

# Advent Lutheran Church Newsletter



## BEST WISHES TO SALLY DUENOW AND JOANI NELSEN!

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**CHILD CENTER KIDS EXPERIENCING  
THE SOLAR ECLIPSE**



**SUMMER FUN AT THE CHILD CENTER!**



**Lunch at Christ Kitchen in Spokane**

## **THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR LUNDBY**

By Pastor Darrel Lundby

Some of you may remember the popular Prairie Home Companion radio show host, Garrison Keillor, who always opened his monologue with these words, "It's been a quiet week at Lake Wobegon. Well, for me the last two weeks have been quite less than quiet.

After experiencing some occasional chest and neck discomfort, I consulted my cardiologist in Portland who recommended I immediately plan to have an Angiogram to explore those symptoms. Late that same afternoon we made a hurried trip to Portland. The unexpected outcome of an Angiogram the next morning resulted in a procedure to place four stints in my coronary arteries. Two days later with the blessing of my cardiologist, but with the promise I would contact him upon my return, I spent the next week at Holden Village as I had planned. In that promised subsequent conversation I indicated that I didn't feel substantially different than before the first procedure upon which news he promptly insisted I come back for another Angiogram. Another quick trip to Portland followed by not one but two Angiogram procedures and resulted in the placement of one additional stint.

Obviously, those of you who attended worship yesterday observed that I was able to be back with you as originally planned. I am deeply thankful to be on the other side of this process, happy to be back among you, albeit maybe a step slow at first, and hopeful for a return to full health.

I am extremely grateful for the early warning symptoms, the wise and urgent assessments by skilled, seasoned and compassionate cardiologists, the extraordinary care by hospital staff, the fervent prayers of family and friends and above all the ever evident healing presence, calming comfort and faithful accompaniment of our Loving God.

In between these heart procedures I did have a very engaging, stimulating and renewing week at Holden. Having once been a part of both the voluntary staff and the full-time Directors' staff, it was enlightening to review history along with pondering new hope for its future.

Now I want to write what I had originally planned to write for this newsletter.

"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. God's peculiar people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of God who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." I Peter 2:9-10.

Some while ago the late Alvin Rogness wrote an article about the church being God's peculiar people. I want to draw on that article to paint a picture of Advent Lutheran Church as God's peculiar people. I'm choosing to use personal pronouns to make it personal for you who make up the Advent community.

Advent Lutheran Church is no ordinary group of people. It has its beginning far back in the heart of God. God created us in love and God cannot let us go. We are attached to God not by virtue of our own will, nor by the excellence of our performance. We are the created ones, the redeemed ones, the called ones, the gathered ones. We are the people being re-shaped into the beings God intended us to be from the beginning. The Holy Spirit broods over us, penetrates us, disturbs us, condemns us and then captures us by the incredible love revealed in Christ Jesus. It is little wonder that we are, deep down a peculiar people.

Advent Lutheran Church may seem very much like any other organization made up of all kinds of people. We are of many occupations. We have widely different tastes in music, art, and fashion. We have varied political and economic views. We have all the weaknesses that plague the human race—prejudice, hatred, indifference, fear, even despair. But we are the kind of people Jesus came to call. It was for us that He died. Ours are the ills the Holy Spirit is at work to heal.

God is stuck with us because God created us and cannot stop loving us. We fail God again and again. But we are nonetheless a peculiar people. The love of God in Christ has touched us. And we are never the same again. Within our hearts, deep within, something is at work. The kingdom is within us and in our midst, even if neat, discernable criteria may not be found to pinpoint its presence. We live by faith and the works of God can often be seen only with the eye of faith.

Journeying with you toward a new future.  
Darrel Lundby, Interim Pastor



## **HAPPY HELPERS**

By Forrest Diehl

It sure is great returning home and being with our church family! We enjoyed our 62-day RV journey to Alaska with another Spokane couple (Mike & Cheryl), who also towed their RV with us. We travelled in excess of seventy-five hundred miles and travelled in three U.S. States and three Canadian Providences. Marlene and I would heartily recommend the trip to anyone who has such a venture on their bucketlist. Motoring through Canada (Alberta, British Columbia, and Yukon) is beautiful and to be rewarded by the mystique and grandeur of Alaska is truly awe inspiring.

Like Robert Service says in his poem, Spell of the Yukon, "No, there's a land; (Have you seen it?). It's the cussedest land that I know. From the big dizzy mountains that screen it; to the deep death-like valleys below. Some say God was tired when he made it; some say it is a fine land to shun. Maybe, but there are some that would trade it for no land on earth – and I am one!"

During our trip, we saw lots of wildlife (bear [both grizzly and black], moose, elk, sheep [both dall and stone], bison, caribou, deer, an arctic fox, a wolf [the wolf was collared], orcas, whales, sea lions, sea otters, etc.). We viewed many glaciers, the most impressive was the Salmon Glacier located near Hyder, Alaska. We had numerous highlights during our trip. Among them were riding the Banff Gondola, Lu Lu Belle sight-seeing cruise from Valdez, AK, sockeye salmon fishing in Kenai River, panning for gold in Chicken, Alaska, visiting Robert Service's cabin in Dawson City and listening to a park ranger's monologue on Service's biography and recite 5-6 of his poems, visiting the Klondike Gold Fields, crossing the Yukon River on a ferry, travelling on the Top of the World Highway, swimming and bathing in the Laird and Takhini Hot Springs, and watching bears catch and eat spawning chum salmon in Fish Creek, near Hyder, AK. We travelled the entire length of the Alaskan Highway and were on portions of west, central and eastern access routes to the Alaskan Highway. We travelled the Cassiar, Denali, Glenn, Klondike, Parks, Richardson, Seward, Sterling, and Yellowhead Highways. The most awe inspiring sight for me was Salmon Glacier, as viewed from Summit Point; the most interesting was seeing Robert Service's residence in Dawson City; the cutest sight were the stone sheep lambs; the saddest was road kill (a bear cub) and the mother black bear hanging around the site; the scariest was the Yukon River vehicle ferry crossing, the most exhilarating was catching the few sockeye salmon in the Kenai River that we did; the most engaging was visiting and talking to fellow campers at the RV camp grounds and listening to their stories; the most difficult to understand was the Chilkoot Trail from Skagway, AK and making sense of the number of lives lost (man and animal) because of "gold fever"; and the most disappointing was our halibut charter from Homer, AK, when one of the outboard motors stopped working and we had to be towed back to the harbor with no refund. We visited dozens (plural) of museums and interpretative centers. Diesel prices were about \$1.15 per liter (3.8 liters per gallon) in Canada and about \$3.60 per gallon in Alaska.

We had two flat tires, both on the RV (luckily both were at stationary locations when noticed). We had one mechanical breakdown on our truck and luckily it happened in Anchorage, AK. Again, it is good to be back! Although we lived in Alaska for over three years (1979 – 1983) we were able to see more of Alaska on this trip than the time we lived there. And, from what I have seen, since returning (August 23), the congregation has been busy this summer. You have had two of the Renewal Dinners and the third dinner is scheduled for, Thursday, August 31. Marlene and I are excited to attend. See you there!

I have not had a chance to talk to the **Happy Helpers** about the **Happy Helpers Breakfast** yet. Typically, it is scheduled on the first Sunday in October, but this year, there are five Sundays in October. Unless you hear differently, this year I am going to try and schedule the breakfast on the second **Sunday** in October, **October 8, 2017** at the church from **7:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. On the menu will be: Eggs, Pancakes, Homemade Applesauce, and Sausage Links. The food will be cooked by the Happy Helpers and served from the kitchen serving counter. Dining will be in the fellowship hall/gymnasium. Again, we hope to schedule **Boy Scout Troop 448** and **Cub Pack 437** to bus the tables. A **free-will offering** is asked to off-set the cost of the breakfast. This is one of the **few** fundraising events that the Happy Helpers use to gain funds for future church maintenance costs and/or charitable contributions throughout the year. The applesauce is homemade by the Happy Helpers. Extra applesauce is always made and can be purchased on request. Coffee, tea, orange juice, and/or water will be available. Come One and come All!

During the month of August the Happy Helpers: repaired broken table (**Wade Wipperling, Ken Otteman**); replaced broken ceiling tile in Child Center classroom (**Ed Orr, Jim Gunby**); replaced florescent light bulbs in classrooms (**Harry Benton, Ed Orr, Jim Gunby**); replaced door stops to classroom doors (**Dave Opsal, Steve Emig, George Harrison**); repaired Kool-Aid bucket for VBS (**Wade Wipperling**); moved play loft from one classroom to another (**All**); installed braces in cabinet shelves (**George Harrison, Steve Emig, Clancy Howard**); replaced weather stripping to outside gym door (**Ken Otteman**); cleared debris from Child Center dryer (**Ken Otteman**); moved wall shelf in Child Center classroom (**George Harrison, Steve Emig, Kent Tibbetts**); repaired pneumatic classroom door closers (**Ken Otteman, Mel Carlson**); assembled four cribs for Child Center (**George Harrison, Don Hodge, Jim Gunby**); moved hall bench to classroom (**George Harrison**); repaired wall cabinet hinge (**George Harrison, Jim Gunby, Don Hodge**); updated message on Broadway Reader Board sign (**George Harrison, Don Hodge**); donating choir Sony speakers to Goodwill (**Ken Otteman**); policed and organized books, pamphlets, etc. in sanctuary ( **Leroy York**); made deliveries to Food Bank (**Ken Otteman**); policed trash & debris from church grounds and parking lot (**Linda Camp**); etc.

### HAPPY HELPERS-Continued

By Forrest Diehl

The Happy Helpers are looking forward to the month of September with the autumnal equinox and the beginning of college football. We meet each Thursday morning, 8:00 A.M., at the church. Coffee, tea, and "goodies" are provided.

During August, **Linda Camp** provided the goodies. Thanks **Linda!** Visitors and new members are always welcome.

### THANK YOU

"I would like to thank all of the folks at Advent for the thoughtful cards, flowers, and words of comfort that were expressed following the passing of my father. It touches my heart to feel the loving support and prayers from our Advent family during this difficult time. It means the world to Mark and I". Sincerely, **Bonnie and Mark Calhoun**

**Ray and Merrily Ripley** greatly appreciate your prayers for **Sonja** during her battle with glioblastoma and your prayers, thoughts, cards and love during their family's mourning. Faith, family and one's Faith Family make even the heaviest burden lighter. Thank you.

**From Inland Northwest Blood Center:** Thank you **Advent Lutheran and Babs Velategui** for hosting another successful blood drive! We collected **19 units** that will potentially save over **55 lives** in our community! We really appreciate all of your dedication to helping the community and there are never enough words of thanks for all the lives saved.

Thanks to **Sue Wipperling and others** for the beautiful flowers, good cake and nice reception for **Sally and I** on Sunday.....I had wonderful conversations with many people. I will miss everyone and thank you for your words of encouragement. **Joani Nelsen**

**To all the Happy Helpers!!** This is a little late coming but **THANK YOU** so much for the work you did in the spring to prepare the flowers beds around the church. It made it so much easier and faster for those of us who planted the glowers. They are beautiful again this year! Job well done--thank you!!! **Carol Scheurer**

### RECYCLING NEWS

By Roger Scheurer

Thank you to everyone that has been bringing your newspapers, old phone books and aluminum beverage cans to our drop off bins at the northwest corner of the parking lot. These items are taken to the recycling center and redeemed for cash once a month. So far we've generated a little over \$200 this year. The money goes to the **Happy Helpers** and we all know how busy they always are with their "fix-it" and maintenance projects. July was our best month so far this year--we had quite a lot of aluminum cans as well as the newspapers--we raised a little over **\$50.00**. I wish we could do this more often, maybe we can!!

Newspapers should be bagged in grocery type bags or bundled and tied and placed in a bin--aluminum cans should be bagged and left in the appropriately marked bin as well. Again, thank you for helping with this little fundraiser.

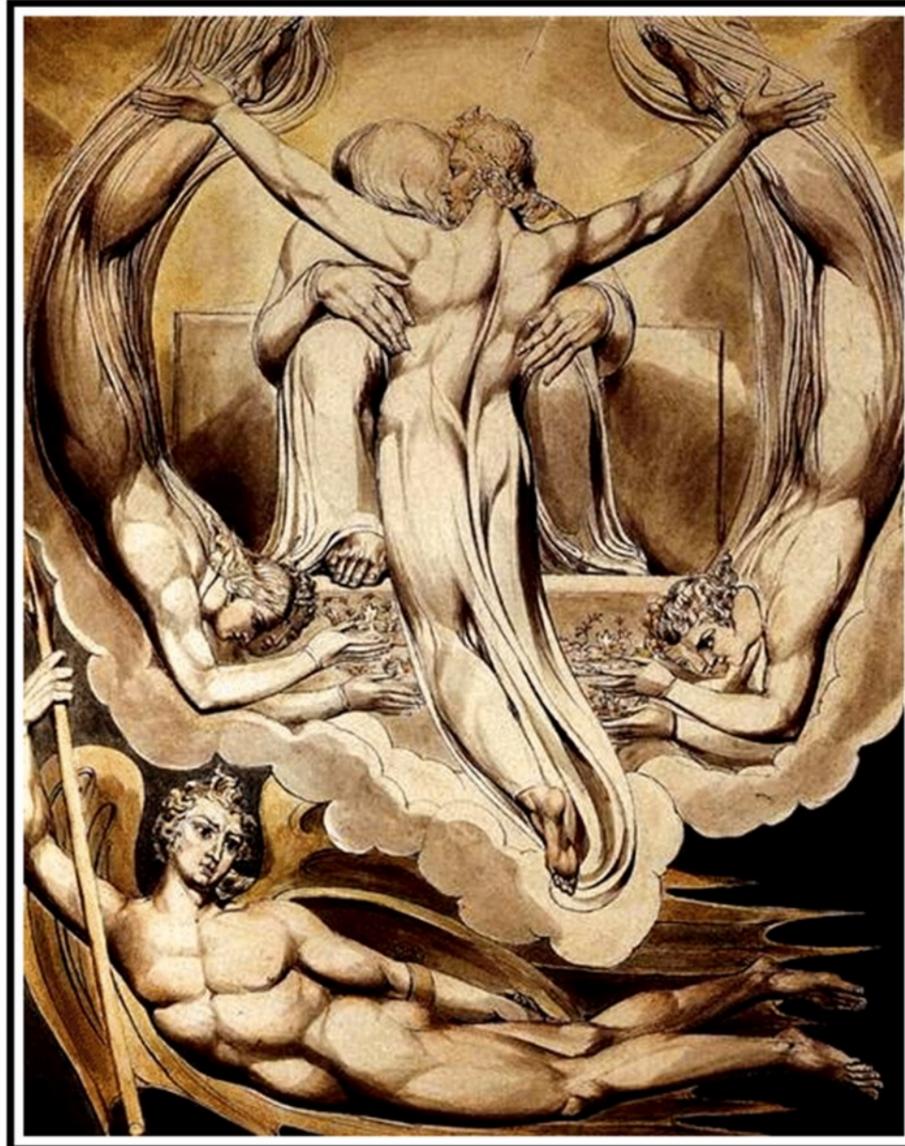


### ADDRESS CHANGE

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Effective October 1, 2017, please use the above address.

*Thank  
you*

**ARTWORK CONTEMPLATION**



**ICON: Christ as Redeemer of Man, by William Blake 1808**

**(Submitted by Wes Todd)**

This painting by William Blake 200 years ago has become an icon for me.

Staring at it is like praying. It stirs deep emotions: Awe, Triumph, Joy, Worship, Love, Sorrow, and Anger.

1. The exuberance of Christ as He rises triumphantly from the cross. He is now perfect. His arms spread as from the cross. The nail holes are gone. He seems to say, "Behold father, See I have made all things new."
2. The Heavenly Father's pose expresses His grief at Christ's suffering, with His huge hands drooping around His Son and His head bowed on Christ's shoulder. This love the Father shows reminds me of Papa in "The Shack."
3. Two angels on the side circle in the clouds and pay homage to the Christ, ablation.
4. Below is Gabriel with his spear guarding the ascending Christ. His staring eyes seem angry at what people have done to his Christ. Or is this the Holy Spirit Christ left behind.

Try staring at this image awhile and meditate on it.

### PARISH NURSE

Debbie Martin RN, Parish Nurse

Dear fellow congregation members,

I have been pondering over for quite awhile on how we can help each other. So I came up with an idea and would like to get your feedback and input. It is like Happy Helpers, but helping those in our church, outside of church.

When one of us is ill, injured, or need of assistance, I am hoping we can help each other. It may be for a few meals, transportation (i.e., doctor appointments, grocery store, rides to Church, etc.), minor housekeeping, minor yard work, and minor household maintenance. This would only be for short term or longer if people are willing. Quite a few of our members do not have family close by.

I would like to get a sign-up sheet for those willing to help out and what area they would be willing to do. So when a member needs assistance, we can call up those members. And feel free to contact the Church office to let us know you are available.

**Joani Nelson** is leaving soon and we need others to help bring **Florence** to church.

Thank you and blessings to all.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**We welcome donations of the following:**

- Oatmeal packets
- Granola bars
- Cold cereal bowls
- Shelf-stable milk
- Macaroni & cheese
- Ravioli (canned, with meat)
- Beef stew
- Chili, with meat
- Tuna
- Ramen or Soup Bowls
- Fruit or Applesauce cups
- Cheese & crackers
- Pudding cups
- Popcorn
- Fruit roll-ups
- Cash donations

We are specifically collecting for the **'Food 4 Thought'** program this month. Please join our community to help feed the **800 homeless or disadvantaged children** in our community! Your donations make it possible for these children to take home enough food to get them through the weekend. **Cash donations are also accepted!**  
Thank you!

### 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**. Last Sunday's **'Fill the Shelf'** Sunday food drive for 'Food 4 Thought' from Advent alone brought in **460 lbs.!** The total amount brought in by all the participating groups for this special food drive was **1200 lbs.!** The Food Bank is very grateful for all your donations.

**'Fill the Shelf' Sunday!**  
**is the last Sunday of**  
**every Month**



### THE HAPPY PIECEMAKERS

The **Happy Piecemakers** are collecting **school supplies** to ship to **Lutheran World Relief** in November. Education is important in every

community, but especially those where poverty or disaster limits the options of young people looking to improve their lives. **School Kits** contain essential supplies to help children, and in some cases, adults, continue learning despite the hardships they face. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families, and their communities. Here is the list of supplies

we are collecting:

- 70 Sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8" x 10 1/2", no loose-leaf paper
- 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- Boxes of 16 or 24 Crayons
- 2 1/2 inch erasers

Please place your donations in the **Donation Box** in the Narthex by the sign-up table. The **deadline** to donate is **October 15**. **If you have any questions, please speak to any of the Happy Piecemakers or call the Church Office.** Thank you!

**INCOME/EXPENSE INFORMATION**

By Bonnie Calhoun

**Advent General Fund Income/Expense**

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	33,209.46	219,987.83
Expense	<u>25,921.60</u>	<u>219,624.82</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>7,287.86</b>	<b>363.01</b>

**Child Center Income/Expense**

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	53,499.04	413,525.69
Expense	<u>56,726.34</u>	<u>402,544.24</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>-3,227.30</b>	<b>10,981.45</b>

**Notes for Advent Lutheran Church**

**In July, income exceeded expenses by \$7,288. Income included the receipt of the annual Malzacher Grant funds (\$5,327).**

- 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 \$116 lower than average budgeted monthly expenses. The last mortgage payment was made in July so expenses are starting to fall in line with the expected budget projections.
- Average monthly income came in \$618 lower than average budgeted monthly income. As annual grant monies are received, income is starting to fall in line with budgeted projections.
- Sunday offering giving for January-July 2017 was \$14,123 lower than in January-July 2016.

**Notes for Advent Lutheran Child Center**

- **In July**, expenses exceeded income by \$3,227.
- July income was down due to several school age spot hold slots held for students that will be returning in the fall.
- Total income for the Center has increased by \$4,276 when compared to January-July of last year.
- Expenses have decreased by \$305.
- The Child Center is weathering the increases in tuition and minimum wage and have come through the first seven months of the year with a net balance of \$10,981 so far this year.
- The Center has a cash reserve that is 90% of one month's expenses. The goal is to reach 100% of one month's expenses.

**PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS**

**For our Church Family and Friends:** Darin Adams, Besemer family, Larry Butler, Bonnie Calhoun and her family, Belle Campbell, Mike Canney, Hazel Cascaden, Bud & Betty Jo Cook, Georgia Coulston, Lonnie Day, Sally Duenow, Sammie Fletcher, Tillie Funk, Alisa Gergawy, Margaret Gilcrease, Family of Joey Greene, Joan Gunby, Jan Hall & family, Dolores Hanson, Casey Hayden, Anne Hirsh, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Christian Hunter, Ingebritsen family, Johnson, Kay, Marilyn Keith, Doug Kelly, Shirley Kjos, family of Mary Ann Klemmer, Alison LaFrance, Pastor Matt Larson and his family, Laut family, Beverly Lee, Eloise Lorentz, Velma Linerud, Jan Madden, Connie Martin, Sue May, Bonnie Mertes, Rhet Mertes, Jack & Flo McDougall, Katie McIntre, Joyce Mertes, SaraLu Moore, Marian Moseman, Gloria Nicol, Joanne Okert, Dave Opsal, Loretta Orr, Alan Potter, Renee Powell, Myrna Rehn, Anna Rector and her brother Heinz, Ray and Merrily Ripley, Pat Roberts, Gerry O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Marvin & Darlene Schwarzenberger, Keith Shipbaugh, Gayle Shirey, Kathy Sordorff, Louise Sperline, Tito Tinajero, Uwe, Roy, Mary, and Helga, Florence Wilson & family, Wootton 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, SPC Steven West, Staff SGT Jacob McKenzie, 1 Lt. Steven King.

**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.*

**July Services  
Average Attendance: 132**



## WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY

By Joani Nelsen

**Change, change and more change.** Do you like change? I accept it, as I am about to make another change in my life. I am moving back to my childhood (and most of my adulthood) home of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

My first big change came when I was transferred to Ft. Scott, Kansas, with my job. It was a change that I grew from as I had always lived in Sioux Falls. Then in 1999 I was moved again ...this time to Spokane, and I experienced many changes with my job as a commercial lines underwriter. I worked 40 years in the insurance industry when I retired in November 2000 (another big change).....

Then I didn't know what to do, but had thought all along that I wanted to work in the church when I retired. So I got involved in Christ Lutheran and now in Advent Lutheran.

I was part of the original coordinators when we started the **Worship and Hospitality** ministry team concept some years ago and have enjoyed it. Even this ministry team has made changes since we first started. I love it when people are so willing to serve God in some capacity. I was thrilled to discover that over 75% of Advent is involved in some kind of outreach either inside or outside the walls.... I think **Worship and Hospitality** has helped people from being "pew sitters" (that's what one pastor called it...) it has enabled the congregation to step up (sometimes out of their comfort zone) to assist on Sundays in one way or another....I think that experience has made people more comfortable to serve in other ways and other places, too. So thanks for your willingness to serve ... (hey, cookies and coffee are important on Sundays). And a **big thank you** to **Selma Hair** who stepped up to help me on **Team 5** after we lost Carol Gerds.

Thank you to all those who made Selma and my job easy by signing your name in the blanks in August. . . Thank you to Cheryl who inputs, prints, and displays the sign-up sheets . Thank you to all the other coordinators – **Manda and Harry Benton, Dianne and Ronngren, Francie and Darrell Shoquist, Kim Nurvic, Rick and Babs Velategui**, (we hope **SaraLu Moore** can come back), Paula Kenney and Mike McCune. Everyone has done a fantastic job and I am positive the pastor(s) appreciate it.

So now I leave you with another change for me...I believe God is about change and He will continue to bless this church. I challenge you to be a part of whatever change comes about.....

Be his hands and feet in service to God and others. Thank you to everyone for your friendships and I will miss each and every one of you. All of you have touched my life in one way or another and I am better for it. God bless you!

## SUPER YOUTH TEAM

By April Marshall

Well, summer has just about concluded, and children are ready to head back to school. I am excited to report that we will again offer multiple youth and family educational and social activities this school year.

**Sunday School—Beginning September 10**, Sunday School will resume for our elementary school-aged children. Previously, we had referred to these two classes as Kids' Worship and Team Preteen. From now on, we'll just be referred to as **Sunday School**. We will still offer two classes that have a "soft" start at **9:15 a.m.** on **Sundays**.

**Missy Bliesner and I** will again be teaching the **K-2 class**. **Wes Todd and Bob Bendel** will teach the **3-5<sup>th</sup> grade** class. In our classrooms we will again focus on a lectionary-based curriculum that follows the Bible lessons and Gospel. We use a variety of techniques to teach the children these Bible stories, from arts and crafts to videos to games and more. It should be another exciting year! **Kara Wilson** will continue to teach and lead the **high school group** at Starbucks following worship. Please see me or Kara if you have any questions regarding these educational ministries.

**Movie Night**—Movie Night began last January and saw decent attendance for our monthly viewings. There is no movie planned for September and there will be no Movie Night in October because of the annual **Trunk-or-Treating** event with the **Child Center**. Please stay tuned as to the future of Movie Night, as the **SYT** still needs to meet and evaluate if this is a social activity we would like to continue.

**Second Sunday Youth and Family Fun Day**—There will be no Second Sunday event for September, but watch for an announcement regarding an October event. The events held last year were well-attended and very enjoyable for adults and children alike, so the SYT will definitely continue offering these social activities.

If you are interested in joining the **SYT** or volunteering for one of our ministries, please contact April Marshall at **(509)-808-4099** or email **aprilmr.m@gmail.com**.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**West Side Story: Wednesday, September 27th** at the **Civic Theatre**. Tickets are **\$30** each. Call **Christie McKee** at **509-343-5020** or **cmckee@lcsnw.org**. This is a benefit for **Lutheran Community Services Northwest** and **Lutheran Campus Ministry of Eastern Washington University**. A musical in which a modern day Romeo and Juliet are involved in New York street gangs. On the harsh streets of the upper west side, two gangs battle for control of the turf. The situation becomes complicated when a gang member falls in love with a rival's sister. This moving tale remains as powerful, poignant, and timely as ever.

**Golden Agers' Day Out! October 3, 10:00 am-2:00 pm.** Spend a day at the **Old Cataldo Mission State Park!** Join us for a fabulous boxed lunch, great friends, and plenty of laughs, as always! Cost is **\$12 per person**, includes breakfast goodies, lunch, Visitor's Center & Museum, and Mission and Parish program! Please meet at the Church at **8:45 am** and ready to leave promptly **by 9:00 am**. We plan to return around 2:30 pm. We will take the bus and/or carpool. See the **sign-up sheet** on the table in the Narthex. **(There is a \$5 per vehicle charge to enter the park).** **Questions?** Contact the **Church office** for more information, **928-7733**.



### UPCOMING EVENTS-Continued

#### A LUTHERHAVEN HOOTENANNY!



**Date:** Saturday, October 7, 2017

**Time:** Registration opens at 2:30 pm with a departure by cruise boat from the **Coeur d'Alene Resort** promptly at 3:30 pm; boat returns to the resort by approximately 9:00 pm. Should you choose to drive, festivities will begin at **Camp Lutherhaven at 4:30pm**.

**Purpose:**

An evening of fun and generosity supporting the Lutherhaven Fund, making camp available to ALL children regardless of ability to pay. In 2015, 63% of campers came at free or reduced cost thanks to donors like you.

**Tickets:**

\$75 per person. Ticket price includes cruise, dinner, hors d'oeuvres, wine/beer tasting and live music.

**\*New this year:** Tickets will be sold individually <https://www.picatic.com/lutherhaven> (purchase on-line)

**Program:**

Live music; wine & beer tasting; delicious dinner; meaningful program and a paddle raise to support camp!

**Paddle Raise:**

After the dinner program, guests will have the opportunity to raise a paddle to make a 1 to 3 year pledge of support to the Lutherhaven Fund.

**Attire:**

Cowboy casual with a touch of "bling!"

**Lodging:**

Make a weekend of it! Reserve a room at the CdA Resort!

**Book soon to ensure availability ~ 208.765.4000**

\*\*\*\*Tickets can be purchased on-line now, or in the month of September, **Renae Howat and Cindy Thompson** will be selling tickets at church.\*\*\*\*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Church Office and Child Center will be closed on Monday, **September 4th**, in observance of **Labor Day**.

**Sunday School** resumes on **Sunday, September 10** for our elementary kids, beginning at **9:15 am**.

All are invited to the **Installation of The Reverend Kristen Kuempel** as Bishop of the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at **St. Mark's Lutheran Church**, 316 E. 24th Avenue, Spokane, on **Saturday, September 16, at 2:00 pm**.

#### **Volunteers are urgently needed!**

'**Feed My Starving Children**' is returning to Spokane on **September 29 & 30**. Meet at **Redeemer Lutheran Church**, Friday, **September 29**, 4:30 pm-6:30 pm and 7 pm-9 pm or Saturday, **September 30**, 9-11am, 12-2pm, 2:30 pm-4:30 pm. We want to involve as many youth as possible (adults are also welcome!) to assist in packing meals for the world's starving children. **PLEASE HELP!** For information, please contact **Steve Reed at 509-999-5540**.

#### **HELP WANTED--MEDIA TRAINEE:**

Young, old, and in between needed to be a Media person. We have a really neat system, but it is no good without someone to run the system. If you have not found your calling for service here at Advent, please consider learning to use the media system. Please contact a team leader, Cheryl, or Bonnie, if you will consider this calling. We have great trainers and you can take as much time as you need to before you are on your own.

**Caregiver available:** If you know of anyone who needs care, a ride to appointments, the grocery store, a meal made, etc., we know of a wonderful, loving, caregiver who is available on Wednesdays to assist with their needs. Reasonable rates. Please contact the Church office.

**Team #1**, lead by **Harry & Manda Benton** and **Darwin & Dianne Ronngren** are taking sign-ups for the **September Hospitality Schedule**. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

**Team #2**, lead by **Kim Nurvic** and **Darrell & Francie Shoquist** are taking sign-ups for the **October Hospitality Schedule**. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

**Disney on Ice!** Coming again to Spokane Arena on **Friday, October 27, Saturday, October 28, and Sunday, October 29**. 'Follow Your Heart' is this year's theme. To purchase tickets, please call **(866) 248-8740** and choose **Option 3**. See bulletin board for additional information.

**Save the Date!** Reformation 500 Hymn Festival at Central Lutheran Church on October 29! More information will be forthcoming!

### **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!

**Book a weekend in the newly remodeled Pinecrest Lodge Retreat Center!** Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this project possible! Thinking about booking your group or family for a weekend at Lutherhaven? Request to stay in the Pinecrest Lodge Retreat Center! Email [anita@lutherhaven.com](mailto:anita@lutherhaven.com) for more information.

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!

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



## ***The Couple at the Communion Rail***

I was sitting in church on Sunday morning. My kids were at their dad's house for the weekend and I was feeling a bit down. The Saturday night before this Sunday morning had passed the same as most for me did lately, quietly, at home, alone. I looked around me and saw couples everywhere, husbands and wives with their children, together, and felt a deep sadness. My family was fractured, my marriage over. I just did not even believe in love anymore. *"These couples look happy, just like we did,"* I told myself, *'but any one of them could split up just like we did. The promise of marriage is a lie,'* I told myself. *"What a joke."*

Just as the communion hymns started I saw them. They had to be at least 70. He was tall, with white, thinning hair. She was petite, in that way older women are. She stood up from her pew slowly and I immediately I noticed his attentiveness to her. He held her gently under her elbows as she stood up. When she was firmly on her feet she looked up at him and he smiled tenderly, then wrapped his right arm around her back, keeping a light but supportive hold of her arm. She stooped slightly as she walked with her halting gait. He guided her up the communion aisle, and it became apparent that her vision was failing her and she was depending on his guiding arm to lead her to the front of the church to receive the wine and the bread. I heard him whisper, *"almost there"* to her as they approached Rocky Knickerbocker, who was offering the host on their side of the sanctuary. He reached his hand into the font, made the sign of the cross on her forehead, then on his own.

When they stood before Rocky, he cupped his hands under hers, helping her hold her trembling hands steady as Rocky gave her the bread. As they moved to the wine, she seemed to forget where she was for a moment, and what to do next. Without hesitation, he gently dipped her bread into the chalice, then looking into her eyes, placed the bread in her mouth. She then remembered where she was, crossed herself, then reached down and squeezed his hand in silent gratitude. They made their way back to their seat, hand in hand.

I tried for a moment to picture them as a young couple, but gave up. They were perfect, just as they were, beautiful with their curved backs, wrinkles, and gray hair. They were the very image of the love I thought was dead, never to be found, the kind of love I hope to find some day. I realized I was crying, not from sadness, but from a kind of joy, the quiet kind that overwhelms you when in some simple, every day moment such as this one, you see your own troubles in perspective and realize that life will be good again, that happiness is out there, that love is real, and alive, and worth fighting for.

My friends ask me from time to time what I am looking for in a man. I tell them I don't need a man with the looks of Brad Pitt, or the money of Bill Gates, or the humor of Will Ferrell. I tell them I just want some old guy who will help me make it to the communion rail when I can't get there on my own. When I say this, I think about that old couple again, and I smile.

*Submitted by Lisa Hanna*

(Submitted by **Shirley Roraback**, a story she saved from a former church bulletin)

## SEPTEMBER 2017

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					<b>1</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denney's Restaurant <b>6:00 pm</b> Co-DA Meeting 122 <b>Child Center                      Closed-Staff                      In-Service Day</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>9:30 am</b> -Worship Service/ Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship Happy Cut-Ups Card Sale <b>10:45 am</b> High School Bible Study at Starbucks <b>7:30 pm</b> Al-Anon 122 AA Meeting 106	<b>4</b> <b>Labor Day</b>  <b>Church Office and                      Child Center Closed</b>	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Piecemakers <b>9:30 am</b> Child Center Chapel <b>5:30 pm</b> Executive Committee <b>6:00 pm</b> Cub Scouts F/106/158	<b>6</b>	<b>7</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>6:30 pm</b> Praise Team <b>7:30 pm</b> AA Meeting 106	<b>8</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denney's Restaurant <b>6:00 pm</b> Co-DA Meeting 122	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>9:15 am</b> Sunday School <b>9:30 am</b> -Worship Service/ Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship Praise Team Practice <b>10:45 am</b> High School Bible Study at Starbucks <b>7:30 pm</b> Al-Anon 122 AA Meeting 106	<b>11</b> <b>10:30 am-11:30</b> ALCC Happy Feet <b>6:00 pm</b> Super Youth Team Meeting <b>6:30 pm</b> Worship & Music <b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts F/158	<b>12</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Piecemakers <b>6:00 pm</b> Council Meeting 122 Cub Scouts F/106/158	<b>13</b>	<b>14</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>15</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>6:00 pm-9:00 pm</b> AA Potluck	<b>16</b> <b>2:00 pm</b> Installation of The Reverend Kristen Kuempel – St. Mark's Lutheran Church
<b>17</b> <b>9:15 am</b> Sunday School <b>9:30 am</b> -Worship Service/ Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship Praise Team Practice <b>10:45 am</b> High School Bible Study at Starbucks <b>7:30 pm</b> Al-Anon 122 AA Meeting 106	<b>18</b> <b>10:30 am-11:30</b> ALCC Happy Feet <b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts F/158	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Piecemakers <b>9:30 am</b> Child Center Chapel <b>5:30 pm</b> Head of Committee <b>6:00 pm</b> Cub Scouts F/106/158 <b>6:30 pm</b> Outreach Committee	<b>20</b>	<b>21</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>22</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant <b>6:00 pm</b> Co-DA Meeting 122  <b>NEWSLETTER                      DEADLINE</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <i>"Fill the Shelf" Sunday</i> <b>9:15 am</b> Sunday School <b>9:30 am</b> -Worship Service/ Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship Praise Team Practice <b>10:45 am</b> High School Bible Study at Starbucks <b>7:30 pm</b> Al-Anon 122 AA Meeting 106	<b>25</b> <b>10:30 am-11:30</b> ALCC Happy Feet <b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts F/158	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Piecemakers <b>9:30 am</b> Child Center Chapel <b>6:00 pm</b> Cub Scouts F/106/158	<b>27</b>	<b>28</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>29</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant <b>6:00 pm</b> Co-DA Meeting 122	<b>30</b>

**SEPTEMBER HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE**

<b>Ministry Description</b>	<b>September 3 9:30 am</b>	<b>September 10 6:30 pm</b>	<b>September 17 9:30 am</b>	<b>September 24 9:30 am</b>
<b>Communion Assistants (4)</b>	Virginia Buszkohl Midge Kiourkas Marian Moseman Karen Nelson	Virginia Buszkohl Sandy Coombs Jan Davis Jill Lay	Manda Benton Janet Esser Marian Moseman Thomas T.	Karen Nelson Tina Ropp Carol Scheurer Francie Shoquist
<b>Assisting Minister (1)</b>	Darwin Ronngren	Jeff Zaleski	Jeff Zaleski	Jeff Zaleski
<b>Reader (1)</b>	Dianne Ronngren	Joanne Limbaugh	Jeff Zaleski	Joanne Limbaugh
<b>Acolyte (1)</b>		Lily Bliesner	Karsen Haveman	Bronte Marshall
<b>Media (1) Person</b>		Scott Marshall	Sharon Pegau	
<b>Ushers (3-4)</b>	Bill Johnson Linda Semmen	Norm & Audrey Knuttel	Harry & Manda Benton	Bob & JoAnn Dunlap
<b>Greeters (2-4)</b>	Midge Kiourkas	Diane Buck Marian Moseman	Chuck Esser Patt Scott	Katy Brownlee Diane Buck
<b>Altar Flowers</b>		Joani Nelsen		
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Darwin & Dianne Ronngren	Harry & Manda Benton		Dennis & Cathy Johnson
<b>Cookies (4 people, 4 dozen each)</b>	Virginia Buszkohl Midge Kiourkas	Jan Davis Jill Lay Joanne Limbaugh	Ethel Rankin	Joanne Limbaugh Francie Shoquist

**Team #1 Leaders: Harry & Manda Benton: 924-6495**

**Darwin & Dianne Ronngren: 443-8996**

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

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

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

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