

# Advent Lutheran Church Newsletter



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The Happy Piecemakers boxing up quilts to ship to Lutheran World Relief



'First Communion' class receiving their certificates



Advent Lutheran Church Choir



"God's Work. Our Hands." Workday

### PASTOR MATT'S CORNER

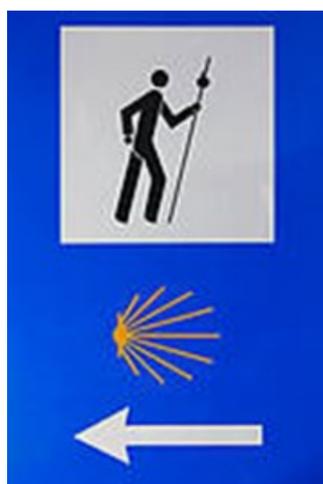
By Pastor Matthew Larson

"What is the most baffling thing God is doing to you right now?" This question was given to us at the Synod Assembly to discuss with those around us at our tables. At first I was amused by the question, however a few seconds went by and the person to my right leaned over and said, "I guess I get to hear your response!" Then, I had to really think about it...not just blow it off. I have to say that right now the most baffling thing that God is doing right now is this block of time that is coming up **June 19<sup>th</sup>**. Believe me when I say that I am more than ready for this! Except for this baffling feeling in me that keeps rattling around in my bones.....3 months! I have never been away from a congregation for that long. Even when I resigned without call from my 2<sup>nd</sup> call, I was in a congregation within my 2<sup>nd</sup> month of moving from there. Three months is a long time! But I know that we are ready for it. Our leaders, our interim (**Pastor Darrell Lundby**), our staff, our Sabbatical Committee, our wonderful people of Advent who step out into ministry, we are all ready for this. I am looking forward to experiences that I can only imagine right now...ones that help me to grow, replenish, and shape. I am expecting to come back to you all ready to take on whatever the future holds, we have come this far as a consolidated congregation (6 years!) and we are well on our way to be Advent for this time and place and the future!!

If you wish to follow the Larson family we will be posting on our **Facebook** pages occasionally (Kristin or Matt Larson) while in the UK and Norway. When I set out **August 8** to Spain I will be posting my journey on the **Camino de Santiago** on **Advent's Facebook** page. If you send a message please don't feel bad if I don't get to it, the internet is spotty and can be slow.

This is not the end. This is a pause. And when I get back we will hit play again and find those melodies that best resonate here. Grace, Worship, Service, Education, and Life!! Thank you all for your support and your confidence in this process!! Until September.....The Lord be with you.

Blessings,  
Pastor Matt



### ELCA NEWS RELEASE

**Kristen E.M. Kuempel** elected bishop of ELCA Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod  
5/23/2017 3:20:00 PM: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America news release:

CHICAGO – The **Rev. Kristen E.M. Kuempel**, Kennewick, Wash., was elected May 20 to a six-year term as bishop of the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election was held during the **Synod Assembly May 19-21** at the Doubletree-Spokane City Center in Spokane.

Kuempel was elected on the fourth ballot with 133 votes to 111 votes for the Rev. Michael B. Sager, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Eagle, Idaho. A total of 123 votes was needed for election.

Kuempel has served as lead pastor of First Lutheran Church in Kennewick since 2010.

The bishop-elect earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Washington State University in Cheney, Wash. In 1998. She received her Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., in 2002. Luther is one of eight ELCA seminaries.

The Rev. Martin D. Wells, current bishop of the ELCA Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod, has served three six-year terms and decided not to seek another term.

Kuempel will be installed as bishop on **Saturday, September 16**.

**Information** about the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod is available at [ewaldsynod.org](http://ewaldsynod.org).



Bishop-elect, Rev. Kristen E.M. Kuempel

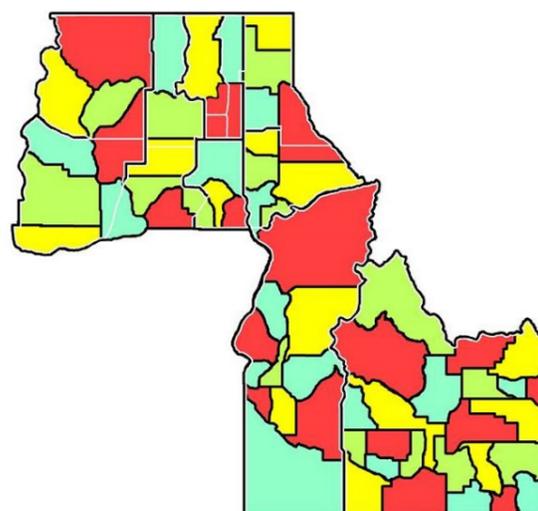
SYNOD ASSEMBLY



Various congregations within the ELCA Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod contributed a quilt square to make up this beautiful quilt to present to Bishop Wells as a gift. **Diane Buck**, one of our **Happy Piecemakers**, pieced together the purple cross and **Manda Benton** embroidered the Advent Lutheran logo and name on the quilt square.



Bishop Wells bids farewell!



Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod geographical area

## **HAPPY HELPERS**

By Forrest Diehl

October, last year, I finished a good book, *Alexander Hamilton*, and shared my impressions with you in my Happy Helpers article. Well, I just finished another good book and now I am "itching" to share it with someone. So, guess who I have targeted? The book is entitled *The Tiger, a true story of Vengeance and Survival*, by John Vaillant. The book is a true story about a man-eating Siberian Tiger that took place in the eastern reaches of Russia, in the Primorye. The Primorye is in the region where Russia, China, and somewhat North Korea meet, but it is in Russia. The book is a story of a tiger that has gone loco. This incident happened in 1997. The story itself could have been told in one chapter, but the author (first time I have read Vaillant) engages the reader into a wealth of knowledge about the area; Russia's social/economic plight; fact and fiction about tigers; living, working, and surviving in the arctic; etc. I admit that the book is at its best when it sticks to the main characters and the storyline, but the author demonstrates his novelistic talents by captivating the reader into related items as he tells his tale. I really enjoyed the book; and learned a lot about the tigers, their environment, and psyche. If you like animal stories, survival stories, hunting stories, military history, and learning about a new area (the Primorye was a new area for me), then you will enjoy this book. I admit, sometimes the book got tedious when Vaillant left the storyline, but he usually left it in such a suspenseful way, that obligated me to continue. But in retrospect, it was all well worth it! It is amazing what the Russian people endured during Stalin's time and during the 70's and 80's when hardcore communism broke up and left the Russian government. The book is a good reminder during this Memorial Day Weekend, on how blessed we are in this country.

And, speaking of blessings, **Advent Lutheran Church**, through the Lilly Foundation grant, has been given the resources to help us plan for the future. We need to take advantage of this! Three dinners, paid for by the grant, are planned to bring the congregation together to help the Council plan for our short-term and long-term futures. We are indeed blessed to have this opportunity to take a look at our consolidation accomplishments, evaluate our present strengths and interests, and see how we can best use our present resources for future mission and ministry. The **dinners** are scheduled for **July 12, August 2, and August 31**. The week dates are Wednesday, Wednesday, and Thursday respectively. It is important that the dinners be well attended by the congregation, so the Council gets a true feeling of the congregational goals and visions. The first dinner will be led by **Norm Letha**, the second led by **Kara Wilson**, and the final dinner will be hosted by **Pastor Dave Kappus** (Synod Net-Worker). Please take note of your calendars and please (please!) attend this trilogy of dinners/activities.

**June 4th is Pentecost Sunday** and is our **Congregational Meeting**. It also ends our Easter season for the year. Before leaving the Easter season, the Happy Helpers thank **all** who made this year's Easter season a special one.

Included in Easter activities was the **Mother's Day Brunch**,

sponsored by the **Child Center Staff and Pre-School teachers**. The Brunch took place on May 21, the Sunday after Mother's Day. The food, hospitality, and auction activities were a great way to bring our 2017 Easter season to a celebrated close. Special thanks to **Heidi Perry, Kristin Larson**, and **all** who made the Mother's Day Bruch a success!

During the month of May the Happy Helpers removed the conference table from the Conference Room and donated it to **Habitat for Humanity**, per instructions from the Church Council (**Ed Orr, Clancy Howard, George Harrison, Harry Benton, Mel Calson, Steve Emig, Bill Thurston, Wade Wipperling, Don Hodge, Don Newland, Jim Gunby**); led project groups in yard work on the church grounds during "**God's Work. Our Hands**" Sunday (**Linda Camp, Clancy Howard, George Harrison**); replaced fluorescent light bulbs in Child Center area classroom light fixtures (**George Harrison, Don Hodge**); hung new battery operated clock in the gym (**Ed Orr, Jim Gunby**); helped **Jeremy Hostetler** install new electrical outlet in Child Center classroom (**Wade Wipperling**); turned on irrigation water and got the sprinkler system operational (there was a lot of damage this year to the sprinkler heads and lines. This took a significant effort this year and we spent two weeks getting the sprinkler system going.) (**Ed Orr, Harry Benton, Mel Carlson, Jim Gunby, Bill Thurston**); got rid of the discarded TV and couch, which were littering our recycling area (**Ed Orr, Jim Gunby**); coordinated for and helped commercial repairman repair broken grease trap in kitchen (**Harry Benton**); made plans to beautify west lawn area by west entrance (**Ken Otteman**); installed numerous "video surveillance" signs on east parking lot lamp poles (**Ken Otteman, Bill Thurston**); hung VBS advertisement banner in the northwest corner of the McDonald/Broadway intersection (**George Harrison, Don Hodge**); adjusted door closure buffer to Child Center classroom door (**George Harrison**); changed wording letters on Broadway Avenue readerboard sign (**George Harrison, Don Hodge, Jim Gunby**); watered the plants in Narthex and Sanctuary (**Linda Camp**); cleaned and tidied-up pew areas in Sanctuary (**Leroy York**); performed operator maintenance checks of church bus and van (**Ken Otteman**); did raking, sweeping, and general clean-up on church grounds, parking lot, and sidewalks (**Linda Camp**); etc.

The Happy Helpers are looking forward to the month of June and the first day of summer\*. We meet each Thursday morning, 8:00 A.M., at the church. Coffee, tea, and "goodies" are provided. During May, **Cheryl Tobin, Bill Thurston**, and I provided goodies. Visitors and new members are always welcome. During the month of May, **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.

\*Speaking of summer, Marlene and I are RV'ing to Alaska with friends to Alaska, via the Alcan highway. Our destination is the southern tip of the Kenai Peninsula and return. We plan to leave on June 12 and return to Spokane during mid/late August. I am hoping you can continue to keep up with the accomplishments of the **Happy Helpers** in the July and August Newsletters, but they will not be from my hand.

See you in the September Newsletter, I hope!

### WORSHIP & MUSIC

By Paula Kenney  
As we prepare for the summer months, we look forward to having **Pr. Darrell Lundby** at Advent during Pr. Matt's sabbatical. It's nice to have someone come in who already knows us. **Worship & Music** has made a basic plan for the summer, but there may be a few additions to the summer schedule as we go. The traditional choir will take a break for June, July and most of August. It is our hope that special music will be provided periodically during the summer months. Many among us have musical gifts and we would encourage them to consider sharing their gifts.

We have a new **Choir Director, Gayle Shirey!** Welcome Gayle!! We look forward to what Gayle may have in store for us.

I have been a Choir Director for the past 30+ years and it is time to make a few life changes. I will continue to be involved on the **Worship & Music Committee** and now will be able to participate as a member of the choir and praise team. This is an opportunity for me to say THANK YOU for providing me with the opportunity to work with some pretty amazing people. The members of the choir and praise team are wonderful people, willing to give of themselves and willing to take on some challenges with great success. I have been truly blessed to be a part of these groups.

**Paula Kenney**, Chair of Worship & Music



### VISITATION MINISTRY

Our **VISITATION MINISTRY** needs a few more willing hearts. As of this date there are ten visitors making up five teams. Most teams take communion to two households. Yeah teams!!

Even at that, we are not covering all the households hoping for a visitor from their church. Like the Marines, we are looking for a few good (fill in the blank). Some of your names are already on my prayer list. I am asking you to pray also. I will be making calls soon, hoping to find God has already put it on your heart to join this ministry. Feel free to call me first. **Marilyn, 808-3346**

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**Targeted food items remain the same every month:**  
That being: bean protein (chili, baked beans, pork n' beans), tuna, mac n' cheese, cereal, canned fruit ( no fresh fruit), canned vegetables, canned soups, boxed dinners, and peanut butter. Thank you all very much!

**'Fill the Shelf' Sunday!  
Is the last Sunday of  
Every Month**



### THANK YOU

We want to express a very hearty and special THANK YOU to **Carol Schuerer** and **Karen Nelson** for all their hard work and dedication in planting the beautiful flowers in front of the church. (and for the donation of the flowers!) They make our church entrance so inviting! When one comes driving up to the church, it is so pretty! Also many thanks to the **Happy Helpers** for their assistance in planting the flowers in the beds at the Child Center entrance.

A big THANK YOU to our wonderful Advent congregation for the love and care shown my family for my brother Jerry Hall's Memorial Services. You all are terrific and I shall remember your kindness forever. A special thank you to our ladies and fellows who set up and served luncheon afterward. May God Bless each and every one of you.  
**Betty Jo and Bud Cook and Family**  
**Jan Hall and Family**

### WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY

Thanks to **Francie and Darrell Shoquist** and **Kim Nurvic** for doing a great job in coordinating the signups for May worship/hospitality. It is wonderful to see so many different people assisting in our Sunday worship services.

Thank you to all who have signed up and helped out.

The June schedule is out and **Rick and Babs Velategui (Team 3)** and **SaraLu Moore** are taking sign-ups for this month. Because many will begin to take vacations, please feel free to sign your name to assist in the worship services.

If you are not on a team, contact the office and we will get you on one. We have five teams with coordinators for each team. If you are not physically able to help with the various ministry descriptions, please pray for all those who do assist in our worship services.

### POEM

"Dear Dad"

You held my hand and helped me walk  
Down the path in the woods.  
You showed me what God created,  
Baby animals, birds and bugs.

You protected and provided me a loving home,  
While being a kind and gentle dad.  
You cared for my sister and my mom,  
Being our leader who was strong.  
Your hugs and kisses always said,  
You loved me whatever I did.

You were wise, patient and eager to give,  
Teaching by example how God wants us to live.  
Your folded hands in prayer on a Sunday morn,  
Drawing strength from God,  
Helped my faith to form.

You looked for the good in a situation,  
When life would give a test.  
You worked hard to do your part,  
And knew God would do the rest.

Your great sense of humor was fun and a delight,  
A sparkle in your eyes shared your joy so bright.  
I am grateful Dad for showing me  
How to share that sparkle in my life.

**Linda Reddekopp**  
(Written Fall, 2016)

### ADVENT LUTHERAN CHILD CENTER NEWS

By Heidi Perry, Director

It's June and that means the start of Summer. Unfortunately, the weather hasn't got that message. Usually we are slathering on the sunscreen and enjoying some days of sun by now, but our teachers are taking kids out to play in the rain instead. Regardless of what the weather thinks, we are still gearing up into Summer mode.

June means more School Age kids running around the building, VBS, and the start of the Kona Ice truck visiting us. In addition to that, this year we will have to prepare for losing Kristin for the summer as she heads off on sabbatical with Pastor. Rumor has it that Mr. Ryan will be with us to help out in her absence! I was very thankful when I got the call saying he was willing to help me out.

Here's to wishing everyone on the church side a lovely summer. Let's all hope and pray that by the end of June, we will start seeing the sun and some warmer weather.



Lindsey and Dulce (and Dane!) preparing for the Mother's Day Brunch!



Costume Day at the Child Center!



April 20, 2017

Advent Lutheran Church  
c/o Babetta Velategui  
14009 E Broadway Ave  
Spokane Valley, WA 99216

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your generous donation of **(40) DVDs for LCS Northwest Domestic and International Foster Care youth**. Thanks to the generosity of our community, in 2016 over 3,500 clients received direct advocacy, therapy or crisis line services. With your partnership, we will continue to offer resources to children and families in our community seeking a healthier life.

Every day, a wounded client who enters our front door, leaves our office with hope restored in their lives. It may be a child or young victim of crime who receives the encouragement to change on the road to recovery, or a mother victimized and helpless needing advice to change her situation. Regardless of the circumstance, LCS Northwest provides the hope our clients need to change their lives for the better. Our clients often express their deep gratitude to us for the hope and healing they have received.

Again, thanks for your partnership and generosity! We can't tell you enough how much of a blessing you are to us and to everyone we have the privilege to serve. If you have questions regarding your donation, please do not hesitate to contact me at (509) 343-5020 or email [cmckee@lcsnw.org](mailto:cmckee@lcsnw.org).

Blessings,

*Christie McKee*  
Christie McKee  
Development Director

*Thank you very much for thinking of us!*

Sexual Assault and Family Trauma (SAFeT) Response Center ■ ACT for Kids  
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## **Cataract Rates Continue to Increase, Remains Leading Global Cause of Blindness**

### ***- Prevent Blindness Declares June as Cataract Awareness Month to Educate Public on Most Common Eye Disease -***

**CHICAGO (May 18, 2017)** – Cataract is responsible for 51 percent of world blindness, according to the World Health Organization. In the United States, the current number of those with cataract is estimated to be more than 25.7 million. Projections from Prevent Blindness research estimate that number will increase to 38.5 million by 2032, and to 45.6 million by the year 2050.

Prevent Blindness, the nation's oldest eye health and safety non-profit organization, has declared June as Cataract Awareness Month to educate the public on risk factors, symptoms and treatment options. For those considering surgery and their caregivers, Prevent Blindness offers a free online guide at: <http://www.preventblindness.org/cataract-surgery>.

Cataract is a clouding of the eye's lens which blocks or changes the passage of light into the eye. Cataracts usually form in both eyes, but not at the same rate. They can develop slowly or quickly, or progress to a certain point, then not get any worse.

Besides aging, other factors may cause cataracts to form. Eye infections, some medicines (such as steroids), injuries or exposure to intense heat or radiation may cause cataracts. Too much exposure to non-visible sunlight (called UV or ultraviolet light) and various diseases, such as diabetes or metabolic disorders, may also contribute to cataracts forming.

Types of cataract include:

- **Age-related** – 95 percent of cataracts are age-related, usually after age 40.
- **Congenital** – These are present at birth, usually caused by infection or inflammation during pregnancy; possibly inherited.
- **Traumatic** – Lens damage from a hard blow, cut, puncture, intense heat or chemical burn may cause cataracts.
- **Secondary** – Some medicines, eye disease, eye infection, or diseases such as diabetes cause these cataracts.
- **Radiation** – Cataracts can develop after exposure to some types of radiation.

### **PARISH NURSE-Continued**

According to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, there are approximately 2 million cataract surgeries performed in the United States every year. And, in approximately 90 percent of cases, people who have cataract surgery have improved vision afterward.

Most cataract surgery is covered by Medicare and health insurance. However, it is important the patient talks to his or her eyecare professional and insurance provider to determine what surgery-related expenses are covered and by how much. For example, some types of intraocular lenses (the artificial lens used to replace the natural lens) cost more than others.

“As the U.S. population continues to age, the number of those affected by cataract is also increasing significantly,” said Hugh R. Parry, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness. “Fortunately, cataract surgery has an extremely high success rate. Talking with your eyecare professional about what treatment is right for you is essential to protect the gift of sight today and for years to come.”

For free information on cataract, please call Prevent Blindness at (800) 331-2020 or visit the Prevent Blindness website at [preventblindness.org/cataract](http://preventblindness.org/cataract).

#### **About Prevent Blindness**

Founded in 1908, Prevent Blindness is the nation's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight. Focused on promoting a continuum of vision care, Prevent Blindness touches the lives of millions of people each year through public and professional education, advocacy, certified vision screening and training, community and patient service programs and research. These services are made possible through the generous support of the American public. Together with a network of affiliates, Prevent Blindness is committed to eliminating preventable blindness in America. For more information, or to make a contribution to the sight-saving fund, call 1-800-331-2020. Or, visit us on the Web at [preventblindness.org](http://preventblindness.org) or [facebook.com/preventblindness](https://facebook.com/preventblindness).



**INCOME/EXPENSE INFORMATION**

By Bonnie Calhoun

**Advent General Fund Income/Expense**

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	33,816.89	129,222.10
Expense	<u>34,300.16</u>	<u>131,746.63</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>-483.27</b>	<b>-2,524.53</b>

**Child Center Income/Expense**

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	59,609.03	233,998.25
Expense	<u>60,520.51</u>	<u>226,397.86</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>-911.48</b>	<b>7,600.39</b>

**Notes for Advent Lutheran Church**

**In April, expenses exceeded income by \$483.**

- 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 \$1,445 higher than average budgeted monthly expenses due mainly to higher utility/snow plow expenses as well as the one-time payment of property taxes.
- Average monthly income came in \$261 higher than average budgeted monthly income.
- Sunday offering giving for January-April 2017 was \$2,746 lower than in January-April of 2016.

**Notes for Advent Lutheran Child Center**

- **In April**, expenses exceeded income by \$911.
- Total income for the Center has increased by \$9,436 when compared to January-April of last year.
- Expenses have decreased by \$1,732.
- The Child Center is weathering the increases in tuition and minimum wage and have come through the first three months of the year with a net balance of \$7,600.
- The Center has a cash reserve that is 86% of one month's expenses.

**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 over **300 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, Diane Andring, Randy Belcher, Bennie, Ginny Besemer, Marge Bliesner and her family, Tara Bradley, Brown family, Belle Campbell, Mike Canney, Hazel Cascaden, Bud & Betty Jo Cook, Georgia Coulston, Lonnie Day, Sally Duenow, Sonja Fording, Tillie Funk, Alisa Gergawy, Margaret Gilcrease, Abby Green, Joan Gunby, Jan Hall & family, Dolores Hanson, Mary Ann Klemmer, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Linda Ingebritsen & family, Aliyah Jahay and family, Elinor Johnson, Kay, Marilyn Keith, Doug Kelly, Dana Kelley, Shirley Kjos, Linda Lahman, Alison LaFrance, Laut family, Velma Linerud, Eloise Lorentz, Jan Madden, Malia (family member of Judy Ross) and her Mother, Connie Martin, Sue May, Bonnie Mertes, Jack & Flo McDougall, Katie McIntyre, Joyce Mertes, SaraLu Moore, Marian Moseman, Gloria Nicol, Joanne Okert, Sarah Owen, Alan Potter, Glen Preuninger, Connie Pyle, Myrna Rehn, Anna Rector and her brother Heinz, Gerry O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Martha Schneider, Marvin & Darlene, Schwardtzenberger, Keith Shipbaugh, Kathy Sordorff, Louise Sperline, Tito Tinajero, Uwe, Roy, Mary, and Helga, Barbara Vawter, Keith & Florence Wilson, Wisecarver family, Sara Zabriskie.

**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, Kurt Strigel, SPC Cody Strunks, Colin Wells, U.S. Air Force, Ryan Wells, TSgt Sarah Meddock, TSG Jason Wood, 1Lt. Michael West, Staff SGT Jacob McKenzie.

**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**.*

**April Services**  
Average Attendance: 187



## **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:**

#### **Family Camp at Lutherhaven: July 14-16**

Bring your family, friends and neighbors and leave the rest to us!

Build life-long memories, life-renewing relationships and life-changing faith.

Launch your boat or jet-ski from Lutherhaven's fabulous waterfront!

#### **\*NEW Cabernet, Canvas & Camp up the Creek!:**

July 28-30

- A retreat at Shoshone for adventurous women!
- Wine tasting, painting lessons, gentle horses and more!

The perfect weekend for a great mid-summer get-away with friends.

#### **Kindercamp at Lutherhaven: August 4-6**

- 4&5 year old campers bring a big person to share all the fun of camp!
- Swimming, sand castles, art & crafts, Bible study, campfire with s'mores plus so much more!

Meet new friends and make great family memories.

#### **\*NEW Shoshone Family Camp: August 11-13**

- Choose your own adventures during this brand new weekend!
- The perfect age-appropriate mix of active, outdoor camp fun & quality time as a family.
- Choices include horseback riding, dutch oven cooking lessons, mountain biking & trail riding, climbing wall, zip-line, Giant's swing & more!

Find these events and more at [www.lutherhaven.com/events](http://www.lutherhaven.com/events)!

### **Other camp news:**

- Join us for **Sunday Summer Worship** beginning June 4; 10:30 AM at Lutherhaven and June 11; 9:00 AM at Shoshone Mountain Retreat.

**Summer Camp Registration!** Your favorite camps are filling up fast so sign up soon! Check out the web for discount pricing options and camperships. Thanks for your patience as we continue to fix any bugs in our new registration system. Go to [www.lutherhaven.com](http://www.lutherhaven.com) and click **'My Registration'** in the top right corner to register.

Phase III of the Retreat Center is underway and scheduled to be done by early June! We can still use all the help we can get. Interested in volunteering?

Email Steve Meyer at [steve@lutherhaven.com](mailto:steve@lutherhaven.com).

Lutherhaven is a **Camp that Changes the World**, (two years in a row) selected by Chicago's Center for Faith and Service for the crucial role we play in cultivating the talents and passions of our young people; nurturing faith formation in kids, teens, adults and families; and inspiring and equipping our next generation of leaders. Thanks for being part of making Lutherhaven the fantastic outdoor ministry it is!



### **SPONSOR A PAVER!**

*This project enhances the outdoor experience and safety of all; develops wheel-chair accessible pathways, ramps, and zero clearance entries; and creates full accessibility to camp's main buildings and primary outdoor areas.*

### **Brick Paver Sizes:**

**Add your name and sentiments to a brick in the new patio!**



*All of us at Lutherhaven wish you well!  
Now we all thank our God!*

**God Bless!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL 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.

Copies of the **Congregational packets** are available. You may pick up a copy on the table in the Narthex. You are encouraged to review it prior to the Congregational meeting.

After Worship service on **Sunday, June 11**, there will be a showing of **'The Way'**. This serious and thoughtful—and maybe great—film is quite the labor of love. It's a film about broken families and broken lives made by the father-and-son team of Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez. **'The Way'** is the Christian pilgrimage of walking the **Camino de Santiago** or the **Way of St. James to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela** in Galicia, Spain. The long and tough walk begins in the French Pyrenees, covers hundreds of miles, and usually takes a month or more. It's one of the oldest of the Christian pilgrimages.

If you have a **graduate** in your family, please let the church office know. We would like to make mention of your graduate to honor them on **Sunday, June 18**.

There will be a graveside service for **Carol Gerdts** on **June 24 at 2:00 pm** at the **Hillcrest Cemetery** in **Deer Lodge, Montana**. After the graveside service, everyone is invited to a gathering at the **Gerdts** family house in **Garrison** to share memories, visit, and enjoy food.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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 20-23**, from **9am-noon**, at **St. Mary's Catholic Church**, please contact **April Marshall** at **808-4099**. This year's theme is **"Maker Fun Factory."** **Volunteer and Registration forms** are available on the table in the Narthex and on our website at [www.adventlutheranspokane.org](http://www.adventlutheranspokane.org).

**VBS volunteers are no longer required to complete the Code of Conduct training.** We also have a **sign-up sheet** for those willing to **donate snack items** for our **Tri-Parish VBS**.



## UPCOMING EVENTS-Continued

**8 LAKES LEG ACHES BIKE RIDE:** A benefit bike ride for the programs of LCS Northwest and the Sexual Assault & Family Trauma (SAFeT) Response Center of LCS Northwest. Join over 700 riders for one of the best organized bike rides in Eastern Washington where riders enjoy the beautiful scenery of West Spokane, Cheney and Medical Lake. There's a perfect ride for everyone. Choose from 30, 45 or 75 mile routes – the 75 mile route passes Willow, Granite, Silver, Medical, Clear, Chapman, Kepple and Fish Lakes, for the full 8 Lakes ride experience. The 15-mile route is perfect for families and folks dusting their bikes for the first time this year. Each route includes snack stops and SAG support along the course.

**Ride only:** \$50.00 **With T-shirt:** \$60.00. There are great prizes for those individuals raising pledges. Every rider who raises \$225 or more in pledges receives a limited edition 8-Lakes Leg Aches **Jersey!** \$350 includes a **Waterproof Vest**. In addition, we offer great prizes! **The more you raise, the better the prize!**

For more information go to [www.lcsnw.org/8lakesride](http://www.lcsnw.org/8lakesride) or contact **Christie McKee** at **509-343-5020** or email at [cmckee@lcsnw.org](mailto:cmckee@lcsnw.org).

**GoldenAgers Outing! B-Reactor Tour-**Formerly a Top Secret Site! Join us on **August 31**, departing Spokane at **7:15 am**. (Meeting location unknown at this time). We should arrive home by **7:00 pm**. Formerly a top-secret site, this B-Reactor now offers tours. Part of the Manhattan Project originally, it helped develop the Atomic Bomb. Learn how it worked, discover the worker's conditions, and why it was retired from its work. This is on the **Hanford Reservation** and the tour lasts about four hours, so plan a full day. Handicap needs can be accommodated. Pkg. includes lunch, admissions, transportation and tour guide. **RSVP by August 21**, to **Dick Jensen, Inland Empire Tours**. Cost is **\$72**. **Space on the bus is limited, they only accept 28 people**. When making your reservation, please tell them you are with the **Advent Lutheran Church group** and write **#170903** on the memo line of your check. You may mail your check to **Inland Empire Tours, PO Box 30935, Spokane, WA 99223**. You may also phone in your reservation with a credit card at **(509) 747-1335**. Questions? Contact **Linda Semmen** at **389-4191**. **Inland Empire Tours contacts: email: [ietours@live.com](mailto:ietours@live.com) or [www.ietours.net](http://www.ietours.net).** **After making your reservation, should you need to cancel, you must do so 72 hours** before departure day to get a full refund.

## JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>8:00 am</b> Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups <b>10:00 am</b> Amazing Athletes <b>10:30 am</b> ALCC Board Mtg. <b>7:30 pm</b> AA Meeting 106	<b>2</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denney's Restaurant <b>6:00 pm</b> Co-DA Meeting 122	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Pentecost Confirmation Sunday Congregational Meeting</b> <b>9:30 am</b> -Worship Service/ Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>Congregational Meeting</b> <b>10:45 am</b> High School Bible Study at Starbucks <b>7:30 pm</b> -Al-Anon 122 AA Meeting 106	<b>5</b> <b>10:30 am–11:30</b> ALCC Happy Feet <b>6:00 pm</b> Super Youth Team Meeting <b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts F/158	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Piecemakers <b>9:30 am</b> Child Center Chapel S <b>5:30 pm</b> Executive Committee <b>6:00 pm</b> Cub Scouts F/106/158	<b>7</b> <b>9:30 am -</b> Mid-week Bible Study 106	<b>8</b> <b>8:00 am</b> Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups <b>10:00 am</b> Amazing Athletes <b>6:30 pm</b> Praise Team <b>7:30 pm</b> AA Meeting 106	<b>9</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denney's Restaurant <b>6:00 pm</b> Co-DA Meeting 122	<b>10</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Memorial Service for Richard Cochrane
<b>11</b> <b>9:30 am</b> -Worship Service/ Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship Showing of 'The Way' Happy Cut-Ups Monthly Card Sale Praise Team Practice 2nd Sunday Fun Day <b>10:45 am</b> High School Bible Study at Starbucks <b>7:30 pm</b> -Al-Anon 122 AA Meeting 106	<b>12</b> <b>10:30 am–11:30</b> ALCC Happy Feet <b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts F/158	<b>13</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Piecemakers <b>6:00 pm</b> Council Meeting 122 Cub Scouts F/106/158	<b>114</b> <b>9:30 am -</b> Mid-week Bible Study 106	<b>15</b> <b>8:00 am</b> Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups <b>10:00 am</b> Amazing Athletes <b>7:30 pm</b> AA Meeting 106	<b>16</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant <b>9am-11am</b> -SVP Food Sorting <b>6:00 pm</b> Co-DA Meeting 122	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Father's Day Graduates' Sunday-Senior Recognition</b> <b>9:30 am</b> -Worship Service/ Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10:45 am</b> High School Bible Study at Starbucks <b>7:30 pm</b> -Al-Anon 122 AA Meeting 106	<b>19</b> <b>10:30 am–11:30</b> ALCC Happy Feet <b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts F/158  <b>Pastor Matt's                      Sabbatical:                      June 19-                      September 18)</b>	<b>20</b> <b>9:00 am-12:00 pm</b> VBS-St. Mary's <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Piecemakers <b>9:30 am</b> Child Center Chapel S <b>6:00 pm</b> Cub Scouts F/106/158	<b>21</b> <b>9:00 am-12:00 pm</b> VBS-St. Mary's	<b>22</b> <b>8:00 am</b> Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups <b>9:00 am-12:00 pm</b> VBS-St. Mary's <b>10:00 am</b> Amazing Athletes <b>6:30 pm</b> Praise Team <b>7:30 pm</b> AA Meeting 106	<b>23</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant <b>9:00 am-12:00 pm</b> VBS-St. Mary's <b>6:00 pm</b> Co-DA Meeting 122  <b>NEWSLETTER                      DEADLINE</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25 'Fill the Shelf' Sunday</b> <b>9:30 am</b> -Worship Service/ Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10:45 am</b> High School Bible Study at Starbucks Praise Team Practice <b>7:30 pm</b> -Al-Anon 122 AA Meeting 106	<b>26</b> <b>10:30 am–11:30</b> ALCC Happy Feet <b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts F/158	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Piecemakers <b>9:30 am</b> Child Center Chapel S <b>6:00 pm</b> Cub Scouts F/106/158	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>8:00 am</b> Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups <b>10:00 am</b> Amazing Athletes <b>7:30 pm</b> AA Meeting 106	<b>9</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denney's Restaurant <b>6:00 pm</b> Co-DA Meeting 122	

### JUNE HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Ministry Description	June 4 9:30 am	June 11 6:30 pm	June 18 9:30 am Father's Day	June 25 9:30 am
<b>Communion Assistants (4)</b>	Linda Sweet Babs Velategui	Audrey Knuttel Francie Shoquist	Katy Brownlee	Linda Sweet
<b>Assisting Minister (1)</b>	Kara Wilson	Kara Wilson	Jeff Zaleski	Kara Wilson
<b>Reader (1)</b>	April Marshall	Darwin Ronngren	Lily Bliesner	Lily Bliesner
<b>Acolyte (1)</b>	Bronte Marshall		Lily Bliesner	
<b>Media (1) Person</b>	Scott Marshall			
<b>Ushers (3-4)</b>	Scott & Bonnie Rehn	Bob Hubert	Bliesners	Norm & Audrey Knuttel
<b>Greeters (2-4)</b>	Bob & Cherlyn Hubert	Jeff & Margo Peck	Patt Scott Midge Thorin	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>				
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Rick & Babs Velategui	Ed & Raeann Ducar	Missy Bliesner	Missy Bliesner
<b>Cookies (4 people, 4 dozen each)</b>	April Marshall Bonnie Rehn Babs Velategui	Jeff & Margo Peck	Twila O'Gallagher Patt Scott	Missy Biesner Audrey Knuttel

Team #3 Leaders: Rick & Babs Velategui: 926-9858

SaraLu Moore: 993-4564

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

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

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

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