

November 2019



Pastor's Message

November is the month in which we, as a nation, pause to give thanks for our many blessings. It is a time to reflect on what we are thankful for as individuals but, it is also a time to reflect on what we have been given as a nation, as communities and as families. These have been tough times for many, and our country has never seemed so divided in our lifetime. However, scripture calls for us to be thankful in ALL circumstances. In doing so, we remember that God is present amid our lives and may, in fact, be working in those very circumstances to accomplish the will of God.

In a world that is divided over politics, gender and sexuality, income, class, race, religion (did I get them all?) I am thankful that we continue to be a congregation that seeks to listen to our neighbor, especially those who may have different perspectives and that we believe every person is deserving of love and respect, that they are a child of God created in the image of God and, that God is using us to change this world.

Hopefully you are reading this before we participate in another "Teatime for Peace," an opportunity to build relationships with our Muslim brothers and sisters. This will take place on October 29. Also, I invite you to consider visiting the Islamic Center in Parma with us on the 23rd of November.

Please plan on attending the joint worship service on November 19th here at Advent. This service has been planned by the "Shared Hope" team, members of Advent and St. Noel Roman Catholic Church in Willoughby Hills. If you attended the first of these joint worship services you experienced the beauty of our combined choirs, the inspiration of two short homilies by both your pastor and the Priest of St. Noel and, you joined in a great time of fellowship. We expect this second service to be just as inspirational. The theme of this service will be "Thanksgiving" and will serve as our thanksgiving worship experience this year. There will be no service on Wednesday, the eve of Thanksgiving this year.

Finally, allow me to say how thankful I am for you and the ministry we share together.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Steve

dates
Remember



Election Day/
Youth Bake Sale
November 5



Confirmation Retreat
November 8-10



Advent/St. Noel joint
Worship Service
November 19 ▪ 7pm



Happy Thanksgiving!



All Saints' Sunday

November 2 and 3



We remember the saints who have entered rest this past year.

Just a Reminder...

Time Change

Turn your clocks back
Sunday, November 3



The First Half of the Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 10:00am. The purpose of this meeting is to present the candidates to be elected to the 2020 Church Council.

The meeting will immediately follow the 9:00am worship service. Please plan to attend, as you have the opportunity to elect new leaders of Advent Lutheran Church.

November Altar Flowers

- 3 Mackey
- 10 Kelly Smith
- 17 Lenz
- 24 Armao



November Altar Guild:
Nancy Marshaus

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED!

Robert & Olga Adkins

945 Outrigger Cove
Painesville, Ohio 44077

Olga: 832.527.6936

Bob: 832.971.6414

Cheryl Creter

35400 Euclid Avenue C107
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

440.655.9991

Claire Morris

5980 Marine Parkway C104
Mentor on the Lake, Ohio 44060

440.670.8877

Dorothy Pechac

7701 Sharon Drive 3C
Mentor on the Lake, Ohio 44060

702.358.2481

Bonnie Rea

PO Box 103
Grand River, Ohio 44045

352.6072

Christine Trombley

155 Riverside Drive
Painesville Township, Ohio 44077

440.336.0474

Advent Lutheran and St. Noel's Catholic Church to Worship Together

As many of you may recall, Advent Lutheran Church and St. Noel's Roman Catholic Church in Willoughby Hills worshipped together this past May using a Liturgy of the Word & Music. This occurred at St. Noel's. This service was inspired by our Shared Hope Lutheran-Catholic dialogue team. It was so well received that we have decided to do it again. This time Advent Lutheran will be hosting the service. **The service will be conducted on Tuesday, November 19th at 7:30 p.m.**

If you plan to attend, refer to the sign-up sheet on the activities bulletin board across from the office. Since we are the host, please consider bringing a pastry or baked good to share during fellowship after the service.

We would like to see a large turn-out from Advent – so mark your calendars and plan to attend this most meaningful service.

In Christ,
The Prayer and Spirituality Team



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

Did Anyone Say Chili?

We had so much fun at our Chili-Pie cook off & pot-luck this month, and want to thank everyone that participated. We had close to 100 people in the fellowship hall.

A very big Thank You to the Mentor Fire Department Battalion B for their agreement to judge our pie and chili and for spending time with our both young and older members. They really are heroes in many ways!!

Here is the recipe for the First Place Chili:

1 pound ground turkey browned and drained
1 jar medium salsa, chunky
2 small cans of Great Northern beans, drained
1 cup chicken broth
1 cup frozen corn
Mix all together, simmer, then add sliced block of pepper jack cheese.

Simmer until you are ready to eat (I make it the day before, it always taste even better the second day). Enjoy!

God's Blessing
Cherie Moore/Fellowship

Tuba Christmas

Tubas and tuba related instruments, playing all your favorite Christmas carols.

Put on your favorite ugly (or not) Christmas Sweater, Santa Hat, Elf Ears, or Reindeer Antlers and join the fun!
For ALL ages.

Saturday, December 21st
Sleigh (bus) leaves Advent at 9:30am
Destination: EJ Thomas Hall - Akron
Concert is Free

\$25.00 each for the transportation. 30 seats available
Payment is required by Sunday, December 1st to reserve your seat on the sleigh.
Checks made to Advent. Memo - "Tuba Christmas"

Please confirm that you paid by putting your name on the signup sheet. Located across from the offices.



Eat your Christmas cookies and reindeer chow (breakfast) in the morning. Bring your travel mug filled with your favorite elf beverage. Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided for the sleigh ride to and from Akron.

No meals - bring your own lunch if necessary
The sleigh should arrive back to Advent around 3:00pm.
Side note: Due to it being a free concert, it is on a first come, first in basis. Be prepared to stand in line.

Questions? Ask Head Elf: Susan Enzerra SusanE.3479@gmail.com/440.357.1977



The OK Gang Luncheon will be at Ruby Tuesday, 9515 Diamond Centre Drive, on Monday, November 18, at 1:00pm. Their extensive menu and reasonable prices have made it a favorite destination for our group.

We welcome all "Older Kids" to join us, as we enjoy good food in the company of Advent friends. Just sign the list in the office hallway.

We look forward to seeing you!

FELLOWSHIP

Lunch & Lecture

Tuesday, December 3rd @ 11:30am

Christmas in camp during the Civil War

Skye Bistro • 8434 Mentor Ave.

Reservation Required • call 440-974-3572

Mention you are with the Advent group.

Pay for your own lunch that day.

Important: As a matter of courtesy, please call to remove your name from the list if unable to attend.



Air Conditioning Installed for Classrooms 1-4 Endowment is Matching all Donations

At the suggestion of many who were interviewed by our building steering committee this Spring, and with the support and partnership of church council, air conditioning was installed in June in the first four rooms of the education wing. These rooms are used by several groups throughout the year, including summer. Positive feedback and appreciation have since been received from our quilters, various committees and others that use these rooms. **It was great to get this done so quickly** so that our congregation could enjoy this improved space prior to the hot weather.

To help defray the cost which was approximately \$4,300, the opportunity to contribute to an air conditioning (a/c) fund was communicated in July. Thank you to everyone who has donated to date. To close the gap which remains significant, **Endowment has agreed to match all previous donations, plus those made to the a/c fund between now and December 1.** The Endowment Fund supports educational programs and capital improvements beyond those that might not otherwise be able to be provided through Advent's regular operating budget. We believe this project is a nice example of how a collaborative spirit among all involved continues to move us forward.

Dave Enzerra
Endowment Committee Chair



To the Advent Lutheran Church Family:

Food For The Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Pastor Robert Berger on our recent visit to your church.

On behalf of our brothers and sisters throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, we thank you for your compassion and care. We are all blessed by and grateful for your generosity.

*In Christ,
The Food For The Poor Family*



Thank you to all the veterans of Advent Lutheran Church for their dedication and self-sacrifice in the service of our nation both in war and during peace.

John Kulma -

United States Navy and the United States Coast Guard Reserve (Retired)

Chuck Kehler -

United States Naval Reserve

Keith Noble -

United States Navy

Rick Hofer -

United States Naval Reserve

Russell Louis -

United States Army Reserve

Tim Krueger -

United States Army National Guard (Retired)

Bob Kemery -

United States Army

Bob Tilton -

United States Marine Corps

Rob Guy -

United States Marine Corps

Vince Mallen -

United States Army

Tom Morgan -

United States Navy

John Miller -

United States Navy

Gary Egner -

United States Army National Guard

Frank Johnson -

United States Army

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,

The Benefits of Pumpkin *(reprinted from 2016)*

by Megan Minotas

I, along with a majority of Americans, am ecstatic that it is fall because fall is my favorite season. Warm days, cool nights, football, leaves changing color, apple picking, apple cider, and most of all pumpkins! My daughters also love pumpkins because they enjoy our yearly ritual of going to the pumpkin patch and picking out the perfect pumpkin, but I love pumpkins for a whole other reason. I love to cook and bake with them and make savory or sweet dishes and of course pumpkin pie. What people may not know is the pumpkin is a great resource for a variety of reasons. Here are some of the top health benefits of pumpkins:

- ♦ **Vision:** A cup of cooked, mashed pumpkin contains more than 200 percent of your recommended daily intake of vitamin A, which aids in vision. Pumpkins are also rich in carotenoids, which gives the gourd their bright orange color, including beta-carotene, which the body converts into a form of vitamin A for additional peeper protection.
- ♦ **Fiber:** Pumpkin is an often-overlooked source of fiber, but with three grams per one-cup serving and only 49 calories, it can keep you feeling full for longer on fewer calories.
- ♦ **Cholesterol lowering:** Pumpkin seeds are naturally rich in certain plant-based chemicals called phytosterols that have been shown in studies to reduce LDL or “bad” cholesterol.
- ♦ **Cancer fighting:** Like their orange comrades the sweet potato, the carrot and the butternut squash, pumpkins boast the antioxidant beta-carotene, which may play a role in cancer prevention. And the plant sterols in pumpkin seeds have also been linked to fighting off certain cancers.
- ♦ **Fighting wrinkles:** The same free-radical-neutralizing powers of the carotenoids in pumpkin that may keep cancer cells at bay can also help keep the skin wrinkle-free.
- ♦ **Potassium:** A cup of cooked pumpkin has the refueling nutrient of potassium with 564 milligrams. A little extra potassium helps restore the body’s balance of electrolytes after a heavy workout and keeps muscles functioning at their best.

While it is easier and convenient to buy the canned version of pumpkin, it is healthier and pretty simple to make your own. Buy a baking or pie pumpkin (they are the smaller size), cut it into fourths. Scrape out the seeds (save them to bake later and have as a tasty snack!), roast in a 350 degree oven for forty-five minutes or until fork tender. Let them cool and peel off the skin. Put the pumpkin in a food processor or blender and process till smooth. You may have to add water to help it puree. Use right away in your favorite recipe or freeze to use later. I use my pumpkin puree in waffle recipes, making soups, breads and I even use it to make a sauce for my pasta dishes. So next time you are at the pumpkin patch or even the grocery store, try buying a baking pumpkin and explore everything this gourd has to offer.

Health Moment...



Points from your Parish Nurse . . .

♥ November is National Family Caregivers Month. This annual observance is a time to honor family caregivers across the country. This year's theme is "Caregiving Around the Clock". It is an effort to recognize the challenges that family caregivers face and how they manage them day and night. The Caregiving Action Network began promoting national recognition of family caregivers in 1994. President Clinton signed the first National Family Caregivers Month Presidential Proclamation in 1997, and every president since has followed suit issuing an annual proclamation recognizing and honoring family caregivers in November. Over 90 million Americans care for their loved ones with chronic conditions, disabilities, disease, or frailties of old age.

♥ Caregivers Support Group will meet on Thursday, November 14 at 1pm for our monthly meeting. If you are caring for a loved one and faced with the daily challenges that caregiving involves, then know that you are not alone and please join us.

♥ Blood pressure screenings are held on the third weekend of each month. Stop by after worship on Saturday, November 16 at 7pm with Mary Jo Jones and Sunday, November 17 at 10am-11am in the Prayer Room to have yours checked. We have moved to the Prayer Room in an effort to provide more privacy and quiet.

♥ Care Team Ministry will meet on Saturday, December 14 at 9:30am for our annual Christmas gathering in Fellowship Hall. The first Saturday in December will be a Blood Drive so the meeting was moved to the 2nd Saturday. Please join us for a continental breakfast, Christmas music, and fellowship. Don't forget to wear your Christmas sweater! All are welcome!

♥ November is also a time when we stop to give thanks for all our blessings. I will be thanking God for my family and friends and

especially for my Advent Family. Thank you for your continued support and love throughout the year. God bless you all. Happy Thanksgiving!

♥ As always, "When in doubt, Point to the Cross!"

Your servant in Christ,
Christine Noble,
Parish Nurse



Blood Drive

Saturday, December 7, 2019
9:30am-2:30pm



Schedule an appointment online at:

- ♦ RedCrossBlood.org
- ♦ Sponsor keyword: **Advent**

Or call 1.800.RED.CROSS



Blood Pressure Screenings

Saturday, November 16 • 7pm
Sunday, November 17 • 10am
Prayer Room

Care Team



Oct 20-Nov 2	Becky Spudich, Barb Zahn, Lida Mackey
Nov 3-16	Kay Smith, Chelley Bond, Kathy Jennings
Nov 17-30	Mary Jo Jones, Barbara Louis, Bonnie Rea

"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

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.

The Prayer Chain is an intentional ministry focused through a network of callers/emails. The Advent prayer chain is looking for more people who would like to become part of this powerful ministry. Being a member of the prayer chain, prayer requests are sent to you either by e-mail or via the phone tree, then, we ask you to pray. What an honor and privilege it is to pray to our Heavenly Father on someone's behalf.

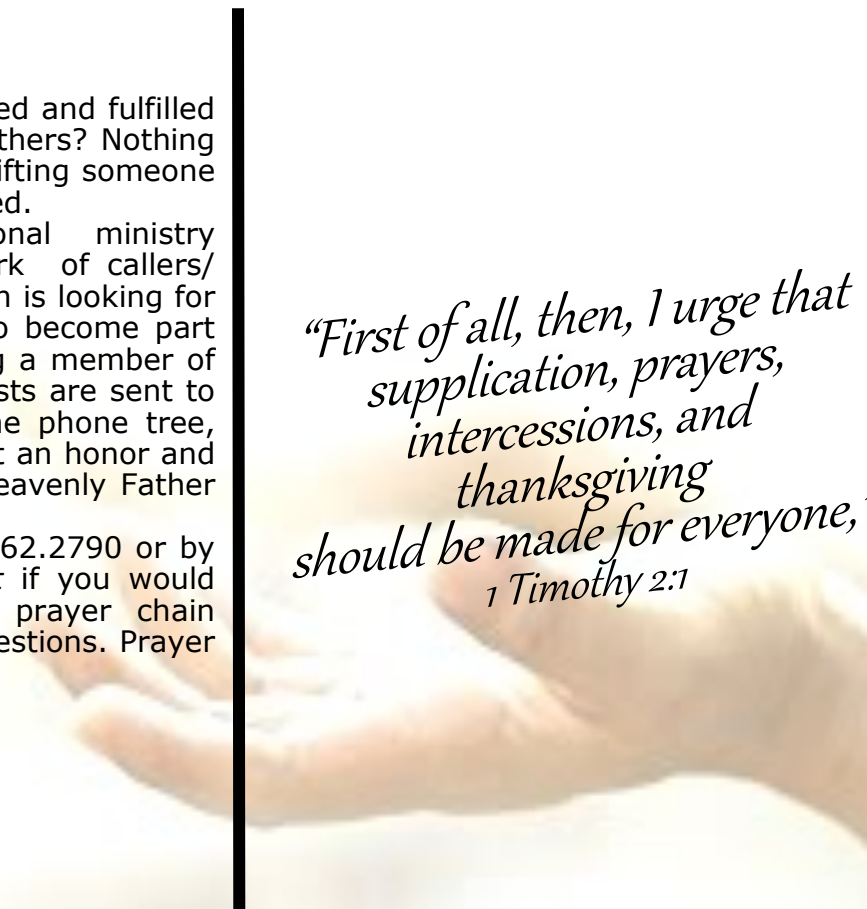
Please contact Sue Keeley @ 862.2790 or by e-mail at suesworkout@att.net if you would like to become part of the prayer chain ministry, or if you have any questions. Prayer is Powerful!!

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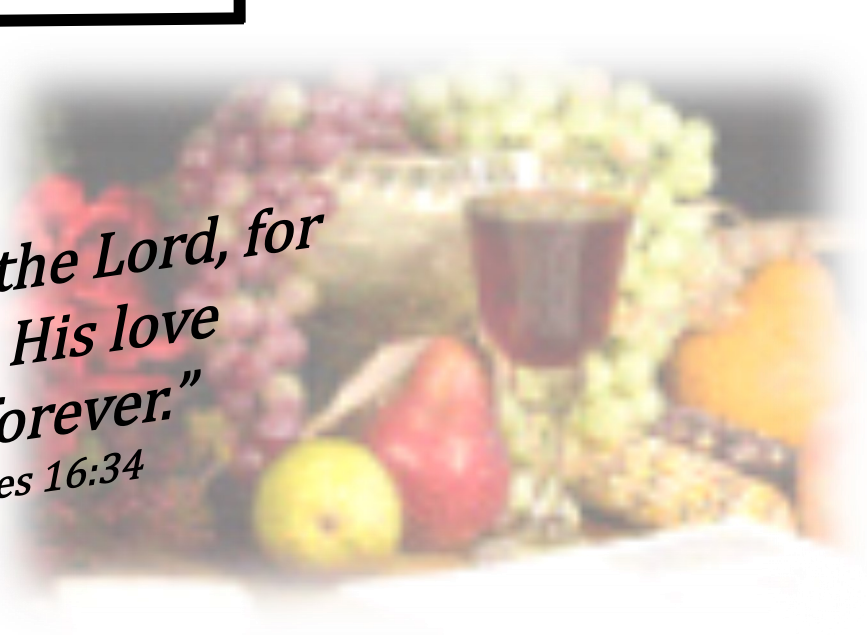
Pastor

Prayer Intercessors

Oct 26-Nov 1	Susan Enzerra, Deb Laukiavich
Nov 2-8	Barb Zahn, Bev McArthur
Nov 9-15	Doreen Mattson, Isabel Tomer
Nov 16-22	Christine Noble, Mary Jo Jones
Nov 30-Dec 6	Sue Keeley, Nancy Shorts



"First of all, then, I urge that supplication, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving should be made for everyone,"
1 Timothy 2:1



"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."
1 Chronicles 16:34

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5: 17

Thanksgiving Bags

We will be distributing bags of Thanksgiving items at the Food Pantry right before the holiday. Please take a bag to fill and help our neighbors have a Happy Thanksgiving! Please return the items by Sunday, November 17th.

1 package Dinner Rolls & 1 package butter
 1 package Stove Top Stuffing
 1 jar or packet Gravy Mix
 2 cans Corn
 1 can Fruit Cocktail & 1 box Jello

~ or ~

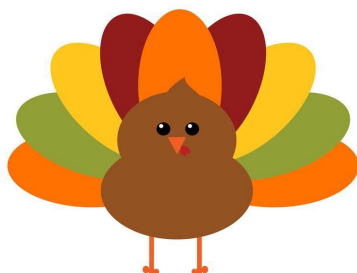
Would you rather donate a Whole Chicken
 or Frozen Pie?

If you, please call the office of St. Andrew at 440.255.8842 so we can plan.

~ or ~

If none of the above, give a donation for purchases needed!

Thank you & Blessings!!



Polling Location at Advent

We will once again be a voting location for the upcoming elections on November 5. We are excited about the many visitors that we will be having come through our doors on Election Day!

We are planning on selling hot lunches/dinners again.

We need your help! There are **MANY** opportunities available that you can partake in through out the day. We are in need of **greeters, food preparers and food table attendants.**

There are sign up sheets in the hallway. Please sign up for an hour or two, or more if you are able. We need many hands to "serve" and make Advent a welcome place to come to on November 5.



Youth Bake Sale

Once again, the students of Advent will be doing their annual bake sale on Election Day. Want to help out?? If you are a student and don't have school November 5th, come to Advent and help us sell the baked goods.

If you would like to donate baked goods, then please talk to Claire or the Middle/High school students.

Christmas Cookies and Cards December 21st ▪ 3pm

Please bring two dozen homemade cookies and join us as we decorate cards for local nursing homes and Project Hope.
Delivery happening Sunday, December 22nd ▪ 1pm

Confirmation

On Sunday, October 27, six of our youth will be affirming their faith in the Rite of Confirmation, during the 11:30am worship service.

Marina Roeder
Ryan Brown
Amelia Flowers
Graci Kettermann
Karen Knapp
Lucas Spencer

Please join us in celebration with them!

DECEMBER 14TH 7PM

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Practice Dec 8th | 1 PM
Students of all ages!
Sign up starting in
November!



Group Studies

Advent.urous Men

- ♦ **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.



****Please note: November's meeting will be on Monday, November 4****

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!



Christian Education

Are you in High School? We will be attending **Youth Explosion** hosted by Willoughby Friends Church. This will be a chance to gather with students from all over Northeast Ohio and celebrate our faith. Add November 15th-16th to your calendar.

The event will cost \$25 a student and we will arrange transportation from Advent. Please contact Claire (adventymd@gmail.com) if interested.

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

November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9am New Members received 11:30am Confirmation 3pm Chocolate Jazz Concert 7:30pm Men's AA	28 9am Easter Seals 7pm Prayer Ministry 7pm Boy Scouts	29 1pm Easter Seals 6pm Tea Time for Peace	30 7pm AA Mtg. 8pm AA Discussion Group	31 9:30am Quilting 7pm Choir Practice	1 7pm AA Mtg. 8pm AA Discussion Group	2
3 7:30pm Men's AA	4 9am Easter Seals 9:30am Retired Men's 7pm W&M Ministry Mtg. 7pm Boy Scouts	5 Election Day 1pm Easter Seals	6 5pm Exec Meeting 6pm Finance Meeting 7pm AA Mtg. 8pm AA Discussion Group	7 9:30am Quilting 7pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting 7pm Choir Practice	8 Confirmation Retreat 7pm AA Mtg. 8pm AA Discussion Group	9 Confirmation Retreat 10am Sophia Project
10 Confirmation Retreat 10am Outreach Ministry Meeting 3pm Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm Men's AA	11 9am Easter Seals 7pm Council Meeting 7pm Boy Scouts	12 9:30am Hope Circle 11:15am Witness Mtg. 1pm Easter Seals	13 7pm AA Mtg. 8pm AA Discussion Group	14 9:30am Quilting 1pm Caregivers Support Group 7pm Choir Practice	15 7pm AA Mtg. 8pm AA Discussion Group	16 7pm BP Screening
17 10am BP Screening 7:30pm Men's AA	18 9am Easter Seals 1pm OK Gang Luncheon 6pm Christian Ed. Mtg. 7pm Boy Scouts	19 1pm Easter Seals 5pm Joint worship with St. Noel	20 6pm Food Pantry 7pm AA Mtg. 8pm AA Discussion Group	21 9:30am Quilting 7pm Choir Practice	22 7pm AA Mtg. 8pm AA Discussion Group	23 Mosque Visit 10am Sophia Project
24 7:30pm Men's AA	25 9am Easter Seals. 7pm Prayer Ministry Mtg. 7pm Boy Scouts	26 LifeTouch Photos 1pm Easter Seals	27 6pm Food Pantry 7pm AA Mtg. 8pm AA Discussion Grp	28	29 LifeTouch Photos 10am Genealogy 101 7pm AA Mtg. 8pm AA Discussion Group	30 LifeTouch Photos



Piecemakers Quilting Circle:

The quilters meet every Thursday at 9:30am. You can call Sandy Agard at 953.1494 or Sara Coleman at 256.1131 if you have questions or you can just show up!

Food Pantry News

September was a busy month at the Food Pantry. We served a total of 473 people.

Please consider joining us the third and fourth Wednesday of each month at St. Andrew's - it is truly a blessed experience.

We are thankful for all the food and grooming items placed in the shopping carts at our church. But please remember it is not for clothes or toys. That is not the purpose of the cart or the Food Pantry.

We want to thank all the wonderful volunteers at the Food Pantry. From the people who work unloading the food truck, to the people that pick-up bread, to the people that pick-up the order from the Dollar Store, shoppers who go with the people, the people who organize, the people on Wednesdays nights, to the people who take the carts back in the parking lot. As you can see, it takes a lot of people.

We especially want to remember Ron Shorts for his dedication and Memorial Bench that is being placed at the food pantry in his honor.

God's Blessing Cherie Moore/Outreach Ministry

Food Pantry Donations needed for the month of November :

**Soap &
Detergent**



UPCaM's Trivia Night Extravaganza!

**Friday, November 1
5pm-9:30pm**

Messiah Lutheran Church, Fairview Park

United Protestant Campus Ministries

— where head, heart, and spirit connect —

- ♦ Play trivia! Cheer on a Team!
- ♦ Tickets Now on sale via Eventbrite for teams of 4 & guests
- ♦ Dinner by Bomba & Desserts by Alisha
- ♦ On-site childcare for 11 and younger
- ♦ 50/50 Raffle, Basket Auction & More!
- ♦ Happy Hour & After-party @ nearby Gunselman's Tavern

Proceeds benefit the United Protestant Campus Ministries proudly sharing the love of Jesus with college students across Cleveland!

**Register Today!
UPCaM.org / 216.421.9614 x301**

Contact Jen Lenz with questions.

Outreach Ministry

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 is a sign up sheet in the hallway. Please sign up as you are able. Meals are provided for 10-15 persons including children. Make it simple and easy. There are no restrictions on the diet. Meals need to be dropped off at 25 Freedom Rd., Painesville at 5pm at Door #4 in the back. Dinner is served at 5pm.

If you have any questions or need help delivering meals, please call Chris Noble at 440.346.3120 or Roxana Williams at 440.231.2141. Thank you for your generous support of this important ministry.

"Through love, serve one another" Galatians 5:13

Council Minutes

September Council Meeting Minutes 9.9.2019

In Attendance: Becky Spudich, Eric Williamson, Dave Cattani, Sandy Kehler, Bob Tilton, Karen Wallster, Cherie Moore, Donna Prescott, Pastor Steve, Denise McClanahan, Thomas Knowles, Bob Kemery, Dave Mattson, Greg Preske (via phone)

Excused:

Guest: Claire Morris

Meeting opened with moment of silence.

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm and the Prayer of Martin Luther said.

Devotion was given by Greg Preske

Claire Morris Proposal: Claire handed out a presentation document: "Advent Coffee Proposal." Claire gave an overview of her proposal for starting a coffee shop here at Advent, benefiting the members of Advent and the community. (Full proposal can be found in the Council documents folder in the main hallway). Discussion took place, questions answered, and Claire will take next step by checking with the city of Mentor for rules and regulations for having a coffee shop within Advent.

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

Treasurer's Report: Dave Mattson

- ♦ Income is 3% below; Expenses and ministry teams are on target
- ♦ Moorman Estate gift was received (approx.. \$64,000.00). Family made no restrictions for usage, but would like to see it honor Al & Doreen's values.

****Motion was made by Dave Mattson, that \$2500 from the gift be used to fulfil the Moorman's 2019 Pledge to Advent, and the remaining gift be placed into Endowment for future usage. Motion was seconded, and approved.**

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

Pastor's Report: (verbal)

- ♦ Book discussion was tabled, please read chapters 9/10 for October's council meeting.
- ♦ Productive Day of Service, 7th year participating. There seems to be a feeling of "running out of gas" for planning this event – not as much excitement with planning and organizing.
- ♦ Positive feedback on the summer Sermon series; as well as positive feedback on the Livestream. Many viewers both on Sundays and during the week.
- ♦ Website is being worked on

Tree situation: we were notified that a large tree branch and large tree came down in back of our property, damaging our neighbors fence and 2 small trees on their property. This is not covered by our insurance and neighbors must contact their insurance companies. Much of the damage (fallen trees) were taken care of during the Day of Service to help our neighbors.

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

Ministry Team Reports Received: Worship & Music, Outreach, Health & Wellness, Prayer & Spirituality, Youth Ministry, Fellowship, Finance, Stewardship

Ministry Teams that did not meet: Property

- ♦ Witness: New member weekend – October 26/27. Dinner at 4:30 on Saturday.
- ♦ Fellowship: Chili Cook-off, October 6

Blessing of the Pets – Saturday, October 5

****Motion was made and seconded, and the ministry team reports were approved.**

Administration/Housekeeping Items:

- ♦ October devotion/snack: Eric Williamson
- ♦ First-half Annual Meeting: December 1, 2019
- ♦ Endowment Scholarship: last year, no one applied for a scholarship. Endowment this year has made available 4 \$1000 scholarship. College students have been notified.

Old Business/Ongoing:

- ♦ **Vanco:** We are receiving approx. \$2000 per month from online giving. At least 20 members have used the program at least one time; we receive about 30 donations per month. Church members were available this past weekend to “help” answer questions/demo the online program.
- ♦ **Website Update:** It is being worked on. Will have new platform, new server, new look with fresh ideas. A team is in place working on this, along with our web designer.

New Business and any other business:

- ♦ **2020 Budget:** Dave would like ministry teams to begin looking at their budgets for next year; budget proposals should be turned in October/early November.
- ♦ **Adult Lounge:** This is the last piece of the Education Hallway renovation. Classroom #1 will be a lounge, classroom #2 the adult bible study room. The BSC suggested new furniture for the lounge, instead of asking for donations. An anonymous donor covered the cost of \$1500 for furniture and it has been ordered. The room will be painted as well.
- ♦ **RIC (Reconciled in Christ):** a request from a few members – for Advent to begin the discussion into becoming a RIC congregation. RIC – to publicly announce that All Are Welcome, regardless of race, sexual preference, gender orientation...All means All. Discussion took place. Many materials/research are available for communication to congregation for knowledge, questions, concerns. We need to reach out, we can't just cater to members within!
**A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all, that we move forward with the process of becoming a RIC congregation.
Denise will research materials, and bring the process/steps to move ahead to the October council meeting.
- ♦ **October Council Meeting Location:** October's meeting will need to be off-site, due to the Rummage Sale. Longo's on Lakeshore was decided. Pastor will call to reserve the backroom for our meeting. Becky will be out of town, Dave Cattani will run the October meeting.
- ♦ **Church Safety:** still on our radar, and we are taking small steps to make safety improvements. Sunday school is starting – **CPOD's are reminded to check the classrooms/education hallway during the morning.**
- ♦ **Constitution:** Denise contacted Dave Lenz about upcoming changes to the Constitution, as the ELCA has stated that changes are coming. Nothing has been reported as of yet.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion was, seconded, and approved at 8:59pm.

The Lord's Prayer was said.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Keeley, Council secretary



Finance Update • September 30, 2019

GENERAL FUND

Balance 1/1/19	\$ 35,995	\$ 35,995	
Income	221,208.52	230,792	(9,583.48)
Expenditures	230,453.91	233,441.18	2,987.27
Ending Balance September 30, 2019	\$26,749.61	\$33,345.82	\$ (6,596.21)

BUILDING FUND/ EXISTING MORTGAGE

Balance 1/1/19	\$15,003.17	\$15,003.17	
Income	4,160		4,160
Expenditures	4,266		(4,266)
Ending Balance September 30, 2019	\$ 14,897.17	\$ 15,003.17	\$ (106) No Mortgage

DESIGNATED/ RESTRICTED FUNDS

Balance 1/1/19	\$ 99,709.49	<i>Treasurer's Report with Fund Balances are posted at the end of each month on the council bulletin board in the hallway.</i>	
Income	86,112.77		
Expenditures	58,296.71		
Ending Balance September 30, 2019	\$127,525.55		

From the Office

Deadline Reminders:

Beacon information: Tuesday's by noon
Newsletter information: by the 15th of the month

Annual Reports Deadline

If you are planning on submitting a report for the Annual Report - please note that the **deadline** is Sunday, December 15!

Advent is LIVE

Please tune in at 9am on Sunday mornings to join us live, as we live-stream our 9am Traditional Worship Service.

Our Contemporary worship service is now being live-streamed the first Sunday of each month.

Please visit our new, updated webpage: adventmentor.org -

**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.**

ADVENT'S STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Steven C. Bond	710.4757
Office Administrator: Sue Keeley	862.2790
Organist: Elizabeth Sumiejski	255.5489
Chancel Choir Director: Doreen Mattson	946.5043
Praise Team Director: Tracy Ammon	749.0690
Parish Nurse: Christine Noble	346.3120
Youth Director: Claire Morris	440.670.8877

OFFICE HOURS

Administrative Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8am-5pm (phones answered at 9am)
Friday: 8am-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
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Lay Assistants and Bread Givers

Doreen Mattson	946.5043
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Worship Assistants (9am)

	OPEN
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Worship Assistants (11am)

Jamie Milavec	882.3013
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Nursery

	OPEN
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Ushers

Bob McClanahan	352.8025
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Worship Tech

Mark Bond	639.0711
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Altar Guild Chairperson

Becky Young	257.7578
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Children's Choir Director

Jennifer Dubeansky	255.1468
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Sunday school

Beth Hamilton	669.1902
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Service Outreach

Dave Lenz	477.5679
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Food Pantry

Dave Lenz	477.5679
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Youth & Family Ministry

Beth Hamilton	669.1902
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Bob Kemery	376.4059
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Prayer Ministry

• Prayer Vigil

Sue Keeley	862.2790
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• Prayer Chain

Sue Keeley	862.2790
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• Healing Touch

Christine Noble	346.3120
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Meals for Members

Barb Caspell	440.840.5393
Barb Louis	352.7055

SuperHeRose Youth Group

SuperLittles

Jen Lenz	614.580.1647
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LAMB (Youth)

Nancy Marshaus	231.9483
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Membership Support

Isabel Tomer	974.1396
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Memorial Gifts

Barb Zahn	440.223.2852
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Finely Aged Ministry

Christine Noble	346.3120
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Funeral Luncheons

Christine Noble	346.3120
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Bonnie Reppert	336.2228
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Historian

Kathy Sneary	221.0445
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Blood Drives

Kim Schmidt	257.1047
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Webmaster

Church Office	257.5565
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Liturgical Arts

Fawn Patrick	357.7898
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Quilting

Sandy Agard	953.1494
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Cradle Roll	OPEN
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Social Media Coordinator	OPEN
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CHURCH COUNCIL

Pr. Steve Bond	710.4757
Becky Spudich (President)	953.1830
Dave Cattani (Vice-President)	440.269.0705
Denise McClanahan	352.8025
Karen Wallster	255.3471
Cherie Moore	623.308.9514
Sandy Kehler	479.4312
Thomas Knowles	428.5835
Donna Prescott	257.4296
Greg Preske	336.1918
Eric Williamson	209.0136
Bob Kemery	376.4059
Bob Tilton	255.8776

Council Secretary

Sue Keeley	862.2790
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Treasurer

Dave Mattson	946.5043
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Financial Secretary

Chelley Bond	639.0711
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Asst. Treasurer

Eric Williamson	209.0136
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MUTUAL MINISTRY

Deb Laukiavich	942.0307
Julie Cattani	391.2061
Gary Swanson	257.8480
Bob Conklin	209.1993
Jenny Helland	974.1776
Jim Williams	622.5165

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MENTOR, OHIO 44060-3703

Dated Material - October 21, 2019

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

ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Worship Schedule

- ♦ Saturday Evening Casual Worship: 6pm
- ♦ Sunday Traditional Worship: 9am
- ♦ Sunday School: 10:05am • all ages
- ♦ Adult Education: 10:15am
- ♦ Sunday Contemporary Worship: 11:30am
(11:00am: June - August)
- ♦ Holy Eucharist celebrated weekly

ON THE WEB: www.adventmentor.org
E-mail: adventmentor1@sbcglobal.net
Pr. Steve Bond: pastorstevebond@aol.com
Christine Noble: adventparishnurse@gmail.com
Claire Morris: adventymd@gmail.com

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



Rev. Steven C. Bond, Pastor

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