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Upcoming EVENTS

- Ice Cream Social - 10:30am, Sunday, August 13
- Advent's Potluck Sunday - 10:30am, August 20
- Phil and Bernice Clements 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration - August 27th
- Blessing of Backpacks - September 10th
- Confirmation - Sept 14th, 7:00pm
- Going Deeper, Sept 17th, 5:00pm



Fall Worship Begins September 10th,
8:30 and 10:30am Service



GOING DEEPER, SUNDAY EVENINGS AT ADVENT STARTS SEPT. 17TH

Are you ready for some time to refresh your faith and to spend some meaningful time with Scripture? Consider being part of "Going Deeper" on Sunday evenings at Advent. "Going Deeper" begins at 5:00 on Sunday, September 17th in the Fellowship Hall.

We will gather around a delicious dinner, hear a brief reflection on the Scripture passages from worship, and then move into small groups for reflection and prayer. The evening finishes in the Sanctuary with everyone back together for the Lord's Prayer, finishing at 7:00, refreshed and ready for the week ahead! This is a great way to become involved at Advent.

Interested? Intrigued? Contact Pastor Scott! pastor@adventlutheran.net

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Worship is central to everything we do here at Advent. It's where we're fed, and challenged, and comforted, and sent.

When I was a child, on your birthday you got to choose what you wanted for dinner. I always asked for spaghetti, made with "Sheila's" spaghetti sauce. Sheila was our neighbor, and she made the classic Campbell's soup spaghetti sauce that involved opening up many many cans of soup and mixing them together with some spices and hamburger that turned into a rich, thick sauce. That would probably still be my choice, though my list of "favorite" foods is now pretty extensive.

Along with "favorite foods," we all have some things that we just don't care for. I'm not a big fan of mayonnaise, but that doesn't mean we don't keep some in the refrigerator (actually, it's Miracle Whip, but close enough).

When our kids were younger, we had an annual camping trip with another family, and we'd coordinate our dinners. We'd pull together several picnic tables and every night we'd pool our resources and serve dinner family style. It was noisy and tasty and everyone would dig in and enjoy. It seems like food always tastes best when you're camping.

But, invariably, every year, our friends would bring a dessert that was full of choices. "Tonight we're having cake. Two different kinds of cake. Three different options for frosting. Six different toppings you can sprinkle over your dessert." We were invited to make it "our way." It was overwhelming as everybody worked at making their perfect (for them) dessert. Everybody happy.

Here at Advent we serve family style. I'm speaking of worship now. Certainly there are opportunities for all kinds of special interests and concerns in the life of our congregation. Whether it's choir, or quilting, or band, or the Food Bank, or the Garden of Giving, or Vacation Bible School, or Facilities, there is a place for every gift.

But when we come together to be the people of God – this is what we are doing in worship – now we are a community. Now we are a microcosm of the world, meant to live in praise of God and trust and thanks of God's gifts.

That means that in worship I don't turn up my nose when there's mayonnaise – because some of my sisters and brothers like that stuff and we are a community. I sing for God by singing for my neighbor, not for myself. Introverts tolerate the sharing of the peace because it means so much to the extroverts. And the extroverts don't make everyone shake a tambourine because they honor the introverts. Those who need change recognize the needs of those whose lives face too much change – and those who remember the good old days look with favor on the needs of those who envision a different future.

Sometimes you get spaghetti with Sheila's spaghetti sauce. Sometimes you get someone else's favorite meal. But the hope and vision of public worship is that for one moment we are united in one body, and with one voice we praise the God who fashioned and saves us. And everyone is happy, not because we each get what we want, but because together we have received Christ.

In the religious marketplace that is the modern American world, it's a strange idea. But it's a truth we need to practice, for together we bear a unified Word of hope and grace.

Glad to be on the journey with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Scott".

Western States Youth Gathering

The ELCA's "Western States Youth Gathering" occurs every three years, and gives High School Youth in the Western States a chance to gather for community in Christ. We traveled by van to California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, CA

-- many thanks to Jeff Payne for driving the group down and back! Our time together was marked by great worship, games, workshops, conversations, dreaming, an immersion experience in Los Angeles, and a day at the beach. Thank you to Advent for your support of our youth! Here are some thoughts from those who attended:



I've now been to two youth gatherings and I can honestly say that they are some of the best experiences I've had. It's amazing to be able to get together with other teens from all over the country who believe in the same things you do. I've never had a bad experience while at a youth gathering, everyone is just so kind and happy to be there. I've met so many new people and been able to do some things that I'd never even imagined. I honestly believe that these youth gatherings are the best possible way for teens to get involved with and explore their faith. - Hailey Hall

Learned different interpretations of ideas within the Bible. I discovered a mission statement that played into my interests. I had fun exploring the faith I was confirmed in. - Hope Case

The Western States Youth Gathering hosted at Cal Lutheran was truly a unique experience. 800 people from the Western United States joined together to worship and grow in their faith. The speakers at the worship sessions were very thought provoking and inspirational. There were several games and bonding experiences to help us grow closer to the members of our congregation who went, and form bonds with people we didn't even know. I'm definitely looking forward to going to the National gathering in Houston next year. - Amanda Riedlinger

My experience at the Western States Youth Gathering was amazing. The activities made it possible to reach out and meet other people there for the same purpose and connect with them to hear their stories which I thought was incredible. It also opened my eyes to other forms of worship, which are not quite as traditional but provide a different perspective on God as well as other people. - Emily Morgan

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Summer Worship Schedule

9:30am

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Please submit articles, graphics, and photos to

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Maker Fun Factory VBS

Wow, God! We had an awesome week of Vacation Bible School July 10-14! We had 190 kids in preschool through 4th grade spend the week with us discovering that they are lovingly crafted by God. Each day focused on a different Bible point with activities and Bible verses at each station to reinforce the main ideas of the week: God made you, God is for you, God is always with you, God will always love you, and God made you for a reason.



A huge thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this amazing week possible. Over 90 volunteers were involved in everything from building sets before VBS to leading crews during the week. We had 87 dedicated volunteers join us during VBS week to work with the kids. The group included 23 assistants (5th & 6th graders), 37 youth (7th -12th graders), and 27 adults. One of the amazing things about the VBS program is that it ministers to the volunteers as well as the participants! And, VBS is truly ageless--we had 11 volunteers during the week who were aged 70 and older!



We'd like to extend special thanks to our VBS Director, Kim Hall, and Assistant Director, Diane Krause who worked to make the program run so smoothly; Jeff Payne, who built the amazing sets; Mari Riedlinger, who coordinated our service

project with Teen Challenge; Hope Case, Marlie Jackson, Kelsey Lambott, and Nicole Hehn, who were up on stage leading the openings and closings; Pastor Scott, who was ever-present and amazingly supportive; and all our station leaders who brought VBS to life for the kids each day.

Thank you also to this loving congregation--VBS would not be possible without your support and prayers. On behalf of the 277 individuals who participated in VBS week at Advent, THANK YOU!





Clements 50th Wedding Anniversary!

To help celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary, we are honored to serve everyone sandwiches, cake and goodies after church service in the Fellowship Hall August 27th. We are so blessed to be a part of Advent's congregation. Thank you for the love and kindness.

Phil and Bernice Clements

ELCA National Youth Gathering 2018! June 27th—July 1st



We are excited to share with you the theme for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering, "This Changes Everything." Our primary scripture will be Ephesians 2:8 *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."*

Grace is a foundational and distinctive piece of the Lutheran faith. This gift, undeserved and freely given, changes lives and perspectives as people realize they are enough because of what Christ has done and are called into the world to serve their neighbor and share the good news.

Our logo is a visual representation of our theme and the 2018 Gathering experience. It incorporates the coming together of a mosaic to reflect the diverse host city of Houston, as well as the idea that we are a church where *all* are imperfect and incomplete, yet we each belong in – and have an important place in – God's masterpiece. The cross at the center of the logo is the focus – it is God's grace, through Christ's

Blessing of Backpacks!



Join us Sunday, September 10th for our Blessing of the Backpacks. This is our first day back to our regular worship schedule, 8:30 and 10:30am. So, come and help us bless backpacks for students and teachers as they head back to school for another fantastic year!



You can help Advent Lutheran Church earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card!

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- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- For more information, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.
- This QR Code will take you to the sign-in page for your Rewards Card.



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July Update from Council President - A message saying "Thank You!"

Because of summer vacations the Council did not meet in July, so there is no meeting update this month. However, I want to take a moment to write and acknowledge the countless volunteer hours that go into Advent's ministries. While not always expressed, your volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated by your Council and Congregational Members.

As a volunteer, it is recognized that you have taken time from the "busy-ness" of your own schedule to participate in ministry opportunities at Advent. The most recent example was a very successful Vacation Bible School coordinated by Kim Hall and Diane Krause and over 60 volunteers. Because of their efforts, 190 children experienced a foot stomping, fun filled week of Christian Education. Thank you, Kim and Diane, and all who volunteered!

The facilities committee continues to spend countless hours working on projects around the building. Mark Thiel, Jeff Payne and Richard Bizier are completing the final stages of the storage garage. In addition, Mark and Jeff have installed a door in the parapet on the Sanctuary roof for easier access to the heating and cooling system. Please refer to their detailed report posted on the Council bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. The committee members also do routine maintenance around the building. For example, Phil Clements recently restriped the parking lot. Thank you for the countless hours you all give to maintain and improve our facility! Also, a new volunteer opportunity is available. The Facilities committee is looking for someone to coordinate landscaping care at Advent. If interested, please talk to Mary Alice Hack, who chairs the Facilities Committee.

We have an incredible number of volunteers that support the VOA Mill Creek Food Bank, which is providing fresh vegetables from our Garden of Giving. Our Fellowship committee is vibrant and active, as is our Classics group. The quilters group has grown and they are now making around 20 quilts per gathering for Lutheran World Relief. Skip Jolley greets us every Sunday morning with a smile as he opens the door. Our choir and musicians provide amazing music for our services. These are just a few of the active ministries and volunteering at Advent.

We need to say thank you to Deb Shaffer and Pastor Scott for chaperoning a group of our youth to the Western States Youth Gathering in California and Jeff Payne, who helped drive to the Gathering.

At times, much of the volunteer work seems to be overlooked and appears taken for granted or lacking recognition of all the hours ministry leaders, ministry teams, council members and numerous volunteers give on a regular basis to Advent. That is not the case. While we serve through Advent, it is God that we are working for. Our lives of service have a tremendous impact on the community around us. Mathew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

So, to All Advent Ministry Leaders and Volunteers ----

In Christ's Service,

"I have given you as a light to the nations" - Isaiah 42:6

Fred Row



Hello Everyone!

We had our July book club meeting last night and enjoyed much discussion and sharing. Friendship among women is so enriching! If you weren't able to join us, know that you were missed!

Our meeting in August will be on the 9th and we'll be talking about *Troublemaker* by Leah Remini. It is a memoir about her time in the Church of Scientology and her experiences leaving that group. It's a bit different book for our group but it should be a thought-provoking evening! I encourage you to google Leah and watch/listen to some of the videos she has made. It will give you more input about her as a person and about what she has experienced. If you are unfamiliar with her, she played the wife on the sitcom *King of Queens* for years, among other acting work. And yes, Tom Cruise is mentioned often!

Please put the date and time (7:00) on your calendars now and we'll see you then!

Beth Schneider



**Rally Day - Sunday School
and Children's Lesson
begin September 10**



Sunday School resumes Sept

10th with Rally Day! This year we'll have a one-room, inter-grade Sunday School for school-age children between services 9:45-10:15.

We're also introducing a Children's Lesson during the 10:30 worship service. The Children's Lesson is a time where young children can experience the Gospel on their own terms! Children will have the option to go to Children's Lesson after the Children's Word in Worship, and return to worship for Holy Communion. Interested in helping with Sunday School or the Children's Lesson?

Please contact Diane Krause or Katie Postlewait!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FH = Fellowship Hall A = A building (Preschool bldg.) SAN = Sanctuary C1 = Portable C1 C2 = Portable C1		1 6:30pm Korean Bible Study, (A1) 7pm AA (C1) 7pm Bible Study (offsite, Dottie Brewer 425-948-7313)	2 10am Bible Study (FH) 5:45pm TOPS (C1) 7pm Women's AA (A1)	3 8am Gardeners 3pm Food Bank (FH) 6:30pm Lynnwood (SAN) Community Band 7pm Men's AA (C1)	4 7pm AA (C1) 7pm Al-Anon (A4) 7pm Al-"Anon Newcomers (A3)	5 7am AA (C1) 8:30am. OA (A3) 9am AA (C1) 10am AA Women (A1)
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ADVENT'S POTLUCK SUNDAY



The Fellowship Committee is putting on a potluck after worship on Sunday, August 20th. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board by Jennifer's desk. The committee will provide fried chicken. We need to know how much chicken to order so if you plan on attending please sign up and let us know how many will be in your group. Any questions, please call Cindy Steenis, [425-338-5339](tel:425-338-5339), or Carolyn Johnson, [425-239-6243](tel:425-239-6243).

CONFIRMATION BEGINS THURSDAY, SEPT. 14TH



If your child will be in 7th or 8th grade and interested in confirmation, the first meeting will be 7pm Thursday, Sept. 14th in A4 for both incoming children and their parents. Please let the church office know if you'll be attending. churchoffice@adventlutheran.net or 425-337-5373, or contact Pastor Scott for more information pastor@adventlutheran.net