



M E S S E N G E R

The monthly
newsletter of Advent
Lutheran Church

PENTECOST CELEBRATION INCLUDING CONFIRMATION **Sunday, June 4th 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, June 4th at 8:00, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Our 10:45 a.m. worship will include the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) for Samantha Luther followed by a reception in her honor. Invite family, neighbors and friends and join us for worship on this most holy day.

CELEBRATING OUR 2017 GRADUATES

God is with us in all stages of life, especially as we transition from one stage to another. On June 4th, in all three services, Advent honors our graduates from all levels (Elem, 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. Please remember the following graduates in your prayers: Olivia Anderson (Univ. of NC), Kendall Arnold (Ridgeview HS), Nathan LaBranche (Shadowlawn Elem), Sierra LaBranche (Ridgeview HS), Lauren Morrison (Univ. of West FL), Virginia Morrison (O.P.H.S.), Conrad Redlitz (Univ. of FL), Becky Solberg (Master of Sci – Nursing, UCF), Charlotte Tennant (Middleburg HS), Marty Wagner (Master of Divinity – LTSS), Indira Willadsen (Fleming Island HS), Cordelia Woolard & Sophia Woolard (St. John’s Country Day Elem), Brandon Woolard (Univ. of NC).

Dear Friends in Christ,

Words cannot express the wonderful outpouring of love, support and cards during Pastor David Winter's long hospital stay and passing. We were overwhelmed with the diagnosis of melanoma in November. He is missed very much.

The beautiful memorial service was a blessing to all of our family with over 500 people attending, We thank the Advent Praise Team musicians for the awesome inspiring music. Many thanks to Pastor Jerry Nordsiek, Advent; Pastor James Graeser, Assistant to the Bishop; Pastor Robert Hale, retired Advent; Pastor Ryan Ritzman Cross+Road; Pastor Tommie Darn, High Point Community; for the many hospital visits and their participation in the memorial service April 8th. Also, special thanks to Pastor Clark McPhail for his visits, What a team of wonderful spiritual leaders and friends to Pastor Dave.

Many thanks to everyone from Advent, Cross+Road, and the Via de Cristo community who brought food to the reception following the service. A special thanks to the ladies in the kitchen for set up, preparation, and clean up. Many compliments for a job well done. It was a spectacular celebration for our beloved husband, father, grandfather and friends. God bless you all.

The Winter Family
Irene, Jenny & Sarah
Tim, Holli & Decker

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Editor's Note:

Advent news due no later than June 19th 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 June
22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall. ✝

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 12th – 16th 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
MAKER FUN FACTORY
Created By God – Built For A Purpose

Registration for our Annual Vacation Bible School is ongoing. You can register children (Preschool – 5th Grade) online at www.adventop.org, by phone (904)272-6370, or stop in the church office (Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.). We are looking forward to an exciting week of VBS at Advent.

Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School kicks off June 12th – 16th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year's VBS focuses on the wonder of God's creation. Each day, we discover a new way to celebrate God: God made you; God is for you; God always loves you; God is always with you; God made you for a purpose. Each day, campers will hear the Word of God, sing fun Christian songs, play thematic games, make interesting crafts and discuss that day's theme in an age-appropriate way. Plus there are snacks and goodies and surprises and friends -- you never know what God will create to show His love for His children. VBS is FREE to all participants. Everyone is invited to attend. Advent knows God loves every single person, whether or not they know God. Let us share God's love with your family through this wonderful VBS experience. Please contact Jessie Molendyke at the VBS table in the fellowship hall after services on Sundays with your questions and offers of help.

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL

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

VBS HELPERS NEEDED!

Mid June, Advent hosts its amazing, annual, awesome Vacation Bible School. Every year, we make this free event available to the local community, to share God's love and help children learn about Jesus. But it only succeeds if God's people rally around the mission. We need You! And, God absolutely wants you to help out. Here's HOW...

- Volunteer to work VBS. 8:30 - 1:30, Monday - Friday, June 12 -16. Anyone in 6th grade or older (up to and including our senior OWLS) are welcome to serve with us. Tell us your gifts and we will find the right place for you to help share God's love.
- Volunteer to setup or tear down. We always need extra hands at the start and end of VBS to manage the decorations, organize the supplies, stock the snacks, etc.
- Donate supplies. We need snacks, supplies, surprises, decorations, etc. This list is constantly changing, so please check with Ms. Jessie to see the current needs.
- Sponsor a child. VBS is provided absolutely free to our campers. To help meet that promise, we need your help. Any donation is appreciated; we suggest \$10 per child you are willing to support. You may make your donations in honor or memory of a loved one.

NEW DISCIPLES INFORMATION CLASSES

Wed – June 14th, 21st, & 28th 7:00 p.m. (Dinner 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 Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. starting June 14th. Special thanks to the Advent Evangelism Board for providing meals. Speak with Pastor Jerry if you have any questions.

Dear Advent: Psalm 122 proclaims, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." You, the Advent family, made our parents feel so welcomed and at home when they first communed with you almost 20 years ago. From quilting and building maintenance to counting coins and feeding the needy, our parents loved serving their Lord in a community of givers. It has been a challenging year, but still a blessing as both Dick and Elvie Tietze joined the company of God's angels in eternal rest. Thank you so much to Pastors Jerry Nordsiek and Joy Bolander as they presided over our mother's celebration of life, and to everyone else who honored our mother with music, communion, and a warm-hearted reception of great stories and a delicious feast. We truly appreciate the love and support you have shown us, and will always remember your kind words and embraces. It is indeed an honor to know you and our words of thanks will never be enough to say how much we appreciate the love you held for our parents. Sincerely, The Tietze girls and their families



Preschool News

After an amazing year full of discoveries and learning, our school year is coming to a close. The Graduation Ceremony/End of the Year Program was amazing! I am so proud of all our little ones. Thank you to Ms.

Kristin for all her hard work and dedication. We have one final celebration before our little ones head off to enjoy summer vacation. Our last day of school is June 7th and we will celebrate with a mini carnival in the courtyard: games, food and a bounce house!

This year has been full of changes and challenges. We had to say good-bye to a few wonderful teachers but got the opportunity to welcome a few new ones. Our school continues to be a center full of hard-working and loving teachers where children can come to learn and explore. There are so many people who do so much for us. Pastor Jerry brings the bible to life with music. Ms. Irene thrills the children with magic in the kitchen and an appreciation for art. Ms. Kristin gets the children excited about music. Ms. Amy enthralls our little learners with hands on science experiments and wonderful stories. Ms. Laura is our life saver; a substitute teacher who brings joy to each classroom.

In addition to all these wonderful people who actively teach our students, the support of the congregation has such a huge impact on the success of our school. From the generosity of parishioners helping to provide scholarships, to the Property Board for all their work in keeping our facility safe and attractive and all the smiling faces we encounter in our daily journeys, you are all so very important. A special thank you to the Property Board and Quilters for replacing our shade sails on the playground. We are truly indebted.

While our children will be home for the summer, we will be preparing for a new and exciting school year. If you or someone you know is interested in our program, I can be reached at (904)272-6370 or adventpreschool@bellsouth.net throughout the summer. Kristina Ranieri

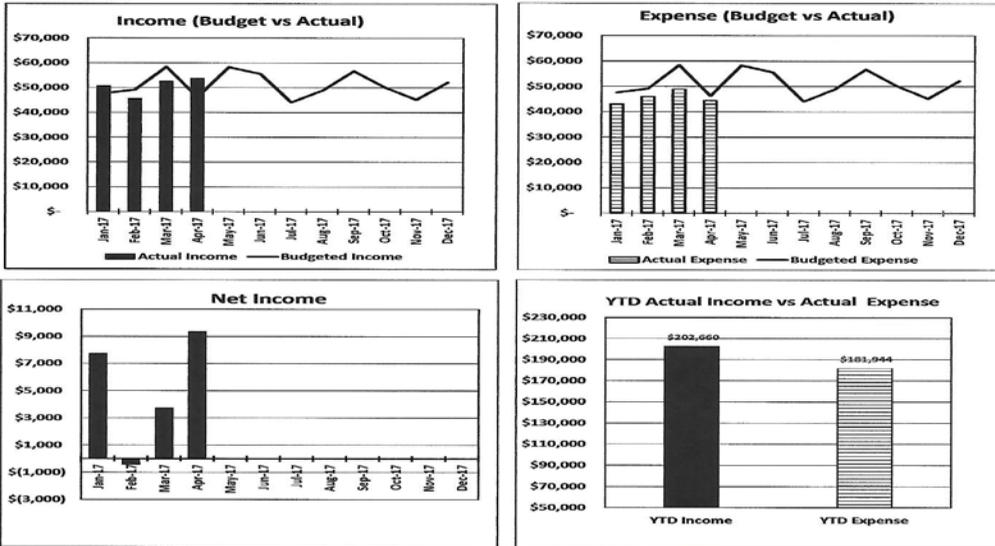
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER VACATION

The last school day of this semester of Advent's Sunday School will be Sunday, June 4. This Summer, we encourage you to spend time discussing Jesus with your family. How can you continue your family's Christian education over the summer?

- Discuss the Children's sermon on the ride home from church
- Watch and discuss family movies with Christian themes (such as "Veggie Tales")
- Purchase an age-appropriate devotional to read with your family
- Help your children memorize key verses (John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9, the Lord's Prayer)

Bible classes will begin again at the end of summer, at the start of the regular school year, Look for future announcements about the start of the next school year.

Advent's Finance at A Glance



OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Sojourners)

The OWLS continue to stay busy. Upcoming events:

June 8th – DOLPHINS & SEA TURTLES at Jekyll Island – Sightseeing Cruise for dolphin watchers, lunch and a visit to Georgia Sea Turtle Center. Brochure Price = \$99 each Cash-Check Rate, otherwise \$102 each.

June 11th – ASSISTED LIVING – THE MUSICAL at Hudson, FL – Includes transportation and nice lunch. Brochure Price = \$98 each Cash-Check Rate, otherwise \$101 each.

If you are going and have not made your reservation, please do so ASAP. These are DESTINATION UNLIMITED TOURS at 904-722-8100. More information at www.destinationsunlimitedtours.com.

COME CELEBRATE PASTOR DAVE WINTER

Would you like an opportunity to share a funny story or fond memory about Pastor Dave Winter? If the answer is yes, you will have that chance! On Saturday June 17 in the Advent Fellowship Hall beginning at 7 p.m., the Sonshine North Via de Cristo community will be sponsoring a coffee/dessert time to do just that. Both Irene and Jenny Winter will be present. **This is open to all those who loved Pastor Dave.** It is not just for those who have attended Via de Cristo. This will be a relaxed and informal setting. A donation will be accepted and go into the Dave Winter scholarship fund for Sonshine Via de Cristo. This scholarship fund is used to help pay the cost of those individuals attending a Via de Cristo weekend. No RSVP is required. Please bring a dessert to share and hope to see you there!!

YOUTH MINISTRY EPIC YOUTH (High School)

Wednesday Night Dinners / Bible Studies – Every other Wednesday evening the EPIC Youth meet at the church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for dinner, bible study, and fun games. Mark your calendars for June 14th and June 28th and come join the fun.

CIA YOUTH (6th-8th Graders)

Friday, June 16th – Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp Baseball Game – Game starts at 7:05 p.m. We will leave the church at 5:30 p.m. Plan to eat supper at the game so bring \$ for a hotdog or JUMBO SHRIMP! Please let us know if you are coming by e-mailing: JR Redlitz: jreddlitz@gmail.com, Andrea Redlitz: redlitz@gmail.com, or Christina White: Christina.white@yahoo.com. Adults are welcome to come as chaperones, just please let us know.

Future activities being discussed: Camping, Beach, Helping at Animal Shelter, Behind the Scenes at the Zoo, Canoeing, Water Park, Bell Ringing with Salvation Army.



The Special Appeal for Advent is seeing numerous financial gifts from the people who love their church family and want to share God's Love in the community. Stewardship truly is a "Heartship" mentality. With over 67% of the goal met, remember that every gift, no matter the size, is a token of love for God's work through Advent. A much needed additional staff person in the areas of outreach ministries and technology will become a reality if the goal is reached. If you have been praying about a financial gift, let this be the week that you send in your gift. Be the mustard seed in the garden and the yeast in the dough. It takes so little to make a huge difference when you are living in God's will. Don't miss out on the joy that comes from investing in God's Kingdom.

June Anniversary Celebrations

David & Mary Dorsey	June 28, 1980
Mark & Roseann Ellis	June 7, 2003
John & Elena Etter	June 15, 1974
Raymond & Tammey Gohl	June 30, 1990
Hugh & Adrienne Hopkins	June 9, 1973
Robert & Debra Leonberger	June 18, 1983
Scott & Sue Lowden	June 24, 1995
Kenneth & Lisa McClelland	June 24, 2000
Mark & Katherine Morrison	June 9, 1990
Wesley & Kathryn Ordonez	June 17, 1989
James & Dawn Poff	June 15, 1996
Wayne & Candace Rautio	June 3, 1965
Walter & Marie Roberts	June 13, 1998
Thomas & Jackie Robinson	June 26, 1977
Ronald & Marlyss Schull	June 18, 1983
Jim & Karen Shockley	June 19, 1976
Scott & Dana West	June 1, 1996
Jeff & Susan Willadsen	June 30, 1990

Life's Transitions

To the Church Triumphant

Rex Rachel, May 14, 2017

Baptism:

May 7, 2017 - Vihaan Jairam Seeram

Parents: Vishwaas and Bagmatie Seeram

May 27, 2017 – Lincoln Clifford Hoffman

Parents: Brendan and Megan Hoffman



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.)



June Birthday Celebrations

- 1 Mary Bilyard, Hailey Dechman, Becky Solberg
- 2 Judith Linde, Carolyn Ordonez
- 3 Bob Gay, DiDi Leblanc, Jenna Schneider
- 4 Larry Ulsh
- 5 Aaron Luther, Jeffrey Willadsen
- 7 Erin Emery, Sue Lowden
- 8 Kirsten Williams
- 11 Kay Fertig
- 12 Rachel Conditt
- 13 Jacob Conditt, Tamre Hammer
- 14 Braxton Schiffer
- 15 Erwin Gandy, Jacob Leblanc
- 18 Amanda Dodds
- 19 Shawn Dorsey, Allaster Hudson, Zack Philpot
- 20 Kerry Underwood
- 21 June Gentle, Paul Hetz, Ronald Olson, Chuck Schroyer
- 22 Brian Schiffer
- 23 Shirley Krause
- 24 Kay Dapra, Audrey Denton
- 25 Janet Reynolds
- 26 Tripp McEuen
- 28 Megan Davis, Amanda Linde, June Lumpkin, Bettilyn Lunetta
Erika Paulk
- 29 Jonathan Dechman, Brad Shuppert
- 30 Jessica Biggs, Spencer Payne

LESSONS FOR JUNE

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
June 4	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35	1 Corinthians 12:3-13	John 20:19-23
June 11	Genesis 1:1-2:4	Psalm 8	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
June 18	Exodus 19:2-8	Psalm 100	Romans 5:1-8	Mathew 9:35-10:8
June 25	Jeremiah 20:7-13	Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18	Romans 6:1-11	Matthew 10:24-39

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NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MASTER / ORGANIST

There aren't enough words to fully express my gratitude for the love and care I have recently experienced from this church family during a time of grief and celebration of the life of my dear husband, Rex Rachel. His love of music and his love of God was unmistakable and far-reaching. We have all been so blessed by his presence and influence in our lives. I can only say "Thank You!"

In His Love, Joanna

Summer Singers

Rehearsal – June 15 at Noon

And/or Rehearsal June 18 -- 9:45 a.m.

Sing June 18 (Rehearsals in Sanctuary)

Check Eagle;s Wings Sundays for Dates in July

Summer Singers

Rehearsal: August 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Play in Church: August 6



MUSIC CAMP 2017

JULY 17-21

Next Planning Meeting: June 5
5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Two Camps:

1. Entering K-Gr.5 9:00 a.m - 12:30 p.m \$25
2. Entering Gr.6-12 5:00 - 9:00 pm \$35

THEME: *Judge Julie Truly* and the case of
the Holey Roof

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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.