



NEW DISCIPLES INFORMATION CLASSES

Sundays – October 2nd, 9th & 16th

12:00 p.m. (Lunch Included)

Pastor Jerry invites all who have an interest in joining the Advent community of faith and/or who just want to learn more about our faith and, specifically, how we share in ministry together, to a series of information classes. Topics will include: the Christian faith, Lutheran doctrine and theology, scripture, the sacraments, our mission, and the various ministries of Advent and how to get connected. This 3 week course is meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoons at 12:00 p.m. October 2nd, 9th and 16th. New disciples will be welcomed into our fellowship at Advent on October 23rd. Special thanks to the Advent Evangelism Board for providing meals. Speak with Pastor Jerry if you have any questions.

RECYCLING BIN IS HUNGRY FOR YOUR PAPER

Remember we have a recycling bin in the Advent Church Parking Lot near the entrance. This bin is for paper and newspapers. (NO plastic bags, trash, cardboard or phone books). You are encouraged to bring all of your paper and newspaper for recycling each week when you come to worship and place it in the bin. Your donations will help the bin to not suffer from hunger and proceeds received will be used for youth scholarships. The youth will tithe 10% to ministries in our local community. So, bring your paper!

CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Advent's Church Council will be Monday September 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Advent Lutheran Church

Orange Park, Florida † September 2016

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President's Corner

The gospel readings for the month of September are all from Luke. Scholars teach that Luke not only wrote the gospel attributed to him but also the Book of Acts. In both books he addresses his writing to a person called Theophilus. In Luke 1:3 we find these words, "*it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you most excellent Theophilus so that you might know the certainty of the things you have been taught.*" Then, in the first verse of Acts. Luke writes, *In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all the things that Jesus began to do and teach until the day he was taken up to heaven.*" The name Theophilus has a meaningful interpretation. The prefix Theo is Greek for God. The suffix philus is Greek for friend. Luke is addressing both of his works to a friend of God. In a generic sense that can also mean you and me or anyone else who reads the gospel and the Book of Acts. More about Luke next month when we celebrate his festival day on October 18th.

Peace and blessings,
Ken Johansen

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Editor's Note:

Advent news due no later than September 12th 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

September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall. ✚



ADVENT OCTOBERFEST CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 8th 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Our Annual Oktoberfest Celebration will be held on Saturday, October 8th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The traditional brat and hot dog meals will be available with suggested donations of \$7 for brats and \$3 for hot dogs to help cover costs. Quilts and craft items will be available for purchase for those interested. See you there!

ADOPTING ORANGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Advent has adopted Orange Park High School for the 2016-17 school year. As we did for Ridgeview Elementary last year, we will collect food items such as pop-tarts, packets of grits & oatmeal, soups, etc. (A more detailed list of items needed will be posted soon.) We are also collecting personal care items (full size – not trial size) such as body wash, deodorant, hair products, feminine hygiene products, tooth brushes & tooth paste. School supplies needed include: college ruled paper & spiral notebooks, 2 inch binders, pens (blue, black & red), graph paper, mechanical pencils, colored pencils and divider tabs. A box is located in the Fellowship Hall labeled: “Orange Park High Collections.” If you would like to volunteer at the school (many opportunities) please fill out a volunteer form (available in Church Office or on the Social Ministry Cabinet in the Fellowship Hall), place in a sealed envelope and return to Katherine Morrison via the Social Ministry Mailbox in the Church Office.

LOOKING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Our Christian Education Ministry Board is looking for Advent Disciples who would love to share in our teaching ministry. This fall we will begin using a new curriculum “Living the Word” and teaching God’s story to our children of Advent with classes starting September 18th. We need teachers and helpers willing to give a week or more each month to teach and help with crafts. For more information, please contact Sandi Ricketts at 904-343-3822 or email at Adventss@yahoo.com.



Preschool News

It's a big year this year with 45 children learning and playing here at preschool. We have a dedicated group of amazing teachers all working to help these children develop and thrive academically, socially and spiritually. Brenda Rau, Connie Ratica and Jack Chimino are teaching our VPK classes. Mildred Davison and Jennifer Morrill are both new to our program and are teaching our three year olds. Bridgett Stewart is our amazing two year old teacher and Stephanie Holley teaches our Mother's Morning Out program. Irene Winter continues to thrill all the classes with her cooking skills and art appreciation lessons and Amy Ambrosio wows the students with science experiments and library. Kristin Sakamoto is engaging the little ones with a love of music. And of course, Pastor Jerry provides our spiritual education in a fun and uplifting manner. Together, all these ladies-and gentleman, are working hard to provide a loving and engaging place for our littlest minds to learn and grow.

This month the kids will be learning about themselves, their friends and families and how to keep safe. These themes help children understand how they are the same and different, their place in the world and a little responsibility as well.

Thank you so much to everyone who has worked to provide our preschoolers with a safe, comfortable and inviting environment. Whether you changed a light bulb, ordered a part, spread mulch or donated items; all of your work is truly appreciated. We all benefit from your generosity.

Limited space is still available in the VPK and 3 year old classrooms. Please contact Kristina Ranieri 272-6370 for more information.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 2016

	8:00	9:30	10:45	Total
July 3	65	67	102	234
July 10	67	53	113	233
July 17	70	75	85	230
July 24	63	85	86	234
July 31	75	69	100	244
July Avg	68	70	97	235

From the Family of Richard Tietze

Psalm 23 declares, “The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not want.” From our faith in our Lord and Savior, we have also not wanted in our earthly needs. Our Advent family has been with us from our first time at Advent 18 years ago to our time now as Dick prepared for his passing into eternal life. Your loving prayers and incredible support were so comforting to my family and me during this time. Sunday greetings, visits, cards, and calls were truly appreciated and uplifting. We sincerely thank Pastors Jerry Nordsiek and Joy Bolander and all who participated in Dick’s celebration of life through the special music and the reception that followed. You worked selflessly on the frontline and behind the scenes to honor Dick. Our voices raised and our memories shared in fellowship meant the world to my family. Dick and I always believed that if you find the church, then you would find your home. This has proven to be so true at Advent. We have been truly blessed and I will continue to be a part of this loving community.

In Christian love and gratitude,
Elvie Tietze

Financial Report for July 2016

	Actual	Budget	(Over)/(Short)		
Monthly Income	\$36,131.86	\$43,244.91	\$(7,113.05)	16.4%	under budget
Monthly Expenses	<u>\$37,933.59</u>	<u>\$43,014.91</u>	\$(5,081.32)	11.8%	under budget
	\$(1,801.73)	230.00			

	2016	2015	Increase/Decrease	
YTD Income	\$306,047.44	\$308,902.71	\$(2,855.27)	9.0% less
YTD Expenses	<u>\$312,816.90</u>	<u>\$307,142.55</u>	\$ 5,674.25	1.8% increase
	\$(6,769.46)	\$1,760.16		

YOUTH NEWS

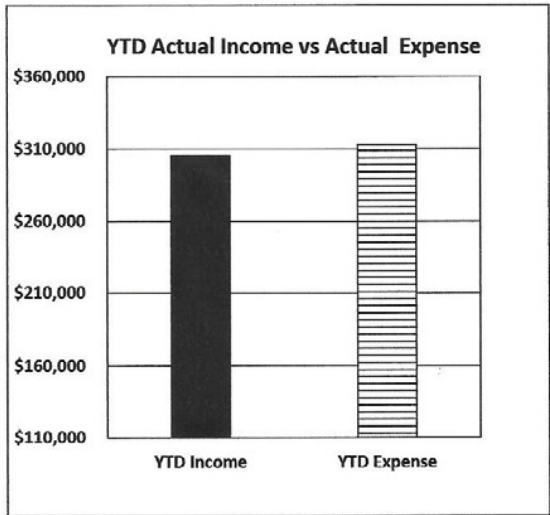
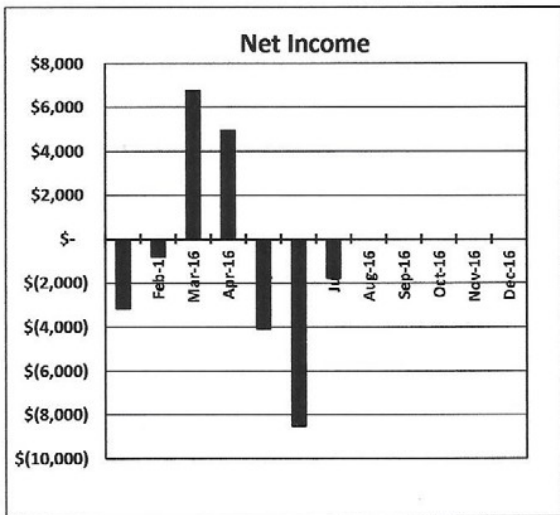
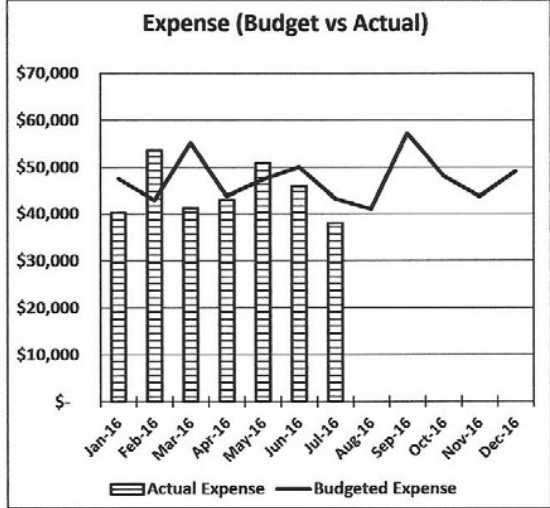
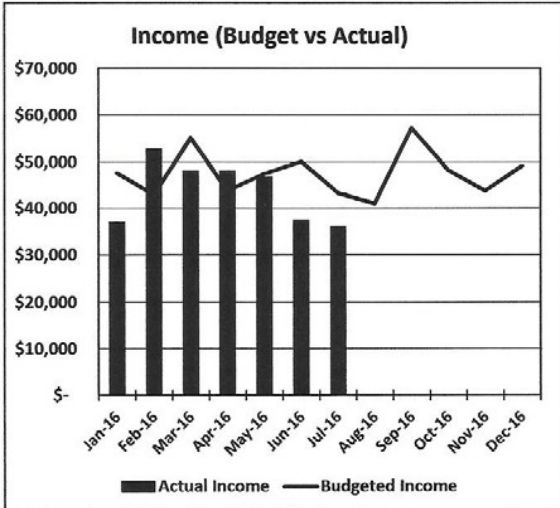
EPIC Youth (High School)

September 10th – 11th “ROCK THE UNIVERSE”
Universal Studios, Orlando

CIA (6th – 8th Graders)

September 10th – 11th “ROCK THE UNIVERSE”
Universal Studios, Orlando

Advent's Finance at A Glance





The church office will be closed Monday September 5th for Labor Day Holiday

HONORING CHOICES

A seminar on Advance Care Planning

Sunday, September 25th 12:15 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

One of the biggest concerns of hospitals for patients is that they do not have advance directives. This seminar will cover your healthcare options—your healthcare goals, treatments you would or would not want. Appointing someone to speak for you when you can't. It will help you decide if you want to complete an advance care planning document, and help you communicate your wishes to family, friends, clergy, doctors, and hospitals. In a nutshell, you will have peace of mind regarding the treatments you would like should you not be able to tell the hospital, doctors, and family.

Mary Ann Devery, RN, FCN will present this seminar on Sunday, September 25th at Advent in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 PM. Refreshments will be provided prior to the lecture. Mary Ann is a Certified Advance Care Facilitator.

CONFIDENTIAL !

That's what Stephen Ministry is. Everything a person tells his or her Stephen Minister is kept in strict confidence. People are often afraid that if they tell someone what is troubling them, word will get around and others will look down on them. But a Stephen Minister keeps everything a care receiver shares confidential, and through the sharing God works miracles of healing and peace.

Each month we will give you another piece of information to help you understand who and what we are. Advent has been blessed with this ministry for many years. We hope to continue for many more!

September Anniversary Celebrations

Arlen & Bette Bias	September 14, 1970
Bob & Nancy Currie	September 20, 1980
Paul & Elizabeth Froelich	September 20, 1986
Marshall & Roseanne Lackey	September 15, 1985
James & Sadako Long	September 25, 1968
Robert & Holly Lucas	September 3, 1977
Jim & Wilma Naylor	September 15, 1962
Don & Rhonda Oberto	September 11, 1976
John & Stephanie Palmer	September 5, 2009
Richard & Nancy Patrick	September 16, 1961
Jim & Phyllis Renninger	September 20, 1969
David & Kathy Rowlinson	September 4, 1982
Tom & Mary Scarbrough	September 3, 1971
Michael & Frances Smith	September 7, 1976
Jeff & Kerrie Snyder	September 4, 1993
David & Lynn Thomas	September 25, 1985



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.)



September Birthday Celebrations

- 1 Toni Hale, Danny Renninger
- 3 Matthew Marnell, Marty Wagner
- 4 Donald Cordes, Kevin Hodges, Kelly Thomas
- 6 Scott Walsh
- 7 Barbara Brown, Scott Lowden
- 8 Kathy Ordonez
- 10 Annalyse White
- 11 Debra Eastman, Cheryl Voss, Brittany Wilkinson
- 12 Sarah Lawson, Kayla Palmer
- 13 Sandra Smith, Melanie Wheeler, Melissa Wheeler-Rodgers,
Timothy Winter
- 14 Priscilla Crane, Gwendolyn Folsom, Sandra Gay
- 15 Lauren Morrison, Amber Rosario
- 16 Scott Cordes, Katherine Myers, Adam Palmer, Shirley Parham
- 17 Ryan Donovan, Carole Lowe
- 18 Jessica Garrett
- 19 Alexander Wilkes
- 20 Shanna Bailes, Katherine Bolla, Paxton Holley, Jacob Poff
- 22 Sarah Allison, Nathan Klein, Nathan LaBranche, Earl Lee,
Kelly Wilkerson
- 23 Dick Nyberg, Karina Thomas
- 24 James Poff, Michael Scoble
- 25 Agnes Merriam, Dennis Sandrik, Clara Schaffner
- 26 Paul Linde, Karl Rau, Lydia West
- 27 Audrey Ramsey
- 28 Wayne Rautio, Kaylee Thomas
- 29 Julie Rodgers, John Ulsh
- 30 Helen Howard, Christopher Rick

LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Sept 4	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 1	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
Sept 11	Exodus 32:7-14	Psalm 5:1-10	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Sept 18	Amos 8:4-7	Psalm 113	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
Sept 25	Amos 6:1, 4-7	Psalm 146	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31

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Notes from the Music Master / Organist



I am excited and energized by the addition of Kristin Sakamoto to the church staff. I look forward to working with her and anticipate wonderful possibilities that can be ours at Advent given the special gifts she possesses!

During Music Camp 2016, there was “a “party” every day. Our intent was to celebrate the love of Christ in our lives and others, as well, while learning and experiencing many aspects of music. We rejoice that love connects us all, especially as we keep our hearts and mind open and ready to collaborate and celebrate. Building on the success of Music Camp, we are offering a time for youth to play handbells on a regular basis. This rehearsal time is scheduled for Wednesdays prior to Joyful Juniors choir time. Anyone in Grades 3-8 is welcome!!

Rejoice in the Lord, always! Celebrate Jesus! In His Love, Joanna

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

<u>TUESDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	THE ADVENT CHOIR	Sanctuary
<u>TUESDAY</u>	1:15 p.m.	LIGHTHOUSE HANDBELLS	Sanctuary
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	4:45 p.m.	New Handbell Group (Gr. 3-8)	Sanctuary
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	JOYFUL JUNIORS (K-5)	Room 109
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	7:30 P.M.	ADVENT RINGERS	Sanctuary
<u>THURSDAY</u>	Noon	THE EARLY ENSEMBLE	Music Office
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:15 p.m.	ADVENT LUTHERAN BAND	Sanctuary
<u>THURSDAY</u>	7:30 p.m.	NEW WORSHIP MUSICIANS	Sanctuary
<u>FRIDAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	PRESCHOOL MUSIC CLASSES	Room 109



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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.