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WELCOME OUR NEW BOOKKEEPER

Ines DeMartinez joined our staff and began her work as our new Bookkeeper on July 24th. Ines brings excellent accounting skills, a love for the Lord, a warm heart, and a beautiful smile. She will be available in the church office on Mondays and Thursdays. Special thanks to Sadako Long and Marty Smith for the incredible amount of time they have given to this area of our ministry at Advent and for assisting Ines during the transition.

WELCOME NEW DISCIPLES

The following New Disciples joined the Advent family of faith on July 2nd and July 23rd. Please share a warm Advent welcome with: **Jeff & Carol Cochuyt, Amanda Cochuyt, Eric & Sue Ann Dahl, William Dahl, Leslie Lee Elms, Matthew Griffin, Christa Hinrichs, Caleb Hinrichs, Laci Hinrichs, Megan Hoffman, Chris & Ruth Paine, Whitney Paine.** The next New Disciples Classes will be led by Pastor Jerry on September 20th, 27th, and October 4th with new disciples received on Sunday, October 8th.

MARTY WAGNER ORDINATION

Sunday, August 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 13th at 4:00 p.m. and join us as we celebrate the Service of Ordination to the office of Word and Sacrament Ministry for Marty Wagner (daughter of Advent). The Rev. James Mauney, Bishop of the Virginia Synod – ELCA will preside and the Rev. Bob Hale, Ret., will share the Gospel Message. A reception in honor of Marty will follow the worship in the Fellowship Hall. (“Small World” side note: The President of the congregation in Virginia where Marty will begin her ministry, Mrs. Pat Carriker, was also the President of the congregation in Wilmington, NC in 1988 when Pastor Jerry began his ministry there.)

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS?

The Evangelism board is always looking for people who are excited to get involved! Don't be scared - we have jobs for both introverts and extroverts ;) If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Dana Luther (dana.luther@gmail.com) or show up at the one of the next board meetings (First Monday of the month at 7pm in the Sanctuary).

SYNOD ASSEMBLY IN OCTOBER

New Florida-Bahamas Synod Bishop To Be Elected

The next Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly will be held in Kissimmee, FL October 12th-14th. Representing Advent as Voting Members will be: Sandy Emery, Steve Benko, Pastor Jerry, Samantha Luther (youth) and Noah Nordsiek (youth). Many items will be on the agenda with the election of a new bishop highlighting the assembly. The Synod Council is asking all Lutherans to pray for this election process.

CHURCH COUNCIL – The next Church Council meeting will be Monday, August 21st at 7:00 p.m.

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Editor's Note:

Advent news due no later than August 21st to be included in the next issue.

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

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Naomi Circle meets August 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. ✚

PROPERTY WORK DAY

The next Property Work Day is scheduled for **Saturday, Aug. 12th**. ALL disciples invited to join in on the fun. We begin with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and then head out for various projects around the church. No experience necessary. On the job training provided, along with a smile and a “thank you.”

WE WANT YOU!

The Worship Board is always looking for volunteers to assist us with our worship services. Each week Advent disciples step forward to serve as: Assisting Ministers, Communion Assistants, Lay Readers, Ushers, Greeters, Acolytes and Coffee Hosts. Please don't be shy! Step out of the boat and step up to God calling you. We will be happy to train you. Please contact Kathy Ordonez at kmordonez@yahoo.com or call 904-779-1573. (Just a reminder for those already serving: Please forward any unavailable dates as soon as you have them, or at least one month in advance. If you are scheduled and cannot serve, please find your own replacement and update Kathy and the church office.) Thank you for serving.



Much Mulch Help!

A special thanks to a group of people who turned out to spread mulch in the Preschool Playground on a warm Florida Day, Pitching in (actually spreading mulch) were Matt Dews, Caleb Nordsiek, Noah Nordsiek, Jim Renninger, Charlie Roberts, DeWayne Brown, Ron Olson, Alvin Moore, Dean Ramsey, Todd Luther (photographer), and Ken Johansen.

INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH OUR YOUTH?

Our Youth program is growing, which is a huge blessing from God, and a great indicator that God is at work in our midst. We are looking for 3 adults to help with the EPIC Youth Group (high school-age), who would be willing to assist with planning, advertising, communicating, logistics, leading, OR chaperoning some of our activities (the OR being important -- no one is expected to do all of the above). You need not have any youth in the program. Please spend some time in prayer, and listen to see whether God is nudging you to serve in this very important ministry. If you do feel so called, please contact Pastor Jerry and/or Todd Luther [tluther@gmail.com or call/text (904)718-0598].

AUGUST CIA (6th-8th Grade) -KICKS (K-5th Grade) UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

__ Sunday August 6th – Trip to Anastasia Beach, St. Augustine: This will be a combined activity for the CIA and KICK students and their families. We are inviting the families of the students to join us to make this a great adventure. We will leave the church following the 9:30 am Worship Service. Bring anything you would like for a day at the beach. We will have plenty of cars and chaperones going so KICK and CIA students should still plan to attend even if their families are unable to join us. This will be a fun fellowship event that will not cost anything other than the cost of parking if you are driving. Please let us know if you are going to come and if you plan to bring any friends, by e-mailing: JR Redlitz: jredlitz@gmail.com, Andrea Redlitz: redlitz@gmail.com, or Christina White: Christina.white@yahoo.com.

SOME FUTURE CIA MONTHLY ACTIVITIES, LET'S GET EXCITED!!!!

Camping at Camp Chowenwaw in Green Cove Springs, Helping at the Animal Shelter, Bell Ringing with Salvation Army, Laying of wreaths at Jacksonville Memorial Cemetery, Going behind the scenes at the Zoo and Canoeing down the Santa Fe River.

EPIC YOUTH (Sr. High) BIBLE STUDIES CONTINUE

Our High School Youth have been meeting every other Wednesday evening for food, fellowship, Bible Study, great discussion and plenty of fun. Our next two gatherings will be August 9th and 23rd from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Invite your friends and come join the fun.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

School is back in session and our little ones are as excited to be here as we are. Our teachers are getting to know our new and returning learners and our students are learning about our school.

A successful year starts with getting to know the children and helping them get comfortable in a new environment. So we will take some time to make the children feel at home in their classrooms and helping them come together as a learning community.

We have so many amazing things planned for the upcoming school year but these first few weeks of school will focus on getting to know each other, learning the rules of the school and exploring all we have to offer: science, cooking, library and art appreciation classes as well as getting familiar with the playground and all the learning centers in the “big room.” Our academics will center on learning our names; recognizing friends by names; identifying our own printed names, introduction to the alphabet and numbers and find out what our little ones know and want to know.

The courtyard looks wonderful! We will spend some time exploring the new plant life and any animal life that comes to visit. Outdoor adventures are a wonderful way to let children investigate their world and stimulate their imaginations. Thank you to all of you who worked so hard to make this area beautiful again.

We are always looking for new friends at the preschool so if you or someone you know has a child 15 months through 5 years old, contact me, Kristina Ranieri, at (904) 272-63 or adventpreschool@bellsouth.net.

SPECIAL APPEAL APPROACHES 70% MARK!

We are getting closer to our \$250,000 goal! Please continue to lift up our special appeal in your prayers. This appeal has already fully funded the repair/fix of our roof/cross/window leak problems and continues to fund the lighting improvement project being overseen by our Property Ministry Board. Funds are still needed for additional technology and a new staff position focusing on children, youth, and young adult & family ministries. Designate your gifts (over and above regular offerings) to “Special Appeal.”

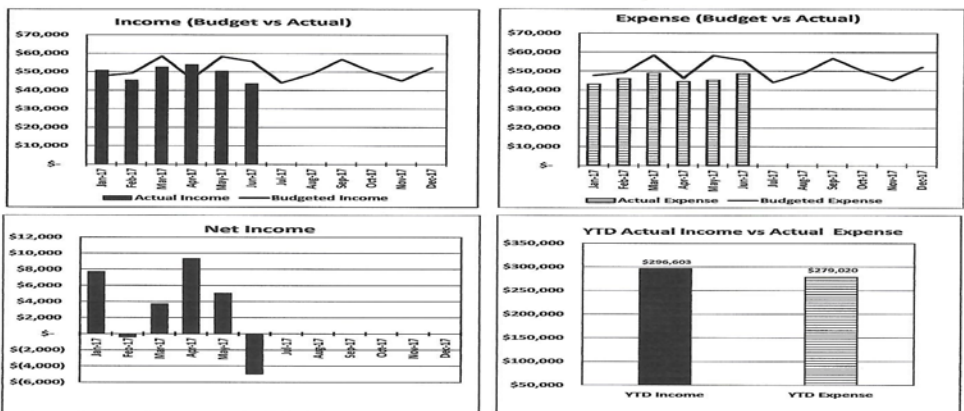
ITEMS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We need the following new baby items for Lutheran World Relief to be packaged & shipped to LWR and then sent around the world as needed. Please include sizes from 6 to 24 months. Lightweight cotton t-shirts (NO Onesies ®) Long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) Receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel or crocheted or knitted with light weight yarn up to 52" square Cloth diapers (flat fold) Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt, with a hood, or include a baby cap Pairs of socks Hand towel, dark color recommended Bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 or 9 oz. any brand in original wrapping (NO mini or hotel size bars) Diaper pins or large safety pins. **No items** with the following will be accepted by customs in many countries: religious symbols, messages or our group name, U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. Items can be left in Fellowship Hall in our decorated baby box. Thanks for your help.

DID YOU KNOW?

DID YOU KNOW that you can make donations to Advent through our **Advent Lutheran Church Website** by signing on to www.Adventop.org. When you sign on, scroll down a little, then, you will see the **Online Giving** section on the home page. There is a **“Donate Today”** key in that section. If you click it, the on-line giving form pops up. You can make a one-time donation or you can set up weekly or monthly giving. You can charge your donation to your Visa, Mastercard or American Express Credit/Debit card or you can pay from your checking or savings account. **It is a very user friendly system and very easy to fill out the form.** Currently, you can only select donations to the Operating Fund (General Fund) or the Building Fund. However, we are working to add more options. We talked previously about Electronic Giving options such as Simply Giving and using the Online Bill Payer system that your bank or credit union offers. Giving through our website is another option. The merit of on-line giving is that you no longer have to write a check or checks. Also, it allows your weekly or monthly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis even if you are on vacation or are not able to come to church for some other reason. That helps our church, too.

Advent's Finance at A Glance



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE SPONSORED BY SOCIAL MINISTRY

The start of the school year is approaching quickly. Many families are struggling to provide supplies for their children. Starting now the Social Ministry Board of Advent is requesting school donations for families in our community. The following supplies would be appreciated: #2 pencils, Crayons, Medium lined notebook paper, Folders, Markers, Binders, Ink pens, File dividers, Spiral bound notebook paper. Other supplies may be on the school lists found in Wal-Mart or other stores. August 4 through August 6 is tax free days for the best shopping. The best stores to buy school supplies are Walmart and The Dollar Tree. Please place any item you may have on the Social Ministry cabinet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your help.

August Anniversary Celebrations

Rodney & Lori Brown	August 16, 1986
Matt & Tami Cox	August 7, 1982
Kenneth & Marsha Feezor	August 18, 1962
Wayne & Susan Fertig	August 1, 1998
Paxton & Stephanie Holley	August 4, 2001
James & Debra Kindelsperger	August 24, 1984
Mark & DiDi Leblanc	August 3, 2006
Todd & Dana Luther	August 3, 1996
Dennis Sandrik & Nancy Silki	August 22, 1987
Brian & Kelly Schiffer	August 7, 2010
Kevin & Heather Schiffer	August 5, 1995
Dwight & Sara Scott	August 26, 1966
Timothy & Sopic Willadsen	August 7, 1993

Life's Transitions
To the Church Triumphant
Agnes Merriam – July 6, 2017



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.)



August Birthday Celebrations

- 1 Scottie Williams
- 2 Charles Taylor
- 3 Andrew Welsh
- 5 John Shelley
- 6 Matthew Myers
- 7 Noah Nordsiek, Sara Scott, Lowell Snyder
- 8 Jennifer Tennant
- 9 Mark Leblanc, Chandrowtie Seeram
- 10 Joanne Dotson, Cathy Palmer
- 11 Dwight Scott
- 12 Kevin Cox, Rodney Herman, Christian Klein
- 13 Elena Etter, Heinrich Herrpich
- 15 Amy MacGillivray, Christopher Wilkinson
- 16 Gail Gercke, Katherine Morrison
- 17 Beau Best
- 18 John Redlitz
- 19 Charles Stock
- 20 Lynn Balma, Catherine Lovejoy
- 21 Sigrid Herppich, Kristin Solberg
- 22 Carla Kresol
- 23 Kenneth Feezor, Robert Hudson, Scott Smith
- 25 Lois Andersen, William Lumpkin
- 26 Robert Leonberger, Cecilia Moore, Victoria Peschke, Bailey Roberts
- 27 Jennifer Dews, Robert Kissinger, Carolyn Marsh, Laura Rau
- 28 Holly Head, Sophia Woolard
- 29 Lillian Howard, Hunter Mizeur, Brianna Wernet
- 30 Patricia Wirt
- 31 Aubrey Biggs, Mason Biggs, Brianna Lucas, Bernard Vallow

LESSONS FOR AUGUST

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Aug 6	Isaiah 55:1-5	145:8-9, 14-21	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
Aug 13	1 Kings 19:9-18	Psalm 85:8-13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
Aug 20	Isiah 56:1, 6-8	Psalm 67	Romans 11:1-2, 29-32	Matthew 21-28
Aug 27	Isaiah 51:1-6	Psalm 138	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20

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NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MASTER / ORGANIST

MUSIC CAMP 2017 was an absolutely AMAZING week!! Attendance encompassed grades K-12 for the first time ever with both a division of activities and a collaboration of effort to produce the fun and meaningful Musical: **“JUDGE JULIE TRULY and The Case of the Holey Roof.”** The entire curriculum of crafts, drumming, boomwhackers, handbells, movement and singing was planned to reinforce learning the musical as well as concepts introduced in the music games class. With an AWESOME staff of volunteers, the week will definitely be considered one of the best! A huge THANK YOU to everyone that contributed!! In His Love, Joanna



Summer Singers

Rehearsal August 17— Noon

Sing in church—August 20

AND / OR

Rehearsal August 20—9:45 a.m. in Music Office

Sing in church: August 20

Summer Singers

Rehearsal I

Aug 2 at 7:30 pm

Play in Church

August 6

Music Camp photos courtesy of Wilma Naylor



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