnie Meindl



Family Faith at Home

Love Challenge

"Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other." (1 John 4:11)



Every person has a special way of expressing and receiving love. Talk to your kids and encourage them to think about people close to them. Have kids brainstorm different ways they can show love to others using ideas related to physical touch, quality time together, gifts, service or kind words. Remind kids they can give love to others in many different ways and have kids choose someone to show love to during the week. Use the following list as a starting point for ideas.

- ◆ Physical Touch: dancing, giving hugs, giving a foot rub
- ◆ Quality Time: taking a walk together, working a puzzle or reading together
- ◆ Gifts: making a craft, drawing or taking a picture, making a bracelet
- ◆ Service: making a meal, assisting with a chore, helping clean
- ◆ Kind Words: writing a letter, creating a story about the person, reciting a poem

A great resource for encouraging children to find their love language and ways to serve others is A Perfect Pet for Peyton: A 5 Love Languages Discovery Book by Rick Osborne and Gary Chapman.

Adapted from childrensministry.com

Remember to support CROSS

Eat at Malone's (12635 Elm Creek Blvd, Maple Grove) on February 6th starting at 11:00 am until closing. 50% of all food and beverage sales will be donated to CROSS services. This event is sponsored by the Maple Grove Lions.



ADVENT ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

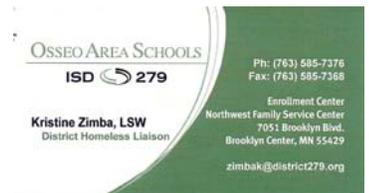


The Endowment Committee invites Advent's high school seniors to apply for one of two \$1,000 scholarships awarded in June. Scholarship applications are located on Events and Activities board (next to pop machine in the education wing), on the Youth and Family Kiosk (in the Atrium) and in the church office. Fully completed scholarship applications are due to the church office by 4:00 pm on Friday,

February 24th. Any applications received after 4:00 pm on February 24th will **NOT** be considered for the scholarship. If you have questions, please check with Shannon.

On behalf of ISD 279, I would like to thank Advent Lutheran Church for choosing Osseo Area Schools Homeless Youth Program for your Special Offering in October. With the funds from the special offering and all the winter clothing donations, we will be able to support students & their families experiencing homelessness by helping students get to school each day and have the needed support and supplies to be successful in school. Thanks you for your partnership and commitment to the community & ISD 279.

Sincerely,
Krissy Zimba.



NOTICE: OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 20. (Presidents' Day)

Children, Youth & Family



CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Sunday	February 5	Class at 10:00 and 11:00 am
Tuesday	February 7	Class at 6:30 pm Kindergarten Prayer Milestone Workshop at 6:30 pm
Sunday	February 12	Class at 10:00 and 11:00 am
Tuesday	February 14	Class at 6:30 pm
Sunday	February 19	Class at 10:00 and 11:00 am
Tuesday	February 21	Class at 6:30 pm
Sunday	February 26	Class at 10:00 and 11:00 am
Tuesday	February 28	No Class at 6:30 pm Family Project Night at 6:30 pm (all church school families)

9th Grade Mentor Training

Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30 pm. Students and their mentors will meet in Grace Hall, share dessert together, get to know one another and learn about Advent's Confirmation mentoring program. Students and Mentors are invited to come to pizza feast at 6:00 pm. \$1/slice. To ensure we have enough pizza for everyone, please email Shannon to let her know if you and your mentor are attending pizza feast. Please let your mentors know about this training now, as you and your mentor are expected to attend. All materials and information will be given out during this gathering. If you have questions, please contact Shannon at shannongreely@adventlutheran.com



4 Year Old Devotional Milestone Event

On Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30 pm, the 4 year olds and 5 year olds (**not in kindergarten**) and their parents are invited to a workshop to learn about devotions. We will have snacks together, learn about devotions and have some fun. The students will receive a devotional book during worship on March 19th at either the 8:45 or 11:00 am worship service during the children's sermon. Please RSVP to Shannon Greely at shannongreely@adventlutheran.com.



Important Pastor Transition

Advent is excited to welcome our new Pastor Elizabeth this February. As we prepare for her arrival here at Advent, I would like to ask your help with a couple of important actions to help ensure a smooth transition.

- First, with all of our wonderful children, youth and families, it will take her awhile to get to know our names. Upon her arrival, we are asking all members including our children and youth to start wearing name tags. Advent will have stations set up in our atrium for parents, children and youth to write out a name tag on a name badge sticker so she knows who we are when we meet her. We will do this as a congregation for the first couple of months ensuring her welcoming environment as we know Advent to be.
- Second, is asking for your family to join her and our congregation on Sunday, March 12th at 10:00 am with her Installation by Bishop Ann Svennungsen during our special Sunday, March 12th one worship at 10:00 am. This is a special Sunday and our presence and support is important to her start here at Advent. There will be NO church school on Sunday, March 12th so please bring your family and mark this special day on your calendar.

Please contact Shannon at shannongreely@adventlutheran.com.



YOUTH NIGHT (9th - 12th Grade)

Join us on scheduled Tuesday night for Fun, Fellowship and Faith!
Hang out time starts prior at 7:00 pm and activities start at 7:30 pm

Tuesday	February 7	7:30 - 8:30 pm
Tuesday	February 14	7:30 - 8:30 pm
Tuesday	February 21	7:30 - 8:30 pm
Tuesday	February 28	No Youth Night

Youth Night meets on the scheduled Tuesdays for fellowship, time to connect with each other and grow in our faith. We generally have fellowship time and then come together for devotion. All students, 9th grade and up, are welcome to join!



PRESCHOOL PLAY AND PRAISE

Wed., February 8th from 9:30-11:00 am.

This is a wonderful ministry opportunity for preschoolers (ages 2-5), their parents and/or grandparents, to come together to "Play and Praise" as we explore our favorite childhood Bible Stories. We will gather for group time, sing songs,

play, create and even have a snack. Join us for this exciting opportunity. Please RSVP to Shannon Greely at shannongreely@adventlutheran.com.

Kindergarten Prayer Milestone Event

On Tuesday, February 7, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm, the Kindergarten students and their parents are invited to come and learn about prayer. A snack will be provided. The students will receive a prayer book in worship on February 12th at either the 8:45 or 11:00 am service, during the children's sermon. Please RSVP to Shannon at shannongreely@adventlutheran.com.



6-8th grade CONFIRMANDS:

Looking Ahead for Lent Services:

During Lent, confirmation students will NOT have pizza feast. Students and families are encouraged to share a meal with the congregation at our "free will offering" Soup Supper in Grace Hall at 5:15 pm. Soup suppers will start Wednesday, March 8th and continue each Wednesday, prior to each Lenten service ending on Wednesday, April 5th.

Students will not have small group discussions **but will attend the Lenten Worship Service at 6:30 with family or at least one parent as their class for the evening.** Each student will need to sign in and pick up a purple Lenten "Worship Note" sheet, which is different from the regular white worship note sheet used for Saturday evening and Sunday morning services. Your completed purple sheet will be taken home to discuss as a family each week. Students will sign in each week for attendance tracking.

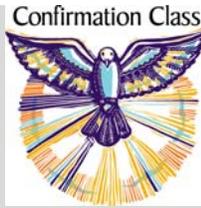
Lenten Schedule:

Mar 1	Ash Wednesday service with family at 6:30 pm
Mar 8	Soup Supper 5:15 pm & Lenten Worship 6:30 pm with family
Mar 15	Soup Supper 5:15 pm & Lenten Worship 6:30 pm with family
Mar 22	Soup Supper 5:15 pm & Lenten Worship 6:30 pm with family
Mar 29	Soup Supper 5:15 pm & Lenten Worship 6:30 pm with family
Apr 5	Soup Supper 5:15 pm & Lenten Worship 6:30 pm with family



**Confirmation Schedule
6th – 8th Grade Students**

- Feb. 1 Pizza Feast 6:00 pm & Lesson 6:30
- Feb. 8 Pizza Feast 6:00 pm & Lesson 6:30
- Feb. 15 Pizza Feast 6:00 pm & Lesson 6:30
- Feb. 22 Pizza Feast 6:00 pm & Lesson 6:30



9th Grade February Confirmation Schedule



All 9th grade students will attend Lenten services and additional services during Holy Week leading up to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Each week during the regular Lenten services, 9th graders will attend worship and then meet with their mentor to share in a discussion and

conversation. If anyone has questions regarding Confirmation during Lent, please feel free to contact Shannon at shannongreely@adventlutheran.com.

- Feb 15 6:30 pm Mentor/Student training in Grace Hall (Dessert served)
- Mar 1 Ash Wednesday service with family and mentor at 6:30 pm
- Mar 8 Soup Supper 5:15 pm & Lenten Worship 6:30 pm discussion with mentor following service
- Mar 15 Soup Supper 5:15 pm & Lenten Worship 6:30 pm discussion with mentor following service
- Mar 22 Soup Supper 5:15 pm & Lenten Worship 6:30 pm discussion with mentor following service
- Mar 29 Soup Supper 5:15 pm & Lenten Worship 6:30 pm discussion with mentor following service
- Apr 5 Soup Supper 5:15 pm & Lenten Worship 6:30 pm discussion with mentor following service

5th Grade Communion Celebration Milestone and Family Pot Luck Sunday, April 9 at 12:15 pm

All fifth grade students will start learning about communion during Sunday morning 10:00 am church school over the Lenten season. Each week students will learn and explore about this Holy Sacrament, attend worship with their parents, make a stole, share a meal with our annual 5th grade potluck and celebrate this special milestone by joining the table and taking communion on Maundy Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 pm. The 5th grade family potluck will be held on Sunday, April 9th at 12:15 pm in Grace Hall. All 5th graders and their families are asked to bring a main dish and a salad or dessert to share. After the meal we will practice for our special communion celebration. All 5th graders, wishing to participate in this special milestone, are asked to fill out a registration form. All completed forms are due to the church office to Allison by Sunday, February 12th. For more information, please contact Shannon Greely at shannongreely@adventlutheran.com.



Save the Date!!!!



DINNER THEATER 2017 – April 20, 21, 22

Dinner theatre is an annual tradition of food, fun, silent auction and entertainment to help raise funds for student's summer camps, mission trips and events. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the youth and share in the fun. If you are a student (6-12th grade) or adult wanting to help and participate, please grab a Dinner Theatre participation form on the Events and Activities board, next to the pop machine, in the education wing and turn into Shannon Greely's mailbox outside her office door. All interested participants should sign up by Feb 5th! We need many volunteers to help with the meal prep, kitchen help, serving, acting, stage crew, tech crew, costumes, music set up, take down, media, ticket sales and silent auction donations, back stage help and more! All areas are important and appreciated. For more information please contact Shannon Greely. shannongreely@adventlutheran.com.

Camp Wapo Online Registration open now!

I know it's hard to start thinking about summer camp when we have been experiencing cold and freezing temperatures this winter, but it is open registration for summer Bible camp at Camp Wapo in Amery, Wisconsin. All students, completing 4th - 11th grade, are eligible to attend Camp Wapo Bible Camp this summer July 23 - 28, 2016. All campers wishing to attend must register online with Wapo at www.campwapo.org. If you are a returning camper from last year, use your user name and password from last year and all new campers will create a user name and password. Please select our church (Advent MG) and our assigned week (July 23 - 28). You will pay the \$100 deposit directly online to Camp Wapo (www.campwapo.org). Online registration is now open for you to reserve your spot. Reserved registration will close March 15th and our spaces will be open to other churches and campers. We have limited spaces open and then there will be a waiting list. Spots will be reserved in order of registration. For more information, please contact Shannon Greely at shannongreely@adventlutheran.com.



February Fundraising Opportunities!



Heggie's Pizzas are available for students to sell to earn money for camp and summer mission trips. Order forms are available for students on Events and Activities board in education wing. Students selling pizzas need a completed order form and collected money due to Shannon by Wednesday, February 15th. Pizzas will be delivered to Advent for students and families to pick up on Tuesday, February 28 from 4:45 - 7:30 pm. All students participating must pick up pizzas during this time. Please make arrangements

to pick up your pizzas. Students will then be responsible for delivering pizzas to their customers. If you are interested in fundraising for your summer camp or mission trip, please contact Shannon Greely at shannongreely@adventlutheran.com for upcoming opportunities!

Activities & Interests



STEPHEN MINISTRY

This is the month we think of those we love. It's hard when the loved one is gone. Even minor holidays can hurt. Stephen Ministers can give comfort and walk through this journey with you. A loss isn't only death, it can be a move out of town or estrangement.

Stephen Ministers are trained to listen and give Christian comfort. Call Pastor Tim Tengblad (763-425-4243) or Joanne Miller (763-425-7335).

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

LuAnn is looking for people to help with Fellowship Treats between services on Sunday mornings. We all like to have coffee, treats and fellowship between services, but it doesn't get done by itself. Please see LuAnn Graber in the kitchen to sign up for a Sunday that works for you.



USHERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL SERVICES!!!

Especially needed for the Saturday night services. If you can help, please sign up on the Happenings Sheet specifying which service time you will do or contact Joe Ademino at 763-323-9320 or schultzademino@comcast.net.



DATE CHANGE DATE CHANGE DATE CHANGE SAVE THE DATE... MARCH 5TH

Join us in Grace Hall on March 5 at 10:00 am. Help make sandwiches for 363/Love One Another



About the 363 Days Food Program:

The 363 Days Food Program distributes 1,600 sandwiches per night to the hungry. Last year 363 Days Food Program distributed over 500,000 sandwiches and water to the homeless in Minneapolis! Allan Law, a retired inner city Minneapolis school teacher, started MRD in 1967. Law personally drives a van around Minneapolis every night feeding the hungry. The mission of 363 days food program is "Love One Another" and the guiding principal is "Judge our society by how we care for our children and the disadvantaged" – ideas shared by numerous compassionate thinkers throughout the ages.

Advent is hoping to make 2500 sandwiches on March 5 and we need your help. Make a donation and/or Make sandwiches and Make a difference.

Visit <http://363days.org>

Questions – please call Myra Robbin at (612) 735-6494.

BAPTISM

- Jan. 8: Brayden David Kaldun
Parents: Colleen & Darrick Kaldun
- Jan. 14: Carson Andrew Pierskalla
Parents: Alicia & Andrew Pierskalla



WEDDING

♥ None



SYMPATHY

- Judi Poppenhagen & family at the death of her husband, Kip Poppenhagen.
- Jay & Karen Johnson & family at the death of Jay's mother, Ivy Johnson.
- Dick & Audrey Johnson & family at the death of Dick's sister, Martha Shellum and Dick's sister-in-law, Doris Johnson.



Thank You for your support of ELCA Good Gifts and Fair Trade Gifts



Your gifts to Good Gifts support the sustainable development ministries of ELCA World Hunger, which include training, education, resources (and much more) to help the community care for animals and create new market opportunities like starting a small business selling eggs, meat or dairy products. Your gifts support this comprehensive approach to animal husbandry. Fair Trade Gifts of chocolate, coffee and tea support and ensure that farmers are getting a fair price for their products resulting in stable farming families. Good Gifts sales were over \$1,300 and Fair Trade Products \$304.

Thank You from the Faith and Society Committee

WE ARE A
BEACON OF
HOPE FOR
THOSE FACING
THE STORMS

The Nest Backpack Program

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Matthew 25:35



Please consider a new "New Years" resolution and make a monthly monetary or food donation to "The Nest" Backpack program to assist our local students. Help be the hands of God in 2017, providing these students with hunger-free weekends.

Happy



Winter!

FEBRUARY 2017

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>5 Holy Communion / Prayer Stations 8:45 Worship 9:00 Children's Choirs 10:00 Church School 10:00 Adult Forum 11:00 Worship 11:00 Church School</p>	<p>6 11:00-close CROSS benefit at Malones Boy Scouts 211</p>	<p>7 11:30 Staff Meeting 1:00 Bridge 6:30 Handbells 6:30 Church School 6:30 Kdg Prayer Milestone 7:30 Youth Night</p>	<p>1 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Pizza Feast 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Adult Choir 7:00 Endowment</p>	<p>2 9:00 Quilting 9:30 Ruth Cir at Realife 9:30 Women's Bible St 1:00 500 Club 6:30 Faith & Society 6:30 Praise Team 7:00 Emmaus 7:00 AA</p>	<p>3 9:00 God Chicks Bulletin Team 3 Clean Team 1 Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 9:00 Yoga 9:00 Men's Bible Study Olson/Montgomery wedding 5:00 Worship/ Holy Communion</p>
<p>12 8:45 Worship 9:00 Children's Choirs 10:00 Church School 10:00 Adult Forum 11:00 Worship 11:00 Church School</p>	<p>13 Boy Scouts 211 7:00 Naomi Circle</p>	<p>14 11:30 Staff Meeting 1:00 Bridge 6:30 Handbells 6:30 Church Council 6:30 Church School 7:30 Youth Night</p>	<p>8 Newsletter Articles Due 9:30 Pres Play & Praise 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Pizza Feast 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>9 9:00 Quilting 9:30 Women's Bible St 6:00 SM Supervision 6:30 Praise Team 7:00 Book Club 7:00 AA</p>	<p>10 9:00 God Chicks Bulletin Team 4 Clean Team 2</p>	<p>11 9:00 Yoga 9:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00-3:30 Blue/Gold Banquet 5:00 Worship/ Holy Communion</p>
<p>19 Holy Communion 8:45 Worship 9:00 Children's Choirs 10:00 Church School 10:00 Adult Forum 11:00 Worship 11:00 Church School</p>	<p>20 Presidents Day Office Closed Boy Scouts 211</p>	<p>21 11:30 Staff Meeting 1:00 Bridge 1:00 Newsletter Assembly 1:00 FMSC MegaPack Setup 6:30 Church School 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Youth Night</p>	<p>22 9:00 FMSC MegaPack 10:00 Bible Study 10:00 Library Committee 6:00 Pizza Feast 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>23 FMSC MegaPack 9:00 Quilting 9:30 Women's Bible St 6:00 SM Supervision 6:30 Praise Team 7:00 AA</p>	<p>24 9:00 FMSC MegaPack 9:00 God Chicks Bulletin Team 1 Clean Team 4 4:00 Scholarship Deadline 6:30 TCYC Concert</p>	<p>25 9:00 Yoga 9:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Blue/Gold Banquet 5:00 Worship/ Holy Communion</p>
<p>26 8:45 Worship 9:00 Children's Choirs 10:00 Church School 10:00 Adult Forum 11:00 Worship 11:00 Church School</p>	<p>27 Boy Scouts 211</p>	<p>28 10:00 Cancer Support at St Therese Oxbow 11:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 Handbells 6:30 Family Project 6:30 No Church School 7:30 No Youth Night 7:00 No Lydia Circle</p>				

USHERS

	<u>Saturday 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 8:45 am</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 am</u>
Feb 4	Sharon Johnson Tony Halek		
Feb 5		Steve Meindl Bonnie Meindl, Jim Crone Dean & Kathy Larson	Myra Robbin Larry Brooks, Lorie Burrows Ed Dalman, Jay Durbin
Feb 11	Sharon Johnson ?????????		
Feb 12		Steve Elbert LeRoy Bergerson, Gary Brossard	Heinrich P Von Mende Mindy Douglas, Linda Elbert, Bill Harvey Heinrich I. & Michael Von Mende
Feb 18	LuAnn Graber Pam & Dave Loken		
Feb 19		Tom Brusegaard Rodney Hindberg, Dick Johnson Jim Solem, Ted Trzynka	Myra Robbin Frank Goodrich, Mary Moyle Ted Schulz, Joe Ademino
Feb 25	Mark Schoolmeesters Tony Halek		
Feb 26		Sharon Johnson Mary Fenske, Jim Crone Dean & Kathy Larson	Sharon Johnson Doug Birkeland, Larry Brooks, Ron Johnson Richard Tiedeman, Tom Trzynka
Mar 1 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 pm		Sharon Johnson/Myra Robbin Youth	
Mar 4	Sharon Johnson ?????????????		
Mar 5		Steve Meindl Bonnie Meindl, LeRoy Bergerson	Myra Robbin Lorie Burrows, Ed Dalman Jay Durbin, Mindy Douglas

If you cannot usher, please call someone from the list. Last minute unavoidable misses, please let your head usher know.

SCRIPTURE READERS

	<u>Saturday 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 8:45 am</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 am</u>
Feb 4	Debby Schultz-Ademino		
Feb 5		Mary Brooks	Frank Goodrich
Feb 11	Barb Mortenson		
Feb 12		CYF	CYF
Feb 18	Sue Barry-Hagen		
Feb 19		LeAnn Larson	Marilyn Warehime
Feb 25	Jacob Ademino		
Feb 26		Angie Lura	Mindy Douglas

PRAYER STATIONS

	<u>Saturday 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 8:45 am</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 am</u>
Feb 4	Jackie Larson		
Feb 5		Nancy Stinski/Bonnie Meindl	Henrietta Walter/Bonnie Meindl

COUNCIL PERSON ON DUTY

Feb 5	Alice Olson
Feb 12	Judy Brossard
Feb 19	Vern Menk
Feb 26	??????

HOLY COMMUNION

Saturdays: Feb 4, 11, 18, 25
Sundays: Feb 5, 19

BULLETIN ASSEMBLY TEAMS

Friday, Feb 3:	Team 3: Chuck & Joanne Bonnes, Carolyn Larson, Sharon Falls - 9:00 am
Friday, Feb 10:	Team 4: Mary Ann Melvin, Mavis Lane, Sandy Cutler, Chuck Morris - 9:00 am
Friday, Feb 17:	Team 5: Linda Vreeman, Judy Kelly, Dian Walker - 9:00 am
Friday, Feb 24:	Team 1: Sheila & Owen Enestvedt, Alice Olson, Marlene Isaacson - 9:00 am
Friday, Mar 3:	Team 2: Dian Walker, Jan Roadfeldt - 9:00 am

Memorial & Special Gifts for December:

- In memory of Fred Markquart, donations totaling \$200.
- In memory of Sally Tonsager, \$70 to God Chicks.
- In memory of Sally Tonsager, \$10 to the Garden Fund.
- In memory of Sally Tonsager, \$10 to the Gift of Love
- In memory of Sally Tonsager, \$345 towards pastor moving expenses.
- 50th Anniversary memorials & donations in the amount of \$500.
- December Gift of Love to the ELCA Disaster Response for \$1,036.
- Nest Backpack Program donations totaling \$1,555.
- Donations from the Osseo Lions Club to the Nest Backpack Program & Good Samaritan Fund.
- Good Samaritan Fund donations totaling \$2,990.
- Church School & Confirmation Offerings for \$308 to assist with Operation Christmas Child expenses.
- Thrivent Choice Dollars in the amount of \$93 in which 25% is designated to the Endowment Fund.
- A total of \$28 in other gifts and donations to the Endowment Fund.
- Donations totaling \$45 to the Music Ministry Fund.
- A donation to the Prayer Shawl Ministry in the amount of \$20.



Class will meet on Saturday, February 4, 11, 18, & 25 in Anderson Hall. Session begins at 9:00 am. Rachel Johnson will be leading the class.

God Chicks

The highly inspirational Bible study God Chicks meets on Fridays. The study is on "Abundant Faith... Not Fear." We meet at Advent in Anderson Hall from 9:00 - 10:00 am. Bring your Bible and invite a friend...this is a community outreach. Questions: mzigan@msn.com.



Interested in Membership?



Advent Lutheran Church will have a New Member Orientation on Sunday, March 12 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about all that is happening here at Advent, to meet the pastors and other people new to the church. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet at the Registration/Signup table in the atrium. We look forward to getting to know you better! We would like to have a number of members be present and be sponsors for this class. If interested, please sign up on the Happenings Sheet. See you at orientation!

ADVENT IN PRAYER



We are praying for: Josh Beck, Mark Pitzele, Amy Alexander, Joelle and Jordan Blanchard, Jim and Carol Hill, Russ Anderson, Colby Haber, Harold Gjersvig, Gwen Watkins, Gloria Prystal, Doreen Moore, Lisa Funes, Ida Frodahl, Jeff Dissmeyer, Terri Betts, Jim Vaughn, Earl Oleson, Becca Wehrung, Dick Hopkes, Ken Tonn, Jim Harvey, Jack Lyons.

For prayer requests, please contact LuAnn Graber (763-425-0734 or 763-545-7708 work); Richard and Audrey Johnson (763-551-9000) or Advent's office (763-425-4243).

Stamp & Craft / Fellowship

Do you have a favorite craft but never get time to do it? Want to share fellowship with other crafters? We have one more craft day planned, March 11. Time is 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Bring a food item to share for lunch or snack. Come join us and bring a friend. For more information, contact Sandra Tiffany at sandra.tiffany@gmail.com or 763 229-8091.



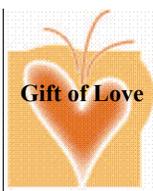
Building Bucks—

A great way to help Advent

Gift Cards, also known as Building Bucks, are a great way to help Advent. Advent earns a profit on every dollar that is spent on the cards. Profits range from 2% to 15%. Cub, Holiday, and most restaurants are on hand and many more can be ordered. See volunteer, Sharon Johnson, on Sunday or call the office with questions or to place an order.



Activities & Interests Continued —



GIFT OF LOVE FOR FEBRUARY: Feed My Starving Children Mega Mobile Pack

Feed My Starving Children® is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit.



The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals (specifically formulated for malnourished children) and the meals are shipped to distribution partners. FMSC meals have reached nearly 70 countries around the world. A single meal costs only 22 cents to produce and 92 percent of total donations goes directly toward the food program.

On Feb 22 - 26 Advent will be joining other churches, businesses, organizations and government offices to help with a Northwest Metro Mobile Pack. The overall goal for the NW Suburbs is to pack 2 Million Meals. Our goal at Advent is \$7,777.77 and 1100 hours of volunteer time. Our contribution could help feed over 62 children for a year!

Your Gift of Love will help Advent reach and **prayerfully** exceed its goal. Thank You.

Cancer Support Group

Has your life been touched by cancer? Would you like to join an informal cancer support group? Did you know Advent has one? It's open to anyone. You don't need to be a member of Advent. We meet at 10:00 am on the 4th Tuesday of every month at Janet Hersch's



(5300 Oak Grove Parkway #206, Brooklyn Park).

For more information, call Janet Hersch at 763-443-8037.

Advent Adult Social Ministry



Our annual "Cabin Fever" event will be held on Friday, March 17th. As you might suspect, it will have a St. Patrick's Day theme so come dressed with some green attire - a pin, necklace or socks will count. Although many will have

headed south to take in the sunshine and warmth, we who remain in the beauty of snow and cold will have a grand time with good food, fellowship and fun. We will have a buffet meal of chicken, potatoes, vegetable, salad and of course dessert. After dinner, we will play a variety of games, cards and definitely have a table for conversation. The date is Friday, March 17 at 6:30 pm in Grace Hall. The cost will be \$10 per person and sign-up will be on Sundays: 2/26, 3/5 and 3/12. Brochures will be available at that time, if you need more information, talk to a committee member: Roberta Severson, Linda Lind, Mary Ann Melvin, Pat Bianco, Sheila Enestvedt, Jan Christofferson. This has been an enjoyable annual event for many years and allows us to know and enjoy our Advent family and friends. So mark your calendar now and we look forward to seeing you on March 17th.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

We meet at 9:30 am in the Good Shepherd Room on Thursdays. This group is a weekly lay-led Bible study. Knowledge of the Bible is not a prerequisite, so come and we will enjoy learning and sharing God's word together. If there are any questions, please contact Jan Christofferson at (763) 493-8578 or dickjan9161@centurylink.net.



The Men's Bible Study meets at Advent on Saturdays at 9:00 am. New participants are welcome and no prior experience is needed. Contact Andy Roe (763-258-7739) with any questions.

Naomi Circle

The Naomi Circle will be meeting at the home of Linda Elbert on Monday, February 13th at 7:00 pm. We will discuss Chapter 4 of our Angel Bible Study. Contact LuAnn Graber with questions: 763-425-0734.

Ruth Circle

The Ruth Circle will be meeting at Real Life in Osseo on February 2 at 9:30 am. Contact Sandy Cutler with any questions at sandracutler11@comcast.net or 763-425-4533.

Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle will not meet in February. They will be doing service projects. If you have questions, please call Linda Lind at 763-712-5650.



**DEADLINE FOR WEEKLY BULLETIN
ITEMS DUE TO ALLISON**

BY WEDNESDAYS AT 9:00 am!!

Items may run up to 3 weeks.

Email: allisonnahr@adventlutheran.com.

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The event planner, volunteer schedules, newsletter, sermons and many other things are all on this site!

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VOLUNTEERS

*A simple act of caring creates
a ripple that comes back to you!!!!*



As we look forward to 2017, let's pause and take time to thank each and every volunteer for serving the Lord by volunteering at Advent. We have so

much to be thankful for! Whether you coordinate a large program, come in to set tables, attend a forum, help teach, wash windows or any other involvement of which there are many, you are part of the fabric and the wonderful ministries here at our church! We need you, we love you and we appreciate you!

It is time to give thanks to the council leadership at Advent Lutheran Church. This group of people is composed of volunteers who step forward to provide the leadership necessary to run a church! They attend monthly council meetings, make decisions and provide a council person on duty on Sunday mornings. Thank you to Kim Seeger for her leadership this past year. Thank you to out-going council members: Jan Roadfeldt, Kendall Harvey, Steve Meindl, Bruce Wagner, Nancy Christenson, Steve Karlson, Bill Beaupre and Dan Shaffer. You have all been a blessing to Advent—some for many terms! Alice Olson will be assuming Kim's duties as council president. Current Council Volunteers are: Judy Brossard, Vern Menk, Tom Brusegaard and those newly elected on January 29th.

Thank you to the great group of volunteers who came and helped undecorate the atrium, sanctuary and Grace Hall. The trees are big and complicated to get down and a lot of decorations had to be packed up and put away. We are very grateful to all who came to help!

Thank you to Advent's youth and confirmation students for participating as worship assistants. Your willingness to serve as scripture readers, ushers, choir, musicians and technology technicians does not go unnoticed and we thank you for volunteering!

Thank you to Anne Strootman for working with Shery Durbin, helping schedule communion assistants. We are in the process of finding a replacement for Anne. Serving communion is a meaningful service to the community of Advent! Thank you volunteers and please help the scheduling team by volunteering!

Thank you to Sam Abrahamson for continuing to maintain the visitor gift bags. She does a terrific job.

Let's All Go Forth and Continue To Be Awesome!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

For MARCH is FEBRUARY 8!

Email info to tlchef@aol.com

AND sheriloeffler@gmail.com.

Pastor Tim Tengblad of Advent is available to call on you, your loved ones and those you care about. For emergencies after Church office hours, we encourage you to contact him via his cell phone.

Pastor Elizabeth Felt ~ 425-446-1057

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FEBRUARY 2017

INSTALLATION SERVICE

You are Invited to Pastor Elizabeth Felt's Installation Service

Bishop Ann Svennungsen will be installing Pastor Elizabeth Felt as Advent's Senior Pastor on **Sunday, March 12 at 10:00 am**. Pastor Felt has been called to be the pastor for all of Advent's members, so this installation service is intended for all members.

There will only be **ONE service**
and **NO Sunday School** on **Sunday, March 12**
and **NO service** on **Saturday, March 11.**

There will be a reception in Grace Hall following the installation service at 11:00 am

**Transformed by Christ,
Empowered by the Spirit,
We celebrate God's kingdom,
Through witness and service.**