

Advent Lutheran Church Newsletter



LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

By Denise Walker

Merry Christmas Advent!

This is my favorite time of the year, Thanksgiving having just passed and Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Jesus on the horizon.

Besides Thanksgiving with family and friends, November had a couple of other opportunities to celebrate; **Tri-Parish Worship service** and dessert, and the 'New Faces' Sunday, Welcome to Advent.

The Council completed the **2023 Budget** that will be presented to the congregation at the Annual meeting on December 4th. Please plan to attend because we need a quorum to vote for approval.

Also at the Annual meeting, **Drew Constanzer from Thrivent**, will be attending to answer questions with regards to our two new managed accounts. The **September survey** will be reviewed and we will discuss a few items that the Council have already begun implementing.

As a reminder, there will be a Children's Christmas program on **December 11th** and a **Santa Lucia** celebration on **December 18th**. Please bring your favorite cookies to share.

Lastly, I would like to wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas!

Blessings,
Denise

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Online Worship:

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HAPPY HELPERS

By Forrest Diehl
Happy Advent, Advent Lutheran Church! As we begin celebrating a new year in our church liturgical calendar, we should also pause and think about our new calendar year (2023) coming up. Referring back to our present year, certainly gives us a lot to pray about: inflation, Russian invasion of Ukraine, incidents of drought (Mississippi River, Colorado River, China drought, low rainfall in India), wild fires, hurricane destruction (including Ian), threatened rice production in Pakistan, rising costs of food - gas - housing, worldwide hunger - especially in Africa, etc. Prayerfully we can open the doors of opportunity for us to participate in addressing these crises in church, community, state, and government.

Roger Scheurer continues to contribute earnings from the church's recycling program into the Happy Helper's dedicated fund. Thanks **Roger**, and thanks to all of the **congregational members** who donate to the church's recycling program! Aluminum continues to be the high-dollar item (Hint, Hint). Happy Helper funds are used to maintain and repair church and child-center property. Also, Happy Helper monies are sometimes donated to other ministries (Child-Center Activities, Naomi Community, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, etc.).

"Lexophile" describes a person who loves words. Such people like sentences like: "You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish," and, "To write with a broken pencil is pointless."

An annual competition is held by the 'New York Times' to see who can create the best original lexophile. This year's submissions are:

- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
- This girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.
- I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.
- I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.
- A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- A will is a dead giveaway.
- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.
- The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.
- He had a photographic memory but it was never fully developed.

HAPPY HELPERS-Continued

- When she saw her first strands of gray hair she thought she'd dye.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- Did you hear about the crossed-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me. I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

Included in the tasks that the Happy Helpers did during the month of November are: retrieved snow tires from Carl's Cabin for Child Center winter driving (**Wade Wipperling, Bill Thurston**); cut-up and removal of broken tree branches from wind storm (**Butch Yarnell, Wade Wipperling, Bill Thurston, Daryl Ziemer, Wes Todd**) (**Bill** hauled debris away in his truck; **Thanks Bill!**); removed water hoses from outside water bib located in Child Center playground (**Wade Wipperling, Daryl Ziemer**); adjusted the exterior church lights on/off times to Daylight Savings Time (**Bill Thurston**); replaced burned out light bulbs in laundry room with new fluorescent bulbs (**Bill Thurston**); helped removed all furniture from carpeted area for scheduled carpet cleaning – then returned furniture (**Bill Thurston, Wade Wipperling, Daryl Ziemer, Butch Yarnell, Pastor Matt, Wes Todd, Cheryl Tobin**); set-up tables and chairs in gym for Sunday social hour (**Butch Yarnell, Daryl Ziemer, Wes Todd, Wade Wipperling**); reassembled pages in piano music book and repaired binding (**Wes Todd, Wade Wipperling**); researched sewer smell in Sacristy and solved the mystery (**Wade Wipperling, Butch Yarnell, Heidi Perry**); placed saved Lutherhaven Auction items in storage (**Daryl Ziemer, Wade Wipperling, Bill Thurston**); transported Christmas decorations, including the Sharing Tree, from off-site storage and delivered them to church (**Daryl Ziemer, Wade Wipperling, Dave Cook, Butch Yarnell, Norm & Sherry Leatha**); repair back of Child Center child's wooden chair (**Arne Weinman**); replaced Child Center clothes dryer vent hose (**Dave Cook, Butch Yarnell**); repaired leg on Child Center classroom play table (**Wade Wipperling, Daryl Ziemer, Butch Yarnell**); repaired sink cabinet door hinge in Child Center classroom (**Wade Wipperling, Daryl Ziemer, Butch Yarnell**); etc.

The **Happy Helpers** are looking forward to the month of December and Christmas! The **Happy Helpers** meet each **Thursday morning, 9:00 A.M.**, at the church. If you can't make it on time - that is ok - come anytime! Typically, we are done talking/meeting by 9:30 A.M., and finished working by **10:30/11:00 A.M.** Visitors are always welcome! In addition to sharing coffee, tea, and "goodies", we share comradery.

PASTOR MATT'S CORNER

By Pastor Matthew Larson

What is Advent? The Advent season includes the four Sundays leading up to Christmas and begins this year on Sunday, November 27. It's a time of expectancy and preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Each year as December draws near, many of us commit to finding rest in a season notoriously wrought with materialism, busyness, and exhaustion. We want to focus on what really matters and prepare our hearts and minds to remember the birth of Christ and all that it means for the believer. One way to do this is by celebrating Advent, which for centuries has been tied to the first coming of Christ.

Advent itself can be puzzling. "Advent" means "coming" or "arrival." The hymns and readings often used at this season seem to be about two quite different things: about waiting for the "first coming," the birth of Jesus, and about waiting for his "second coming" to put all things right in the end. How did these things get muddled up? How can we make wise, prayerful sense out of it all?

The early Christians developed the "church's year" as a way of telling, learning, and reliving the story of Jesus, which stands at the heart of our faith. As they did so, they came to understand that it wasn't simply a matter of going round and round the same sequence and never getting anywhere.

Think of a bicycle wheel; it goes round and round, but it is moving forwards, not standing still. . . . So it is with the church's year. We go round the circuit: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week and Good Friday, Easter, Pentecost. The traditional Western churches sum all this up on Trinity Sunday, as we learn more deeply who our glorious God really is.

. . . [But] we are not simply going round and round the same topics and never getting anywhere. We are signing on as part of God's larger project, God's forward purposes, his plans for the whole creation to be renewed, so that (as the prophets said) the earth will be full of the knowledge and glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. . . . that is the Advent hope.

So the Church's year overlaps with itself. In Advent, we think our way back to the ancient people of God, to the call of Abraham and his family as the start of God's rescue operation for a world in ruins and a human race in chaos. We follow the story of Israel's hope, a hope that refused to die no matter what terrible things happened; a hope that the first Christians believed had become human in the baby Jesus.

With that "first Advent," it was clear that God's rescue operation for humans and the world had been decisively begun but not yet completed. Jesus really did launch God's kingdom "on earth as in heaven" in his public career, his death, and his resurrection. But it was clear, because of the sort of thing this kingdom was, that it would then need to make

its way through the humble, self-giving service of Jesus' followers, until the time when Jesus would return to finish the work, to put all things right, to banish evil and death forever, and bring heaven and earth completely together. The "second Advent" then, overlaps with the first. We celebrate Jesus' first coming, and use that sense of fulfillment to fuel our hope for his second coming and to strengthen us to work for signs of that kingdom in our own day. . . . That is one way of saying what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

As a way to remember and be a participant in this Advent season we have purchased 30 Advent decks of cards. Each deck has 25 cards with a daily Bible verse and activity. Enjoy going through the season and preparing yourselves again for the coming birth. Some of the activities are pretty specific (example: Give to Toys for Tots) you do not need to be "literal" in this sense. Remembering our Tree of Sharing would be a great substitute!! So, mold the activities to what works for you.

See you in worship!!
Pastor Matt



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

By Babs Velategui

SPOKANE VALLEY PARTNERS FOOD BANK

Thank you for your generosity in bringing your food donations for the **Spokane Valley Partners Food Bank** as we continue to **"FILL THE SHELF"!!** The Food Bank is currently struggling as it isn't matching the increased client demand, so your donations are very important. **(You may place your donations in the barrel in the Narthex).**

Please keep your food donations coming as the need continues to be great, so let's **"FILL THE SHELF"!!**



"SOCK 'EM" TIME!

Thanks to all for an abundance of socks for **'Blessings Under the Bridge'** and **naomi!** They will be distributed this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE HAPPY PIECEMAKERS QUILT RAFFLE

The **Happy Piecemakers** raffled **two quilts** on Sunday, **November 6**. The winning tickets were held by **Debbie Martin, Dave Opsal, and Amber Haveman**. Thank you everyone for supporting the Happy Piecemakers in this raffle.

'COME TO FRIDAY DINNER'

Our next **'Come to Friday Dinner'** will be on **December 2nd**, from **4:30 pm-5:30 pm**. This month will NOT be a dinner, but a **DESSERT** night. If you are interested, please call the church office at **509-928-7733** or place your name and the number of meals you wish on the **signup sheet on the table in the Narthex**. **EVERYONE welcome!** You are welcome to stay and enjoy your dessert in the Fellowship Hall or you may take it home to enjoy!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 4th, immediately following the Worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2023 Budget, present the update on the sale of the Sullivan Campus, and nominate two voting members for Synod Assembly in April. **Reports for the December 4th Congregational Meeting are available in the Narthex**. They contain the proposed 2023 Budgets for the Child Center and Advent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'

Spokane Civic Theater **Benefit Performance** for **Lutheran Community Services NW**. **'A Christmas Carol'**, **Wednesday, December 7th**. Curtain time: **7:30 pm. 6:00 pm: Social Hour** (wine/drinks, snacks, auction baskets). **Cost:** Adults: \$35. You may purchase your ticket online at **Eventbrite.com** or contact **Christie McKee** at **509-343-5020**.

MONTHLY LADIES LUNCHEON

The ladies lunch for the month of December has been suspended. We look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon in January!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 11 during our Worship service, we will have our annual **Christmas Program**. Advent's Sunday School presents: **"The Ornaments of Christmas"**. **Setting:** Sunday School, the week after Christmas...

POINSETTIAS

We have **ordered 20 Poinsettias** to decorate our Sanctuary during our Advent season. You may purchase a poinsettia through the church or bring them from home. If you are wanting to purchase a plant through the church, please see the **order sheets** on the table in the Narthex. The orders are due by **Sunday, December 11**.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you wish to submit an article or announcement for the **January** newsletter, please submit it to the Church office no later than **Monday, December 19th**.

SANTA LUCIA

This year, we will once again incorporate our **Santa Lucia** tradition after our Worship service on **December 18**, in conjunction with our Coffee Fellowship hour. We plan to have an assortment of cookies during our Fellowship time. All are welcome! **Please bring cookies of your choice or other goodies to share**. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

'ART on BROADWAY'

'ART on BROADWAY' featuring our "Advent Family Artists" will be on display during the **Santa Lucia Festival** on **December 18**. If you have a work of art you would like to share, bring it to the church office between the **11th and the 16th**. We will set up at **10 AM on Friday, December 16th**. Help to display the artwork is welcome. Your artwork can be taken home after Santa Lucia. Thanks for all the enthusiasm for our Art Shows!



ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

TREE OF SHARING

If you are interested in providing a gift for someone less fortunate this Christmas season, we have our **Tree of Sharing** set up in the entry way of the church. This is an annual outreach activity of Advent. For families, this can be an important way to teach children to provide for those in need. Tags are now available on the tree and the **deadline to return your gift is Sunday, December 18th. IT IS IMPERATIVE THE NAME TAG IS ATTACHED TO THE GIFT and that you indicate which tag you have taken.** Thank you in advance for your support! **Questions?** Contact the **Church office** at **928-7733.** **Marlene Diehl, Christa Richardson, and Babs Velategui** have organized our Tree of Sharing this year! Thank you **Marlene, Christa, and Babs!**



ACTIVE ADULT FITNESS CLASS

Our fitness class is ongoing and well attended. **ALL** abilities welcome! **\$3** each class. If you have questions or concerns, please contact **Wendy Jackson, Fitness Instructor, 509-362-2135.**

NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE

Nursery care is available during our worship service. Infants and children are always welcome in worship but if you think you need the use of a nursery there is a staffed nursery... just ask one of our ushers to direct you to it.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- (IN-REACH COMMITTEE)

Our **Parish Nurse, Debbie Martin**, is organizing a team of volunteers who would be available to help our church members when they have a need for a ride to a medical appointment, or need some yard work or snow shoveling done, or any other need as it arises. If you are interested and available to be a volunteer when the need arises, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Questions? Please contact the **Church office** at **509-928-7733**, or **Debbie Martin** at **509-701-6689.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

BAKE SALE!

Hi, we are **Anna Miner and Kallie Haveman**, we're Cadettes from **Girl Scout Troop 2291** and we are fundraising to go on a trip to Washington D.C and New York City in June of 2023.

With the money we earn from our fundraisers, we will be able to go see a Broadway show in NYC, the Smithsonian's in D.C, as well as the Statue of Liberty, many National monuments such as the White House, the House of Representatives, and so much more. We would love to go and learn about all the history this country has to offer.

We are planning our next **bake sale**, Christmas-themed, on **December 11th**. If you would like to support us, please come and enjoy some tasty treats!



Thank you, **Anna & Kallie**



ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent: 9:30 am

Worship Service with Holy Communion

Congregational Meeting

December 11

3rd Sunday of Advent: 9:30 am

Worship Service with Holy Communion

Christmas Program- (Advent Sunday School group)

December 18

4th Sunday of Advent: 9:30 am

Worship Service with Holy Communion

Coffee Fellowship/**Santa Lucia**

December 24-Christmas Eve Service

5:00 pm

December 25

Christmas Day: 9:30 am

Lessons & Carols/Holy Communion

No Coffee Fellowship

No Sunday School

January 1, 2023

New Year's Day: 9:30 am

Worship Service with Holy Communion

No Sunday School

December 25th Worship service will be **Lessons and Carols. The Church Office will be closed Christmas Day through January 2nd and will reopen on January 3, 2023.** If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Matthew Larson at 280-4140.



ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

NEEDED!

If you are available to be a **Reader, Usher, Greeter, or Acolyte**, please see the **Hospitality sign-up sheet** on the table in the Narthex. We are also in need of additional **Assisting Ministers** and **Tellers**. If you are interested, please speak to **Pastor Matt** or call the **Church office** at **509-928-7733**.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

The **Endowment Committee** has approved the **2% annual withdrawal of Endowments funds**. All of these funds will be made available to the congregations in our Synod as well as local ministries. Application forms are now available on the table 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be **no** Sunday School **December 25th or January 1st, 2023**.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The **2023 offering envelopes** are now available. They are in the box on the table under the Sanctuary window, listed alphabetically.

VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE

It's time to save lives and give blood! Advent will host it's next **blood drive** on **January 22, 2023, 8:30 am-11:30 am**. Questions? Contact **Babs Velategui** at **701-8041**. A **sign-up sheet** will be available after Christmas or anytime online at **vitalant.org**.



HAPPY HELPERS

The **Happy Helpers** will **NOT** be meeting on **December 29**. They will meet again on **January 5, 2023**.

PARISH NURSE

By Debbie Martin, RN, Parish Nurse

NATIONAL HAND WASHING AWARENESS WEEK

The first week of December is National Hand Washing Awareness Week... You know what that means?! It's time to get hygienic, people! Making a habit of good hand hygiene is an easy, effective way to prevent infections and sicknesses. If you're someone that chooses to skip the hand washing once in a while, read these mind blowing statistics and you might think again next time!

- 80% of communicable diseases can be transferred by touch (person-to-person contact).
- Washing your hands a few times a day can reduce diarrhea rates by 40%.
- Touching your face with dirty hands spreads sicknesses pneumonia, a cold, and the flu.
- Pneumonia is the number one cause of childhood death, and is preventable by regular hand washing.
- The two most important times to wash your hands are before and after preparing food, and after going to the bathroom.
- Less than 75% of women and less than 50% of men wash their hands after using the bathroom
- When you flush a toilet with the seat up, a mist containing bacteria is spread over about 6 square meters. Even worse... Sinks in public bathrooms are 90% covered in this bacteria.
- The ideal amount of time to wash your hands is 30 seconds, but 15 is recommended at the very least.
- Most bacteria on our hands is under our fingernails, so when you're washing, be sure to scrub underneath them.
- Damp hands are 1,000 times more likely to spread bacteria than dry hands, yet only 20% of people dry their hands after they wash them.
- Reusable cloth towels have millions of bacteria in their fibers. Using disposable paper towels is the cleanest way to dry your hands.

Studies show that people who wash their hands have 24% less sick days because of respiratory illness, and 51% fewer sick days due to a sick stomach.
Are you grossed out yet!? Sorry, but we had to let you know.

HOW TO OBSERVE

Make it a point to wash your hands several times a day, and use **#NationalHandWashingWeek** to post on social media to spread the word (but not the germs)! This is a great one to post about on social media because the more your friends and family wash their hands, the safer from illnesses you'll all be!

HISTORY

National Hand Washing Awareness Week is sponsored by *Henry the Hand Foundation*, and reminds us to be vigilant about hand-washing, especially this time of year because it's cold and flu season!

SUPER YOUTH TEAM

By April Marshall

We have had a great start to the year and even got to have a youth outing to **Polka Dot Pottery** recently. It's always nice for the kids to hang out outside of the church building. I hope to have something fun again to do for the spring.

But first we have to get through this winter! The Advent season becomes particularly busy, but the **Sunday School students** are excited to do another **Christmas Program** for the congregation--there is also a special cast member this year, in addition to our students--watch for an Academy-Award-winning-performance! Parts for the program were assigned on November 20th during Sunday School. **Practices for the program** will be as follows:
Sunday 12/4 during Sunday School

The program will be Sunday during church on 12/11, and we will have a **dress rehearsal before the Church service at 8:00 a.m.** Then the students are excited to pass out cookies once again for **Santa Lucia** after church!

Finally, with winter approaching, I am going to ease up on the Sunday School schedule in anticipation of low attendance. **We will only have Sunday School on the 2nd and 4th Sundays for January (8th and 22nd) and February (12th and 26th).** Then we will be back to every Sunday in March until the end of the school year.

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PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating our **pictorial directory** for 2023. If you would like to add /update your photo to the directory, please feel free to stop by the church office between **8 am and 4pm, Monday –Friday**, to have your photo taken. **(It is preferred if you call ahead first).** **Kathy Piper** has again graciously agreed to take photos of those wishing to have a photo taken on Sunday after worship. Kathy will be available on **December 4, 11, and 18**. In addition, if your **contact information** needs to be updated, please contact the **Church office at 509-928-7733**.

INCOME/EXPENSE INFORMATION

Advent General Fund Income/Expense

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	25,689.84	277,051.57
Expense	<u>25,352.73</u>	<u>274,730.35</u>
Net	337.11	2,321.22

Notes for Advent Lutheran Church

- Expenses include the budgeted disbursement (10%) of benevolence dollars for the ELCA, Spokane Valley Partners, Maasai Health Systems, and Lutheran Community Services.
- Income exceeded expenses by \$337.11 in October.
- Reserves are \$50,634 which is approximately 1.8 months of operating expenses.

Child Center Income/Expense

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	82,273.82	762,088.73
Expense	<u>77,687.45</u>	<u>756,553.01</u>
Net	4,586.45	5,535.72

Notes for Advent Lutheran Child Center

By Heidi Perry

- Income exceeded expenses by \$4,586.45 in October
- Payroll went down from September to October due to changes in staffing and illness.
- Total Reserve Amount is \$159,390.63. Budgeted monthly expenses are \$80,185. This equates to 1.98 months of reserve.



ATTENDANCE

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

November 6	95
November 13	95
November 20	88
November 27	76

ONLINE VIEWS

November 6	31
November 13	14
November 20	29
November 27	25

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Church Family and Friends: Julie Bass, Harry & Manda Benton, Cindy Berry, Shawn Bliesner, Kathy Bowers, Joanna Boyer, Rob and Sandy Brose, Diane Buck, Larry Butler, Martha Olene Cason, Crowder family, Georgia Coulston, Genevieve Davenport, Henry Domine, Amanda Faulkner, Laurelle Greschik, Holly Gunby & family, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Arlo & Gwen Huber, Jay, Jean, Jerry Hunsanger, Johnson family, Sandy Kaufman, Audrey Knuttel & family, Troy & Linda Lahman, Lexi & Serenity, Connie Luna, Jan Madden, Sadie Sue MacLeod, Meddock family, Heidi Miner & family, Ian & SaraLu Moore, Bill Murphy, Tim Murphy, Sonja Neal, Alan Potter, Terry Powell & family, Gerry O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Amaryllis & Ken Otteman, Myrna Rehn, Karen Rinaldi, Saladin family, Brad & Jacob Sams & family, John Shields, Kimberley & Kreagan Shipbaugh, Susan Simpson & family, Karen Stelmack, Costa Tsakarestos, John Wasinger, William Walker, Webb & Wilson families, Dee & Duane Yates, Young family, and Yong Yudt & family.

For Family Members & Friends Serving in the Military:

CPT Ashley Allinger, Chaplain US Army, CPT Zane Allinger, USAF, CPL Damien Anderson, Major Ryan Baker, Majors Megan & Robert Barnwell, SGT Alex Baron, USAF, Capt. Jordon Bolster, 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, GySgt. Alex Pohle, AF Staff Sgt. Garytt Shirey, Kurt Strigel, Sgt. Cody Strunks, Colin Wells, U.S. Air Force, Ryan Wells, Master Sgt. AF Nat'l Guard Sarah Meddock, TSG Jason Wood, CPT Michael West, Staff SGT Jacob McKenzie, Capt. Stephen King, Airman Chase Strunk, U.S. Air Force, LCPL Jared Martin, Rafe Rector in Marines, Staff Sgt. Dan Zabriskie in the National Guard, and Airman Justin Wise, US Air Force.

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

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



DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur-day
				1 9:00 am Happy Helpers 10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study	2 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast- Denney's Restaurant 4:30-5:30 pm 'Come to Friday Dinner'	3
4 Second Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion Sunday School/ Christmas Pro- gram Practice After Worship Congregational Meeting Coffee Fellow- ship 10:45 am High School SS	5 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 6:00 pm Boy Scouts F/106/158	6 9:00 am Happy Piece- makers 10:30 am ALCC Board Mtg. 5:00 pm Executive Committee 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	7 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class	8 9:00 am Happy Helpers 10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study	9 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast- Denney's Restaurant 5:00 pm Odin Club	10
11 Third Sun- day of Advent 9:30 am Worship Ser- vice/Communion Christmas Program After Worship Bake Sale Coffee Fellow - ship Confirmation 10:45 am High School SS	12 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 6:00 pm Boy Scouts F/106/158	13 9:00 am Happy Piece- makers 5:00 pm Council Meeting 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	14 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class	15 9:00 am Happy Helpers 10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study	16 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast- Denney's Restaurant 10:00 am- Decorate for Santa Lucia & Art Show	17
18 Fourth Sun- day of Advent 9:30 am Worship Ser- vice/Communion Sunday School After Worship Santa Lucia 10:45 am High School SS	19 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 6:00 pm Boy Scouts F/106/158 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 9:00 am Happy Piece- makers 6:00 pm Cub Scouts F/106/158	21 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class	22 9:00 am Happy Helpers 10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study	23 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast- Denney's Restaurant Child Center Closed	24 Christ- mas Eve 5:00 pm Worship Service
25 Christmas Day 'Fill the Shelf' Sunday 9:30 am Worship Service Sunday School After Worship Coffee Fellow- ship	26 Church Office & Child Center Closed	27 Church Office & Child Center Closed	28 Church Office Closed 9	29 Church Office Closed	30 Church Office Closed	31 New Year's Eve

DECEMBER HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Ministry Description	December 4 Second Sunday of Advent	December 11 Third Sunday of Advent Christmas Program Girl Scouts Bake Sale	December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent Santa Lucia	December 24 Christmas Eve Service	December 25 Christmas Day
	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	5:00 PM	9:30 AM
ASSISTING MINISTER: (1)					Linda Tompkins
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS (2)	Sherry Leatha Francie Shoquist	Francie Shoquist Kathy Weinman	Jodi Meddock Sandra McCune	Sandra McCune Betty Quinn	Linda Tompkins
READER: (1)	Barb Potter	Larry Nelson	Debbie Martin	Lily Bliesner Butch Yarnell	Butch Yarnell
ACOLYTE: (1)	Lily Bliesner				
USHERS: (3-4)	1.Rick Meddock 2.Jodi Meddock	1.Bill Thurston 2. Rita Thursston	1. Bill Thurston 2. Rita Thurston	1. 2. 3.	1. 2.
GREETERS: (2-4)	1. 2.	1. Belle Campbell 2.	1. Julie Lehman 2.	1. Belle Campbell 2.	1. Butch Yarnell 2.
ALTAR FLOWERS:	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:	1. Missy Bliesner 2. Noah Bliesner 3. 4.	1. Missy Bliesner 2. Noah Bliesner 3. 4.	1. Debbie Martin 2. 3. 4.	XX	XX
(Cookies, etc., 4 people, 4 dozen each)	Linda Semmen Denise Walker	BAKE SALE Marilyn Keith	Santa Lucia	XX	XX
“Share with God’s people,Practice Hospitality” Romans 12:13 (NIV)					



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Sunday Morning: 9:30 am In-Person and Online
Mid-Week Bible Study: 10:00 am Thursday mornings - In-Person and Online

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