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## Upcoming EVENTS

- Blood Drive - Monday, January 8th, 1:00pm
- Classics Potluck - Wednesday, January 10th, 12:30pm
- Winterfest Dinner - Saturday, January 13th, 6:00pm
- Youth Group Seattle Day - Saturday, January 20th, 1:00pm
- Annual Congregational Meeting - Single Worship Service, Sunday, January 28th, 9:30am followed by the Annual Meeting at 10:30am

### **Baptism of Our Lord**

Sunday, January 7

*"A Voice from heaven said, This is my son."*

### **The Sundays after The Epiphany**

*The work of the Messiah begins.*

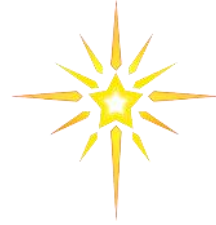
"The season following Epiphany begins and ends with a festival day connecting to the Epiphany theme of Jesus revealed to the world. Opening with the Baptism of our Lord and closing with the feast of the Transfiguration, each time a voice from heaven declares, This is my Son."

**Mark your calendar**

Ash Wednesday is February 14th

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Christmas and the New Year do not mean that all is right with the world. That is clearly not the case. Humanity has a long way to go before swords are beaten into plowshares and the atmosphere of divisiveness in politics and race is eased.

But something is right with the world. It is a season where we hope for peace. It is a season where we think of generosity. It is a season where we value kindness.

Some things are right in the world. Gifts have been given to the community through the Food Bank and Everybody's Closet. Gifts of warmth and care have been given to the world through the work of the quilters. Gifts of time and concern and joy have been given in meals served at the Everett Gospel Mission. The gift of a complete Christmas dinner, along with grace and love, have been provided for families struggling to make ends meet with the Christmas Baskets. The gift of music and community and talent has been given as we have listened together to the choir join their voices together to bring exquisite beauty to the world. Some things are right with the world.

Religious communities have gathered in this darkest time of the year to light candles and speak about light for our darkness. Families have come together to enjoy and build the ties of love. We have practiced the art and the value and the faith of giving. Some things are right with the world.

Yes, hate and intolerance seem to be on the rise. Yes, violence still plagues the human community. And, yes, families still struggle to be kind to one another. But some things are right with the world. And it is far more than that the sun still shines and that rains come. It is far more than the presence of teachers and healers and givers in our midst. It is the persistent presence of the words and remembrance of this child of Bethlehem – and of the teachers and prophets who went before him.

The Voice of God continues to speak to us, continues to call to us, continues to challenge and summon us to realize in our lives what is good and right and noble. The Voice of God speaks of heaven's faithfulness and calls us to faithfulness to one another. The Voice of God speaks words of healing and bids us be healers. The Voice of God speaks mercy and summons us to mercy. The Voice of God speaks forgiveness – release from the brokenness we have brought to our relationship with God and the earth, our neighbor and ourselves – and bids us do the same.

Some things are right with the world. And our simple act of coming together to hear the ancient stories, to sing the songs new and old, and to share fresh baked bread around a table where all are welcome reminds us of what is good, of what we could be, of what we should be. And maybe, before the New Year gets too far underway, we can hold on for a moment to what is noble and true, to the vision of our true humanity presented to us in this Jesus, to the desire to be governed by His Spirit, and to see the fruit of that Spirit in our lives, to the hope and presence of peace.

Glad to be on the journey with you,



## Youth Group News!

Join us Sunday, January 7th at 7:00 as we finalize our plans for our National Youth Gathering Fundraising!

### Seattle Day! Saturday, January 20th

Invite your friends and come and enjoy downtown Seattle. We are heading to Pike Place Market for fun and dinner. Bring money for dinner and remember to dress for the weather. It might be rainy and cold! We will carpool from Advent and leave by 1:00pm. Please let Pastor Scott or Deb know if you plan to come or can help with driving.

### National Youth Gathering Fundraiser in January — 128 Envelopes

Watch for 128 Envelopes to appear! Advent Lutheran Youth are raising funds to help defray the cost of their trip to the National Youth Gathering in Houston this summer. Check out the Youth Table in the Fellowship Hall where they'll have 128 envelopes available starting January 14th. The Youth chose "128" to coincide with the date of the Congregational Annual Meeting on 1/28.

Each envelope is numbered, and represents a dollar amount from \$1 to \$128. By taking an envelope, you are making a commitment to return the envelope with that amount. So, if you have the number 1, you are committing to collecting or donating \$1. For 2, \$2 and so on. The highest numbered envelope is 128, so the maximum commitment is \$128.

If all envelopes are returned with the corresponding amount contributed we will raise over \$8,000 toward our service trip to the National Youth Gathering! Please consider taking an envelope (or two!, or three!), and place cash or check inside and return to the Youth Table or to the Church Office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, and for supporting the Youth here at Advent!



## 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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### 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](mailto:churchoffice@AdventLutheran.net)



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### WELCOME OUR NEW BOOKKEEPER!

Welcome Kathy Wax, our new bookkeeper! Kathy is a Washingtonian with two children and two grandchildren. She has lived at the same address for 40 years. Kathy likes to knit, crochet, tat (a form of lace making) and read. She has a dog, two cats and an axolotl (a really cute lizard). She is pleased to be a part of Advent's amazing family. Please take some time to stop in and say "hello." Kathy will be in the office on Monday's and Thursday's.



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### BUDGET FORUMS - 1/14 & 1/21 Come Get Ready for our Annual Meeting

January 14 and 21 at 9:40am - Budget Preview. Come get ready for our Annual Meeting on January 28

January 28 - No adult forum. One worship service at 9:30, annual meeting and lunch afterwards.

Adult Forum on Sunday Mornings resumes February 18th at 9:45am.

Join Pastor Paul Anderson as he leads the Adult Forum through the season of Lent with "Seeing all things through the cross."



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](mailto:Robert.alan.walters@gmail.com) or [425-338-9588](tel:425-338-9588) for more information.



### Help Collect Supplies for Nicaragua

JoAnne Purvis is going to Nicaragua in support of Corner of Love. Corner of Love is a growing international mission dedicated to glorifying God through healthcare, education, and clean water projects in Nicaragua. There is a collection bin in the Fellowship Hall for donations.

We are collecting the following:

All types of over-the-counter medications  
Adult and children Multi-Vitamins  
Anti-fungal creams  
Hydrocortisone  
Tylenol & Ibuprofen  
Adult and Children Socks

Adult and Children Cold Meds  
New Children's Underwear  
Diaper Rash Ointment, Baby Powder  
Visine & Generic Eye Drops  
Ear Drops  
Anti-acids  
Allergy Medications  
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

**January 2018 Message from your Council President:**

In December the Council did not hold a regular Council meeting. Instead we gathered with our spouses at our house to celebrate the year's accomplishments. 2017 was a busy year at Advent and each Ministry can take pride in the services provided at Advent and throughout the community in "Making the Love of Christ Known". Detailed ministry reports will be provided in the Annual meeting packet.

On Christmas, Polly and I celebrated with family the birth of Christ through prayer, feasting, merriment, and yes, the giving of gifts. But, most of all, as I complete my final year as your Council President, it is my hope that we experience the joy of Christmas in our hearts, for, more than just a day, Christmas is a state of mind. It is found throughout the year whenever faith overcomes doubt, hope conquers despair, and love triumphs over hate. I believe that we live and model the Christmas spirit throughout the year at Advent by being open, friendly and welcoming.

As we welcome 2018, please mark Sunday, January 28, 2018 on your calendar and plan to attend Advent's Annual Meeting. There will be one service at 9:30 AM followed immediately by the Annual Meeting. Our agenda will include election of new council members and approval of the 2018 operating budget. More information will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Also, please note that budget forums are being held in January, so members can review and comment on the proposed budget prior to voting on it at the Annual Meeting. The forums provide opportunities to ask questions and seek clarifications. Please plan to attend one or more of the scheduled forums. They will be held in the Fellowship Hall between services on January 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

I want to recognize the outstanding financial leadership our co-treasures, Irene Bizier and Karen Young, have provided over the past couple of years. We passed an outside audit review with an excellent report and are in a sound financial position as we begin a new year. Thank you Karen and Irene!

It has been an honor to serve as your Council President these past two years and to work closely with our dedicated Council Members, Pastor Scott, Pastor Lee, and Jennifer!

Blessings

**Beyond the Book! Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00**

Join us for our January 10th meeting as we welcome author, Trudi Trueit! We will have great conversation and a Q&A session. All are invited to a book club that meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Beth Schneider for more information, [bethschneider@me.com](mailto:bethschneider@me.com)



## Christmas Food Baskets Help Brighten the Holidays

Trudi Trueit

Photos: Bill Trueit

Advent's annual Christmas Food Baskets event was a huge success! More than one hundred volunteers turned out on an over-cast, chilly Saturday morning in mid-December to pack nearly 700 grocery bags bound for local families. The human assembly line stretched out of the Fellowship Hall!

Each basket contained about twenty items, including a turkey, milk, stuffing, gravy, rolls, butter, cranberry sauce, and potatoes. Once the 'baskets' were complete, delivery drivers convened in the sanctuary for a brief service with Pastor Scott and pianist Eva Mahaffey before heading out to make their rounds. Advent partnered with local churches, schools, and Volunteers of America to identify recipient families, who were expecting the baskets.



The Food Baskets Committee is grateful to everyone who supported the ministry. Special thanks to the Classics for their donation and musicians Jeff Rohr and Emily Hamner, who gave a fundraising concert. Sunday School students crafted Christmas cards to include in the baskets. Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, and youth members helped assemble baskets, load cars, and deliver. All the food was purchased through the U.S. Navy Commissary in Marysville and transported courtesy of Coastwide Laboratories, a division of Staples. Additionally, Central Market in Mill



Creek donated grocery bags, Lowes lent Advent several large carts to load groceries, Costco handled recycling, and Top Pot Doughnuts supplied donuts and coffee for volunteers.

Whether you made a contribution, helped fill bags, were a delivery driver, or all of the above, your efforts meant that more than one thousand people in our area were able to enjoy a traditional holiday meal. Thank you, Advent!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 9:30am Bible Chicks (offsite, 425-493-9260) 4:30pm Girl Scout (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)	<b>2</b> 6:30pm Korean Bible Study, (A1) 7pm AA (C1) 7pm Bible Study (offsite, Dottie Brewer 425-948-7313)	<b>3</b> 10am Bible Study (FH) 5:45pm TOPS (C1) 6pm Girl Scouts (A3) 7pm Women's AA (A1)	<b>4</b> 12pm Piece Makers (FH) 3pm Food Bank (FH) 4:30pm Girl Scouts (A1) 6:30pm Lynnwood (FH) Community Band 7pm Men's AA (C1) 7pm Choir (SAN) 7pm Confirmation (A4)	<b>5</b> 1:30pm Cub Scouts (A1) 3pm Girl Scouts (A2) 3:30pm Girl Scouts (A3) 3:30pm Girl Scouts (A1) 3:30pm Girl Scouts (FH) 6:30pm Girl Scout (FH) 7pm AA (C1) 7pm Al-Anon (A4)	<b>6</b> 7am AA (C1) 8am Boy Scouts Tree Pickup (outside) 8:30am. OA (A3) 9am Take Down Decorations (FH) 9am AA (C1) 10am AA Women (A1)
<b>7</b> 6am Korean Worship (SAN) <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:45am Sunday School (A1) <b>10:30am Worship</b> 12:30pm New Heaven Korean Worship (SAN) 6pm AA (C1) 7pm Youth Group (FH)	<b>8</b> 9:30am Bible Chicks (offsite, 425-493-9260) 1pm Blood Drive (FH) 4pm 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)	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Korean Bible Study, (A1) 7pm AA (C1)	<b>10</b> 10am Bible Study (FH) 12:30pm Classics (FH) 5:45pm TOPS (C1) 7pm Women's AA (A1) 7pm Beyond the Book (FH)	<b>11</b> 3pm Food Bank (FH) 6:30pm Lynnwood (SAN) Community Band 7pm Men's AA (C1) 7pm Choir (SAN) 7pm Confirmation (A4)	<b>12</b> 3:30pm Girl Scouts (FH) 7pm AA (C1) 7pm Al-Anon (A4)	<b>13</b> 7am AA (C1) 8:30am OA (A3) 9am AA (C1) 10am AA Women (A1) 6pm Winterfest Dinner (FH)
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<b>28</b> 6am Korean Worship (SAN) <b>9:30am One Worship Service</b> <b>10:30 Annual Meeting</b> 12:30pm New Heaven Korean Worship (SAN) 6pm AA (C1)	<b>29</b> 9:30am Bible Chicks (offsite, 425-493-9260) 6pm Boy Scouts (FH) 6pm AA Women's Group (A4) 7pm Women's Support Group (A1) 7pm AA, (C1) 7pm Centering Prayer (SAN)	<b>30</b> 6:30pm Korean Bible Study, (A1) 7pm AA (C1) 7pm Mill Creek Chorale (FH)	<b>31</b> 10am Bible Study (FH) 5:45pm TOPS (C1) 7pm Women's AA (A1)	FH = Fellowship Hall A = A building (Preschool bldg.) SAN = Sanctuary  C1 = Portable C1 C2 = Portable C1  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		





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**Blood Drive**  
**Monday,**  
**January 8th**  
**1:00 - 7:00pm**

Help save a life and donate blood. Monday, January 8, 1-7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Walk-ins welcome! If you have any questions or to pre-register, please contact Sandy Jolley, [206-248-2154](tel:206-248-2154), [snjolley@comcast.net](mailto:snjolley@comcast.net).



## ANNUAL MEETING

**January 28**

**One worship service**  
**at 9:30am**

**Followed by the Annual**  
**Congregational Meeting**