

August

ADVENT NEWSLETTER 2021



[A Plea for COVID-19 Vaccinations...](#)

Bishop Kevin Strickland shares a message about staving off this pandemic and encourages ALL to receive the Covid vaccine. To see videos of our bishop and several of our synod siblings pleading that all receive this vaccine click here:

<https://www.elca-ses.org/covid-response-videos>



[Advent COVID-19 Taskforce Update](#)

Sunday, August 1st, Dr. Robert Pendergrast, from Advent's COVID-19 Taskforce, gave an update on COVID-19 and the Delta Variant. Thank you, Dr. Robert Pendergrast and Advent's COVID-19 Taskforce, for the update! You can watch the video clip here:

<https://fb.watch/7aDXcnk-ly/>



Advent will be welcoming new members on Sunday, August 29th during the 9:30am worship time. We will hold a new member orientation class after worship on August 22nd. If you are interested in joining Advent Lutheran Church, we invite you to attend the class on the 22nd. If you have any questions, Pastor Jason and Pastor Andrea would love to talk with you. The pastors are free to talk after church or you can email, text or call them.

Blessing of the Backpacks



On Sunday, August 1st we held a blessing of Backpacks, Students and Teachers as the school year begins for many Advent Students and Teachers. You can watch the Blessing through Advent's worship video on our website:

www.adventaugusta.org. If you are a student or teacher and were not able to participate, we have plenty of special blessing tags for your backpacks, bags or briefcases. See the pastors and they would be happy to give you a backpack tag with a special blessing as you start this new school year. This year's verse is from Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

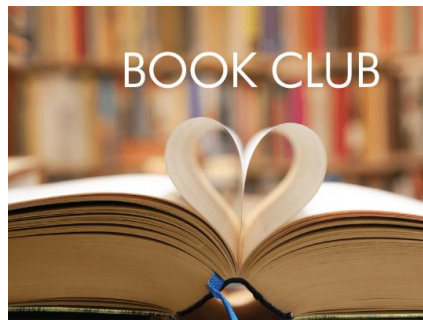


Mark your calendars for Sept. 11 & 12, congregations will join together for **"God's work. Our hands." Event**. At Advent, we have traditionally made a weekend out of this great service opportunity and are in the beginning planning phase.

This annual day of service is an opportunity for us to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor.



August 10, 2021 at 6:30pm at Advent or via Zoom, Join us as we discuss ministry amid the pandemic. We will discuss plans for Rally Day, Sunday School and God's Work, Our Hands Weekend. We hope you will come and be a part of this much needed ministry planning session at Advent!



This year Advent's Book Group will meet regularly on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 AM in the adult Sunday school room. We hope you'll come for a fun time of lively discussion and fellowship.

In August we will meet for a planning session and covered-dish luncheon on Monday, August 30th, at 11:30 AM, in the church fellowship hall. We will select four new books for the up coming year. (We already have four selections held over from the past year's list when we were unable to gather.)

If you have any questions , please contact Gayle Ricklefs

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I don't know about you, but in these endless days of staying home, I long to DO SOMETHING – especially something of significance! Let me mention two significant ways that we can work with God which will expand our relationship with

Him and help others too. Over twenty years ago, Jesus invited us at Advent to follow Him on an adventure – a Prayer Adventure. Those who choose to follow Him in this, promise to pray for about ten other members or frequent visitors by name at least once a week for one year. We ask God, who knows and loves each one, to guide us in knowing what to pray. Along the way, we grow in our love for God as well as those for whom we pray. (A sheet with some helpful hints is also available.)

Another significant service we can do is being part of Advent's email prayer chain. People who sign up for this ministry agree to check their email daily, immediately pray for needs or thanksgivings, and keep requests confidential. When someone wants others to pray for a need or to join them in giving thanks, they can notify Gayle Ricklefs or Mary Suprek.

If you would like to step out and serve in either or both of these ministries, please contact the church office, contact Gayle Ricklefs at ricklefs3@comcast.net, or complete the form and drop it off at church on September 5th or 12th.

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Advent Prayer ADVENTure 2021-2022

_____ I agree to pray for other members and visitors of Advent for one year.

_____ I want to know more about praying for members and visitors of Advent for one year.

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Advent Email Prayer Chain

_____ I want to serve on Advent's email prayer chain.

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Email: _____



CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT(LOCATION)
August 1	9:30am Inside Worship with Holy Communion & Blessing of Backpacks (Advent/Zoom)
August 7	8-9am AA Early Birds Celebration (Advent) 9am Property Meeting (Advent)
August 8	9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Advent/Zoom)
August 10	6:30pm Ministry Night (Advent/Zoom)
August 15	9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Advent/Zoom)
August 17	6:30pm Church Council Meeting (Advent/Zoom)
August 21	8-9am AA Early Birds Celebration (Advent)
August 22	9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Advent/Zoom) 10:30am New Member Class
August 28	8-9am AA Early Birds Celebration (Advent) 7-9:30pm Augusta Chinese Christian Church Meeting (Advent)
August 29	9:30am Worship with Holy Communion & Installation of New Members (Advent/Zoom)
August 30	10am Advent Book Group (Advent)



August Birthdays

8/1 Jackson Taylor
8/2 Matthew Krog
8/2 Sid Roper
8/9 Wyatt Tokarska
8/10 Wendy Lever
8/11 Nancy Tokarska
8/15 Ingrid Zamecnik
8/16 Lyla Fischer
8/17 Dale Tupper
8/17 Kenneth Furlong
8/18 Katie Licitis
8/18 Kathie Roper
8/22 Maggie Heaney
8/23 Rhett Bickley
8/30 Sam Jimenez



August Anniversaries

8/3 Danny & Laura Moran
8/15 Dean and Darla Summers
8/17 Jim & Maggie Heaney
8/30 Jack & Ingrid Zamecnik

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