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The monthly newsletter
of Advent Lutheran
Church

All Saints' Sunday

November 5th 8:00, 10:00 & 11:15 a.m.

We will celebrate the festival of All Saints at all of our worship services on Sunday, November 5th. As a part of our worship, we will remember by name all of the Advent disciples who have joined the church triumphant during this past year. Join us for worship on this special festival Sunday in our church year.

Turn Your Clocks Back!

November 5th Is "NO EXCUSE SUNDAY"

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday morning, November 5th. Remember to turn your clocks BACK one hour before retiring for the night on November 5th. Because we are all receiving an extra hour of sleep, NO excuses will be accepted for missing worship on All Saints' Sunday. (*wink*)

Thanksgiving Eve Celebration

Wednesday, November 22nd 7:00 p.m.

Bring family and friends and begin your Thanksgiving festivities with a special worship service on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. This service offers us the opportunity to give thanks to God for the many blessings we share. We encourage everyone to bring a non-perishable food item in addition to regular offerings to place at the foot of the altar as a part of our worship.

Advent Confirms Worship Schedule for Wednesdays in Advent Season

Wed. Evening Nov. 29th 6 p.m. Soup followed by 7 p.m. Advent Service

Wed. Evening Dec 6th 6 p.m. Soup followed by 7 p.m. Advent Service

Wed. Evening Dec 13th 6 p.m. Soup followed by 7 p.m. Advent Service

Wed. Evening Dec 20th 6 p.m. Soup followed by 7 p.m. Advent Service

Our Wednesday evening worship will include Holden Evening Prayer and opportunities for disciples of all ages to assist with decorations and preparations as we await the coming of the Christ Child.

We are looking for volunteers to provide soup for the Advent Services. Please sign up on the signup sheet located on the bulletin board outside of church entrance.

Advent Lutheran Church

Orange Park, Florida ✠ November 2017

LOCKIN AND LAYING OF WREATHS AT THE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN JACKSONVILLE - Friday, December 15th - Saturday December 16th

We will be having a CIA and EPIC Youth Lock-in on Friday night so as to have all the youth at the church and ready to depart for the National Cemetery in the wee hours of Saturday morning (we need to be at the cemetery before 7 a.m.), where we will be honoring our fallen Veterans by helping to lay the Christmas Wreaths at each grave site. More details will follow. Direct any questions to Christina White at christina.white22@yahoo.com or (904) 505-8155, Jr Redlitz at jrredlitz@gmail.com or (904) 318-8340 or Andrea Redlitz at redlitz@gmail.com or (904) 318-8341.

We hope the youth can join us for any/all of these activities. Mark your calendars!

***The Church Office will be closed
November 10th Veterans Day &
November 23rd & 24th for the
Thanksgiving holiday***

In this issue:

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Editor's Note:

Advent news due no later than November 20th 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**

November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall. ✚

“Trunk or Treat” A Huge Success

Special thanks to everyone who helped make this our best Trunk or Treat event ever! 10 different teams worked on 71 different jobs, done by 61 volunteers, plus 34 additional donors of cookies, food, and paper goods. 95 people happily served over 400 guests in our community, including 277 children. What an incredible outreach event. Job well done Advent disciples!

Welcome New Disciples

The following new disciples joined Advent on Sunday, October 8th: *Michelle Keaton & daughter Jonae Parris; Jerry & Judie Himes; Jonathan & Stacy Scott and daughter Caelan Scott. Fred & Deborah Luethy* joined Advent on Sunday, October 29th. Please share a warm Advent welcome with all of our new disciples.

CIA (5th – 8th Graders) NEWS

We have some fun activities scheduled for our youth in the coming weeks and months and we want to make everyone aware of the dates so you can mark your calendars.

BACKYARD GAMES, BONFIRE AND BBQ - Saturday, November 18th, 3 p.m.

The CIA Youth will be gathering at the home of JR and Andrea Redlitz ([2057 Epsilon Court, Orange Park](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2057+Epsilon+Court,+Orange+Park,+FL+32067/@28.4388889,-81.2905556,15z)) for some outside fun and fellowship, including outside games, cooking our own hotdogs over an open fire, and S'mores! Bring yourselves, a friend, and any favorite outside games you may want to play (we also have a lot on hand)! More details to follow as the time approaches. Direct any questions and RSVPs to Andrea Redlitz at redlitza@gmail.com or [\(904\) 318-8341](tel:9043188341).

Meet Our Stephen Leader Team

One of the programs of care and mercy here at Advent is Stephen Ministry. This ministry serves the need for one-to-one lay care for disciples of Advent and those outside the church. In conjunction with Pastor Jerry, there is a special group of people who run this ministry. They are our Stephen Leaders. They have gone through a seven-day training course and are equipped with the tools that they need to ensure that this ministry runs smoothly.



Ruth Johansen

Ruth is the Stephen Leader Team Coordinator and Referrals Coordinator. Her experience with diverse volunteer leadership positions and employed as Administrative Assistant and Sales Coordinator have provided her with broad knowledge in organizing people and resources. Stephen Ministry at Advent is very important to Ruth. Outreach to the community is also important where she uses her Stephen Ministry training with people she meets while serving in various volunteer duties, such as naturalist at Camp Chowenwaw, Past President of a Garden Club Circle, Recording Secretary of the Garden Club, preparing and giving inspirational invocations at a monthly ladies networking group luncheon. As the Stephen Leader Team Coordinator, Ruth will be accountable for oversight of the entire program. As Referrals Coordinator, she will be responsible for matching people in need of care with a Stephen Minister.

Kathy Rowlinson

Kathy coordinates continuing education and supervision for our Stephen Ministry. Kathy currently works as an RN at Orange Park Medical Center in recovery room. She enjoys serving others, and sees Stephen Ministry as the best ministry for herself. Kathy will apply her compassion, patience and understanding to ensure that our Stephen Ministers have the best possible training. In her role as Continuing Education Coordinator, she will ensure that every Stephen Minister is kept up-to-date on special topics and specific areas of concern. She will also oversee them in supervision, thus ensuring that their training is applied in the best possible way.



Dottie Schwartz

Dottie is our Awareness Coordinator and Training Coordinator. She has been a member of Advent since 1973 and is retired from a local credit union. She loves the church and the ministries Advent offers the community along with Via de Cristo. Dottie works to keep the congregation informed about Stephen Ministry. She coordinates informational seminars about Stephen Ministry, telling people about the availability of Stephen Ministers. Dottie works to recruit Stephen Ministers and as Training Coordinator, makes sure they receive excellent training. Each of these people stands ready to help you, should you experience a need for Stephen Ministry. If you are interested in knowing about becoming a Stephen Minister please get in touch with Ruth (214-5120), Kathy (703-3042), or Dottie (708-1983). They will be happy to share with you what would be involved.



November Preschool News

November is here and with it comes a whole lot of fun! Our students will start investigating farms, farm animals and the food that grows there. The kids will use this knowledge to help us prepare for our Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 17th. Our VPK students will help Ms. Irene bake apple pies, our 3s will help her make cornbread and our 2s will help her shake butter. All these treats will be for our feast.

Our school will be closed on Friday, November 10th in honor of Veteran's Day. We will also be closed the week of November 20th-24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Our little learners are so excited to come to school every day. There is always so much going on to explore and discover. Their artwork decorates our hallways and their voices fill our hearts. With the guidance of our amazing teachers and staff, as well as the generosity and support of this congregation, our students are learning to be kind, independent, inquisitive and compassionate.

Thank you to everyone for all your support in helping this preschool thrive. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

We have a few spots still available if you or someone you know is interested in our program. Please contact Kristina Ranieri at (904)272-6370 or adventpreschool@bellsouth.net.

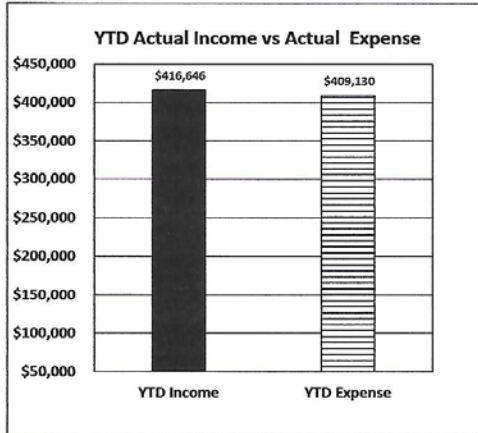
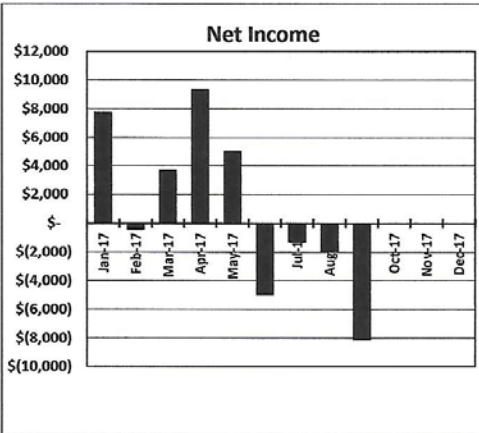
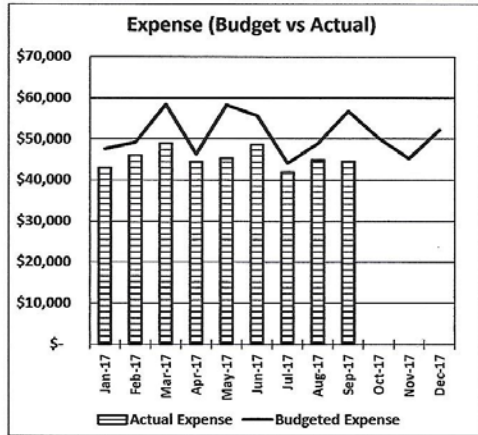
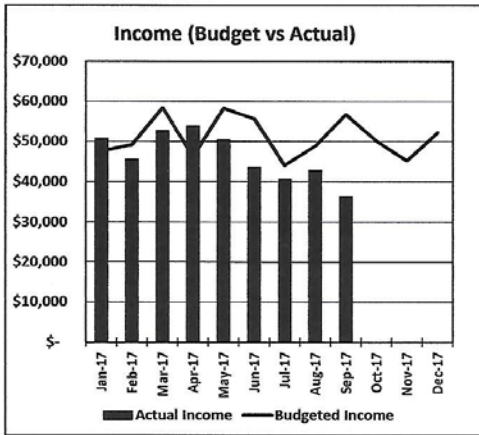
EPIC YOUTH (High School)

Wednesday evening Bible Studies continue on November 1st and 15th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. with dinner included. Invite friends and join us for good food, fellowship and conversation.

Come Help With Property Work Day Saturday, Nov. 11th

The next Property Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 11th beginning with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. followed by projects from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. ALL disciples of Advent are invited to share as much time as you can to assist us in our stewardship of the property God has given us. We have volunteer opportunities for everyone, so come join in the fun!

Advent's Finance at A Glance





Heartship for God (Stewardship from the Heart #5)

Everything we have is a gift from God and the good news is we are already fully equipped to do His work in our community and in the world. His work is going to happen whether we participate or not. The question is whether we will miss out on the JOY of being a part of the plan. Remember those sealed pledges from last November? Have you been faithful in that commitment? Is it time to catch up on that commitment? Are you missing out on the blessings that come from giving from a joyful heart? We worry our abundance is not enough, but in God's plan, it is always enough. Worry does nothing but steal your joy. Move forward in faith and experience the joy in giving back what already belongs to God!
Stewardship Board

Community Thanksgiving Dinner – Feast of Plenty

Once again, Advent is joining with First Baptist Church of Orange Park and Celebration Church in hosting a Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinner will be served on Thanksgiving Day at First Baptist Church of Orange Park on Kingsley Avenue. This event is open to everyone without charge so that everyone can enjoy the day of fellowship. Children are, of course, welcome for this event. We will deliver food for those who are unable to leave home but would like a meal to be delivered.

We will need several items such as Thanksgiving themed large and small plates, small aluminum steam pans, plastic and Styrofoam cups, etc. (the list of needed items is forth coming). We also have to ask for your generous contributions of menu items such as cooked turkeys, gravy, dressing, green beans, etc. as well as canned items and uncooked turkeys. In addition, volunteers are needed on Thanksgiving Day to assist with set-up/decoration, to work as greeters, servers and parking attendants, etc.

Sign-up sheets for dine-in guests or those who want a meal to be delivered will be placed in the Fellowship Hall in early November. Sign-up sheets for cooked or uncooked food as well as volunteers will also be placed in the Fellowship Hall later this month. As for supplies, we will set up a large box in the Fellowship Hall after the list of needed supplies is published. We will have more detailed information soon but wanted to give you heads-up.

November Anniversary Celebrations

Lonnie & Rachel Conditt	November 13, 1999
Wayne & Brenda Courson	November 8, 1985
Mark & Mary Ann Devery	November 24, 1973
Frank & Robin Gebert-Maliscewski	November 12, 2005
Bob & Toni Hale	November 23, 1963
Robert & Janet Hudson	November 23, 1973
Sherwood & Shirley Krause	November 1, 1958
Eddie & Sally Lee	November 26, 2013
John & Marilyn Longworth	November 14, 1967
William & Lauren MacGillivary	November 14, 1970
Jim & Linda Meekins	November 1, 1980
James & Ruth Paine	November 23, 1985
Robert & Julia Painter	November 11, 2000
Mike & Jeanette Phillips	November 26, 1967
John & Nancy Phillips	November 12, 2016
Jim & Becky Solberg	November 30, 1985
Eugene & Jennifer Tennant	November 29, 1997

Life's Transitions

To the Church Triumphant

Bridgette Katherine Grinchis – October 12, 2017

Ruth Torrence - October 16, 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.



November Birthday Celebrations

- 1 Christopher Barrett, David Keller
- 2 Dirk Molendyk
- 3 Janet Hudson
- 4 Bette Bias, Matt Cox, Belle Whiting
- 5 June Rose
- 7 John Love
- 8 Wesley Ordonez, Charles Roberts
- 9 Nanette Nelson, Braden Robinson
- 10 Robert Lambert, Christopher Little, Johathan Ulsh, Scott West
- 13 Tammy Gohl
- 14 Kristen Moreland
- 15 Todd Luther
- 16 George Bailes, Riley Johns, Thomas Parham, Katie Renninger, Noel Rucker, Elka Underwood
- 17 Robin Gebert-Maliscewski
- 18 Mackenzie Devery, Robert Lucas, Jessica Malone
- 19 Stella Brown, Karen Shockley
- 20 Kortney Mitchell, Ed Schwartz
- 21 David Altass
- 22 Michael Sandrik, Jeffrey Snyder
- 24 Lois Jenness, Tim Pingel
- 25 Penny Klein, Amalia Molendyk
- 26 Natalie Schiffer
- 27 Garrett Davis, Brian Turcotte
- 28 Jim Meekins
- 29 Aimee Lucas, Debbie Merritt, Noah Wilkinson
- 30 Jennifer Luman, Steven Rees

LESSONS FOR NOVEMBER

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
November 5	Revelation 7:9-17	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
November 12	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
November 19	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Psalm 90 1-8, 12	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
November 26	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 95:1-7	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46

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Special Appeal Update
Only \$74,071 to Go

It is unbelievable how faithful the disciples at Advent have been in meeting the \$250,000 dollar goal of the Special Appeal! Our roof has been repaired just in time for Hurricane Irma. What a blessing that through your faithfulness, our beautiful building was able to weather the storm. We have such a small amount left to meet an additional goal of providing a staff person to focus on young adults in our church family and those who are seeking a church home. We have taken care of the physical need and now it is the time to take care of some spiritual needs. Please be a part of making this last goal of the Special Appeal happen for Advent.
 Thank you – Stewardship Board

Sharing Love with Music at Advent
Rehearsal Schedule

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Ages</i>	<i>Location</i>
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Advent Choir	Gr. 9-12 & Adults	Sanctuary
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Advent Ringers	Gr. 9-12 & Adults	Sanctuary
Thursday	9:15 a.m.	Preschool Music	2 yrs-VPK	Room 109
	Noon	Early Ensemble	Adults	Sanctuary
	12:50 p.m.	Lighthouse Handbells	Gr. 1-5	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	AWAKEN Worship Team	Adults	Sanctuary

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