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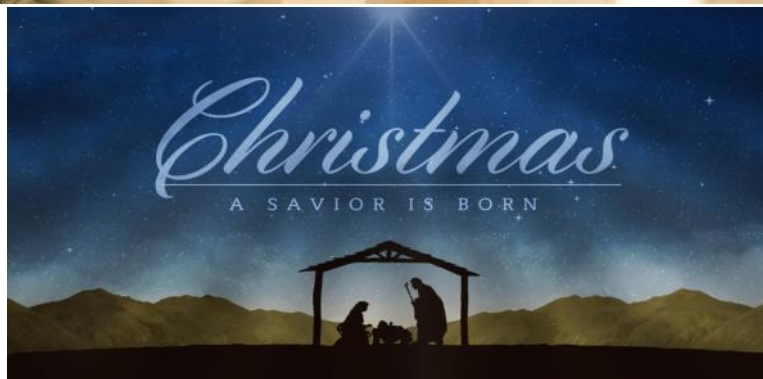
The staff wishes you all a holy and peaceful season of Advent and Christmas!

Pastor Scott
Pastor Lee
Kirsten
Jennifer



Upcoming EVENTS

- > Fair Trade Craft Fair - Sunday, December 3rd, 9:30am
- > Lynnwood Community Band Concert - Friday, December 8th, 7:00pm
- > Christmas Baskets - Saturday, December 16th, 8:30am
- > Christmas Cantata - Sunday, December 17th, 10:30am



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Longest Night Worship Service

Wednesday, December 20th, 7:00pm

A quiet time of worship to acknowledge the hurts and questions in life and to claim the hope and peace the Jesus brings.

December 24th, 4th Sunday in Advent

One Worship Service at 9:30am.

December 24th, Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services - 5:00pm, 7:30pm, and 10:00pm.

December 31st, New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve Worship Service - One Worship Service at 9:30am.

PASTOR



Birdsong greeted me when I let our dog out this morning. It was still dark and rainy, but the sound was unmistakable and clear — several finches chirping to welcome the morning. Their song was a welcome sound. Peaceful. As if the world were turning softly and predictably in its orbit. Peaceful, before plugging in and reading the morning headlines with bitter news of waging ideologies.

The simple song of the birds calmed me. It was, for that moment, the voice of the eternal, the source of life, the faithful one who, again and again, grants the world one more day. Grants us one more day in hopes that we might learn to sing as the birds sing — a song of peace.

The Season of Advent can't seem to come quickly enough. Amid the busy-ness and pressures of the “holiday season” we will gather and hear God’s Word as the new Church Year begins: pointing first to the horizon of history and the promise of all things made new, then turning towards John the Baptist and the promise of one who will wash the world in his Spirit, then turning to Mary met by an angel speaking a promise incomprehensible, yet one she trusts. And then there will be the Christ child, ever born into the world, ever sharing our frail existence, ever pointing to the God above, ever breathing out the Spirit, ever touching us with grace, ever calling us to follow in paths untried but true.

And in this season, and throughout the year, birds sing. And the cacophony of human life is persistently called to surrender to the song that began with the words, “Let there be light,” and became flesh in the child of Bethlehem.

Glad to be on the journey with you,

Pastor Scott



YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Join us Sunday, Dec 3rd 7:00 We'll work on cards for the Christmas Baskets, and we'll get envelopes ready for our January National Youth Gathering fund raiser. Bring your crafty and artsy side! Oh, and ice cream, there will be ice cream!

Youth Group to The Lights at Warm Beach, Saturday, Dec 16th, 7:00 Invite your friends and come enjoy the more than 1 million Christmas lights! Tickets are \$16. Make sure to bring some extra cash for food or something warm to drink. We will carpool from Advent and leave by 7:00pm. Please let Pastor Scott or Deb know if you plan to come, or if you can help with driving!

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. We have a great group going from Advent, talk to Pastor Scott if you are interested!

Advent Lutheran Church

Making the Love of Christ Known

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Worship Schedule

8:30am and 10:30am - Worship

9:45am - Sunday School, A1

9:45am - Adult Forum, Fellowship Hall

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If you have remaining 2017 donations, please remember to turn them in before the end of the year so we can close out our books. If you are mailing, mail early! Thanks so much.

Advent Treasurers

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

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

By Trudi Trueit

Photos by Bill Trueit

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS: HEARTS IN ACTION



Did you know that one in six Washingtonians relies on a local food bank to meet their nutritional needs? A few bags of groceries might not seem like much, but to those who struggle to put food on the table it can make a world of difference. That's why this year, on one day, Advent Lutheran's Christmas Food Baskets Ministry will provide more than 225 local families with the ingredients for a traditional holiday meal. But we can't do it without you!

Please join us on the morning of **Saturday, December 16th** as we pack and deliver food baskets bound for families throughout the Mill Creek, Everett, and Bothell area. You and your family can help fill grocery bags, deliver food, or both (all volunteers will be done by noon)!



To bag, please arrive at Advent by **8:30 a.m.** on December 16th and join the human assembly line in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be packing more than 700 grocery bags. Each family will receive about 20 food items, including a turkey, milk, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, cake mix/frosting, rolls, fresh vegetables, and more. Bagging, typically, takes less than an hour and a half. If you also plan to be a delivery driver, **please check in at the Driver's Table in the narthex before joining the assembly line.** After you finish bagging, you'll head to the sanctuary for instructions and to pick up your delivery packets. To volunteer to bag, please contact Carolyn Johnson at smith22307@comcast.net.



Those who want to be delivery drivers should **check in at the Driver's Table in the narthex by 9:45 a.m.** There will be a short meeting in the sanctuary to provide important instructions. Most deliveries are within a fifteen-minute drive of Advent and families will be expecting you. If you'd like to be a delivery driver, please contact Trudi Trueit at author@trudittrueit.com or plug in her email address at Signupgenius.com to find the list and add your name.

This ministry is completely funded by your donations! The Food Baskets Committee is working to raise \$11,000 to purchase food from the Navy commissary in Marysville. Each basket cost about \$50, but any amount is appreciated. If you'd like to contribute, please mark your check *Christmas Food Baskets* before placing it in the offering plate.

Many local businesses are also donating supplies and services, including Central Market, Lowes, Costco, Top Pot, and Staples. Thanks to the caring members of Advent and our community partners, nearly 900 people in our area will be able to sit down to a traditional meal this holiday season they might not otherwise have. Thank you!



November Update from Council President

The Council met on Tuesday, November 21st. Fred Row led devotions that centered around the meaning of Advent. The Church divides the year into different seasons that emphasize the life of Christ and the life of the Church. Beginning on Sunday December 3rd, 2017, we will enter the season of the Church year called Advent. Advent is the season of preparation and anticipation leading up to Christmas, and continuing to Epiphany.

Pastor Scott reported updates on visitations to members who are experiencing illness or loss of loved ones and friends. There are 13 youth who have registered for the National Youth Gathering in Houston this summer. The Gathering is held every three years, and 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from Evangelical Lutheran Churches across America, gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering.

The youth have planned a major fund raiser as part of our Annual January meeting, they'll be introducing it in January.

The October 17th Minutes were approved as written, as was the October Financial Report. Total income for the month of October was \$39,648 which was slightly less than the projected monthly budget by \$3,680. The \$5,000 transferred from savings last month was redeposited in the saving account. A detailed financial report has been posted on the Council bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall as well as a copy of the October minutes.

The Council reviewed and approved the proposed 2018 budget that will be presented at the January 28th Annual meeting for Congregational Approval. Budget forums will be scheduled during January to allow members to review and ask questions about the proposed budget. The budget includes projected revenue and expenditures of \$542,696. This is an increase of \$22,766 over the 2017 budget. It includes the addition of the Full Charge Book-keeper's annual salary. The approved 2017 budget included salary for the Full Charge Book-keeper's salary during the last quarter of the year. It also allocates funds for the possibility of adding a Youth and Family staff person in the fourth quarter. Want to learn specific details? Plan to attend the January budget forums!

Building the Church budget is a leap of faith activity. This is because the Council must use income that is projected based on annualization of past years revenue above and beyond pledges received. Advent's 2018 Stewardship Drive ended on Reformation Sunday. We received 85 pledge cards this year, for total pledged dollars of \$270,848. *However, it still isn't too late to submit your pledge card if you haven't yet done so. Pledge cards are located on the office counter in the Fellowship Hall and on the table in the Sanctuary Narthex.*

The meeting adjourned following The Lord's Prayer.

Advent's Vision: Making the Love of Christ known to all. Mission: A place welcoming all to grow in faith through worship and service.

Advent's Core Values: Biblical preaching and teaching Children and youth ministries Stewardship Worship and music Welcoming with acceptance and grace.

In Christ's Service,





The annual Winterfest celebration will be Saturday evening, January 13, 2018 beginning at 6:00 pm. Join us for food, games and adult fellowship. This year we will be raising money for our ministry at Penny Creek Elementary. Use this link <https://tinyurl.com/y96vqf4c> to sign up or watch for a sign up sheet on the bulletin insert. People are needed to bake hams, prepare side dishes and host tables. Contact

Bob and Gail Walters at Robert.alan.walters@gmail.com or [425-338-9588](tel:425-338-9588) for more information.

ADULT FORUM - ADVENT THROUGH THE EYES OF THOSE WHO WAITED

Today, we begin a four-week study to observe Advent and to get ready for Christmas. Isaiah presents us with the idea of waiting and preparing for the Messiah--our work for Advent. Next we meet John the Baptist who announces the coming of the Messiah. We learn about patience and courage from Mary, the mother of Jesus. And finally, we learn from Elizabeth about how to accept a blessing so long in coming that it is no longer expected. Join us for Adult Forum, Sunday's in the Fellowship Hall 9:45-10:15.



BOY SCOUTS OFFER TREE & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DROP-OFF

Boy Scout Troop 120 will be offering a convenient Christmas tree & electronics recycling drop-off site on Saturday, January 6, 2018. The drop-off site will be in operation from 9am to 3pm at Advent Lutheran Church, 4306 132nd Street SE, Mill Creek. The Christmas tree & electronics recycling drop-off program is a community service. A suggested financial support of \$10 per item is greatly appreciated. The following electronic items will be accepted: televisions, computer monitors, desktop computers, laptops, tablets, printers,

VCR's and cell phones. Note: we are no longer able to accept large rear projection televisions due to safety. Your \$\$ support will fund BSA Troop 120 activities and send troop members to summer camp. Thank you for your support!

Merry Christmas

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>FH = Fellowship Hall A = A building (Preschool bldg.) SAN = Sanctuary</p> <p>C1 = Portable C1 C2 = Portable C1</p> <p>If you would like to add or delete something from the church calendar, or have questions about room availability, please contact Jennifer in the church office 425-337-5373 or churchoffice@adventlutheran.net</p>					<p>1</p> <p>1:30pm Cub Scouts (A1) 3pm Girl Scouts (A2) 3:30pm Girl Scouts (A3) 3:30pm Girl Scouts (A1) 3:30pm Girl Scouts (FH) 7pm AA (C1) 7pm Al-Anon (A4) 7pm Al-"Anon Newcomers (A3)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7am AA (C1) 8:30am. OA (A3) 9am AA (C1) 10am AA Women (A1)</p>
<p>3</p> <p>6am Korean Worship (SAN) 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fair Trade Craft Fair (FH) 9:45am Adult Forum (FH) 9:45am Sunday School (A1) 10:30am Worship 12:30pm New Heaven Korean Worship (SAN) 6pm AA (C1) 7pm Youth Group (FH)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30am Bible Chicks (offsite, 425-493-9260) 4:30pm Girl Scouts (A3&4) 6pm Boy Scouts (FH) 6pm AA Women's Group (A4) 7pm Women's Support Group (A1) 7pm AA, (C1) 7pm Centering Prayer (SAN)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30pm Korean Bible Study, (A1) 7pm AA (C1) 7pm Bible Study (offsite, Dottie Brewer 425-948-7313)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10am Bible Study (FH) 1:00pm Elaine Batterson Memorial (SAN, FH) 5:45pm TOPS (C1) 6pm Girl Scouts (A3) 7pm Women's AA (A1)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12pm PieceMakers (FH) 3pm Food Bank (FH) 4:30pm Girl Scouts (A1) 6:30pm Lynnwood (SAN) Community Band 7pm Men's AA (C1) 7pm Choir (SAN) 7pm Confirmation (A4)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>3:30pm Girl Scouts (FH) 7pm Lynnwood Comm Band Concert (SAN, FH) 7pm AA (C1) 7pm Al-Anon (A4) 7pm Al-"Anon Newcomers (A3)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7am AA (C1) 8:30am OA (A3) 9am Decorating Advent (SAN, FH) 9am AA (C1) 10am AA Women (A1)</p>
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<p>17</p> <p>6am Korean Worship (SAN) 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship & Christmas Cantata 12:30pm New Heaven Korean Worship (SAN) 6pm AA (C1)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30am Bible Chicks (offsite, 425-493-9260) 4:30pm Girl Scouts (A3&4) 6pm Boy Scouts (FH) 6pm AA Women's Group (A4) 7pm 3rd Monday Bible Study (offsite katiemiata@hotmail.com) 7pm Women's Support Group (A1) 7pm AA, (C1) 7pm Centering Prayer (SAN)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30pm Church Council (FH) 6:30pm Korean Bible Study, (A1) 7pm AA (C1) 7pm Bible Study (offsite, Dottie Brewer 425-948-7313)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10am Bible Study (FH) 5:45pm TOPS (C1) 6pm Girl Scouts (A3) 7pm Longest Night Worship Service (SAN) 7pm Women's AA (A1)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>3pm Food Bank (FH) 4:30pm Girl Scouts (A1) 7pm Men's AA (C1) 7pm Choir (SAN)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts (FH) 7pm AA (C1) 7pm Al-Anon (A4) 7pm Al-"Anon Newcomers (A3)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7am AA (C1) 8:30am OA (A3) 9am AA (C1) 10am AA Women (A1)</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve 6am Korean Worship (SAN) 9:30am Worship 12:30pm New Heaven Korean Worship (SAN) 5pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 6pm AA (C1) 7:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 10pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day 6pm AA Women's Group (A4) 7pm Women's Support Group (A1) 7pm AA, (C1)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30pm Korean Bible Study, (A1) 7pm AA (C1)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:45pm TOPS (C1) 7pm Women's AA (A1)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>No Food Bank Today 7pm Men's AA (C1)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7pm AA (C1) 7pm Al-Anon (A4) 7pm Al-"Anon Newcomers (A3)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7am AA (C1) 8:30am OA (A3) 9am AA (C1) 10am AA Women (A1)</p>
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Save the Date

Christmas Concerts

Advent

Lynnwood Community Band

7pm Friday Dec. 8
Free Admission

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 17
10:30am Worship Service

