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The monthly newsletter
of Advent Lutheran
Church

QUILT SALE – OCT. 7th

Advent's Annual QUILT SALE will be held on Saturday, October 7th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Items available for sale include quilts, baby quilts & other baby items, placemats, table toppers, hand crafted items & holiday decor. Funds raised are used to support various ministries at Advent including the purchase of supplies to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief, local cancer centers, foster children and others. Invite friends and neighbors.

BLESSING OF THE PETS – OCT. 7th

Advent's Annual Blessing of the Pets will be held on Saturday, October 7th from 10 a.m. to Noon. Bring your pet to Advent to receive a special blessing for you and your furry family member. Along with the order of blessing & Scripture readings, you can participate in face painting & crafts, even snacks for you and your pet. We will also accept donations for the Clay County Safe Animal Shelter. Email Jason Merritt at svahatao@yahoo.com with questions.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Festive Worship & Fellowship Meal - October 29th

Join us for festive worship at 8:00, 10:00 and 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, October 29th as we commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. This is a great day to wear something “red.” The Christian Education Board will present the Holy Bible to all 3rd graders who attend Advent. Please contact the church office (272-6370) or Sandi Ricketts, Sunday School Coordinator at tutu50@bellsouth.net with child(ren)'s full name(s), date of birth, age level, your contact information, and the Sunday morning worship time that you plan to attend. Following the 11:15 a.m. service join us in the Fellowship Hall for good food and lots of fun. If you have a favorite German dish, or dish of your choice, please feel “wilkomen” to bring it for sharing. Brats, dogs, buns, condiments, and beverages will be provided by the Fellowship Board.

ORANGE PARK FARMER AND ARTS MARKET TEAM

Come join us as we participate once a month with the Market in Orange Park! We are looking for numerous volunteers to help staff the booth. This is an excellent opportunity to meet the community and spread the word about events and ministry happening at Advent. If you're interested, please contact Dana Luther (dana.luther@gmail.com), or Mary Ann Ball to join the Arts Market Team!

Advent Lutheran Church

Orange Park, Florida ✝ October 2017



TRUNK OR TREAT
Saturday, Oct. 28th 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Come be a part of this year's Trunk or Treat and have fun too! Our Team is enlisting volunteers to host activities and games. Some have unusual names—Pick the Monster's Nose, Monster Mix Up—others are Pumpkin Walk, Clown Bean Bag Toss. You might have a game to suggest and host, let's hear about it. Our guests need to know where to park their cars. Haven't you always wanted to tell people where to go? Yes, we need trunk decorators and many other jobs filled too. Please sign your name to one of the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the breeze way. If you have questions talk with Christina White, Kimberly Flint, or Ruth Johansen.

*The Church Office will be
closed Monday, Oct 9th in
observance of Columbus
Day*

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Editor's Note:

Advent news due no later than
October 23rd 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 October
26th at 7:00 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall. ✚

GET YOUR ADVENT DIRECTORY!

If you had your photo taken by LifeTouch, please stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall to pick up your complimentary copy of the directory! The table will be set up every Sunday in October, so please come during that time. If you're unable to pick up your directory during that time, please contact Dana (dana.luther@gmail.com) to make alternate arrangements. Thank you to everyone who put so much effort into creating the directories! If you did not have your picture taken by LifeTouch, but would like a directory, please contact Dana to be put on the list.

A HURRICANE “HICCUP”

What a hurricane season we have already experienced but praising God that He is with us in the midst of uncertainty, fear, and the complete disruption of the fabric of our lives! Most of us at Advent are back on our feet while prayers and assistance continue to support those families that still need help. Financially, Advent experienced a huge “hiccup” in regular tithing with canceled and missed worship services due to the severe weather. The day to day ministry at Advent is completely dependent on its Disciples’ yearly tithing commitments. The budget has been built around the faithful support of these generous gifts to the work of God through our church family. As you know, all pledged commitments have remained in sealed envelopes. Only you and our Lord and Savior know the amount you promised to give in support of Advent ministries. If you perhaps got behind on your regular giving, please plan next week to drop a check in the mail, the offering plate on Sunday or use the “online giving” link at www.adventop.org to catch up on your tithing. Blessings and Thanks....The Stewardship Board



WEED PATROL

Thanks to all who volunteered, Advent’s Weed Patrol has been assigned. If you want to help with the gardens, but were too late to be assigned, you still may help. You might contact one of the members and share their plot, or just show up and tidy up any garden that needs work. We also have the shrub beds around the church buildings that might attract your attention. A paper showing the members of the Weed Patrol with their assigned plots is on a bulletin board in the breezeway. The gardens are looking so much better, despite the winds of Irma, because you cared and shared your talent and time.



Preschool News

It's October already and we have some big things happening! Our themes this month will cover Safety; how to recognize danger and what to do as well as personal safety and trustworthy grownups. We will learn about Trees & Leaves and how they grow and help us. Our little learners will study Apples and Pumpkins. They will get to compare and taste them, carve and weigh them! And of course, Halloween is the main event this month. We will have a costume parade on Tuesday, Oct 31st. The kids will dress up and parade around the courtyard collecting candy and other goodies! Everyone is welcome to come join us for this celebration to help hand out candy or admire the participants. Policewomen, firemen or anyone who has props or something to share with our students that goes along with this month's themes, feel free to come by or call to speak with me so we can arrange an interesting demonstration.

All our resources are in full swing. Every other Monday we have Jump and Learn with Coach Sally. Ms. Irene either cooks with the children or teaches them about art on Tuesdays, Wednesdays are busy! Our little ones have fun singing and learning Bible stories with Pastor Jerry and get to read and check out books at Library with Ms. Amy. Thursdays, Ms. Amy is back with rocking science activities and experiments. We close out the week with some fun In Music with Ms. Kristin. Every day brings new adventure in learning here.

School will be closed Monday, October 9 for a Teacher Planning Day.

Again, thank you to all of you who help keep our preschool in such great shape. We received 100% on our first DCF inspection of the year in no small part due to you. The playground looks great and we know we can always count on your support to keep things safe and in good working order for our little ones.

We have limited openings but are always ready to welcome new friends. Ms. Laura is ready every Wednesday and Friday for Mother's Morning Out. If you have an appointment, a field trip with another child or just need a little "me" time, bring your little one to a wonderful day of play and learning with an amazing teacher. Please spread the word about our program. Please call, email or stop in anytime or check us out on Facebook.

Kristina Ranieri (904) 272-6370 addventpreschool@bellsouth.net

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ADVENT

Children and teens returned to Sunday School on October 1st with classes starting at 9:05 a.m. This year you and your child can expect a warm, welcoming environment; Age-appropriate instruction firmly rooted in God's Word, Fun activities, joyful songs, creative crafts and delicious snacks. Contact Sandi Ricketts, our Sunday School coordinator at tutu50@bellsouth.net with any questions. In addition, Advent offers a number of Sunday School opportunities for adults at 9:05 a.m. AND 10:00 a.m. We also have Bible Studies offered on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:45 a.m.



Heartship for God (Stewardship from the Heart #4)

I was looking through my treasured notebook of notes from sermons at Advent over the years and came across Pastor Nordsiek's sermon from October 5, 2014. It seemed to fit the "Heartship" message for this month. The Gospel message was Matthew 21:33-46 (take some time to revisit it). The applicable message from Pastor Jerry was: "We are not always the good stewards of what God has given us that we would like to be. At times we find ourselves not wanting God around when He interferes with our own wants and desires. Are there times when we try to be the Owners ourselves? It is easy to forget that we really are the Tenants. As churches in many places are dying are we are more concerned about what makes us comfortable?" Stewardship is much more than money. It is using what God has given us (our time, energy, talents, and the fellowship of other Christians) to proclaim God's love in our community and the world.
Sandy Emery-Stewardship Board

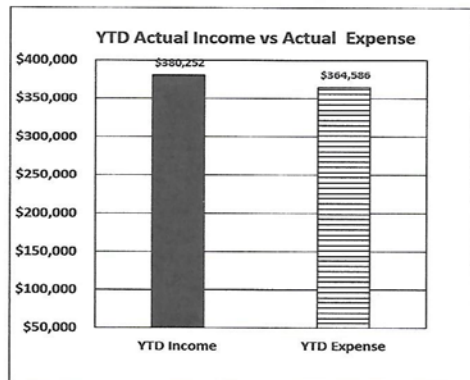
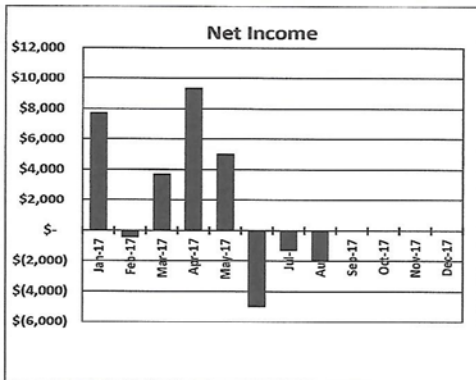
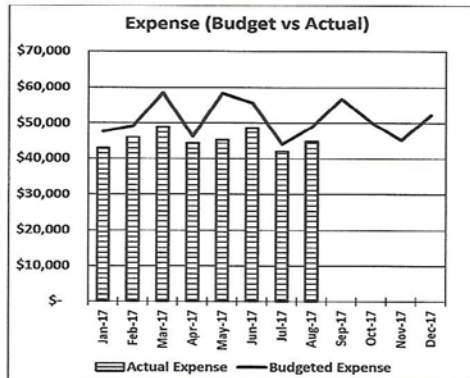
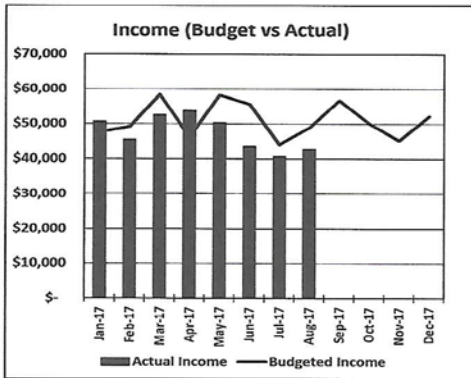
PROPERTY WORK DAYS

The next Property Work Day is scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 14th**. These work days are opportunities for **ALL** able-bodied disciples of Advent to help us take care of the buildings and property God has given us. Work begins at 8 am after an early morning breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and you are invited to come early and enjoy the food and fellowship. OR come later and give as much time as you can. So, if you can help us for an hour from 10-11, we can use you! We try to finish up no later than 12 noon.

NEW "Closer" MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Advent is seeking volunteers willing to serve as "closers" (working on a better title) to secure our buildings (lights, a/c, doors, etc.) following our 11:15 a.m. service each Sunday. Not difficult – will train! So far a number of disciples have volunteered but we are looking for 4 or more additional volunteers. See Pastor Jerry, Steve Benko or Jeff Willadsen if interested.

Advent's Finance at A Glance



EPIC (High School) YOUTH

Wednesday Bible Study (with dinner) Oct. 4th and Oct. 18th at 6:30 p.m.

8th-12th GRADERS & PARENTS

Important informational meeting about the National Youth Gathering (Houston 6/27/18 - 7/1/18) will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 11th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

COFFEE HOSTS - GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

Seeking Volunteer Coffee Hosts for Sunday morning services. Positions available immediately. No experience necessary: will train. Excellent working environment and “heavenly” benefits. Interested? Please contact: Linda Meekins (904) 269-1095 or lindameekins1919@gmail.com.

HURRICANE RELIEF

We continue to pray for all who are suffering in any way from the recent hurricanes. Please see the insert with information about Lutheran Disaster Response and how we can contribute to the relief efforts. The Advent Property Board and many other volunteers are ready and willing to assist disciples and anyone in our community with repairs and cleanup projects. Please contact the Church Office (904-272-6370) Pastor Jerry (727-741-0959) or Todd Luther (904-718-0598) if you (or someone you know) is in need of assistance.

ITEMS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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.

October Anniversary Celebrations

Alan & Cynthia Davis	October 12, 2002
Matt & Lisa Felegy	October 3, 1992
Hank & Sigrid Herppich	October 2, 1964
Craig & Teresa Hollis	October 30, 2001
George & Helen Howard	October 2, 1992
Dirk & Jessica Molendyk	October 23, 1999
Chuck & Nancy Schroyer	October 1, 2004
Ed & Dottie Schwartz	October 20, 1962
Shane & Patricia Turcotte	October 26, 1988
John & Christina Veres	October 12, 1985

Life's Transitions

Janet Lovejoy – September 23rd

Baptisms

Ripken Wade Currie

Born: June 23, 2017

Baptism Date: September 17, 2017

Parents: Ryan Paul Currie



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.)



October Birthday Celebrations

- 1 Susan Ulsh
- 2 Kent Turcotte , Laurie Tyler
- 3 Janet Dechman
- 4 Mary Dorsey, Jennifer Eichhorn, Edward Gribbin, Mary Shelley,
Kenneth Thomas
- 5 Daniel Bilyard
- 7 Chole Beson, Tyler Felegy, Elizabeth Froelich, Marion Hillard, Margaret Lentz,
Jason Merritt
- 8 Nick Potts, Susan Willadsen
- 10 Viktoria Kissinger, Georgia Klees
- 11 Kenneth Johansen, Brad Voss, Wyatt Willadsen
- 12 Andrew Pingel, Ron Wagner
- 13 Ella Howard, Emilie Howard, Carrie Kissinger-Mizell, Matthew Turcotte
- 14 Taylor Klees
- 15 Bryson Hopkins, David Thomas
- 16 Betty Koski
- 17 John Philpot
- 18 Cortney Babcock, Joanna Corbett, Donald Laflamme
- 19 Richard Donovan, Kipton Rupert
- 20 Heather Bias, Paul Currie, Karen Little
- 21 Tania Miller, Emily Pingel, Diana Wikinson
- 23 Eric Emery
- 24 Carl Barnes, Bob Hale, Jeremy Klees
- 25 Beverley Gribbin, Jessica Payne
- 26 Ruth Paine
- 27 May Ann Devery, Mary McDonald, Maddie Moss
- 28 Jessica Rick
- 29 Kaden Thomas
- 30 Bev Hallisey, Mark Morrison, Janice Olson, Carolee Williams

LESSONS FOR OCTOBER

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Oct 8	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalm 80:7-15	Philippians 3:4-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Oct 15	Isaiah 25:1-9	Psalm 23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Oct 22	Isaiah 45:1-7	Psalm 96:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Oct 29	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

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Notes from the Music Master / Organist

Find time in your week to exercise your voice and/or your skill in playing instruments; to build community with believers; to discover new connection to God's spirit and to renew the joy of your salvation...come to choir!!

In His love, Joanna

REHEARSAL SCHEDULES

Tuesday	7:00 p.m	The Advent Choir for Gr. 9-12 & Adults in the Sanctuary
Wednesday	4:45 p.m.	Joyful Juniors for Gr. K-5 in Room 109
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Handbells for Gr. 3-8 in the Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m.	New Music Group for Gr. 6-12 in the Sanctuary (Meets every other week---Help name this group—bring your friends!!)
	7:30 p.m.	Advent Ringers for Gr. 9-12 & Adults in the Sanctuary
Thursday	9:15 a.m.	Preschool Music for 2 yrs. – VPK in Room 109
	NOON	The Early Ensemble for Adults in the Sanctuary
	1:00 p.m.	Lighthouse Handbells for Gr. 1-5 in the Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	AWAKEN Worship Team for Adults in the Sanctuary

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