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Upcoming EVENT

➤ Easter Sunday, April 16, 7:30
Sunrise, 8:30 & 10:30 Ser-
vices

➤ Classics Luncheon: 12:30pm,
Wednesday, April 12 in the
Fellowship Hall

➤ Clean up day, April 8th

➤ Amazon Smiles Rewards

➤ Adopt-a-Highway, 9am,
Saturday, April 22. Meet in
the parking lot.

We begin in the Fellowship Hall for a joyful procession with palms, remembering the noisy crowd ascending to Jerusalem for Passover and the acclamation of Jesus as Israel's true king. The joyful celebration leads us into Holy Week to ponder the dramatic turn of events up until the triumph of Easter morning. Join us during an intergenerational Sunday School time between services to make palm crosses and to prepare plastic eggs for the Easter egg hunt!



This year, consider keeping your palm frond behind the cross or other picture in your home during the year to be brought back on Ash Wednesday next winter.



The Easter Season

Continue to join us in worship as we celebrate the magnificent resurrection and ministry of Christ during this Easter Season. The celebration of Christ's resurrection does not culminate on Easter Sunday, but continues for 50 days.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Very soon we'll enter Holy Week and we'll arrive at those wondrous, ancient liturgies that proclaim the profound story of God's Son, betrayed and rejected yet vindicated; crucified and shamed, but honored; dead and in the grave, yet raised, the firstborn of the dead.

It is a narrative that both describes and recreates the world. It describes the world of violence in which we live. It describes the breathtaking love that washes feet, prays for the world, and forgives. It describes the breathless waiting to see what God will do in response to the violence of the cross. It describes the breath of God given to those who follow and proclaim Christ arisen. The narrative changes us, renews us, restores us, recreates us.

We are witnesses. We are recipients. We are washed. We are fed. We are prayed for. We are freed by Christ's surrender. We are illumined by Christ's glance. We are bearers of Christ's cross. We are the thief welcomed, the soldiers forgiven, the taunters blessed. We are those who hide, who are confused, who are fearful, who are doubting, and yet we are met by the risen one.

We are the baptized, the pilgrims who eat the Passover meal, who walk through the water from Egypt to the Promised Land, who enter from the wilderness into milk and honey, who journey again from darkness into light, from death into life.

We are the born again, the born from above, the born of the Spirit, the children of light, the washed and forgiven and sent.

We are not recalling facts from the past; we are remembering, letting the past come alive in a way that shapes our present.

We are the Israelites, uncertain, fearful, blocked by our limited imaginations, looking back toward Egypt, but persistently led forward by a determined God.

We are the disciples, unworthy, often unmindful, distracted, busy, asleep with full bellies though we have been asked to watch, running from the soldiers, but persistently called, gathered and sent.

And we are the women, watching, waiting, wondering, hoping, and met by angels.

In the telling of the story this season, the foundations are built, new timbers laid, new windows sculpted, new songs sung. Easter becomes not just a day for spring flowers and family gatherings, but a sunrise upon the soul and the dawning fulfillment of the promise of all things made new.

May these three days become defining moments - not just for our lives, but for the world.

Glad to be on the journey with you,

Pastor Scott



LENT SOUP SUPPERS AND WORSHIP

If you haven't had a chance to attend a Soup Supper, please join us on Wednesday, March 29th and April 5th, at 6:00pm. Supper is followed by a short worship service at 7:00pm with Holden Evening Prayer and a look at Luther's Small Catechism. Let Wednesdays be a point of peace in the midst of your busy week.

Our offerings will go to a different ministry that Advent supports each week. This week, March 29, is Bethany of the Northwest and April 5, is the Everett Union Gospel Mission

Be sure to sign up in the Fellowship Hall to help provide soup or bread on April 5th, the "Everybody Bring Soup" night.

The Paschal Triduum

Celebrating the Cross and Resurrection

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Resurrection Sunday (Easter!) April 16, 7:30 outdoor sunrise service (rain or shine - bring a chair and an umbrella), 8:30 & 10:30 traditional worship.

The Triduum, the three days beginning with Maundy Thursday, through Good Friday, and culminating with Easter Sunday, form one great celebration of the Cross and Resurrection.

The actions, the images, the words, hymns and prayers of these three days all belong together. The cross only makes sense when we have been encountered by the God who bends to wash our feet. The drama of the bare altar suddenly transformed on Sunday morning is set against the altar stripped on Thursday. When we gather around the altar on Sunday, we understand it connects back to the bread and wine of Thursday, the Passover meal, when Israel was saved from the power of death and set free from slavery.

These three days are filled with great and powerful images. Here we are again encountered by the deepest mysteries of the faith – a God so determined to love that Christ will not strike back at those who would crucify him, but dares to say "Father forgive them;" a God who takes upon himself all human violence and brutality in order that we might turn and be healed; a God who reaches into the tomb to vindicate the word and deeds of Jesus Messiah; a God who reaches into our tombs to set us free from all sin and death.

Invite your family and friends and neighbors to come and participate in the fullness of this great celebration of the cross and Resurrection!

Advent Lutheran Church

Making the Love of Christ Known

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 and 10:30am

Sunday School: 9:40am, in the Sanctuary

Adult Forum: 9:40am, in Portable C1

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Advent Voice

is the monthly newsletter of Advent Lutheran Church

The deadline for articles is the **15th of each month.**

Please submit articles, graphics, and photos to

churchoffice@AdventLutheran.net

Bishop's Message

**Called to speak up**

By the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop
From the April 2017 edition of *The Spirit*

These are difficult days when it comes to knowing how to navigate the world of politics as a Christian. I had the privilege of meeting with Governor Jay Inslee a few weeks back and he said in his three decades as a public servant he has never seen greater interest or concern than what we are now experiencing. People of every stripe are asking the question, "What can we do?"

The challenge is made more difficult because many of us were raised not to speak in public about religion or politics. Obviously we didn't get the clue from Jesus on this as he was quite outspoken on both.

Adding to the challenge in the United States is the confusion we have around the separation of church and state. The bottom line is the church is prohibited from completing the following sentence, "Vote for Candidate _____. We do not compromise our non profit status by speaking out on *issues*."

The Lutheran Church has a long history of speaking out on public issues. We certainly are following Luther's practice. Luther was very outspoken about public education and providing a community chest for the poor. He saw this as both the responsibility of the church and of the state.

It is okay to be political while striving not to be partisan. When it comes to party politics there is plenty of blame to go around on both sides of the aisle.

This is why it is important to me to hold the Office of President in high regard just as we hope people would respect the office of pastor, teacher or bishop. The office is to be respected even when you disagree with the politics.

When Lutherans speak out in the public square we do so from the point of our deepest held values. This is why, when the travel ban was first placed in front of us by executive order, many Lutherans spoke out regardless of which political party they supported. Lutherans know our own story of immigration and we have been key players in resettling people from around the world. We have been formed by countless stories in scripture that remind us of what it means to "welcome the stranger."

Today I learned from Lutheran Social Services to be aware of the impact that a reduction of Medicaid might have on our parents who are receiving care in a nursing home. 75% of our elders need Medicaid to access this care. Yes, I will speak out if I see this happening. Caring for our elders is embedded deep in my bones because of my Christian formation.

In our Social Statement on Church & Society we are reminded our our responsibility to

- *speak out on timely, urgent issues on which the voice of this church should be heard;*
- *expect its pastors, bishops, and lay church leaders to pray for and to exhort those in positions of authority on the basis of God's prophetic Word;*
- *work with and on behalf of the poor, the powerless, and those who suffer, using its power and influence with political and economic decision-making bodies to develop and advocate policies that seek to advance justice, peace, and the care of creation;*
- *mediate to achieve just and peaceful solutions to social conflicts;*
- *participate in local, national, and international ecumenical organizations, and interfaith and ecumenical partnerships in the service of common goals.*

Friends, these are challenging times but my spirits are lifted knowing the gospel has something extremely relevant to say. Let's listen and act. Read more on the flip side of this edition of *The Spirit* for ways you (and your congregation) can pray, advocate, accompany, welcome, and give.

(www.lutheransnw.org/publications)



Bethany's 12th Annual Taste of the Northwest

Featuring:

- ~ Sampling of Distinct Northwest Wineries, Breweries, Distilleries and Non-Alcoholic Beverages ~
- ~ Large Silent Auction & Live Music ~
- ~ Wine-Pull to Benefit Bethany's Residents! ~
- ~ Raffle Trip for Two - 7 Day Caribbean Cruise! ~

Tickets Only \$25

Save The Date
Friday, April 21, 2017
5:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Xfinity Arena Grand Ballroom
www.bethanynw.org

For more information or tickets, call Julie Reymore, Foundation Coordinator at 425-551-6340



The Garden of Giving has rested over the winter, but with the Spring is beginning to awaken! The Garden had its first work party on March 16.

Looking ahead, the Sunday School children will plant onions, peas, and radishes on Sunday, April 2. And be sure to mark your calendars - on Sunday, May 7, we will have our 3rd Garden Open House between the church services.

In 2016 we harvested 2572 pounds of produce for the Everett and Mill Creek food banks. There were 22 volunteers giving over 1100 hours of work in the garden.

This year we will be able to bring fresh produce for the Mill Creek food bank every Thursday. If you are interested in helping please contact Pauline Siekas at psiekas@mac.com or [425-948-6522](tel:425-948-6522).



GIVE ONLINE

Online giving is a great new way to support the ministries at Advent.

WWW.ADVENTLUTHERAN.NET



Lutheran Counseling Network

Lutheran Counseling Network

LCN is an extension of the church's ministry to the community. We provide therapy for individuals, couples, families and groups addressing such areas as depression, anxiety, recovery from trauma, behavioral problems, parenting, sexuality and spirituality.

By providing psychotherapy to people in need and education for congregations and pastors, Lutheran Counseling Network is an instrument of God's grace which strengthens and brings healing to individuals, couples and families so that they might in turn be instruments of God's grace.

Advent Lutheran's own Merry Long, MS, LMFT is a part of this amazing Counseling Network. She has an office in Portable C2 and can be contacted at 206-714-5390 or merrylong06@comcast.net.

Be sure to join us for Adult Forum April 30. Merry will be speaking and giving an overview of Lutheran Counseling Network and the work they do.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Council Update from Fred Row, Council President:

The Council met on Tuesday, March 21 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Following opening devotions they heard a guest presentation from congregational member Ann Sperry. Ann has agreed to be Advent's representative to Lutheran Counseling Network (LCN). She reported that she attended a Lutheran Counseling Network meeting at Phinney Ridge. She has a flyer describing Lutheran Counseling Network services that will be put in the pews. In addition she will be providing short articles to be included in the VOICE. There are approximately 12 LCN counselors across the synod and only 1 paid support employee. Advent provides free office space for one counselor, Merry Long. The Network is looking for people with specific skills to volunteer to keep their overhead low. The Network accepts donations and is registered with Amazon Smile and Target Points.

The minutes of the February 21 Council meeting were approved as presented. The minutes have been posted in the Fellowship Hall.

The treasurer's financial report showed total income for the month of February as \$42,830 with expenses of \$395,987. Currently giving is up about 7% above last year and demonstrates the commitment of members to support the ministries at Advent.

The council reviewed a request from Al-Anon to hold a fund raiser auction in the fall. They requested use of the fellowship hall and kitchen and asked for a reduced rental rate. The council approved the request to hold the auction as long as they provide the office with a copy of their non-profit status. The request for a modified rate was also approved with the understanding that they would pay the full rental fees for the fellowship hall and provide the damage deposit but that they would not have to pay a separate fee for use of the kitchen.

It was announced that the church office is now on cable, TV and phone service through Comcast with much faster internet speeds than previously provided by Frontier, and at a lower rate.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:35 PM.



EASTER GARDEN

We are taking orders for the annual Easter Garden plants to decorate the sanctuary. Order forms are available in the church office. April 2nd is the last day to return order forms. For questions contact Deb Shaffer, 425-745-0575, or dshaffer1@aol.com



LET'S SPRUCE UP ADVENT FOR EASTER!

Grab some gloves and cleaning supplies and join us for Spring Clean-Up! Saturday April 8th starting at 8:00am. The more hands we have the faster it will go.



Lynnwood Community Band Spring Concert

Romancing the Music!

Admission is free.

All ages are welcome.

Food bank donations are appreciated!

Friday April 7th, 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <p>6:00am Korean Worship (SAN) 8:30am Worship 9:40am Sunday School 9:40am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship 6pm AA (C1) Youth Group Service Project (FH)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8am Gardeners 9:30am Bible Chicks 4pm Girl Scouts (A1) 6pm Boy Scouts, (FH) 6pm AA Women's Group (C2) 7pm Women's Support Group (A1) 7pm AA, (C1)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5pm Mill Creek Children's Chorus (FH) 6:30pm Korean Bible Study, (A1) 7pm Mill Creek Chorale (FH) 7pm AA (C1) 7pm Bible Study (offsite, Dottie Brewer 425-948-7313)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10am Bible Study (FH) 5:45pm TOPS (C1) 6pm Soup Supper (FH) 6pm Girl Scouts (A3) 7pm Women's AA (A1) 7pm Lenten Worship (SAN)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8am Gardeners 11:30am Exec Council (C1) 12:00pm Piecemakers (FH) 3:00pm Food Bank (FH) 6:30pm Lynnwood (SAN) Community Band 7pm Men's AA (C1) 7-8:00pm Choir (FH)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>3pm Girl Scouts (FH) 4pm Girl Scouts (A3) 7pm Lynnwood Community Band Concert (SAN) 7pm AA (C1) 7pm AI-Anon (A4) 7pm AI-"Anon Newcomers (A3)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7am: AA (C1) 8:30am. OA (A3) 9am, AA (C1) 10am: AA Women (A1)</p> <hr/> <p>8</p> <p>7am AA (C1) 8am Advent Clean-Up Day (FH) 8:30am. OA (A3) 9am, AA (C1) 10am: AA Women (A1)</p>
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Blessing of the Quilts
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 6:00am Korean Worship (SAN)
 9:40am Sunday School
 9:40am Adult Forum
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 6pm AA (C1)

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FH = Fellowship Hall
 A = A building (Preschool bldg.)
 SAN = Sanctuary

C1 = Portable C1
 C2 = Portable C1

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EASTER EGG HUNT!

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will take place after both the 8:30 and 10:30 services Easter Sunday, April 16th. Help us fill the bin in the Fellowship Hall with candy and plastic eggs, for the hunt!
(Individually wrapped, nut-free please.)

