

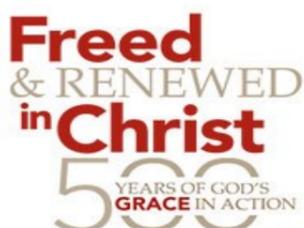
Advent Lutheran Church Newsletter



PHOTOS OF 'GENERATIONS IN FAITH TOGETHER'

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PHOTOS OF 'GENERATIONS IN FAITH TOGETHER'



**PHOTOS OF GOLDEN AGERS' AT LUNCH
IN COEUR D' ALENE**



PASTOR MATT'S CORNER

By Pastor Matthew Larson

The Fall has, well, fallen. Our September kick-off with **Kid's Church** and **GIFT** has been great. Thank you to **Terry** (for cooking) and the whole crew who puts in the time and energy to have these programs for our kids. **Confirmation** will begin on **October 2nd** and we will be starting in on a year of catechism. This year the confirmation students will be actively participating in worship as the cross bearers at the beginning and end of the worship service. Yes, they can carry that heavy cross.

In the chaos of schedules, work, activities we sometimes find it difficult to fit prayer into our daily routines. I remember in Seminary when our professors would whip out the Martin Luther quote, "I could never do all that I do in a day without praying two hours in the morning." (It's not exactly the quote but you get the idea.) So, you want to put even more pressure on our studies, tests, and papers with this? Well, I am not saying you must pray two hours a day, however there are times in our days when we can do something as simple as taking a deep breath and while exhaling say, "Thank you God". That's prayer. You can make a quick request of concern for a friend, a co-worker, or even a congregational member. You can ask God questions. You can take 10 minutes at lunch and find a quiet spot, go on a walk and have a conversation. Martin Luther used to begin his prayer with the Apostles Creed or The Lord's Prayer as a primer....to get him going. If he didn't know what or how to pray that's where he started. Prayer doesn't have to be some grand gesture, at its best it is an acknowledgement of our relationship with God and God's relationship with us.

Remember, there is always time for prayer. And some of the most profound prayer I have ever prayed is this..... help. That's it. And you know what God answered, in God's own way, but that is what I mean. Prayer can be simple, it can be ornamental, it can be angry, and it can be hopeful as long as it is honest. So, go ahead, pray. God is always there.

See you in Worship!!



ADVENT LUTHERAN CHILD CENTER NEWS

By Heidi Perry, Director

We survived Back-to-School time at the Child Center! October brings all things fall, including Pumpkin Patch field trips, the Fall Festival, parties and trick-or-treating. We also have a few new faces roaming around the Child Center, including a new cook!

The Pumpkin Patch is one of everyone's favorite field trips! All of our classrooms that participate in field trips make sure to do this one. Every teacher has their favorite farm to go to, but we mostly go to Walters, Hidden Acres, or Carvers. The children love being able to ride the tractor and pick their own apples and pumpkins.

We will continue our tradition of doing the **Fall Festival** alongside **GIFT** this year on **Sunday, October 30th**. The night will include dinner, games, and trunk-or-treating! If you are interested in **volunteering to help**, please contact the Child Center or Church office!

For all those who ever volunteer in the kitchen, you will be pleased to know that we have hired a new cook. Her name is **Adina**, and she has tons of kitchen experience. We are excited to see how her experience and love of whole cooking can transform the kitchen. We are thankful for all that **Amandalynn** has done to help us in the kitchen during our rough transition and wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY

By Carol Gerdts

WE MADE IT!!!! FALL HAS ARRIVED!!!! Some of us have been cutting off lots of dead tops of flowers. And, what is remaining is not quite so vibrant, as some of our mums and other fall flowers. Fall also means cooler nights and mornings.

September kept **Team #4** lead by **Mike McCune & Paula Kenney** busy. And, they appreciate **Thomas "T"** stepping out of his possible comfort zone to be an Assisting Minister and a Reader (which he has done before). **WAY TO GO THOMAS!**

October brings us full circle to **Team #5** lead by **Carol Gerdts** and **Joani Nelsen**. Last check of our sign up calendar indicates we're making great progress. Thanks be to all of you.

May our LORD continue to look over and bless all of you.



PARISH NURSE

By Debbie Martin

Flu season is fast approaching. Here is some information regarding the flu and the flu vaccine.

Flu season is generally from October through March with the majority of the cases occurring between December and February. It is important to know that after you get the vaccine, it takes up to 2 weeks for it to become effective against the virus.

People age 6 years and older need to protect themselves from the seasonal flu by receiving a yearly vaccine.

The flu can sometimes cause serious infections like pneumonia, make existing health issues worse (like asthma, lung disease), lead to hospitalization or death.

What is the flu? The flu is caused by viruses that infect your nose, throat, and/or lungs. It is easily spread from person to person when someone who has it coughs, sneezes or talks. It is also possible to get the flu from touching an object or surface, that an infected person had touched, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.

Symptoms of the flu may include:

- Headache
- Sore throat
- Muscle or body aches
- Cough-sore throat
- Fever 100.0 F or higher
- Feeling feverish or chills
- Vomiting and or diarrhea

Not everyone with the flu has a fever.

How the vaccine is given: The flu vaccine is given once a year as a shot in your muscle and this year it is also given in the tissue layer (inter-dermis). Recent research is showing the nasal spray has not been as effective as the shot. Side effects of the vaccine can be: soreness, redness, or swelling at the injection site; low grade fever; body/muscle aches. These side effects are not the flu. You can not get the flu from the vaccine because it is made from killed flu viruses. However, one may still get the flu from exposure to someone with the flu virus.

People at High Risk from the flu are:

- Children under the age of 5 (under the age of 2 are at extreme risk)
- Pregnant women
- Adults age 65 years and older
- People with long term health conditions: such as asthma, lung disease, diabetics, heart disease, or those with cancer.
- People who live in long term care facilities
- American Indians and Alaskan natives
- **Treatment:** It is important to start on an anti-viral medicine within the first two days, especially if you are a high-risk patient. Anti-viral's help lessen the symptoms in severity and can shorten the time of symptoms but aren't always effective. Other treatment includes, just treating the symptoms.

With this flu season fast approaching I hope that you protect yourself and others from the flu. Stay home for as least 24 hours after a fever has broke. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you sneeze or cough. If you have any symptoms, *please take care of yourself and stay away from others.*

Remember that people with the flu can spread the virus for 5-7 days after they feel the symptoms come on.

Thank you and stay well this flu season.

SUPER YOUTH TEAM

By April Marshall

The school year is off to a great start at Advent Lutheran! All of our youth ministries are back in swing and doing very well. There are just a few things we'd like you to keep an eye on for the month of October.

First, as a committee, we decided we would like to present our regular Sunday School attendees with their very own hardcover Bible. In the coming weeks, we will be asking parents and parishioners to write a small dedication or message in the Bibles before we present them to the kiddos. We will be presenting Bibles to the following children: **Kate Larson, Demetrios Tsakarestos, Zoey Tsakarestos, Brontë Marshall, Claire Marshall, Lily Bliesner, Noah Bliesner, Kallie Haveman, Karsen Haveman, Levi Bocoock, and Adelei Bocoock.** These are children who attended regularly last year, and we'd like them to have a Bible to bring to Sunday School. We did purchase extra Bibles—enough to have classroom sets in both Kids' Worship and Team Preteen. And we will be doing another presentation of Bibles in the Spring as we get more regular attendees this year.

Second, we will be doing our annual **Trunk-or-Treat** in conjunction with the Child Center's **Fall Festival.** The Fall Festival will be during our normal GIFT time, beginning with a **Taco Bar at 5:00 pm.** And again this year, we are always looking for **candy donations** and folks who are willing to participate in handing candy out during our Trunk or Treat.

We hope to have another successful year of youth ministry here at Advent and would like to say thank you for everyone who helps support us!



FROM THE BISHOP

By Bishop Martin Wells

God's beloved people,
We've just finished a very productive and faithful Synod Council meeting. With a significant agenda before us, Vice President Gary Gemar, Secretary Paula Kenney, and Treasurer Tami McHugh, led us through a packed agenda toward leadership positions in a number of important areas.

Since The Way Forward strategic planning process four years ago we've had two priorities before us: To support congregations with new intensity through the work of Net-Workers, agents of connection and support located physically closer to congregations; and, if trend lines toward financial viability continue to slip, to adopt new organizational forms in order to maintain that congregational support.

At this meeting we posed the question, "What happens on February 1, 2018 when budgeted support for Net-Workers comes to an end and at this point we don't know how to continue that support?" A robust conversation followed and we identified a few things that seem certain: There is great eagerness for the Net-Worker strategy to work and we're committed to it, with regular evaluation. In addition we confirmed we're going to have to live with deeper ambiguity in planning the future and live into this chaotic time anchored in trust in God. Out of this conversation we identified a desire that the new bishop devote primary attention in the first two years to strategic thinking and consultation with local, regional and Churchwide partners. We all prayed for a kind of adventuresome and fearless faithfulness as the key to the future.

Gary Gemar then led us through the year ahead and the sequence of events that will result in our May 2017 election of a new bishop. Crucial work begins right now, and through October, as clusters meet in the first of two meetings to learn the election process and contribute to the list of attributes needed in the next bishop. Please watch for the invitation to participate!

In the second of these cluster meetings congregations will be invited to bring three members and make nominations for bishop, up to three, in the course of that meeting. As you see the list of desirable attributes for bishop develop, I hope you'll seek out capable candidates, seek their candidacy and personal information, and then pray, pray, pray for this process.

Brothers and sisters, we were very well led by this capable synod council! Thank you for electing these people to positions of leadership. Please join them in praying for clarity about the choices before us and for our faithfulness together as we move into God's future. As we face uncertainty we remember God's certainty: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11.

THANK YOU

We would like to extend a very hearty thank you to **Jan Davis** and **Jill Lay** for their dedication and work they do in providing our beautiful baptism quilts and the quilts they make for many of our members who are sick.

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CAMP CORNER

By Lauren Gust

Greetings and Fall Blessings from Lutherhaven!

Lutherhaven's 70th summer has come to a close, but there is more fun to look forward to in the months to come! *Golden Agers' Day Out* and *Cut, Crop and Quilt* are just around the corner and there's even more to look forward to in the winter months! Exciting events happen at camp all year long!

Lutherhaven Fall Servant Weekend: November 11 at 7:00 pm - November 13 at 11:30 am Come With your Family or by Yourself To Clean, Paint, Build, and Get Camp Ready for Winter! Have a servant's heart? Want to get you and your family (and even your friends) plugged into some significant community service? Don't mind working hard?

Come join us for Lutherhaven's Fall Servant Weekend. You'll work alongside our full-time staff to prepare the camp for winter. The weekend also includes devotion, campfire, family programming, housing, meals and plenty of work to keep you (and your pals) busy and even make you a little tired by the end!

In addition to hard workers who can help build, repair, clean and organize, we're looking for specialists in areas such as carpentry and painting who can come volunteer their time. **Phase III of the Retreat Center** is in progress and a few landscaping projects around camp will be started.

If you're a servant who can't come for the weekend, but are free at a later date, let us know! Lutherhaven can always use your help!

Servant Weekend helps camp in significant ways and gives you and your family a meaningful time working side by side with new (and old) friends! Thanks! (Youth must be accompanied by adults).

Are you a Thrivent Member?

Consider putting together two or more folks for a **Thrivent Action Team** for the Lutherhaven Work weekend!



HAPPY HELPERS

By Forrest Diehl

Well, I am sure you will agree, these cooler temperatures are wonderful! The autumnal equinox was on 22 September this year, and, I am delighted that fall, football (great to learn the Rams have returned to LA – now if the Cardinals could only return to St. Louis...), school, and county fairs are in the air. Marlene and I attended the Skagit County Fair this year in Mt. Vernon, WA, with the grandkids, but did not attend the Spokane County Fair. I hope the Spokane Fair was well attended; it was certainly well advertised.

The gospel for last Sunday was found in Luke, Chapter 16, verses 1-16. That passage contains Jesus' parable to his disciples about the dishonest manager, who gained unexpected favor with his employer by independently remitting debts to his employer. Truthfully, I did not understand the message of this parable, when Pastor Matt read it from the gospel lesson. Thankfully, during the sermon, Pastor Matt read a translation of the parable (Parable of the Unjust Steward) by Eugene Peterson, and suddenly I understood the message. I was so impressed with the clarity of Peterson's writing, that I came home and googled his name. Wikipedia says Peterson is 84 years old, presently retired, living in Montana, and has written over thirty books. He is also known for his pithy sayings, one of which caught my attention. "There's nobody who doesn't have problems with the church, because there's sin in the church. But there's no other place to be a Christian...". That saying reminded me of a message from a former pastor at a previous congregation, which Marlene and I were members. He said that one must be a member of a church before one can call himself or herself "a Christian". He used the illustration of a football player. One has to belong to the team, before he/she can call him/herself a football player. He/she cannot be sitting in the stands, sitting behind a TV, be a fan of the game, or study football and call themselves football players.

The **Happy Helpers Breakfast** is scheduled on **Sunday, October 2, 2016** at the church from **7:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. On the **menu** are: eggs, pancakes, homemade applesauce, and sausage links. The food will be cooked by the **Happy Helpers** and served from the kitchen serving counter. Dining will be in the fellowship hall/gymnasium. **Boy Scout Troop 448** and **Cub Pack 437** will bus the tables. **The Scouts will offer packages of popcorn for sale – so check your cupboards to see if you need to resupply.** A **free-will offering** is asked to off-set the cost of the Breakfast. Any proceeds gained will be used for future church maintenance costs or charitable contributions. The applesauce is home-made by the Happy Helpers.

Extra applesauce will be available and can be purchased on request. Coffee, tea, orange juice, and/or water will be available. Come One and come All! Last year, over 110 plates of food were served. We are hoping to surpass that number this year.

Work on upgrading the restrooms in the Child Center is still scheduled for **8 October**, on **Saturday, beginning at 8:00 A.M.** Although **Patsy Opsal's Memorial Service** is scheduled that day, it is felt we can begin the work, take a break about 10:00 A.M., attend the service, and resume the work after the service. Our goal is to finish most of the demolition work during the week-end, which will minimize the impact on the classrooms during the following work-week. Most of the help needed is during the demolition phase (week-end) of the work. **Arne Weinman** has plumbers, electricians and dry-wall personnel scheduled to do the finishing work. Help will still be needed to help frame, "clean-as-you-go", and paint, as the finish work progresses through the week. It is estimated that the work will take about a week to complete. **Any and all extra help in getting this done will be greatly appreciated!** If you can help, please talk to **Arne Weinman** or me.

During the month of September the Happy Helpers: repaired the toilet located in the toddlers' classroom (**Kent Tibbetts, Ken Otteman**); replaced and repaired door toppers on two classrooms (**Mel Carlson**); replaced broken outside window screen to Child Center classroom (**George Harrison**); worked on repairing leak in water feature located in church patio area outside the narthex (**Harry Benton**); removed sharp edges and sanded play table located in outside playground (**Kent Tibbetts, Clancy Howard**); hung bulletin board in Child Center classroom (**Bill Thurston, Ken Otteman**); repaired towel dispenser in classroom (**George Harrison, Don Hodge**); repaired loose table leg in Child Center classroom (**Bill Thurston**); replaced 2 florescent light bulbs in Child Center laundry room (**Harry Benton, Ken Otteman**); installed new door lock on storage closet door located in north Child Center area (old Child Care kitchen) (**Ed Orr, Don Newland, Steve Emig**); changed furnace air filters (**Mel Carlson**); built and installed third tier on choir area riser (**Ed Orr, Don Newland, Kent Tibbetts**); removed shelf and installed bulletin board in Child Care classroom (**George Harrison, Don Hodge**); trimmed shrubbery and cleaned litter located on church grounds (**Linda Camp**); donated kitchen play stations to Value Village (**George Harrison, Don Hodge**); attached new kitchen play station to wall located in Child Center classroom (**Bill Thurston, Kent Tibbetts**); changed light-bulb in janitor room located in south hallway (**George Harrison, Jim Gunby**); repaired child classroom chair (**Bill Thurston**); transported donated food to food bank at Valley Partners (**Ken Otteman**); performed operator maintenance checks on church van and bus (**Ken Otteman**); policed and organized books, pamphlets, etc. in sanctuary (**Leroy York**); repaired foosball table located in Child Center classroom (**George Harrison**); unsprung restroom stall door in Child Center boy's restroom (**George Harrison, Don Hodge, Don Newland**); trimmed shrubbery with electrical shears (**Linda Camp**); changed lettering on Broadway Reader-board sign (**George Harrison, Don Hodge**); hung white streamers in sanctuary (**Harry Benton, Jim Gunby, Ed Orr, Don Newland, Kent Tibbetts**); modify book-shelf located in Preschool, Sullivan Campus (**Ken Otteman**); took measurements for backs on book shelves in Child Center classroom, Rm # 132 (**Bill Thurston**); 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 September, **Jim Gunby** provided the goodies. Thanks **Jim!** Visitors and new members are always welcome. **Dave Opsal** and **Norm Letha** visited us on one of the Thursdays in September. Thanks for stopping by, **Dave** and **Norm!** 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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

By Raeann Ducar

Back to School means Advent Community OUTreach is back in full swing. This fall we are starting a new outreach serving more students in our local community! The New Outreach Ministry is our ministry using Kids Hope USA resources. OUR church is teaming up with one school, **University Elementary School**, to provide adult mentors for kids at the school site. One adult is matched with one child for the school year. The child and mentor meet one hour per week throughout the school year. The positive impact that this can have on a child's life has been shown!

Nine mentors are trained and ready to begin! They are **Virginia Busskohl, Renae Howat, SaraLu Moore, Ken and Amaryllis Otteman, Shirley Roraback, Wes Todd, Lisa Thomas, and Cindy Thompson.** We also have nine members who have agreed to be their **Prayer Partners.** Their role will be to communicate with the mentors and pray for the mentor and the child. Thank you to **Marilyn Keith** for leading the Prayer Partners. And thank you to all for “stepping up” to be part of this! This is exciting and your prayers as we get started are appreciated!

And a lot more is happening too!
Six school age children from Hearth Homes were given back packs full of school supplies. We received a nice note from the director of Hearth Homes saying, “Thanks to Advent Lutheran, these kiddos are ready for a new year and the moms had a huge load lifted.”

Fill the Shelf Sunday is the last Sunday of the Month. You are an amazing congregation! Since we started at the end of May we have consistently filled two large barrels with food for Spokane Valley Partners. Thank you for giving to our neighbors down the street serving the needy in our community!

October is our church's month to provide volunteers on Wednesdays, distribution day, to help distribute food to families at the Spokane Valley Partners' Food Bank. Thank you to those who have signed up to volunteer! However, we still need volunteers for afternoon shifts. If you are able and willing to help at the food bank please sign up!

The “Food for Thought” program is beginning its 5th year. We partner with Liberty Lake Kiwanis, Spokane Valley Partners, and other valley churches in this worthwhile program serving needy kids in our community. **Last year the program weekly served over 350 school age kids with food for the weekend.** Our church volunteers deliver food to local schools on Wednesdays and sort and distribute food bags to the classroom at Broadway Elementary School on Thursdays. On the **3rd Friday** of every month from **9-11am**, a dedicated group of our members sort food at Spokane Valley Partners for this ministry too.

Our **Outreach Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm** at church. We encourage anyone interested in outreach to attend. For more information on any of the outreach opportunities listed please contact **Raeann Ducar at 921-1126.**

**'Fill the Shelf'
Sunday' is
October 30!**



SPOKANE VALLEY PARTNERS FOOD BANK AND CLOTHING BANK DONATIONS

By Ken Otteman

Last month Advent donated a total of **409 lbs.** of food for the **Spokane Valley Partners' Food Bank** in our food donation box and 'Fill the Shelf' Sunday!



INCOME/EXPENSE INFORMATION

By Bonnie Calhoun

Advent General Fund Income/Expense

	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	27,926.05	247,926.80
Expense	<u>28,258.60</u>	<u>243,919.83</u>
Net	-332.56	4,006.97

Child Center Income/Expense

	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	60,259.04	469,508.97
Expense	<u>59,631.64</u>	<u>462,545.20</u>
Net	627.40	6,963.77

Notes for Advent Lutheran Church

- **In August, expenses exceeded income by \$333.**
- 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 \$1,755 lower than average budgeted monthly expenses.
- 2016 January-August expenses are \$20,908 lower than 2015 January-August expenses.
- Average monthly income is coming in \$1,585 lower than average budgeted monthly income.
- Sunday offering giving for January-August 2016 is \$10,711 lower than in January-August of 2015.
- Budget planning for 2017 is underway. Preliminary budget proposals will be presented to Council at the October 11th meeting.

Notes for Advent Lutheran Child Center

- **In August, income exceeded expenses by \$627.**
- Average monthly income is exceeding average monthly expenses by \$870.
- The current reserve balance is \$53,416, which is 92% of the goal of attaining one month's expenses in reserve.
- Budget planning for 2017 is underway. Preliminary budget proposals will be presented to Council at the October 11th meeting.



PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

For our Church Family and Friends: Alboucq family, Steve Amundson, Beverly Armstrong, Ginny Besemer, Brown family, Belle Campbell, Mike Canney, Hazel Cascaden, Bud & Betty Jo Cook, Lonnie Day, Flanagan family, Sonja Fording, Tillie Funk, Teddy Gamiao, Alisa Gergawy, Bill Gerdts, Carol Gerdts, Margaret Gilcrease, Abby Green, Dolores Hanson & family, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Pastor Allen & Linda Ingebritsen, Elmer Jacquot, Aliyah Jahay and family, Shirley Kjos, Elinor Johnson, Mary Ann Klemmer, Alison LaFrance, Velma Linerud, Eloise Lorentz, Jan Madden, Sue May, Bonnie Mertes, Jack & Flo McDougall, Katie McIntyre, Joyce Mertes, Marian Moseman & family, Gloria Nicol, Phyllis Nodland & family, Joanne Okert, Opsal family, Rob Rector & family, Glen Preuninger, Connie Pyle, Myrna Rehn, Gerry O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Martha Schneider, Darlene Schwarzenberger, Keith Shipbaugh, Kathy Sordorff, Louise Sperline, Tito Tinajero, Todd, Duane Yates, Denise Walker, Florence & Keith Wilson, Ann Young, 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. Jordon 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, E-4 Blaine Rector, Kurt Strigel, SPC Cody Strunks, Colin Wells, U.S. Air Force, Ryan Wells, TSgt Sarah Meddock, TSG Jason Wood.

For Family Members & Friends Serving in Mission Fields around the world.

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

**August Services
Average Attendance: 155**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Octoberfest: Holman Gardens Retirement Community, 12th & McDonald (12912 E. 12th). **October 1, 8am-11am,** featuring pancake breakfast, bake sale, silent auction, treasure room, raffle, and a book sale! **Cost:** Adults, \$6; children under age 12, \$3. For more information, call **927-2300**.

The **Happy Helpers Breakfast** will be on **Sunday, October 2, 2016** at the church from **7:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. On the menu are: eggs, pancakes, homemade applesauce, and sausage Links. The food will be cooked by the **Happy Helpers** and served from the kitchen serving counter. A **free-will offering** is asked to offset the cost of the breakfast. This is one of the few fundraising events that the Happy Helpers use to gain funds for future church maintenance costs and/or charitable contributions throughout the year. The applesauce is **homemade** by the **Happy Helpers**. **Extra applesauce** is always made and can be **purchased** on request. Coffee, tea, orange juice, and/or water will be available. **Come One and come All! (The Happy Helpers homemade applesauce recipe was generously shared with us by Patsy Opsal many years ago).**

An evening with the Gaither Vocal Band! Enjoy the music of the Gaither Band with additional special guests! Sunday, **October 2, 3:00 pm**, at the **INB Performing Arts Center**. **Ticket Prices:** Artist Circle: \$36; Reserved: \$26, Senior (60+)/Child under 12): \$22; Groups of 10 or more: \$20. (Groups of 10 or more receive 1 FREE ticket!). Charge by phone at **1-800-325 SEAT**. For more information: **509-279-7000**.

Fall Cut Crop & Quilt - October 21-23 at Camp Lutherhaven:

- Bring your favorite crafting, quilting, or scrapbooking project and create all weekend long!
- Stay relaxed and focused...visit the massage therapist on site!
- Need more crafting time? Come a day or two early.
- **To register: www.lutherhaven.com or call toll free: 866.729.8372 x 117**

GOLDEN AGERS' DAY OUT! Tuesday, October 25: 10:00 am—2:00 pm. The cost is **\$12 per person** for a terrific lunch and program. We plan to take the bus, and if needed, carpool in our private cars. Please plan to leave Advent Lutheran Church at **8:45 am** and return after the program. If you are interested, please sign up below (one person per line). Sign up even if you are driving! Indicate if you are willing to drive! Thank you. This year's guest speaker will be **Shoshone Director Clint Kunze** will be our speaker.

Disney on Ice! Thursday, October 27—Sunday, October 30. Special pricing for Advent Lutheran and Advent Lutheran Child Center. Please see the notice on bulletin board for the various show times and pricing. To purchase tickets, please call **(866) 248-8740**.

UPCOMING EVENTS-Continued

Fall Tri-Cluster Gathering: Women of the ELCA Celebration at **Messiah Lutheran Church**, 4202 N. Belt Street, Spokane. **Saturday, October 29th at 9am** for coffee and registration. Cost is **\$5** and includes lunch! Please **RSVP by October 20th**. Questions? Call **327-4446**. **OUTREACH: MISSION COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER, PLEASE BRING TOILETRIES FOR MEN/WOMEN/BABIES** (can include diapers).

Lutherhaven Fall Servant Weekend: November 11 at 7:00 pm - November 13 at 11:30 am. Come with your family or by yourself to clean, paint, build, and get Camp ready for Winter! Call **Lutherhaven** to register- **1.866.729.8372 ext. 119**.

33rd Annual Fundraising Luncheon for Lutheran Community Services Northwest. Sunday, November 6th. Social Hour: 12:30 pm, Lunch & Program: 1:30 pm. Program Spotlight: Advocacy *Erin Williams*, Program Director. There is no cost to attend. You will be invited to give gifts and pledges to support the programs of LCSNW. Please **RSVP** by Sunday, **October 30th** online at **www.lcsnw.org/rsvp**. Questions? Contact **Christie McKee**, 509-343-5020, or **cmckee@lcsnw.org**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday, October 2nd, Kathy Piper will be here to take photos for our new **pictorial directory**. If you have not had a photo taken, or if you need an updated photo, please plan to have your picture taken. With many new faces at Advent, this is a great way to get to know one another. Thank you Kathy for taking the photos!

Sunday, October 2: All interested in being a part of the **Lutherhaven Auction Committee** are invited to attend the initial **Lutherhaven Auction Committee** meeting after the **Happy Helpers Breakfast at 11am**. Please join us and bring your breakfast with you! Anybody with ideas or interest, please join us in the board room!

A memorial service for **Patsy Opsal** will be held here at Advent on **Saturday, October 8, at 11 am**. We are in need of donations of potato salad and coleslaw. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Thank you!

Spokane Valley Partners' Food Bank Needs Volunteers! The month of **October** is **Advent's** month to volunteer at **Spokane Valley Partners' Food Bank**. We need **two people** in the morning and **two people** in the afternoon. The first shift is **10:30 am-1:00pm** and the second shift is from **1:15 pm-4:00 pm**. Advent has all four **Wednesdays** of the month and we need people to fill the slots. Please **sign up** in the Narthex. Contact **Audrey Knuttel** at **922-1727** or **Raeann Ducar** at **921-1126**.

"Sock Em" time is right around the corner! The warm, heavy socks are in the stores now, so watch for the barrel around the first of **October**. (Gently used, clean socks are also welcome!) The socks will go to **'Blessings Under the Bridge'**. Questions? Contact **Manda Benton, 924-6495**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

All are invited in celebration of **Mike Canney's 70th birthday**. Event will be held in Fellowship Hall, Saturday, **October 15, at 12 noon**. Lunch included. **RSVP** required-limited seating. **RSVP** to Sherrie Elmer, 28002 22nd Avenue S, Federal Way, WA 98003 or call **253-632-6703**.

Fall Tri-Cluster Gathering: Women of the ELCA Celebration at **Messiah Lutheran Church**, 4202 N. Belt Street, Spokane. **Saturday, October 29th at 9am** for coffee & registration. Cost is **\$5** and includes lunch! Please **RSVP by October 20th**. Questions? Call **327-4446**.

'God's Work. Our Hands.'

Wouldn't it be great to wear our yellow shirts more often? This year it has been discussed that we not do the "once a year" service day (September 11), but instead stretch out the service day to "a number of days" of service. Specifically, the **fifth Sunday** of the month for the next 12 months. The next **fifth Sunday** is **October 30**. We would focus on one project per Sunday. If you have an idea or suggestion about what kind of service we could do as a church both inside and outside the church let the office know. Would you be interested in overseeing a service project? Please contact the church office. Additionally, we have **'God's Work. Our Hands.'** T-shirts available at a cost of **\$7/each**. See the church office.

SCANDINAVIAN BAZAAR

Proceeds benefit local charity organizations.

The members of **Central Lutheran Church** will hold their annual **Scandinavian Bazaar** from **9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, November 5th**. Items for sale feature **Scandinavian Specialties** such as lefse and cookies including rosettes, krumkake, and sandbakkels plus other holiday cookies, meatballs, and crafts. Proceeds from this event are given back to the community through local charities. Last year support was given to local organizations, including Central Christian Action, Samaritan Fund,

Lutheran Community Services, Mid-City Concerns, Safety Net, and Second Harvest Food Bank. A **Kaffe Stua** will be held from **9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** The Norwegian "coffee hour" will feature homemade Scandinavian desserts served by women in traditional dress. Cost is **\$6.00** for five treats and coffee. The church is located at 512 S. Bernard, Spokane (corner of 5th and Bernard). For more information please call **624-9233**. **PREORDERS ACCEPTED FOR LEFSE AND COOKIES while supplies last.**

We are extremely low on extra plastic containers for left over food. The Advent name was written on at least 2-3 dozen **ZipLock containers** that were donated to us. These also have disappeared. If you have any extra, please put them in the kitchen on the large serving counter. Thank You, **Carol Gerdts**.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sunday, December 4, immediately after the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the **2017 Budget, the nomination of the 2017 Synod Assembly Delegates, and approval of Pastor Matt's 2017 Clergy Renewal.**

Dear Christian Friends,

We are inviting you and your worshipping family to attend a significant ecumenical event on **Saturday October 29, 2016, at 7:00 pm** in the evening at **Central Lutheran Church**. The choir from the **St. Mary Magdalene Church** (The Madeleine) of the **Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Portland** will join the choir from **Central Lutheran Church**, Spokane, Washington in presenting a combined commemoration of the **500th anniversary** of the protestant reformation.

We are giving this concert in the spirit expressed by Pope Francis when he stated: *Differences still remain in doctrine and in practice. This must not discourage us, but instead spur us along our journey towards ever greater unity...* and Rev. Martin Junge the General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation stated: *"By working towards reconciliation between Lutherans and Catholics, we are working towards justice, peace and reconciliation..."*

Please come celebrate our common faith through the gift of music as the audience members join together singing Christian hymns, listening to combined choral anthems and experience a Spokane premiere of a beautiful Jazz Requiem written by **Michael Kissinger**. **Maria Manzo** of Portland and **Paul Brueggemeier** of Spokane will be directing the choirs.

Sunday, October 30th, is Reformation Sunday, our 500 Year Anniversary Kick-Off, and 'God's Work. Our Hands.' Workday. Stay tuned...

In preparation for the **Fall Festival on October 30**, the Church Office and the Child Center is requesting donations of **individually wrapped candy** that can be passed out during our **Trunk or Treat** event. Please bring your donations to either the **Church Office** or the **Child Center Office**. **We also need volunteers to decorate your car trunk and pass out candy!** Thank you very much!



OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 7:00 am-11:00am-Happy Helpers Breakfast 9:30 am -Worship Service/ Communion After Worship Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 11:00 am -Initial Lutherhaven Auction Committee meeting 122 5:00 pm 'Generations in Faith Together'/Dinner/Confirmation 7:30 pm -Al-Anon; AA Meeting	3 10:00 am-11:30 am ALCC Happy Feet 10:30 am ALCC Board Meeting 6:00 pm Super Youth Team 7:00 pm Boy Scouts F/158	4 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 9:30 am Child Center Chapel 5:30pm Executive Committee 6:00pm Cub Scouts F/106/158	5 9:30am Mid-week Bible Study 106 7:00 pm Choir	6 8:00 am Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups 10:00-11:00 am Amazing Athletes 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106	7 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant 6:00 pm Co-DA Meeting 122	8 11:00 am Memorial Service for Patsy Opsal
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OCTOBER HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Ministry Description	October 2 9:30 am	October 9 9:30 am	October 16 9:30 am	October 23 9:30 am	October 30 9:30 am Reformation Sunday
Communion Assistants (4)	Jackie Domine Carol Gerdts Jodi Meddock Marlyce Murphy	Jackie Domine Marian Moseman Shelle Seaholm Patt Scott	Jodi Meddock Marlyce Murphy Karen Nelson Diedra Orwick	Marian Moseman Tina Ropp Cindy Thompson	Jodi Meddock Sue Wipperling
Assisting Minister (1)	Holly Gunby	Marilyn Keith	Kara Wilson	Francie Shoquist	Kara Wilson
Reader (1)	Jeffrey Zaleski	Mike Canney	Kara Wilson	Darrell Shoquist	Kara Wilson
Acolyte (1)	John Henry Wiegand			John Henry Wiegand	
Cross Bearer (1)	Kaban Wiley		Ian Howat	Donovan Howat	
Media Person (1)		Scott Marshall	Scott Marshall	Scott Marshall	Scott Marshall
Ushers (3-4)	Bill Johnson Linda Semmen	Forrest & Marlene Diehl	EIRay & Janet Rasmussen	Mark Thompson	Rod & Sammie Fletcher
Greeters (2-4)	Dorothy Grier Dolores Hanson	Georgia Coulston Elaine Lukes	Tillie Funk Sharon Pegau	EIRay & Janet Rasmussen	Georgia Coulston Irene Peterson
Altar Flowers			Janet Rasmussen		
Fellowship Host	Happy Helpers Boy Scout Troop 448 and Cub Pack 437		Carol Gerdts Joani Nelsen		
Fruit Tray					
Cookies	HAPPY HELPERS BREAKFAST	Amber Haveman Elaine Lukes Linda Semmen	Jodi Meddock	Bette Bouge Sammie Fletcher	Jodi Meddock Irene Peterson

Team #5 Leaders: Carol Gerdts: 924-9846 Joani Nelsen: 922-2901

“Share with God’s peoplePractice 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
5:00 pm 'Generations in Faith Together'

"Called by God's Grace to Love and Serve"