



## Advent Newsletter 2021



### Two Music Ministry Updates

- ♪ In Person Choir is Back! We were so blessed with those at Advent who shared their talents through the Virtual Choir and Zoom throughout the Pandemic. Because the COVID numbers in the CSRA are declining and vaccination rates are rising, we are excited to welcome back all of Advent's choir members in person and live. Choir Practice is every Wednesday at 7pm for those who are interested in joining. We thank Paul for his Virtual Choir leadership during the pandemic. We thank Melinda for leading the choir in person once again. The first Choir piece will be for Reformation Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ♪ Advent's Contemporary Praise Team is back! After years of hiatus, the Contemporary Praise Team reconvened for an organizational meeting. Paul and Susie Nelson have agreed to lead this new group along with Paul Filpus-Luyckx, Heather & Violet Herrmann, Robert Pendergrast, & Pam Tipler. If you are interested in joining the Praise Team at Advent, you can email the group at [PraiseTeam@adventaugusta.org](mailto:PraiseTeam@adventaugusta.org). The first contemporary service will be on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.



Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> following Worship, Advent will hold its Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting. On the agenda is the approval of the proposed budget for 2022. The budget is being finalized and will be sent out via email when it is completed. We will also have printed copies of the proposed budget available on November 14<sup>th</sup> at the meeting. We hope to see you there!

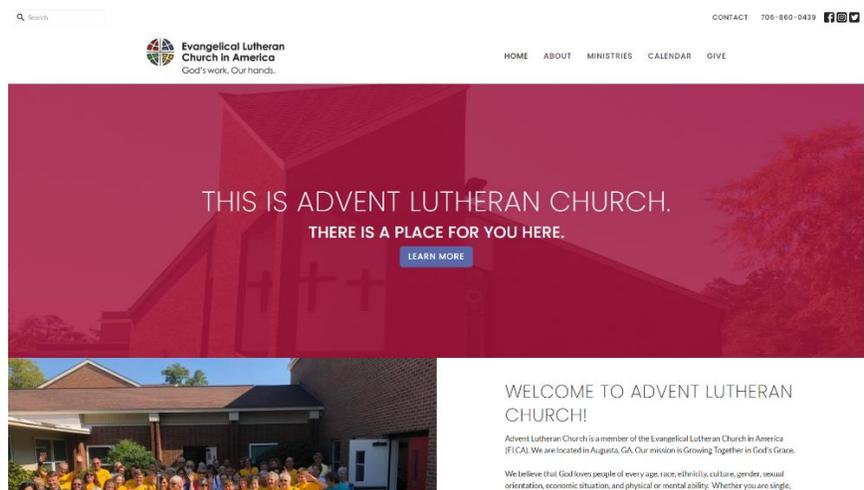


Advent Lutheran Church has a new phone answering service. As SAS would say, “Knock and it shall be opened unto you. Call and SAS shall answer for you!”

This new call service for Advent has been extremely helpful in answering all of the calls that come into Advent 24/7. The pastors receive a text message and email when every call comes in, which allows for us to respond promptly. This is a live, not recorded service and you will be able to talk directly to a person. SAS has all of the basic information about the church including worship times, and is able to respond accordingly. If SAS does not have an answer for the caller, they will take a message so that, a text/email is sent immediately, and the call can be returned quickly.

We have already seen the benefit of having this 24/7 call service. A member called the Church one Saturday night sharing the news that their wife had died. Normally the call would not have been seen until the next morning. When the pastors received the text alert, they were able to call the member to talk and pray with them immediately.

In a growing age of technology and accessibility, we believe that this new service will be beneficial to ministry here at Advent. Feel free to call and give it a test.



**Advent’s Website has been redesigned for better communication and information.**

**Check us out at [www.adventaugusta.org](http://www.adventaugusta.org)**

## SERVICE MINISTRY NEWS

### HATS, GLOVES & SOCKS COLLECTION



Imagine being homeless.....and cold!

We are collecting during November & December: warm hats, gloves and socks for GAP Ministries. We especially need large size men's socks. They are the most requested item when the weather gets cold.

Large size gloves are also requested. Hats that can pull down over the ears help keep those in need warm at night.

Please deposit these items in the Special donation box in the Narthex

Thank you for being so generous in donating items for those in need throughout the year. Advent is truly filled with such faith filled people of God.

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## THE ANGEL TREE IS COMING!



The Angel Tree with names of Angels will be here this month. Please select an angel as you begin your Christmas shopping. If you are interested in helping with the Angel Tree, please contact Marcy Jimenez. Thank you, Marcy, for organizing this important event again! You did an amazing job last year and we thank you for your work this year!



## **THANKSGIVING DINNER AND WORSHIP**

### **November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm**

This year we will hold an in person Thanksgiving Worship Service at Advent. We are hoping that the COVID numbers in our area will continue to decrease and we can once again resume this Annual Event.

The Thanksgiving Dinner & Worship event is much like Advent's Seder Meal. The meal and worship are intertwined during the service. We will eat, pray, sing, and fellowship together all in one service.

We hope that we will be able to hold this event. However, we understand that we still find ourselves in the midst of the Pandemic and a rise in numbers could change this event. We will meet for Ministry Night, November 9<sup>th</sup> to make final plans for this event. If because of the Pandemic this event is not able to occur as planned, we will still hold a time of Thanksgiving Worship to give God thanks and praise.



**Sunday, November 7th**



## November 14<sup>th</sup> is Consecration Sunday.

**Our Stewardship Theme for this year is “Generosity” based on 2 Corinthians 9:11:**

**“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;”**

The following is an excerpt from Ministry Matters By Robert Schnase:

*What’s the difference between “stewardship” and “generosity”? What comes to mind when you hear those words?*

*We are stewards of the earth. We are stewards of those things entrusted to us, inherited by us, and earned by us. We are stewards of our wealth and possessions and physical bodies. Stewards are those people in ancient times who were trustees, who had responsibilities, who cared for things owned by someone else. Today we don’t hear much about stewards and stewardship outside the church; it’s a language derived from our biblical roots and our church heritage. It risks becoming insider language, not easily accessible or immediately understandable by those new to the church. We grew up hearing about stewardship, stewardship campaigns, and committees on stewardship. The language focused our attention on supporting the church financially.*

*Generosity is an aspect of character. It is an attractive quality which we all can aspire to and desire to see cultivated in life. Generosity extends beyond just the use of money, although it most definitely includes that. There are generous spirits; generous souls; people who are generous with their time, with their teaching, with their love. Generosity finds many biblical sources, and is a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). It sounds more organic, more generative, less legalistic, less formal than stewardship.*

*Generosity is not a spiritual attribute someone acquires apart from the actual practice of giving. It becomes discernable through action. We never describe people as generous who keep everything for themselves and only serve themselves.*

*Generosity focuses on the spiritual qualities of the giver, derived from the generosity of God, rather than on the church’s need for money. One of these terms is not superior to the other. Perhaps there are shades of difference in how they are perceived by young and old, those new to the faith from those long-established in our churches.*

This year at Advent, we will focus on generous giving. How can we grow more in our understanding of giving generously back to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions? We hope that you will join us on for worship on November 14<sup>th</sup>!

# HOPE

## *for the Holidays*<sup>™</sup>

*Join Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service in spreading hope to children and families in immigration detention this holiday season.*

Download the 2021 Hope for the Holidays<sup>™</sup> toolkit to get involved in the following:

**Act:** Write and decorate holiday cards in English and Spanish

**Donate:** Help bring holiday joy by donating at [LIRS.org/GiveHope](https://LIRS.org/GiveHope)

**Advocate:** Support the safety and reunification of more families

**Pray:** Lift your voices for those who seek safety and protection

**Teach:** Learn about a family's journey getting settled in the United States

Visit

**[LIRS.ORG/HOPE](https://LIRS.ORG/HOPE)**



Lutheran Immigration  
and Refugee Service

Advent will be participating in LIRS's Hope for the Holidays this year by writing and decorating Christmas Cards. More information on how you can participate will be coming soon. To ensure delivery of the cards to children and families in time for the holidays, we will have to complete Advent's card drive by Dec. 3rd, 2021.

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*(Events subject to change. Continue to check weekly email.)*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event(Location)</b>
11/2 Tues	10am	Bible Study (Advent)
11/3 Wed	7pm	Choir (Advent)
11/4 Thurs	6:30pm	Bible Study (Advent/Zoom)
11/6 Sat	9am	Property Ministry Meeting (Advent)
<b>11/7 Sun</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion (Advent/Zoom)</b>
	10:45am	Sunday School & Confirmation (Advent/Zoom)
11/9 Tues	6:30pm	Ministry Night (Advent/Zoom)
11/10 Wed	7pm	Choir (Advent)
<b>11/14 Sun</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion (Advent/Zoom)</b>
	10:45am	Congregational Meeting (Advent/Zoom)
11/15 Mon	11am	Book Group (Advent)
11/16 Tues	10am	Bible Study (Advent)
	6:30pm	Council (Advent)
11/17 Wed	7pm	Choir (Advent)
11/18 Thus	6:30pm	Bible Study (Advent/Zoom)
<b>11/21 Sun</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship w/Holy Com. (Advent/Zoom)</b>
	10:45am	Sunday School & Confirmation (Advent/Zoom)
	6pm	Thanksgiving Dinner/Worship
11/24	7pm	Choir (Advent)
11/25	Holiday	Thanksgiving Day
<b>11/28 Sun</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion (Advent/Zoom)</b>
	10:45am	Sunday School & Confirmation (Advent/Zoom)



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

11/2 Shawn Merzlak  
11/5 Vicki Kohler  
11/6 Cheryl Fouche  
11/6 Matt Reed  
11/6 Rick Reed  
11/7 Jonathan Pingilley  
11/12 Joan Kruscavage  
11/14 Juergen Jaath  
11/16 Noah Fillgrove  
11/18 Derek Herrmann  
11/18 Diana Perry  
11/18 Lily Summers  
11/19 Marcy Jimenez  
11/19 Addison Koch  
11/21 David McCarty  
11/22 Patty Williams  
11/26 Dottie Rasche  
11/29 Taylor Krog  
11/29 Dale Tupper

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

11/29 Greg & Sarah Van Bladel

## **STAFF, COUNCIL & MINISTRY CHAIRS**

### **Pastors**

Rev. Jason Peterson & Rev. Andrea Windsor-Peterson

### **Organist**

Melinda East

### **Financial Secretaries**

Steve & Debbie Merzlak

### **Council**

Heather Herrmann – President

Lynn Reed – Vice President

Marcy Jimenez – Secretary

Carolyn Teffeteller – Treasurer

Zack Teffeteller

Tim Sadenwasser

### **Ministry Chairs**

Christian Education – Heather Herrmann

Evangelism – Mary Filpus-Luyckx

Fellowship - Open

Property – Peter Kohler

Service – Marcy Jimenez

Stewardship - Open

Worship – Pastors

Youth – Open

Prayer Ministry-Gayle Ricklefs

Family Promise – Renee Blanchette & Paul Filpus-Luyckx

Praise Team – Paul & Susie Nelson

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