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EASTER CELEBRATION

Approximately 500 Attended Advent on Easter Sunday!

Advent celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord with Festive Worship on Easter Sunday, April 16th. Around 500 were in attendance for worship which included special music from our Traditional Choir, the 9:30 “Awaken” Worship Team, Joyful Juniors Children’s Choir, Handbells and other special musicians. Alleluias rang throughout the beautifully decorated sanctuary following their absence during the 40 days of our Lenten journey to the cross. Special thanks to everyone who assisted with our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter worship services and events.

FIRST COMMUNION FOR OUR ADVENT YOUTH

Maundy Thursday

Following classes with Pastor Jerry, the following children and youth from Advent received their First Communion during worship on Maundy Thursday: *Lillian Howard* and *Matthew Lovejoy*. We celebrate with them on this most special day in their lives.



VBS COMING SOON - 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.

Advent Lutheran Church

Orange Park, Florida ✠ May 2017

First Coast Conference Women of ELCA Spring Gathering

Join us at St Mark's Lutheran for Bible study, fellowship, food and speakers

Saturday May 6th from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Registration 8:30-9:00 Registration fee \$10 each, includes lunch

Speaker: Mary Pat Corrigan from Volunteers in Medicine

Guest: Synod WELCA board member Lisa Klima

Host Church: St Mark's Lutheran
3976 Hendricks Ave. – Jacksonville, Fla 32207

Please RSVP to Rachel Mumford
NLT May 3rd
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Editor's Note:

Advent news due no later than May 15th 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 May
25th at 7:00 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall. †

VBS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

June 12th – 16th

Exciting plans for an awesome Vacation Bible School are in the works and Advent is calling on you to come and join the fun. Jessie Molendyk and team are available each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall to answer your questions, receive sponsor-a-child gifts, and share how you can become involved. Volunteer opportunities are available for all of our Advent disciples.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in celebration of Memorial Day.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Advent's Church Council will be Monday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

EPIC (High School)

EPIC Youth Wednesday kickoff will be held May 3rd from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Food, biblical discussion, and FUN, what could be better! The topic the first week will be "How to be a Christian in a non-Christian world." Come check it out and bring a friend or two!

CIA (6th, 7th, and 8th graders) Saturday May 20th – Lock-in, Pizza & Movie Night:

Meet at church at 8:00pm. We will eat pizza while we watch a movie or 2. (CIA kids movie suggestions? Let us know).

What to bring: Sleeping bag and pillow, energy, (not too much we will be sleeping some during the night), a board game you might want to play, and a friend. We will have a light breakfast at 8:00am and then all Worship our Lord together at the 9:30 Service. Please let us know if you are coming.

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Some future CIA monthly activities being discussed, get excited!!!!

- Camping at Camp Chowenwaw in Green Cove Springs
- Beach Trip
- Water Park
- Canoeing
- Bell Ringing with Salvation Army (November/December)

From the Property Board

Where are we going?

The good news is that we have a very functional building on a beautiful piece of property in a great location. If we continue to give it the attention, preventative maintenance and updated modifications it needs, it will last for a long time. The cross is now sealed in copper and the window glazing, framing and replacement of damaged wood has corrected the rain water leak in the middle of the Sanctuary. The flat roof will soon undergo a replacement effort that will be mostly out of sight from the ground.

Lessons learned from the persistent leak prove the importance of property maintenance being adequately addressed in a timely manner. To that end, the Property Board continues to look proactively at the condition of our facilities and systems; what needs to be done to sustain, maintain or improve our property, prioritizing needs and figuring out how we can get them accomplished.

The Property Board is replacing all lighting with LEDs to conserve energy which is reducing our electric bill and reducing the long term maintenance cost of bulb replacements while improving the quality of lighting in the process.

With our many talented volunteer members committing incalculable gifts of time and expertise to so many projects from lighting to landscaping and laying carpet entirely in house for just the material cost without outside support easily saves tens of thousands of dollars each year. It is also through the generosity of this compassionate congregation to step up when maintenance issues arise beyond the scope of our volunteers and we do need assistance, so Thank You!

At our meeting in April, the Board voted to change Saturday work day from the 3rd Saturday to the 2nd Saturday of each month starting with May work day on May 13th, so come and join us for breakfast at 7:30 and spend a few hours with us while we handle/perform basic routine maintenance like changing filters, checking emergency lights and minor repairs of all kinds (no experience necessary).





Preschool News

Summer is quickly approaching and so is the end of our school year. Our classrooms are full of 40 very excited and wonderful children ready to finish out the year with singing, dancing, playing, and creating. Along with our children, our garden is also blossoming. We love taking care of it and reaping the benefits!

This month we will be studying “Water, Water Everywhere”, which includes ponds, oceans and all things water. We will wind up the school year learning about summer fun. The teachers and children will be working hard to prepare for our end of the year program/graduation which will be held on Wednesday, May 31st at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please join us in this celebration! The last day of school will be Wednesday, June 7th and we will have a carnival in the courtyard.

The kids have learned so much this year. They have learned the alphabet, how to count and many other academic concepts but more importantly, they have practiced being kind and learned to love Jesus and each other. Our teachers strive to provide a warm, loving and enriching environment in which our children can learn. Your continuous support and generosity makes this possible. Together we have touched the lives of so many children. Thank you for helping to make our school great!

Kristina Ranieri

Easter Basket Donation to Clothes Closet

Advent Lutheran Church delivered 45 Easter baskets to the Orange Park Clothes Closet on Saturday, April 8th. The baskets were received gladly by the Clothes Closet volunteers saying, “These are just in time, we were about to run out of the baskets we put together!” Advent’s Social Ministry Board requested disciples of the church donate baskets, “grass,” tooth brushes, candy, snacks, and toys to share the joy of Easter. The Board assembled the baskets and prepared them for delivery the next day.

An ongoing project is supplying food and laundry products to the Orange Park High School Food Pantry. The Board is also collecting baby kits (clothing and other baby items) to be sent to the Lutheran World Relief. The LWR sends these kits to areas of the world (including USA) where they are needed.



Nan Nelson, Sadako Long, Joanne Dotson,
June Lumpkin, Penny Klein prepare baskets



48 baskets ready for the Clothes Closet

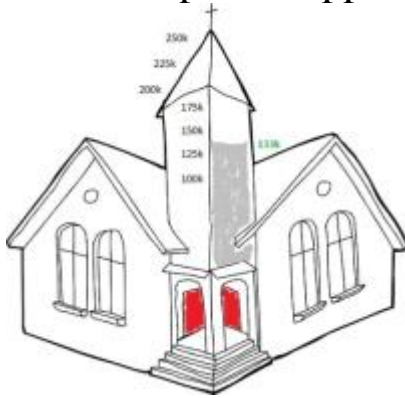
THANK YOU FROM THE CLOTHES CLOSET

Dear Rev. Nordsiek and Advent Lutheran Friends,

Thank you so much for the many ways that you faithfully supported The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry in 2016. We greatly appreciate your food donations throughout the year and especially the 300+ food items collected at your VBS last summer. In 2016 we provided food (usually a week's worth of groceries) to over 7,000 people as many as four times a year plus Thanksgiving or Christmas food "baskets" which included a turkey or ham, canned and fresh vegetables, dressing and gravy mix, cranberry sauce and more to 1136 people. We are always thankful for the Easter baskets and Christmas gifts that are prepared by your church members. Several hundred children of clients receive Easter baskets chosen by their parents each year and probably about that many receive new Christmas toys, books, etc. May God bless you all as you have helped us bless people in need in Clay County for many years.

Gratefully yours, Terry H. Rollen, President

Special Appeal Update



Is Advent Done?

Advent's Disciples have given 61% toward our goal of \$250,000. The physical and immediate needs of our sanctuary (roof and lighting) are well on the way to being resolved through the many generous donations to the Special Appeal. As stated in the "Heartship for God" message in this newsletter, the mission (of which Advent is an important part of) is to get the message of God's unconditional love and the promise of eternity with Him to the community in which we live and raise our families. One way Advent would like to do this is by adding a staff person to provide outreach ministries to those in their 20's, 30's, and 40's. Giving to the Special Appeal has slowed down a bit now that the physical needs of our building are being met. But we are now at a most important part of the goal, the chance to impact our community in a powerful way with an additional staff person.

Let's meet our goal! Please PRAY for this appeal and discern how God is calling you to give a gift of any size. Please designate all gifts as "Special Appeal".

Advent is not Done but just Beginning!

THE ACTS

May Anniversary Celebrations

Joshua & Jessica Biggs	May 30, 2010
Richard & Mary Bilyard	May 22, 1976
DeWayne & Barbara Brown	May 5, 1973
Dan & Beverly Hallisey	May 27, 1968
David & Linda Keller	May 2, 1964
Jack & Gloria Klees	May 8, 1982
Christian & Jennifer Klein	May 25, 2008
Paul & Judith Linde	May 17, 1980
John & Gloria Love	May 20, 2006
Paul & Bettilyn Lunetta	May 1, 1999
Charles & Geri Mendat	May 19, 1979
Jason & Debra Merritt	May 21, 2001
Matthew & Jacquelyn Mizeur	May 22, 1993
Alvin & Cecilia Moore	May 6, 1962
Jules & Margaruite Nagy	May 11, 1963
Frank & Sandi Ricketts	May 19, 2001
Vishal & Jely Seeram	May 26, 2012
Bernard & Connie Vallow	May 29, 1985
James & Bonnie Whitehead	May 25, 1985
Chris & Diana Wilkinson	May 15, 1982
Sam & Darby Young	May 7, 1983
Frank & April Zepka	May 16, 2009

Life's Transitions

To the Church Triumphant

Cherie Decker, 4/18/17

Baptism

April 15, 2017

John William Turkelson

Parents: Bryan and Katherine Turkelson

Grandparents: Wayne and Mary Bolla



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.)



May Birthday Celebrations

- 2 Jessica Dechman, Daniel Middleton
- 3 DeWayne Brown
- 5 Cynthia Davis, Laura Howard
- 6 Matthew Dews, Catherine Lambert, Daniel Moreland, Gerald Nordsiek
- 7 Christina Veres
- 9 Paxton Holley, Donald Oberto, Barbara Rodgers, Timothy Rowlinson, Kara Thomas
- 10 Gina Ballinger, Taryn Lowe, Alvin Moore, Dimitry Willadsen
- 11 Raymond Gohl
- 12 William Buhlert, George Howard, Brenda LaBranche, Ruby Mattson
- 13 Deja Cahall, April Zepka
- 14 Ellen Dittman
- 15 Jennifer Bernauer, Richard Patrick, Dottie Schwartz
- 16 Renate Holt, Kenneth Rees
- 18 Richard Bilyard, Rosanne Lackey, Collin West
- 19 Kara Cox, Dale Eichhorn, Aurora Payne, Charlene Rees
- 20 Christopher Holt, Fay Lambert, Jessica Molendyk, Gertrude Schwabe
- 21 Frances Smith
- 23 Indria Willadsen
- 24 Judy Campbell, Craig Hollis
- 25 Holly Lucas, Abigail McEuen, Wilma Naaylor
- 27 Gerri Aschenbeck, Julie, Baker, Dan Hallisey, Dawn Poff, Vivian Schiffer
- 28 Joshua Redlitz
- 29 Kevin Schiffer, James Smith
- 30 Grace Schaeffer, Kathleen Veres

Lessons for May

May 7	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 14	Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31 1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 21	Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 28	Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68 1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	John 17:1-11

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Music Camp Dates July 17-21

Entering K to Grade 5: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Entering Grade 6-12 afternoon or evening schedule to be determined by your input. Text Joanna at adventmusic@bellsouth.net or call 631-3889 with your preference.



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MASTER / ORGANIST

“What Wondrous Love is this....oh, my soul, oh my soul...” aptly sums up the awesomeness of Christ’s sacrifice for us. What wondrous sounds of gratitude were offered by all the musicians participating in the Easter celebration. Thank you to all who gave so unselfishly of your time and talents to sing (and play.) Let us continue the celebration of a resurrected Lord with sounds of joy in enthusiastic singing!! “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.”

In His Love, Joanna

COMING IN JUNE: Your chance to sing and/or play with minimal commitment....SUMMER SINGERS will be back beginning June 18. Watch for details in the Eagle’s Wings. Plan to share your musical gifts. YOU will be blessed!!

Prepare the Music

Tuesdays	7:00 p.m The Advent Choir
Wednesdays	12:30 p.m. Lighthouse Handbells
Wednesdays	4:30 p.m. Youth Bells (grades 3-8)
Wednesdays	5:30 p.m. Joyful Juniors (K-5)
Wednesdays	7:30 p.m. Advent Ringers
Thursdays	Noon The Early Ensemble
Thursdays	7:30 p.m. “Awaken” Worship Team
Fridays	9:15 a.m. Preschool Music Classes

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