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The monthly
newsletter of Advent
Lutheran Church

SIX YOUTH CELEBRATE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

On Pentecost Sunday, the following six Advent Youth celebrated the Affirmation of Baptism service: Carolina Kate Hollis, Amalia (Molly) Eva Elizabeth Molendyk, Natalie Kayla Schiffer, Alexander Jason Wilkes, James Makoto Woolard, and Liam Tadashi Woolard. It was a very special day for these confirmands, their families, and the entire Advent congregation. Special thanks to all of the confirmation teachers and to all who assisted with the wonderful fellowship celebration.

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION IS JUNE 1ST

Our Advent Preschool will celebrate Graduation 2016 on Wednesday, June 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Advent Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend and share in this important event for our Preschool children. We will also be celebrating our Preschool Director Jenn Dews and her ministry among us as she moves on to a new position where she will have the opportunity to share her gifts with numerous preschools in the greater Jacksonville area.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 13th – 17th 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Following Jesus – The Light Of The World

Registration for our Annual Vacation Bible School is ongoing. You can register children (Preschool – 5th Grade) online at www.adventop.org, by phone (904)272-6370, or stop in the church office (Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.). We are looking forward to an exciting week of VBS at Advent. Invite friends and neighbors to join us. If you have questions and/or would like to volunteer, please contact Jessie Molendyk at (904)553-7158 or email: jmolendyk65@icloud.com

Advent Lutheran Church

Orange Park, Florida ✠ June 2016

President's Corner

As you enter the sanctuary there are two stained glass windows on the left side that show a Chi Rho cross. An example is shown below.



There is a very meaningful background as to where and when this symbol appeared. In 312 A.D. Constantine believed that he was the rightful emperor of the Roman Empire and not Maxentius who was occupying Rome. Constantine who had been campaigning in Gaul assembled his army of 100,000 men and invaded Italy. On his approach to Rome he had to cross the Tiber River at the Milvian bridge. On the night before the battle he had a dream where he saw the Chi Rho cross and heard a voice say "In this sign you shall conquer." He painted the sign 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. The religious significance is that the X or Chi in Greek represented Christ and the Rho or sub-capital "r" that looks like a "p" in Greek but which means regium or king giving the words "Christ the King." As a result of this revelation, Constantine issued the Edict of Milan in February of 313 which established religious toleration for Christianity throughout the Roman empire.

Peace and blessings,

Ken Johansen

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Editor's Note:

Advent news due no later than June 13th 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 June

23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the

Fellowship Hall. ✚

VBS Sponsor-A-Child

Advent offers one of the best Vacation Bible School experiences around! We offer it at no cost to the children of our community as we share the love of Jesus. You can help us with this exciting ministry by sponsoring a child for VBS. You can make a donation of any amount (\$10 suggested) to sponsor a child in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Look for the Sponsor-a-Child table in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday morning.

New CIA Youth Group Plans More 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.

In April we held a great lock-in getting to know each other more, finding out what types of activities everyone was interested in, and naming our new group, "CIA."

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

June 4th – We go to Summer Waves at Jekyl Island. We leave Advent at 2 p.m. and get back at 10 p.m. Please rsvp Christina White, JR or Andrea Redlitz by June 2nd so we can get a good head count. Remember, CIA is for those who will be entering 6th-8th grades this fall semester, although additional adult chaperons are always welcome.

Keep the following dates free for future activities:

- * July 16th – family activity at Advent (in conjunction with EPIC)
- * August 10th Beach Day
- * September – Possible trip to Universal for "Rock the Universe"

CIA Coordinators: JR Redlitz jrredlitz@gmail.com, Andrea Redlitz redlitz@gmail.com, Christina White Christina.white@yahoo.com.

A GRAND CELEBRATION OF CHURCH MUSIC

Our Sunday worship on May 22nd focused on the importance of music in our worship and in our everyday lives. A special liturgy featuring many of our Advent musicians and singers was shared on this day. Organ, handbells, resonator bells, piano, cello, harp, percussion, guitar and the beautiful voices of our various choirs and worship teams led our congregational singing and made for a unique worship experience as we made a joyful noise to the Lord! Special thanks to Joanna Corbett and all who assisted with these meaningful services.

Social Ministry Reaches Out to Community

Thanks to the generosity of Advent's disciples, many mission projects were accomplished during the past three months. Last year Advent adopted the Ridgeview Elementary School for a school-year relationship of support. We have fed approximately 50 students each week while school was in session, donated teacher supplies, and held a second beautification day of the campus. Co-sponsored with the Youth Board, we provided an evening of dance and refreshments at the Challenge Civitan Dance. Over 200 people attended and enjoyed this dance for cognitive challenged adults. The Clothes Closet received 50 Easter Baskets to distribute to families in need. Donations have been received to complete Lutheran World Relief (LWR) baby kits. The kits will be assembled in June for transport to LWR in February. We also ran a blood drive with many donating blood. Several plans are in the works for additional outreach opportunities for Advent's disciples to continue doing God's Work with Our Hands.

Alternate Quilting Dates Sewn Up

Since there are several schedule changes for June & July due to summer activities, the Quilters will not be meeting on June 15th due to VBS. Quilting will be held June 22nd and the yarn crafters will meet on June 29th. In July quilting be on July 6th and 13th due to Music Camp. A decision regarding the yarn craft schedule will be made at a later date. New participants are always welcome, including students. Call Marty Smith (613-1247) if you have any questions.

Via de Cristo Weekend Dates Available

The Coed #8 weekend was such a blessing for the 62 people who attended. The next set of weekends will be October 13-16 for men and October 20-23 for women. Check your calendar and be blessed by attending a Via de Cristo weekend. Penny Klein (264-6785) is always available to help you obtain a sponsor and fill out an application. Our website is available at SNVDC.org.

Save these dates for the following activities, everyone is invited to attend:

June 18: Advent: Fabulous fundraiser and Variety Show at 5 p.m. Bring your family and friends...check with Penny about advance ticket sales. Tickets will be available at church after each service. Come and support this Christ-centered program.

July 21-24: National Via de Cristo Conference in Ohio.

October 13-16: Luther Springs...Men's Weekend.

October 20-23: Luther Springs...Women's Weekend.

God Bless You, and see you at the Fabulous Fundraiser and the weekends in October.

Penny



Pre-School News...

To those of you whom I've not met, let me introduce myself. My name is Kristina Ranieri and I will be the new Director of your preschool. I am so excited to fill this role and continue the amazing work of Jenn Dews and the incredible teachers here.

A few years back, I chose Advent Lutheran Preschool for my youngest daughter. Quickly I learned what a special place it is and I soon became part of the team teaching the toddlers. During my time here as a parent and teacher, I felt the enormous support of the church staff and congregation for this preschool. This support is invaluable to its success.

I left Advent for a few years and gained experience teaching multiple age groups in various child care settings, and running my own center, always maintaining the belief that I would one day return. To my great joy, I am fortunate enough to be coming back to work where I feel at home. It is my sincerest wish to carry on the effort of Ms. Dews alongside the wonderful teachers and staff to keep this preschool and amazing place for our young students to develop a love of learning and discovering.

Thank you to all of you who kept me in your thoughts and prayers – I believe I am returning in large part due to you. I look forward to meeting everyone else and working together in support of our little learners.

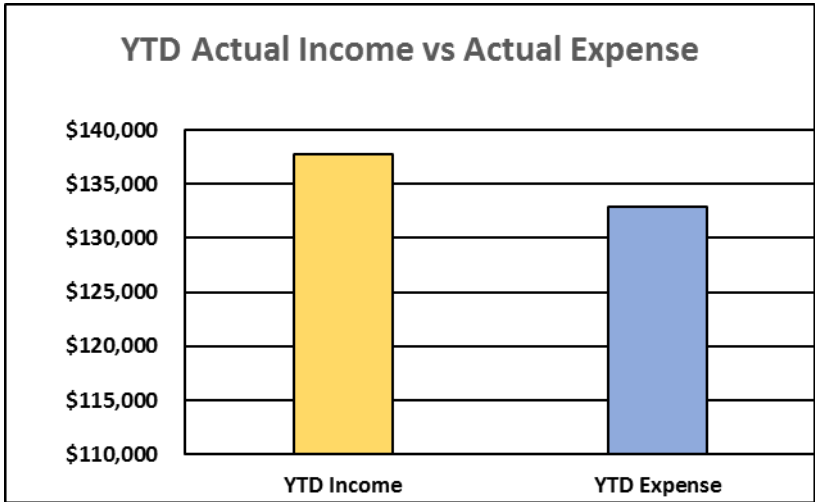
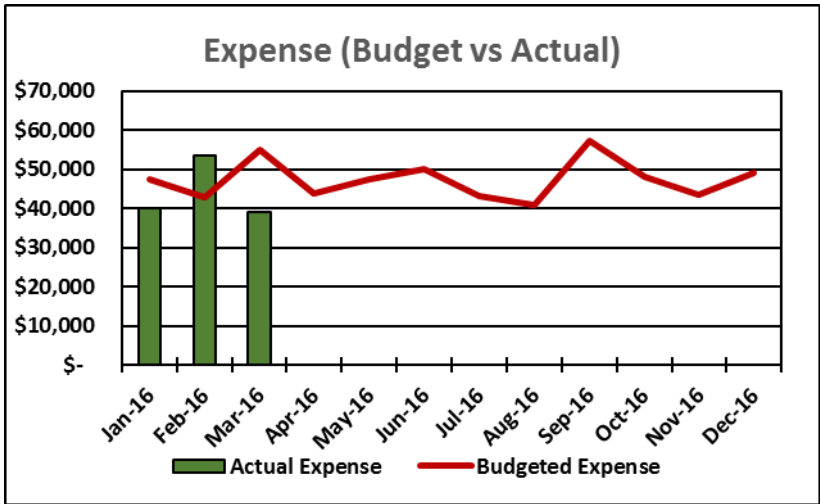
Kristina Ranieri

Financial Report for April 2016

	Actual	Budget	Over /(Short)	
Monthly Income	\$49,644.27	\$43,759.37	\$5,884.90	13.4% over budget
Monthly Expenses	<u>\$41,140.12</u>	<u>\$43,759.37</u>	\$(2,619.25)	6.0% under budget

	2016	2015		
YTD Income	\$187,420.26	\$182,930.31	\$4,489.95	2.5% increase
YTD Expenses	<u>\$176,153.79</u>	<u>\$171,770.42</u>	\$4,383.37	2.6% decrease
	\$11,266.47	\$11,159.89		

* Graphs depicting Advent's financial picture are provided on the following page.





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

On May 22nd Advent celebrated all of our graduates of all ages and, in particular, our 2016 High School Graduates with a special litany in worship and cake fellowship following worship. May God continue to bless them as they venture on to the next chapter in their lives. Our 2016 High School Graduates: Sarah Allison (Fleming Island HS – UNF - Jax), Jordan Luther (Fleming Island HS – UNF - Jax), Alexis Mizeur (Oakleaf HS – UF - Gainesville), Caleb Nordsiek (Fleming Island HS – USF – Tampa), Nathan Schiffer (Oakleaf HS – UCF – Orlando), Collin West (Fleming Island HS – UF – Gainesville).

FLORIDA-BAHAMAS SYNOD ASSEMBLY

June 10th – 12th

Daytona Beach, FL

The following Advent disciples will serve 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 will be serving as volunteers. Please keep them and the work of the Assembly in your prayers as we come together as a synod to further the work of God's kingdom.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Advent's Church Council will be
Monday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m.

June Anniversary Celebrations

David & Mary Dorsey	June 28, 1980
Mark & Roseann Ellis	June 7, 2003
John & Elena Etter	June 15, 1974
Raymond & Tammy Gohl	June 30, 1990
Hugh & Adrienne Hopkins	June 9, 1973
Robert & Debra Leonberger	June 18, 1983
Scott & Sue Lowden	June 24, 1995
Kenneth & Lisa McClelland	June 24, 2000
Mark & Katherine Morrison	June 9, 1990
Wes & Kathy Ordonez	June 17, 1989
James & Dawn Poff	June 15, 1996
Wayne & Candace Rautio	June 3, 1965
Walter & Marie Roberts	June 13, 1998
Thomas & Jackie Robinson	June 26, 1977
Ronald & Marlyss Schull	June 18, 1983
Jim & Karen Shockley	June 19, 1976
Dick & Elview Tietze	June 26, 1948
Scott & Dana West	June 1, 1996
Jeff & Susan Willadsen	June 30, 1990

Life's Transitions

To the Church Triumphant
Les Schaffner - May 25, 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.)



June Birthday Celebrations

- 1 Mary Bilyard, Hailey Dechman, Becky Solberg
- 2 Judith Linde, Caralyn Ordonez
- 3 Bob Gay, DiDi Leblanc, Jenna Schneider
- 4 Larry Ulsh
- 5 Aaron Luther, Jeffrey Willadsen
- 7 Erin Emery, Sue Lowden
- 8 Kirsten Williams
- 11 Kay Fertig
- 12 Rachel Conditt
- 13 Jacob Conditt, Tamre Hammer
- 14 Braxton Schiffer
- 15 Erwin Gandy, Jacob Leblanc
- 18 Amanda Palmer
- 19 Shawn Dorsey, Allaster Hudson, Zack Philpot
- 20 Kerry Underwood
- 21 June Gentle, Paul Hetz, Chuck Schroyer
- 22 Brian Schiffer
- 23 Shirley Krause
- 24 Kay Dapra, Audrey Denton
- 25 Janet Reynolds
- 26 Trip McEuen
- 28 Megan Davis, Cherie Decker, Amanda Linde, June Lumpkin,
Bettilyn Lunetta, Erika Paulk
- 29 Jonathan Dechman, Brad Shuppert
- 30 Jessica Biggs, Spencer Payne

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
June 5	1 Kings 17:17-24	Psalm 30	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17
June 12	2 Samuel 11:26 12:10, 13-15	Psalm 32	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36-8:3
June 19	Isaiah 65:1-9	Psalm 22:19-28	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 26	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	Psalm 16	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62

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Two Music Camps Planned for this Summer

July 18-22 – Entering Grades K-6

9 a.m. – 12 noon

Focus: Singing and Playing Instruments

Lots of Movement, Activities & Learning about the Parables of Jesus

\$25 tuition includes snacks, craft materials, T-Shirt & Program
CD/DVD

July 25-29 – Entering Grades 7-12

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Focus: Musical Production celebrating Jesus as the
“Life of the Party”

\$45 tuition includes lunches, music book & CD,
T-Shirts & Program CD/DVD

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