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Upcoming

EVENTS

- Rally Day & Regular Worship - September 10th, 8:30 and 10:30am
- Blessing of Backpacks - September 10th, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Sunday School - September 10th, 9:45am
- Blood Drive - Sept 11th, 1:00pm
- Confirmation - Sept 14th, 7:00pm
- Going Deeper - Sept 17th, 5:00pm

Rally Day & 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!

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 after the sermon for Holy Communion.

Interested in helping with Sunday School or the Children's Lesson? Please contact Diane Krause (peacarrot@aol.com) or Katie Postlewait (katiemiata@hotmail.com)!

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



“Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.” —John 5:25

John doesn’t give us the name of the paralyzed man who lies at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-25). This is not a story about one specific person; this is a story about all of us.

We have water in our homes. We do not have to go to a public pool to get water for cooking and cleaning. Water is always at hand. Water that is safe, potable, and abundant, even despite the long dry summer.

Water is work for much of the world. And the place where water is gathered is a public place. So it makes perfect sense that the lame would lie there hoping for the kindness of strangers.

But this particular pool in Jerusalem is not just about the kindness of strangers; it is a place where people hope for the kindness of God.

Every now and then ripples fan out across the waters of this pool. Jerusalem is an earthquake zone like ours, but where we would assume some minor tremor has stirred the water, they saw the hand of the divine. For a moment, for a brief shining moment, those waters quivered with the power of the transcendent. For a flash in time, heaven had touched earth, and all the radiant glory and power of heaven was there to be received. For a brief moment the door was opened to healing.

But it’s a thin hope. It’s healing only for one, only for the first. Healing for the quick and the strong, or for those with someone to help them get to the water fast. For the man Jesus meets, mercy always happens to someone else.

This paralyzed man has lost hope. He has lost faith in the possibility that he might know heaven’s touch, that he might find new life. This is the danger of guilt and shame and the overwhelming nature of all life’s misfortune – that we might lose faith in the possibility that we might know heaven’s touch.

But we are witnesses to the empty tomb.

Hope is not built on sand; it does not depend upon us. It is not the product of our strength or skill, our ability to think positively, our ability to negotiate the trials of life. Hope is not built on our plans and preparations, but the discarded grave cloths on that empty rock bench. It is carved out of rock and has no door.

And hope is not the privilege of the few. The five loaves fed 5,000. The wine at Cana lightened the hearts of all. The mercy of God is scattered abundantly without regard for what may fall upon the path or get eaten by birds. The open tomb tells of a prodigal God. Before us stands the Son, crucified and risen. Before all who live in death’s shadow he stands. And he speaks. And those who hear are grasped by that life which never perishes.

Come be part of that life here at Advent, especially as your busy schedules come back to life this Fall.

Glad to be on the journey with you,

Pastor Scott

“Centering Prayer...is a receptive method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, in which we experience God’s presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.”



The Centering Prayer Introductory Workshop familiarizes participants with the method of Centering Prayer and its conceptual background, and offers opportunities to experience the prayer. The workshop consists of four presentations.

Prayer as Relationship. The Method of Centering Prayer. Thoughts and the Use of the Sacred Word. Deepening our Relationship with God.

Mark October 14th on your calendar and plan to be with us!



Ministry Fair

Advent Lutheran will be holding our annual Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 29th. This is Reformation Sunday and we will be having one service at 9:30 that day. The Ministry Fair will follow the service and be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us to learn of the many ministries we have at Advent. This is an opportunity to learn of the many ways we make the love of Christ known and how you might participate. We look forward to seeing you.

Communion Assistant Training - Sept. 10

Are you interested in helping serve communion at worship? Would you like to learn more about the theology and logistics behind serving communion? Join Pastor Scott on September 10th at 10:00 (between services) in the Sanctuary for an introduction and instruction on being a Communion Assistant.



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Summer Worship Schedule

9:30am

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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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HOST AN AFS EXCHANGE STUDENT!

Do you have an interest in cultures and traditions from around the world? Are you willing, flexible and open to sharing your life for a few weeks, months or a school year? Please consider sharing your life and family with one of our AFS students, arriving in mid-September. Doing so could change the life of a young person and provide unforgettable memories for your family. **We are actively seeking host families to welcome students for 12 weeks, a semester or full school year at Glacier Peak High School.** Students are available from Europe, Asia, South and Central America, as well as the Middle East.



Meet some of our outstanding students:

RAKINA (16-FRANCE) Rakina's family says she is a generous, organized and social young lady. She's especially close with her brother, Rahim, and her mother; they always laugh and have a good time together. Rakina and her brother like to discuss soccer, which is her favorite sport, though she also has lots of fun playing badminton. Rakina is also a talented musician. She plays several instruments and likes to listen to music and dance because it allows her to express herself. Rakina has always enjoyed languages. She looks forward to learning about American culture and lifestyle and working on her English.

GUSTAV (15-DENMARK) Gustav is an athletic, adventurous, outgoing, and curious young man. He loves participating in adventure sports such as skiing, river rafting and snorkeling. His favorite sport to play and watch is soccer, but he's also looking forward to trying new sports in the US. Gustav enjoys school – especially his English, math, and PE classes. He hopes to become an engineer in the future. Gustav loves spending time with his family. They often go on trips together with his grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins. He is looking forward to becoming a member of his American family too!

***AFS families come in ALL shapes, ages and sizes** – singles, couples, empty nesters, LGBTQ+, families large and small. You don't have to have teenager to host. Host families share their daily lives, provide food, a bed, and the same care and support they would give their own children.



We invite you to join us in collecting school supplies to support Penny Creek Elementary students as they return to their classrooms this fall.

Wide Ruled Composition Notebooks, Pocket Folders (No center tabs), Spiral Notebooks, 3 Hole Notebook Paper, Dry Erase Markers, Pencils, Pencil Top Erasers

They are also collecting supplies to restock their classroom emergency kits.

Small First Aid Kits, Green Light Sticks, 4 oz Hand Sanitizer,
Flashlights with Batteries

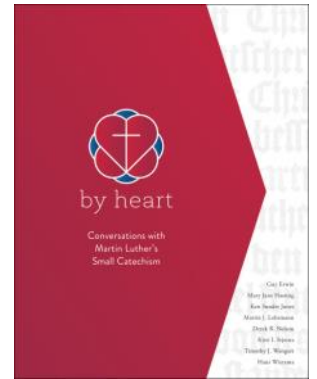
Delivery Scheduled for September 13th! A donation box near the bulletin board in the narthex is waiting to overflow with items needed for the 2017 school year at Penny Creek. Please remember our neighborhood students when you shop! To make a monetary donation simply designate Penny Creek Elementary in the memo line of your check. *Thank you!*

If you are interested in meeting the kids of Penny Creek, they can use some help with upcoming Picture Days and Vision Screening. You can help organize kids, comb hair and connect kids with the correct name cards. There are 3 shifts a day, 2 hours each and multiple people can sign up for each shift. The upcoming dates are: October 5, November 15, November 16, and March 1. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information contact Adventure Grannies' Ann Carlton, 425-478-5405

Adult Forum begins September 17th!

Join us between worship services in the Fellowship Hall as we take an in depth look at the Small Catechism to get ready for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. We'll look at the Biblical and historical context of the Small Catechism, its link to the church's faith, and it's connection to Luther's life and your life today! Study books are available for \$13! Contact the church office for more information. churchoffice@adventlutheran.net



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

Lutheran World Relief Sunday September 24

On September 24th, we welcome Pastor Jonathan Buuck from Lutheran World Relief as he brings us the Gospel message at worship, and also brings a message of hope and encouragement to the Adult Forum about the work of LWR.

Advent has been actively supporting the mission and outreach of LWR for many years, sending quilts to be distributed around the world as needed. For almost 75 years, Lutheran World Relief has been putting faith into action by responding to the needs of people throughout the world. Help is provided to victims of disasters such as earthquakes, floods, famine, and war. LWR helps communities living in extreme poverty adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihood and responds to emergencies with a long-term view. Regardless of whether these challenges are chronic or acute, LWR invests in communities to enable the resilience they need to thrive. We are looking forward to hearing more about our partnership with LWR on Sunday, September 24th!

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!



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September Update from Council President

The Council met on Tuesday, August 15 for a combined mini social, mini retreat and August Council meeting. The gathering began with a bar-b-que social hour. Following dinner, Pastor Scott opened the retreat with a prayer followed by an activity around Leadership and what is meant by it. Bill Case then provided devotions. A review and discussion around the roles and responsibilities of elected council officers and ministry liaisons, including reimbursement procedures for Ministry Teams and Council Members was led by me.

Kim Hall facilitated a review activity around Advent's Constitution and By-Laws. The final retreat activity included a beginning review and discussion about Advent's Mission and Value's statements. The current document describing our Mission, Values and Vision is three pages. The Council would like to try and get it to one page for better communicating what we are about and to eliminate redundancy.

The Council broke into two groups for the beginning discussions around the document and Pastor Scott circulated between groups. He was amazed at how consistent and alike the discussions were. Each group narrowed 12 value statements to 5. The 5 core value statements identified by each group were the same. The groups then combined for a summary discussion and added an additional 6th value statement. It was pointed out that this was a "work in progress" and would continue to be a topic at future Council meetings.

At 8:15 PM, the Council convened for our regular August Council meeting. VBS Safe Haven incidents were reviewed. The Council approved the June 20th Minutes with one correction. The minutes have been posted on the Council Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

Karen Young then presented the June/July Financial Reports, focusing on July, since it contained year to date figures. We are ahead of last year's income through July by \$27,046, after backing our Special Giving income of \$12,165. Pledged giving is equal with last year, while the Building Usage Fees are considerably more in 2017 than in past years. The full financial report has been posted in the Fellowship Hall for more in-depth information.

Irene Bizier then went over the 2018 budget development process. Each Council Liaison was asked to contact their ministry leaders to get updated information on budget needs for 2018. Budget information is to be provided to Karen and Irene by October 6th. The Council will then review a preliminary 2018 budget draft at the October 17 Council Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM with the Lord's prayer.
In Christ's Service,

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

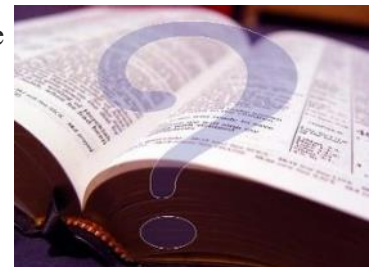


GOING DEEPER, SUNDAY EVENINGS AT ADVENT STARTS SEPT 17

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FH = Fellowship Hall A = A building (Preschool bldg.) SAN = Sanctuary C1 = Portable C1 C2 = Portable C1					1 4pm Wedding Set-up (FH) 7pm AA (C1) 7pm Al-Anon (A4) 7pm Al-"Anon Newcomers (A3)	2 7am AA (C1) 8:30am OA (A3) 9am AA (C1) 10am AA Women (A1) 4pm Wedding (SAN, FH)
3 Last Sunday of Summer Schedule 6am Korean Worship (SAN) 9:30am Worship 11:30pm New Heaven Korean Worship (SAN) 6pm AA (C1)	4 8am Gardeners 9:30am Bible Chicks (offsite, 425-493-9260) 6pm AA Women's Group (A4) 7pm Women's Support Group (A1) 7pm AA, (C1)	5 5pm Mill Creek Children's Choir (FH) 6:30pm Korean Bible Study, (A1) 7pm Mill Creek Chorale (FH) 7pm AA (C1) 7pm Bible Study (offsite, Dottie Brewer 425-948-7313)	6 10am Bible Study (FH) 5:45pm TOPS (C1) 6pm Girl Scouts (A3) 7pm Women's AA (A1)	7 8am Gardeners 12pm PieceMakers (FH) 3pm Food Bank (FH) 7pm Men's AA (C1) 7pm Choir Practice (SAN)	8 3:30pm Girl Scouts (A1) 7pm AA (C1) 7pm Al-Anon (A4) 7pm Al-"Anon Newcomers (A3)	9 7am AA (C1) 8:30am OA (A3) 9am AA (C1) 10am AA Women (A1) 10am AA Picnic (FH, Outside)
10 Rally Sunday Blessing of Backpacks 6am Korean Worship (SAN) 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10am Communion Assistant Training (SAN) 10:30am Worship 11:30pm New Heaven Korean Worship (SAN) 6pm AA (C1)	11 8am Gardeners 9:30am Bible Chicks (offsite, 425-493-9260) 1pm Blood Drive (FH) 4pm Girl Scouts (A3&4) 6pm Boy Scouts (A2) 6pm AA Women's Group (A4) 7pm Women's Support Group (A1) 7pm AA, (C1)	12 5pm Mill Creek Children's Choir (FH) 6:30pm Korean Bible Study, (A1) 7pm Mill Creek Chorale (FH) 7pm AA (C1)	13 10am Bible Study (FH) 12:30pm Classics (FH) 5:45pm TOPS (C1) 7pm Women's AA (A1) 7pm Beyond the Book (FH)	14 8am Gardeners 3pm Food Bank (FH) 6:30pm Lynnwood (FH) Community Band 7pm Men's AA (C1) 7pm Choir Practice (SAN) 7pm Confirmation Meeting (A4)	15 5:15pm Girl Scouts (A1) 7pm AA (C1) 7pm Al-Anon (A4) 7pm Al-"Anon Newcomers (A3)	16 7am AA (C1) 8:30am OA (A3) 9am AA (C1) 10am AA Women (A1)
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BLOOD DRIVE

SEPTEMBER 11th

Help save a life and donate blood. Monday, September 11, 1-7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Walk-ins welcome! If you have any ques-



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Blood

tions or to pre-register,
please contact Sandy Jolley,
[206-248-2154](tel:206-248-2154), snjolley@comcast.net.

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 students 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