



M E S S E N G E R

The monthly
newsletter of Advent
Lutheran Church

REPORT FROM FLORIDA-BAHAMAS SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The following Advent disciples served as voting members at the Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly, June 10th – 12th in Daytona Beach: Kira Luther & Lydia West (Youth Voting Members), Andrea Redlitz & Aaron Redlitz (Adult Voting Members), and Pastor Jerry. Ken & Ruth Johansen served as volunteers. The theme of the assembly was: “*Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters.*” Bishop Schaefer stressed: “All are equal in the eyes of God. And all means all!” In his sermon in the opening Eucharist service Bishop Schaefer indicated that one of his favorite Scripture passages is Micah 6:8 and reminded us that doing justice is not an option for the people of God. It is demanded of us. We heard reports from the bishop’s staff, the Global Mission Committee, Novus Way, Mission 100, Women of the ELCA, this year’s Together in Mission Grants, and others. We welcomed visitors from Portico, the United Church of Christ judicatory head on our territory, and others.

Elections were held for Synod Council, the Consultation Committee, the Discipline Committee, and for Treasurer of the Synod. We adopted an amended budget for 2017 and adopted a budget for 2018. This year’s Assembly was a discipleship assembly so most of Saturday centered on missional workshops providing participants with opportunities to learn and to take tools/ideas home with them on a wide variety of topics including Immigration Law, Eco-Justice and your Congregation, Wondering about the Church in a Time of Cultural Shift, and many others. Natasha Miller, a young poet was present with us throughout the assembly and presented inspiring and thought provoking poetry giving us insights into the lives of those who often live on the margins or who regularly experience injustice.

We received a report from the Youth Voting Members who shared what they heard, saw, and learned over the last three days. They presented an artwork depiction of our justice theme, led the assembly in singing a hymn
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President's Corner

IN HOC SIGNO

Last month we learned about Constantine's decisive victory in gaining control of the Roman Empire. On the night before that battle he had a dream where he saw the Chi Rho cross and heard a voice say "In this sign you shall conquer (IN HOC SIGNO VINCES)."



He painted the Chi Rho cross on the shields of his men and flew banners with the sign before entering the battle at the Milvian Bridge which he won decisively on October 28, 312. Because the abbreviation could concern the nature of Christ, later church leaders gave another meaning to IHS. As we learned last month the capital I represents Jesus in Latin. The capital H is Hominum in Latin. The capital S is Salvator in Latin. The translation into English give us the phrase "Jesus Savior of Mankind."

Peace and blessings,
Ken Johansen

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Editor's Note:

Advent news due no later than July 11th to be included in the next issue.
E-mail to ncschroyer@aol.com
(preferred) or leave in church office.

W E L C A

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Naomi Circle meets July
28th at 7:00 p.m. in the
parlor. ✚

Synod Assembly Report

(Continued from Page 1) which they wrote, and shared a poem.

At the close of the assembly a representative of the Halifax Urban Ministries reported that 2,226 pairs of socks were donated, that 125 volunteers at the assembly spent 517 hours making 51 sleeping mats out of plastic bags, and that they received additional donations of cash and sleeping bags for the homeless that the agency serves. We were sent home to be engaged in mission filled with the Spirit, empowered with ideas, stronger as a community, and united in purpose.

The Church Office

Will be closed on Monday

July 4th, for the Independence

Day Holiday



MINISTRY BOARD MEETINGS July 11th

Advent's Ministry Boards usually meet together the first Monday of each month. Since the first Monday of July is a national holiday, our Ministry Boards will meet on Monday, July 11th at 7:00 p.m. (Note: some of our Ministry Boards may choose another date so watch for more information to come.)

CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Church Council will be Monday, July 18th at 7:00 p.m.



CIA Activities:

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 and service.

On June 4th – We had a great time at Summer Waves at Jekyll Island.

Ok let's give you a little taste of what's coming up.

On July 16th 1:00pm – Wet Wild and Wonderful family activity in conjunction with KICK and EPI at Advent

August 10th - Beach Day

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 Leaders,

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EPIC (Eternally Placed In Christ) HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENTS

July 9th – Bake on the Beach

July 16th – Wet & Wild

July 18th – Music Camp for K-6 (EPIC Youth Helping)

July 25th – Music Camp for 7th-12th Graders

August 10th – Rock Out to "Rend Collective"

September 10th & 11th – "Rock the Universe"

K-9s for Warriors

It has been awhile since you have heard from me about our collection of aluminum cans. I received a grateful thanks to our Advent family for the contribution of these cans which were cashed in to provide funds for K-9s for Warriors. Hearing these words of gratitude prompted me to check their website k-9sforwarriors.org and from there went to the face book page K-9s for Warriors Volunteers where I saw this quote.

K9s for Warriors Volunteers

WOOF ALERT: In an ongoing effort to make sure K9s has the highest standards in our operation we had an independent "review" from The Jacksonville Humane Society on our kennel operations. Congrats to our entire staff and our amazing volunteers. We not only passed, their only "comment" was they have rarely visited a kennel that was as "clean" and well run, as ours. This shows we go above and beyond for the care of our dogs. Excellence first. Thanks to all for this amazing review. #5starrating #dogsfirst

There I also saw a U-Tube video of a warrior reading a letter to his service dog, Captain. It brought me to tears to see and hear how this dog saved his life. Please take a look at these sites and see for yourselves the wonderful work being done by this organization. Over 224 warrior-canine teams have graduated with a 90% recertification rate. The suicide rate of veterans with PTSD is unbelievably high, 22 per day. This program saves our veterans and the lives of dogs; 95% of the dogs are rescue/shelter dogs.

Thank you for continuing to deposit your rinsed aluminum cans in the large box in the Fellowship Hall. Let's keep on supporting K-9s for Warriors!

Ruth Johansen

To Our Advent Family,

Judy and I would like to thank Advent and Pastor Jerry for all the support given us during our respective cancer illnesses. The love, support and prayers for our recovery were simply overwhelming. Judy and I continue to fight our cancers, but both of us are doing better, and on the road to recovery. Advent is a loving and caring congregation. God Bless you All!

Shalom

Jerry and Judy Campbell



Did YOU KNOW that you can utilize your financial institution’s **Bill Payer System** as a means of **Electronic Giving** if you are an On-line Banking user?

Most financial institutions that offer On-line and/or Mobile Banking most likely offer a Bill Payer system. Some have their own branded bill payer, others use a third party vendor for this service. You should have a checking account to utilize Bill-Payer. Your financial institution’s website should instruct you as to how you set up the Bill Payer system, which enables you to make bill payments on-line. You have control as to when and how much your bills and/or contributions are to be paid. You can set up weekly, monthly, or one-time payments. As with the Simply Giving Program, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your **weekly offerings** to continue on an uninterrupted basis depending on how you set it up. If you want to send the same amount each week or each month, you can choose a Recurring Payment option. If you want to make a special donation to Advent, you can do so by entering the amount of the donation and the date to be paid.

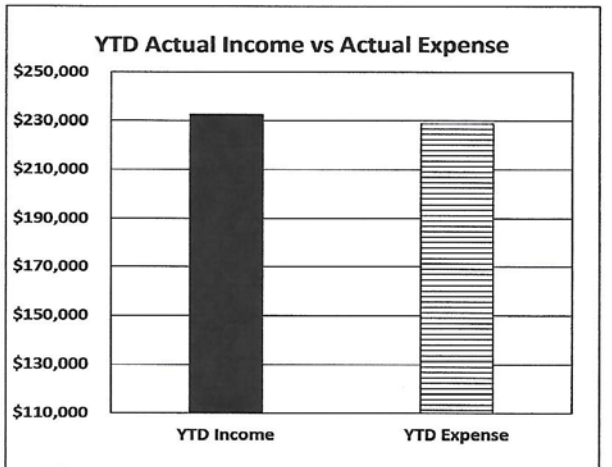
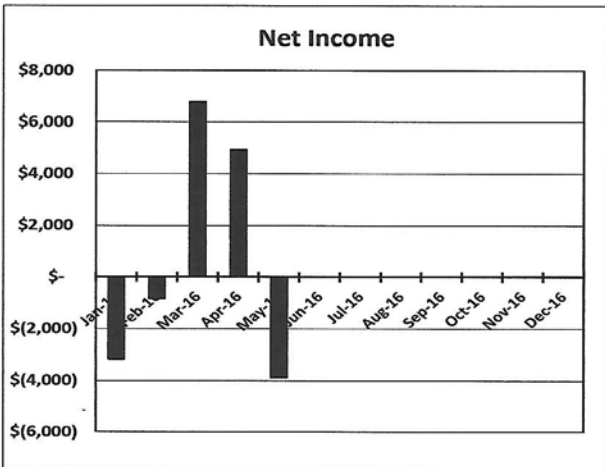
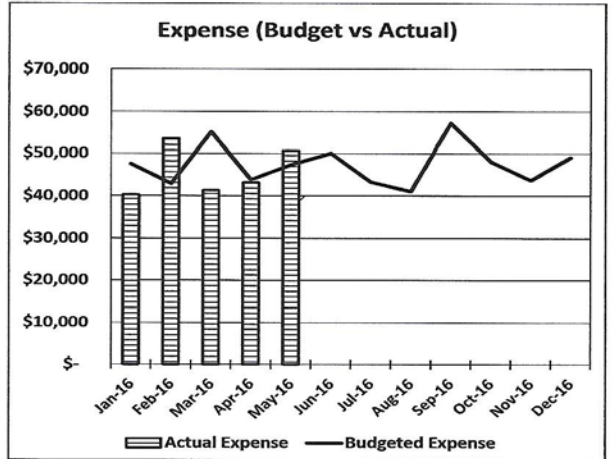
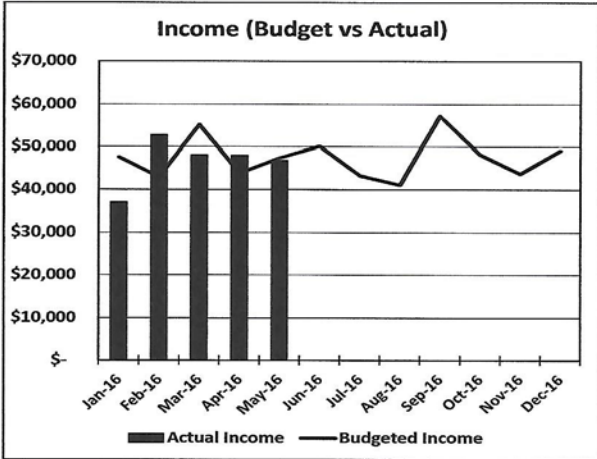
This includes the following systems

- Bank of America – Bill Payment
- Community First Credit Union – Online BillPay
- Fifth Third Bank – Online Bill Pay
- Regent’s Bank – ePoint Online Banking
- VyStar Credit Union – Bill Payer
- Wells Fargo Bank – Bill Pay

Financial Report for May 2016

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Short)	
Monthly Income	\$46,781.87	\$47,360.79	\$(578.92)	1.2% under budget
Monthly Expenses	<u>\$50,675.10</u>	<u>\$47,360.79</u>	\$3,314.31	7% over budget
	\$(3,893.23)			
	2016	2015	Increase/ (Decrease)	
YTD Income	\$232,555.47	\$229,950.23	\$2,605.24	1.1% increase
YTD Expenses	<u>\$228,736.22</u>	<u>\$221,444.59</u>	\$7,291.63	3.3% increase
	\$3,819.25	\$8,505.64		

Advent's Finance at A Glance



July Anniversary Celebrations

Jeffrey & Erin Colvin	July 12, 2003
Warren & Martha Lynn Comiskey	July 1, 1967
Leo & Priscilla Crane	July 22, 1961
Bill & Kay Fertig	July 19, 1958
Tim & Stephanie Johnson	July 19, 2008
David & Kim Kemlage	July 28, 2006
John & Penny Klein	July 2, 1966
Darryl & Brenda LaBranche	July 6, 2002
Royce & Ruby Mattson	July 5, 1968
William & Donna Rudin	July 27, 1968
Jim & Marty Smith	July 11, 1970
Tim & Laurie Tyler	July 6, 1996
David & Irene Winter	July 10, 1965

Life's Transitions



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.)



July Birthday Celebrations

- 1 Kathy Brown, Mark Devery, Allen Rees
- 2 Luca Aziz, Warren Comiskey, Richard Doerr, Shawwna Gibbons, Terry Torrence
- 3 Carolina Hollis, Katie Moss, Caleb Nordsiek
- 4 Fred Long
- 5 Mary Bolla, Sadako Long, Sara Turcotte
- 6 Terrie Carlson, Amanda Haupt, Carol Potts
- 7 Arianna Hudson-Fletcher
- 8 Betty Carr, Olivia McLean, Brenda Rau
- 9 Christopher Bolla
- 10 Linda Chilson , Courtney Tindel
- 11 Richard Christiansen, Jeremiah Schneider, Jessica Sprecher
- 12 Joshua Seeram, Kiefer Smith
- 13 Alan Decker, Julia Painter, Marylou Palmer, Elizabeth Taylor
- 15 Margaret Cox
- 16 Savanna McCombs
- 17 Helga Carlson, Charles Hoover, Cecilia Pfadenhauer, Anthony Philpot, Layla Smith, Kathy White
- 18 Isabelle Howard, Linda Laflamme, James Naylor, Janet Philpot, Kaitlin Walsh, James Woolard, Liam Woolard
- 19 Doris Briese, Keith Lentz
- 20 Lauryn Philpot
- 21 Christina Vaughn
- 22 Kenneth McClelland, Lynn Thomas
- 24 Louise Lord, John Nyberg, Aaron Redlitz
- 25 Jerry Campbell, Ashley Dechman, Jacquelyn Mizeur, Ronald Schull
- 26 Tami Cox, Marilyn Pavela. Marlyss Schull, George Vaughn, Maxwell Whiting
- 27 Summer Michael
- 28 Shizuko Sprouse
- 29 John Palmer
- 30 Lona Sailers
- 31 Evelyn Kissinger, Susanne Kresol, Darryl LaBranche, Tim Stokes

LESSONS FOR JULY

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
July 3	Isaiah 66:10-14	Psalm 66:1-9	Galatians 6:7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 10	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Psalm 25:1-10	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
July 17	Genesis 18:1-10	Psalm 15	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
July 24	Genesis 18:20-32	Psalm 138	Colossians 2:6-15	Luke 11:1-13
July 31	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Psalm 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 2:13-21

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NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MASTER / ORGANIST



Jesus was a great teacher. He used simple stories-- parables, real-life examples, to tell of important truths. Music Camp is another way to bring children to Christ. The teaching times at Music Camp focus not only on experiencing and understanding MUSIC but also learning more about Jesus. This year each camp will explore some of the parables of Jesus and issues that deal with “family conflict, making time for Jesus in the midst of hectic lives and trusting God when things get tough.” It is my hope that you will join me in support of this endeavor. Show your support with donations of time, money, ideas, labor, publicity, and most of all-- prayers.

In His Love, Joanna

MUSIC CAMP I (Entering Gr. K-6): “Parables at the Party”

July 18 – 22 \$25 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Activities: Bible Connection, Crafts, Instruments,

Movement, Music Games, Signing and Singing

“Pot-Luck Feast”: Friday, July 22 6:00 p.m.

Musical Presentation at 7:00 p.m.

MUSIC CAMP II (Entering Gr. 7 - 12): “Life of the Party”

July 25 - 29 \$45 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Activities: Drama, Singing and Staging of the Musical: Costumes,

Lighting & Sound, Props, Set Design & Decorations

“Pot-Luck Feast”: Friday, July 22 6:00 p.m.

Musical Presentation at 7:00 p.m.



ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 7!!



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