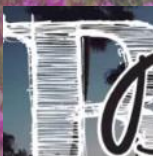


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Upcoming EVENT

- Summer Schedule has started. One service at 9:30am.
- Pentecost Prayer Vigil - Saturday June 3rd.
- Classics Luncheon - 12:30pm, Wednesday, June 14th in the Fellowship Hall.
- Seattle Pride Parade - Sunday June 25th.
- ELCA Western States Youth Gathering - June 27 - July 3.



The Festival of Pentecost June 4th - Wear Red and Bring Wind Chimes.

Pentecost Sunday celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the believers, and the proclamation to all the nations of the work of God in Christ Jesus. We rejoice on this occasion, culminating the Easter Season. Pentecost Sunday this year is June 4th. The liturgical color for this day is red, so wear red for worship this day.

Wind Chimes

Part of this year's Pentecost experience involves wind chimes. Bring a set of wind chimes to worship (9:30) on June 4th (and if you have extra chimes, please bring them for others to use that morning!)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



What is the narrative that shapes us? We are people who think in stories. We don't picture the world as a set of data points. Rather, we imagine a story.

Most of our families share a story of ancestors who left an old world where the future was limited and came to the United States where the future was open. By hard work and the grace of God they overcame challenges and obstacles, built new lives, and launched their children forward into even greater success. For many of us, that's our family story – a far different story than those who were brought against their will in slave ships. Depending on the story you tell, you will see the country either as a land of promise or a house of bondage; as a land of milk and honey, or a land of bricks and straw.

We are people who think in stories. Confusion and anxiety reign when we can't figure out the story line. When confronted by tragedy, we tell stories of those affected, of lives touched, of love and regret and hope. We need to have a story. It locates us. It gives meaning to our past, shapes our understanding of the present, and gives direction for the future.

Congregations need a story too. Are we a congregation that simply reflects our past, or are we a welcoming congregation serving the community with our building and bearing witness to the grace and love and inclusivity of God? Are we a congregation that lives in fear of what comes next, or are we a faithful ministry for whom God has wondrously provided? The story we tell reveals the future we expect to have.

And what is our human story as we face the storms and perils of wars and a changing climate? Are we devolving into a nation divided and fighting for resources, or are we building a world that is more just, responsible and compassionate? The story we imagine has deep and important consequences for the choices we make.

As a church, we tell a story that begins in a garden and ends in a city without fear. We tell a story where all creation is good, and we are called to care for it. We tell a story of a divine presence that treasures all creatures and saves them in an ark. We tell a story of Abram and Sarai whose lives are shaped by the promise of blessing for the world. We tell a story where God delivers slaves from bondage and teaches them to be a community of justice and mercy. We tell a story of our infidelity and God's continuing faithfulness. We tell a story that confesses Cain rose up against his brother Abel, but Jesus laid down his life for the world – teaching us to see and be faithful to all people as our sisters and brothers.

We are a people who tell a story of an empty grave and the triumph of love. We see the world through this story. It gives us strength when we lose the thread of our personal stories. It gives us hope when we wonder about the outcome of the stories that swirl around us. It gives us courage when facing the challenges of the human story. It inspires us to service as individuals and as a congregation.

We are a people who see the world through this story of love and redemption. And, we are a people to whom this story is entrusted for the sake of the world. The gates of hell cannot stand against it, says Jesus. We are told to carry this story to the ends of the earth. It is what makes us a peculiar people. It is what makes us a people of courage and compassion, hope and joy. As we enter into the Season of Pentecost, may we continue to be surprised and encouraged and challenged and engaged by the story the Spirit tells through us.

Glad to be on the journey with you,

Pastor Scott

Get Fired Up! Prayer Vigil June 3

Pentecost is June 4th this year. Advent is getting fired up with the Holy Spirit, like the disciples got fired up with the Spirit at that first Pentecost (minus the flames on the heads, probably). We'll have our second prayer vigil on Saturday, June 3, from 7AM-5PM.



To sign up, email Jennifer Howard at jferh@comcast.net to sign up for your half hour (or more) slot between 7AM and 5PM on Saturday, June 3.

What's a Prayer Vigil?? It's continuous prayer to God, in God's house, from us, God's people.

How much time will this take? We ask for a minimum of 30 minutes so that you can calm and center yourself and spend time listening.

How will I know what to do? You'll get suggested prayers in a handout, or you can say whatever comes into your heart. God wants YOU, not fancy words, so just show up and talk to Him. He's your Father, and He'd like to hear from you.

Who do I contact if I have questions? Talk to Jill Bossen, Jennifer Howard, Pastor Scott or Pastor Lee.

What if I forget to sign up? That's fine, come anyways! There is always room for prayer.



Congratulations to Advent's Graduating Seniors!

Michelle Baldini, Nick Baldini, Baylor Blair, Carter Booth, Emily Dyer, Brenna Fogerty, Alexis Graf, Nicole Hehn, Sydney Plata, Reed Rodriguez and Marcus Sullivan

These fantastic graduates will receive their quilts made for them by Advent's own quilting group The PieceMakers, Sunday, June 4th. Join us in saying Congratulations to this amazing group of kids!

First Communion Class - Saturday June 24th

Is your child ready to receive communion? Join us as we learn about this valued sacrament and what it means to receive Holy Communion. Please RSVP to Pastor Scott if you plan to come. (Note the date change to June 24th.)



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8:30 and 10:30am

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Adult Forum: 9:40am

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

Please submit articles, graphics, and photos to

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2017 Year End Review!

Penny Creek Project Adventure Grannies



As the 2016-2017 school year draws to a close we would like to review with you the contributions the members of Advent Lutheran have made to Penny Creek Elementary, our neighborhood school.

2016 VBS Service Project collected classroom school supplies. The congregation added cases of notebooks, pencils and selected supplies to the cause.

Breakfast Bars were delivered monthly to the Principal's Office for children who had missed breakfast.

October/November: Dozens of Hats, Mittens and Socks were collected. The Everett Senior Center joined us on this project.

Conference Week: Adventure Grannies and the Monday Morning Bible Study Group treated the staff with homemade cookies and bars.

December: 13 Holiday Food Baskets went to Penny Creek Families

Winter Fest provided 13 coats for needy students and \$625.00 to support additional projects.

January: Cases of tissues and hand sanitizer were delivered.

An "In Memorial Gift" of \$250.00 was given to pay toward over due lunch accounts for children in need. This cleared 66 student accounts. We matched this with \$250.00 from the money you donated at Winter Fest and Advent Offerings to clear the remainder of the outstanding balance on this account.

Spring Conferences: Treats for Staff on day of evening conferences we purchased and delivered.

Penny Creek June Field Day: Purchased and assembled 100 bags containing water bottles and healthy snacks as "Thank You's" for parent volunteers.



A ministry that began with a small group of Grannies wanting to reach out to a neighborhood school has grown beyond our hopes and dreams. Thank you, members and friends of Advent, for supporting and embracing this ministry. As we look forward to a new school year keep "The Penny Creek Project" in your prayers. Without you, none of this would have been possible.

Thank you!

The Adventure Grannies and Penny Creek Staff

SEATTLE PRIDE PARADE - JUNE 25

Join Open Door Ministries and other Reconciling in Christ churches for the 43rd annual Seattle Pride Parade, held at 11:00am, June 25 along 4th Avenue in downtown Seattle. The theme for this year's Pride will be "Indivisible" – a single word that conveys the core principle of our country. We are stronger together. It's "We the People." Inclusion and intersectionality make us stronger.

The parade will last about 2.5 hours, ending at Second Avenue and Denny Way near Seattle Center.

Contact Jill Bossen for additional info jrbossen@comcast.net or [425-218-6696](tel:425-218-6696)





Western States Youth Gathering

The Western States Youth Gathering for High School Youth (9th-12th grades) occurs every three years - and 2017 is it! We have a group of four students and three adults traveling to Thousand Oaks California to 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. Please keep our group in your prayers.

From the Choir Director Lord's Prayer for June

I love singing the Lord's Prayer. Even more than speaking, the act of singing my prayers feels deep and heartfelt.

I'm familiar with three common versions: the chanted version from the LBW, the singable (but overdone) Haas arrangement, and the operatic Mallotte setting.

We've also been lucky to be granted use of Michael Miller's version, but given the scarcity of other modern arrangements, I was inspired to come up with a simple, singable, familiar setting for use at Advent. I found Parker Palmer's version of the Lord's Prayer text:

Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is
Your true name.

We pray for Your reign of peace to come,

We pray that Your good will be done,

Let heaven and earth become one.

Give us this day the bread we need,

Give it to those who have none.

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,

From each one to each one.

Lead us to holy innocence

Beyond the evil of our days -

Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.

For Yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:

Forever Your name is All in One.

The text spoke to me, as frequently happens when reading something old and familiar in a new way. I decided to pair it with a tune most of us have heard: Beach Spring (Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters), which took some careful whittling of Palmer's words.

I hope this new setting is enjoyable, and I hope it enables us to hear the words of this old, sacred prayer in a new and life-giving way this month. Enjoy! Kirsten Lysen

See what all the buzz
is about at VBS!



Vacation Bible School

July 10-14, 2017

9 a.m. - 12 noon

Kids ages 4 through

completed 4th grade

Cost: \$20 per child



Volunteers Needed!

Adults and youth (entering 6th grade & up) register now at
www.adventlutheran.net

Reconciling in Christ

Anniversary June 4th



Help us celebrate on June 4 as we mark our first anniversary as a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Congregation. Pastor Rick Pribbernow from Open Door Ministries will be with us this day as we celebrate that "All are welcome" truly means "All are welcome!"



Lynnwood Community Band presents their summer concert *Summer Time*, Friday June 9th, 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. All ages are welcome. Admission is free and Food Bank Donations are appreciated!

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

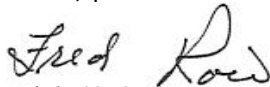
A Council Update from President, Fred Row:

Church Council met on May 16th. The minutes of the April 18th Council meeting were approved and are posted in the Fellowship Hall next to the Council pictures. Karen Young presented the April Treasurer's report, which was approved as presented and has also been posted in the Fellowship Hall. Income for the month of April as \$42,328 with expenses at \$35,506. She reported that Advent currently is in a good financial position.

The Council discussed roles and responsibilities as Church Council members and the importance of providing support to our ministry leaders and ministry teams. New Council members and VBS volunteers will be participating in training around Advent's Safe Haven Policy Manual on June 4th. The Council will be scheduling a special meeting with the Facilities Committee to talk about future building updates. This will include discussions around remodeling of Fellowship Hall bathrooms and the addition of a Family bathroom. The meeting concluded with each member being given an opportunity to provide a brief update regarding ministry activities.

If you have questions regarding Council activities, please don't hesitate to contact a Council Member.

Blessings to you and your family,



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



REMEMBER YOUR PLEDGE:

While you vacation this summer, the Church will still be here doing God's work in our community. Please remember your pledge this summer. Making your contribution online is easy with online bill pay through your bank, or through our donation page <http://www.adventlutheran.net/#/give-online>. Thank you for your faithfulness!



You may have noticed around the Advent Lutheran's campus that we have had quite a few lights that aren't working. Most noticeable are the lights in the Sanctuary, but you probably also noticed we had parking lot lights, walkway lights and outside building lights that were also out. Light has a lot of meaning in the Christian Church. In fact "light" is referenced ~ 250 times in the Bible. So why is it taking so long to make Advent's light shine again?

The Property Committee has been researching options to improve efficiency in the lighting around the campus. To change everything to LED would be quite expensive on its own, but we have partnered with Trinity Electric and PUD to reduce the installation cost that we'll pay back in about 3 years. The LED lights are not only more efficient, they will also have to be changed less often. You should be seeing the work being performed soon.

Thanks for your patience, the wait will make us better stewards of the earth saving both resources and money.
Mark Thiele



We would like to invite your congregation members to attend Bethany of the Northwest Foundation's **24th Annual "Elder Fair" which will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at a fabulous new location this year; the Jackson Conference Center in the center of Everett Community College.** We are now about a month away.

Everett CC's commencement will take place the week before our event, so the grounds will be beautiful and parking will be easy and accessible.

Please invite your sons, daughters, and grandkids to this fun event. Thanks so much for your support of our disabled senior residents. I look forward to seeing you at Elder Fair!

Julie Reymore

Foundation Coordinator

Bethany of the Northwest Foundation

Join us at 10:30 after worship June 18th to celebrate Father's Day with Root Beer Floats! Thanks to the Fellowship Committee for this delicious celebration!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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