



M E S S E N G E R

CHECK OUT ADVENT'S WEB SITE

Advent continues to add new features to our church website with much more to come in the upcoming months. Check it out at www.AdventOP.org. Special thanks to Dana & Todd Luther for all of their design and administration of our site. Reminder: if you have an event you need publicized, get the information to the Communication Team as soon as possible. (Best way is to email information to Rebecca, Dana, and Pastor Jerry at: AdventOP@bellsouth.net dana.luther@gmail.com and pastorjerryn@gmail.com)



Handling monkey with care during activity at Advent's annual VBS program, as usual, a great free program for children of our church and community.

President's Corner

Looking to the right side of the sanctuary there is a stained glass window depicting a flaming chariot. This window is a reminder of the words found in 2 Kings 2:11 which says "As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind." An artist's picture below shows an interpretation of that Bible passage.



According to the prophet Malachi, Elijah would appear to introduce the coming of the Lord. The Gospel of Luke implies that John the Baptist fulfills the role of Elijah in presenting Jesus to (Continued on Page 3)

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Editor's Note:

Advent news due no later than August 15th to be included in the next issue.

E-mail to ncschroyer@aol.com (preferred) or leave in church office.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Naomi Circle meets August 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. ✚

Photos of VBS and Music Camp in this issue courtesy Of Wilma Naylor

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the people. Luke 1:17 states, "And he will go before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous - to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Elijah appears again in the New Testament, along with Moses, by the side of Jesus at the Transfiguration. Finally, to show the importance of Elijah, not only to us, but also to those of the Jewish faith, there is always an empty seat for Elijah when celebrating the Seder meal at Passover.

Peace and blessings,

Ken Johansen



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

O.P. High School Freshman Connection

Come join us for this fun servant event at Orange Park High School on Wednesday, August 3rd, as Advent disciples help with registration and serving a pizza lunch. Contact Katherine Morrison with any questions at 904-608-6909.

DIAKONIA

Are you looking for a deeper faith life? Want to be better equipped for Christian Service? Curious about what God has planned for you? You are invited to a DIAKONIA informational event happening on Sunday, August 14th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 6801 Merrill Road, Jacksonville. Please contact Lynn Marlowe laharmening@gmail.com or 904-553-4790.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Next Meeting of the Church Council will be Monday, August 22nd at 7:00 p.m. (Please note the date change)

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE 2016

	8:00	9:30	10:45	Total
June 5	68	62	118	248
June 12	60	62	92	214
June 19	72	72	90	234
June 26	58	67	74	199
June Avg	65	66	94	225



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CIA members and parents:

The CIA is Advent’s newest Christian group, “Christians in Action”. CIA is Advent’s 6th to 8th grade youth group, where we are devoted to fun and fellowship. In July we had a great Wet and Wild Adventure at Church. Kaylee was the winner of the boat race! She even beat all the older EPIC Youth.

Ok what’s coming up?

August 10th - Beach Day - Meet at the church @ 9:00am.

September 10th -11th trip to Universal with EPIC for “Rock the Universe” May even be in conjunction with a youth group from another Lutheran church. Plans being worked out.

Your CIA Coordinators,

JR Redlitz: jredlitz@gmail.com, Andrea Redlitz: redlitza@gmail.com, Christina

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Young Musicians to be enjoy Music Camp Activities



YOUTH EVENTS

CIA (Christians In Action) 6th, 7th & 8th Graders

Fun, fellowship and service events are being planned for our Middle School Youth. Watch for more information about the events listed below. If you have any questions contact: Christina White: Christina.white@yahoo.com, Andrea Redlitz: redlitza@gmail.com, or JR Redlitz: jredlitz@gmail.com.

August 10th – BEACH DAY

September 10th-11th – “Rock The Universe”

EPIC (Eternally Placed In Christ) HIGH SCHOOL Youth

Pokemon Go – Saturday, August 6, 6 to 8 p.m. Join in the fun as we have our Pokemon Go party for the freshman of Orange Park High School - and anyone else who comes along. This is a service project designed to create a welcoming environment to other youth in our community. You don't even have to play (or like) Pokemon Go. Please RSVP via Facebook so we know whom to expect.

Christian Concert Featuring “Rend Collective” – Wednesday, August 10
EPIC Youth are headed to a Christian rock festival on Wednesday, August 10. We need to purchase our tickets in advance. The cost is \$10. Please RSVP.

Youtheran-Lutherans Gather for Lock-in (and Dumb Rhymes)

On Friday, August 26th, Lutheran youth groups from all over greater Jacksonville will gather for a night of games, songs, prayers and pizza. And it won't stop until the dawn! We will gather at Advent at 6 p.m. and then drive off to St. Marks Lutheran Church on Hendricks Avenue. Please pack your sleeping bag, toiletries, pajamas, your Bible, and some money as an offering.

September 10th-11th – “Rock The Universe”

To learn more about these and all our other activities, ask any teen in our congregation or ask Jason Merritt (svahatao@yahoo.com) or Todd Luther (todd.luther@gmail.com)



Preschool News

We are halfway through summer and ready to turn our thoughts to the upcoming school year. Our Preschool will host an Open House for its new and returning students to meet their teachers on Friday, August 12th from 10:30-11:30. We will kick off the new school year on Tuesday, August 16th. We are looking forward to another successful and exciting year.

Thanks to all of you who helped to prepare the school and playground for the upcoming year.

Through your generosity our sponsorship program has helped children to attend our preschool who would otherwise been unable. If you would like to contribute please donate to the **Preschool Fund**.

Limited space is still available. If interested please contact Kristina Ranieri at 272-6370 or adventpreschool@bellsouth.net.

The Preschool Staff would like to thank the congregation for your generosity and support. We appreciate all you do. In addition, I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to help me get established here. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year.

Kristina Ranieri

Financial Report for June 2016

	Actual	Budget	Over/ (Short)	
Monthly Income	\$37,360.11	\$50,040.61	\$ (12,680.50)	25.3% under budget
Monthly Expenses	<u>\$45,283.76</u>	<u>\$50,040.61</u>	(4,756.85)	9.5% under budget
	(7,923.65)			
	2016	2015	Increase/ (Decrease)	
YTD Income	\$269,915.58	\$277,153.99	\$ (7,238.41)	2.6% less this year
TYD Expenses	<u>\$274,211.60</u>	<u>\$271,993.39</u>	\$ 2,218.21)	0.8% more this year
	\$(4,296.02)	\$5,160.60		

August Anniversary Celebrations

Rodney & Lori Brown	August 16, 1986
Matt & Tami Cox	August 7, 1982
Alan & Cherie Decker	August 10, 1968
Wayne & Susan Fertig	August 1, 1998
Herman & Edna Greenwalt	August 23, 2010
Paxton & Stephanie Holley	August 4, 2001
Mark & DiDi Leblanc	August 3, 2006
Todd & Dana Luther	August 3 1996
Dennis Sandrik & Nancy Silki	August 22, 1987
Brian & Kelly Schiffer	August 7, 2010
Kevin & Heather Schiffer	August 5, 1995
Timothy & Sophie Willadsen	August 7, 1993

Life's Transitions

To the Church Triumphant

Richard Carl Tietze

July 27, 2016



Join us for our Prayer Time: Each Wednesday at 12:00 noon we will gather in the Sanctuary to lift up in prayer all who are in need of God's love and healing.

(Editor's Note: Please forgive any typos or omissions of members. Notify church office of corrections. Thank you.)



August Birthday Celebrations

- 1 Scottie Williams
- 2 Charles Taylor, David Winter
- 3 Andrew Welsh
- 6 Matthew Myers
- 7 Noah Nordsiek, Lowell Snyder
- 8 Jennifer Tennant
- 9 Mark Leblanc, Claudia Russey, Chandrowtie Seeram
- 10 Joanne Dotson, Cathy Palmer
- 12 Kevin Cox, Rodney Herman, Christian Klein
- 13 Elena Etter, Heinrich Herppich
- 15 Amy MacGillivray, Christopher Wilkinson
- 16 Gail Gercke, Katherine Morrison
- 17 Beau Best
- 18 John Redlitz
- 19 Charles Stock
- 20 Lynn Balma
- 21 Sigrid Herppich, Kristin Solberg
- 22 Karla Kresol
- 23 Robert Hudson, Scott Smith
- 25 Lois Andersen, William Lumpkin
- 26 Robert Leonberger, Cecilia Moore, Bailey Roberts
- 27 Jennifer Dews, Robert Kissinger Carolyn Marsh, Laura Rau
- 28 Holly Head, Sophia Woolard
- 29 Herman Greenwalt, Lillian Howard, Hunter Mizeur, Brianna Wernet
- 30 Patricia Wirt
- 31 Aubrey Biggs, Mason Biggs, Briana Lucas, Bernard Vallow

LESSONS FOR AUGUST

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
August 7	Genesis 15:1-6	Psalm 33:12-22	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
August 14	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Psalm 82	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
August 21	Isaiah 58:9-14	Psalm 103:1-8	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
August 28	Proverbs 25:6-7	Psalm 112	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14

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NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MASTER / ORGANIST



Music Camp was fantastic! Now we turn our attention to the next stage of enlarging on what was begun during that wonderful week. It is time to begin thinking and planning for the next school year. New schedules, new experiences. To keep learning, exploring, experiencing and enjoying music, be sure to save 5:30 – 6:20 p.m. on Wednesdays for Joyful Juniors (grades K-5.)

For all the adults, there will be a return to consistent rehearsals to be as best prepared as possible for sharing our faith with music. Schedules are slightly different and will begin soon. Now is the time to take choir or handbells off your bucket-list by being a part of all the music-making. You will be blessed!!

In His Love, Joanna



NEW REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	THE ADVENT CHOIR	Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	5:30 P.M.	JOYFUL JUNIORS (K-5)	Room 109
WEDNESDAY	7:30 p.m.	ADVENT RINGERS	Sanctuary
THURSDAY	Noon	THE EARLY ENSEMBLE	Music Rm.
THURSDAY	6:15 p.m.	ADVENT LUTHERAN BAND	Sanctuary
THURSDAY	7:30 p.m.	NEW WORSHIP MUSICIANS	Sanctuary



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