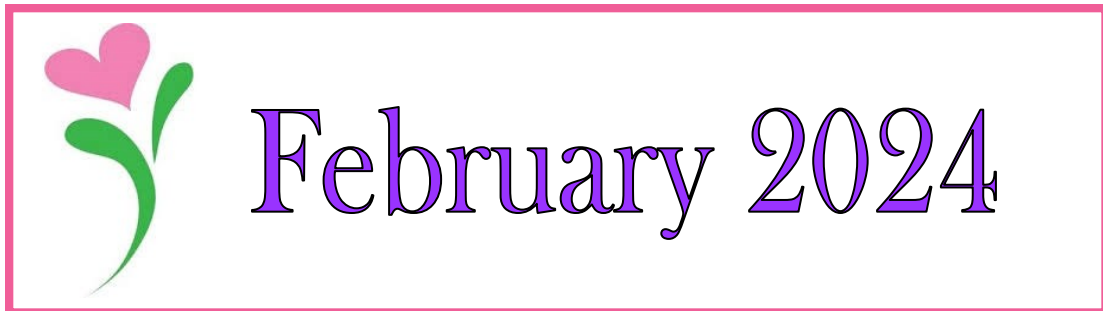


The Adventurer



Lent Begins February 14, 2024



Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm

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A Word from the Pastors

“Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.”

Joel 2:13

Lent begins February 14th! Many times we forget why things change so much in worship during the season of Lent. Therefore, we wanted to share this reminder of why we do what we do in worship during Lent.

Key worship changes during Lent:

The color Purple. (Because of Lent's penitential nature, worship tends to be more solemn, and this is the reason purple is the liturgical color of the season. Purple also represents the royalty of Jesus which is demonstrated most clearly as Jesus hangs on the throne of the cross.)

There are no live altar flowers, we use dead wheaten chaff. (We began lent with Ash Wednesday's "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return", which is why we do not use real flowers in worship.)

The communion set is not the shiny gold chalice that we have become accustom to, but we switch to pottery vessels. (Jesus was thought to have used simple pottery for the plate and chalice at the Last Supper.)

The music is more reflective. (Return to the Lord your God and the cross are central Lenten themes that are heard and sung in Lenten hymns and liturgy.)

The Baptismal Font is at the entrance of the sanctuary instead of at the head of the aisle. (In Lent, we constantly remember who and whose we are as we enter/exit the worship space.)

We change to the alternate version of the Lord's Prayer called the Modern Version. (The Lord's Prayer is Biblical. The modern Lord's Prayer comes from Matthew 6:7-13. It is with this passage that Jesus is teaching his disciples to pray. And in the same way even 2000 plus years later, Jesus continues to teach us to pray. "Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.")

Wooden Cross (This is used to remind us of the instrument of our Salvation down on our level. This cross is used throughout Lent through Good Friday. On Easter it becomes the Easter cross with fresh flowers reminding us that from death comes life because of Jesus.)

Carpenter Nail (We carry these nails with us for the 40 day journey of Lent. We use these nails for the Good Friday service as we nail them to the cross remembering Jesus taking on our sin.)

Changes in liturgy (There is no Hymn of Praise, Return to the Lord is sung for the Gospel Acclamation, Create in Me is used for post offering canticle, Now Lord you let your servant go in peace is used post communion and of course the modern Lord's prayer is used. All these changes are made to reflect the season and our journey with Jesus to the cross.)

We hope these changes will help you on your Lenten journey. During Lent we find ourselves changed guided to the cross leading to Holy Week. May you keep a Holy Lent.

In Christ's love, Pastor Jason and Pastor Andrea

The Passover Seder (an adaptation)
March 28th at 6:30pm with seating beginning at 6:15pm

For the first time since 2018, Advent will host an adaptation of the Passover Seder on Maundy Thursday. What is a Passover Seder? The Seder is a Jewish ritual feast that commemorates the wonderful deeds of God as He led the Israelites out of bondage in Egypt, and into the wilderness. During the first part of the evening, the ceremonial meal, participants will use a book called the *Haggadah* to lead the service. *Haggadah* is the word for “the telling”, in Hebrew and contains instructions for the Seder (which means *the order*), blessings, and the Passover story. It will be placed at everyone’s seat, as part of the prepared Passover Seder plate.

This comes from the Torah, Exodus 13:8, “And you shall tell your child on that day, It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt. It shall serve for you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead, so that the teachings of the Lord may be on your lips, for with a strong hand the Lord brought you out of Egypt. You shall keep this as an ordinance at its proper time from year to year”.

At Advent, we will do an adaptation of the Jewish Passover Seder meal. It will be in three parts. First we will partake in the ritual Seder meal. Every person will arrive with a place set for them with the ceremonial portion already on each plate. After the ritual portion we will break for the festival dinner. The back table will be filled with additional kosher foods, some of which will be more Seder foods, and then also many other delicious items, including an abundance of desserts. After the congregation finishes the festival portion, the pastors will gather your attention to the third and final portion of the evening which will serve as the Maundy Thursday Liturgy for Holy Communion. As Jesus was enjoying the Passover meal with His disciples in the upper room, he took a piece of bread, gave thanks, broke it and instituted the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Passover Lamb, whose blood on the door post, saved the Hebrews from death, becomes Jesus, the true Passover Lamb who by pouring out his blood on the cross has saved us from the slavery of sin and death!

This is such a fun, educational, worshipful, meaningful, and delicious event! We pray you make plans to attend! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to sign up for this special event!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Jason and Pastor Andrea



SEDER MEAL COMMITTEE

This year we will have the adaptation of the Seder. If you are interested in helping with the many details that go into putting together this special evening, then please come to the Seder Committee Meeting on Tuesday, February 20th at 6pm. We will meet in the Adult Sunday School Room. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Andrea.

Hope to see you there!

February Worship

Sunday, February 4th
Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany
Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am
Sunday School Classes 10:45am & Confirmation 11am

Sunday, February 11th
Transfiguration Sunday
Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am
Sunday School Classes 10:45am & Confirmation 11am

Wednesday, February 14th
Ash Wednesday
Worship & Holy Communion with the Imposition of
Ashes 7pm

Saturday, February 17th
Consecration Celebration of Marcella Jimenez
12pm

Sunday, February 18th
1st Sunday in Lent
Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am
Sunday School Classes 10:45am & Confirmation 11am

Sunday, February 26th
2nd Sunday in Lent
Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am
Sunday School Classes 10:45am & Confirmation 11am





Consecration Celebration of Marcella Darlene Jimenez

In joyful response to God's call to a ministry of service and having engaged in the formation process through the Lutheran Diaconal Association, Marcella will be consecrated as a Lutheran deaconess.

We invite you to join us in celebration.
Food and fellowship to follow.

February 17, 2024 12:00 EST

Advent Lutheran Church
3232 Washington Rd
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Please RSVP by February 2.
Marcella 706.726.0981
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CHOIR PRACTICE UPDATE

The Sanctuary and Bell Choirs practice dates will be changing to Thursday nights beginning February 15th. This is to accommodate the midweek Lenten service opportunities during the season of Lent. After Lent, the choir will resume their regular Wednesday night schedule.



Children's Sermons are returning to Worship this February! During worship each week, all children will be invited to come forward for a special time with the pastors. If your child is in the nursery, Advent's nursery attendant will bring the kids in and return to the nursery after the children's sermon.

GAP MINISTRIES Christians confronting emptiness choosing compassion creating community

The item requested for the month of February is Soup.





Advent youth and families,

I'm beyond excited to see so much participation and input in past and upcoming events! A huge thank you goes out to all of our parents and caregivers for stepping in this past year to help encourage and facilitate all our youth group members as they grow in faith and bond with one another; your support makes it so much easier for me to make the group activities as fun and meaningful as the group deserves.

In January, our youth group members and parents/caregivers met to discuss the rest of the year, gearing up for VBS and summer camps, and we have some great activities planned. As always, our goal is not only to help deepen our youths' love for the Lord, but also to give them a safe space to ask faith and life based questions, bond with their peers, and care for their community through service based projects. In the month of February, this will entail a trip to Air Strike for some trampoline park fun on February 10th from 1 pm-3pm. Following that, on Sunday, February 11th, after Sunday school and confirmation, we will gather for a devotional/discussion, and will work on Easter basket crafts and basket assembly for our homebound members from noon-2 pm.

Lastly, a quick reminder to be sure to register your youth for summer camp online; the deadline for early registration is March 15th!

As always, I'm available to answer any questions you may have, or if there is anything I can do to help your or your youth group member/s!

Blessings,

Kristina Fischer
Advent Youth Director

Let's Tackle Hunger Together



Advent is participating in the 2024 Souper Bowl of Caring!

Souper Bowl of Caring uses the energy around our nation's largest sporting event, the Super Bowl, to mobilize and inspire us to fight hunger and poverty. We will collect food and raise money for charities that provide food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

For the month of February, we will take donations of canned goods. On **Souper Bowl Sunday, February 11th**, you will have a chance to donate money and cheer on your favorite Super Bowl team. All canned good donations will benefit **GAP Ministries and the Little Free Pantry**, to help with hunger within our community. The monetary donations will be given directly to GAP Ministries.

GAP's Executive Director, Naomi "Nomi" Stanton, will be at Advent on February 3rd to give a Temple Talk about GAP and there will be a time after worship for a meet and greet. Nomi would be happy to answer any questions regarding GAP Ministries.

We will report our total to Souper Bowl of Caring so our congregation becomes part of the national efforts. And remember, the team that raises the most money will win the Super Bowl!! (At least this is the tradition from previous years)

Please give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 11th as we do our part to tackle hunger together.



Greetings from Advent's Community Garden!

With spring rapidly approaching, there's lots to do in the Community Garden to prepare for planting in April. I have drawn up an irrigation system layout plan and will start laying out the hose this month. We still have lots of cover crop growing, mostly in the form of red crimson clover (great for fixing nitrogen for our 2024 crops!). Your donations have allowed us to buy some micro fine basalt rock dust which combined with the BrixBlend basalt I have left over from last year, will go far to remineralize our garden, giving us healthier and more tasty crops this growing season. I realized this past year we were losing out on a lot of good sun from the east, so I have been working to expand the growing area in that direction. My plan is to use the new space to increase our production of squash. I have a bunch of seed for various types of winter squash that I hope will do well there. Lastly, I will be starting seeds indoors for tomatoes and peppers this weekend. Pictures to follow!

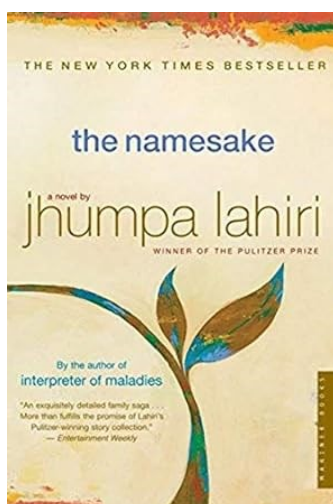
God's Grace, Peace, and Love,

Jim



ADVENT BOOK CLUB 2024

Meetings are on the 4th Monday of the month at 11am unless otherwise noted.



Join us on Monday, February 26th at 11am
in the Adult Sunday School Room as we meet to
discuss the book, “The Namesake: A Novel” by Jhumpa Lahiri
The Discussion Leader for February will be
Suzie Moroso. All are welcome!

Property Ministry Meeting Saturday, February 3rd at 8am.

The Property Ministry will be working on the following:

- Removing two dead trees.
- Preparing area for new irrigation.
- Begin work on remaining front bed area.

Finished tasks so far include: two front bed areas, grassy area in front of Church where tree once stood, repaired sidewalks and front entrance ramp, and parking lot repaved and striped.

Your Property Ministry has been hard at work this past year and has plans to finish the remaining frontage area of Advent this coming year.





LENTEN SCHEDULE

February 13

6:30pm Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner and Entertainment

(Please Bring your favorite fatty food to share!)

Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", reflecting the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season.

February 14

7pm Ash Wednesday Service

February 21, 28, March 6, 13, & 20

6:30pm Wednesday Nights in Lent Dinner Worship



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 24

9:30am Palm Sunday

March 28

7pm Seder Meal

March 29

7pm Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

March 31

9:30am Easter Worship followed by "Easter Feaster" breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt for all children.

SERVICES FOR LENT

GUIDED *to the* CROSS



Ash Wednesday
GUIDED TO FORGIVENESS



Week 1
GUIDED TO HOPE



Week 2
GUIDED TO LOVE



Week 3
GUIDED TO PEACE



Week 4
GUIDED TO TRUST



Week 5
GUIDED TO PERSEVERANCE

**2024 Lenten Theme for Sunday Worship:
Guided to the Cross**

Lent is a season when we are guided to the cross. Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust and perseverance. Each week, the services in this series reveal how Christ and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior.

**Ash Wednesday—February 14
Guided to Forgiveness • Colossians 1:13-14**

When we confess our sins, we find forgiveness in the cross of Christ and are empowered to forgive others.

**Week 1—February 18
Guided to Hope • 2 Corinthians 1:10**

When we are uncertain about what the future holds, we discover in the cross the sure hope of heaven.

**Week 2—February 25
Guided to Love • 1 Timothy 1:13-14**

When we are separated from others and from God by our sin, the cross brings us together through its love.

**Week 3—March 3
Guided to Peace • Colossians 1:19-20**

With wars waging within and without, the cross settles them all with peace to body, mind and soul.

**Week 4—March 10
Guided to Trust • 1 Timothy 1:15**

Plagued by doubt and competing voices, we turn to the cross to put our trust fully in the salvation won for us there.

**Week 5—March 17
Guided to Perseverance • Ephesians 6:18**

When we are faced with hardship, we look to Christ on the cross who endured to the end that we might carry on.



SHROVE TUESDAY/MARDI GRAS PANCAKE DINNER

February 13
6:30pm

Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", reflecting the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season which begins on Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday is another name for this event. Shrove derives from the word shrive which means absolve. Eating of richer foods like pancakes emp-

ties our cupboards of temptations while reminding us of the fasting to come in Lent. Advent will provide pancakes and sausage. The congregation is encouraged to bring a dish to share, sweet or savory. We will have a time to fellowship with activities followed by the burying of the Alleluia to end the evening.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN DINNER WORSHIP

This year for Lent, we will gather once again for **Dinner Worship at 6:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Our first Lenten Dinner Worship will be **February 21st**. We will continue this tradition for the 5 Wednesdays in Lent.



During these midweek dinner worship times, we will reflect on the theme of God's covenant with God's people and how we respond to that covenant in our daily lives. In Mark 12, a scribe comes to ask Jesus, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answers, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength'" (Mark 12:28-30). Jesus responds to the scribe's question with words from the Shema, the passage from Deuteronomy 6 that is recited daily by many of the Jewish faith. These words form a covenant between God and God's people and show us a way to respond to this God who so extravagantly loves us through the cross.

Lenten Dinner Worship days will be: February 21, 28, March 6, 13, & 20. We will eat and worship together in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a signup at Sign-Up Central for those that would like to help by bringing soup or sandwiches for these events. We pray you will join us for these midweek services in Lent.



An announcement from *Living Lutheran*

Living
Lutheran

By [Andrea Pohlmann Kulik](#)

I have a photo of me as a baby, lying next to my brother on the couch as he reads to me from a magazine. My eyes are wide open in wonder. Was this the start of my love for the printed word? Since that photo was taken, a lot has changed for print-based media.

Like many periodicals, those changes have affected the ELCA's magazine. Rising print costs—for paper, ink and postage—have resulted in changes in paper quality and distribution frequency. We started with 18 issues in 1988—in 2023 we will have six, though we continue to have a robust online presence here at livinglutheran.org. Technology also has changed, and we are moving along with the way people want to receive information.

Given all this and the need to be good stewards of our resources, ELCA leadership has made the difficult decision to cease the print publication of Living Lutheran with the November/December 2023 issue. We will start transitioning the magazine into a full online storytelling engine at livinglutheran.org, providing a more economical and far-reaching approach to engage with a broader audience. This will include articles, videos, audio stories, podcasts, live events, a more robust [social media presence](#), opportunities for user-generated content and more.

I wonder, was it the story, not the magazine, that had my eyes wide open? After all, the story comes first. And for the church, it begins with the story of God's love. Sharing this good news has always been at the foundation of who we are—and that won't change. We look forward to many years of telling our stories in the best ways possible.

BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

The Thursday Night Bible Study will take a hiatus this Lenten season. All are invited to attend the Tuesday Morning Bible Study during February and March. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Andrea.



2/1 Pam Tipler
2/2 Danny Moran
2/3 Samantha Jimenez
2/4 Alice Glisson
2/12 Sheree Cartee
2/13 Joy Jiminez
2/14 Dalton McCarty
2/18 Fritz Mertins
2/19 Paul Filpus-Luyckx
2/20 Mackenzie Yerger
2/22 Ron Zimmerman
2/24 Kevin Jiminez
2/24 Gayle Ricklefs
2/25 Elizabeth Aiello
2/29 Amanda Carter

2/7 Sheree & Mike Cartee
2/18 Derek & Heather Herrmann



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 Choir 8:30am Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:45am	5 AA 8am -9am	6 AA 8am -9am Ministry Night 6pm	7 AA 8am -9am Bell Choir 6pm Sanctuary Choir 7pm	8 AA 8am -9am Toastmasters 6:30pm	9 AA 8am -9am	10 Youth Group 1-3pm
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