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### **New Sunday Schedule To Begin September 10th**

Thank you to everyone who attended the informational meetings regarding the Sunday schedule changes to begin **September 10th**. Thank you, also, to those who took the additional time to speak with our council leadership and pastor with concerns, questions and ideas. All of this valuable information was brought back to the council for further discussion. Taking the concerns shared, and with the goal of providing a quality time for Christian Education for all ages (especially for children and youth), while also providing both traditional and contemporary worship opportunities, the council has adjusted the schedule to the following:

**8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship**

**9:05 a.m. Sunday School for ALL ages**

**10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (& SS/fellowship opportunities for adults)**

**11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship**

There is not a "perfect" schedule to meet all of the needs in front of us. This schedule moves the current 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services 30 minutes later and provides a dedicated time for Sunday School for children/youth (top priority) connecting S.S. with both styles of worship. Adults wanting S.S. and late traditional worship will have opportunities for additional SS/Bible Studies and fellowship prior to late traditional worship. A 10 a.m. adult class is already in the works.

### **Advent Rallies for Christian Education**

All disciples of every age, and their families, are invited to attend Advent's celebration of Christian Education at 9:05 a.m. on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Adults will learn about all the Bible classes available to them and how to start a new Bible study here at Advent. Teens (in EPIC and in Confirmation) will get to meet their teachers and learn about the new updated curriculum. Younger disciples and their parents will learn about the exciting new curriculum in our primary classes and get to meet their teachers. This is going to be the very best year Advent has ever had in terms of Christian education. We are so excited to see how the Holy Spirit will grow our faith and understanding, as we immerse ourselves in God's Word. Please come join us on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:05 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Pet Blessing Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. - Noon**

Come join us as we celebrate the love God has for all his creatures, especially his furry children. On Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 and scripture readings, you can participate in face painting and crafts, even snacks for you and your pet. Pet Blessing is free to the community. Pets should be leashed or in carriers. Should you feel called by the Holy Spirit, we will also accept donations for the Clay County Safe Animal Shelter. If you have any questions, please email Deacon Jason at [svahatao@yahoo.com](mailto:svahatao@yahoo.com).

Dear Advent,

How blessed we all are here at Advent --- these many long days sitting first in Orange Park Medical Center – on to Life Care - O.P.K. – back to the hospital where I learned I now had pneumonia – a week of F.L.C. care – new medicines, etc., then it’s back to Kindred Medical Center where I began to take care of myself. Then came the cards – the flowers – the visits and delicious evening meals! Wow! Take a moment to stop – think and thank our Lord for loving us so much. We are truly blessed.

Thank you all for loving me so – for caring for my family and for so many wonderful meals. Each day I felt special and each morning that special feeling was always “my best day yet.”

Thank you all for just caring.

Love,

Cynthia Buhlert and family.

**Annual Quilt Sale: Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Items available for sale include quilts, baby quilts and other baby items, placemats, table toppers, hand crafted items and 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. The quilters have been so busy making quilts for Lutheran World Relief this year that we have depleted our supply of the sheets that we use to back the LWR quilts. We would appreciate the donation of new or used sheets, any size, any color, with no stains or tears. They can be left on the sewing machine table in the kitchen.

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Editor's Note:

Advent news due no later than September 18th to be included in the next issue.

E-mail to [ncschroyer@aol.com](mailto:ncschroyer@aol.com) (preferred) or leave in church office.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

*Naomi Circle* meets

September 28th at 7:00 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall. ✚

## **Youth Sunday School Begins on Sept. 17**

Children and teens return to Sunday School on Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:05 a.m. After some time off it's time to return to class and learn all about Jesus and His people. What can you and your child expect in Advent's Sunday School classes?

- A warm, welcoming environment
- Age-appropriate instruction firmly rooted in God's Word
- Fun activities, joyful songs, creative crafts and delicious snacks

If you have questions about Sunday School, please contact Sandi Rickets, our Sunday School coordinator, at [tutu50@bellsouth.net](mailto:tutu50@bellsouth.net)

## **The Directories Are Coming, The Directories Are Coming!**

We appreciate everyone's patience as we have gone through the arduous task of ensuring that every disciple's information is accurate and up to date. The final proof was approved mid-August, and we should have the directories in hand shortly. A special thanks to Laura Rau for dedicating her time and talents to putting the layout together, and to everyone who assisted in putting together the address information and following up with those who weren't able to verify their information in person. Every family who participated in having their picture taken by LifeTouch will receive a copy of the directory automatically. Stay tuned for more information about distribution when the directories finally arrive. If you would like to assist with the distribution process, we could use some volunteers to help man the table during and between services once they arrive. Please contact [dana.luther@gmail.com](mailto:dana.luther@gmail.com) if you would be willing to assist.

## **Want To Help Tell Folks About Advent?**

The Evangelism Board is putting together a team of people to run a booth at the Orange Park Farmer's and Arts market on Sundays. We are looking for a team of volunteers to help with 1) Setting up the booth, 2) Staffing the booth, 3) Cleaning up the booth, 4) Collecting and organizing items to be distributed at the booth. Our goal is to have a team comprised of people from all the various services so that we can get everything set up and staffed without anyone missing worship! If interested, please contact Dana Luther at [dana.luther@gmail.com](mailto:dana.luther@gmail.com).

## **Advent's Weed Patrol**



Advent has been blessed with lovely gardens. Unfortunately, the gardens are succumbing to grasses and weeds. A Weed Patrol is being formed to return our lovely gardens to their former beauty. With many people sharing the gardening, the job is no longer a burden, but a time to be outdoors and experiencing the stress reduction you get with the pulling of each weed. The gardens are divided into sections. We ask that a person, or family, be responsible for one section. You may weed at a time that is convenient to you, or come on work day (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month), enjoy a delicious breakfast, then don your garden gloves and enjoy pulling weeds. For more information call Ruth Johansen 214-5120. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the courtyard and come have fun in the garden.

## **Youth Grades 8 – 12 + Parents**

### **Important Meeting to Learn About The National Youth Gathering**

Please join Pastor Jerry and our EPIC Youth Team in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to learn more about volunteering and attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering next summer in Houston, TX! We welcome parents and youth in grades 8-12 to learn about this AWESOME opportunity! EPIC Bible Study will take place after this meeting!

### **CIA NEWS**

#### **We have changed the age group for CIA to encompass 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> – Tubing Rock Springs at Kelly Park in Apopka**

This activity will entail tubing at Rock Springs at Kelly Park. Kelly Park features a free-flowing natural spring (68 degrees year round), full-service concession, picnic pavilions and playground. This is not a white water activity. It is a lazy but fun river float that lasts approximately 2&1/2 hours. Tube rentals are \$7 or you can bring your own pool noodles or floats (must be less than 5 feet in length or width.) We will meet at the church at 6:30 a.m. and plan to return late afternoon. Bring a towel and sun screen. You can pack a lunch (we are taking a cooler) or buy food at concession stand. Please RSVP by Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, by email: JR Redlitz: [jrredlitz@gmail.com](mailto:jrredlitz@gmail.com), Andrea Redlitz: [redlitz@gmail.com](mailto:redlitz@gmail.com), or Christina White: [Christina.white@yahoo.com](mailto:Christina.white@yahoo.com). And invite your friends to join us!

### **Looking For 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 269-1095 or [lindameekins1919@gmail.com](mailto:lindameekins1919@gmail.com)

### **Ministry Boards & Church Council Meetings**

In observance of Labor Day, the September Ministry Board meetings, originally scheduled for Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, will be rescheduled to the following Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. The date of the Church Council meeting will remain at the normal schedule, September 18<sup>th</sup>.



### **Special Appeal Update Only \$78,000 to Go!**

After an exciting start which raised \$172,000 toward our goal of \$250,000, our Special Appeal has hit the dreaded “summer slump”! It is so important to meet our goal by the end of the Appeal, which is coming soon. Plans to step up Advent’s Mission to the community are dependent on the remaining funds coming in. If you think God is calling you to contribute or even think that God is calling you to contribute more, remember to mark your gift as “Special Appeal”. All gifts are welcomed, no matter how small. These are exciting times for the life of Advent Lutheran Church! Even if a financial gift is not possible, get involved in all the wonderful fellowship and outreach opportunities Advent has to offer. Thank you – Stewardship Board



### Preschool News

School is in full swing with 27 children learning and playing. We have a dedicated group of amazing teachers all working to help these children develop and thrive academically, socially and spiritually. Brenda Rau, Connie Ratica and Stephanie Holley are teaching our VPK classes. Mildred Davison is teaching our three year olds. Ayla Roberts is our wonderful two year old teacher and Laura Howard teaches our Mother's Morning Out program. Irene Winter continues to thrill all the classes with her cooking skills and art appreciation lessons and Amy Ambrosio wows the students with science experiments and library. Kristin Sakamoto is engaging the little ones with a love of music. And of course, Pastor Jerry provides our spiritual education in a fun and uplifting manner. Together, all these ladies-and gentleman, are working hard to provide a loving and engaging place for our littlest minds to learn and grow.

This month the kids will be learning about themselves, their friends and families and how to keep safe. These themes help children understand how they are the same and different, their place in the world and a little responsibility as well.

Thank you so much to everyone who has worked to provide our preschoolers with a safe, comfortable and inviting environment.

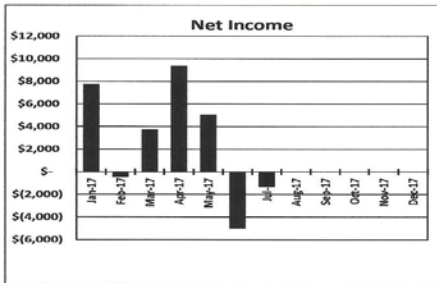
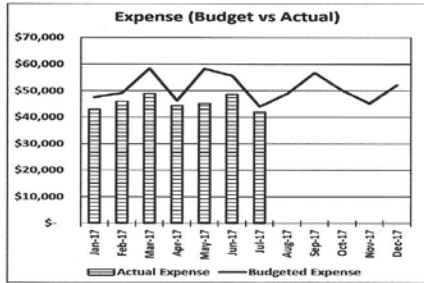
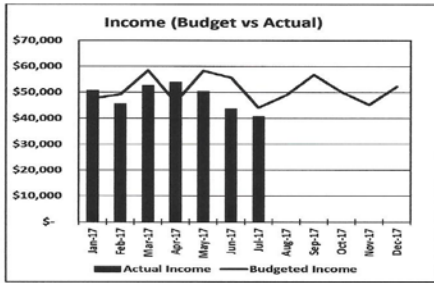
Whether you changed a light bulb, ordered a part, spread mulch or donated items; all of your work is truly appreciated. We all benefit from your generosity.

Limited space is still available in our classrooms. Please contact Kristina Ranieri 272-6370 or [adventprechool@bellsouth.net](mailto:adventprechool@bellsouth.net) for more information.



The whole community is invited to Advent's Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Last year we had 24 decorated trunks. Scott Lowden & family won 1st place for "Skeleton Sauna" and the Morrison family won 2<sup>nd</sup> place with their "Mystery Machine". We hope more disciples will decorate their trunks this year. It is easy, just select a theme and make your trunk bring it alive. Then have some goodies to share with the goblins who visit your vehicle. Since young children will be our guests, we ask that trunks not frighten them. Activities such as photo booth, donut on a string, and Kimberly's table of "body parts" will thrill the youngsters in the Fellowship Hall. We ask Advent's disciples to think of another activity and host it. Free hot dogs, chips, drinks, and cookies baked by our disciples will nourish our guests. More than 55 volunteers participated and had fun last year. We would like to see more of you enjoying the excitement this year by volunteering to decorate a trunk, host an activity, or serve in the kitchen. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the breezeway.

## Advent's Finance at A Glance



### **Older Wiser Lutheran Sojourners (OWLS)**

OKTOBERFEST, the unique annual Bavarian Culture Festival. September 30<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. Don't miss the Wurst-Bier Garten and Oomph music at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery, 111 Busch Dr. in Jacksonville. TICKETS required so purchase yours either in advance or at the door. They are available in different price levels at [www.OktoberfestJacksonville.com](http://www.OktoberfestJacksonville.com) However, [www.localflavor.com](http://www.localflavor.com) offers great prices for ADVANCE purchases in both general and VIP Admission tickets. Just click on DEALS and scroll until you find it listed. Make your reservation known by responding to this email on/before September 23rd. Contact Cynthia Buhlert (904) 298-3385 with questions. Cynthia needs to know how many are going in order to reserve a table. We'll plan to carpool from the church leaving at 10:00 a.m.

### **New Disciples Information Classes Wednesdays – September 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup> 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 September 20<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to the Advent Evangelism Board for providing meals. Speak with Pastor Jerry if you have any questions.

### **Property Work Day Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

ALL disciples of Advent are invited to assist our Property Board with many tasks at the next monthly work day on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Join us for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. followed by fellowship and a little work.

### **What Is The Via De Cristo?**

The Via de Cristo weekend is an opportunity for you to grow in faith and better understand God's grace. October 19-22 is the next men's weekend and the ladies weekend is October 26-29. Contact Penny Klein ([264-6785](tel:264-6785)) or check out the website [SNVDC.ORG](http://SNVDC.ORG) for more information. You will be truly blessed when you attend this "walk with Christ". Attention: Team/Pilgrim Reunion is Saturday, November 11.

Penny Klein, Advent VDC coordinator

*September Anniversary Celebrations*

Arlen & Bette Bias	September 14, 1970
Bob & Nancy Currie	September 20, 1980
Paul & Elizabeth Froelich	September 20, 1986
Marshall & Roseanne Lackey	September 15, 1985
Ames & Sadako Long	September 25, 1968
Robert & Holly Lucas	September 3, 1977
Jim & Wilma Naylor	September 15, 1962
Don & Rhonda Oberto	September 11, 1976
Richard & Nancy Patrick	September 16, 1961
Jim & Phyllis Renninger	September 20, 1969
David & Kathy Rowlinson	September 4, 1982
Tom & Mary Scarbrough	September 3, 1971
Michael & Frances Smith	September 7, 1976
Jeff & Kerrie Snyder	September 4, 1993
David & Lynn Thomas	September 25, 1985

**Baptisms**

**Finn Jacob LaGue**

**Baptism Date:** July 30, 2017

**Parents:** Jacob & Samantha LaGue

**Sponsors:** Jeff & Jennifer Carter

**Kenneth Thomas Lentz II**

**Baptism Date:** August 19, 2017

**Parents:** Kenneth & Jenna Lentz

**Sponsors:** Matthew Hufstetler  
Lauren White



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.)





*September Birthday Celebrations*

- 1 Toni Hale, Danny Renninger
- 3 Matthew Marnell, Marty Wagner
- 5 Donald Cordes, Kevin Hodges, Kelly Thomas
- 6 Ella Dodd, Scott Walsh
- 7 Barbara Brown, Scott Lowden
- 8 Kathy Ordonez
- 10 Annalyse White
- 11 Debra Eastman, Cheryl Voss, Brittany Wilkinson
- 12 Sarah Lawson, Kayla Palmer
- 13 Sandra Smith, Melanie Wheeler, Melissa Wheeler-Rodgers, Timothy Winter
- 14 Gwendolyn Folsom, Sandra Gay
- 15 Lauren Morrison, Amber Rosario
- 16 Scott Cordes, Katherine Myers, Shirley Parham, Adam Palmer
- 17 Ryan Donovan, Carole Lowe
- 18 Jessica Garrett, Sydney Heggood
- 19 Alexander Wilkes
- 20 Shanna Bailes, Katherine Bolla, Paxton Holley, Jacob Poff
- 22 Sarah Allison, Nathan Klein, Nathan LaBranche, Earl Lee, Kelly Wilkerson
- 23 Dick Nyberg, Karina Thomas
- 24 James Poff, Michael Scoble
- 25 Dennis Sandrik, Frank Zepka
- 26 Paul Linde, Karl Rau, Lydia West
- 27 Megan Hoffman, Audrey Ramsey
- 28 Wayne Rautio, Kaylee Thomas
- 29 Leslie Lee Elms, Julie Rodgers, John Ulsh
- 20 Helen Howard, Christopher Rick

## LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
<b>Sept 3</b>	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Psalm 26:1=8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
<b>Sept 10</b>	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Psalm 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
<b>Sept 17</b>	Genesis 50:15-21	Psalm 103:8-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
<b>Sept 24</b>	Jonah 3:10—4:11	Psalm 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16

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## NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MASTER / ORGANIST

IT'S TIME TO GO TO CHOIR---Sing in one of the choruses or play in one of the handbell groups. Note the schedule below and find your place in the choir. In the words of a welcome song: "Come to the choir, no experience required, just a desire to sing (play) unto the Lord!" Your gifts will be welcome!!  
In His love, Joanna

<b>REHEARSAL INFORMATION FOR WEEK</b>				
<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Ages</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	The Advent Choir	Gr. 9-12 & Adults	Sanctuary
Wednesday	4:30 p.m	Youth Handbells	Gr. 3-8	Sanctuary
	5:15 p.m	Joyful Juniors	Gr. K-5	Room 109
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>NEW MUSIC GROUP *</b>	<b>Gr. 6-12</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	7:30 p.m.	Advent Ringers	Gr. 9-12 & Adults	Sanctuary
Thursday	9:15 a.m.	Preschool Music	2 yrs – VPK	Room 109
	NOON	The Early Ensemble	Adults	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	AWAKEN Worship Team	Adults	Sanctuary

\*This group will meet on the alternate weeks when the EPIC youth group is NOT meeting.



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