

Advent Lutheran Church Newsletter



PHOTOS OF OUR 2ND SUNDAY FUN DAY! TUBING ON MT. SPOKANE

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PASTOR MATT'S CORNER

By Pastor Matthew Larson

I want to share this short statement from the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church from last week. No matter where you lie on the political spectrum, prayer is for all of us:

This past week, Barack H. Obama, the 44th President of the United States, in the tradition of Presidents dating back to George Washington, gave his farewell address to the nation. Next week Donald J. Trump, in the same tradition of this country, will take the oath of office and be inaugurated as the 45th President.

We recognize that this election has been contentious, and the Episcopal Church, like our nation, has expressed a diversity of views, some of which have been born in deep pain.

There has been much discussion, and some controversy, about the appropriateness of the Washington National Cathedral hosting the Inaugural Prayer Service this year, and of church choirs singing at inaugural events.

Underneath the variety of questions and concerns are some basic Christian questions about prayer: when I pray for our leaders, why am I doing so? Should I pray for a leader I disagree with? When I pray what do I think I am accomplishing?

On one level these questions seem inconsequential and innocuous. But real prayer is not innocuous. It is powerful. That question can become poignant and even painful as it is for many in this moment, given that some of the values that many of us heard expressed over the past year have seemed to be in contradiction to deeply-held Christian convictions of love, compassion, and human dignity.

So, should we pray for the President?

We can and, indeed, I believe we must pray for all who lead in our civic order, nationally and internationally. I pray for the President in part because Jesus Christ is my Savior and Lord. If Jesus is my Lord and the model and guide for my life, his way must be my way, however difficult. And the way prayer for others is a part of how I follow the way of Jesus.

This practice of praying for leaders is deep in our biblical and Anglican/Episcopalian traditions. Psalm 72 prays that the ancient Israelite king might rule in the ways of God's justice, defending "the cause of the poor," bringing "deliverance to the needy." 1 Timothy 2:1-2 encourages followers of Jesus to pray earnestly for those in leadership, that they may lead in ways that serve the common good. Even in the most extreme case, Jesus himself said, while dying on the cross, "Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing," was praying for Pontius Pilate, the Governor of Rome who ordered his execution, and for all who were complicit in it.

In this spirit, the Prayer Books of the Anglican/Episcopal way have always included prayer for those "who bear the authority of government," praying in a variety of ways that they may lead in the ways of God's wisdom, justice and

truth. When we pray for Donald, Barack, George, Bill, George, or Jimmy, Presidents of the United States, we pray for their well-being, for they too are children of God, but we also pray for their leadership in our society and world. We pray that they will lead in the ways of justice and truth. We pray that their leadership will truly serve not partisan interest but the common good. When we pray for them, we are actually praying for our nation, for our world, indeed we are praying for ourselves.

Prayer is not a simplistic cheer or declaration of support. Prayers of lament cry out in pain and cry for justice. Prayer can celebrate. Prayer can also ask God to intervene and change the course of history, to change someone's mind, or his or her heart. When we pray for our enemies, we may find that we are simultaneously emboldened to stand for justice while we are also less able to demonize another human being.

Real prayer is both contemplative and active. It involves a contemplative conversation with and listening to God, and an active following of the way of Jesus, serving and witnessing in the world in his Name. For those who follow the way of Jesus, the active side of our life of prayer seeks to live out and help our society live out what it means to "love your neighbor as yourself." So we work for a good and just, humane and loving society. We participate as followers of Jesus in the life of our government and society, caring for each other and others, and working for policies and laws that reflect the values and teachings of Jesus to "love your neighbor," to "do unto others as you who have them do unto you," to fashion a civic order that reflects the goodness, the justice, the compassion that we see in the face of Jesus, that we know to reflect the very heart and dream of God for all of God's children and God's creation.

I grew up in a historically black congregation in the Episcopal Church. We prayed for leaders who were often lukewarm or even opposed to our very civil rights. We got on our knees in church and prayed for them, and then we got up off our knees and we Marched on Washington. Following the way of Jesus, we prayed and protested at the same time. We prayed for our leaders who were fighting for our civil rights, we prayed for those with whom we disagreed, and we even prayed for those who hated us. And we did so following the Jesus, whose way is the way of unselfish, sacrificial love. And that way is the way that can set us all free.

As we celebrate the birth of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we may find guidance in his words, spoken during one of the most painful and difficult struggles in the Civil Rights Movement. He asked that all participants live by a set of principles. The first principle read: "As you prepare to march, meditate on the life and teachings of Jesus."

Should we pray for the President?

Yes!

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

FROM THE BISHOP

By Bishop Martin Wells

God's beloved people,
I'm an admirer of our Washington State Senator Patty Murray. I think, over the years, she has shown the groundedness and flexibility to help govern our common life with practical wisdom and the necessary strength of compromise. For instance, I was grateful that she was able to broker a national budget with Rep. Paul Ryan when others were failing at the task.

Have I told you that I admire and affirm the vocation of politician? This is one of our most difficult callings because it is always the process of taking tens of thousands of opinions and trying to make "common" law, those deep threads and prudential choices that will result in a path most of us can honor in our day-to-day lives. I'm thinking of this, of course, because now our nation launches off on a new path, one challenged in substantial ways with a new President.

But back to Senator Murray. She wrote in a recent posting that she doesn't want to be asked how she's doing under the new reality. Rather she says, "Don't ask me how I'm doing. Ask me what I'm doing."

This statement reminds me of the sermon preached at the installation of Mark Hanson as our Presiding Bishop some years ago. The preacher compared two things: What the bishop had said and what the bishop would do. Her sermon adjured the new bishop to "watch his feet," that is, to pay attention to the path he actually walked among all the choices a particular day might bring.

I have a personal reason to make this point today. Lots of folks are asking me "how I'm doing" in the months leading up to my leaving the position as bishop of the synod. While I'm deeply grateful for the personal caring such a question suggests, I'm not going to be very good with an answer. I have loved, absolutely loved, this work and I'm very sad to leave it. That said, it is time, for a number of reasons. And that includes the reality that this is not the end of my vocation, the end of my service to the Gospel according to gift-ness. I have lots I hope to do, not least of which has to do with pouring love into a new grandchild, Abigail Claire. But even beyond that I have a calling, a vocation that must press the Gospel of Life, now with renewed urgency so deep is the challenge of our day.

So back to Senator Murray's admonition: "Don't ask how I'm doing. Ask what I'm doing." I intend that the last eight months of my service be intentional, faithful, provocative and urgent on behalf of the life of Jesus Christ for the world. This will have to do with calling, vocation, the gift given each of us in baptism. This will have to do with my understanding of faithfulness in the day, prudential, and faithful choices, so far as I can understand. I'm going to try and get out of my head and pay attention to my feet.

I invite you to do the same. What I want to remember is that the earliest followers of Jesus were called followers of "the Way." Any number of aphorisms try to articulate this notion, but it is best summarized for me in the words of A.J. Muste, the founder of the Fellowship of Reconciliation:

"There is no way to peace; peace is the way."

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: Pay attention to your feet, and may they be blessed as they walk "the Way" of Jesus Christ. Every step counts! Every step on behalf of life for the world!



THOSE WINTER SUNDAYS

By Robert Hayden

Sundays too my father got up early
and put his clothes on in the blueblack cold,
then with cracked hands that ached
from labor in the weekday weather made
banked fires blaze. No one ever thanked him.

I'd wake and hear the cold splintering, breaking.
When the rooms were warm, he'd call,
and slowly I would rise and dress,
fearing the chronic angers of that house,

Speaking indifferently to him,
who had driven out the cold
and polished my good shoes as well.
What did I know, what did I know
of love's austere and lonely offices?
Have you thanked your Father lately?



(Submitted by Wes Todd)

ADVENT LUTHERAN CHILD CENTER NEWS

By Heidi Perry, Director

The new year has begun, and with it, lots of changes and moving forward. With minimum wage changes, proposed WAC changes, and getting ready for our **Early Achievers** rating, we are constantly working on something in the Office.

We have already been rated through **Early Achievers** once, but it must be redone every three years. We have been meeting, discussing, and changing things over the past year and more, trying to get things ready, but it is now in the final countdown. Thankfully, February is a month in which we have an **In-Service Day** for our teachers to work on their classrooms, so they will have ample opportunity to put the finishing touches on everything.

Just as it was the last time, we do not know the exact date in which our rating will take place. All we know is that they will be coming sometime between March and May. The rating consists of several people coming to our Center, observing in classrooms, going through our files, and checking all of the immense amount of data we have collected for them. It will then take a few months for us to receive our official number rating.



WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY

By SaraLu Moore

We would like to begin by giving a final thank you to **Carol Gerdt**s for all the events and aspects of Advent that she contributed to during her tenure here. Without Carol's gracious smile and can do attitude many of the events at Advent would have been much more difficult to put together. May we all wish Carol the peace and grace God promises each of us as she moves into His kingdom.

This has brought many changes over the last few weeks. Many thanks to **Joani Nelsen** in her positive attitude and willingness to step forward to assist in the transition of the many tasks needing new hands and leadership. Be aware that **Joani** is working hard to update hospitality team member lists so that teams are evenly matched and all members of the church have a chance to participate. This will also provide members with a team leader to whom they can turn to if they have questions. **Selma Hair** has offered to step forward and work with **Joani Nelsen** as **Team 5's** coordinators.

Team 3 is just completing the month of January providing hospitality services. A big thank you to **Babs and Rick Velategui and SaraLu and Ian Moore** in their leadership of this team and to all the team and non-team members who participated to make this month a success. A special thank you to **Wade and Sue Wipperling** and **Manda and Harry Benton** in their willingness to step forward and fill the gap. Also a special thank you to **George Harrison** for ushering each week and providing a constant mainstay to this commitment.

With the change in programs from G.I.F.T. to a monthly activity, we request that the **fellowship hosts** be sure that **the tables and chairs are put away after the Sunday service** so the fellowship hall is ready for use by the child center on Monday morning.

February hospitality team is **Team 4** lead by **Paula Kenney** and **Mike McCune**. Sign-up sheets for all willing to give of their time and talents are on the sign-up table.



HAPPY HELPERS

By Forrest Diehl

Silly me, I had forgotten what real cold and snowy winters in Spokane really felt like. Well, January rudely brought me back to reality. Even though January was not necessarily a busy month for the Happy Helpers, locally and nationally, a lot of events took place. Like most everyone, the Happy Helpers like to talk about Sports and most of us are avid Gonzaga Basketball fans. This year, so far, the Bulldogs are giving their fans reason to cheer and a NCAA goal to look forward to. Also, I must say, the NFL Play-off games were very entertaining this month, and now we are down to the Falcons and the Patriots. Other national events during January were Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the Presidential Inauguration. Both of these events happened during the same week. Kudos to those who participated in the Spokane Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade in Spokane! Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Inaugural Day remind us of what a great nation we live in, through God's blessings. I personally did not listen to/watch President's Trump entire speech.

Unfortunately, I have a stereotype image in my mind (mostly formed by the 13 U.S. Presidents, who have presided during my lifetime), and President Trump's delivery, mannerisms, and words did not fit that image – so I stopped watching his address. But being the President is more than the delivery, mannerisms and words of a politician's speech, so I am hopeful and prayerful his administration will be successful.

The events and pageantry on January 16 and January 20 keep us mindful of the collective and individual responsibilities necessary to perpetuate the freedoms we enjoy.

Advent Lutheran Church and the Happy Helpers bid farewell to **Carol Gerdts** during her Memorial Service on Saturday, January 21. One of the prayers said during her Memorial Service was thanking God for "giving **Carol** to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth". That statement is certainly apropos to the Happy Helpers. **Carol** was very good at instilling a "sense of urgency" in the Happy Helpers with regard to those areas of concern (which were many) that she had for building and grounds maintenance. She took time and energy to research her requests, before asking – and always suggested options. She consistently gave willingly of her time and talents, even during her illness, and instilled a sense of selflessness in others. **Carol** was a compass to the Happy Helpers, and will be missed mightily.

Happy Helpers accomplishments during January 2017 were: the take-down and storage of the Christmas decorations and trees (**All**); installed plastic protective coverings to kitchen cabinet corners (**Ken Otteman, Wade Wipperling**); transported and stored Christmas decorations at off-storage site (**Ed Orr, Harry Benton**); wrapped and packaged Christmas wreaths in plastic (**Don Newland, George Harrison, Jim Gunby**); cleaned and restored coffee flow to Bunn coffeepot (**Wade Wipperling, Ed Ducar**); restored power to outside patio electrical outlet (**George Harrison, Don Hodge**); watered all indoor plants in sanctuary and Narthex (**Linda Camp**); replaced headlight in church van (**Ken Otteman**); ordered new hand-soap dispenser for kitchen

(**Clancy Howard, Wade Wipperling**); replaced child cabinet lock in Child Center classroom (**George Harrison, Don Hodge**); discussed need to replace solenoid in kitchen dish washer (**All**); installed/replaced door stoppers to Child Center classroom doors (**Mel Carlson, Bill Thurston**); spread de-icer on sidewalks (**Harry Benton, Wade Wipperling**); removed unwanted VBS props and plywood from furnace room (**Bill Thurston**); removed unwanted bulletin boards from Child Center classrooms (**Clancy Howard, Don Newland, Bill Thurston, George Harrison, Ed Orr**); cut chain-link fence bolts per direction from Heidi (**Ken Otteman**); spread sand on icy parking lot (**Ken Otteman**); organized chairs and tables in off-gym storage room (**Bill Thurston, Wade Wipperling**); delivered truckload of building materials to Habitat for Humanity Store (**Wade Wipperling**); checked orderliness / tidiness of pews in sanctuary (**Leroy York**); donated \$150 to the Lutheran Scholarship Fund (**All**); made donated food deliveries to Valley Food Bank (**Ken Otteman**); replaced vehicle battery in the church's van (**Bill Thurston, Ken Otteman**); replaced batteries in fire exit signs per directive from fire department (**Harry Benton, George Harrison**); etc.

The Happy Helpers are looking forward to the month of February and the continuation of Epiphany season. We meet each Thursday morning, 8:00 A.M., at the church. Coffee, tea, and "goodies" are provided. During January, **Harry Benton** provided the goodies. Thanks **Harry**!

Visitors and new members are always welcome. On Thursday, December 22, 2016, **Ed Ducar** visited the Happy Helpers and helped **Wade Wipperling** clean the Bunn coffeepot. Thanks **Ed**!

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. P.S. Thanks goes to **Dave Opsal** for reducing some of the snow berms in the parking lot to create more parking places! Thanks **Dave**!



PARISH NURSE

By Debbie Martin

Quite a few of you have come up to me in the past couple of weeks asking about **Herpes Zoster or Shingles**. I hope this helps answer some questions.

SHINGLES OR HERPES ZOSTER:

Each year more than 1 million American's suffer from shingles. Shingles is an itchy, painful, blistering rash caused by the virus herpes zoster, the same that affects nerve roots and causes chicken pox. Following an infection of chicken pox, the virus lays latent (quiet) in the neural ganglion and in about 10-20% of cases, the virus is reactivated to cause herpes zoster or shingles. This generally affects people 50 years or older, who have lowered immunity, a treatment (radiation) or medication that suppresses immunity (chemotherapy) or an infection.

HOW IS IT TRANSMITTED?

You can not transmit shingles from one person to another, per CDC. It is only possible to infect another through direct contact with the fluid of the blister. The person exposed to the shingle blister who has not had chicken pox or the vaccine may come down with chicken pox.

HOW LONG DOES SHINGLES STAY CONTAGIOUS?

A person is contagious with the shingles virus when the rash appears and until the blisters are crusted over. The person with shingles needs to:

1. Keep the blisters covered
2. Do not scratch or touch the blisters.
3. Wash their hands frequently.
4. Avoid being around those not vaccinated against the chicken pox.

WARNING SIGNS OF SHINGLES:

1. Rash-painful, fluid filled blisters which are often contained to only one side of the body or one area of the body lasting about 7-10 days.
2. Tingling sensation-some report a tingling sensation in the area prior to the rash appearing. In some people, they report an extreme sensitivity to touch and can be reported as itching, burning, and numbness usually contained to the area of the body where the rash later develops.
3. Nausea, Fever, Chills, Body Aches, Muscle Pain,
4. extreme Fatigue- flu like symptoms have been reported by most prior to the outbreak of the rash. The symptoms may last days to weeks after the rash has healed.
4. Headache-The shingles virus will often cause neuropathic pain resulting in a painful, recurring headache that most over the counter pain medications will not relieve.
5. Eye issues- vision complications can occur if the virus spreads to the nerves that connect the eye. This will cause eye pain in bright environments and can cause a nasty eye infection.

If shingles develop near the eye, ear, or mouth other major complications can occur; vision loss, hearing loss, swallowing difficulties.

TREATMENT

Prevention—The CDC recommends anyone over the age of 60 to be vaccinated. There is a 50% reduced likelihood of contacting shingles for the duration of the vaccine, which is generally 6 years. It also greatly reduces the effects of shingles if one does come down with the infection.

Medications- Anti-virals are most effective when caught early. Analgesics, warm compresses, calamine lotion, and colloidal baths help with itching.

Unfortunately even with anti-virals and over the counter treatments, shingles can be very painful and that pain can last long after the blisters are healed. Hopefully, with being vaccinated and catching it early, one can limit their discomfort and shorten the course of the virus.

The above information was obtained from the World Health Organization and the CDC (Center for Disease Control).

Let me know if you have any further or more in-depth questions. Thank you, **Debbie Martin RN, Parish Nurse**

RECYCLING NEWS

By Roger Scheurer

Thank you to everyone that supported the Happy Helpers recycling program in 2016, by bringing in your newspapers, phone books and aluminum cans. Your efforts generated **10,260 lbs.** of newspapers and phone books--a little over **5 ton**-and **356 lbs.** of aluminum beverage cans. These items were redeemed at the recycling center and turned into **\$373.48**. This money was used for small "fix it" projects around the church. A neat little boost when the group needs to pick up a few nuts and bolts or a bucket of paint. Maybe we can increase our volume a bit this next year. I'd like to see **\$500.00**, and with your help we can do this!!

Since 2011-the year that we became Advent-we have recycled **79,554 lbs.** of newspapers and phone books--almost 40 tons-and **2141 lbs.** of aluminum can, generating **\$3,666.73**. Not bad, eh? For no out of pocket expenses!!

If you have any questions at all regarding this program please check with me anytime at your convenience.



INCOME/EXPENSE INFORMATION

By Bonnie Calhoun

Advent General Fund Income/Expense

	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	40,510.32	380,456.28
Expense	<u>33,676.03</u>	<u>367,896.74</u>
Net	6,834.29	12,559.54

Child Care Center Income/Expense

	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	51,222.43	687,942.36
Expense	<u>54,688.29</u>	<u>687,138.66</u>
Net	-3,465.86	803.70

Notes for Advent Lutheran Church

- **In December, income exceeded expenses by \$6,834.**
- 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 came in \$1,587 lower than average budgeted monthly expenses.
- 2016 January-December expenses were \$18,893 lower than 2015 January-December expenses.
- Average monthly income came in \$871 lower than average budgeted monthly income.
- Sunday offering giving for January-December 2016 was \$11,993 lower than in January-December of 2015. This decline in income was considered in budget planning for 2017.

Notes for Advent Lutheran Child Center

- **In December, expenses exceeded income by \$3,466.**
- Average monthly income exceeded monthly expenses by \$67.
- Private pay tuition dropped by about \$2,320 compared to November. That coupled with a grant disbursement of \$1,146, caused the Center to finish in the red for December.
- Total net income for 2016 was \$804, meaning the Center basically broke even for the year.
- The Child Center ended 2016 with 70% of one month's expenses in reserve. The goal is to build the reserve to one month's average expenses.
- Total income for the Center decreased by \$56,119 when compared to this time last year. Expenses decreased by \$44,088.
- Income and expenses are expected to increase in 2017. The increase in tuition rates will help to offset the projected increase in payroll expenses due to the 16.2% increase in minimum wage hourly rates.

SPOKANE VALLEY PARTNERS FOOD BANK AND CLOTHING BANK DONATIONS

By Ken Otteman

Last month Advent donated a total of **127 lbs.** of food for the **Spokane Valley Partners Food Bank.**

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

For our Church Family and Friends: Steve Amundson, Beverly Armstrong, Bennie, Manda Benton, Ginny Besemer, Tara Bradley, Brown family, Belle Campbell, Mike Canney, Hazel Cascaden, Bud & Betty Jo Cook, Georgia Coulston, Lonnie Day, Sonja Fording, Tillie Funk, Teddy Gamiao, Gerdts family, Alisa Gergawy, Margaret Gilcrease, Abby Green, Dolores Hanson & family, Inez Hodge and family, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Linda Ingebritsen & family, Aliyah Jahay and family, Elinor Johnson, Marilyn Keith, Dana Kelley, Laurel Kenneally, Shirley Kjos, Mary Ann Klemmer, Alison LaFrance, Velma Linerud, Eloise Lorentz, Jan Madden, Connie Martin, Sue May, Bonnie Mertes, Jack & Flo McDougall, Katie McIntyre, Joyce Mertes, SaraLu Moore, Marian Moseman, Jeanne Mummert, Gloria Nicol, Joanne Okert, Rob Rector & family, Glen Preuninger, Connie Pyle, Myrna Rehn, Gerry O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Martha Schneider, family of Mabel Schoesler, Marvin & Darlene Schwartzenberger, Keith Shipbaugh, Shoquist family, Kathy Sordorff, Louise Sperline, Tito Tinajero, Ann Young, Florence & Keith Wilson, Woodard family, 20 year old young man in rehab.

For Family Members & Friends Serving in the Military:

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

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.*

**December Services
Average Attendance: 138**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning **Wednesday** evening, **February 8, at 5:30 pm**, **Wes Todd** and **Don Klages** will be leading a new book study on Rick Warren's "**Purpose Driven Life**" and meeting each week through Lent. Beginning **Ash Wednesday, March 1**, the time will change to **5:00 pm**, with **Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00 pm** and **Lenten Worship Service at 6:30 pm**. This will go through **Wednesday, April 5**. We will follow an outline and encourage sharing. **Every Christian should read, or reread, this book. It is the best selling nonfiction book of all time, besides the Bible.** If you have one of these old books laying around, please bring it to church for use by someone in the class.

We begin the **Lenten** season with **Ash Wednesday, March 1st**. See the calendar for Worship schedule.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Come join us at the Civic Theatre, **Wednesday, February 15, 2017** for '**A Little Night Music**'. This is a benefit for Lutheran Community Services and Lutheran Campus Ministry at EWU. Stephen Sondheim's '**A Little Night Music**' explores the tangle web of affairs centered around traveling actress Desiree Armfeldt and the men who love her. As everyone gathers together at a country house for a weekend, infinite possibilities of new romances and second chances bring endless surprises. Tickets are **\$30 each**. For tickets, contact **Christie at 509-343-5020**, or you may see **Wade Wippering** or **Duane Yates** at the table in the Narthex, they have tickets available to sell. For those wanting to ride the bus, please see the **sign-up sheet**. The bus will be leaving Advent at **6:00 pm**.

SUPER YOUTH TEAM

By April Marshall

The **SYT** is starting the new year right! We had a wonderful event tubing up at Mt Spokane! With around 40 participants, everyone had a lot of fun. We also had a great showing for our Movie Night, and we have had pretty good attendance at Sunday School this month! We hope to keep the momentum going into February. With that being said, I'd just like to highlight the February activities the SYT has planned:

Second Sunday Youth and Family Fun Day: On **Sunday February 12**, we're headed to **Get Air Spokane!** Last year we had a Get Air event and the children had a great time! Get Air is located inside Northtown Mall. Families and youth can plan to **meet up in the Food Court around 12:00 p.m.** and grab some lunch. Then we'll head down to Get Air and start jumping for a one-hour session at **1:00 p.m.** If you don't want to lunch at the mall, then plan to **meet us at Get Air at 12:45 p.m.** The SYT will cover the **\$10** cost for all youth jumpers, but we are asking for you to provide **\$3** for Get Air's special jump socks—if you already have them, then your child can jump for free! **We will jump for 1 hour.** Get Air has an obstacle course, ninja course, foam pit, and more! If you haven't been to Get Air before, they do require a waiver filled out—even for non-jumpers. You can go to **GETAIRSPOKANE.COM** and do this online beforehand or fill it out when you get there. Please sign up in the Narthex to let me know who to expect at this event!

Mardi Gras Party: Instead of Movie Night this month, we will be having a Mardi Gras event **Tuesday, February 28th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** This is an all-ages event, so **everyone is welcome** to come! We will serve a pancake dinner and adults and kids alike can play BINGO (with prizes), enjoy mask-making crafts, and more! We will most certainly need help in the kitchen, so please see me if you are willing and able!

Next **SYT** Meeting: **February 6th at 6:00 p.m.** at Advent.

LUTHERHAVEN NEWS

By Lauren Gust

We're Hiring! Pass it on!

Lutherhaven is hiring a year-round Registrar/Administrative Assistant, 20 - 40 hours per week, depending on season.

We'd love to bring someone onto our administrative team who "gets" camp and loves Lutherhaven's programs, facilities, location and offerings!

Before we open the job to the general public, think about it! Maybe that's you or one of your friends!

- Help create and maintain an effective environment of support for Lutherhaven's year-round programs
- Customer service with a "Yes, we can!" heart for serving
- Program registration on our new Circuitree camp management system
- Administrative support

Help us serve the many and varied groups utilizing Lutherhaven's camps, programs and facilities all year!

We're looking for strong verbal and written communication abilities, clerical expertise, customer service skills, attention to detail, and competence in database management and the MS Office suite. **Contact bob@lutherhaven.com for information of to apply!**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

January was another busy month for the various ministries of Advent. Here are some highlights:

- **January 20:** many assisted by sorting food at Spokane Valley Partners' Food Bank
- **Sunday, January 22:** Advent hosted a blood drive
- **Sunday January 29th:** '**Fill the Shelf**' Sunday and '**God's Work, Our Hands**' Sunday. After Worship we sorted food at Spokane Valley Partners' Food Bank. Those not able to go to the food bank prepared oatmeal packets for the '**Food for Thought**' Program. An upcoming event is the **Lutherhaven Scholarship Dinner** on **Saturday, February 4th**. In addition, the '**Kids Hope USA**' with University Elementary is going well.

FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30 am- Mid-week Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	2 8:00 am Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups 6:00 pm Lutherhaven Scholarship Dinner Set-Up 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106	3 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant 8:00 am Lutherhaven Scholarship Dinner Set-Up 6:00 pm Co-DA Meeting 122	4 5:00 pm Lutherhaven Scholarship Dinner
5 9:15 am –Kids' Worship 9:30 am -Worship Service/ Communion/Confirmation After Worship Coffee Fellowship Pastor Matt's Bible Study Happy Cut-Ups Monthly Card Sale 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 7:30 pm -Al-Anon 122 7:30 pm -AA Meeting 106	6 10:00 am–11:30 ALCC Happy Feet 10:30 am ALCC Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Super Youth Team Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts F/158	7 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 9:30 am Child Center Chapel S 5:30 pm Executive Committee 6:00 pm Cub Scouts F/106/158	8 9:30 am Mid-week Bible Study 5:30 pm Book Study with Wes Todd & Don Klages 7:00 pm - Choir	9 8:00 am Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106	10 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant 6:00 pm Co-DA Meeting 122	11
12 9:15 am –Kids' Worship 9:30 am -Worship Service/ Communion/Confirmation After Worship Coffee Fellowship Pastor Matt's Bible Study Praise Team Practice 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 1:00 pm-2:00 pm 2nd Sunday Fun Day-"Get Air" 3:00 pm -Confirmation Class 7:30 pm -Al-Anon 122 7:30 pm -AA Meeting 106	13 10:00 am–11:30 ALCC Happy Feet 6:30 pm Worship & Music Committee 106 7:00 pm Boy Scouts F/158	14 Valentine's Day 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 12:00 pm Pastor Cluster Meeting 122 6:00 pm Cub Scouts F/106/158	15 9:30 am Mid-week Bible Study 5:30 pm Book Study with Wes Todd & Don Klages 7:00 pm - Choir	16 8:00 am Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106	17 ALCC In-Service Day-Child Center Closed 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant 9:00-11 am Spokane Valley Partners Food Sorting 6:00 pm Co-DA Meeting 122	18
19 9:15 am –Kids' Worship 9:30 am -Worship Service/ Communion/Confirmation After Worship Coffee Fellowship Pastor Matt's Bible Study 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 7:30 pm -Al-Anon 122 AA Meeting 106	20 Presidents' Day Church Office & Child Center Closed	21 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 9:30 am Child Center Chapel S 5:30 pm Head of Committee Mtg. 6:00 pm Council Meeting 122 Cub Scouts F/106/158 6:30pm Outreach Committee 106 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 9:30 am Mid-week Bible Study 5:30 pm Book Study with Wes Todd & Don Klages 7:00 pm - Choir	23 8:00 am Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106	24 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant	25
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FEBRUARY HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Ministry Description	February 5 9:30 am	February 12 9:30 am	February 19 9:30 am	February 26 9:30 am
Communion Assistants	Grace Carlson	Marian Moseman	Grace Carlson Francie Shoquist	Audrey Knuttel Sandra McCune Denise Walker
Assisting Minister	Mike Canney	Jeff Zaleski	Jeff Zaleski	Kara Wilson
Reader	Babs Velategui	Kate Larson	Jeff Zaleski	Kara Wilson
Acolyte	Kate Larson			
Media Person	Ian Larson			
Ushers	Janet Esser	Bill & Rita Thurston		Bill & Rita Thurston
Greeters	Bill & Rita Thurston	Gerry O' Rourke Patt Scott	Sandra McCune Denise Walker	Norm & Audrey Knuttel
Altar Flowers				
Fellowship Host	Kathy Bowers Paula Kenney	Dennis & Cathy Johnson		
Fruit Tray				
Cookies	Grace Carlson Kathy Weinman	Bill & Rita Thurston	Grace Carlson Francie Shoquist	Gerry O'Rourke

Team #4 Leaders: Paula Kenney: 926-0702 Mike McCune: 893-2694

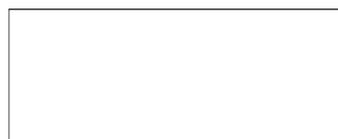
**“Share with God’s people,Practice Hospitality”
Romans 12:13 (NIV)**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:15 am Super Youth Sunday
9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks on Sprague

“Called by God’s Grace to Love and Serve”