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The monthly
newsletter of Advent
Lutheran Church

PENTECOST CELEBRATION INCLUDING CONFIRMATION **Sunday, May 15th 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 a.m.**

Following his resurrection, Jesus promised the disciples that he would send them the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost the promise was fulfilled as the Holy Spirit appeared as tongues of fire above their heads. They were so filled with the Spirit that they began to preach to anyone who would listen in various languages they had never spoken before. They were so enthused and “on fire” they were accused of being drunk! We remember this special event and celebrate Pentecost with Festive Worship on Sunday, May 15th at 8:00, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Our 10:45 a.m. worship will include the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) for 6 of our Advent young adults followed by a reception in their honor. Invite family, neighbors and friends and join us for worship on this most holy day.

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.

CELEBRATION OF CHURCH MUSIC

Sunday, May 22nd

Our worship on May 22nd will focus on the importance of music. A special liturgy featuring many of our Advent musicians and singers is being planned for this day. Come join us for a unique worship experience as we make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Advent Lutheran Church
Orange Park, Florida ✠ May 2016

President's Corner

During the months of May, the church celebrates the feast days of three of the apostles: James the Lesser and Philip on May 3; Mathias on May 14. What does the Bible tell us about these three men? First, James was called the lesser or the younger to distinguish him from James, the son of Zebedee. He was also known as James, son of Alpheus. He is mentioned many times in the Book of Acts as the leader of the church in Jerusalem. He is credited with writing the epistle of James. He died in 62 A.D. after being thrown from the temple and then beaten to death by people with clubs or mallets. This behavior toward James was instigated by Herod Agrippa, King of Judea. Since they used mallets and pestles, James is the patron saint of blacksmiths and pharmacists.

Philip's story is found mainly in John's gospel and in chapter 8 of Acts. In Chapter 1 of John, Jesus calls Philip and Philip in turn brings Nathaniel to Jesus. Philip is at the feeding of the 5,000 in John 6 and is reproved by Jesus in John 14:8 for asking Jesus to "show us the Father." In Acts his encounter with and subsequent conversion of an Ethiopian is a remarkable story of faith in action. According to church history Philip evangelized in Greece and then he travelled to Hierapolis in Phrygia (modern Turkey) to establish a church there. In 80 A.D. he was crucified upside down by order of the pro-consul in revenge for converting the pro-consul's wife to Christianity. Philip is the patron saint of hatters and pastry chefs.
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Editor's Note:

Advent news due no later than May 9th 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 May

26th at 7:00 p.m. in the
parlor. ✠

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There is only one story in the Bible about Matthias. In chapter 1 of Acts we learn that he was elected to take the place of Judas. Early church leaders wrote that Matthias brought the gospel to Egypt and then returned to Judea where he was stoned to death by direction of the chief priest. Matthias is the patron saint of carpenters.

CALLING ALL 2016 GRADUATES

God is with us in all stages of life, especially as we transition from one stage to another. On May 22nd, in all three services, Advent honors our graduates from all levels (6th, 8th, 12th, college and advanced). As a congregation, we will pray over the graduates, asking God to bless them as they move onto their next adventure. We ask high school graduates to wear their caps and gowns to service. After the late service, please join us in the fellowship hall for cake! Please contact the church office at 904-272-6370 with the names of graduates and include school information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

EPIC YOUTH MYSTERY NIGHT

One of the teens might be the murderer. On May 7 at 6:30 PM, we all dress up to discover who is the killer and who is smart enough to solve the mystery. Each person should show up in costume; as you RSVP, Jason Merritt will let you know your character and provide costume ideas. Please RSVP on FB so we can plan. Questions? Contact Jason (svahatao@yahoo.com) or Todd (tluther@gmail.com).

KAYAKING WITH CHRIST PART 2

On May 14 (weather permitting), EPIC travels to Silver Springs State Park to spend the morning kayaking in God's wonderful creation. Come see Florida's unspoiled natural beauty & enjoy gazing into the deep blue waters of Silver Springs where one can expect to see fish, turtles, gators & if we are lucky, maybe a few wild monkeys. Please RSVP ASAP on FB, so Rob Dews can make proper arrangements. We plan on leaving promptly at 7:30 AM from the Dews' house & expect to be back by 3:00ish. Lunch will be provided, so all you need to bring is something to drink, sunscreen, sandals or flip flops & an adventurous spirit. Cost will be \$10.00 / person, which includes lunch, kayak rental, & State Park Entrance fee.



2nd ANNUAL EPIC GOLF CLASSIC

The Youth of Advent hosted their Second Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 16th at the Country Club of Orange Park. This charity event will help fund youth scholarships and assist our youth attending the National Youth Gathering Mission Event in Houston in 2018 and other mission events in the future. Teams of 4 players competed in a “Captain’s Choice” format where golfers of all skill levels had plenty of fun. We held a putting contest and an awards dinner back at the Advent Fellowship Hall. Special thanks to everyone who helped make this year’s tournament a success.

TIME FOR LUTHEROCK

June 19th - 25th - Rates continue to go up through May, so register early. You must register online & pay through Lutherock at the link below. Advent will contribute \$300 per child, so subtract this amount when paying. Pay close attention to the fee schedule as the amount increases the closer we get to June. The two programs this year will be “Appalachian Adventures” (grades 9-12) & “Blue Ridge Adventures” (grades 6-8). Both programs are nearly identical & both include whitewater rafting, caving, rock climbing, hiking, camping off-site, the alpine tower &/or ropes course. Make certain you select the applicable program for your child when registering & fill out & download all waivers & health forms. Registration & all the information you need can be found on Novus Ways’

web site found here: <http://www.novusway.com/our-programs/summer-camp/lutherock/>. Also, there are limited financial scholarships available here (<http://www.novusway.com/our-programs/summer-camp/lutherock/>) If you have any questions, please contact Rob Dews (904-509-6059).



Preschool News

Summer is quickly approaching and so is the end of our school year. Our halls are full of 36 very excited and wonderful children who returned from Spring Break ready to finish out the year with singing, dancing, playing, and creating. Along with our children, our garden is also blossoming. We love taking care of it and reaping the benefits!

This month we will be studying “Water Water Everywhere”, which includes ponds, oceans and all things water. We will wind up the school year learning about summer fun. The teachers and children will be working hard to prepare for our end of the year program/graduation which will be held on Wednesday, June 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to this event. Come see our preschoolers at work! The last day of school will be Friday, June 3rd and we will have a carnival celebration in the courtyard.

Friday, June 3rd will be my last day as the director of Advent’s preschool. It is bittersweet for me but I am looking forward to the new challenges ahead. I feel blessed to have been a part of our wonderful school for so many years and I look forward to seeing it continue to thrive and succeed. Advent’s congregation has always been extremely supportive and for that I am very thankful. Together we have touched the lives of so many children. Your kindness, generosity and support have helped make our school great!

Have a blessed month!

Jenn Dews

Congregation's Financial Report for March 2016

	Actual	Budget	Over/ (Short)	
Monthly Income	\$48,035.05	\$55,110.86	\$(7,076.81)	- 12.8% under budget
Monthly Expenses	<u>\$39,207.58</u>	<u>55,110.86</u>	\$(15,903.28)	-28.9% under budget
	\$8,827.47			
	2016	2015	Increase/ (Decrease)	
YTD Income	\$137,775.99	\$133,290.47	\$4,485.52	3.4% more this year
YTD Expenses	<u>\$132,906.44</u>	<u>\$131,168.98</u>	\$1,737.64	1.3% more this year
	\$4,869.55	\$2,121.67		

Via de Cristo filled with blessings...

The Coed #8, which was held at Luther Springs from April 7-10, was such a blessing for the 62 people who attended. The next set of weekends will be October 13-16 for men and 20-23 for women. Check your calendar and be blessed by attending a Vis 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 too... SNVDC.org.

There are many activities taking place within the next few months and everyone is invited to attend. Save these dates:

May 21, Trinity Lutheran Church, Potluck and Ultreya 5:00-7:00

June 18, Advent, Fabulous fundraiser and Variety Show... 6:00-8:00...bring family and friends...check with Penny about advance ticket sales!

God Bless You! And, see you at the Potlucks, Ultreyas, and the fabulous Fundraiser,

Penny



Advent's quilters busy applying their skills during Wednesday morning session.

Big Quilter's Sale Slated for May 14th

Advent's talented quilters will hold a sale from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 14th. Items to be sold include quilts, baby blankets, table runners, lap quilts, totes, wall hangings and much more, and the chance to pick up items for holiday décor.

Proceeds from the sale help to purchase supplies for Lutheran World Relief quilts, support education programs, social ministry and youth ministries at Advent as well as supporting outreach within the community.



**The Church Office will be closed May 30th
in observance of Memorial Day. Advent
salutes all those who gave all.**

May Anniversary Celebrations

Richard & Mary Bilyard	May 22, 1976
DeWayne & Barbara Brown	May 5, 1973
Dan & Beverly Hallisey	May 27, 1968
Rodney & Barbara Herman	May 17, 1958
D avid & Linda Keller	May 2, 1964
Jack & Georgia Klees	May 8, 1982
Christian & Jennifer Klein	May 25, 2008
Paul & Judith Linde	May 17, 1980
John & Gloria Love	May 20, 2006
Dennis & Elaine Ludwig	May 25, 1974
Paul & Bettilyn Lunetta	May 1, 1999
Charles & Geri Mendat	May 19, 1979
Jason & Debra Merritt	May 21, 2001
Matthew & Jacquelyn Mizeur	May 22, 1993
Alvin & Cecilia Moore	May 5, 1962
Jules & Margaruite Nagy	May 11, 1963
Ned & Katelyn Nikic	May 7, 2004
Frank & Sandy Ricketts	May 19, 2001
Vishal & Jeyln Seeram	May 26, 2012
Bernard & Connie Vallow	May 27, 1970
James & Bonnie Whitehead	May 25, 1985
Chris & Diana Wilkinson	May 15, 1982
Sam & Darby Young	May 7, 1983
Frank & April Zepka	May 16, 2009

Life's Transitions
To the Church Triumphant
 Ed Chilson, April 3, 2016

Baptisms
 Steven and Victoria Lynn Peschke,
 April 24, 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.)



May Birthday Celebrations

- 2 Jessica Dechman, Daniel Middleton
- 3 DeWayne Brown
- 5 Cynthia Davis, Laura Howard
- 6 Matthew Dews, Catherine Lambert, Daniel Moreland, Gerald Nordsiek
- 7 Christina Veres
- 9 Paxton Holley, Donald Oberto, Barbara Rodgers, Timothy Rowlinson,
Kara Thomas
- 10 Gina Ballinger, Taryn Lowe, Alvin Moore, Dimitry Willadsen
- 11 Raymond Gohl
- 12 William Buhkert, Brenda LaBranche, George Howard, Ruby Mattson
- 13 Deja Cahall, Laura Scott, April Zepka
- 14 Ellen Dittman
- 15 Jennifer Bernauer, Richard Patrick, Dottie Schwartz
- 16 Ranate Holt, Kenneth Rees
- 18 Richard Bilyard, Rosanne Lackey, Collin West
- 19 Kara Cox, Dale Eichhorn, Aurora Payne, Charlene Rees
- 20 Christopher Holt, Fay Lambert, Jessica Molendyk, Gertrude Schwabe
- 21 Francis Smith
- 23 Indira Willadsen
- 24 Judy Campbell, Craig Hollis
- 25 Holly Lucas, Abigail McEuen, Wilma Naylor
- 27 Gerri Aschenbeck, Julie Baker, Dan Hallisey, Carol Nordsiek, Dawn Poff,
Vivian Schiffer
- 28 Joshua Redlitz
- 29 Kevin Schiffer, James Smith
- 30 Grace Schaeffer, Kathleen Veres

LESSONS FOR MAY

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
May 1	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5	John 14:23-29
May 8	Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12- 14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
May 15	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17
May 22	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
May 29	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43	Psalm 96:1-9	Galatians 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10

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NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MASTER / **ORGANIST**

Music is said to be a language of the spirit. It enables peace, abolishes strife. Music can help keep the fountain of joy alive in our hearts. It speaks to us and changes us. As we encounter Pentecost once again, I pray that we let the music of God, the spirit of His holiness, embrace each of us and re-energize us to do His work in this world. In His Love, Joanna

MAKIN' TIME FOR MUSIC

Advent Ringers: Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.
The Advent Choir: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Joyful Juniors (K - 5): Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
The Early Ensemble (8:00 a.m. service): Thursdays at Noon
Advent Lutheran Band: Thursdays at 6:15 p.m.
New Worship Musicians: Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.



Music Camp 2016 ***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-Shirt & Program CD/DVD

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Advent's mission is to proclaim God's reconciling grace in Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament while educating, equipping and empowering each other so that we will serve and care for all people.