

A newsletter from Advent Lutheran Church.



*I said to the man at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may go forth into the known," and he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way."*

Dear Friends,

With the coming of every new year I revisit the quote above. I don't know who wrote it. Perhaps it was written by that great author "Anonymous," who has written so much wisdom over the years.

It's good to be reminded that there is "a man at the gate of the year" and that is the Lord Jesus. No one better to talk to when entering the new year and don't we want to say the same thing to him as the writer above? "I want to know what's coming. This unknown business is really hard." Yet every trip I've made around the sun while riding on this earth has taught me that whatever I do need to know will be given to me WHEN I need to know it. Not before and not a moment too soon.

Until then, it's a faith project. Why is it better to walk into uncertainty than certainty? I hope you've discovered your own reasons and answers to that question. For me they are:

- ◇ looking back, it was so much better that I didn't know what was coming. I would have not lived whatever it was in the way I was intended to live it. I would have made up all kinds of worst case scenarios that would have made it much more difficult than it actually was. In short, I wouldn't have learned the lessons I was given the opportunity to learn here at Earth School.
- ◇ walking into the darkness with my hand in the hand of God stretches and works out my faith muscles in a way that no known way could have ever done. It reminds me I'm not in charge, but have the responsibility to trust and cooperate with the one doing the leading. My confidence grows in the wise hand of the One leading.

Soon a new Shepherd will be coming to lead us all. Pastor Elizabeth Felt's hand already feels like a trustworthy one to me. Very much so. I absolutely love talking with her. She is already looking ahead and sends me word of plans she is making for the congregation, staff and Church Council.

Her leading will indeed be a true partnership. She is both a great listener and a leader. How did we get so blessed? I think it's because she has her own hand in the hand of God. She comes with a deep and certain sense of call specifically to Advent.



2017 will be an absolutely fantastic year for Advent Lutheran Church. While we are in the Advent mode of waiting for her arrival, please remember her and her family in your prayers.

She begins her ministry mid-February!

God is good!  
Pastor Tim Tengblad



## 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

**9:30 am only Worship on January 1**

### Tuesday

6:30 pm - Church School  
6:30 pm - Handbells  
7:30 pm - Youth Night

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

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

### Friday

9:30 am God Chicks

### Saturday

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



# Living our Faith

## Greetings from your Congregational Council

As 2017 begins, the Advent Church Council is preparing for the Budget Forum and the Annual Meeting. The Budget Forum will be held on January 22 at 10:00 a.m. Plan to attend and walk through the proposed 2017 budget with us. This is your opportunity to ask questions and gain a better understanding of how the budget is developed. The Annual Meeting will be held on January 29. We will begin with a congregational pot luck at noon, followed by the meeting at 12:45 pm. All confirmed members are welcome and encouraged to attend. At the meeting, we will give a re-cap of 2016, elect new Council Members and Nominating Committee Members and vote on approval of the 2017 budget. We will also vote to ratify some minor changes to our constitution, which are necessary to comply with the ELCA Model Constitution. A copy of these changes will be available at the Budget Forum and at the Information Desk in mid-January.

Council  
President's  
notes

It is hard for me to believe that my term as Advent's Congregational Council President is wrapping up. It has been a year of transition and celebration. Cog Anderson, Director of Worship and Music retired. Peter Durow was hired as Interim Director of Choir and Handbells, while Marina Fisher was hired as Interim Director of Praise Team. At the end of August, we bid farewell to Interim Pastor Mark Hendrickson. Since then, Pastor Tim has been serving as our solo pastor. In early November, the Call Committee recommended a candidate for the position of senior pastor. On November 20, the congregation voted and overwhelmingly approved calling Pastor Elizabeth Felt to serve as Advent Lutheran's next senior pastor. We also celebrated Advent's first 50 years with Pastor Jerry Anderson preaching and with a lovely banquet and program.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the congregation for allowing me to serve as your Congregational Council President this past year. As I admitted early in my term, I questioned if I was qualified for the position. But I found that when I focused on *Phil. 4:13: "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me,"* my question was answered. True to God's character, He provided me with everything needed this past year: a wonderful Council, guidance, confidence, humor, forgiveness and even a few unexpected twists along the way. Those twists kept me humble and reminded me to have faith in God rather than just my own abilities.

Many thanks to the wonderful Council members I had the honor of working with this year. The individual gifts and talents you each brought, served us well. A special thanks to outgoing Council members: Steve Meindl, Steve Karlson, Nancy Christenson, Jan Roadfeldt, Bill Beaupre, Dan Shaffer, Bruce Wagner and Kendall Harvey. Your service to Advent Lutheran Church is much appreciated. Pastor Tim, thank you for encouraging me to step out of my comfort zone and for all the support you have given me. Finally, I am deeply grateful for Alice Olson, who served as President Elect this year. Alice, thank you for serving side by side with me this past year, always willing to help and eager to learn. Advent is in great hands with you as President in 2017.

And now on to Advent's next 50 years!

God's Blessings,  
Kim Seeger  
Council President

## UPCOMING FORUMS:

- Jan. 22: **Budget meeting** This is your opportunity to walk through the proposed budget and ask questions.
- Jan. 29: **Heart Health** Led by Mark Pitzele and Cindy Sorenson.



## Book Club

Book Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



January 12: "Boys In The Boat" by Daniel James Brown  
February 9: "What Was Mine" by Helen Klein Ross  
March 9: "Some Wildflower In My Heart" by Jamie Langston Turner

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



**NOTICE:**  
**ADVENT'S OFFICE IS CLOSED**  
**ON JANUARY 2 & 16.**

## SNOWBIRDS!

Please make sure to contact Joan in the church office to let her know when you will be leaving and coming back! We greatly appreciate the information. Thank You! [joancorniea@adventlutheran.com](mailto:joancorniea@adventlutheran.com) or



happy new year

As I sit here with about 2 weeks before Christmas and 3 weeks before the end of 2016, I think about how fast the time has gone. Wasn't it just yesterday that we adopted Abby, and no, it wasn't, it was 17+ years ago. Didn't we just build the new sanctuary? No, that too was about 17 years ago. In each instance, each brought exciting new changes and so much love invested in each and wow, how they have changed our lives.



I am excited to announce another health forum coming Jan 29. Mark Pitzele and Cindy Sorensen will speak on heart health. February is heart month. I can't think of a better way to kick it off. Please join us.

2017 will have exciting new changes for Advent and I bet by the end of 2017 we will say the same thing as we said at the end of 2016. We will invest much love and caring and see that our lives will be changed for the better!! I am excited to see this unfold under God's loving care.

Blessings in the New Year,  
Bonnie Meindl



Dear Friends,

A heartfelt thank you for your financial support in making possible Advent's mission. Thank you to the 256 of you who have already submitted your estimate of giving (pledges) to the 2017 Annual General Fund. These estimates of giving provide helpful and necessary information to the people who are working on the 2017 budget. We are hoping to receive pledges from 44 more members. **Please submit as estimate of giving, even if your contributions are made via "Simply Giving."** There are pledge forms on the Information Desk in the church office.

**2017 Annual Regular Giving**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Envelope number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

As an important part of my/our life with Jesus,  
 (We plan to give the following amount to  
 Advent Lutheran beginning Jan. 1, 2017):

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year

My/Our payment(s) will be by:

Simply Giving (form enclosed) or  
 Checking/Savings online  
 Check and/or Cash  
 Credit/Debit Card online  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

And/or

(We will pray for Advent Lutheran  
 (We are 100% to the remaining 2 years  
 of the Capital Campaign and plan to  
 give: \_\_\_\_\_

(Official Capital Campaign cards are available at the  
 information desk or in the church office)

We've recently completed a wonderful year-long celebration of 50 years of ministry in Christ's name. As we look ahead to Senior Pastor Elizabeth Felt joining us in mid-February, it is crucial that we can provide a budget for 2017 that promises God's continued work through Advent.

Blessed New Year  
Grateful for you,  
Pastor Tim Tengblad

### Family Faith at Home

As the New Year begins, families can take advantage of the opportunity to be intentional about strengthening their time together for the year to come. Try this activity:



- ◇ Sit together around a table. In front of each person, place a small votive candle. Light each candle, saying to one another, "Thank you God for another year of life and love in our family." Decide together on family activities for 2017. Ask each family member to contribute ideas to the following topics:
  - Places we would like to eat in 2017.
  - Places we would like to visit in 2017.
  - Fun activities we would like to do as a family in 2017.
  - People we want to visit in 2017.
  - City or state parks we want to enjoy in 2017.
  - Places in our community where we can serve others as a family in 2017.
  - Ways we would like to worship together in 2017.
- ◇ Using a 2017 calendar, decide on a date each month where, as a family, you can list what you have done in that month, talk together about what you have learned and give thanks to God for shared experiences.

-adapted from [umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org)



*Our History, Our Faith, Our Future*  
Advent Lutheran Church

Thank you to all who participated in the **Our History, Our Faith, Our Future** 2017 Annual Regular Giving Fund Campaign. If you have not returned your pledge cards, please do so as soon as possible to the church office. It is not too late to participate and no gift is too small! Additional pledge cards are available at the information desk or in the church office.

Thank you also for your continued financial support for mortgage reduction and property improvements. This funding enables us to continue to reduce our mortgage payment and complete much needed property enhancements. As a reminder, 60% of all capital campaign gifts go toward the mortgage reduction and 40% to property enhancements.

Thanks for supporting these efforts for Advent's future.



# Children, Youth & Family

## CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE



Sunday	January 1	No Church School
Tuesday	January 3	No Church School
Sunday	January 8	Class at 10:00 and 11:00 am
Tuesday	January 10	Class at 6:30 pm
Sunday	January 15	Class at 10:00 and 11:00 am
Tuesday	January 17	Class at 6:30 pm
Sunday	January 22	Class at 10:00 and 11:00 am
Tuesday	January 24	Class at 6:30 pm
Sunday	January 29	Class at 10:00 and 11:00 am
Tuesday	January 31	Class at 6:30 pm

\*\*\*January offering will go to Operation Christmas Child.

## YOUTH NIGHT (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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	January 3	NO Youth Night
Tuesday	January 10	7:30 pm
Tuesday	January 17	7:30 pm
Tuesday	January 24	NO Youth Night
Tuesday	January 31	7:30 pm

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, 9<sup>th</sup> grade and up, are welcome to join!

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentor Training

Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 pm. We 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. 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 Greely.



## PRESCHOOL PLAY AND PRAISE

Our next Preschool Play and Praise on Wed., January 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:shannongreely@adventlutheran.com).

## Kindergarten Prayer Breakfast and Milestone Event



On Tuesday, February 7th, 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. Then, the students will receive a prayer book in worship on February 12<sup>th</sup> at either the 8:45 am or 11:00 am service. Please RSVP to Shannon at [shannongreely@adventlutheran.com](mailto:shannongreely@adventlutheran.com).



Happy  
New Year  
2017

## LOOKING AHEAD

February 7	Kindergarten Prayer Family Workshop 6:30 pm Snack provided
February 8	Preschool Play and Praise 9:30-11:00 am
February 12	Kindergarteners receive a prayer book at either 8:45 or 11:00 am worship service during the children's sermon
February 15	9 <sup>th</sup> grade confirmation mentor and student training 6:30 pm Dessert included



**Confirmation Schedule  
6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

- Jan. 4 Feast at 6:00 pm, Lesson at 6:30 pm
- Jan. 11 Family Night, 6:30 pm (parents and students attend together)  
NO PIZZA FEAST
- Jan. 18 Family Lesson done at home with family (No class at Advent)
- Jan. 25 Feast at 6:00 pm, Lesson at 6:30 pm



**\*\*January offering will go to Operation Christmas Child**

**Ultimate Lock In (Grades 6-9)**

**Cost: \$30 and a canned food donation  
Friday, January 27, 2017, at 10:00 pm  
to Saturday, January 28 at 5:15 am  
at Maple Grove Community Center**

**(High School students 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are needed as chaperones  
Cost: \$5 includes t-shirt, pizza and pop.)**



Let's have some fun all night long!!! Dancing, Wii, inflatable bouncers and games, sumo suits, swimming, ice skating, crazy hair, board and card games, gym games, dodge ball, laser tag, pizza and



more are all part of evening. We will Grove Community Parents can pick up 5:15 am, Saturday



this unforgettable meet at the Maple Center at 10:00 pm. their students at morning. Several

Maple Grove area churches are involved in this event. Don't miss out! Sign up today! Registration forms available on the green board next to pop machine. Friends are welcome too! Registration forms are due to Allison in the office by Sunday, Jan 15. For more information, please contact [shannongreely@adventlutheran.com](mailto:shannongreely@adventlutheran.com).

**DINNER THEATER – April, 2017**

**Information Meeting Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
12:15 pm in Anderson Hall**



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 any adults wanting to help and participate, please grab a Dinner Theatre participation form on the green board next to the pop machine in the education wing and turn into Shannon Greely's mailbox outside her office door by Sunday, Jan 15th. 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 at [shannongreely@adventlutheran.com](mailto:shannongreely@adventlutheran.com).



**Summer Camp at WAPO**

**Online registration opens January 15<sup>th</sup>!**

Our camp dates this year is July 23-28<sup>th</sup> for students in 4-12<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a wonderful summer camp experience to help your child along with their faith journey. This Lutheran camp is located in Amery, Wisconsin.

To register you student, go to [www.campwapo.org](http://www.campwapo.org) and register your child. Use church code Advent MG. For more information please contact Shannon Greely at [shannongreely@adventlutheran.com](mailto:shannongreely@adventlutheran.com).



# Activities & Interests



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Let's make a **positive** New Year's Resolution: Do something good for yourself.

Having trouble thinking of things that are positive? Let a Stephen Minister help you.

Holidays are exhausting. Take this opportunity to just have a little talk (confidential, of course). Let go of the "I won't" and make it "**I will!**" Stephen Ministers are available! Call Pastor Tim Tengblad (763-245-4243) 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](mailto:schultzademino@comcast.net).



Coming soon....

**363 / Sandwiches/  
Love One Another  
on February 26**

Help assemble sandwiches for the homeless. Watch for sign-up sheet, donation levels and time.

Please visit [363days.org](http://363days.org) for more information and details on the sandwiches and how they are distributed. Questions: Call Myra Robbin (612-735-6494).



## BAPTISM

Dec. 17: Emerick Lawrence VanHavermaet  
Parents: Melissa & Matthew VanHavermaet



## WEDDING

♥ None



## SYMPATHY

Bob & Connie Svendsen & family at the death of Bob's mother.  
Delos & Collette Tengwall at the death of Collette's brother, Craig Herman.  
Jerry Schooler at the death of his son, Dennis Schooler.  
Roger Howe, Karla Tanner & family at the death of Roger's mother, Elaine 'sis' Howe.  
Family & friends of Sally Tonsager.  
Family & Friends of Dorothy Moline.  
Peter & Jodi Durow & family at the death of Peter's Godfather, Harvey Brown.



## CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING AT ADVENT

WHAT GOES UP,  
HAS TO COME DOWN!

Plan on helping to take down all the Christmas decorations on January 7 beginning at 8:00 am. Lots of hands make less work.



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 "News 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.

# JANUARY 2017

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>1 New Years Day  <b>9:30 Worship/Communion/</b>                      Prayer Stations</p>	<p>2 <b>Office Closed</b>                       Boy Scouts # 211</p>	<p>3 11:30 Staff Meeting                      1:00 Bridge                       6:30 Baptism Orientation</p>	<p>4 10:00 Bible Study                       6:00 Pizza Feast                      6:30 Confirmation</p>	<p>5 Quilting                      9:30 Ruth Circle @ Realife                      1:00 500 Club                       6:30 Praise Team                      6:30 Faith &amp; Society                      7:00 AA                      7:00 Emmaus</p>	<p>6                       Bulletin Team 4                      Clean Team 1</p>	<p>7 8:00 Undecorate                      sanctuary &amp; atrium                      9:00 Yoga                       5:00 Worship                      Holy Communion</p>
<p>8  <b>8:45 Worship</b>                      9:00 Children's Choir                      10:00 Church School                      11:00 Church School  <b>11:00 Worship</b></p>	<p>9                       Boy Scouts #211                      7:00 Naomi Circle</p>	<p>10 11:30 Staff Meeting                      1:00 Bridge                       6:30 Church School                      6:30 Church Council                      7:30 Youth Night</p>	<p>11 <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>                      9:30 Play &amp; Praise                      10:00 Bible Study                       6:00 No Pizza Feast                      6:30 Confirmation                      Family Night                      6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>12 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>13 9:00 God Chicks                       Bulletin Team 5                      Clean Team 2</p>	<p>14 9:00 Yoga                      9:00 Men's Bible Study                      9:00 Stamp 'n' Craft                       5:00 Worship                      Holy Communion</p>
<p>15  <b>8:45 Worship/Communion</b>                      9:00 Children's Choirs                      10:00 Church School  <b>11:00 Worship/Communion</b>                      11:00 Church School                      12:15 Dinner Theater Mtg</p>	<p>16 Martin Luther King  <b>Office Closed</b>                       Boy Scouts #211</p>	<p>17 11:30 Staff Meeting                      1:00 Bridge                       6:30 Church School                      6:30 Handbells                      7:30 Youth Night</p>	<p>18                      10:00 Bible Study                       6:00 No Pizza Feast                      6:30 Confirmation @ home                      6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>19 9:00 Quilting                      9:30 Women's Bible St.                       1:00 500 Club                       6:30 Praise Team                      7:00 Soul School                      7:00 AA</p>	<p>20 9:00 God Chicks                       Bulletin Team 1                      Clean Team 3                       Pinewood Derby Set-up                      Women's Retreat</p>	<p>21 9:00 Yoga                      9:00 Men's Bible Study                      Pack 211 Pinewood Derby                       5:00 Worship                      Holy Communion</p>
<p>22 <b>8:45 Worship</b>                      9:00 Children's Choirs                      10:00 Church School                      10:00 Budget Forum                      11:00 Church School  <b>11:00 Worship</b></p>	<p>23                       Boy Scouts # 211</p>	<p>24 10:00 Cancer                      Support at St. Therese                      11:30 Staff Meeting                      1:00 Assemble                      Newsletters                      1:00 Bridge                      6:30 Handbells                      6:30 Church School                      7:00 No Lydia Circle                      7:30 No Youth Night</p>	<p>25 10:00 Bible Study                       6:00 Pizza Feast                      6:30 Confirmation                      6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>26 9:00 Quilting                      9:30 Women's Bible St.                       6:00 SM Supervision                      6:30 Praise Team                      7:00 AA</p>	<p>27 9:00 God Chicks                       Bulletin Team 2                      Clean Team 4                       10:00 pm Ultimate                      Lock In</p>	<p>28 9:00 Yoga                      9:00 Men's Bible Study                       5:00 Worship                      Holy Communion</p>
<p>29 <b>8:45 Worship</b>                      9:00 Children's Choirs                      10:00 Church School                      10:00 Forum  <b>11:00 Worship</b>                      11:00 Church School                      12:00 Potluck                      12:45 Annual Meeting</p>	<p>30                       Boy Scouts #211</p>	<p>31 11:30 Staff Meeting                      1:00 Bridge                       6:30 Church School                      6:30 Handbells                      7:30 Youth Night</p>				

**USHERS**

	<b><u>Saturday 5:00 pm</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday 8:45 am</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday 11:00 am</u></b>
Jan 1	<b><u>9:30 am Only</u></b>	<b>Steve Meindl</b> Bonnie Meindl, Mary Fenske Ron Johnson, Tom Trzynka	
Jan 7	<b>Sharon Johnson</b> Dave & Pam Loken		
Jan 8		<b>Steve Elbert</b> Owen & Sheila Enestvedt Dean & Kathy Larson	<b>Heinrich P Von Mende</b> Joe Ademino, Doug Birkeland, Larry Brooks Heinrich I. & Michael Von Mende
Jan 14	<b>Sharon Johnson</b> Tony Halek		
Jan 15		<b>Tom Brusegaard</b> LeRoy Bergerson, Gary Brossard Jim Crone, Rodney Hindberg	<b>Myra Robbin</b> Lori Burrows, Ed Dalman Mindy Douglas, Jay Durbin
Jan 21	<b>LuAnn Graber</b> ??????		
Jan 22		<b>Sharon Johnson</b> Mary Fenske, Dick Johnson Dick & Jan Hopkes	<b>Sharon Johnson</b> Linda Elbert, Frank Goodrich, Mary Moyle Ted Schulz, Richard Tiedeman
Jan 28	<b>Mark Schoolmeesters</b> Dave & Pam Loken		
Jan 29		<b>Sharon Johnson</b> Owen & Sheila Enestvedt Jim Solem, Ted Trzynka	<b>Myra Robbin</b> Ron Johnson, Tom Trzynka Joe Ademino, Doug Birkeland
Feb 4	<b>Sharon Johnson</b> Tony Halek		
Feb 5		<b>Steve Meindl</b> Bonnie Meindl, Jim Crone Dean & Kathy Larson	<b>Myra Robbin</b> Larry Brooks, Lorie Burrows Ed Dalman, Jay Durbin

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

**SCRIPTURE READERS**

	<b><u>Saturday 5:00 pm</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday 8:45 am</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday 11:00 am</u></b>
Jan 1	<b><u>9:30 am Only</u></b>	LeAnn Larson	
Jan 7	Debby Schultz-Ademino		
Jan 8		Karen McGill	Myrnell Brusegaard
Jan 14	Sue Barry-Hagen		
Jan 15		Barb Mortenson	Mindy Douglas
Jan 21	Jacob Ademino		
Jan 22		Paula Bongartz	Myrnell Brusegaard
Jan 28	Sue Barry-Hagen		
Jan 29		LeAnn Larson	Frank Goodrich

**PRAYER STATIONS**

Jan 1	<b><u>9:30 am Only</u></b>	Tom Holmes/ Bonnie Meindl
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**COUNCIL PERSON ON DUTY**

Jan 1	Tom Brusegaard
Jan 8	Kendall Harvey
Jan 15	Steve Karlson
Jan 22	Stacey Saetveit
Jan 29	Dan Shaffer
Feb 5	Alice Olson
Feb 12	Judy Brossard

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Saturdays: Jan 7, 14, 21, 28,  
Sundays: Jan 1, 15

**BULLETIN ASSEMBLY TEAMS**

Friday, Jan 6:	Team 4: Mary Ann Melvin, Mavis Lane, Sandy Cutler, Chuck Morris - 9:00 am
Friday, Jan 13	Team 5: Linda Vreeman, Judy Kelly, Dian Walker - 9:00 am
Friday, Jan 20:	Team 1: Sheila & Owen Enestvedt, Alice Olson, Marlene Isaacson - 9:00 am
Friday, Jan 27:	Team 2: Dian Walker, Jan Roadfeldt - 9:00 am
Friday, Feb 3:	Team 3: Chuck & Joanne Bonnes, Carolyn Larson, Sharon Falls - 9:00 am



**Memorial & Special Gifts for November:**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary memorials & donations in the amount of \$575.  
In Honor of Marlayne & Roger Domyahn, a \$50 donation to the Gift of Love.

In Honor of Pastor Jerry & Ann Anderson, a \$250 donation to the General Offering.

November Gift of Love to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal for \$850.

A donation from the Osseo Fire Department Relief Association to the Nest Backpack Program.

Church School & Confirmation Offerings for \$733 to assist with Operation Christmas Child expenses.

Good Samaritan Fund donations totaling \$148.

Thrivent Choice Dollars in the amount of \$351 in which 25% is designated to the Endowment Fund.

A total of \$28 in other gifts and donations to the Endowment Fund.

Nest Backpack Program donations totaling \$1,951.

Donations totaling \$125 designated to the Lutefisk Dinner.

A \$50 donation towards butter for the Lutefisk Dinner.

A \$30 donation towards rommegrot for the Lutefisk Dinner.

Donations totaling \$45 to the Music Ministry Fund.



Class will meet on Saturday, January 7, 14, 21, & 28 in Anderson Hall. Session begins at 9:00 am. Rachel Johnson will be leading the class.

**God Chicks Has Returned**

**Mark your calendar:**

The highly inspirational Bible study God Chicks will begin Friday, January 13. The study will be on "Abundant Faith...Not Fear." We will meet at Advent in Anderson Hall from 9:00-10:00 am for 8 weeks. Bring your Bible and invite a friend...this is a community outreach. Questions: [mzigan@msn.com](mailto:mzigan@msn.com).



**The Garage Sale**

Due to the number of volunteers it takes to have a garage sale, it is NOT being planned for this year.



**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, Carl Wehe, Harold Gjersvig, Gwen Watkins, Kip Poppenhagen, Tom E., Gloria Prystal, Heinrich Von Mende, Dorothy Moline, Lisa Funes, Doreen Moore, Ida Frodahl.

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 two craft days planned, January 14 and March 11. Time is 9 to 5. 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](mailto:sandra.tiffany@gmail.com) or 763 229-8091.



The Men's Bible Study meet at Advent starting on Saturday, January 14 at 9:00 am (**notice new time**). New participants are welcome and no prior experience is needed. Contact Andy Roe (763-258-7739) with any questions.



**Women's Retreat - January 20-22**

**Olive Branch Retreat Center, Grey Eagle, MN**



*Women's Retreat*

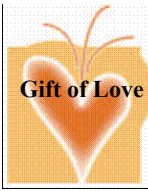
Come to relax and enjoy the fellowship of other Christian women! Olive Branch is a beautiful home setting where relaxing comes easy. We will have whole group time as well as small group time, free time and quiet time. We will study the Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control...something we all struggle with at times, but how often do we look at it in a spiritual sense?

Information and registration forms are located on the kiosk in the atrium and on the Women's Ministry bulletin board towards the Sunday School wing. Questions can be directed to Marilyn Warehime (763) 425-3802. Please leave your message, your call will be returned.

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**Happy New Year**

# Activities & Interests Continued —



## GIFT OF LOVE FOR JANUARY: Advent's Good Samaritan Fund

What better way to start your brand-new year of 2017 than by sharing your blessings with those who find themselves in need of help. The church receives many requests from people, some who are members of Advent, needing help to purchase groceries and other necessities for day to day living. The Good Samaritan Fund is used at the Pastor's discretion when these calls come to the office. Can you imagine the overwhelming look of relief that floods the faces on the people we can help? People who are struggling know they are loved and have received the compassion of Christ. Your gift of money to the Good Samaritan Fund is deeply appreciated. Your gift can make a tremendous difference. Thank you for your generosity as you give hope when it is needed the most.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Thank you. Our warmest thanks to Pastor Tim, Jim Hoogheem and the Anniversary Committee and the people of Advent for a most memorable 50th Anniversary celebration.**

**Thanks be to God!**

**Pastor Jerry and Ann Anderson**

**Naomi Circle**

The Naomi Circle will be meeting at the home of Barb Tonn at 7:00 pm on January 9. New members are always welcome. Contact LuAnn Graber with any questions, 763-425-0734.

**Ruth Circle**

The Ruth Circle will be meeting at Real Life in Osseo on January 5 at 9:30 am. Contact Sandy Cutler with any questions at [sandracutler11@comcast.net](mailto:sandracutler11@comcast.net) or 763-425-4533.

**Lydia Circle**

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

## Get to know your staff!



Be sure to check out the new staff bio board on a kiosk in the atrium. Thank you to Phyllis Mensing for gathering the information and writing wonderful biographies about Advent's staff.

## 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](mailto:dickjan9161@centurylink.net).



**SAVE THE DATE!!** Support CROSS on February 6, 2017. The Maple Grove Lions are sponsoring the day at Malone's in Maple Grove and 50% of the proceeds from food and drink will be donated to CROSS. This is a fun and easy way to support our local food shelf and the Maple Grove Lions.



Choir Resumes



**Senior Choir** starts up again on Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 pm. Excited to be back!!!!

**Handbell Choir** starts up on Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 pm. Let's ring in the New Year.

**Children's Choirs** starts up on Sunday, January 8 at 9:00 am.

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## Advent Directory

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## VOLUNTEERS

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

### Thank You To:

- All who have pledged during the capital campaign and to all the volunteers who helped with the fund drive. Thanks to the leadership team.
- All the musicians—singers, bell ringers and instrumentalists—for beautiful music during the Christmas Season. Advent is richly blessed with talented musicians.
- Teachers, parents, helpers and children for presenting their Christmas Program.
- The Bake Sale Committee and all those who baked and donated to the sale.
- The decorators who spent hours decorating our beautiful church!
- Jim Hoogheem and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for planning the celebration events for our year-long celebration.
- The confirmation students (Rowan and Dominic Larson, Jacob and Jordan Plaziak) for helping serve the banquet dinner.
- The sound and PP techs for extra services.
- Sue Barry-Hagen for managing the poinsettia order.
- Jerry Johnson, Owen Enestvedt and Jerry Melvin for helping with the stable.
- Ross Meyer and Owen Enestvedt for work on the water heater.
- Dick Kentzelman for removing/replacing the cornerstone for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.
- Jim and Dianne Crone, Loren and Karen Maenke and Dian Walker for the beautiful winter landscapes, both inside and out.

*So many good things have been done, by so many volunteers, at our church this past year! Thank You for serving in our many ministries. May God continue to shower all of us with His many blessings in this New Year. God Bless!*



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

For FEBRUARY is JANUARY 11!

Email info to [tlchef@aol.com](mailto:tlchef@aol.com)  
AND [sheriloeffler@gmail.com](mailto:sheriloeffler@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:allisonnahr@adventlutheran.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.

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**ADVENT'S BUDGET & ANNUAL MEETINGS**



**A Budget Forum** will be held on **Sunday, January 22** in the **Cornerstone Room** beginning at **10:00 am**. This is the time to walk through the proposed budget for 2017, ask questions and better understand how the budget is developed, in preparation for its approval at the Annual Meeting.

**Advent's Annual Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, January 29**. Following the 11:00 service, we will have a **congregational potluck** in **Grace Hall**. Each family attending the potluck is asked to bring a main dish **AND either** a salad or dessert. The **Annual Meeting** will take place in the **Sanctuary** following the potluck (approximately **12:45 pm**).



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 Through witness and service.**