

# The Adventurer

## May 2026

### Congregational Meeting

### May 17



### May 10

#### STAFF

##### **Pastors**

Jason Peterson  
Andrea Windsor-Peterson

##### **Organist/Director of Music**

R.J. Thomas

##### **Financial Secretaries**

Steve & Debbie Merzlak

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##### **Church Council President**

Joan Kruscavage

##### **Vice President**

Kath Gamlen

##### **Secretary**

Phil Hanes

##### **Treasurer**

Debbie Merzlak

##### **At Large Members**

Gina Hammock  
Jamie Sadenwasser

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##### **Ministry Chairpersons**

**Christian Education**  
Heather Herrmann

**Evangelism**  
Robert Gentry

**Fellowship**  
Joan Kruscavage

**Property**  
Mike Gamlen

**Service**  
Gina Hammock

**Stewardship**

**Worship**  
Pastors

**Youth**  
Carolyn Weeks

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# May Worship Schedule

*Sunday, May 3rd*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am

Sunday School 10:45am

*Sunday, May 10th*

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Mother's Day**

Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am

Sunday School 10:45am

*Sunday, May 17th*

**Ascension Sunday**

Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am

Congregational Meeting 10:45am

Sunday School 11am

*Sunday, May 24th*

**Pentecost Sunday with New Members**

Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am

Pentecost Luncheon 10:45am

*Sunday, May 31st*

**Holy Trinity Sunday**

Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am

Sunday School 10:45am

# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**



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At the Congregational Meeting we will Review the Annual Report and Elect New Council Members.

## **Nominating Committee:**

Joan Kruscavage

Heather Herrmann

Gayle Ricklefs

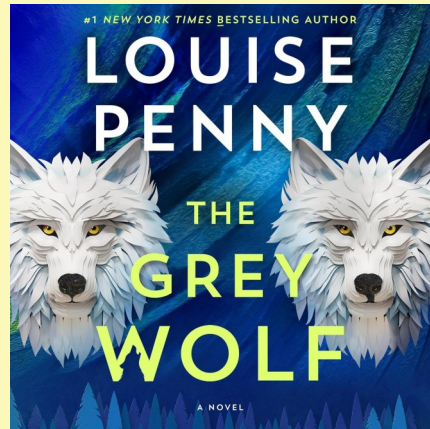
## **New Council Members Nominations:**

Once nominees have agreed to serve, an email will be sent out prior to the meeting.

We want to thank Advent's outgoing Council members, Joan Kruscavage, Phil Hanes and Jamie Sadenwasser for their faithful leadership. Joan led the congregation as President with such dedication and service to God. Joan oversaw the Pastor's Sabbatical, Disaster Response and Visionary Meetings! Phil has served with faithfulness and commitment as Advent's Council Secretary. Phil has kept astute minutes and has done a magnificent job documenting what God has been doing at Advent. Jamie served as an at large member to fulfill a previous vacancy. We thank Jamie for stepping in and doing a wonderful job. We will acknowledge Joan, Phil and Jamie more fully at the Congregational Meeting.

## ADVENT BOOK CLUB 2026

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



Join us on Tuesday, May 18th at 11am  
in the Adult Sunday School Room as we meet to  
discuss the book, “The Grey Wolf: A Novel” by Louise Penny.  
The Discussion Leader for the morning will be Pat Grim.  
All are welcome!



**For the Month of May, Advent is Collecting Pantry Items for GAP Ministries**



## MAY IS STOCK THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY MONTH

As Summer approaches and we are all busy coming and going, it is important that our pantry supplies are well stocked for Summer. For those who are interested, please bring any “able to survive summer weather” food and grocery items and place them on the table in the Fellowship hallway. Personal care items are welcome! Our toothpaste and brush supply is running low as well. Last year, your response to stock our shelves in May was tremendous. Thank you!!

If you are unable to shop or prefer not to shop, you can make cash or check donations and leave them in the small drop box on the table in the narthex. This money will be used to purchase items as the summer stock is depleted.

As we all know, water is important and needed to stock our pantry. One item that will be welcomed and not mentioned before is insulated reusable cups in new or near new clean condition. It makes it easy for someone to carry with them and fill when they are near a water supply. I know Mike and I have been given literally dozens of such cups, stainless water bottles and insulated containers through the last couple years. I have found a new home for many of them now.



Please note we have no room for books, toys or clothing in the pantry. Please do not bring them to church as someone here needs to take them somewhere else for distribution. Please choose a charity of your choice and take them directly there.

Anyone can fill the pantry if you see it empty. It often gets stocked more than once a day so you don't need to fill it up but rather add a few items to get someone by for another day. By not overfilling the pantry we will stretch our resources and hopefully at least have something for anyone needing it.

Lastly, please continue to remember those who are experiencing food insecurity, homelessness and tough times in your prayers. Peace, Kath

## NEW MINISTRY



If you love to cook and eat, you are invited to a new ministry beginning.

Food is a great uniter with biblical foundations. Jesus loved to talk about bread, fish, and fruit of the vine. Jesus was often around a table eating with all people.

This new ministry will begin with a devotion after which, members of the group will teach a family recipe.

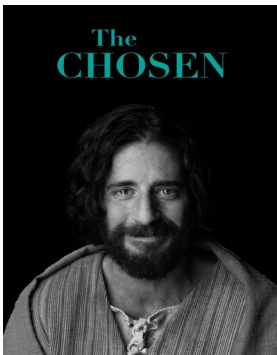
Once the cooking is complete, we will gather around the table and share in what was prepared. .

**Saturday, May 30, 10am** will be our first gathering.

Sam Eden and Kristy Zubizarreta-Eden will share with us a Cuban family recipe and show us how to make it and of course we look forward to tasting it.

We hope you can join us for this first meeting, all are welcome!

## ADULT EDUCATION



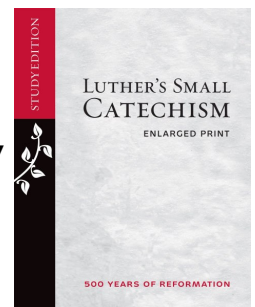
### Adult Bible Study -“The Chosen”

The Adult Bible Study, led by Pastor Andrea, will begin Season Four, Episode 1 on **Wednesday, May 13th, 10:30-11:30am**. The episode for each class will be shown at the church at 9:30am with the class to follow at 10:30am

We hope you will join us for this holy time in the Word.

### Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School will begin their study of the Creeds, **Sunday, May 10th at 10:45am**. This session will run through the month of May each Sunday, except for Pentecost Sunday. If you would like to know more about what we believe, Pastor Andrea would love to welcome you to the class.





**Outreach opportunities for May! Then in June!**

**02 May  
09 May  
30 May**

**06 June  
20 June**

**If you'd like to join us or contribute, contact:**

**R.J. Gentry, (509) 592-3091**

**or**

**Krista Gentry, (509) 592-3062**

**Outreach Volunteer Shout-Out**

**Thank you Tom and Michelle**

**Thank you Diane for your BOOKMARKS!**

**What to know before you join us:**

1. Bring water source and wear sunblock
2. You don't have to stay the whole time
3. It is fast paced, but only as much as you want it to be
4. Setup starts at 6 am if you want a good spot
5. We talk to sooo many people
6. Presence is success, not the results
7. And the most important part, you don't have to be perfect. In fact, it helps if you're a little edgy

# VACATION Bible School

"AT THE RIVER"

For students 4K-5th Grade, Free!



## 8-10 JUNE

Dinner 5:30pm to 6:00pm | Program 6:00pm to 7:00pm

**ADVENTURES**

**GAMES**

**ARTS & CRAFTS**

For more info: [advluch@adventaugusta.org](mailto:advluch@adventaugusta.org) | 706-306-6009  
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b> AA 8am-9am	<b>2</b> Property Meeting 8am River 8-2pm
<b>3</b> Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am Min. Morn 10:45am	<b>4</b> AA 8am-9am	<b>5</b> AA 8am-9am	<b>6</b> AA 8am-9am  Choir, 7pm	<b>7</b> AA 8am-9am	<b>8</b> AA 8am-9am	<b>9</b> River 8-2pm
<b>10</b> Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am  <b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</b>	<b>11</b> AA 8am-9am	<b>12</b> AA 8am-9am	<b>13</b> AA 8am-9am  Ep. Viewing 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am	<b>14</b> AA 8am-9am	<b>15</b> AA 8am-9am	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am  Congregational Meeting following Worship. I am Sunday School	<b>18</b> AA 8am-9am	<b>19</b> AA 8am-9am  Council 4:30pm	<b>20</b> AA 8am-9am  Ep. Viewing 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am	<b>21</b> AA 8am-9am	<b>22</b> AA 8am-9am	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Pentecost Worship & Holy Communion New Members 9:30am Pentecost Luncheon following Worship	<b>25</b> AA 8am-9am  	<b>26</b> AA 8am-9am	<b>27</b> AA 8am-9am  Ep. Viewing 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am	<b>28</b> AA 8am-9am	<b>29</b> AA 8am-9am	<b>30</b> River 8-2pm  Cookbook Ministry 10am
<b>31</b> Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am						



## HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

5/1	Lisa Krog	5/26	Amber Johnson
5/1	Harrison Lever	5/27	Debra Roberts
5/3	John Engelin	5/28	Betty Kadlewicz
5/6	Stephen Martin	5/28	Kristina Fischer
5/7	Jared Fischer		
5/9	Melinda East		
5/15	Jim Smith		
5/16	Asher Sullivan		
5/16	Ava Sullivan		
5/17	Christine Keller		
5/24	Lisa Cheek		
5/25	Shirley Chipman		
5/26	Zack Teffeteller		

## HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARIES!

5/15	Paul & Mary Filpus-Luyckx
5/21	Robert & Gail Pendergrast
5/22	David & Betty Kadlewicz
5/24	RJ & Krista Gentry



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**DATED MATERIAL  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Deadline For June Newsletter  
Entries*  
**May 26th**