

# Advent Lutheran Church Newsletter



## PHOTOS OF OUR TRI-PARISH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

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## **PASTOR MATT'S CORNER**

By Pastor Matthew Larson

### **Summer Book Study**

Wonder what it is like to sit with a nice group of people sipping a nice drink and engaging in good conversation over a book about "Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus"? Well, wait no more! Join us starting July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will meet for 6 weeks. If you think you could host one of the weeks please let Pastor Matt know. There is a sign up sheet on the way in to the gym please sign it if you are going to participate!! It's nice to have numbers when you host. The book is available in paperback and kindle.

### **Worship in the Park**

Join us **Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** at **Mirabeau Park** at the covered area for a meal and an evening worship. Bring a salad or a side to share, something to drink, and the church will supply the hot dogs. We will eat at **6pm**. Come early, stay late. There is lots of room for balls, Frisbees, games, etc.

### **Presentations from Pastor Matt's Trip**

Pastor Matt will be sharing **two presentations** from his trip to Rome and Germany. They will be in the sanctuary **after worship on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>**. The first one will be on his time in Rome and his research on the first 500 years on Christianity. The second one will be on his time in Germany and some of the events and writings of Martin Luther. (You will be able to grab some coffee and goodies before we start!!)

### **A Journey ended....yet just beginning**

Wow. Just wow. My two weeks in Rome and Germany were not only a wonderful break from the everyday work of ministry, but it was an incredible immersion into our Church and our church. In Rome it was wonderful to make connections to churches, people, and events that happened 1500-1900 years ago. The many basilicas, museums, and archeological sites brought alive the struggles and the life of the early church. However, my readings took into account not only the first 500 years of the Western Church but the almost immediate split with the Eastern Church (West Turkey, Egypt) in terms of emphasis, practice, and theology. Yes, there was a "Great Schism" in the 11<sup>th</sup> century but it started much earlier. (You don't think congregations, leaders, and clergy have only been disagreeing the last 100 years do you???)

Then on to Germany to explore a few of the towns and events of Martin Luther's life and the history of "our" church....the Lutheran Church (which of course is a term that Luther did not endorse!!). Visiting his birth/death place (Eisleben), Wittenberg, Erfurt, and Eisenach (Wartburg Castle) I got to see some of the dynamics that went into the unfolding of the Reformation (economics, culture, national pride, theology...). It was very interesting to read about Luther's life through a new book that came out last Fall, authored by my old Luther teacher (Dr. Tim Lull) and then be in the place that I just read about.

I will be presenting my trip in two installments after worship in the sanctuary. July 24<sup>th</sup> (Rome) and August 7<sup>th</sup> (Germany). Enjoy your summer!!

## **FROM THE BISHOP**

By Bishop Martin Wells

*The news today, June 12, is that 49 more are killed as the result of hateful violence in Orlando. Like you I have spent too much time watching the slow unfolding of news, too much time in stunned bewilderment, too much time wondering how to frame a thought.*

*Here's what I think I know for sure: All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God; Evil is real; Gay, lesbian, and transgendered folk are still particular targets for distorted fundamentalism of whatever sort; Guns are uniquely suited for the mayhem of quick, multiple deaths; We're going to feel lost for a while but healing is not returning to a life of denial; God weeps as Jesus's body is once again riddled with wounds; I think we're going to have to walk into this rage with repeated appeals to every new shooter, every new hater; To be this people is to be the church of Jesus Christ and there is No End to this life!*

God's beloved People,

I pray that you are finding some precious re-creation time this summer, or if you're a farmer and tending crops for the rest of us, that you have a plan for re-creation after harvest! In the meantime, and for the rest of us, the work goes on as God has given us this life and our vocations for the sake of one another and the whole creation. For you that are under-paid, or under-employed, or unemployed, we pray God will open a calling and path for you soon.

Work and hiring and employment are on my mind this month because we're initiating the process to bring on two new Net-Workers for parts of our synod. In central Washington and in the Prairie, Panhandle, and Palouse net-work areas we're seeking candidates for these positions. A small committee of the Synod Council has reconfirmed the job description and it will be posted on the Synod website at [www.ewaidssynod.org](http://www.ewaidssynod.org).

In short, this is a ¼ time position, without benefits, and will pay between \$10,000 and \$14,000 per year. The job is building connections, a network, among the congregations and leadership of a certain territory. The Net-Worker must love an imperfect church and be ready to walk into discouragement with hope. The testimony of those who are doing, and have done, this work is that it is deeply satisfying.

Please send us the names of those persons who might thrive in this role. Please think about this call yourself and send us your letter of interest. The original network of God is the work of the Holy Spirit, giving us a lovely sense of the variety of gifts in one another, the possibility of connection across language barriers, and the impossible equation that to lose one's life is gain it. We are called to just such curious, interesting, and hopeful work!

Please pray for our process in calling two new Net-Workers into ministry.

## **HAPPY HELPERS**

By Forrest Diehl

A couple of congregational events highlighted the month of June 2016 at Advent Lutheran Church. The first was the Tri-Parish VBS (Vacation Bible School), June 20-23, at Advent Lutheran Church. Thanks to all who participated and volunteered their time! The Happy Helpers helped set-up some of the "cave" props and decorations in the sanctuary. The second event was the Congregational meeting on Sunday, June 12. In preparation for that meeting and during the meeting, a booklet was distributed to the congregational members. The booklet contains a full report of all the activities, committees and ministries of Advent Lutheran Church. The booklet gives one pause to be thankful that we have such an active, vibrant, and outreaching congregation! Praise be to God! If you haven't seen the booklet yet, I would encourage you to get one. Or obtain the one-page flyer that condenses and summarizes the booklet – with a map of the church's interior on the back.

During the Congregational meeting, a discussion took place on **Advent's Endowment Fund**. Listening to the discussion and subsequent dialogue after the meeting motivated me to think about an Endowment fund in a Christian light, versus a fiscal light. By definition, an endowment fund is a "pot of money" set up for the ongoing support of an organization, and in our case, a church. Our endowment fund is structured so that the principal amount is kept intact, while the investment income, from the interest, is available to support our chosen ministries. This strategy allows us to donate to chosen ministries and have an impact over a longer period of time, than if it was spent all at once. But when thinking of this "pot of money", or principle – one can't help thinking about the Parable of the Talents that Jesus tells us. It is the story of a master who is planning a trip and puts three servants in charge of his goods and finances while he is away. When he returns from his trip, he finds that two of his servants handled his stewardship well, so he rewards them positively. However, the third servant, who "played it safe", was rewarded negatively. I can't help but think of the analogy, that an endowment fund is "playing it safe". So in this Christian sense, I can understand why folks may have a concern with a church using an endowment fund to support ministries. However, when one looks at who donated the "pot of money", and their declared intent for which it was donated (for the expressed purpose to create an endowment fund), in my opinion, one has to honor that person's intent and wishes. I fully support our Endowment Fund and its associated committee. However, listening to the discussion during the Congregational Meeting made me wonder: "What would Jesus say about an Endowment Fund"? I know our endowment fund has helped, is helping, and will continue to help a lot of outside ministries. And for that, I am thankful.

Summer arrived in Spokane on June 20. It seems that during the beginning of each summer, I get caught up in the news about VBS, Spokane's Hoop Fest and Coeur d'Alene's Ironman Competition, and I forget all about the Fourth of July being on the immediate horizon. Well this year, that didn't happen thanks to **Dr. Kathy Olson** and her

technician, **Chennell**. While my brain was under the influence of a nitrous fog, I listened to **Dr. Olson and Chennell** talk about their family plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July while they were happily working away on one of my teeth. So thanks **Dr. Olson** and **Chennell** for reminding me that the 4<sup>th</sup> is "just around the corner"! The Happy Helpers wish you all a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

We are fortunate and blessed, as a church family, in owning vehicles for transportation purposes. Currently, we own a Chevy 12-passenger van, and a Chevy 14-passenger schoolbus type vehicle. The various church activities/ministries, who benefit from this ownership are: Advent Lutheran Child Center (primary user), GoldenAgers' activity trips, Youth Ministry activities, Grace Court monthly community dinner at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (usually 10+ or -, riders), weekly worship service transportation for Park Place residents (usually 2-3 riders), etc. The Happy Helpers have included the operator maintenance checks (oil, water, tire pressure, lights, etc.) as part of their weekly tasks. It needs to be known that **Ken Otteman** has taken over this task from **Bill Gilcrease** and makes these checks each Thursday, when the Happy Helpers meet. So if you get a chance, please thank him for willingly and faithfully taking on this responsibility. Through his efforts and attention to detail, **Child Center drivers** and **Church volunteers** can drive the busses, fully knowing that the operator maintenance checks have recently been done. Thanks **Ken!** And Thanks to the **Congregation and the Church Council** for accepting all the responsibilities and costs associated with owning, maintaining, and insuring our community vehicles!

Some of June tasks completed were: repaired and checked irrigation to flower beds (**Mel Carlson, Ken Otteman, Harry Benton**); coordinated reservations at Mirabeau Park for 14 July 2016 Happy Helper Summer Picnic (**Clancy Howard**); spread ant-killer (**Ed Orr**); removed unused lumber and unwanted volunteer trees from patio courtyard (**George Harrison**); helped set up props and decorations for VBS (**George Harrison, Bill Thurston, Jim Gunby, Don Newland, Steve Emig, Kent Tibbetts**); replaced broken plastic bucket seats on church classroom chairs (**Wade Wipperling, Ken Otteman**); removed couch from Child Center classroom (**Wade Wipperling, Ed Orr**); tightened loose toilet chain in Child Center restroom (**Don Newland**); repaired desk drawer handle in administrator's office (**Steve Emig**); mounted and installed magazine racks in narthex area (**Kent Tibbetts, George Harrison, Jim Gunby**); cleaned kitchen ceiling (**Wade Wipperling**); cleaned outside storage area located immediately outside **Pastor Matt's and Bonnie's** offices (**Ed Orr, Clancy Howard**); loaded and hauled away scrap lumber found in outside storage area (**Bill Thurston**); moved and emplaced concrete parking barriers on Sullivan campus (**Bill Thurston, Ken Otteman**); trimmed hedge located outside Child Center office window (**Ed Orr, Jim Gunby, Ken Otteman**); made deliveries to food bank (**Ken Otteman**); policed and tidied-up the pew area in the sanctuary (**Leroy York**); cleaned litter and debris from parking lot/grounds and worked on flower beds (**Linda Camp**); etc.

### **HAPPY HELPERS-Continued**

The Happy Helpers meet each Thursday morning, 8:00 A.M., at the church. Coffee, tea, and “goodies” are provided. During June, **George Harrison** provided the goodies. Thanks **George!** Visitors and new members are always welcome. If you can't make it by 8:00 A.M., come anytime. Usually, we finish talking by 9:00 A.M. and working by 11:00 A.M.

### **ADVENT LUTHERAN CHILD CENTER NEWS**

By Heidi Bocook, Director

June is always a busy month for us throughout the entire Child Center. In the office, I struggle with changes in billing due to extra School Age children here during Summer Break, the classrooms get to have the start of erratic summer schedules due to vacations, and then there is VBS. To top it all off, we also decided to do Staff Evaluations this month. The icing on the cake, of course, is that the weather is finally beautiful and teachers can take advantage of this with their classes.

Our whole staff geared up for VBS this year since it took place at Advent Lutheran Church. We had all of our Pre-K, School Age, and Potty Party/Sub staff take the required training so we were fully prepared for whatever might come our way! From my Office perspective, it went incredibly smoothly for how many extra bodies were in the Child Center throughout the week and it seemed as if the kids enjoyed it! I always love walking into classrooms after VBS and seeing the kids dancing to all the new songs they learned.

Throughout the summer, our School Age teacher's schedules change to accommodate school age children who are not in school. They take weekly field trips to go swimming and to go to area parks. Each month, they have an added special field trip, VBS for June, and Triple Play for July and August. This allows them to stay busy and having fun throughout the summer, but it does take a little getting used to for both the staff and the students!

All of our other classes are taking advantage of the weather by lathering up their kiddos with sunscreen and finding extra ways to go outside! Between walks around the Child Center and Grace Court, bike days, water days, and field trips, the kids are staying busy and getting their fill of sunshine.

I hope all of you in the Church are able to stay as busy and have as much fun over the Summer as we will be having at the Child Center!

### **SUPER YOUTH TEAM**

By April Marshall

Vacation Bible School a Success!

“He is the light that breaks through the darkness, follow his lead and light it up, light it up!” For four days, those words

could be heard ringing through our sanctuary, while children came to Advent for VBS. Judging by their faces and voices, I would deem VBS a complete hit! Our theme this year was

**Cave Quest**, and we talked a lot about being lost or being in the dark and how Jesus can be a light for us. This theme could not have come at a better time for one person in particular—me. The thing is, lately, I have really needed a light. Sometimes, after tragic events like the mass shooting in Orlando, I feel down, wondering how there can be so much hate in this world. And I saw people bashing not only Muslims, but anyone who follows a religion. Unfortunately, a lot of bad things have been said and done in the name of religion, even in the name of Christianity. When I am reminded of these things, I begin to have my doubts.

There's that little niggling voice in the back of my head that makes me question my beliefs. So there I was heading into VBS feeling a little lost and in a dark place spiritually.

Fortunately for me, there is no greater manifestation of God's love and power than when I participate in VBS. Sure, VBS can be tiring, especially when you are working with about 150 kids in one morning! But it is, at the same time, fulfilling and energizing. To see all the young people having a great time learning about Jesus is incredibly rewarding. As I sang and danced and shared some great Bible verses with those children, I was reminded of why I am a Christian. This is who we really are. This is what we really do. We spread love. We share the good Word. We give hope. And when we are reminded of Jesus' unconditional love, we get hope in return. Consequently, much needed fuel was added to the fire of my faith. Every day the kids learned a Bible point, and the last one was “Jesus gives us his power”.

That was so apparent to me because Jesus gave his power to all the VBS participants, and, unbeknownst to them, they helped me find my way out of the darkness. For that, I am so grateful because now I can once again be a light for others.

And I know I'm not the only adult who had a great time at VBS. I could see that our other volunteers were enjoying themselves, too! **Sandra McCune** said to me one day, “I'd forgotten how fun VBS could be.” Other adult helpers echoed that sentiment to me throughout the week. I was delighted to hear they were having fun and delighted to have their help with VBS. You all are so appreciated! We were also really fortunate to have a large group of youth from **St. Mary's** pitch in and help. These kids truly brought their enthusiasm and spread it amongst their younger peers. That was definitely a “God sighting” for me! Want to know what a God sighting is? Ask any of the young kids in our congregation and they can tell you!

Of course, VBS would not have been possible without **Kristin Larson** leading the charge again this year. Kristin does an amazing job, and we all are really indebted to her for her leadership in this ministry. **Thank you, Kristin**, and **thank you to everyone** else who helped make **Cave Quest** possible! You are all lights who break through the darkness. God bless you!

**WENATCHEE VALLEY LUTHERAN LATINO  
MINISTRY NEWS**

We continue with our summer outreach through Zumba night at the **Community Center** every **Friday** from **6:30pm to 7:30pm**. This is an opportunity to make new friends and to meet neighbors in the valley through a physical activity. We are currently looking for youth who are willing to learn art projects from local artists to be able to offer art and crafts activities for young children while parents participate in the Zumba class.

On **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** we hosted our second community meal with the support of Thrivent for families in the neighborhood around the community center. We will continue to offer these community meals **the first Sunday of each month from 5:30pm-7:00pm** at the Community Center. Please join us in fellowship with neighborhood families. We launched our first Worship Service on **Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** at the Community Center with three families. We will continue to offer worship throughout summer at **7:00pm** at the Community Center on Sundays. We are using the bilingual setting seven from the ELW hymnal. All are welcome!

We also launched a faith formation time for children K-5<sup>th</sup> grade on **Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** from **6:30pm to 8:00pm** with a family at Celebration Lutheran Church. Activities included songs, biblical story, games, crafts, and snacks. We will offer this summer program in Spanish for **young children during this summer time at Celebration Lutheran** from **6:30pm to 8:00pm on Wednesdays**. Join us!

On **Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**, from **4:00pm to 7:00pm** we will be participate on an art making event with neighbors around Kiwanis Park in South Wenatchee. Under the guidance of local artists we will design flowers as art pieces to enhance the community garden of the community center in a joint effort with the Trust for Public Land to rejuvenate the community around. Please save the date and support this neighborhood as they are working hard to improve their neighborhood.

The ministry is sponsoring six youth to attend **Lutherhaven Summer Camp** from **July 24<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>**. We are glad to have this youth be recipients of this wonderful summer ministry at camp. We pray that their faith will be strengthen and renewed through this camp experience.

On **Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** the ministry will co-sponsor a community festival with the Trust for Public Land at the Kiwanis Park with an emphasis on Health and Recreation. We will have art making stations for the park improvement, a possible **Mobil Dental Clinic**, food, music, and educational activities on health and parks. Come join us on this fun day. Time TBA.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Please contact me if you are interested in participating and helping out with any of our ministry activities.

Summer Blessings,  
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**INCOME/EXPENSE INFORMATION**

By Bonnie Calhoun

**Advent General Fund Income/Expense**

	<u>May</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	34,403.66	153,919.54
Expense	<u>29,708.31</u>	<u>157,133.65</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>4,695.35</b>	<b>-3,214.11</b>

**Child Center Income/Expense**

	<u>May</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	66,490.01	291,052.27
Expense	<u>59,304.11</u>	<u>287,315.16</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>7,185.90</b>	<b>3,737.11</b>

**Notes for Advent Lutheran Church**

- **In May, income exceeded expenses by \$4,695.**
- Expenses included the budgeted disbursement (10%) of benevolence dollars for the ELCA, Spokane Valley Partners, Grace Ministries, Lutheran Community Services and the Wenatchee Valley Lutheran Latino Ministry.
- Average monthly expenses are coming in \$818 lower than average budgeted monthly expenses.
- 2016 January-May expenses are \$18,650 lower than 2015 January-May expenses.
- Average monthly income is coming in \$1,792 lower than average budgeted monthly income.
- Sunday offering giving for January-May 2016 was \$8,438 lower than in January-May of 2015.

**Notes for Advent Lutheran Child Center**

- **In May, income exceeded expenses by \$7,186.**
- Average monthly income is exceeding average monthly expenses by \$747.
- Payroll costs were higher than usual due to an extra day within the payroll cycle. (\$1,200).
- The May net gain was due, in part, to the receipt of a \$5,000 Early Learner's Grant that is awarded by the State.
- Revenue also received a bump due to back pay for a DSHS student.

**SPOKANE VALLEY PARTNERS FOOD BANK AND CLOTHING BANK DONATIONS**

By Ken Otteman

Last month Advent donated a total of **238 lbs.** of food for the **Spokane Valley Partners Food Bank** in our food donation box. (This is in addition to our 'Fill the Shelf' Sunday!)

**PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS**

**For our Church Family and Friends:** Alboucq family, Allaya, Ginny Besemer, Pat Bliss, Gordon Bolster, Book family, Bette Bouge & family, Burrington family, Jim and Virginia Busskohl, Belle Campbell, Mike Canney, Carter, Hazel Cascaden, Clark family, Bud & Betty Jo Cook, Ralph Dahman, Lonnie Day, Wyatt Eklund, Flanagan family, Tillie Funk, Jennifer and David, Gary, Gene, Alisa Gergawy, Carol Gerdts, Cheryl Gerdts, Jack Gerdts, Gordon Grassi, Holly Gunby, Hagen family, Dolores Hanson & family, Landon Hill, Cheri Hoagburg, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Fran Hooper, Pastor Allen & Linda Ingebritsen, Elmer Jacquot, Shirley Kjos, Mary Ann Klemmer, Alison LaFrance, Eloise Lorentz, Connie Martin, Allan Merrill, Bonnie Mertes, Jack & Flo McDougall, Katie McIntyre, Joyce Mertes, Brenda Montgomery, Doug Montgomery, Sylvia Montgomery, Moore family, Walt & Marian Moseman, Marie Nelson & family, Gloria Nichol, Phyllis Nodland & family, Joanne Okert, Patsy Opsal, Velda Oster, Karen Owen, Kenneth Owens, Jeff Peck, Logan Porter, Connie Pyle, Myrna Rehn, Gary Repp, Gerry O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Martha Schneider, Keith Shipbaugh, Sonja, Louise Sperline, Kathy Sordorff, Diana Tesdal and family, Tito Tinajero, Todd, Wes & Michele Turner, Kristin Weinman, Art Wilkes, Florence and Keith Wilson, Kara Wilson & family, Wade & Sue Wipperling & family, Roy Wisecarver and family, Steve and Lisa Woodard, Duane & Dee Yates, Walt Zachow, 20 year old young man in rehab.

**For Family Members & Friends Serving in the Military:**

2 Lt. Ashley Allingor-Army; 2 Lt. Zane Allingor-USAF, CPL Damien Anderson, TSG Ryan Armstrong, Major Ryan Baker, MAJORS Megan & Robert Barnwell, SSGT Alex Baron, USAF, U.S. Army, Lt. Jordan Bolster, Steve & Christine Coulston, CPT Christopher Finch, Robert Guyton, TSG Christine Johnson, SGT Aaron Lang, Sr. Airman Richard Luna III, MSgt. Duncan McFarlane, Bryan McGoon, SSG Aaron Moeller, Sam Nelson, Sgt. Alex Pohle, Blaine Rector, Kurt Strigel, SPC Cody Strunks, Colin Wells, U.S. Air Force, Ryan Wells, TSgt Sarah Whitney, TSG Jason Wood.

**For Family Members & Friends Serving in Mission fields around the world:**

Mike & Terese Benton (Tanzania).

*If you have a **prayer request**, please send an email to the church office at [alcsokane@comcast.net](mailto:alcsokane@comcast.net) or call the church office at (509) 928-7733.*

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**May Services**  
**Average Attendance: 149**



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Note: The Church office and Child Center will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.**

**Pastor Matt's Book Study:** The summer book study begins on **Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>** and will go for **six weeks**. There is a **sign-up sheet** out for participants and those willing to host. The book will be, "*Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus*". It is available in paperback and Kindle. **Rick & Babs Velategui** are hosting the first one on **July 7** and **Midge Thorin** will host the **July 14** study.

**Goldenagers Outing:** We are going to **Arbor Crest** on **Thursday, July 14**, leaving the church at **4:45 pm** and take the bus or carpool. "**Dueling Pianos**" will start playing at **5:30 pm**. We plan to return by **7:45pm**. You may bring your own sack lunch or you may purchase food at Arbor Crest. You may also bring store-sealed water and soft drinks. There is no entry fee, however, if we reserve a table or two, there will be a charge for the tables. **Contact Linda Semmen** for more information (**389-4191**).

**Kids Hope USA Needs You....A Few Good Men.** Kids Hope USA is looking for good male mentors to be matched with a male student for the school year. There will be a Half-day training **Saturday, August 21, from 9am-1pm, at University Elementary School library** and you would begin mid-September. An hour per week commitment is required. See **Raeann Ducar** for the application. The application and background check needs to be completed before school starts in September. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact **Raeann Ducar** at **921-1126**.

We are in need of a **Nursery Attendant** on **Sunday** mornings, from approximately **9am-10:30 am**. If you are over **18** years old and interested in providing child care, please contact the **Church** office.

**SPOKANE INDIANS BASEBALL:** Between Advent Lutheran Church and Child Center, we have a total of **20** reserved bench seats held for the following nights at the Ballpark for the **2016 Faith Night at the Ballpark**.

· **Saturday, August 13**

· **Friday, August 26**

If you are interested in tickets, please **contact Olivia Handwerk**, Group Sales Coordinator, at **ohandwerk@spokaneindians.com** or (**509**) **343-6806**.

### CONFIRMAND

**Wyatt Eklund** confirmed his faith on Sunday, **June 19**, during the Worship service. **Congratulations Wyatt!** May God always be with you and may you continue to grow in Jesus Christ!!



### RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATES

**Erin Buck**, Central Valley High School-Granddaughter of Darrell & Diane Buck)

**Darion Buck**, University High School (Grandson of Dee Buck)

**Ty Eklund**, Central Valley High School (Son of Todd Eklund & Adrienne Eklund)

**Darby Howat**, West Valley High School (Daughter of Chris & Renae Howat)

**Jared Martin**, East Valley High School (Son of Mark & Debbie Martin)

**James Segalla**, Valley Christian School (Son of Mary Segalla)

**Braydon Stock-Simonds**, Valley Christian School (Son of Mike & Amanda Oliver)

**Chase Strunk**, Valley Christian School (Son of Gene Strunk & Tes Sturges)

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### THANK YOU

**Carol Gerdt**s wants to thank EVERYONE who helped with the **Alboucq** and **Hagen** Memorial luncheons. The families were very appreciative of our efforts. You are such an awesome congregation!!

Thank you all for your donations toward the **Youth Yard Sale** on Saturday, June 25th. **\$1,511.67** was raised! The proceeds will go towards our next Youth Gathering in 2018.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

By Raeann Ducar  
**Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup> - Lunch at Christ Kitchen. Please join us!** We are planning a lunch outing to **Christ Kitchen** on **Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**. We will **meet at the church at 11:30am and carpool** to Christ Kitchen located on Monroe Street, north of the river. We will order from their menu. They make delicious salads, sandwiches, and soups. There will be an opportunity to purchase some of their pre-packaged food items for home or gifts while too. Anyone is welcome, women and men! **Please list your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or RSVP with the church office (928-7733)** if you plan to attend so we can let the coordinator at Christ Kitchen know how many to set the table for.

**The mission of Christ Kitchen is to put women in poverty to work.** Christ Kitchen is *not* a soup kitchen. Christ Kitchen provides women the opportunity to learn skills while creating delicious meals and products. We are supporting their mission by purchasing lunch and at the same time we can enjoy time together in fellowship.

**'Fill the Shelf'  
Sunday' is July 31!!**

We received **200 lbs.**  
of food on June 26!



## STAMPS FOR A LIVING

Save your postal stamps and donate them to the **Stamps for a Living Foundation**. The **Stamps for a Living** group got their start through the Bethel St. Elizabeth Foundation of American, Inc. in Washington D.C. when the Foundation sponsored an exchange program between mental health professionals in Washington D.C. and the von Bodelschwingh Institutes in Bethel (Bielefeld), Germany. The stamps donated are used by mentally, physically or socially disturbed people in Washington D.C. Presently, 72 individuals, 30 in the John Howard Pavilion at St. Elizabeth's inpatient Bureau, and 18 at Deaf-REACH, work two hours a day sorting, trimming, counting and bagging stamps for sale. Each month, they receive

approximately 1,000,000 stamps. Participants in the program remove used postage stamps from paper and sort the stamps by country of origin, type of stamp, value, etc. After the stamps are processed, they are repackaged for sale to collectors. Repackaged stamps are sold individually, in packets, or by volume.

BEFORE DONATING YOUR STAMPS, CUT THE STAMP AWAY FROM THE ENVELOPE LEAVING ABOUT 1/2" OF PAPER AROUND THE ENTIRE STAMP. Place them in the designated box in the Narthex, under the bulletin board. Thank you.

## CAMP CORNER

By Lauren Gust  
Lutherhaven Ministries is your congregation's year-round outdoor ministry. We're Camp Lutherhaven on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Shoshone Mountain Retreat & Ranch up the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River, Idaho Servant Adventures, and week-long Lutherhaven Day Camps held in communities around the Northwest. The Camp Corner features news and happenings at Lutherhaven.

Did you know? 2016 marks our 70th year offering quality, safe, Christ-centered programs for campers of every age!

Here are a few things coming up at camp:

**Family Camp:** July 15-17

- A great family weekend on the lake!
- Mix of outdoor camp fun, awesome meals and plain & simple time together.
- Bring your boat or jet ski to use from Lutherhaven's waterfront!

**Kindercamp:** August 5-7

- 4 & 5 year old campers bring a big person to camp! Swimming, sandcastles, arts and crafts, s'mores, songs, Bible study & more!

**Lutherhaven's 70th Birthday Party:**

**August 28, 10 AM - 4 PM**

- History Display, Live Music, Camp Tours
  - Build-your-own Picnic
  - Worship Celebration
- Cake & Ice Cream & More Fun!



## JULY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant 6:00 pm Co-DA Meeting 122	2
3 9:30 am-Worship Service/ Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship Happy Cut-Ups Monthly Card Sale Pastor Matt's Bible Study 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 7:30 pm-Al-Anon 122 AA Meeting 106	4 <b>Independence Day!</b> Church Office & Child Center Closed 	5 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 5:30pm Executive Committee 6:00pm Cub Scouts F/106/158	6	7 8:00 am Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups 10:00-11:00 am Amazing Athletes 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice 7:00 pm Summer Book Study 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106	8 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant 6:00 pm Co-DA Meeting 122	9
10 9:30 am-Worship Service/ Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship Praise Team Practice 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 7:30 pm-Al-Anon 122 AA Meeting 106	11 10:30 am-11:30 am ALCC Happy Feet 10:30 am ALCC Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Boy Scouts F/158	12 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 6:00 pm Cub Scouts F/106/158 Council Meeting 122	13	14 10:00-11:00 am Amazing Athletes 11:00 am-2:00pm Happy Helpers Summer Picnic- Mirabeau Park 4:45 pm GoldenAgers' leave for Arbor Crest 7:00 pm Summer Book Study 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106	15 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant 9:00-11:00 am Spokane Valley Partners Food Sorting 6:00 pm Co-DA Meeting 122	16
18 <b>Idaho Servant Adventures</b> 9:30 am-Worship Service/ Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 7:30 pm-Al-Anon 122 AA Meeting 106	18 <b>Idaho Servant Adventures</b> 10:30 am-11:30 am ALCC Happy Feet 7:00 pm Boy Scouts F/158	19 <b>Idaho Servant Adventures</b> 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 6:00 pm Outreach Committee 106 Cub Scouts F/106/158 7:00 pm Head of Committee Mtg.	20 <b>Idaho Servant Adventures</b> 6:00 pm Worship in the Park (Mirabeau Park)	21 <b>Idaho Servant Adventures</b> 8:00 am Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups 10:00-11:00 am Amazing Athletes 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice 7:00 pm Summer Book Study 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106	22 <b>Idaho Servant Adventures</b> 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant 6:00 pm Co-DA Meeting 122  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	23 (Luther- haven Kids spending the night on the way to camp)
24 9:30 am-Worship Service/ Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship Praise Team Practice Pastor Matt's Travel Presentation 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 7:30 pm-Al-Anon 122 AA Meeting 106	25 10:30 am-11:30 am ALCC Happy Feet 7:00 pm Boy Scouts F/158	26 9:00am Happy Piecemakers 6:00 pm Cub Scouts F/106/158	27 11:30 am Leave for field trip to have lunch at Christ Kitchen	28 8:00 am Happy Helpers 10:00-11:00 am Amazing Athletes 7:00 pm Summer Book Study 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106	29 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant 6:00 pm Co-DA Meeting 122  <b>NEWSLETTER MAILED</b>	30
31 <b>'Fill the Shelf' Sunday</b> 9:30 am-Worship Service/ Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship Pastor Matt's Travel Presentation 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 7:30 pm-Al-Anon 122 AA Meeting 106			10			

### JULY HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Ministry Description	July 3 9:30 am	July 10 9:30 am	July 17 9:30 am	July 24 9:30 am	July 31 9:30 am
<b>Communion Assistants (4)</b>	Manda Benton Karen Nelson Denise Walker Sue Wipperling	Neal Bedsted Marlene Diehl Joan Gunby Audrey Knuttel	Kim Nurvic Shelle Seaholm Francie Shoquist	Neal Bedsted Jodi Meddock Francie Shoquist	Audrey Knuttel Kim Nurvic Francie Shoquist
<b>Assisting Minister (1)</b>	Babs Velategui	Holly Gunby	Manda Benton	Kara Wilson	Kara Wilson
<b>Reader (1)</b>	Mike Canney	Mike Canney	Thomas T.	Kara Wilson	Kara Wilson
<b>Acolyte (1)</b>				Kate Larson	
<b>Media Person (1)</b>					
<b>Ushers (3-4)</b>	Mike Canney Bill Johnson Linda Semmen	George & Sandy Coombs George Harrison	Forrest & Marlene Diehl George Harrison Ed Orr	George Harrison Darrell & Francie Shoquist	George Harrison Kim Nurvic Abby & Jesse Nurvic
<b>Greeters (2-4)</b>	Dennis Johnson Wes Todd	Ed & Loretta Orr Denise Walker	Kim Nurvic Abby & Jesse Nurvic	Ed & Loretta Orr	Joanne Jepperson
<b>Altar Flowers</b>					
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	Neal Bedsted Crystal Ugolini	Darrell & Francie Shoquist	Darrell & Francie Shoquist		Kim Nurvic
<b>Fruit Tray</b>					
<b>Cookies</b>	Neal Bedsted Dennis Johnson Linda Rhoads	Carolyn Carlson Marlene Diehl	Kim Nurvic Francie Shoquist	Joanne Jepperson Kara Wilson	Kara Wilson

**Team #2 Leaders: Darrell & Francie Shoquist: 999-2216      Kim Nurvic: 979-7553**

**“Share with God’s people .....Practice Hospitality”**

**Romans 12:13 (NIV)**



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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

**9:30 am** Worship Service with Holy Communion  
**10:45 am** High School Bible Study at Starbucks on Sprague

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