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Upcoming

EVENTS

- > Piecemakers, 12:00pm
Thursday, Feb. 2nd
- > Classics Luncheon, 12:30pm
Wednesday, Feb. 8th
- > Beyond the Book, 7:00pm
Wednesday, Feb. 8th
- > Ash Wednesday, worship
services at 11am and 7pm,
March 1st

Heritage Festival Gathering

The Fellowship Committee is planning a potluck on February 26th after the late service. This gathering has been called International Potluck, Fat Tuesday (Sunday) and Multi-cultural potluck. We have come up with a new name - "**Heritage Festival**". Bring a potluck dish that represents your background (such as German, Chinese, Italian, etc. or any dish you would like to share). If you have a recipe, bring a copy and we will share with others.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, and plan to come enjoy a meal together!

Any questions, please call Cindy Steenis, [425-338-5339](tel:425-338-5339) or Carolyn Johnson [425- 239-6243](tel:425-239-6243).



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

With February, we continue in the Sundays after Epiphany. God is revealed here, in this Jesus who summons us to follow and be fishers of people. God is revealed in the Beatitudes. God is revealed as the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. God is revealed in the command to love our enemies. And God is revealed in the transfiguration of Jesus as he is in prayer on the mountain, guided by Moses and Elijah, the law and the prophets.

It is important that we recognize this. These are not just familiar old stories. The heart of the universe is revealed here. The claim of the transcendence on our lives is made here. God is talking. God encounters us. The Eternal addresses us. The Author of All stands before us. This is not a time of piety; this is a time of truth with a capital “T”, life with a capital “L”.

We need this foundation so that when we get to Lent on March 1 we will understand. So that when we get to Maundy Thursday we will anticipate that this is the one who kneels before us with a basin and towel. So that when we get to Good Friday we will tremble with the knowledge that this is the one who endures the lash and the cruel words and the nails. So that we will fall down and worship when we find the empty tomb.

Jesus summons Peter and Andrew, James and John, not because he needs a few people to help him get started, but because he summons us all. He summons us to stand before the eternal and get washed in radical grace – then to join the mission of bearing that grace to a rebel world. He summons us to stand in selfless love, and then let that love leak out to those around us.

I say “leak” rather than “flood” because we are pretty frail emissaries of the divine. But at the very least, we should be “leaking” grace into the world. It’s kind of the opposite of children tracking muddy footprints into the house. Imagine that we are tramping clean footprints into a muddy world.

When we understand this, when we comprehend that the eternal stands before us, when we experience the eternal wash over us in a flood of grace, when we see that we are now sent to track clean footprints in a muddy world – that’s when we start using words like “Holy” and “Sacred” and truly understand what they mean.

“You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” 1 Peter 2:9

Glad to be on the journey with you,

Pastor Scott



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SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED

The 2017 Synod Assembly will be held on Saturday, May 20 at Salem Lutheran Church, Mount Vernon. We will gather for a ONE-day meeting to attend to synod business: reports, elections, resolutions, constitution amendments, budget approval, etc. . If you are interested in learning more or being a delegate for Advent, contact the church office at:

churchoffice@adventlutheran.net

Companionship

By the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA
Synod Bishop

From the February 2017

Edition of The Spirit



What is it about eating together that draws people into deeper relationship? It is true for meals of romance, friendship and even business. Sitting across the table, face to face, enjoying good food and beverage has its own magic. It works whether you start out as complete strangers or you are lifelong friends. Meal is part of the glue that holds friendships together.

When I traveled to Ethiopia I learned how important sharing a meal is the world around. The villagers that we visited spent the entire day - from before sunrise until dinner - working on behalf of the meal. It began with the women walking for miles to find sticks for the fire. The younger women were sent out to get clean water. Then there was the preparation of the "tef" which is what they call the grain out of which they make their bread. It was back breaking work to grow which the men did on the hills that they first had to terrace with rocks. Tef has to be separated and pounded and sifted before it can be cooked. Goat meat was an added treat. The young boys of the village raised the goats by tending to them all day long. A life spent preparing for daily meal made the words of the Lord's Prayer come to life, "Give us this day our daily bread."

It was such an honor and a joy to be the guest knowing full well that we were receiving a portion of the meal that they themselves were sacrificing. Meal is how we honor guest the world around. It is how we build lasting friendship.

The English "companion", the Spanish "compañero", the Italian "compagno", and the French "copain" all come from the Latin meaning "with whom one eats bread." It is no wonder that the Bible is filled with meal stories, breaking bread, sharing fish, feasting, celebrating and huddling around fires.

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Making the Love of Christ Known

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:40a.m., September-June
(Preschool-6th Grade)

Adult Forum: 9:40am in Portable C1

Advent Staff:

Pastor: **Scott Postlewait**,

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Fred Row—President/Admin./Columbarium

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Irene Bizier/Karen Young—Treasurers

Kim Hall—Secretary/Education

Deb Shaffer—Youth

Kathy Stamey—Fellowship

Peggy Mauge—Social Justice

Bill Case—Worship

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JoAnne Purvis—Finance

Carolyn Johnson—Finance Secretary

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GIVE ONLINE

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

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Bishop's message continued...

This past year many of us in the Synod who are a part of the Living Local movement have been dwelling in the story of the, "Sending of the Seventy." In the story Jesus encourages the seventy, on more than one occasion, to enter the home of strangers and to eat whatever is set before them. This is what radical hospitality is about. It is one thing to set table for another. It is something else to sit as guest and to receive what is offered. Living Local is a movement within our Synod that is based upon an accompaniment model.

Accompaniment is how we discover God together with our neighbors by breaking bread with them. We have living examples of where this is happening through block parties, barbecues, in-home meals and often at a place like Luther's Table. It is one of the hoped for outcomes of our Neighbors in Faith movement - breaking bread together with our Muslim and Jewish neighbors.

Jesus was on to something on the night in which he was betrayed, when he took bread and broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you."

Friends, companions, I continue to believe at my deepest level that this is precisely what the world is hungering for - Companionship!



Vacation Bible School is coming again this summer!

Be sure to mark July 10-14, 2017 on your calendar.

We want you!

We are looking for people who are excited to volunteer to make this amazing week happen. The more the merrier and more help equals lighter work.

You will find this week incredibly inspiring as 200 kids between 4 years old and 5th grade join our youth and adult volunteers in singing and dancing, playing and praying, making new friends and learning about Jesus' love for each and every one of us.

Pray about it and let us know where you feel drawn.

February 26 after the 10:30 service we will have a quick meeting in the Fellowship Hall for station leaders, creative director(s), opening and closing leaders and those interested in taking on other leadership roles.

Please contact Kim Hall and Diane Krause at vbs@adventlutheran.net to let us know where you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you!

Camper registration will begin May 1, 2017

FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Do you have flowers blooming yet or do you like to have cut flowers available? Help decorate the cross in front of the Fellowship Hall on Easter Morning, April 16th, by bringing cut flowers. What a beautiful symbol of rebirth by covering the cross in flowers.



GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR?

It's a tradition at Advent that High School graduates receive quilts handmade with love by our quilting ministry, The PieceMakers, on Graduation Sunday. If you'd like to be on the list to receive a high school graduate quilt, please let the church office know no later than April 1st.

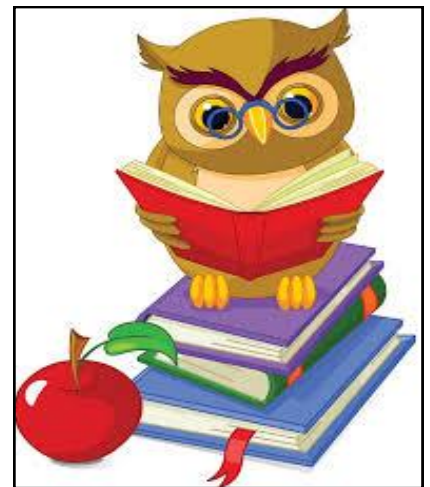


Beyond the Book

Come! Connect with others that enjoy reading. Advent's book club meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7pm in the Advent Lutheran Fellowship Hall.

For more information contact: Beth Schneider,

bethschneider@mac.com



THE PIECEMAKERS QUILTING MINISTRY

The PieceMakers are looking for some help from anyone who is able to join us to make quilts. We can use people who can tie a knot or put a pin in the hems of our quilts. Sewing is helpful, but not at all necessary. If you would like to share a laugh with us and help others at the same time, consider spending the First and Third Thursday each month in the Fellowship Hall with the zany Quilters at 12:00 pm. We only work until 1:30pm when we put our pins and needles away and take the time to share a treat. We make a difference in people's lives. You do not have to be a member of Advent and bring your sister, brother, spouse, or friend with you. We would love to meet them.

Cora Evans, coordinator for Advent Lutheran Church PieceMakers yankeedc@comcast.net or [425-743-3691](tel:425-743-3691)



PRAYER CHAIN

Advent is a praying congregation!

If serious illness or other life factors affect you or those you love, contact the church office and we will send your request through our prayer chain. We have people who will pray for your need!

If you are interested in joining the prayer chain as a pray-er, contact the church office or Jill Bossen, prayerrequests@adventlutheran.net. Many thanks to our "pray-ers"!

Western States Youth Gathering

The Western States Youth Gathering for High School Youth (9th -12th grades) occurs every three years - and 2017 is it! Join us as we travel to Thousand Oaks California and join with hundreds of other youth for great speakers, music, service projects, and learning about our faith. The Gathering is at California Lutheran University, and runs June 28-July 2. We're driving down, so will leave June 27th and return July 3rd. Interested? Talk to Pastor Scott soon and reserve your spot!

"Occasional Angels" is one of Advent's caring ministries where meals are provided to people in our church community that are experiencing an illness/recovering from surgery. Meals are organized using the Meal Train program. Many thanks to the following people who make this ministry possible:

Jill Bossen, Andrea Boushey, Ellen Bruya, Kimberly Skrinde, Diane Krause, Becky Thiele, Trudi Trueit, Carla Merisko, Jan McWherter, Susan Clayton, Peggy Mauge, Kaye Lysen, Laurie Dahms, Cindy Steenis, Lori Wendt, Marilyn Klose, Kim Plata, Sandy Barrett, Polly Row, Kim Hall, Katie Postlewait, Kathy Stamey, Suzanne Morgan, Irene Bizier, Sue Wilson, Carol Foort, and Vicky Roberts.

If you'd like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Kim Plata at kimann222@aol.com.



Coming Up

Scout Sunday, February 5

Advent is glad to host Scouting! Both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts call Advent their home. Be sure to be at worship on Sunday February 5 as the Boy Scouts help out with ushering and say "thanks!" to Advent.

Adult Forum Sundays at 9:40

We're going to spend the next couple of months taking a closer look at Paul's letter to the Romans, especially the Lutheran Reformers connected with this letter of faith and instruction. No previous knowledge necessary! Come engage with Scripture and get to know other people in the congregation. The Adult Forum is always a place to question and wonder and learn. Many thanks to Jill Bossen for teaching this class! Begins February 5.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FH = Fellowship Hall A = A building (Preschool bldg.) SAN = Sanctuary C1 = Portable C1 C2 = Portable C1			1 10:00am– Bible Study, FH 5:45pm-TOPS, C1 6:00pm-AA, A1	2 12:00pm-Piecemakers, FH 3:00pm-Food Bank, FH 6:30pm-Lynn.Band, FH 7:00pm-Choir 7:00pm-AA, C1 No Confirmation	3 3:00pm-Girl Scouts, FH 4:00pm-Girl Scouts, A3 7:00pm-AA, C1 7:00pm-Al-Anon, A4 7:00pm-Al-Anon New, A3	4 7:00am-AA, C1 8:30am-OA, A3 9:00am-AA, C1 9:30am-AA, A1
5 Scout Sunday 6:00am-Korean Worship, Worship: 8:30am & 10:30am 9:30am-Teller Meeting, A4 9:40am-Sunday School 12:30pm-Korean Congregation, SAN 6:00pm-AA New, C1	6 9:30am-Bible Chicks –Offsite 6:00pm-AA, A4 6:00pm-Boy Scouts, FH 7:00pm– AA, C1 7:00pm-Women’s Support Group, A1	7 5:00pm-Mill Creek Chorale, FH 6:30pm-Korean Bible Study, A1 7:00pm-Bible Study -Offsite 7:00pm-AA, C1 7:00pm-Mill Creek Chorale, FH	8 10:00am– Bible Study, FH 12:30pm-Classics, FH 5:45pm-TOPS, C1 6:00pm-AA, A1	9 3:00pm-Food Bank, FH 6:30pm-Lynn. Band, FH 7:00pm-Choir, 7:00pm-AA,C1 7:00pm-Confirmation, A4	10 3:00 pm-Girl Scouts, FH 7:00pm-AA, C1 7:00pm-Al-Anon, A4 7:00pm-Al-Anon New, A3	11 7:00am-AA, C1 8:30am-OA, A3 9:00am-AA, C1 9:30am-AA, A1
12 6:00am-Korean Worship Worship: 8:30am & 10:30am 9:40am-Sunday School 12:30pm-Korean Congregation, SAN 6:00pm-AA New, C1	13 9:30am-Bible Chicks –Offsite 6:00pm-AA, A4 6:00pm-Boy Scouts, FH 7:00pm– AA, C1 7:00pm-Women’s Support Group, A1	14 Valentine’s Day 8:00am-IRG-FOC, FH 5:00pm-Mill Creek Chorale, FH 6:30pm-Korean Bible Study, A1 7:00pm-AA, C1 7:00pm-Mill Creek Chorale, FH	15 10:00am– Bible Study, FH 5:45pm-TOPS, C1 6:00pm-AA, A1	16 12:00pm-Piecemakers, FH 3:00pm-Food Bank, FH 6:30pm-Lynn. Band, FH 7:00pm-Choir, 7:00pm-AA, C1 Confirmation, A4	17 3:00pm-Girl Scouts, FH 4:00pm-Girl Scouts, A3 7:00pm-AA, C1 7:00pm-Al-Anon, A4 7:00pm-Al-Anon New, A3	18 7:00am-AA, C1 8:30am-OA, A3 9:00am-AA, C1 9:30am-AA, A1 1:00pm– Merrie Miller-Baby Shower, FH
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Join us for

Ash Wednesday

Services

March 1, 2017

11:00am and 7:00pm

(with the imposition of Ashes)