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The monthly
newsletter of Advent
Lutheran Church

All Saints' Sunday

November 6th 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 a.m.

We will celebrate the festival of All Saints at all of our worship services on Sunday, November 6th. As a part of our worship, we will remember by name all of the Advent disciples who have joined the church triumphant during this past year. Join us for this special festival Sunday in our church year.

FREE CATERED DINNER

Sunday, Nov. 6th Following the 10:45 a.m. Worship

After the late service on November 6, please plan on attending a FREE FABULOUS CATERED DINNER, provided by anonymous donors, to help us "Send Out Our Advent Love." We will share in food and fellowship and participate in a short program. Come and learn more about our ministry here at Advent. Please call the church office with your reservation.

Turn Your Clocks Back!

November 6th Is "NO EXCUSE SUNDAY"

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday morning, November 6th. Remember to turn your clocks BACK one hour before retiring for the night on November 6th. Because we are all receiving an extra hour of sleep, NO excuses will be accepted for missing worship on All Saints' Sunday. (*wink*)

Thanksgiving Eve / Advent Celebration

Wednesday, November 23rd 7:00 p.m.

Bring family and friends and begin your Thanksgiving festivities with a special worship service on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. This service offers us the opportunity to give thanks to God for the many blessings we share. We encourage everyone to bring a non-perishable food item in addition to regular offerings to place at the foot of the altar as a part of our worship. We will also begin our celebration of the Advent season on this night.

Advent Lutheran Church

Orange Park, Florida † November 2016

President's Corner

The last Wednesday in November marks the beginning of the season of Advent. The word advent comes from Latin with the prefix "ad" and the word "venio" which translates as "to arrive" or "to come." This of course has meaning for us as we prepare for the arrival of Jesus at the celebration of his birth on Christmas. The word also reminds me of the famous words of Julius Caesar as he recalled his army campaign in the province of Gaul. He is reputed to have said, "Veni, Vidi, Vici" which translates from the Latin, "I came, I saw, I conquered." As we begin our Advent celebration, I thought about what Jesus might say. To paraphrase Caesar but with a different ending here is a thought, "Veni, Vidi, Servi" which in Latin translates as "I came, I saw, I saved." Just some food for thought as I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a prayerful and joyous Advent season.

Peace and blessings,
Ken Johansen

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Editor's Note:

Advent news due no later than November 14th 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

November 17th at 7:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall. ✚

Welcome New Disciples

The following new disciples joined Advent on Sunday, October 23rd:
*Kenneth & Marsha Feezor, Paul & Theresa Heggood, Sydney Heggood,
John & Marilyn Longworth, Steven & Victoria Peschke, Nancy Paul &
John Phillips, and Dwight (Scotty) & Sara Scott.*

Come Help with Property Work Day

Saturday, Nov. 19th

The next Property Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. ALL disciples of Advent are invited to share as much time as you can to assist us in our stewardship of the property God has given us. We have volunteer opportunities for everyone, so come join in the fun!

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on November 11th in celebration of Veterans' Day, and on November 24th & 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 11th Following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 11th. In preparation for this meeting, special "**Finance Forums**" will be held to give everyone an opportunity to participate in the budgeting process. Watch for information about the dates and times for these forums and make plans to join us on December 11th.

5 Youth Receive Bibles

The following 3rd Grade Youth received the Holy Bible from Advent. Thanks to the Christian Education Ministry Board. *Lillian Josephine Howard, Destany Dawn Pitts, Emily Danielle Rhoden, Patrick James Shuppert, and Annalyse Noel White.*

CIA Youth Lock-In

The CIA Youth (Advent disciples generally encompassing grades 6-8) are invited to a Lock-In at the church from Friday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m. to Saturday, November 19th at 9:00 a.m. Along with snacks in the evening (ice cream sundaes, popcorn, etc.), and entertainment (games and movies), the youth will spend quality time with God and with one another in creative, fun group activities and meaningful conversation that will help them explore and learn about their faith and about each other.

We will [try to] get a few hours of sleep, so pack your sleeping bags and pillows, and then will end in the morning with breakfast before sending the youth home, likely looking a bit “glazed over”, but with many lasting fun memories!

For more information, or to RSVP that you will be attending, please contact Christina White @ christina.white22@yahoo.com or 904-505-8155.

CIA Adventopoly

Who likes to play games, or better stated, who doesn't? On Saturday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m., the CIA will be playing a game of "Adventopoly", a floor sized game of monopoly where the participants are the game pieces.

This event is open to our CIA members and their friends of the same age group, and should be lots of fun! Mark your calendars now!

For more information, or to RSVP that you will be attending, please contact Christina White @ christina.white22@yahoo.com or 904-505-8155, or Andrea Redlitz @ redlitz@gmail.com or 904-318-8341.



Preschool News

October was a whirlwind. Clay County Fire Rescue and Clay County Sheriff's Department came to teach us about safety. Hurricane Matthew visited to teach us about the weather. We read "The Bear Ate Your Sandwich" with thousands of other students on October 27th to set a world record for the most kids reading the same book on the same day. They showed off their costumes while scaring people and collecting treats during our Halloween parade. Now on to November.

This month will be just as busy. Our students will continue to learn about apples and pumpkins then will start investigating farms, farm animals and the food that grows there. The kids will use this knowledge to help us prepare for our Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 18th.

We will have a vision screening and school pictures this month, as well.

In the few short months we have been in school, our little learners have grown so much. With the guidance of our amazing teachers and staff, as well as the generosity and support of this congregation, our students are learning to be kind, independent, inquisitive and compassionate.

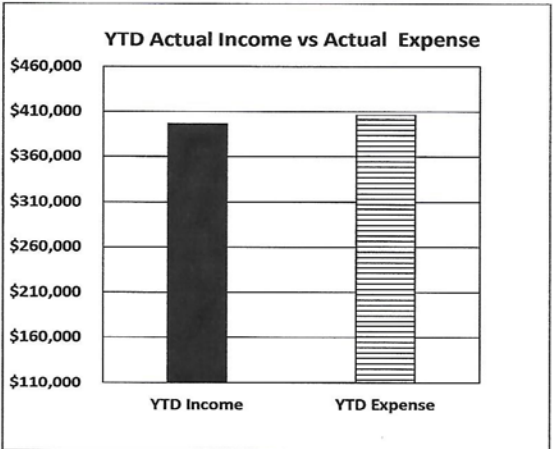
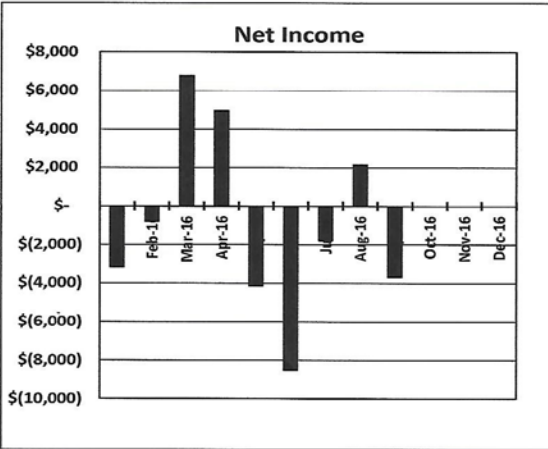
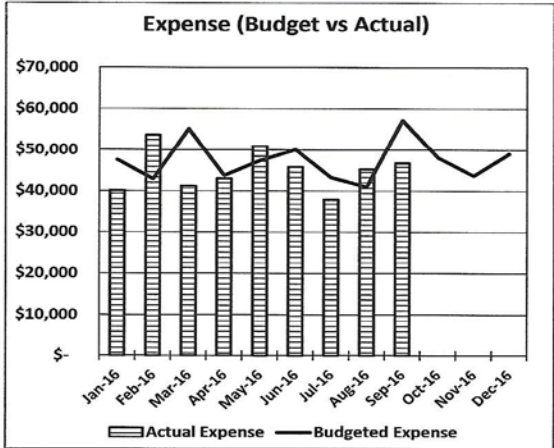
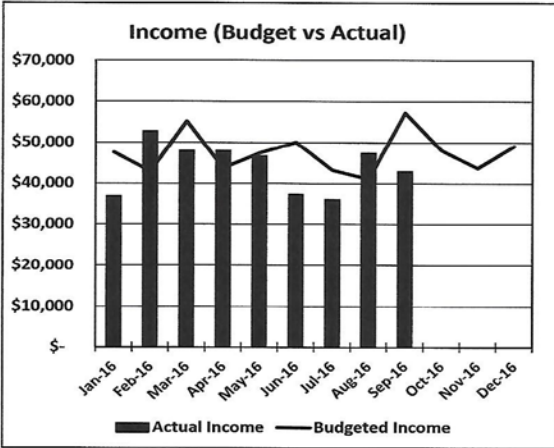
Thank you to everyone for all your support in helping this preschool thrive. Your efforts are truly appreciated. *Kristina Ranieri*



Through grant money and donations, a second kennel at the K9s for Warriors facility will soon be completed. In a recent newsletter *Dog Tales*, "That means significantly increasing the amount of warriors we serve, cutting the waitlist in half, and defeating veteran suicide faster." To date 242 Warrior-Canine teams have graduated. The July graduation marked the 56th class of veterans and rescue dogs.

Advent has helped in a small way by collecting aluminum beverage and cat food cans then passing them along to be sold to a recycling plant. And that money donated to K9s for Warriors. So keep bringing your rinsed aluminum cans and depositing them in the box in Fellowship Hall. Thank you, Ruth Johansen

Advent's Finance at A Glance



Children/Youth Christmas Program
Wednesday, December 14th 7:00 p.m.

The children and youth of Advent will share a wonderful Christmas Program on Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 7:00 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendars and watch for more information to come.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner – Feast of Plenty

Once again, Advent is joining with First Baptist Church of Orange Park and Celebration Church in hosting a Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinner will be served on Thanksgiving Day at First Baptist Church of Orange Park on Kingsley Avenue. This event is open to everyone without charge so that everyone can enjoy the day of fellowship. Children are, of course, welcome for this event. We will deliver food for those who are unable to leave home but would like a meal to be delivered.

We will need several items such as Thanksgiving themed large and small plates, small aluminum steam pans, plastic and Styrofoam cups, etc. (the list of needed items is forth coming). We also have to ask for your generous contributions of menu items such as cooked turkeys, gravy, dressing, green beans, etc. as well as canned items and uncooked turkeys. In addition, volunteers are needed on Thanksgiving Day to assist with set-up/decoration, to work as greeters, servers and parking attendants, etc.

Sign-up sheets for dine-in guests or those who want a meal to be delivered will be placed in the Fellowship Hall in early November. Sign-up sheets for cooked or uncooked food as well as volunteers will also be placed in the Fellowship Hall later this month. As for supplies, we will set up a large box in the Fellowship Hall after the list of needed supplies is published. We will have more detailed information soon but wanted to give you heads-up.

November Anniversary Celebrations

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| Lonnie & Rachel Conditt | November 13, 1999 |
| Mark & Mary Ann Devery | November 24, 1973 |
| Frank & Robin Gebert-Maliscewski | November 12, 2005 |
| Bob & Toni Hale | November 23, 1963 |
| Robert & Janet Hudson | November 23, 1973 |
| Sherwood & Shirley Krause | November 1, 1958 |
| Eddie & Sally Lee | November 26, 2013 |
| William & Lauren MacGillivray | November 14, 1970 |
| Jim & Linda Meekins | November 1, 1980 |
| Robert & Julia Painter | November 11, 2000 |
| Mike & Jeanette Phillips | November 26, 1967 |
| Jim & Becky Solberg | November 30, 1985 |
| Eugene & Jennifer Tennant | November 29, 1997 |

Life's Transitions

To The Church Triumphant

David Nelson, October 11th

Baptism

Lily Mae Schwartz

Baptism Date – October 30, 2016

Born – October 27, 2015

Parents – Marcus & Nicole Schwartz

Godparents – Jason & Debbie Merritt



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.)



November Birthday Celebrations

- 1 Christopher Barrett, David Keller
- 2 Dirk Molendyk
- 3 Janet Hudson
- 4 Bette Bias, Matt Cox, Elvie Tietze, Belle Whiting
- 5 June Rose
- 7 John Love
- 8 Wesley Ordonez, Charles Roberts
- 9 Nanette Nelson, Braden Robinson
- 10 Elaine Head, Robert Lambert, Christopher Little, Johathan Ulsh,
Scott West
- 13 Tammey Gohl
- 14 Kristen Moreland
- 15 Todd Luther
- 16 George Bailes, Riley Johns, Thomas Parham, Katie Renninger
Noel Rucker, Elka Underwood
- 17 Robin Gebert-Maliscewski
- 18 Mackenzie Devery, Robert Lucas, Jessica Malone
- 19 Stella Brown, Karen Shockley
- 20 Kortney Mitchell, Ed Schwartz
- 22 Michael Sandrik, Jeffrey Snyder
- 24 Lois Jenness, Tim Pingel
- 25 Penny Klein, Amalia Molendyk
- 26 Natalie Schiffer
- 27 Garrett Davis, Brian Turcotte
- 28 Jim Meekins
- 29 Aimee Lucas, Debbie Merritt, Noah Wilkinson
- 30 Jennifer Luman, Steven Rees

LESSONS FOR NOVEMBER

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|--------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Nov 6 | Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 | Psalm 149 | Ephesians 1:11-13 | Luke 6:20-31 |
| Nov 13 | Malachi 4:1-2 | Psalm 98 | 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 | Luke 21:5-19 |
| Nov 20 | Jeremiah 23:1-6 | Psalm 46 | Colossians 1:11-20 | Luke 23:33-43 |
| Nov 27 | Isaiah 2:1-5 | Psalm 122 | Romans 13:11-14 | Matthew 24:35-44 |

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NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MASTER / ORGANIST



Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Psalms 33:1 Written as liturgy in praise of the Lord, most likely sung by the Levitical choir, this psalm is as relevant today as it was thousands of years ago. It is an exhortation to give voice to praise.... to sing joyfully. The Early Ensemble provides support to congregational singing and special music for the 8:00 a.m. service. The Advent Choir sings 2-3 times each month, usually for the 10:45 a.m. service. Each of these choirs also participate in special music being prepared for additional services such as Christmas Eve.

One of the purposes of choir is to enhance worship with singing so as to provide variety and special interest to the service. . MORE VOICES ARE DESIRED in each of the groups of musicians that focus on SINGING: The Advent Choir, The Early Ensemble, Joyful Juniors and New Worship Musicians. Come add your voice to these choirs! *In His Love, Joanna*

REHEARSAL SCHEDULES

| <i>DAY</i> | <i>TIME</i> | <i>GROUP</i> | <i>PLACE</i> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>7:00 p.m.</i> | <i>The Advent Choir</i> | <i>Sanctuary</i> |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>12:30 p.m.</i> | <i>Lighthouse Handbell Groups</i> | <i>Sanctuary</i> |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>4:45 p.m.</i> | <i>Youth Bells (gr. 3-8)</i> | <i>Sanctuary</i> |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>5:30 p.m.</i> | <i>Joyful Juniors (gr. K-5)</i> | <i>Room 109</i> |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>7:30 p.m.</i> | <i>Advent Ringers</i> | <i>Sanctuary</i> |
| <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Noon</i> | <i>The Early Ensemble</i> | <i>Music Office</i> |
| <i>Thursday</i> | <i>7:30 p.m.</i> | <i>New Worship Musicians</i> | <i>Sanctuary</i> |
| <i>Friday</i> | <i>9:30 a.m.</i> | <i>Preschool Music Classes</i> | <i>Room 109</i> |

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