

**October
2021**



The Candle

Pastor's Message

By the time you will be reading this, I'll be just a couple of days from returning to work! For this, I am praising the Lord! And, once again, I wish to thank you for the prayers,

cards, letters of encouragement and - your patience as you waited for me to heal.

This experience helped me to remember that, as much as we resist change in life, there are times when change is forced upon us. This time, for me, it was an accident. For others it might be the loss of employment or, the birth of a child or, starting school or....well, you get the idea. Any number of events in our life situation can raise the need to adjust and adapt to our new reality.

This month, we celebrate an event that reminds us that some change comes with more intentionality. On October 31, 1517 a German monk, Martin Luther, listed 95 reasons he felt the Church should make a change in their practice of selling "indulgences." The details of this event are better left for other venues than this newsletter article. Suffice it to say - Martin Luther recognized a need for the Church to change - to be re-formed. It is this re-formation that we commemorate. We also are called to remember that reformation is a necessary and ongoing process as we allow God to make us and shape us for His purposes.



Change isn't easy. Change is necessary and God is with us in the midst of our changes.

Grace and peace~

Pastor Steve

dates
to Remember



Blood Drive
Saturday,
October 2
9am-3pm

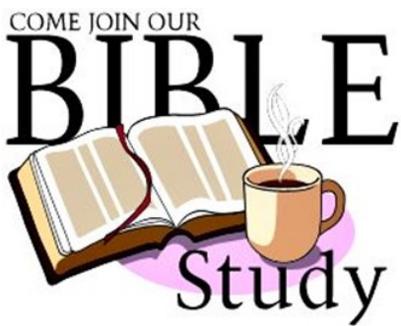


Blessing of the Pets
Monday, October 4
6pm



"The LORD is my
strength and my shield;
my heart TRUSTS
in Him"
Psalm 28:7

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY –The Brown Bag Bible Study group meets on the fourth Thursday of every month from 12-1:30 p.m. – unless otherwise agreed upon in order to accommodate such things as conflicts with holidays etc. We are currently meeting on Zoom and will continue to do so indefinitely. Each month we will focus on a



different book of the Bible – from Genesis to Revelation. This Bible study will be light and informal. In other words – FUN. You DO NOT have to be a Bible scholar to participate. There will be no books to purchase. Just bring your Bible. You DO NOT have to attend every session. If you have to miss one or more sessions, that will be no problem. Just dive back in whenever you can. If you are interested in participating, please call, email or text Tim Krueger or Becky Spudich. Their contact information is in the current church directory.

Group Studies

Men's Studies

- ♦ **Retired Men's Group** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30am. If you are a retired man and would like to share your thoughts and discuss a wide variety of subjects, please join us. We would welcome your participation.



Women's Studies

- ♦ **Sophia Project:** Meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10am-11am in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us.
- ♦ **Hope Circle:** Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30am. All are welcome!



****Please Make Note****
Due to Election Day, the **NOVEMBER Men's Group** will meet on **Monday, November 8 at 9:30am.**

Prayer Chain

Do you wish to feel strengthened and fulfilled by offering your time to help others? Nothing could be more gratifying than lifting someone up in prayer in their time of need. Please contact Sue Keeley @ 862.2790 or by e-mail at suesworkout@att.net if you would like to become part of the prayer chain ministry, or if you have any questions. Prayer is Powerful!!

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Pastor Prayer Intercessors

Sept 25-Oct 1	Sandy Kehler, Jen Egnor
Oct 2-8	Rick & Mary Hofer
Oct 9-15	Phyllis Tucker, Roxana Williams
Oct 16-22	Robin Ironhorse, Becky Spudich
Oct 23-29	Sue Keeley, Alice Santurri
Oct 30-Nov 5	Susan Enzerra, Deb Laukiavich



“I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1



Points from your Parish Nurse

- ♥ October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to promote screening and early detection of breast cancer. Roughly 1 in 8 women in the United States will get breast cancer. Next to skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common kind of cancer in women. You have a better chance of surviving breast cancer if it's found early. As a breast cancer survivor, I can tell you getting a yearly mammogram can save your life. Talk to your doctor about your risk for breast cancer, especially if breast or ovarian cancer runs in your family. Your doctor can help you decide when and how often to get a mammogram. Women of Advent, when was your last mammogram?
- ♥ Care Team Ministry meeting is rescheduled for Saturday, October 2 at 10am in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about our ministry, please join us. We need you!
- ♥ The next Caregivers Support Group meeting is Thursday, October 14 at 1pm. If you are a caregiver or know someone who is, please invite them to join us.
- ♥ Blood pressure screenings will be held on Saturday, October 16 at 7pm and Sunday, October 17 from 10am-11am in the Parish Nurse office. Stop in to have yours checked.
- ♥ Always remember, *"When in doubt, POINT TO THE CROSS!"*

Your servant in Christ,
Christine Noble,
Parish Nurse

Care Team



Sept 19- Oct 2	Mary Jo Jones, Barbara Louis
Oct 3-16	Roxana Williams, Carole Niebes, Lee Sundblom
Oct 17-30	Mary Hofer, Sandy Kehler

Upcoming Blood Drive

Saturday, October 2
9am-3pm.

call 1.800.RED.CROSS

~or~

RedCrossBlood.org
Key word: Advent



"For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,
You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:14

Council Minutes - August

Call to Order: 7:00pm ▪ Meeting opened with moment of silence.

Approval of July Council Meeting: Motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor saw his ENT specialist/surgeon this past week, as well as his speech therapist. Has been told that he should have the full return of his voice, but stressed that he is NOT to overdue it during the healing process.
- Target return date is October 1, but depends on his healing.
- He's been in conversation with the ELCA about disability coverage.
- He plans to restart weekly staff meetings next week.

Treasurer's Report: Eric Williamson

- Pretty good shape through July
- Income slightly under plan and expenses are under budget.
- I/O and Funds: 3 memorials have been added.
- Endowment: 7- \$1000 scholarships awarded.
- New sign is in place, but funds are still needed for payment. Endowment is matching donations received. Cherie will write an article for the newsletter.

**Motion was made and seconded, and the Treasurer's report was approved.

Ministry Team Reports Received: Worship & Music, Finance

- **Fellowship/Outreach:** Fellowship is planning on a team meeting and begin planning activities. Church picnic, August 29, working with W&M. Quilts/Towel packages (for World Relief) will be dropped off in Seville. Day of Service – many projects being offered. Please take pictures. Misc. items for hospitals are being collected (box in the Narthex)
- **Witness:** photo directories have all been delivered. Extras will be kept for new members wishing to join. Hot pads are made by the quilters and given to new members joining. Discussion ensued about making labels for the hot pads. OK Gang met last month for the first time since Covid. Well attended.

Old/Ongoing/New Business:

- **Electronic Sign:** It's up and running. Pastor Steve has been learning how to use the sign and update messages. Greg will contact Jessica at Ruff Sign, as we should be getting/receiving a training for usage.
- **Indoor Worship & Reopening Feedback:** We've had 2 Saturday services to date, and going well. Pastor Rod and Pastor Mackey are alternating weekends.
 - * With Covid numbers on the rise, we may need to reinstate worship reservations, masks (have available at the door), social distance.
- **Policy/Pledge & Building/Worship Reopening:** Denise rewrote the "policy" as a pledge, which is a softer, kinder, more gentle approach – a pledge of love and care.

**Motion was made and seconded, for the adoption of this pledge for Advent; the motion was approved.

- * The Pledge will be posted on the Website, and also on Face Book. This will not be sent to all members, but have copies available in the Narthex, and also placed in the newsletter, providing space availability.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

- **Live Stream Ministry:** Mark Bond has resigned from doing Live-Stream with end of August as final date. Currently, LS has an average of 60+ viewers watching live worship and another 200+ hits afterwards.

How do we move forward: *Use volunteers or hire someone? Break the job into pieces for additional hands (both prework and Sunday morning)?*

Denise has reached out to a contact at the high school, still waiting on a response; she also has reached out to the video production person at Lakeland CC, still waiting for a response. There are 2 video production companies here in Cleveland whom may have more info as to how we should proceed. Denise has emailed them with questions, waiting for a response.

- * Dave is looking for a couple of key people to spearhead a team to gather information. Eric, Dave C, Rick, and Denise (come January) are willing.
- Eric will reach out to area churches/contacts that he knows use/have live-stream (LifePoint), for any info/leads.

- **Youth Director:** Pastor met with Beth Hamilton. We have received word that only half of our teachers are planning on coming back to teach.

* Yes, we need a youth leader/director. It's not just organizing Sunday school, but taking leadership in retreats, events, small groups. Beth is reaching out to parents to see if families are ready to send kids back to in-person Sunday school or attend via zoom, or if they won't attend at all.

- If we want to pursue, a committee needs to be put together: lay, parents, leaders, young people, pastor
No decision was made.

- **Contacting all members about returning to worship/Advent:** a recommendation by Pastor Daubert. After dealing with Covid for approx. 18 months, we need to reach out to our membership, especially those we haven't seen. Personal phone calls is best – direct one on one contact. Survey as a follow up approach.

- * Are you back now – in person or watching livestream?
 - * Likes or dislikes
- * Do you feel safe, comfortable with the lingering pandemic?
 - * Agree/Not with protocols?
- * Families with children – will they be involved with Sunday school?
- * We miss you!
- * Anything Advent can be doing differently?



Cherie and Lida are willing to make calls. Doreen and Chris have also volunteered.

- **Long Range Financial Projection Analysis:** Eric presented a power point presentation. Slides covered different scenarios with data/projections over the course of the next three years, focusing on giving income, staff positions, budgets. Discussion ensued.

- * We may need to go to an “online giving campaign,” especially if it continues to be our prominent worship attendance.
- * Do we need to worry/fear about giving projections now that may or may not happen in the years ahead? We can talk ourselves into fear but God has been with us for 60 years – we need to continue to rely on Him.
 - * If there is a need, people donate
 - * We receive “special gifts”
- * Don't operate out of fear, but out of faith!

Other business:

- **Tables/Chairs:** Endowment has paid for 3 small tables and 8 chairs for the deck. All are all-weather, sturdy, and cleanable. Available for small group meetings, fellowship gatherings, etc.
- **PPP Grant Money:** topic on hold until September meeting.
- **Parking Lot Resurfacing:** no updates at this time.
- **Strategic Planning Communication to Congregation:** The SPC will host a power point slide presentation by Dave Enzerra/SPC team on Sunday August 22, immediately following the 9am worship service. This is an in-person and also Zoom meeting.

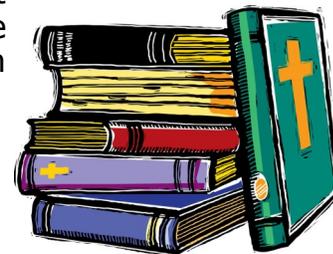
Motion to Adjourn: Motion was made, seconded, and meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Sue Keeley, Sub Council Secretary*

Luther in History

From 1510 to 1520, Luther lectured on the Psalms, and on the books of Hebrews, Romans, and Galatians. As he studied these portions of the Bible, he came to view the use of terms such as penance and righteousness by the Catholic Church in new ways. He became convinced that the church was corrupt in its ways and had lost sight of what he saw as several of the central truths of Christianity. The most important for Luther was the doctrine of justification—God's act of declaring a sinner righteous—by faith alone through God's grace. He began to teach that salvation or redemption is a gift of God's grace, attainable only through faith in Jesus as the Messiah. "This one and firm rock, which we call the doctrine of justification", he writes, "is the chief article of the whole Christian doctrine, which comprehends the understanding of all godliness."

Luther came to understand justification as entirely the work of God. This teaching by Luther was clearly expressed in his 1525 publication *On the Bondage of the Will*, which was written in response to *On Free Will* by Desiderius Erasmus (1524). Luther based his position on predestination on St. Paul's epistle to the Ephesians 2:8–10. Against the teaching of his day that the righteous acts of believers are performed in *cooperation* with God, Luther wrote that Christians receive such righteousness entirely from outside themselves; that righteousness not only comes from Christ but actually *is* the righteousness of Christ, imputed to Christians (rather than infused into them) through faith.



Sunday School News...

Sunday School this year will be a program of intergenerational learning which began on Sunday, September 19 @ 10:15am. We are inviting Children of God of all ages to gather to hear a Bible Story, share their own stories and learn together. We hope to see youth, parents, and grandparents. All are invited!

****Please do not feel that you must stop attending the Adult Sunday School program currently in place. This is another option to consider for those who are not active in any Sunday School experience currently****

Please consider joining us in the Fellowship Hall. In order to protect our youngest members who are not able to receive the COVID vaccine, please wear a mask.

“...but Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.’ Matthew 19:14

In Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Barbara Hill. Barb died on August 28. Funeral services were held at Advent on September 3

Our thoughts, prayers, and Christian sympathies are also extended to Ann Marie Johnson, Bill and Fawn Patrick and families, upon the death of Frank Johnson, September 1. Funeral services were held at Advent on Friday, September 10.

May God comfort all who grief and whose hearts are filled with sorrow.

OK Gang Luncheon

Due to the Covid restrictions, the OK Gang is still planning to meet on October 18, but finding a place that will be open is not guaranteed.

Watch your emails for an E-Blast as we get into October.

“do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your
God; I will strengthen you, I will
help you, I will uphold you with my
victorious right hand”

Isaiah 41: 10



Update for Members Using the GivePlus+ Mobile App

We were notified that Vanco's GivePlus+ Mobile app will not be supported after September 30, 2021. They will be transitioning to a new Vanco Mobile app which you will need to download to your device. **You will be receiving an e-mail with instructions.**

Please note-

- ⇒ Members will not be able to make gifts using the GivePlus+ Mobile app after September 30, 2021.
- ⇒ Vanco Mobile is free and includes many significant upgrades for users.
- ⇒ Members log-in credentials in Vanco Mobile are the same as they are in GivePlus+ Mobile.
- ⇒ Recurring gifts will continue to be made as scheduled.

“Through love , serve one another” Galatians 5:13

Day of Service Thank You!

I want to say thank you to the 12 volunteers who worked so hard at my house on the Day of Service. In a matter of a little over 2 hours they managed to trim the trees in the front yard, pull out an area in the back with bushes, weeds, and who knows what, spread black mulch in the front yard and back, wash all the windows inside and out, and paint the picnic table a beautiful red color! Incredible!! They worked so hard and smiled while they did it. I want to recognize my 12 disciples and say God bless you!

Becky Spudich
Judy Elegante
Cherie Moore
Barb Zahn
Rich Mentch
Kristie Mentch

Matt Killeen
Hilary Killeen
Makayla Killeen
Brady Killeen
Tim Krueger
John Marshaus



With love and gratitude,
Christine Noble

Meals for Project Hope Meals for months ahead

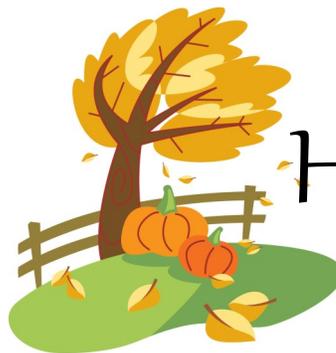
Advent provides meals for Families Moving Forward on the First and Third Wednesdays of each month. There are currently open dates in November and December. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway outside the church office.

Project Hope for the Homeless is in need of meals for their newest guests, "Families Moving Forward." Advent provides a meal to feed approximately 10 persons including children. Meals are to be dropped off at Project Hope, 25 Freedom Road, Painesville—by 5pm at Door #4 in the back. There are no restrictions on the meals. Any questions, please call Christine Noble at 440.346.3120 or Roxana Williams at 440.231.2141. THANK YOU!

Food Pantry Donations needed
for the month of October:

Deodorant & Paper Towels

**Volunteers
Needed**



Happy Fall

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul." 3 John 2

Blessing of the Pets

Calling **ALL** pets (and their owners)!!! That includes cats, dogs, gerbils, hamsters, fish and birds- and all other creatures! Pastor Mackey will be Blessing our Pets on Monday, **October 4th at 6pm** in the church parking lot. We chose October 4th which is the Feast of St. Assisi - the patron saint of animals and the environment. Join us as we honor these members of our families.



The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) program recognizes Lutheran congregations, synods, organizations, colleges, and seminaries that publicly declare their welcome to people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions. Inaugurated in 1983 with just a few congregations scattered across the United States and Canada, the program has grown to include hundreds of faith communities. No matter the setting, the welcoming statement is affirmed and accepted by the whole community. The RIC roster has become known as a resource for people seeking a community prepared to welcome them.

Why would a faith community want to be on the RIC list? Perhaps you feel that your congregation is already welcoming to all people; what difference could having an explicit welcome statement make? Below are some of the reasons we've heard from RIC settings why it is beneficial to the people in their community to be known as RIC.

To reach and retain young people

Researchers are finding that young people value inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people. A 2015 PEW Research poll found that over 70 percent of people born after 1980 support same-gender marriage. Many RIC settings report that the demographic most often drawn in by the RIC status is young couples with children. These folks are seeking communities prepared to help them raise their children in ways consistent with their values. They want their children to grow up surrounded by diversity, to see that they will be loved no matter who they grow up to become.

Altar Flowers

October

3 OPEN
10 OPEN
17 OPEN
24 OPEN
31 Mackey

November

7 OPEN
14 Lenz
21 OPEN
28 OPEN

December

5 OPEN
12 OPEN
19 Williams
26 OPEN



October Altar Guild

Denise Janosko, Becky Young

"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." Mark 16:15

Finance Update · August 31, 2021

GENERAL FUND

Balance 1/1/21	\$ 49,926.52	49,926.52	
Income	183,066.38	187,726.00	(4,659.62)
Expenditures	173,451.30	214,122.00	40,670.70
Ending Balance August 31, 2021	\$59,541.60	\$23,530.52	\$ 36,011.08

BUILDING FUND/ EXISTING MORTGAGE

Balance 1/1/21	\$15,457.18	\$15,457.18	
Income			
Expenditures	5,000.00		(5,000.00)
Ending Balance August 31, 2021	\$ 10,457.18	\$ 15,457.18	\$ (5,000.00) No Mortgage

DESIGNATED/ RESTRICTED FUNDS

Balance 1/1/21	\$131,993.79
Income	29,495.75
Expenditures	37,150.91
Ending Balance August 31, 2021	\$124,338.63

Treasurer's Report with Fund Balances are posted at the end of each month on the council bulletin board in the hallway.

From the Office

Deadline Reminder:

Newsletter information: by the 15th of
the month

Emails: There is a good deal of church information that is sent via email (E-Blasts/Newsletters). If over the years you had "opted-out" of receiving E-Blasts and now wish to receive them, please contact the church office so we can "re-invite" you.



Happy Halloween

**To submit items to *The Candle*, contact:
Sue Keeley - Office Administrator at 440.257.5565
You may also e-mail your information to:
adventmentor1@sbcglobal.net.**

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 Parish Nurse: Christine Noble 346.3120
 Youth Director:

OFFICE HOURS

Administrative Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9am-5pm
 Friday: 9am-12pm

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9am - 1pm / Friday: Day off
"It is always best to call in advance for an appointment as his schedule may take him out of the office even during these times"
 Cell phone: 440.710.4757 / Email: pastorstevebond@aol.com

Parish Nurse

Monday, 10am - 2pm

VOLUNTEER CONTACTS

Greeters

Isabel Tomer (9am)974.1396
 Robyn Lojek (11:30am)974.8464

Worship Assistants (6pm)

Lisha Ciani 216.905.5306

Lay Assistants and Bread Givers

Doreen Mattson 946.5043

Worship Assistants (9am)

..... OPEN

Worship Assistants (11am)

..... OPEN

Nursery

..... OPEN

Ushers

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Altar Guild Chairperson

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• **Healing Touch**
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Dated Material - September 21, 2021

Smile! Know that God Loves **You!**

ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Worship Schedule

- ◆ Live-Stream every Sunday @9:00am
- ◆ In-Person Worship ▪ Saturday's @6:00pm
- ◆ In-Person Worship ▪ Sunday's @9:00am
- ◆ Youth Sunday School ▪ Sunday's ▪ 10:15am
- ◆ Adult Sunday School: ▪ Sunday's ▪ 10:15am

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Advent Welcomes You!

Welcome! With delight, we greet all who come to worship. You are sincerely welcomed and invited to be a regular worshipper here in God's house. If you are looking for a church home, you will find a ready welcome here at Advent Lutheran Church.

Welcome Friends



Advent's Purpose Statement: *"Loved by God, we share Christ's love with all"*