



# M E S S E N G E R

The monthly  
newsletter of Advent  
Lutheran Church

## **October 8<sup>th</sup> Celebration Features Brats, Quilts & Pets**



**Octoberfest...** Traditional German meal available from 11:30 a.m.--1 p.m. Features brats, hot dogs, German potato salad, sauerkraut, red cabbage chips, soft pretzels, German chocolate cake, tea, coffee & lemonade. Suggested donations are \$7 for brat meal & \$3 for hot dog meal.

**Quilts for Sale:** Advent's talented quilters will have quilts and craft items for sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A great chance for an early start to your holiday shopping!



### **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Blessing of the Pets!**

The Advent Education Board will sponsor a Blessing of Pets from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on October 8th. All pets must be leashed or caged. Please, no exotic pets! Donations of unopened bags of pet foods, treats, new toys, or monetary donations will be given to the Clay County Humane Society. *Our youth will also provide entertainment for children!*

### **New Disciples Classes to be Held in October**

Pastor Jerry will hold a series of classes for all interested in joining the Advent community of faith or for anyone interested in learning more about our faith & how we share in ministry. Topics include Christian faith, Lutheran doctrine & theology, scripture, the sacraments, our mission, and the various ministries of Advent and how to get connected. The 3-week course will be held at noon Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall, and new disciples will be welcomed to Advent Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Evangelism Board will provide meals during classes.

### **New Pictorial Directory Coming Soon!**

LifeTouch Photographers will be here at Advent Nov 1-5 to take pictures of all Advent disciples for our new pictorial directory. We will begin sign-ups on Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for more info about how to sign up online as well. No obligation to purchase pictures. Free directories for all. Let's have 100% participation.



## President's Corner

Last month I mentioned that I would tell more about Saint Luke as we celebrate his festival day on October 18<sup>th</sup>. How do we know that Luke, the good physician, was a friend of Paul? Our first clue is in the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Book of Acts. Up until verse 9, Luke writes in the third person by talking about Paul as "**he**" and his travelling friends as "**they**." Abruptly in verse ten, Luke switches to the first person plural by writing that "**we** got ready at once to leave for Macedonia." Luke is also mentioned by Paul in Philemon verse 24 when he states Luke is a fellow worker with him. In his epistle to the Colossians, Paul writes in verse 14 that "Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings." While in prison in Rome Paul writes a second letter to Timothy. In verse 4:7 Paul writes that "Only Luke is with me." Church historians have the opinion that Luke was with Paul until his execution by Nero. Such a friend was Luke that he stayed with Paul despite the risk to himself. True friendship is a blessing which I have experienced and also pray that everyone else you or I know can feel the same way.

Peace and blessings,  
Ken Johansen

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#### Editor's Note:

Advent news due no later than October 17<sup>th</sup> to be included in the next issue.

E-mail to [news@adventop.org](mailto:news@adventop.org) (preferred) or leave in church office.

## W E L C A

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

*Naomi Circle* meets October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. ✚

*The church office will be closed October 10<sup>th</sup> for Columbus Day*



## **Advent's Annual Trunk or Treat October 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00—8:00 p.m.**

The whole community is invited to Advent's Trunk or Treat on Friday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m. Last year we had 21 decorated trunks. Matthew Dews & Laura Rau won 1<sup>st</sup> Place and the Carter family won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the decoration contest. We hope more Disciples will decorate their trunks this year. All you have to do is select a theme and make your trunk bring it alive. Then have some goodies to share with the goblins who visit your vehicle. Since young children will be our guests we ask that trunks not frighten them. Our ministry boards will sponsor activities such as cornhole, duck pond, photo booth, donut on a string, bean bag toss, and Kimberly's table of "body parts." Free hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies baked by our disciples will nourish our guests. Costume parade with prizes for different age groups. More than 55 volunteers participated and had fun last year. Come and join in on the fun.

### **Property Board Hard At Work Volunteers Always Needed 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Each month**

Just a little info to give you an idea of the work required to keep the church facility of 25,209 SF in good working order. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, a small group (less than 10) of members come together for breakfast and a morning of work, changing light bulbs, changing a/c filters, painting, cleaning, repairing doors and floors and whatever. Plenty to do in the yard of 3.71 acres of parking, trees, shrubs, plenty of weed pulling and flower bed work. We maintain a Pre-School and a Lighthouse Christian School with 15 classrooms. The church built in the late 70's is really starting to show its age. We don't have a paid maintenance person, we rely on volunteers, **so we need your help!** You don't have to be an expert, just be able to give a hand for a few hours to keep the church up. We're usually out of here before noon and you'll get a good breakfast to start you off.

#### **Little known facts about Advent:**

Facility includes: Sanctuary, 8 offices, Sacristy, Youth/Bride Room, 9 restrooms, Fellowship Hall with stage and kitchen, nursery, library, assembly room, parlor, 15 classrooms, 5 storage rooms and 3 mechanical rooms.

Church lighting includes: 179 4 lamp fluorescent fixtures, 60 2 lamp fluorescent fixtures, 18 1 lamp fluorescent fixtures, 12 500 watt can lights, 65 spot lights and too many to count individual lights.

Air Conditioners: 1 30-ton in Sanctuary, 2 10-ton in Sanctuary, 3 5-ton in Fellowship Hall, 1 4-ton in Assembly Room, 1-2ton office/restrooms, and 26 PTAC units/room a/c's.

## **Via De Cristo**

Do you want to strengthen your relationship with God and be a more vibrant Christian? This weekend experience gives you tools to more effectively walk with Christ and follow his will. You will better understand GRACE and the impact it has in our lives. The Via de Cristo weekend gives you a chance to escape from everyday hustle and bustle so you can focus on God's love. It is a weekend for every Christian who wants to grow that love. Next available weekends are Oct 13-16 for men and Oct 20-23 for women. You need a sponsor, so contact Penny Klein at 264-6785. You can also visit [Snydc.org](http://Snydc.org) to learn more. Send-off for men is Oct 13 and for women Oct 20<sup>th</sup>.

Team/Pilgrim reunion is Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> with a potluck at 5 p.m. and Ultreya at 6 p.m. at Advent for the entire community.

## **REFORMATION SUNDAY October 30<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for festive worship at 8:00, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate our Lutheran heritage. This is a great day to wear something "red." The Christian Education Board will present the Holy Bible to all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who attend Advent. Please contact the church office (272-6370) or Sandi Ricketts, Sunday School Coordinator (343-3822) or email at [tutu50@bellsouth.net](mailto:tutu50@bellsouth.net) with child(ren)'s full name(s), date of birth, age level, your contact information, and the Sunday morning worship time that you plan to attend (8:00, 9:30 or 10:45). **We will also celebrate Reformation Sunday with a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck Fellowship Lunch including fun entertainment!**

## **FREE CATERED DINNER**

**Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> Following the 10:45 a.m. Worship**

After the late service on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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. More info to come!

## **IMPROVING COMMUNICATION**

**Send Items for Messenger & Eagles Wings to: [news@adventop.org](mailto:news@adventop.org)**

Communication is always an issue for churches. To simplify things we are asking ALL information for the Messenger, Eagles Wings, Website, etc. be sent to one email address: [news@adventop.org](mailto:news@adventop.org). (Or you may submit written items to the church office.) When you send info to this email address it will automatically be forwarded to Rebecca (secretary), Pastor Jerry, Dana Luther (website) and Chuck Schroyer (Messenger).



## **PreSchool News**

It's October already and we have some big things happening! Our themes this month will cover Safety; how to recognize danger and what to do as well as personal safety and trustworthy grownups.

We will learn about Trees & Leaves and how they grow and help us. Our little learners will study Apples & Pumpkins. They will get to compare and taste them, carve and weigh them! And of course, Halloween is the main event this month. We will have a costume parade on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The kids will dress up and parade around the courtyard collecting candy and other goodies! Everyone is welcome to come join us for this celebration to help hand out candy or admire the participants. Policewomen, firemen or anyone who has props or something to share with our students that goes along with this month's themes, feel free to come by or call to speak with me so we can arrange an interesting demonstration.

All our resources are in full swing. Every other Monday we have Jump and Learn with Coach Sally. Ms. Irene either cooks with the children or teaches them about art on Tuesdays. Wednesdays are busy! Our little ones have fun singing and learning bible stories with Pastor Jerry and Ms. Ruth and get to read and check out books at the Library with Ms. Amy. Thursdays, Ms. Amy is back with rocking science activities and experiments. We close out the week with some fun in Music with Ms. Kristin. Every day brings new adventure in learning here.

School will be closed Friday October 7 for a Teacher Planning Day.

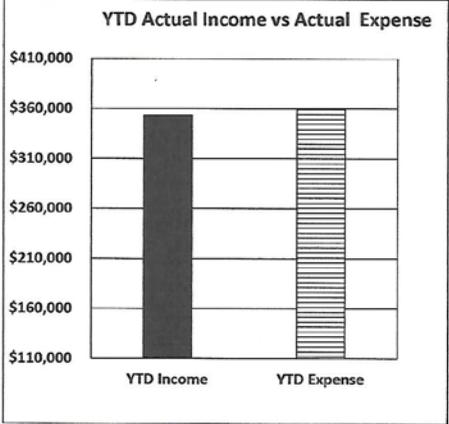
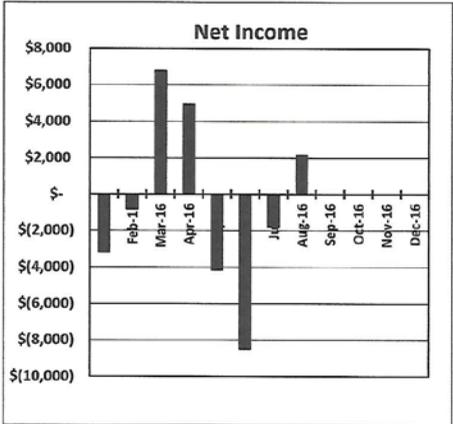
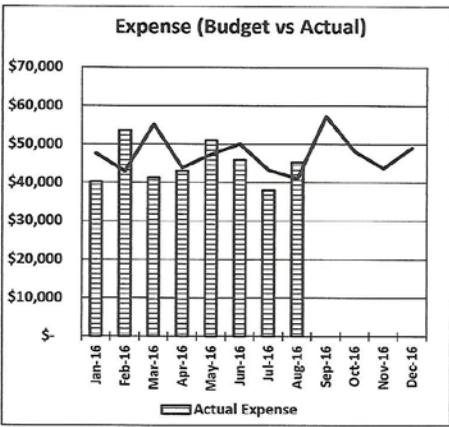
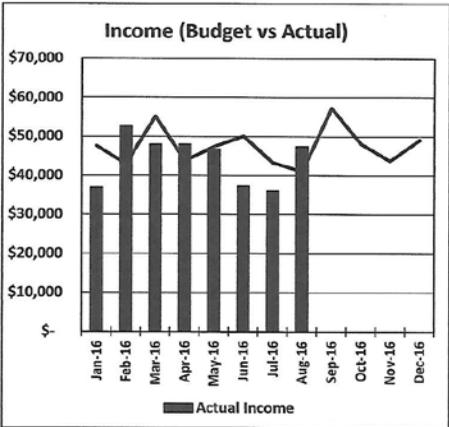
Again, thank you to all of you who helped keep our preschool in such great shape. We received 100% on our first DCF inspection of the year in no small part due to you. The playground looked better after the storm came through than it did before because of your hard work.

We still have a few spots in our VPK and 3 year old classrooms. Please spread the word about our program. Please call, email or stop in anytime or check us out on Facebook. Kristina Ranieri (904)272-6370 [adventpreschool@bellsouth.net](mailto:adventpreschool@bellsouth.net)

## **Remember these Interesting Facts . . . ?**

81% of people who are "unchurched" said they WOULD attend church IF INVITED!  
93% of first time guests attend church because a LAY PERSON INVITED them!

# Advent's Finance at A Glance



## **Worship Notes:**

During the offering we often listen to beautiful music sung by our choir, praise team or special music played by a guest instrumentalist or by Kristin or Joanna on piano. Please use that time to focus on the words sung or the music played as you quietly contemplate on the blessings God has bestowed on you as you give back to the Lord through your offering. The usher then brings your offerings to the chancel area and gives to the Worship Assistant during the playing of the Offertory Canticle.

All members who are scheduled to participate as a leader in one of the 3 worship services please make sure you come to the service you are scheduled to participate in. If you are unable to make it to the service the week you have been scheduled please make arrangements with someone to take your place. If you cannot find a replacement please notify JR Redlitz as far in advance as possible.

Ushers please be at church 20 minutes prior to the beginning of service. Communion Assistants, we would like you to be in the chancel area during the “Meal” portion of the Worship Service when the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior is being consecrated. This will be a minor change for the 8:00 & 10:45 am Services. The Communion Assistants together with the ushers will proceed to the chancel area during the singing of the Sanctus instead of the Angus Dei. The ushers will close the communion rails at that time. 9:30 service process remains the same.

If you have been a leader in the Worship service in the past but have not been scheduled for a while please notify JR. We are updating the worship leaders list and want to make sure we have everyone included on the list. Look for sign-up forms in the Sunday bulletins and in the church office. Positions include: Assistant Minister, Communion Assistant, Usher, Acolyte, (adults welcome), Lector, Greeter, and Altar Care Attendant.

JR Redlitz: Phone/Text: 903-318-8340, E-Mail: [JRREDLITZ@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JRREDLITZ@GMAIL.COM), or Facebook messenger.

***Sign-up forms will be available in Sunday bulletins and the church office.***

*October Anniversary Celebrations*

Alan & Cynthia Davis	October 12, 2002
Matt & Lisa Felegy	October 3, 1992
Hank & Sigrid Herppich	October 2, 1964
Craig & Theresa Hollis	October 30, 2001
George & Helen Howard	October 2, 1992
Jacob & Dolly Lucas	October 8, 2005
Dirk & Jessica Molendyk	October 23, 1999
Bill & Lona Sailers	October 6, 1990
Chuck & Nancy Schroyer	October 1, 2004
Ed & Dottie Schwartz	October 20, 1962
Shane & Patricia Turcotte	October 26, 1988
John & Christina Veres	October 12, 1985

*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.)



*October Birthday Celebrations*

- 1 Susan Ulsh
- 2 Kent Turcotte, Laurie Tyler
- 3 Janet Dechman
- 4 Mary Dorsey, Jennifer Eichhorn, Edward Gribbin, Mary Shelley
- 5 Daniel Bilyard
- 7 Chloe Beson, Tyler Felegy, Elizabeth Froelich, Marion Hilliard,  
Margaret Lentz, Jason Merritt
- 8 Ann Pedersen, Nick Potts, Susan Willadsen
- 10 Viktoria Kissinger, Georgia Klees
- 11 Kenneth Johansen, Brad Voss, Wyatt Willadsen
- 12 Cyndi Page, Andrew Pingel, Ron Wagner
- 13 Ella Howard, Emilie Howard, Carrie Kissisnger-Mizell,  
Matthew Turcotte
- 14 Taylor Klees
- 15 Bryson Hopkins, David Thomas
- 16 Betty Koski
- 17 John Philpot
- 18 Cortney Babcock, Joanna Corbett, Donald Laflamme, Bill Sailers
- 19 Richard Donovan, Kipton Rupert
- 20 Heather Bias, Paul Currie, Karen Little, Bud Parham
- 21 Tanja Miller, Emily Pingel, Diana Wilkinson
- 23 Eric Emery
- 24 Carl Barnes, Bob Hale, Jeremy Klees
- 25 Beverly Gribbin, Jessica Payne
- 27 Mary Ann Devery, Mary McDonald, Maddie Moss
- 28 Ashley Helmlinger, Jessica Rick
- 29 Kaden Thomas
- 30 Bev Hallisey, Mark Morrison, Carolee Williams

## LESSONS FOR OCTOBER

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Oct 2	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	Psalm 37:1-9	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
Oct 9	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15	Psalm 111	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Oct 16	Genesis 32:22-31	Psalm 121	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Oct 23	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22	Psalm 84:1-7	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Oct 30	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

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## **NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MASTER / ORGANIST**



*Joyful Juniors Celebrate Jesus!* This group of young musicians meets on Wednesday afternoons in Room 109 on the Preschool Hall. They are having fun playing instruments, using movement and singing songs. Part of the focus of choir time is learning how our music choices fit into the Liturgical seasons of the Church. The group has enlarged from its beginnings, but there is room for more. (We will move to larger space if needed!!) Children K-gr. 5 are all welcome. In His Love, Joanna

### **REHEARSAL SCHEDULES**

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

### **Changes to Sunday School Program**

This year, we're implementing a new Sunday School curriculum "Living Word," designed to improve Biblical literacy in our children. Each week, we'll explore a new Bible story. At the start of each Sunday, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for prayers and songs. Then students will proceed to their classroom for the lesson, crafts and snack. At the end of class, parents should pick up their children in the classroom. This year, we're sending home a devotional with the children, so you can pray with them and discuss the Bible story. We hope to see your family in Sunday school!

### **Adult Bible Studies**

Advent offers many Sunday morning adult Bible studies: *Other Opportunities for Personal Growth (OOPS)* -- meets in the Youth Room at 9:30 am. The OOPS are learning from a video Bible study by Andy Stanley titled "5 Things God Uses." *Bible in the Big Room (BIB)* -- meets in the Preschool Assembly Room at 9:30 am. *"Here I Stand"* -- Led by Chaplain John Connelly, meets in the Preschool Assembly Room at 10:45 am. This study follows the confirmation class curricula. Although initially designed for parents of confirmands, any adult is welcome to attend.

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