

Advent Lutheran Church Newsletter



OUR 2ND SUNDAY FUN DAY AT TRIPLE PLAY!

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PASTOR MATT'S CORNER

By Pastor Matthew Larson

"This will be the sign for you: you'll find the baby wrapped up, and lying in a manger (feeding-trough)." Luke 2:12

How many manger scenes are out there? On cards, church grounds, and Christmas plays just to name a few? Lots and lots. There are churches that actually have kneelers in front of mangers so that one can pray in front of it.

We get so caught up in the pageantry of it that we don't necessarily think about what the manger is there for? Sometimes, as N.T. Wright describes in his commentary on Luke, dogs look at someone's finger and not the thing to which it is pointing. We get stuck on the some-thing and not the some-one. In Luke's story of Jesus there is a purpose for the manger, and it may not be what you first think it is! It's the sign, for the shepherds, of where the child is. When you go looking for the Savior of the World, the King of Kings and Son of God.....look for a child in a manger. Not the one mentioned at the beginning of the StoryCaesar Augustus. You see, Caesar Augustus had all these titles. Caesar was a divine ruler. One to be worshiped and glorified. In fact Israel had had many deified rulers that occupied them over the centuries, Ptolemy I (Egypt), Antioches II and IV (Neo-Babylon). The signs of their rule were titles, armies, and greater gods.

Is it no wonder that Luke gives to us a scene of an angelic army (host) that not only directs the shepherds to a sign (the manger) but also gives this newborn a divine title, Savior. The manger is just that, a sign. A sign to find the real treasure, the child who has come to bring the Good News of God's Kingdom to all peoples and nations. Of peace, not occupation. Of Joy, not destruction. Of Salvation, not death. Thanks be to God.

Enjoy this season. Don't over do it. Expect joy, be hopeful, share God's love!



SUPER YOUTH TEAM

By April Marshall

December is a very busy month for most of us, and the youth in our church are no exception. Please mark your calendars for the following events:

Santa Lucia Celebration: Like last year, we will be having a Santa Lucia celebration **during fellowship on December 10th**. Any child who wants to dress festively in our Santa Lucia garments (or not dress up as is sometimes the case) can join in on passing out cookies during fellowship while we hear the Santa Lucia story.

2nd Sunday Funday: We are hoping to screen the movie **The Star at the Spokane Valley Regal Cinemas during the afternoon of 12/10**. The Star is an animated tale of Christ's birth as told from the animals' perspective. Because we aren't able to know the showtimes until a few days before this Sunday, we will just have to play it by ear. **Please sign up if your family is interested in participating and include an email or number I can text**, so I can keep you updated.

The Christmas Program: The children have been assigned parts and have been practicing for the program to be performed during the sermon on **December 17th**. We will continue to have **practice during Sunday School on the 3rd and the 10th**. Also, please remember we have a mandatory **dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 16th from 9-11 am**. The church will provide donuts for the children to snack on before they rehearse. The children should arrive at the church at **9:15 am** on the **17th**.

Caroling and Chili Cook-Off: We are going to go caroling on **December 17!** At **5:00 p.m.**, we'd like to have a chili cook off dinner, complete with a prize for the best chili. If you are willing to bring a pot of your chili, please sign up. After we eat, those who want to carol can pile onto David's tractor trailer again, and he will take us through the neighborhood while we sing. If you don't want to brave the cold, that's okay! You can still come and enjoy fellowship time during dinner. Please see the sign up also if you can help with set up, clean up, or judging.

There will be **no** Movie Night in December. Also there won't be Sunday School for the grade-school children on **December 24 or December 31**.

Thank you everyone who helped make 2017 such a fun and educational year for the youth and young families in our church. We'll see you all in January!

Questions or comments? Contact **April @ 509-808-4099** or **aprilmr.m@gmail.com**.

**BUILDING COMMUNITY—THE IMPORTANCE OF
2ND SUNDAY**

By April Marshall

I wanted to take a moment and share with you why I love what we are doing with 2nd Sunday Youth & Family Funday (2SF). 2SF was created by the Super Youth Team in hopes that the youth in our church and their parents could have extra time to form relationships while having a little—or a lot—of fun. It's about building a smaller support community within the church. I think a strong portion of what keeps a person at a church is the sense of community they feel there—having a second family that can support you not only on your faith journey, but in all areas of your life.

Last month, I got the news on the day of our 2SF activity that an old friend, Heidi Bliesner, had passed away. I hadn't talked to Heidi in a while, but years ago, we used to meet weekly at Shari's with some other Lutheran moms (from Good Shepherd, Christ, and Holy Trinity) to have what we called Pie Therapy. At the time of Pie Therapy, I was a newer mom. I hadn't really connected with many other moms my age, and as a stay-at-home mom of a young child, I didn't have a social life. I was more without a community at that point in my life than at any other time. There were periods when I felt very isolated and often overwhelmed. If Scott was traveling, I would sometimes go days without seeing another adult or even having an adult conversation. But then I was invited to Pie Therapy and it became my weekly opportunity to get out of the house and talk to women who had shared my experiences. It was something I looked forward to every week, this little community we had made. Unfortunately, as things go, we all got a little busier, our friend Amanda Fitch moved, and our Pie Therapy sessions eventually ended.

When I heard at church on the 12th that Heidi had passed, I was deeply saddened. She was always funny and kind and honest. If it hadn't been for the planned 2SF activity on that day I got the news, I would have most likely gone home and spent the rest of the day dwelling on the loss of someone who I think we went to Heaven too soon. But instead I had a 2SF activity to spearhead, so off my family went to Raptor Reef Water Park. I am actually so thankful that it was a 2SF day. It was nice to just spend some time remembering to enjoy life, watching the children swim and go on waterslides together (ok, I went on a few too), and it was nice to connect with the other adults who came. It gave me a chance to process Heidi's death a little more and share my sadness with friends. Did it erase all of my sadness? No, of course not. But it helped. And it reminded me of the importance of community. That we need each other.

So I am grateful for 2SF for doing just what the SYT meant it to do: Building community within our church. It really has helped the children and adults in our church connect with each other more. Now I look forward to these Sundays just like I looked forward to Pie Therapy years ago. Because we all need to feel a sense of community. Sometimes we need it more than others. I really needed it that Sunday. Thank you, friends at Advent, for helping me and others feel like we belong. And let us remember to invite others in to our

communities, help them feel like they belong too, and to connect with old friends. I think it's more important now than ever. And may you rest in peace, dear Heidi. I'll see you again for pie someday.

WELCOME 'NEW FACES'

On **Sunday, October 29**, we had our "**New Faces' Sunday**, where we recognized those of you who have been new (and not so new!) to Advent and have been worshipping with us the past few months. We want to formally say, "Welcome!"



Genevieve Davenport



Beverly Gustafson



Iris Lane

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Of all the names for Jesus listed in the Bible, the one that means the most to me this time of year is Emmanuel. Emmanuel: God with us. GOD with us. God WITH us. God with US. No matter where you choose to place the emphasis, something important and infinitely precious is being communicated.

That God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth would choose to make himself so vulnerable as to come into our violent, disrespectful, destructive world as a baby—to be with us? If that doesn't stop you in your tracks: you're not paying attention. That God would become incarnate—literally to become fleshed—to share this world with us, not so that he could then say, “Yeah, I know. Life can really be the pits. This one time? One of my best friends totally stabbed me in the back...” But rather so that he could say, “I will deliver you from this. I will take on this brokenness, and I will give you my wholeness. I will take on your despair, and give you my hope. I will take on the powers of darkness that surround you, so that you, beloved one, can walk in the light.” What do we do with love like that?

It turns out: it's too much. It's too much to bear, being loved so completely. It makes it hard to breathe. So we bring trees into our houses, wrap them in lights, tell our children stories about a fat guy and chimneys and reindeer. We give one another gifts and sing songs about the Baby Jesus, and we allow this love to only exist at the peripheries of our holiday because if it gets too close: then all is lost. All is lost. All our illusions of control and competence and free will and good choices and all of the rest of it will be taken away by a God-baby who comes with no other goal than to love us, in spite of ourselves. This sweet Babe of Bethlehem, with ears like the swirled interiors of seashells and hands like stars will hear us call for his blood, and his death. Those hands will be pierced for our sake, because we don't know how to react to a love without limits and without conditions. We will kill him because he dares become what we are, and love us anyway. He knows it. We know it.

And he comes anyway.

This is truly what Emmanuel means. An unstoppable drive to be with the ones He loves, no matter what. To know that we will betray him, replace him, deny him, ignore him, compartmentalize him, weaponize him, hate him—and still he comes. Relentlessly pursuing us with love that it is painful to contemplate. *What wondrous love is this, o my soul, o my soul?* It is the love of Christ. Given in water, bread, and wine. Relentlessly pursuing those who are his own, no matter what. Merry Christmas, beloved ones. Emmanuel is with us.

+Bishop Kristen



HAPPY HELPERS

By Forrest Diehl

I thoroughly enjoyed the final Renewal Brunch, November 12, 2017, that featured reflections from **Pastor Matt** on his Sabbatical and a wrap-up of the information gathered from this summer's congregational past, present, and future dinners by **Norm Letha** and **Kara Wilson**. **Kara** and **Norm** did a great job in relating congregational input from the dinners into future committee and ministry actions. Another person who worked mightily in relating individual input from the dinners to future collective committee and ministry actions was **Sharon Pegau**. And let's not forget the good food we enjoyed, thanks to **Terry Powell**. It was a fine conclusion to some most productive church-family activities, that we had this summer! Thanks to **All!**

Pastor Matt's reflections on his walk from Pamplona to Santiago de Compostela contained five or six topics. One of those topics was "folly". The other day, I came across an article that makes folly of being wise and growing old:

Advice from A Wise Old Man

- Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
- Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
- Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Live a good, honorable life... Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
- Most times, it comes down to common sense.

Old Age

- Old age is having a choice of two temptations and choosing the one that gets you home earlier.
- A man has reached old age when he is cautioned to slow down by his Doctor instead of by the police.
- Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.
- You're getting old when you don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.
- Old age is when you stop growing at both ends, and have begun to grow in the middle.
- By the time man is wise enough to watch his step, he is too old to go anywhere.

During the month of December, we will be observing Advent Season in preparing to celebrate Christmas. Now is the time to begin sending Christmas Cards. Advent Lutheran's **Happy Cut Ups** group offers a wide variety of Cards, including Christmas Cards. **Flo McDougall, Jan Madden, Tillie Funk, Waltraud York, Loretta Orr** and **Eva Sturges** actively restore old Greeting Cards and share their proceeds with other various ministries of the Church. You are encouraged to support their efforts this Christmas/New Year Season and, actually, throughout the year. Typically, one can find their "table of cards" in the fellowship room during fellowship hour the first Sunday of they month, following worship service.

November tasks completed by the Happy Helpers were: replaced the red Reformation streamers in the sanctuary (**Harry Benton, Kent Tibbetts, Jim Gunby, Steve Emig**); raked leaves and cleaned planting strip areas and parking lot (**Linda Camp**); snaked out boiler room floor drain at Sullivan Campus (**Harry Benton, Ken Otteman**); coordinated invitations to be mailed for 2017 Happy Helper Christmas Party (**Clancy Howard**); changed wording on Broadway reader-board sign (**George Harrison, Don Hodge**); installed new paper towel dispenser in Child Center classroom (**George Harrison**); adjusted hydraulic closing speed on classroom door (**George Harrison, Don Newland**); removed and stored red Reformation sanctuary streamers (**Ed Orr, Harry Benton, Kent Tibbetts, Jim Gunby, Don Newland, George Harrison**); anchored security basket rack to wall in Child Center Office (**Ed Orr, Jim Gunby**); tightened wooden faucet on children's Child Care play kitchen set (**Kent Tibbetts**); tightened loose sink facet in Child Center restroom (**Kent Tibbetts**); replaced florescent light bulbs in classroom light fixtures (**George Harrison, Ken Otteman, Don Newland, Bill Thurston**); moved classroom white-board to a different location (**George Harrison**); moved church and Child Center snow shovels/deicer from storage to church and Child Center entrance foyers (**Harry Benton, Jim Gunby**); worked on Preschool vacuum cleaner (**Ken Otteman, Linda Camp**); labeled cabinet doors located across from the gym restrooms for locking position (**Ed Orr, Jim Gunby, Steve Emig**); replaced door knob on Child Care laundry room door (**Ed Orr, Jim Gunby**); replaced furnace filters (**Mel Carlson**); replaced and plumbed-in new ice-making machine in kitchen (**Kent Tibbetts, Harry Benton, Wade Wipperling**);

HAPPY HELPERS-Continued

tightened wall-mounted paper towel dispenser in Child Center restroom (**George Harrison, Don Newland**); replaced broken hinge on wall cabinet in Child Center infant room (**Bill Thurston**); replaced hydraulic door closer on Child Center classroom door (**Ken Otteman, Clancy Howard**); glued wooden bumper strip to floor for stabilizing round tables in storage (**Harry Benton**); set on and off times on Broadway Campus building outside lights (**Harry Benton**); policed and organized books, pamphlets, etc. in sanctuary (**Leroy York**); cleaned trash & debris from church grounds and parking lot (**Linda Camp**); took kitchen recyclable material to outside recycling area (**Don Hodge**); removed cap from Happy Cut-Up's ballpoint pen (this actually took five Happy Helpers to accomplish - it was unbelievable!; **we all had a good laugh**); etc.

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

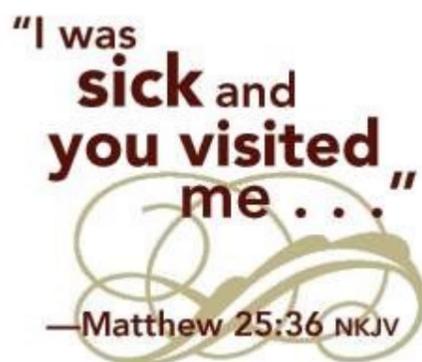
VISITATION MINISTRY

By Marilyn Keith

Pastor Matt led a training recently that added four new members to Advent's Visitation team. There are now six teams available to make home visits carrying communion and fellowship to our members who are unable to attend worship.

The morning's training was attended by all current members as well as trainees. Pastor challenged the teams to recognize the personal agenda we each bring to any given encounter. In other words, how might our experience or attitude impact the call. There was also a video on how to approach a resident with dementia, followed by lunch and role playing, that simulated actual calls.

As Visitation grows and hones it's skills we ask for the congregation's input in identifying members who might like a visit. Please call the office with your suggestions.



NEW INREACH COMMITTEE:

I will be leading the new **Inreach Committee** for those who need some assistance at home by coordinating with those that can assist.

I need others to lead/assist in the following:

Driving
Meals
Small housekeeping
Light yard work

My wish is to help those in our church community who need some assistance on a short need basis. I can help facilitate longer assistance to those that need it with local agencies.

Thank you all. Holiday blessings!

Debbie Martin RN, PARISH NURSE



SUNDAY SCHOOL

In Sunday School The following kids recited the Lord's Prayer and/or the 10 Commandments from **memory** - and got a sweet reward.

Bronte Marshall
Lily Bliesner
Karsen Haveman
Kallie Haveman
Kate Larson
Alex Zaleski
Demetrios Tsakarestos

HUMOR: One of our class exercises was for kids to list exceptions to the 10 commandments, some of which were humorous. For example:

2nd - It's OK to idolize money WHEN: *you are broke*
3rd - Don't cuss UNLESS: *you hit your funny bone with a hammer!*
4th - Always go to church on Sunday UNLESS: *You are lazy in bed*
7th - Never flirt with another man's wife/husband UNLESS: *you are single*
8th - Never lie: *Just blame it on your brother*
10th - It's OK to covet another persons nice clothes WHEN: *you are wearing rags*

3rd-6th grade teachers (this is no joke): **Wes Todd, Bob Bendel, Anna Tsakarestos**

PARISH NURSE

Debbie Martin RN, Parish Nurse

How to Beat the Winter Blues for Seniors

The “winter blues” are a difficult time for many of us. Less sunshine and longer hours of darkness can make us feel tired, lethargic and lacking in our normal enthusiasm for life. Seasonal affective disorder (SAD), a more serious medical condition resulting from the dark days of winter, can even become debilitating and requires medical treatment.

Senior adults can be particularly vulnerable to the winter doldrums since they may be less mobile, less active and less capable of doing things on their own. The drop in temperature is often accompanied by a general drop in mood and seniors can become more susceptible to the unhealthy byproducts of the winter season such as over eating, a more sedentary lifestyle and a lack of fresh air and exercise.

Helpful Tips from the Experts

Fortunately, there are some things that can be done to counteract the winter blahs and improve one’s outlook, physical health and emotional wellbeing. Experts in the medical profession agree that the following tips can be very useful to seniors in beating “old man winter.”

Let the Sun Shine!

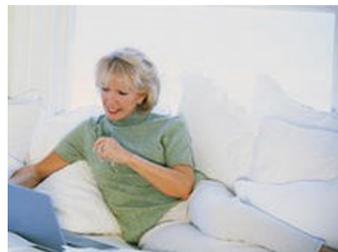
Daily doses of sunshine are essential for counteracting winter’s long hours of darkness. Frequent bursts of sunlight help us feel more energized, optimistic and engaged. Take some time each day to get outside when the sun is shining and take advantage of the sun’s energy boosting rays.

Try a “Light Box”

Another option for overcoming the enervating effects of the long days of darkness is bright light therapy. Special instruments called “light boxes” are used to assist those with sunlight deprivation and those suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). The light box mimics the light from the sun and when used for 20 or 30 minutes a day, has been shown to improve the moods of those suffering from winter blues.

Get Enough Exercise

Get moving! Research has shown that exercise can be a miracle worker when it comes to improving mood, overall health, mental sharpness, susceptibility to illness. Walking can be an excellent form of exercise for seniors and when the weather is too inclement to venture outside, many shopping malls have scheduled walking times in the early morning hours. Mall walking is a great way to get your daily dose of exercise because the surface is flat and the environment is climate controlled and comfortable. Walking with a friend or family member is a great way to work your muscles while socializing.



Stay Connected and Maintain Your Social Calendar

Maintaining an active social calendar and networking with your friends is another important way to enjoy yourself and help the winter season pass by. Continue to do the things you enjoy or try something different as a change of pace to spice up your normal routine. Social engagement is a recognized health booster for all seasons, but it can be especially beneficial in the dark days of winter when our spirits can be low and our energy begins to ebb.

Maintain a Healthy Diet

The darkness, colder winter temperatures and the sense of “hibernation” can cause us to overeat and to crave sweets and carbohydrates – a clear prescription for unhealthy weight gain. Try to stay with healthy foods and balance your food intake with sufficient physical activity and exercise. Soups with meat for protein and an assortment of vegetables can be a warm, satisfying alternative to high calorie foods.

Practice “Winter Hygiene”

With the cold weather months comes the cold and flu season. Coming down with an illness can make winter seem even longer and more unpleasant. To increase your chances of staying healthy, practice what healthcare workers do. Because they are constantly exposed to germs in their work environment, they wash their hands thoroughly and frequently throughout the day. Wash your hands with soap and warm water for roughly 20-25 seconds each time to remove the germs. Also, use a sanitizer to wipe down the “high touch” areas of your home such as doorknobs, phones and other commonly used surfaces to keep them germ free.

Think Positive!

Remember, winter doesn’t last forever. Try to envision the coming days of spring and the sunshine, flowers and songbirds that come with it. In the meantime, keep things in perspective and enjoy a good book and a warm beverage while you watch the snow fall outside. This too will pass and warm sun-filled days will follow!

Suggestions for Caregivers

Caregivers can be very helpful to their loved ones by being vigilant for signs of “the winter blues.” Experts tell us that the most common symptoms are general disinterest, tiredness, fatigue and feelings of sadness. Caregivers can help overcome these symptoms by encouraging the list of activities above, and by taking loved ones for walks, driving them to social activities with friends, going out to lunch, shopping or taking in a movie.

The winter months can be difficult at any age. To get through, all it takes is a little knowledge, patience and the right approach. And the next thing you know, you’ll find “Spring is right around the corner!”

CAMP CORNER

By Lauren Gust

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:

Deck the Halls Family Retreat: December 1-3

- Make Christmas at Lutherhaven your new family tradition!
- Crafts, wreaths, wooden toys, carols, hot chocolate, cider & all the trimmings!

Get unplugged and outdoors with significant family, friends, & mentors.

Building Youth Groups Winter Retreats: January 19-21 & January 26-28

- Teambuilding winter retreat for groups grades 6th-9th.
- Dream, plan, covenant, reflect and simply be together as a youth group.

Speaker sessions led by **Daniel Baker** (Jan. 19-21) & Pastor **Misael Fajardo-Perez** (Jan. 26-28)

Back 2 Camp Winter Retreat: February 2-4

- Lutherhaven's classic 3rd-8th grade winter retreat.
- Group devotions, prayer, worship & sessions led by Lutherhaven Staff.

Don't forget you snow gear for lot's of games and snow fun!

Spring Women's Retreat: March 9-11

- Relax with home cooked meals, spa time & more all in a beautiful setting.
- Refresh your spirit in our craft room or get outside on the zip line or for a hike.

Rejuvenate your soul with speaker led sessions, worship and fellowship with other women.

Find these events and more at
www.lutherhaven.com/events!



Other camp news:

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 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!*

God Bless!



INCOME/EXPENSE INFORMATION

By Bonnie Calhoun

Advent General Fund Income/Expense

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	30,237.39	304,674.74
Expense	<u>29,044.58</u>	<u>300,215.43</u>
Net	1,192.81	4,459.31

Child Center Income/Expense

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	54,207.20	583,342.34
Expense	<u>57,643.55</u>	<u>579,319.29</u>
Net	-3,436.75	4,023.05

Notes for Advent Lutheran Church

- **In October, income exceeded expenses by \$1,193.**
- 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 \$1,470 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 \$1,577 lower than average budgeted monthly income. This drop in income is directly linked to the Sunday offering giving.
- Sunday offering giving for January-October 2017 was \$15,704 lower than in January-October 2017.
- Budget planning is underway for 2018. Projected income and expenses will be based on historical income and expense data with the drop Sunday envelope income considered as well.

Notes for Advent Lutheran Child Center

- **In October, expenses exceeded income by \$3,437.**
- The Center experienced a drop in tuition income for school-age children as they transitioned from full-time care to after-school at the start of the new school year. This decrease in income led to the expense overage experienced in October. However, November has experienced an increased in enrollment so tuition income should improve by next month.
- Total income for the Center has increased by \$2,617 when compared to January-October of last year.
- Expenses have decreased by \$131 when compared to January-September of last year.
- The Child Center is weathering the increases in tuition and minimum wage and have a net balance of \$4,023 so far this year.
- The Center has a cash reserve that is 80% of one month's expenses. The goal is to reach 100% of one month's expenses in reserve.

Notes for Advent Lutheran Child Center

- Budget planning for 2018 is underway. Increases in minimum wage, new state employee leave requirements, as well as an increase in private pay tuition rates will be considered.

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

For our Church Family and Friends: Darin Adams, Avant family, Ron & Judy Bauer, family of Heidi Bliesner, Leslie Buckaloo, Larry & Carol Butler, Bonnie Calhoun, her Mother, Beverly Gustafson, and their families, Belle Campbell, Mike Canney, Hazel Cascaden, Bud & Betty Jo Cook, KC Coolbaugh, Georgia Coulston, Lonnie & Joanne Day, John Dornik, Sammie Fletcher, Tillie Funk, Alisa Gergawy, Virginia Gjelvik, Margaret Gilcrease, Family of Joey Greene, Joan Gunby, Jan Hall & family, Dolores Hanson, Casey Hayden, Anne Hirsh, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Christian Hunter, Johnson, Kay, Doug Kelly, Shirley Kjos, Alison LaFrance, Douglas Lee, Eloise Lorentz, Velma Linerud, Jan Madden, Sue May, Connie Martin, Jack & Flo McDougall, Katie McIntyre, Bonnie Mertes, Rhet Mertes, Joyce Mertes, SaraLu Moore, Marian Moseman, Gloria Nicol, Joanne Okert, Ken Otteman, Loretta Orr, Dave Opsal, family of Becky Penagos, Renee Powell, Myrna Rehn, Anna Rector and her brothers Heinz and Werner, Revel family, Ray and Merrily Ripley, Pat Roberts, Gerry O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Marvin & Darlene Schwartzenberger, Warren Seaholm, Keith Shipbaugh, Tom & Gayle Shirey, Kathy Sordorff, Louise Sperline, Tito Tinajero, Wes Turner, Uwe, Roy, Mary, and Helga, Rick Velategui, Wilson & family, Wootton family, Dee Yates, Atiyah Yeoman, Sara Zabriskie, disaster victims around the world.

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, Capt. Jordon Bolster, Steve & Christine Coulston, CPT Christopher Finch, Robert Guyton, TSG Christine Johnson, CW2 Aaron Lang, Sr. Airman Richard Luna III, MSgt. Duncan McFarlane, Bryan McGoon, SSG Aaron Moeller, Sam Nelson, SSgt. 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. Stephen King, Airman Chase Strunk, and MSgt. Kent Jackson, U.S. Air Force.

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

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

POEMS

THANKFUL HEARTS

God is *great*, God is *good*,
Let us thank Him for everything!

I'm thankful for the beauty in God's creation,
I give thanks to Jesus for the gift of salvation.
I am thankful for this day!

I'm thankful for family, fathers and mothers,
Grandparents, children, sisters and brothers.
I'm thankful for you friends, my family in the Lord!

When a glass is half empty don't be sad or blue,
"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's
Will in Christ Jesus, for you." I Thessalonians 5:18
Now *choose* to see that same glass is still half full,
And profit from your trials to meet new tribulations.

Let our day of thanksgiving be a day of thanks *living*,
A day of thanks *receiving*,
A day of thanks in God *believing*.

I'm thankful for all of God's mercy and provision,
For His Holy Word, our guidance to daily living.
Let us give thanks to *God - for God!*

A thankful heart gives us hope to see,
That our Holy God always *loves*,
And *cares* for *you* and *me*.

God is great God is good!



THE GIFT

The Gift was chosen long ago,
Prepared just for you.
Delivered wrapped in white,
Tiny and brand new.

It comes from a generous heart,
Tailored with specialty.
A Gift for the taking,
Given to you and me.

The Gift is held out, offered to all,
Everyone may choose it.
Please accept this gift from the provider,
You can never lose it.

The Gift is God's precious love,
Life, for all eternity.
God gives His Son, to live in our heart,
Forever, in you and me.

By **Linda Reddekopp**,
December 2005

Praying from the Heart

Excerpt from "How To Pray" by Jean-Nicholas Grou

*"the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know
how to pray as we ought, but the very Spirit intercedes with
sighs too deep for words." Romans 8:26*

"Why do we pray so much with our lips and so little with our heart?"

Why do we not lay open our heart to God and beg him to put into it whatever is most pleasing to him? ... Do you not see that the fine feelings you borrow from books... are not your words, but someone else's,.... What do your words matter to him, to him who only listens to the heart?

If it is the heart that prays, it is evident that sometimes, and even continuously, it can pray by itself without any help from words, spoken or conceived....

For God reads the secrets of the heart, our most intimate feelings, even those of which we are unaware. And if these are feelings about God, how could he fail to see them, since it is God who plants them in us by his grace and helps our will to adopt them. It is not necessary to make use of formal acts to make ourselves heard by God. If we do make use of them in prayer, it is not so much for God's sake as our own Our weakness often calls for the help of such acts, but they are not the essence of prayer.

Imagine a soul so closely united to God that it has no need of outward acts to remain attentive to the inward prayer. In these moments of silence and peace when it pays no heed to what is happening within itself, it prays and prays excellently, with a simple and direct prayer that God will understand perfectly by the action of grace... Though they may elude our own consciousness, they will not escape the consciousness of God.

After this brief explanation, you must see that you have not until now understood what prayer really is. If, after reading this you are beginning to have a new understanding of prayer, thank God for it; for it is he who is teaching your heart and what I am writing here for your instruction comes from him." *Submitted by Wes Todd*

The bible says, "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him." Matthew 6:5-8

October Services
Average Attendance: 155



ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Please help decorate Advent for Advent! **Friday, December 1 at 10:00 AM.** Come help fluff the bows and wreaths and then decorate. If questions, call **Sherry Leatha** at **924-9523**.

The Wednesday Book Study meets at **6:00 PM** each week, however, we will be taking a break for the month of December and will resume again in January. Questions? Contact **Wes Todd** at **926-0344**.

Free tickets are available to attend a lunch and silent auction benefiting children. (\$35 value). **Saturday, December 2, from 11am-2:00 pm** at the **Mirabeau Hotel**. Silent auction begins at **11am**. Please contact the **Church office** at **928-7733** or **Elinor Johnson** at **928-2322**.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sunday, December 3rd, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2018 Budget for the Child Center and Advent as well as 2018 Synod Assembly delegates.

Reports for the December 3rd Congregational Meeting are available in the Narthex. They contain the proposed 2018 Budgets for the Child Center and Advent. Council members will be available during the fellowship hour if you have any questions.

It's that time of year again to start practicing for the **Annual Children's Christmas Program!** Practices will be held during Sunday school on **12/3, & 12/10**, as well as a mandatory dress rehearsal on **Sat., 12/16 from 9-11 am**. The program will be during church on **12/17**. Contact **April Marshall** or **Missy Bliesner**. Contact information: April Marshall **509-808-4099** or aprilmr.m@gmail.com.

The Endowment Committee has approved the 5% annual withdrawal of Endowments funds. A portion of these funds will be made available to the congregations in our Synod as well as local ministries. Application forms are available in the Narthex. The deadline is December 31st. The Council will review the applications then notify the recipients of the amount of the award. Please contact the church office if you have questions.

On **Wednesday, December 6**, all **GoldenAgers** are invited to enjoy a 'no-host' lunch at the **Davenport Hotel** and view the **festival of trees** after lunch. Please be at the church and ready to leave on the bus at **11:00 am**. Please see the **sign-up** sheet on the table in the Narthex. **Contact Linda Semmen for more information (389-4191)**.

Team #4, lead by **Paula Kenney** and **Mike McCune** are taking sign-ups for the **December Hospitality Schedule**. Please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex.

Lutherhaven funds are available for all ages throughout the year at a **50%** scholarship for all events at **Camp Lutherhaven**. Please contact **Rick or Babs Velategui** at **926-9858**.

2nd Sunday Funday: We are hoping to screen the movie **The Star at the Spokane Valley Regal Cinemas during the afternoon of 12/10**. The Star is an animated tale of Christ's birth as told from the animals' perspective. Because we aren't able to know the showtimes until a few days before this Sunday, we will just have to play it by ear. **Please sign up if your family is interested in participating and include an email or number I can text**, so I can keep you updated. Questions: Contact **April Marshall** at **808-4099**.

"Sock Em" time is in full swing! We are still collecting clean, gently used socks, or new socks. The barrel is in the Narthex and the socks will go to **'Blessings Under the Bridge'**. Questions? Contact **Manda Benton, 924-6495**.

Visitation Ministry: Advent has an active and ardent team who make calls on members who are unable to be with us in worship on Sundays. But the need is greater than we have people to send. If you feel you are being called to carry communion to shut ins or are willing to be a communion assistant on a call please talk to **Pastor Matt** or **Marilyn Keith (808-3346)**. Husbands and wives, best friends, and yet to be friends, all make welcome visitors when they bring the love of Christ to someone no longer able to come to church.

The **Lutherhaven Scholarship Dinner Committee** will be meeting at various times over the next few months here at Advent. We are in need of additional people to serve on this committee. If you are looking for a fun committee that serves a great a cause, this committee is for you! Please contact **Rick or Babs Velategui** at **926-9858**.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Due to the Christmas holiday, the deadline to submit your articles and announcements for the **January Newsletter** will be **Friday, December 15**.

The **Happy Cut-Ups** will be selling their beautiful hand-made cards on **Sunday, December 17!** Stop by their table in the fellowship hall to purchase your cards. All cards are only **fifty cents** each!

NORTHWEST BLOOD CENTER-BLOOD DRIVE: It's time to save lives and give blood! Advent will host a blood drive on **January 14th from 8:30 to 11:30 AM**. Sign up at church, online at www.inbcaves.org or feel free to call **Babs** at **926-9858**.

The **Church Council** is seeking volunteers who are interested in attending the **2017 Synod Assembly** in **Yakima** in **April**. Dates to be announced. Please contact a Church Council member or the Church office (**928-7733**) if you are interested in attending.

Nursery care available: On Sunday mornings, *nursery care* is available for children during the worship service. We will also have nursery care during both Christmas Eve services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS-Continued

Santa Lucia: This year, we will once again incorporate our **Santa Lucia** tradition after our Worship service on **Sunday, December 10**, in conjunction with our Coffee Fellowship hour. We plan to have an assortment of cookies during our Fellowship time. **Please bring cookies of your choice or other goodies to share.**



On **Christmas Eve**, we will have two **Christmas Eve services:** One at **5:00 pm** and **7:00 pm**. Nursery care will be available during both Christmas Eve services. **December 31st** Worship service will be Lessons and Carols. **We also have a sign-up sheet for those needing a ride to our Christmas Eve services.**

The Church Office will be closed Christmas Day through New Year's Day and will reopen on January 2, 2018. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Matthew Larson at 280-4140.

2017-2018 Pictorial Directories are available in the Narthex. They include Committee Heads, Team Leaders, Child Center and Church staff, as well as photos of members and friends. Please take one Directory per family.

The **2018 offering envelopes** are now available to be picked up. They are in the box on the table under the Sanctuary window. They are listed alphabetically.

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.** We received **213 lbs.** from last months **'Fill the Shelf' Sunday.** The Food Bank is very grateful for all your donations, especially during the holidays.

THANK YOU

"Thanks to all for your prayers, visits, cards, and calls during my heart surgeries. And now I'm on my way to full recovery because of God's love and my friends at Advent."
Eloise Lorentz

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 3

1st Sunday of Advent: 9:30 am
Worship Service with Holy Communion/**Crismons**

December 10

2nd Sunday of Advent: 9:30 am
Worship Service with Holy Communion
After Worship-Santa Lucia

December 17

3rd Sunday of Advent: 9:30 am
Worship Service with Holy Communion/**Children's Christmas Program**

December 24

4th Sunday of Advent: 9:30 am
Worship Service with Holy Communion

December 24-Christmas Eve Services:

5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

December 31st: 9:30 am

Lessons & Carols
(Nursery care is available during all services)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

TREE OF SHARING

If you are interested in providing a gift for someone less fortunate this Christmas season, you are welcome to take a tag off our **Tree of Sharing.** This is an annual **outreach activity** of our church. For families, this can be an important way to teach children to provide for those in need. The deadline to **return your gift** will be **Sunday, December 17. IT IS IMPERATIVE THE NAME TAG IS ATTACHED TO THE GIFT.** Thank you in advance for your support! Questions? Contact **Sandra McCune** or **Kelsey** at **893-2694.**

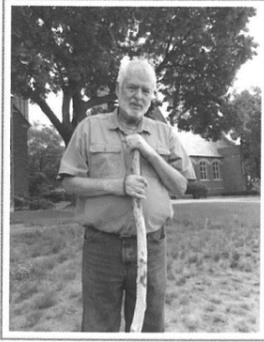


'Fill the Shelf' Sunday! is the last Sunday of every



NEWS FROM THE HUTTON SETTLEMENT

Volunteer Spotlight: Clancy Howard



Clancy Howard started volunteering at the Hutton Settlement in the early 1980s. At the time, he was working at Washington Water Power and was asked to help with Hutton's 4H program. Clancy often speaks of his "Thank you, God" moments, times when he's been grateful for the blessings in his life, and recently he spoke to Hutton about some of those moments that he experienced on campus.

Clancy was hesitant at first, stating, "I didn't think I could handle a bunch of 'problem kids'". Yet his attitude quickly changed as soon as he visited the campus.

"When I got to Hutton, I was looking around and these kids were more well-behaved than I was, and I came from a model home."

When Clancy talks about memories of his time with the 4H program, it's clear that he's glad to have made the commitment to volunteer. He said, *"Moments the kids give me are why I keep coming back."*

Clancy shared, *"I had an alumni come up to me at a reunion one year. He got in trouble a lot as a kid. He was 35 years old now and he told me, 'If it wasn't for 4H, I would be in jail. I had to be good to stay in 4H'. He wouldn't have known what stability was if it wasn't for Hutton. So, what can you do but say, 'Thank you, God?'"*

Another memorable moment that stood out to Clancy was the time that a young boy came to Hutton and Clancy was told to keep a distance from him because the boy was scared of men due to past experiences. *"So, we'd work with the sheep and I'd train him," Clancy said, "but I'd always make sure to be on the opposite side of the sheep as him. This boy ended up getting into the finals at the fair and afterwards, he came up to me, shook my hand and said, 'Thank you'."*

Clancy emphasized that it's not just the 4H programs that help the kids, it's all of the programs. He said, *"Kids need an identity. They need to be a part of something."* He believes that there's a special place in Heaven for the Hutton houseparents and he said he continues to volunteer because of the kids, the staff and the fact that he hasn't met a board lady that he doesn't like. *"They're just such neat people," he said.*

Clancy was inspired by many people in the Hutton Community, and he speaks fondly of the three administrators that he has worked with through the years.

Bob Revel was Hutton's head administrator when Clancy joined the Hutton team. *"Everyone knew there was no grey area with Bob. There was a line and you didn't cross it, but he had to be that way. In reality, he was a teddy bear."*

Clancy remembers one time when Revel was forced to ask a child to leave Hutton. *"Revel wasn't just hurting because he lost a kid; he was hurting because that kid was losing. That's the kind of person Bob Revel was."*

Mike Butler took over the job after Revel left and Clancy said, *"He was perfect for the time. He was so compassionate and caring. He'd tell the kids, 'I don't like what you're doing, but I still love you'."*

This unconditional acceptance is something that Hutton still strives to achieve with the children that are entrusted to their care.

Clancy is now working with the third administrator in his tenure, and he thinks the Settlement is in good hands. *"Now we've got Chud Wendle and I think he's just like his mother [Carol Wendle, Board Member for more than 35-years], compassionate and caring."*

Clancy has been encouraged by the true connectedness that the administration and the Board have with the kids.

"We were at the fair one day and there was a lady near us in the stands, asking the kids about school and their parents. I thought it must have been a grandma to one of the kids, so I turned to Dorothy Revel and inquired. She said it was Board member Margaret Cowles."

"Mrs. Cowles knew something about each kid and I can't help but think that's how May would have been."

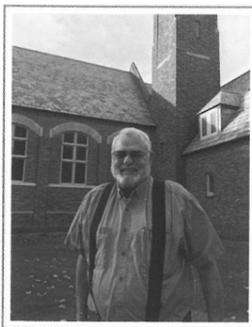
Clancy said he thinks that if Founder Levi Hutton were around today, he would love what is happening on campus. He said he thinks Hutton *"built this place for May (Arkwright Hutton),"* his wife who passed away before the founding of Hutton, and Clancy is convinced that if May were still alive, she'd be *"scurrying around the campus, checking on the kids, just as the Board ladies do today."*

These days, you'll see Clancy in the greenhouse and the garden, working with the SALUTE (Sustainability, Arts and Leadership United Through Education) Club, teaching them to grow produce and flowers from seed, instructing them on methods for gardening and harvesting their crops and aiding them in donating the fruit of their labor to local charities. He is a constant presence in the kids' lives and empowers them to learn and lead. You'll never see him without a smile on his face and Hutton is honored to have had him be a part of the journey for so long.

Clancy emphasized how important it is for people to understand that his time at Hutton has been a gift. *"I've said for 30 some years that I'm not lucky to be out here - I'm blessed. It's a blessing to be able to come out here and work. I know it from all the "Thank you, God" moments that I get. There are so many special people that make it this way. I get so much more than I give."*



Clancy working in the greenhouse with the SALUTE club.



DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denney's Restaurant 9:30 am Child Center Chapel 10:00 am Decorate the Church for Advent 6:00 pm Co-DA Meeting 122	2 9:30 am Placing the Poinsettias
3 First Sunday of Advent 9:15 am Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice 9:30 am -Worship Service/Crismons Communion After Worship Congregational Meeting Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 3:00 pm Confirmation Class 7:30 pm Al-Anon; AA Meeting	4 10:30 am–11:30 ALCC Happy Feet 6:00 pm Super Youth Team Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts F/158	5 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 5:30 pm Executive Committee 6:00 pm Cub Scouts F/106/158	6 9:30 am Mid-Week Bible Study 11:00 am GoldenAgers' Outing	7 8:00 am Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups 10:30 am ALCC Board Mtg. 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106	8 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denney's Restaurant 6:00 pm Co-DA Meeting 122 6:00–9:00 pm AA Potluck	9
10 Second Sunday of Advent 9:15 am Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice 9:30 am -Worship Service/Communion After Worship Coffee Fellowship/Santa Lucia 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 2nd Sunday Family Fun Day-Movie 3:00 pm Confirmation Class 7:30 pm Al-Anon; AA Meeting	11 10:30 am–11:30 ALCC Happy Feet 7:00 pm Boy Scouts F/158	12 9:00 am-3:00 pm Happy Piecemakers Christmas Potluck 6:00-pm Council Meeting 122 Cub Scouts F/106/158	13 9:30 am Mid-Week Bible Study	14 8:00 am Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106	15 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant 9am-11am-SVP Food Sorting 6:00 pm Co-DA Meeting 122 6:00 pm-8:00am Boy Scouts – Overnighter	16 9:00 am-11:00 am Mandatory Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal
17 Third Sunday of Advent 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am -Worship/Christmas Program After Worship Coffee Fellowship Pastor Matt's Bible Study Happy Cut-Ups Monthly Card Sale 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 5:00 pm Chili-Cook-Off/Caroling 7:30 pm Al-Anon; AA Meeting	18 10:30 am–11:30 ALCC Happy Feet 7:00 pm Boy Scouts F/158	19 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 5:30 pm Head of Committee 6:00-pm Cub Scouts F/106/158 6:30 pm Outreach Committee	20 9:30 am Mid-Week Bible Study	21 8:00 am Happy Helpers Happy Cut-Ups 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106	22 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denney's Restaurant 9:30 am Child Center Chapel 6:00 pm Co-DA Meeting 122	23
24 Fourth Sunday of Advent/ Nativity of Our Lord 9:30 am -Worship Service/Communion After Worship Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am High School Bible Study at Starbucks 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Program 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Program 7:30 pm Al-Anon 122; AA Meeting	25 Christmas Day Church Office & Child Center Closed	26 Church Office & Child Center Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed 7:30 pm AA Meeting 106	29 Church Office Closed	30
31 New Year's Eve 'Fill the Shelf' Sunday 9:30 am Lessons & Carols After Worship Coffee Fellowship 7:30 pm Al-Anon; AA Meeting	January 1 New Year's Day	14				

DECEMBER HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Ministry Description	December 3 9:30 am	December 10 6:30 pm	December 17 9:30 am	December 24 9:30 am	December 31 9:30 am
Communion Assistants (4)	Manda Benton Audrey Knuttel Francie Shoquist Sue Wipperling	Grace Carlson Beverly Lee Carol Scheurer Francie Shoquist	Grace Carlson Beverly Lee Shelle Seaholm	Manda Benton Katy Brownlee Sandra McCune Carol Scheurer	
Assisting Minister (1)	Holly Gunby	Jeff Zaleski	Jeff Zaleski	Jeff Zaleski	Kara Wilson
Reader (1)	Holly Gunby	Jeff Zaleski	Kate Larson	Jeff Zaleski	Duane Yates
Acolyte (1)	Bronte Marshall	Demetrios Tsakarestos		Demetrios Tsakarestos	John Henry Wiegand
Media (1) Person	Scott Marshall	Sharon Pegau	Ian Larson	John Henry Wiegand	
Ushers (3-4)	Darrell Shoquist	Norm & Audrey Knuttel		Steve & Holli Wiegand	
Greeters (2-4)	Elaine Lukes Francie Shoquist	Thomas Tamunominipiribo	Patt Scott	Katy Brownlee Chris Worth	Dee Yates
Altar Flowers	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias
Fellowship Hosts	Norm & Sherry Leatha		Mike & Sandra McCune		XXX
Cookies (4 people, 4 dozen each)	Elaine Lukes Sherry Leatha Francie Shoquist	Grace Carlson	Grace Carlson Gerry O'Rourke	Kathy Bowers	XXX

Ministry Description	December 24 Christmas Eve (Intinction-Communion-No Cups)	
	5pm	7pm
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (4)	Karen Nelson Carol Scheurer Sue Wipperling	Sandra McCune Thomas Tamunominipiribo
ASSISTING MINISTER: (1)	Beverly Lee	
READERS: (2)	Lily Bliesner	
ACOLYTE: (1)		
MEDIA PERSON: (1)		
USHER: (3-4)		
GREETERS: (2-4)	Missy Bliesner	

Team #4 Leaders: Paula Kenney: 991-3869

Mike McCune: 893-2694

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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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