

# Advent Lutheran Church Newsletter



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Fun at Sunday School!



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**PHOTOS OF HEARTH HOMES CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
(Advent Lutheran donated the gifts from our Tree of Sharing!)



## PASTOR MATT'S CORNER

By Pastor Matthew Larson

This is the year of Matthew....no not me.....it is the year we hear the Gospel of Matthew during the Gospel reading in worship. As I was reading ahead for Easter I noticed something in Matthew's narrative that struck me this time around.....let me show you:

"And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split;" Matthew 27:51

"And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it." Matthew 28:2

Do you see it? Only Matthew writes of these seismic events. Earthquakes. At the tearing of the temple curtain and the rolling of the stone. On one hand, why didn't the other Gospel writers write this? On the other, why did Matthew feel this was important? I am not sure I can with certainty answer this question, however I would like for you to think about this:

What could be more earth shattering than the presence of God destroying death? That the whole earth, quite literally, shakes at the moment death takes its toll and then again when it is defeated! Matthew seems to direct us to not only an amazing event but one that moves all the earth!

As we make our journey through Holy Week and Easter this year, pray and ponder about the Great News of Jesus Christ. Of the promises of life, salvation, and forgiveness. Remember that God has given to us life, right now and everlasting. This is truly earth shattering news!

### New Faces Gathering

Have you been coming to Advent in the last year? Have you been recognized as being part of the community here during worship? If not, come and be a part of a conversation about Advent and the Lutheran Church led by Pastor Matt on **April 23rd** for those that are new to our congregation. We will meet in the **classroom** after worship on the 23rd of April.

### New Acolyte Class

After a few conversations with parents, let's try to have a new Acolyte training before Worship at **8:45 am** on Sunday, **April 30<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in this, please contact the office!! Thank you!



## FROM THE BISHOP

By Martin Wells

God's beloved people,

Well phooey.

It's Lent, the rain (or snow) doesn't want to let up, runny nose is hanging on, Lenten disciplines seem boring, Syrian and Sudanese children show us what real suffering looks like, taxes are due, and I can't make heads or tails of the reports from the Congressional Budget Office. Wish I knew who to blame for this funk. Phooey, just phooey!

On the other hand, the Zags roll on, some of you are enjoying spring training, and the sun has risen high enough in the sky that it has crested Buckskin Mountain over Holden Village, leading to all sorts of silliness wearing bathing-suits in the snow. "The Sun will win!" was my almost-end-of-winter shout into the new morning hour of darkness occasioned by Daylight Savings. "The Sun will win," was as much a prayer as confidence!

By the way, this is a great time to pray for Holden as they prepare to open to guests for the first time in four years. In particular, pray for and talk with young people, retired people and others who might give two weeks of volunteer service. The need is great! See [www.holdenvillage.org](http://www.holdenvillage.org).

So what to do about the pre-spring funk? One of the Lutheran distinctives is that we're comfortable with paradox, the mystery that two apparently opposite realities can be true at the same time. For instance we know that we are both saints and sinners, and that we describe this as being bound and free. This is our spiritual reality and we don't get uptight about it.

So in the spirit of Daylight Savings I propose that we "borrow time" from one moment and insert it into the present funk. The word "prolepsis" means "to take beforehand." In theological terms my professor Ted Peters talks about prolepsis this way: "...the first thing God did for the world was to give it a future" and "It is the continuing divine work of future-giving that is the source of life and being." So I propose that we borrow the reality of Easter during the low days of Lent. After all, the Sundays aren't counted in the Lenten 40 days. They are still Easter days!

Thanks for letting me think this through with you. I think, in the course of writing to you, I've remembered resurrection into the present and it makes a difference on this cloudy day. "The Son will win!" The Son will win, indeed!

And here are two resources for both deepening the Lenten days through the discipline of alms-giving, The children in So. Sudan and Syria need us to remember them. [https://community.elca.org/southsudanrelief?\\_ga=1.25910260.833340902.1489175062](https://community.elca.org/southsudanrelief?_ga=1.25910260.833340902.1489175062), or [http://www.elca.org/40days?\\_ga=1.138048505.833340902.1489175062](http://www.elca.org/40days?_ga=1.138048505.833340902.1489175062)

### **WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY**

The **Worship & Hospitality Committee** would like to express a hearty THANK YOU to all our **Team Leaders** for coordinating our Lenten Soup Suppers each Wednesday. We also thank our **congregation members** for bringing soup each week! We had a great turnout each Wednesday evening, the soups were all delicious and plentiful, and our Worship services were very meaningful, drawing us closer to Christ this Lenten season.

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

By Heidi Perry, Director

April brings Spring Break, warmer weather, and our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Even though the weather isn't quite as warm as I would like it, the snow is gone and the children are enjoying spending most days outside on the playground. This will be important when we have 20 extra kids here each day for Spring Break.

We will be doing our **Easter Egg Hunt** separate from the church this year, on **Saturday April 8**. However, if there are any church families who would like to join us on this day, you are more than welcome! We have found more of our families are able to attend when we do it the weekend before Easter, which happens to fall on Spring Break this year.

We will be collecting bags of candy up until **Friday the 7<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to donate, please bring a bag of **individually wrapped** candy to the Child Center Office. We have TONS of eggs left over from years prior, so donations of eggs are not necessary. We do share whatever candy and eggs we have leftover with the church, so nothing will go to waste!

As always, thank you all for everything you do to support us over on the Child Center side of the building! Happy Spring, and Happy Easter to you all!

### **I AM**

by Mary Elizabeth Frye

Do not stand at my grave and weep:  
I am not there; I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sun on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circling flight.  
I am the soft starshine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry:  
I am not there; I did not die.

(For Easter Resurrection-Submitted by **Wes Todd**)

### **SUPER YOUTH TEAM**

By April Marshall

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**: Mother's Day—No Second Sunday activity planned for this month.

As the end of the school year rapidly approaches, that means **VBS** is just around the corner. We will again join St. Mary's and Resurrection for this fantastic annual event. Advent hosted VBS last year, so this year VBS will be at St. Mary's. The date has been set for **June 20-23** (four days). St. Mary's requires all adult volunteers to attend a brief Code of Conduct training or for volunteers who have already attended the training to take a quick online refresher quiz to maintain their clearance. Please let me know if you are interested in helping again or helping for the first time, so I can make sure you get the training you need to participate. The theme this year is "**Maker Fun Factory**" and it looks like it's going to be another great **Tri-Parish VBS!**

### **LUTHERHAVEN NEWS**

By Lauren Gust

#### **Camp Corner**

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? 2017 marks our 71st year offering quality, safe, Christ-centered programs for campers of every age!

#### **Here are a few things coming up at camp:**

##### **Spring Golden Ager's Day Out: April 25**

- Spend a beautiful spring day on the lake at Camp Lutherhaven!
- Join us for a fabulous lunch, great friends and plenty of laughs.

Speaker Jennie Johnson RN BC, PhD will be speaking on "Healthy Heart and Mind Into Retirement."

##### **Shoshone Spring Servants Weekend: April 28-30**

- Help prepare Shoshone Mountain Retreat for the upcoming summer season!
- Spend the morning working on projects, then spend the rest of the day enjoying fun camp activities!

Come by yourself, bring a friend, your family or a crew of friends.



## **HAPPY HELPERS**

By Forrest Diehl

May the Holy Spirit be with each of us as we continue our Lenten Journey into April! Pastor Matt's sermon, last Sunday, about the difference between spring-water and well-water (Jesus by a well with a Samaritan woman, John 4:7-15) reminded me of a devotion I had read. The devotion was based on Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". The devotion stated that a spring of water continually gives, while a water-pool usually receives. The devotion continued to say that is why a spring of water is always fresh, while a water-pool may become stagnant and filled with refuse. Finally, the devotion drew an analogy to church congregations...a giving congregation is like a spring of water and receives the blessings of its continual and generous giving by not having to come up with schemes to raise money (drives, rummage sales, money raising circuses, etc.) to support the church's work. A non-giving congregation must rely on the aforementioned activities and is like a pool of water – in danger of becoming stagnant both spiritually as well as materially. The devotion is probably much more applicable to stewardship than Lent - but to me, Lent also has implications of discipline.

The Church's and Child Center's bus and van have been targeted recently as a source of gasoline for thieves. During one week in March, both vehicles have had fuel stolen from them three times. Additionally, the fuel line to the van was cut when the gas tanks were kept at only a quarter full, and the vehicles were parked close together to restrict access to each of the vehicle's refueling compartments. The church council asked the Happy Helpers to get bids from fencing companies in the area to build a chain-link confinement area to park the vehicles in. We have talked to the Spokane Valley Permits Office and know what the thresholds are for requiring and not requiring permits. This topic will be on the agenda for the April Church Council meeting, which is scheduled on April 11, 2017. If any of you have any ideas on how to thwart/discourage future gas-siphoning incidents, other than building a confinement area, please talk to a Happy Helper or a Council member.

And speaking of the bus/van, it is worth noting that the vehicles are used daily by the Advent Child Center and periodically by the Church. Typically, the Youth Group and GoldenAgers use the vehicles as well as the vehicles provide a means of transportation for some congregational members to attend Sunday Worship Service. Also, **George Harrison** has been driving the bus to transport 10-14 individuals from Grace Court to the Community Dinner provided by and at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on the last Tuesday of each month. The church is always in need of eligible drivers. If you feel you can volunteer in this capacity, please talk to Cheryl or Bonnie at the Church. The number of Happy Helpers eligible to volunteer for this task is limited, since the church's auto insurance carrier requires that qualified drivers must be less than 70 years of age.

So again, if you can help in this capacity, it would be very helpful, and I know **George Harrison** and **Dave Opsal** would appreciate it!

During March the Happy Helpers decided that we were going to ask Modern Electric to do an energy audit for the church and child-care facilities (**All**); set clocks to Daylight-Savings Time (**Ed Orr, Harry Benton, Don Newland, Steve Emig**); installed handle on child center bathroom stall door (**George Harrison, Don Hodge**); refastened and tightened kitchen cabinet doors (**Ken Otteman, Wade Wipperling**); mounted art display board to child-center classroom wall (**George Harrison, Don Hodge**); moved blackboard from one location to another in Child Center classroom (**George Harrison, Don Hodge**); removed wall-lockers and "clothes-cubbies" from Child Center hallways per directive from fire marshal (**Bill Thurston, Harry Benton, Wade Wipperling**); adjusted door to Child Center laundry room so it would open/close freely (**Ed Orr, Jim Gunby, Harry Benton, Steve Emig**); repaired rubber door stops to Child Center classroom doors (**Mel Carlson, George Harrison**); discussed ways to improve the west entrance to Child Center and church (**All**); coordinated to have kitchen grease trap pumped (**Harry Benton**); repaired tightening-bolt on grease-trap (**Harry Benton**); removed staples from gym wall after Lutherhaven campership dinner (**Linda Camp, Ed Orr, Jim Gunby, Ken Otteman, Wade Wipperling, Steve Emig, Bill Thurston, Mel Carlson, Don Hodge, George Harrison**); watered the plants in Narthex and sanctuary (**Linda Camp**); cleaned and tidied-up pew areas in sanctuary (**Leroy York**); repaired loose laminate on kitchen counter (**Wade Wipperling**); hung magazine rack outside Child Center office (**Bill Thurston, George Harrison**); replaced florescent light bulb in Child Center light fixture (**Wade Wipperling, Bill Thurston**); mounted bulletin board to brick wall, child-care hallway (**Bill Thurston, Wade Wipperling, George Harrison**); moved magazine rack from Child Center hallway to classroom per directive from fire marshal (**Wade Wipperling, Bill Thurston, Don Hodge, Jim Gunby**); replaced lightbulb in outside soffit (**Harry Benton, Ed Orr, Jim Gunby**); replaced florescent light bulbs in kitchen (**Bill Thurston, Wade Wipperling**); scheduled refurbishing of soil in flowerbeds per request from **Carol Scheurer**; (**Ken Otteman, Clancy Howard**); repaired wheel on kitchen mobile food cart (**Wade Wipperling**); repaired electrical on mobile coffee cabinet (**Wade Wipperling, Ed Orr, Jim Gunby**); placed new bag of hand soap in kitchen dispenser (**Wade Wipperling**); placed mop and bucket in new utility room off gym (**Wade Wipperling**); discussed maintenance of garden beds at Hearth Homes (**Clancy Howard, Ken Otteman**); performed operator maintenance on church bus/van (**Ken Otteman**); escorted a representative from our building insurance carrier during an electrical inspection (**Ken Otteman, Harry Benton**); etc.

The Happy Helpers are looking forward to the month of April and continued SPRING weather. We meet each Thursday morning, **8:00 A.M.**, at the church. Coffee, tea, and "goodies" are provided. During March, **Clancy Howard** provided the goodies. Thanks **Clancy!** Visitors and new members are always welcome. During the month of March, **Dave Opsal** visited us several times. If you can't make it by 8:00 A.M., come anytime. Usually, we finish talking by 9:00 A.M. and finish working by 11:00 A.M.

**INCOME/EXPENSE INFORMATION**

By Bonnie Calhoun

**Advent General Fund Income/Expense**

	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	34,885.07	66,881.90
Expense	<u>31,109.39</u>	<u>64,229.59</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>3,775.68</b>	<b>2,652.31</b>

**Child Center Income/Expense**

	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	55,803.95	114,759.54
Expense	<u>54,096.90</u>	<u>109,071.51</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>1,707.05</b>	<b>5,688.03</b>

**Notes for Advent Lutheran Church**

- **In February, income exceeded expenses by \$3,776.**
- Expenses included the budgeted disbursement (10%) of benevolence dollars for the ELCA, Spokane Valley Partners, Maasai Health Systems, Lutheran Community Services and the Wenatchee Valley Lutheran Latino Ministry.
- Average monthly expenses came in \$623 higher than average budgeted monthly expenses due mainly to higher utility/snow plow expenses.
- 2017 January-February expenses were \$399 higher than 2016 January-February expenses.
- Average monthly income came in \$1,396 higher than average budgeted monthly income. This was due to the receipt of a \$10,000 Foundation Grant that was expected in 2016, but was received later than expected.
- Sunday offering giving for January-February 2017 was \$3,000 lower than in January of 2016.

**Notes for Advent Lutheran Child Center**

- **In February, income exceeded expenses by \$1,707.**
- Total income for the Center increased by \$2,347 when compared to January of last year.
- Expenses have decreased by \$5,153.
- The Child Center seems to be weathering the increases in tuition and minimum wage and have come through the first two months of the year with a net balance of \$5,688.

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

By Ken Otteman

Thank you all for your generous donations to the **Spokane Valley Partners Food Bank**. Our **'Fill the Shelf'** Sunday food drive donations brought in **310 lbs.!** The Food Bank is very grateful for all your donations.

**PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS**

**For our Church Family and Friends:** Steve Amundson, Beverly Armstrong, Bennie, Manda Benton, Ginny Besemer, Irene Bittrick, Tara Bradley, Brown family, Belle Campbell, Mike Canney, Hazel Cascaden, Bud & Betty Jo Cook, Georgia Coulston, Sally Duenow, Sonja Fording, Tillie Funk, Alisa Gergawy, Margaret Gilcrease, Abby Green, Halvorson family, Jan & Jerry Hall, Dolores Hanson, Mary Ann Klemmer, Inez Hodge and family, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Linda Ingebritsen & family, Aliyah Jahay and family, Elinor Johnson, Marilyn Keith, Doug Kelly, Dana Kelley, Paula & Tim Kenney, Shirley Kjos, Linda Lahman, Alison LaFrance, Laut family, Velma Linderud, Eloise Lorentz, Jan Madden, Malia (family member of Judy Ross) and her Mother, Connie Martin, Sue May, Bonnie Mertes, Joyce Mertes, Jack & Flo McDougall, Katie McIntyre, SaraLu Moore, Marian Moseman, Jeanne Mummert, Gloria Nicol, Norm Knuttel, Gerry O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Joanne Okert, Sarah Owen, Glen Preuninger, Connie Pyle, Anna Rector and Heinz, Myrna Rehn, Martha Schneider, Marvin & Darlene Schwarzenberger, Keith Shipbaugh, Kathy Sordorff, Jaci Stevens, Louise Sperline, Cindy Taskila, Mark & Cindy Thompson & family, Tito Tinajero, Keith & Florence Wilson, Wisecarver family, Sara Zabriskie.

**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, and 1Lt. Michael West.

**Prayers for Eastern Idaho Washington Synod as we prepare for the election of a new Bishop.**

**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](mailto:alcspokane@comcast.net) or call the church office at **(509) 928-7733**.*

**February Services  
Average Attendance: 139**



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **Lent offering** has been designated for Lutheran Community Services **Unaccompanied Minor Refugee Program**.

The **Men's Breakfast** will meet at **Shari's** at **6:30 am** on **April 7<sup>th</sup>** and **14<sup>th</sup>**.

### **LADIES MONTHLY BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON**

On the last Wednesday of each month we are joining together to celebrate those women who have birthdays in that month. We meet at **11:30 a.m.** at **The Max** at the **Mirabeau Hotel** for a no host luncheon. If you are interested in joining us please contact **Marian Moseman** at **927-3821** or **Gerry O'Rourke** at **893-0787**, no later than the Friday before so that we can make a reservation. Come and join the fun!

### **VISITATION MINISTRY**

Do you know that Advent has an active visitation team? They take communion to shut ins, whether permanent or temporary shut ins. They make home visits and phone calls and send cards. Whatever is needful. If you have a need, please call the **Church office** at **928-7733**.

**EASTER CANDY NEEDED!** Once again, the **Child Center and Advent Lutheran Church** will be collecting bags of **individually** wrapped candy for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt**. If you are willing to donate, please drop off your donations to either the **Church Office** or the **Child Center Office**. **Thank you!**

**The Church Office and the Child Center will be closed on Good Friday, April 14.**

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**April 13: 6:30 pm**-Maundy Thursday Worship Service

**April 14: Noon:** Ecumenical Service/Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's Catholic Church

**6:30 pm**-Good Friday Service at Advent

**April 15: 6:30 pm**-Vigil of Easter Service

### **EASTER SUNDAY- APRIL 16**

**6:30 am**-Sunrise Service-Saltse Cemetery

**8:00 am-11:00am**-Easter Breakfast

**8:30 am**-Worship Service/Communion

**9:45 am**-Easter Egg Hunt

**10:30 am**-Worship Service/Communion

### **EASTER BREAKFAST MENU-Serving: 8am – 11am**

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Fresh Fruit Juice, Coffee, Tea. A suggested donation of **\$5** for **adults** and **\$3** for **children**. (Open to a free-will offering). The proceeds will go towards the **Youth Gathering in 2018**.

### **MOVIE NIGHT**

**Movie Night Updates:** Join us for **Movie Night**, which has been moved to **April 21st**. Complimentary **pizza dinner starts at 5:00 p.m.**, and the movies start shortly thereafter. The youth movie is **Sing** (PG), an adorable, animated tale about a plucky group of would-be singers and a theatre owner who is desperately trying to save his

business. It's a family must-see and features the voices of Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon and Scarlett Johansson. **The adult movie has changed.** We will be showing Academy Award Best Picture Nominee **Fences** (PG-13), starring Denzel Washington and Viola Davis who won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress in this role. We will be starting this movie at **5:30 pm**, as it is just over 2 hours long. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend, so we can be sure to have enough food. Contact **April Marshall** for questions at **509-808-4099**.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

It is once again time to start planning for our **VBS** program! We will need volunteers! If you are able to volunteer for **VBS, June 19-22, from 9am-noon, at St. Mary's Catholic Church**. Please contact **April Marshall** at **808-4099**. This year's theme is **"Maker Fun Factory."**



### **UNACCOMPANIED REFUGEE MINOR PROGRAM**

Thank you to all who have expressed interest in the **Unaccompanied Refugee Minor program** sponsored by **Lutheran Community Services** and thanks to Council for approval to donate the Lenten offering to this program. One need that was expressed by LCS was that a third group home that opened recently for some of these young boys does not have a TV, DVD player or X-Box. The Outreach Committee agreed that money from the Lenten offering may be used to purchase some of these items. In addition, if anyone would like to donate new or gently used DVD movies that are PG or PG13 (appropriate for middle school or high school youth), we will offer them to LCS for the Refugee Program. A **collection box** will be placed in the Narthex between now and Easter. There is also an **information session** every **2nd Tuesday** of the month at LCS from **5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**, geared towards providing foster or respite care for these children. If you have questions or want to know more about this program, call **Babs Velategui** at **701-8041**.

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**The Semiannual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, June 4th following the Worship Service.** We will elect three new council members, nominating committee members, and review committee and small group reports. This meeting is an opportunity for ministry groups and committees to get the word out about their group's activities and who is involved in their ministry. **Committees and small group reports will be due on Sunday, May 14th.** Please turn them in to the church office or email them to Bonnie at [alcp parishadmin@comcast.net](mailto:alcp parishadmin@comcast.net).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Spokane Valley Partners** presents **'Noises OFF'**, on Wednesday, **April 12. 6:30 pm:** Social hour and raffles. **7:30 pm:** Curtain. The cost is **\$30**. This is their 1st Annual fundraiser to be held at the Civic Theatre, 1020 N. Howard Street, Spokane. Called the funniest farce ever written, **'Noises OFF'** presents a manic menagerie as a cast of traveling actors rehearses a flop called Nothing's On. Slamming doors, offstage intrigue and frequent mishaps make up the plot of this hilariously comical play. Suitable for all audiences of all ages. For tickets, please see **Joani Nelsen** or call the **Spokane Civic Theatre** at **(509) 325-2507**.

### 33rd Annual Chocolate Champagne Gala!

**A Fun Evening that Supports a Serious Cause.**  
**Saturday April 22, 2017 at 6:00pm** at the Historic Davenport Hotel, Grand Pennington Ballroom.  
**Tickets - \$95.00.** Join us for an elegant evening of chocolate, champagne, dinner, and auction to benefit the Sexual Assault & Family Trauma Center (SAFeT) and other vital programs of **Lutheran Community Services Northwest**.



**GOLDENAGERS' DAY OUT: Tuesday, April 25, 2017,** (Meet at the church and ready to leave by **8:45 am and return by 2:30 pm**). **The topic this year is 'Healthy Heart & Mind Into Retirement'**. The same things that protect you from a heart attack & stroke will also protect your brain from most cases of dementia. Learn how to recognize the symptoms of a heart attack & stroke. Understand what proactive things you can do to prevent these debilitating diseases. See the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Cost is **\$12 per person**, which includes lunch and the program. **Contact Linda Semmen (389-4191)** or **Joani Nelsen (922-2901)** for more information.

**Lutheran Campus Ministry at EWU** invites you to a **LUAU!** Come to our **Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction, April 29.** Doors open at **5:00 pm.** Dinner at approximately **6:00 pm**, at Advent Lutheran Church. **Dress Hawaiian!** Complimentary dinner of Hawaiian pulled pork and fixings. Beer and wine available with donation. Silent Auction: **5:00 pm-6:00 pm.** Dessert Auction following dinner. Guests will be asked to donate to the ministry. Please register at **www.lcmewu.com** or call **509-951-5701**. If you register 8 people, you will be entered into a drawing!

**Blended & Blessed™** is a **FREE** one-day livestream event taking place at **ONE\*Church** on Sullivan and 24th Avenue on **April 29, from 8:00 am-4:00 pm.** This is a community event for stepfamily couples, single parents, dating couples with kids, and those who care about blended families. This event will unpack five keys that are crucial to healthy stepfamily marriages. They have an exciting lineup of speakers for this groundbreaking event including **Sandi Patty and Don Pelsis.** Contact **926-3254** for more information.

**Art Exhibit at The Max at Mirabeau Hotel, Wednesday, May 3rd, from 5-7pm.** This art exhibit will feature the work of **Anna Rector.** Wine and food will be served at a minimal cost and the event is free to attend.



### THANK YOU

Many, many thanks to my Advent friends who have been so supportive during my broken wrist ordeal. I so appreciate your get-well cards, your phone calls, your meals, and especially your prayers. Special thanks to the ladies who were my chauffeurs when I couldn't drive. We are a 'family' at Advent, and God has blessed me with your kindnesses. Thank you, **Karen Nelson**

Congratulations and thank you to **Sue Wipperling** who has accepted the **Chairperson of the Reception Committee** and has been very busy coordinating weddings and funerals (sadly, mostly funerals!) since she assumed this position last year. Sue does an amazing job of adding her own touch to each event, and has a special gift of organizing volunteer duties using her gentle way with people. In addition to her committee responsibilities, you can also find her in the kitchen (with **Wade** by her side) coordinating Lenten soup suppers, helping with Sunday morning coffee hours, and volunteering to assist with other Advent events that involve the kitchen and food!! If you haven't had a chance to work with Sue, please sign up when she asks for help so you can personally witness what a pleasure it is to work with her. Please take time to thank Sue for her continued labor of love as our reception hostess.

## APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 9:15 am –Kids’ Worship 9:30 am-Worship Service/ Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship Happy Cut-Ups Monthly Card Sale 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 7:30 pm-Al-Anon 122 AA Meeting 106	<b>3 Spring Break</b> 10:30 am–11:30 ALCC Happy Feet 10:30 am ALCC Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Boy Scouts F/158	<b>4 Spring Break</b> 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	<b>5 Spring Break</b> 9:30 am - Mid-week Bible Study 106 11:00 am-Brown Bag Lunch 11:30 am-Lenten Worship Service 5:00 pm-Book Study 6:00 pm-Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 pm-Lenten Worship Service 7:00 pm-Choir	<b>6 Spring Break</b> 7:45 am-6:00 pm- GoldenAgers’ Day Outing 8:00 am Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106	<b>7 Spring Break</b> 6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Shari’s Restaurant 6:00 pm Co-DA Meeting 122	<b>8</b> 10:30 am- Noon ALCC Easter Egg Hunt
<b>9 Palm Sunday</b> 9:15 am –Kids’ Worship 9:30 am-Worship Service/ Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship Pastor Matt’s Bible Study Praise Team Practice <b>2nd Sunday Fun Day: Savageland</b> 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 7:30 pm-Al-Anon: 122 AA Meeting 106	<b>10 Holy Week</b> 10:30 am–11:30 ALCC Happy Feet 6:30 pm Worship & Music Committee 106 7:00 pm Boy Scouts F/158	<b>11 Holy Week</b> 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 6:00 pm Council Meeting 122 Cub Scouts F/106/158	<b>12 Holy Week</b> 7:00 pm-Choir	<b>13 Maundy            Thursday</b> 8:00 am Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups 6:30 pm Worship Service 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106  <b>Holy Week</b>	<b>14 Good Friday</b> 6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Shari’s Restaurant <b>Noon:</b> Ecumenical Service/Stations of the Cross at St. <b>Mary’s Catholic            Church</b> 6:00 pm Co-DA Meeting 122 6:30 pm Worship Service	<b>15 Vigil of            Easter</b>  6:30 pm Worship Service
<b>16 Easter Sunday</b> 6:30 am Sunrise Service-Saltese Cemetery 8:00 am-11:00am-Easter Breakfast 8:30 am-Worship Service/ Communion 9:45 am-Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am-Worship Service /Communion 7:30 pm-Al-Anon 122 AA Meeting 106	<b>17</b> 10:30 am–11:30 ALCC Happy Feet 7:00 pm Boy Scouts F/158	<b>18</b> 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 9:30 am Child Center Chapel S 6:00 pm Cub Scouts F/106/158	<b>19</b> 9:30 am - Mid-week Bible Study 106	<b>20</b> 8:00 am Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106	<b>21 NEWSLETTER            DEADLINE</b> 6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Denny’s Restaurant <b>9am-11am-SVP</b> Food Sorting <b>5:00 pm-7:30 pm</b> Movie Night <b>6:00 pm</b> Co-DA Meeting 122	<b>22</b> 12:30pm- 3:30pm- AA Work- shop
<b>23</b> 9:15 am –Kids’ Worship 9:30 am-Worship Service/ Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship Praise Team Practice ‘New Faces’ Gathering 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 3:00 pm-Confirmation Class 7:30 pm-Al-Anon:122; AA Meeting	<b>24</b> 10:30 am–11:30 ALCC Happy Feet 6:30 pm Synod Assembly Planning Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts F/158	<b>25</b> 8:45 am-2:30 pm GoldenAgers’ Day Out- Camp Lutherhaven 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 9:30 am Child Center Chapel S 6:00 pm Cub Scouts F/106/158	<b>26</b> 9:30 am - Mid-week Bible Study 106 7:00 pm-Choir	<b>27</b> 8:00 am Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106	<b>28</b> 6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Denny’s Restaurant <b>6:30 pm-10:30 pm</b> ALCC Parents Night Out <b>6:00 pm</b> Co-DA Meeting 122	<b>29</b> 5:00 pm EWU Campus Ministry Dinner & Auction
<b>30 ‘God’s Work. Our Hands.’            Quilt Sunday</b> 8:45 am-New Acolyte Class 9:15 am–Kids’ Worship 9:30 am-Worship Service/Comm. <b>After Worship:</b> Coffee Fellowship Pastor Matt’s Bible Study 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 3:00 pm-Confirmation Class 7:30 pm-Al-Anon:122; AA Meeting		9				

### APRIL HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Ministry Description	April 2 9:30 am	April 9 Palm Sunday 9:30 am	April 13 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm	April 14 Good Friday 6:30 pm	April 15 Vigil of Easter 6:30 pm	April 16 Easter Sunday 8:30am 10:30am	April 23 9:30 am	April 30 9:30 am
<b>Communion Assistants (4)</b>	Manda Benton Virginia Busskohl Marian Moseman Cindy Thompson	Manda Benton Karen Nelson Francie Shoquist Sue Wipperling	Manda Benton Joani Nelsen Francie Shoquist	XXX	1. 2.	1.Karen Nelson 2.Sue Wipperling 3. Manda Benton	1.Virginia Busskohl 2.Thomas T. 3. Tina Ropp	1.Thomas T. 2. Kate Larson 3. Tina Ropp
<b>Assisting Minister (1)</b>	Thomas T.	Mike Canney	Jeff Zaleski	XXX	XXX	Jeff Zaleski Thomas T.	Kara Wilson	Kara Wilson
<b>Reader (1)</b>	Thomas T.	1. Thomas T. 2.	1.Jeff Zaleski 2.	1. Jeff Zaleski 2.	1. 2. 3.	Jeff Zaleski Thomas T.	Kara Wilson	Kara Wilson
<b>Acolyte (1)</b>						Kate Larson		
<b>Media (1) Person</b>		Scott Marshall			XXX	Ian Larson		
<b>Ushers (3-4)</b>	Janet Esser Darwin Ronngren					Darrell & Francie Shoquist Janet Esser		
<b>Greeters (2-4)</b>	Chuck Esser Mark Thompson	Diane Buck	Dennis & Cathy Johnson			Chuck Esser	Diane Buck Jan Davis Jill Lay	
<b>Parking Lot Attendants (2 each service)</b>	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	1. 1. 2. 2.		
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Lilies	Lilies	Lilies	Lilies
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Harry & Manda Benton		XXX	XXX	XXX	Kara Wilson & Youth	Dennis & Cathy Johnson	
<b>Cookies (4)</b>	Virginia Busskohl Shirley Roraback Patt Scott	Joanne Limbaugh Ethel Rankin Dianne Ronngren	XXX	XXX	XXX	Easter Breakfast	Jan Davis Jill Lay Gayle Shirey	Jan Davis Jill Lay

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## 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

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