

# Advent Lutheran Church Newsletter



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## LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

By Denise Walker

Happy New Year 2023 Advent!

Advent closed out an eventful 2022 by selling the Sullivan campus that bolstered the church's financial future. With the ELCA endowment fund, our new Thrivent Capital Improvements and Reserve funds, plus a healthy budget unanimously approved at the Congregational December 4th meeting, Advent has a bright future! In January the Council will begin to prioritize the important needs of the church and work on goals that were mentioned in the September survey.

Beginning in January, the Council will also begin a large project updating the Advent Constitution and By-laws. It was brought to my attention by the title company during the Sullivan sell process that no changes or updates have been recorded since 1999 (23 years). This will be a major priority for the Council.

At our December Council meeting a few minor things were passed:

- (1) The Council voted to add two additional Council members, Duane Yates and Sharon Pegau, to the list of authorized check signers. Currently the Executive Council's four members sign checks but sometimes availability has been an issue. This should help alleviate future problems.
- (2) The Council voted to approve funds to upgrade our snow removal with de-icing the church parking lot. For the safety of the congregation, our church staff, the child center staff and their parents to make sure no future accidents occur.
- (3) With a surplus of funds from the envelopes and loose plate giving for 2022, the Council voted to give the staff bonuses to thank them for their hard work and continued support for our congregation.

As 2023 arrives, please remember that both the Council and myself are available to you for questions or concerns. If you have ideas for new projects or programs, kindly let us know. You can always leave a note at the church office that will be placed in my mailbox.

Once again, thank you for your continued support for me and the Council. We are working towards the goal of making Advent a successful church and community partner.

Blessings for a Happy New Year!  
Denise

## Online Worship:

[www.youtube.com/c/adventlutheranspokane](http://www.youtube.com/c/adventlutheranspokane)

## **PASTOR MATT'S CORNER**

By Pastor Matthew Larson

It's a brand new year, and it is one that I am looking forward to. Not only for the ministries and programs here at Advent but the opportunity to make pilgrimage once again this summer. With a sabbatical planned for May 15-August 15. I hope to take out a month of that and go for a walk. Pre-pandemic there was an invitation to go on the Camino but of course that, among other things, was put aside. Now, the opportunity is back. Are you interested in going on Pilgrimage? It would be **13 walking days to Santiago de Compostela**. It would begin either in Leon, Spain or Porto, Portugal. My plan is to walk a complete route (30 days) and meet up with whoever may want to come and finish it with me.

I would recommend that we have firm commitments by **February 1<sup>st</sup>** so that airfare and accommodations can be reserved for before and after the walk. During the walk you will not spend more than \$50 a day on a bed, meals, and incidentals (I know with inflation things are a bit more, though there were days I spent less than \$30.) We will average **15-16 miles a day** of walking. Please feel free to communicate with me for any questions about this walk. My hope is, if there is interest, we will gather right at the beginning of February and go over details about dates, gear, and insights from my last walk. Right now a **mid to late June date to start the walk** for the group is the plan. I would begin early in June.

I would like to give a big thank you to all of you who have contributed to Advent Lutheran in this past year, even though I am typing this before December has ended, it looks like we will surpass our envelope giving from the last three years. We have seen a slow decline in our "Sunday Offerings" in the last few years, however this year there has been an increase. How much? We won't know until January 1, but be sure we will let you know!



## HAPPY HELPERS

By Forrest Diehl

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! In SGT Joyce Kilmer's poem, "Trees", he talks about trees in the summer time ("that may in summer may wear a nest of robins in her hair") and immediately the next verse is about trees in the wintertime ("upon whose bosom snow has lain, who intimately lives with rain"). These two verses, back-to-back, make me wonder if he somehow had a premonition of what would happen in Spokane, WA in the winter of 2022-2023 ("little-to-no" autumn to drop their leaves). This year, some trees did not have a chance to drop their leaves, before our first snowfall in late November. The remaining leaves on the trees are catching some of the snow and freezing rain/fog, thus adding weight to the branches and stressing the tree. Even though I do not like thinking about the added stress to the trees, I must admit that the white snow and sparkling ice fog clinging to the remaining leaves and branches make me think that Nature is also busily decorating its trees for Christmas and celebrating the birth of **Jesus Christ**.

A special thank-you to **April Marshall, Nicola Hostetler, Sunday School Class of 2022-2023**, and **all** those who contributed to the 2022 Christmas Program that was performed during the Worship Service on December 11. '**The Ornaments of Christmas**' was a great program, full of humor, meaning, and song! The entertainment and the feeling of normalcy that it offered brought a breath of fresh air to the close of this year. **Thank-You!** We are truly blessed to have and active and organized Youth Program! Thanks to all who serve, participate, and support our Youth Program!

And thanks to the Church Council (**Denise Walker, Jeff Peck, Julie Lehman-Meyers, Duane Yates, Pastor Matt, Linda Lahman, Sharon Pegau, Terry Powell, Tes Sturges, Linda Tompkins**) for the informative and well-orchestrated Congregational Meeting we had on Sunday, December 4. Our congregational president, **Denise Walker** did an outstanding job in preparing and smoothly guiding us through the meeting's agenda. And thanks to our Parish Secretary, **Cheryl Tobin**, for helping **Denise** prepare the informative financial booklet explaining the Church and Child Center 2023 budget. Having the booklet available to the congregation weeks in advance, before the meeting, sure helps the congregation review the budgets before voting on them. Thank-You!

In memory of **LTC (Ret.) Jim Gunby** and his 25-years of military service, the poem **In Flanders Fields** is offered. The World War I poem by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae is a fitting tribute to all those fallen service-members during WWI and to all veterans who dedicated a portion of their lives for others.

## HAPPY HELPERS-Continued



### **In Flanders Fields**

John McCrae - 1872-1918

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



Here are some tasks that were done during the month of December involving the Happy Helpers: set-up Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary and prepared it for decorating (**Bill Thurston, Daryl Ziemer, Wade Wipperling, Dave Cook, Kenny Fiskum**); hung wall Christmas decorations in sanctuary, narthex, gym (**Norm & Sherry Leatha, Arne & Kathy Weinman, Wade Wipperling, Karen Nelson, Carol Scheurer**); set-up and decorated the Sharing Christmas Tree (**Marlene Diehl, Kenny & Nicky Fiskum**); adjusted exterior soffits and entrance lights'on/off times to changing sunset and sunrise times (**Pastor Matt**); shoveled snow sidewalks and worked on snow berms on McDonald and Broadway entrances (**Bill Thurston, Wade Wipperling, Daryl Ziemer, Butch Yarnell**); cut pedestrian pathways in ice and snow berm along the curb line from parking lot to sidewalk (**Daryl Ziemer, Butch Yarnell**); set out ice-melt in the east and west entrances (**Wade Wipperling, Butch Yarnell, Dave Cook**); made adjustments to door from gym to classroom so it would open and close properly (**Wade Wipperling, Butch Yarnell, Dave Cook, Daryl Ziemer**); reattached shelf in Child Center classroom bookcase (**Wade Wipperling, Dave Cook, Bill Thurston, Daryl Ziemer**); replaced fluorescent bulb in Sanctuary light fixture (**George Harrison, Daryl Ziemer, Dave Cook**); repaired child chair and returned it to Child Center classroom (**Arne Weinman**); updated Christmas message on Broadway Sign (**George Harrison**); set-up tables and chairs for **Jim Gunby's** memorial and Santa Lucia (**George Harrison, Bob Hubert, Dave Cook, Wade Wipperling, Butch Yarnell, Daryl Ziemer**); reglued vinyl wall base to Child Center classroom wall (**Wade Wipperling, Dave Cook**); replaced wicks in acolyte candle lighters (**George Harrison**); checked lighted exit sign for failing battery (**Butch Yarnell, Dave Cook, George Harrison**); etc.



### HAPPY HELPERS-Continued

The Happy Helpers are looking forward to 2023! We meet each **Thursday morning, 9:00 A.M.**, at the church. If you can't make it by 9:00 A.M., come anytime – that's okay! Usually, we finish talking by 9:30 A.M. and finish working by 10:30/11:00 A.M. Visitors are always welcome! In addition to sharing coffee, tea, and "goodies", we share comradery.

In closing, the Happy Helpers honor the work, dedication, and commitment that **Jim Gunby** contributed to the maintenance and upkeep of the church grounds and buildings. **Jim** was among the first who bonded together to call themselves **The Happy Helpers**. He led the Happy Helpers for many of years. Even when his health did not allow him to drive, he still attended our work sessions regularly. His commitment to the ministry was (and still is) an inspiration to us all. **Thanks Jim!**

### CHILD CENTER NEWS

By Heidi Perry, Child Center Director

Winter has hit and the Child Center students are loving the snow and all it brings. From sledding and building snowmen, to simply watching the snow plow through the window. It is one of our big priorities at the Center to get the kids out every day in all kinds of weather. Getting fresh air is so important, but it also teaches them science concepts and helps build different muscle groups and body awareness. We keep a huge stock pile of spare outdoor gear so the kids have what they need to stay safe outside. One my favorite quotes this time of year states: If you choose not to find joy in the snow, you will have less joy in your life but still the same amount of snow. Remember to choose joy!



### CHILD CENTER NEWS-Continued





### SANTA LUCIA



### SANTA LUCIA-Continued



### SANTA LUCIA

We had a beautiful Santa Lucia Festival of Light celebration after worship on Sunday, December 18.

The candlelit fellowship hall was decorated in white and blue, the legend of Santa Lucia was read, and we sung the Santa Lucia song while the Sunday School and Confirmation classes distributed cookies.....LOTS of cookies! The court of girls who distributed the cookies were festively dressed and wore a special wreath on their heads. Christmas carols were sung while our very own Kevin accompanied us on the piano.

What a very special event! **THANK YOU everyone** for bringing your favorite cookies and treats for the Santa Lucia court to share! We had quite an abundance!



## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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 and other warm clothing items for **'Blessings Under the Bridge'** and **naomi!**

#### **'Blessings Under the Bridge'**

110 pair of mens new socks  
30 pair mens used socks  
23 pair womens new socks

#### **naomi**

44 pair womens new socks  
22 pair boys socks  
12 pair girls socks  
19 pair womens used socks

#### **Miscellaneous Items**

1 pair slippers  
1 pair pants  
1 blanket  
12 pair womens gloves  
41 knit hats  
2 knit scarves  
3 pair mens gloves  
1 pair boots  
Package of hand warmers

**Total collected: 260 pair socks, plus miscellaneous items**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Online Worship:**

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### **CHURCH OFFICE**

The **Church Office** will be closed **December 23, 2022 through January 2, 2023**, and will reopen on **January 3, 2023**. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact **Pastor Matthew Larson at 509-280-4140**. The **Child Center** will be closed **December 23-27, 2022**.

### **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Help **Florence Lingle** celebrate her **101st birthday (January 3)** by mailing her a card. (Grace Court), 12915 E. Broadway Avenue, Apt. 223, Spokane Valley, WA 99216.

### **MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY**

**Thursday morning Bible Study** will resume on Thursday, **January 5, 2023**. We will continue with the Gospel of Luke.

### **'COME TO FRIDAY DINNER'**

Our next **'Come to Friday Dinner'** will be on **January 6**, from **4:30 pm-5:30 pm**. Menu: Ham, potatoes, steamed vegetables. 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 dinner in the Fellowship Hall or you may take it home to enjoy!

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**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.

### **CHURCH OFFICE**

The **Church office and Child Center** will be closed on **Monday, January 16**, in observance of **Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday**.

### **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**.

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

If you wish to submit an article or announcement for the **February** newsletter, please submit it to the Church office no later than **Monday, January 23rd**.

### **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

### 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**.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

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

### MONTHLY LADIES LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be **January 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** at **The Max at Mirabeau**. Please contact either **Marian Moseman at 509-927-3821** or **Gerry O'Rourke at 509-893-0787** no later than the **Wednesday before** so a reservation may be made. The **sign-up sheet** is on the table in the Narthex or you may call the **Church office at 509-928-7733**.

### VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE

It's time to save lives and give blood! Severe shortages have been experienced in the Inland Northwest. 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**. You can sign up for a time slot in the Narthex or online at **vitalant.org**.



### TREE OF SHARING THANK YOU

Thank you so much to our generous congregation! Because of your generosity, many families from the Child Center, Grace Court, and families from our community had gifts under their Christmas trees. **Thank you** for making this outreach activity a huge success and for creating smiles on the faces of members of our own Spokane Valley community. A special thank you goes out to **Marlene Diehl, Christa Richardson, and Babs Velategui** as they organized our **Tree of Sharing!**

### POINSETTIAS

If you have purchased a poinsettia plant, you are welcome to take it home and enjoy it! However, please leave the plastic container they sit in. Thank you!

### 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

### 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 –Thursday** to have your photo taken. **(It is preferred if you call ahead first).**

**Kathy Piper** has again graciously agreed to take photos on certain Sundays after worship for those wishing to have a photo taken. In addition, if your **contact information** needs to be updated, please contact the **Church office at 509-928-7733**.

### 2023 EASTERN WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

**Saturday, January 21, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at **Spokane Valley United Methodist Church**, 115 N. Raymond. It will be in-person/hybrid with a link for those who wish to participate virtually on Zoom. **will feature Gen Heywood**, pastor of **Veradale United Church of Christ (UCC)** and convener for Faith Leaders and Leaders of Conscience (FLLC), as the keynote speaker, addressing the theme, "Caring for Our Common Earth Now and Forever." **She will share insights** from her participation in the 11th World Council of Churches Assembly held in September in Karlsruhe, Germany, at which representatives from churches, faiths and no faiths gathered to reflect on issues facing the faith communities here, in our state and around the world. **Registration costs are \$32 in person with lunch or \$25/person for a group of five or more.** Online registration is \$20 or \$15/person in a group of five+. There are scholarships. For information, call **535-4112**, email [event@thefigtree.org](mailto:event@thefigtree.org) or register at [the-figtree.org/donate.html](https://www.secure.givelively.org/event/the-fig-tree/2023-legislative-conference) or at <https://www.secure.givelively.org/event/the-fig-tree/2023-legislative-conference>. Participants need to **REGISTER BY JAN. 13** to receive the link and to help us plan for the lunch.

### VISITATION MINISTRY

The **Visitation team** is looking for **two new members**. Each member has 1-2 shut-ins to visit each month. New members are paired with an existing member. The team meets for lunch, sharing, devotion, and continuing education every other month. The next meeting is **February 13th at 11:30 am**. Please see **Marilyn Keith** or call or text her for more information. The team is praying for you as you consider this ministry. **509-808-3346**.

### RECYCLING NEWS

By Roger Scheurer  
We want your cans!!! As you may know the Happy Helpers collect **aluminum beverage cans** as a fund raiser—the cans are taken to a recycling center and redeemed for cash which is used for small "fix it" projects around the church and childcare center. We have bins at the northwest corner of the parking lot for the cans to be deposited into. Just be sure that they are bagged in small or large bags and I'll take care of them from there. (Please do **NOT** dump them loose in the bins) Thank you all for participating in this little fundraiser. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



**'ART ON BROADWAY'**



**'ART on BROADWAY'** featuring our **"Advent Family Artists"** was held on Sunday, December 18. We had a variety of art displayed during the **Santa Lucia Festival**. Thank you everyone who contributed their masterpieces. This event was well received and we hope to have future art shows. We have some very talented artists among us!





'ART ON BROADWAY'



## **PARISH NURSE**

By Debbie Martin, RN, Parish Nurse

**JANUARY IS NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH ON JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, ADVENT IS HOSTING A BLOOD DRIVE WITH VITALANT. ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT BABS VELATEGUI AT 509-701-8040. HERE IS SOME INFORMATION ON DONATING.**

### **ABOUT NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH**

The month of January is usually a period of critical blood shortages. People stop donating blood during the holidays and when they get sick during cold and flu season. Blood drives also get snowed out during the winter months. Help ensure that this lifesaving resource is readily available to patients during this time. Find a location near you to give blood and schedule your life-saving donation appointment today.

### **WHY DONATE BLOOD?**

A blood donation is truly an altruistic gift that an individual can give to others in need. In only 45-60 minutes, an eligible individual can donate one unit of blood that can be separated into four individual components that could help save multiple lives.

From one unit of blood, red blood cells can be extracted and used to treat patients who lost blood due to trauma or those who are recovering from surgery. Plasma, the liquid part of blood, is typically administered to patients with requiring treatment to improve blood clotting. Platelets, a third component, clot the blood when cuts or other open wounds occur, and are often used in the treatment of patients with cancer or those undergoing organ transplants. Finally, cryoprecipitated anti-hemophilic factor (AHF) is also used for clotting factors.

A study supported by AABB's **National Blood Foundation** (TRANSFUSION 2002;42:122S) surveyed more than 5,000 blood donors to find out more about why they donate blood. Nearly 75% of the respondents said that they give blood to help others. Respondents also said that giving blood makes them feel good about themselves, supports their local communities and hospitals, supports their community, and "pays back" society for the times when they or their families have needed blood transfusions in the past.

AABB encourages those who are eligible to donate blood or blood components regularly to ensure that this lifesaving resource is available for patients whenever and wherever it is needed.

Donating blood is a safe, simple, and rewarding experience that usually only takes 45-60 minutes.

### **BEFORE YOU DONATE**

To donate blood, find a blood donation facility near you using **AABB's Blood Bank Locator**. Then, call the facility to make an appointment. Blood can also be donated during a blood drive, which may be held at a place of business, high school or college, place of worship, community center or bloodmobile. When making the appointment, ask the following questions:

## **PARISH NURSE-Continued**

- What are your general donor requirements? (Most places require you to weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, be at least 16 years old and be generally healthy).
- What kind of identification is required? (First-time donors are usually asked to present two forms of identification—the type of identification needed varies by facility).

If you have any particular health concerns or have traveled outside of the country, it's also a good idea to inform the blood bank at the time you are making your appointment.

**Feel good about your decision!** AABB sets standards to ensure patient and donor safety. Accredited facilities undergo a rigorous assessment to prove they meet AABB's high standards, which ensure optimal safety for donors and patients.

### **PRE-DONATION SCREENING**

- During pre-donation screening, a blood bank employee will ask you some questions about your health, lifestyle, and disease risk factors. All of this information is confidential.
- An employee will perform a short health exam, taking your pulse, temperature and blood pressure.
- A drop of blood from your finger will also be tested to ensure that your blood iron level is sufficient for you to donate. All medical equipment used for this test, as well as during the donation process, is sterile, used only once and then disposed.

### **BLOOD DONATION**

- Once the pre-donation screening is finished, you will proceed to a donor bed where your arm will be cleaned with an antiseptic, and a professional will use a blood donation kit to draw blood from a vein in your arm. If you are allergic to iodine, be sure to tell the phlebotomist at this point.
- During the donation process, you will donate one unit of blood; this takes about six to ten minutes.

### **POST-DONATION**

- Following your donation, you will receive refreshments in the canteen area, where you can stay until you feel strong enough to leave.
- After donating, it is recommended that you increase your fluid intake for the next 24 to 48 hours; avoid strenuous physical exertion, heavy lifting or pulling with the donation arm for about five hours; and eat well balanced meals for the next 24 hours. After donating, smoking and alcohol consumption is not recommended.

If you have any questions concerning your donation or experience any unexpected problems, please call the facility where you donated blood.



### INCOME/EXPENSE INFORMATION

#### Advent General Fund Income/Expense

	<u>November</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	30,788.99	308,140.56
Expense	24,097.65	298,977.33
<b>Net</b>	<b>6,691.34</b>	<b>9,163.23</b>

#### Child Center Income/Expense

	<u>November</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	83,063.58	845,152.31
Expense	84,198.83	841,070.45
<b>Net</b>	<b>-1,134.83</b>	<b>4,081.86</b>



### ATTENDANCE

#### IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

December 4	106
December 11	105
December 18	97

#### ONLINE VIEWS

December 4	28
December 11	32
December 18	17



### PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

**Church Family and Friends:** Harry & Manda Benton & family, Diane Buck, Larry Butler, Martha Olene Cason, Georgia Coulston, Genevieve Davenport, Henry Domine, Greschik family, Holly Gunby & family, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Arlo & Gwen Huber, Jean, Johnson family, Audrey Knuttel & family, Breandan LaFontaine, Troy & Linda Lahman, Lexi & Serenity, Jan Madden, Ian & SaraLu Moore, Bill Murphy, Tim Murphy, Sonja Neal, Dave Opsal, Terry Powell & family, Gerry O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Amaryllis & Ken Otteman, Myrna Rehn, Costa Tsakarestos, William Walker, Webb & Wilson families, 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 [alcpokane@comcast.net](mailto:alcpokane@comcast.net) or call the church office at (509) 928-7733.



## JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 New Year's Day</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Worship Service/Holy Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10:45 am</b> High School Sunday School	<b>2</b> <b>Church Office &amp; Child Center Closed</b>	<b>3</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Piece-makers <b>10:30 am</b> ALCC Board Mtg. <b>5:00 pm</b> Executive Committee <b>6:00 pm</b> Cub Scouts	<b>4</b> <b>8:30-9:30 am</b> Fitness Class	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Helpers <b>10:00 am</b> Mid-Week Bible Study	<b>6</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast-Denney's Restaurant  <b>4:30-5:30 pm</b> 'Come to Friday Dinner'	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Worship Service/Holy Communion Sunday School <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10:45 am</b> High School Sunday School	<b>9</b> <b>8:30-9:30 am</b> Fitness Class <b>6:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts F/106/158	<b>10</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Piece-makers <b>5:00 pm</b> Council Meeting <b>6:00 pm</b> Cub Scouts	<b>11</b> <b>8:30-9:30 am</b> Fitness Class	<b>12</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Helpers <b>10:00 am</b> Mid-Week Bible Study	<b>13</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast-Denney's Restaurant	<b>14</b> <b>11:30 am</b> Ladies Lunch Group-The Max at Mira-beau
<b>15</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Worship Service/Communion <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship Confirmation <b>10:45 am</b> High School Sunday School	<b>16 Martin Luther King Jr. day</b>  <b>Church Office &amp; Child Center Closed</b>	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Piece-makers <b>6:00 pm</b> Cub Scouts F/106/158	<b>18</b> <b>8:30-9:30 am</b> Fitness Class	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Helpers <b>10:00 am</b> Mid-Week Bible Study	<b>20</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast-Denney's Restaurant  <b>4:30-5:30 pm</b> 'Come to Friday Dinner'	<b>21</b> <b>2:30 pm-7:00 pm</b> AA Meeting & Potluck
<b>22</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Worship Service/Communion Sunday School <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship Confirmation <b>10:45 am</b> High School Sunday School	<b>23</b> <b>8:30-9:30 am</b> Fitness Class <b>6:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts F/106/158  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Piece-makers <b>6:00 pm</b> Cub Scouts F/106/158	<b>25</b> <b>8:30-9:30 am</b> Fitness Class	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Helpers <b>10:00 am</b> Mid-Week Bible Study	<b>27</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast-Denney's Restaurant	<b>28</b> <b>9:00 am-1:00 pm</b> Daughters of Norway
<b>29</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Worship Service <b>After Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10:45 am</b> High School Sunday School	<b>30</b> <b>8:30-9:30 am</b> Fitness Class <b>6:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts F/106/158	<b>31</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Happy Piece-makers <b>6:00 pm</b> Cub Scouts F/106/158				



### JANUARY HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Ministry Description	January 1 New Year's Day	January 8 Baptism of Our Lord	January 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend	January 22	January 29
	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER:</b> (1)					
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b> (2)	Marian Moseman Denise Walker	Marian Moseman Midge Kiourkas	Linda Camp Betty Quinn	Marian Moseman Denise Walker	Betty Quinn Sue Wipperling
<b>READER:</b> (1)	Butch Yarnell	Troy Lahman	Barb Potter	Troy Lahman	
<b>ACOLYTE:</b> (1)					
<b>USHERS:</b> (3-4)	1. 2.	1. Jan Esser 2. Jim Ferry	1. 2.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2.
<b>GREETERS:</b> (2-4)	1. Butch Yarnell 2.	1. Marian Moseman 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS:</b>					
<b>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</b>	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.		
(Cookies, etc., 4 people, 4 dozen each)	Marilyn Keith		Marilyn Keith	Sammie Fletcher	Marilyn Keith
<b>“Share with God’s people .....,Practice Hospitality” Romans 12:13 (NIV)</b>					

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### SUNDAY

**Sunday Morning: 9:30 am** In-Person and Online

**Mid-Week Bible Study: 10:00 am** Thursday mornings - In-Person and Online

**“Called by God’s Grace to Love and Serve”**