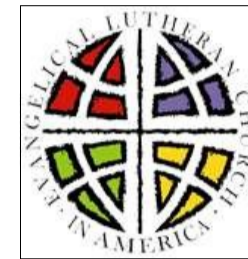


Advent Lutheran Church Newsletter



LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

By Denise Walker

Wow with Summer winding down quickly, we have so many things to be thankful for!

First, welcome back Pastor Matt, you were missed!! With that being said, thanks to every Pastor that filled in while you were on your Sabbatical.

Second, we just completed a very successful church event on August 20th. The BBQ/ Lutherhaven Fundraiser (that raised approximately \$2,000) /Vitalant Blood Drive. I would personally like to thank the planning committee; Terry Powell, Sue Wipperling, Jody Harris, Missy Bliesner, Cheryl Tobin and myself. It took a lot of coordination and everyone was committed to having a great event. To our crew; Wade Wipperling, Jazlyn Franklin, Tracie Matheney, Carol Scheurer, Jodi Meddock, Francie Shoquist, Betty Quinn, Linda Tompkins, Lily Bliesner and Noah Bliesner, many thanks because we could not have done it without you!! Also thank you to everyone that donated gift cards for the raffle, silent and loud auction items, salads and desserts. I am truly thankful and appreciative of your generosity.

A few items to mention about what the Council has been working on:

- (1) the Advent Constitution/Bylaws have been completed and approved by the Synod. We have a few small additions that we decided to add but everything should be ready to be voted on by the December Congregational meeting.
- (2) we have reviewed the initial bids for replacing the air conditioning/heating units that need to be replaced. We are now waiting for some updated bids.
- (3) the new Advent refrigerator has been purchased and installed in the kitchen.
- (4) thanks to Terry Powell for cleaning up the landscaping along the east side of the church.
- (5) Tes Sturges has resigned from the Council due to work obligations so Ian Moore has volunteered to complete her term....thank you so much!!
- (6) a new budget committee is being formed and a few individuals have graciously volunteered to help. We hope to begin the budget process very soon.

As a reminder, I am always available to hear from everyone. I take your thoughts, ideas and concerns seriously so we can continue to make Advent the best it can be.

Once again, I am truly thankful to each of you and to our wonderful congregation. I appreciate all the kind and thoughtful comments, but it takes us all to make Advent a great place to worship and be a family!

Colossians 3:15

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to whom ye are called one body; be thankful."

Blessings,
Denise

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HAPPY HELPERS

By Forrest Diehl

I attended a couple of Happy Helpers Thursday meetings during August and am delighted to be back and reporting to you what the Happy Helpers have been up to. As you probably know, Marlene and I were in Bellingham during most of the month of July and finally returned to Spokane during the middle part of August. And, it appears the Happy Helpers were indeed busy during July, contrary to what was reported in the August Newsletter. I've noticed that the Happy Helpers have a tendency to be quick to help others in deed and spirit, but slow in acknowledging credit for the same. Rest assured, the Happy Helpers were busy during the month of July, and I have included some of those tasks, that I was able to pry from their tight lips, in the listing at the end of the article.

But first, let me tell you a bit about our granddaughter's and new "grandson-in-law's" wedding that took place on July 22, 2023 in Bellingham, WA. The day and event could not have been more lavish, joyful, and meaningful. Even the few distractors that Marlene and I experienced did not detour our attention from the pageantry and magic of the marriage ceremony and associated activities. The marriage took place outdoors on the grounds of an old dairy farm (about 10 to 20 acres) about 5 miles north-east of Bellingham. The old farm has been landscaped, renovated and transformed into a beautiful and spacious home, grounds, outbuildings, and yes, complete with a beautiful and exquisite barn. The grounds have walking gardens, arrays of hedges, and planted/potted blooming plants everywhere, all bordered by a combination of conifer and deciduous trees. A swimming pool was present, but it was covered, and not in use during all the wedding preparations and activities (I only mention this because it's presence and pool furnishings added to the charm and character of the grounds). The back drop for this beautiful setting was Mt. Baker, clearly visible under a cloudless sky. The wedding began about 4:30 P.M. More than one hundred guests attended. Briana's vows to Adam and his to her were thoughtfully written and beautifully expressed. Love was palpable. A reception dinner under canopy lighting immediately followed the wedding ceremony. It was open to all guests. Especially meaningful to me were the testimonies given by the bride's maid, the best man, Briana's mother, and Adam's mother at the beginning of the reception. It so happens that Briana's and Adam's mothers were single mothers during a significant part of their respective formative years. And yes, there were a few tears shed during Shanda's and Barb's testimony. The main course of the dinner was prime rib and salmon. The salmon was actually smoke-cooked to perfection – probably the best we have ever eaten (Marlene and I have eaten a lot of salmon). A dance floor was in place and an entertaining DJ played the tunes. We left about 10:30/11:00 PM. The joy, laughter, and merriment were continuing strong – as the old people were fading away. It was a very memorable wedding ceremony.

HAPPY HELPERS-Continued

So, you may ask: What about those "distractors" I mentioned earlier? Well, on the morning of July 9th, while in Bellingham, Marlene and I got a call from the Spokane County Sheriff's Office. An officer was calling us for permission to enter our house and investigate – our house had been broken into by burglars/thieves. At that point, Marlene and I realized that we each thought the other had set our house security alarm, and we hadn't. A long story short – I returned to Spokane to board-up the broken master bathroom window (through which a large stone was thrown, and they gained entry) and to find out the damage and missing items. It appeared the break-in was done by kids. There was minimal furniture and house damage. The only room really ransacked was the master bedroom. The missing items included jewelry that we had left out and on our main dresser after our Arkansas trip - with other family keepsakes, and knickknacks in/on the dresser. I stayed home about a week to clean-up broken glass tracked throughout the bath and bedroom/walk-in closet, coordinate repairs to the window, and coordinate the claim with our insurance carrier (I also had doctor appointments). We actually ended up closing the claim without filing. We could not specifically prove the actual replacement value of the missing items with pictures, receipts, detailed description, etc. to be over our one-thousand-dollar deductible (even though the sentimental value of the missing jewelry, keepsakes, and knickknacks were well over that amount). End of short version. Basically, we feel very fortunate – the damage and the loss could have been much worse and we are thankful it wasn't.

Oh, I used the plural form of the word "distractor", didn't I? Hmm, there must have been something else that happened – oh yeah... I was a victim in a four-car pile-up on I-90 when I returned to Bellingham for the wedding. It was shortly after noon on July 19 and I was west bound on I-90, near the Cle Elum exit. There were road construction signs out. Ahead I could see traffic was backed up with brake lights glowing, even in the bright sunlight. I was in the left lane and began slowing to match the speed of the traffic in front of me. Suddenly, I heard a loud screeching of tires behind me followed by an even louder crash. Subsequent screeching of tires was heard followed by crashing sounds. I glanced out the rear-view mirror and saw a blue car hurdling towards me - sideways! I still had 50 – 100 feet to the car in front of me, so I took my foot off the brake and sped up a bit. I wasn't quick enough, and the front right side of the car behind me crashed into the left rear bumper of our truck. After being struck, I braked to a stop. I was not hurt. Car #1, an Explorer, crashed into Car #2, a RAV, which crashed into Car #3, a Mazda CX5, which crashed into Car #4, a F350 - me. An elderly lady from Car #2 was taken to the hospital on a stretcher. Also, two young adolescent girls from Car #1 got into the ambulance and went to the hospital. I think they were suffering from trauma more than physical injuries. All the air bags in their car exploded and a white cloud hung over the car for quite some time. Car #1 and #2 were totaled, and I think Car #3 may have been. The F-350 was the only vehicle able to drive away from the scene. The WSP and disaster control people had the west-bound lane shut down to one lane for about 2+ hours while the response teams cleared the area.

HAPPY HELPERS-Continued

I finally got on the road again about 3:30 PM, just in time to make my rendezvous with the Wednesday PM Seattle commuter traffic on I-405 and I-5. Anyway, end of second short story. Again, it could have been much worse, and we are thankful it wasn't. Oh, an estimated \$6K+ damages were done to the truck and the soonest work can be done is October 9, 2023.

Some of the Happy Helper tasks completed during the months of July and August include: repaired leaking faucet in laundry room, Child Center (**Wade Wippering, Bill Thurston, Daryl Ziemer**); replaced broken cabinet door hinge in nursery, Child Center (**Wade Wippering, Butch Yarnell, Dave Cook**); weeded bush garden on south side of church (**Daryl Ziemer**); cleaned grates and grills in preparation for church BBQ picnic on August 20 (**Wade Wippering**); filled propane bottle for preparation for church BBQ picnic (**Daryl Ziemer**); updated message on Broadway sign (**George Harrison**); updated the Happy Helpers on Council's decision on replacing the four heating/cooling units for the church. The two units for the Child Center are newer and do not need replacing. (**Bill Thurston**); spread beauty bark on flower beds/sign poles (**Butch Yarnell, Daryl Ziemer**); adjusted irrigation watering times on lawn and flower beds (**Dave Cook**); repaired round tables legs/frame separating from table top (**Bill Thurston**); repaired wobbly child tables in Child Center classroom (**Wade Wippering, Daryl Ziemer**); put Child Center nursery window air conditioner on new breaker circuit (**Boone Electric**); installed floating shelf for video camera in sanctuary (**George Harrison, Pastor Matt**); set up tables and chairs for Sunday fellowship hours (**Dennis Johnson, Bob Hubert, Daryl Ziemer, Butch Yarnell, George Harrison**); changed furnace air filters (**George Harrison**); coordinated estimates for remodel/replacement of make-up air for kitchen (**Heidi Perry**); etc.

The **Happy Helpers** are looking forward to the month of September and the beginning of autumn (hopefully rain will come before autumn arrives). The **Happy Helpers** meet each **Thursday morning, 9:00 A.M.**, at the church. Visitors and new members are always welcome! If you can't make it by 9:00 A.M., that's ok – come anytime. Usually we are done talking/meeting by 9:30 A.M., and finished working by 10:30/11:00 A.M.

P.S. Kudos to all of you who helped prepare for and participated in the Church BBQ picnic on August 20. It was a fun event that even the smoke could not dampen. Oh, and thank-you to whoever added the new refrigerator in the kitchen. It is a great addition!



PASTOR MATT'S CORNER

By Pastor Matt Larson

It's good to be back. Thank you to everyone who put on the barbecue and the welcome back cake. I enjoyed it very much and also thank you to everyone who donated towards the Lutherhaven Campership Fund, if you haven't had a chance to donate we will accept your money anytime!

The sabbatical was much different than the one from six years ago. I spent some time with my parents, I was able to get out and walk around different walking paths in the valley, did a few projects at home and then of course went to Portugal for my second Camino with my youngest, Kate. This Camino was very different than the one from six years ago, one of the reasons is because I had my daughter! It was a wonderful time together and we were able to really play off each other's energy and frustrations and strengths and weaknesses. However, we did not finish our Camino, at least not this time. We have talked about sometime in the future of starting where we stopped and finishing it. We enjoyed not only the big cities of Lisbon and Porto but also some of the smaller towns and villages. They all have their own uniqueness about them. It is interesting to be strangers or guests in a foreign place. We ran into towns where everything was closed during siesta, and then we also ran into places where not everything would be closed. Some places had a handful of cafés or restaurants. Other places had many more. One of the noticeable differences for me between the two Caminos, was this one in Portugal the infrastructure wasn't quite as well in place as it was in Spain and so water stops, food, places to sit down and rest weren't as plentiful. However, we got through it. If you followed us on Facebook, you would have seen that we used a taxi or Uber, which I never did in Spain. It is amazing how much you can plan and anticipate, but until it just unfolds, I really don't know what's going to happen. Both of my Caminos have taught me something about being a part of the church, especially being a pastor of the church. My first Camino I really got an understanding of allowing God to be God and let things just happen, and the phrase "the Camino provides" became my own motto at different parts of the Camino in Spain. On my most recent Camino, I had what I thought was experience, and yet even with the experience of the first Camino, the second one was very much different as there were different struggles, there were different highs and lows, but it was still a journey and from that I get a sense of our own place as a church how we always look back at experience and look in the past to try to get through where we are today and into the future, and yet today, and in the future are very different, so perhaps it's with both allowing God to provide for us and for us to plan knowing that we need to be ready to switch it up. We need to allow ourselves to be on the journey not trying to overdo things or compare it to the past. Let's be ourselves. Let's be authentic and willing to share ourselves and our faith with everyone around us. It really takes all of us to be church. Get involved, volunteer, share ideas...be on the journey. I believe the best way to attract people to Advent is one, invite them. And two, be authentic with them.

And as always, thank you for your support!!

It's good to be back and I look forward to doing ministry with all of you again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LABOR DAY

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

'COME TO FRIDAY DINNER'

Our next 'Come to Friday Dinner' will be on **September 8** from **5:00 pm-6:00 pm**. **Menu:** Ham, macaroni & cheese, salad, and dessert. 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!

MONTHLY LADIES LUNCHEON

Our ladies luncheons will be resuming next month! Our next luncheon will be **Saturday, September 9th** at **11:30 a.m.** at **The Max at Mirabeau**. Please contact **Gerry O'Rourke** at **509-893-0787** by **September 6th** 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**.

LUTHERHAVEN FUNDRAISER

Sunday, August 20th, was a wonderful celebration to welcome back **Pastor Matt** from his three month sabbatical, to give back to the community with a visit from the **Vitalant Blood Mobile**, and to raise money to send youth and adults to **Lutherhaven**. **Thank you** to all who made it happen and to all who attended this fun event! Your generosity provided **\$1,752** for our Lutherhaven Campership Fund. In addition to the campership funds, **\$145** was donated from the sale of **Happy Cut-Ups** cards for a total of **\$1,897**.



MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The **Men's Prayer group** continues to meet each **Friday** morning at **6:30 am** at **Denny's Restaurant** on Sprague and Pines. All men are welcome!

HAPPY CUT-UPS CARDS

Is your greeting card supply running low? You are in luck - the **'Happy Cut-Ups' greeting cards** are back! The cards are displayed across from the church office. Simply select the cards you want, make sure you pick up an envelope (s), and make a donation by putting your payment of cash or check into the locked box on the table by the cards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

The **Mid-Week Bible study** will begin **Thursday September 7th** at **10am** and you can either join us in person in the classroom or by Zoom. If you would like to join us by Zoom please let Pastor Matt know so that he can send you the link to join us. We will be studying **1 and 2 Corinthians** and some of the issues that that new community was dealing with. (Some of them may look familiar).

CONFIRMATION

Pastor Matt will be meeting with all the **Confirmation parents** after worship on **September 10th** in the classroom. We will be talking about schedules, curriculum, and activities.



SUPER YOUTH TEAM

By April Marshall

Summer is essentially over, and we are into the back-to-school phase for most youth. But this year, back-to-school will look a little different at Advent. For the first time since 2014, Advent doesn't have any prospective Sunday Schoolers. And I am ready to end my tenure as a Sunday School teacher. It seems that this small but important ministry has run its course for the time being.

Most of our youth will now be participating in **Confirmation** or **Kara's Starbucks Bible Study**. I would still like to offer some opportunities for the youth and families to connect outside of church, so I will now focus my energy on planning a monthly get-together. This will begin in October. I will most likely communicate with families through email and invite them to fill out a Google Form to see if they would like to participate or not. I will typically have a minimum number of participants needed to go through with the activities, which will most likely take place on the **3rd Sunday** of the month, if that seems to work for most families. My thoughts are things like Polka Dot Pottery, Flying Squirrel, tubing at a Ski Resort, bowling, etc. I am definitely open to additional ideas.

I will have a sign up in the Narthex to create an email list, so please sign up on that if you are interested in staying in the know about what I am planning. You can also email me to get your email onto my list at aprilmr.m@gmail.com



PARISH NURSE

By Debbie Martin, RN, Parish Nurse

With all these devastating fires in our community as well as in other states, I thought I would provide the following as a reference in case needed. Prayers to those affected by the fires.

WILDFIRES

Wildfires are unplanned fires that burn in natural areas like forests, grasslands or prairies. These dangerous fires spread quickly and can devastate not only wildlife and natural areas, but also communities.

PREPARE FOR WILDFIRES

Recognize Warnings and Alerts

- Have several ways to receive alerts. Download the FEMA app and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. Sign up for community alerts in your area and be aware of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA), which requires no-sign up.
- Pay attention to air quality alerts.

Make an Emergency Plan

- Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands what to do if you need to quickly evacuate.
- Don't forget a plan for the office, kids' daycare and anywhere you frequent.

Review Important Documents

- Make sure your insurance policies and personal documents, like ID, are up to date.
- Make copies and keep them in a secure password-protected digital space.

Strengthen your Home

- Use fire-resistant materials to build, renovate or make repairs.
- Find an outdoor water source with a hose that can reach any area of your property.
- Create a fire-resistant zone that is free of leaves, debris or flammable materials for at least 30 feet from your home.
- Designate a room that can be closed off from outside air. Close all doors and windows. Set up a portable air cleaner to keep indoor pollution levels low when smoky conditions exist.

Know your Evacuation Zone

- You may have to evacuate quickly due to a wildfire. Learn your evacuation routes, practice with household, pets and identify where you will go.
- Follow the instructions from local authorities. They will provide the latest recommendations based on the threat to your community and appropriate safety measures.

PARISH NURSE—Continued

Gather Supplies

- Have enough supplies for your household, including a first aid kit, in your go bag or car trunk.
- Being prepared allows you to avoid unnecessary excursions and to address minor medical issues at home, alleviating the burden on urgent care centers and hospitals.
- Remember that not everyone can afford to respond by stocking up on necessities. For those who can afford it, making essential purchases and slowly building up supplies in advance will allow for longer time periods between shopping trips.
- Be cautious when carrying flammable or combustible household products that can cause fires or explosions if handled wrong, such as aerosols, cooking oils, rubbing alcohol and hand sanitizer.
- If available, store an N95 mask to protect yourself from smoke inhalation.
- Keep your cell phone charged when wildfires could be in your area. Purchase backup charging devices to power electronics.

Stay Safe During

- Pay attention to emergency alerts and notifications for information and instructions.
- Evacuate immediately if authorities tell you to do so!
- Check with local authorities for the latest information about public shelters or check open locations on the FEMA app. You can also download the free Red Cross Emergency app for a list of open Red Cross shelters in your area.
- Consider making plans with friends or family to shelter with them where you may be safer and more comfortable.
- If trapped, **call 9-1-1** and give your location, but be aware that emergency response could be delayed or impossible. Turn on lights to help rescuers find you.
- Use an N95 mask to protect yourself from smoke inhalation or limit your exposure to smoke by doing the following:
 - Choose a room to close off from outside air and set up a portable air cleaner or filter to keep the air in this room clean even when it's smoky in the rest of the building and outdoors.
 - Use high efficiency filters in your central air conditioning system to capture fine particles from smoke. If your system has fresh air intake, set the system to "recirculate" mode and close the outdoor intake damper.
- If you are not ordered to evacuate but smoky conditions exist, stay inside in a safe location or go to a community building where smoke levels are lower.
- If you are sick and need medical attention, contact your healthcare provider for further care instructions and shelter in place, if possible.

PARISH NURSE—Continued

RETURNING HOME AFTER A WILDFIRE

- Do not return home until authorities say it is safe to do so.
- Avoid hot ash, charred trees, smoldering debris and live embers. The ground may contain heat pockets that can burn you or spark another fire.
- When cleaning, wear protective clothing – including a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, work gloves and sturdy thick-soled shoes – during clean-up efforts.
- Use a respirator to limit your exposure, and wet debris to minimize breathing dust particles. People with asthma, COPD and/or other lung conditions should take precautions in areas with poor air quality, as it can worsen symptoms.
- Document property damage with photographs. Conduct an inventory and contact your insurance company for assistance.
- Send text messages or use social media to reach out to family and friends. Phone systems are often busy following a disaster. Make calls only in emergencies.

WHAT TO DO IF A FIRE STARTS

If a Fire Starts:

- Know how to safely operate a fire extinguisher
- Remember to **GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL 9-1-1** or your local emergency phone number.
- Yell "Fire!" several times and go outside right away. If you live in a building with elevators, use the stairs. Leave all your things where they are and save yourself.
- If closed doors or handles are warm or smoke blocks your primary escape route, use your second way out. Never open doors that are warm to the touch. If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit. Close doors behind you.
- If smoke, heat or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with doors closed. Place a wet towel under the door and call the fire department or 9-1-1. Open a window and wave a brightly colored cloth or flashlight to signal for help.
- Once you are outside, go to your meeting place and then send one person to call the fire department. If you cannot get to your meeting place, follow your family emergency communication plan.

If your clothes catch on fire:

- **Stop** what you're doing.
- **Drop** to the ground and cover your face if you can.
- **Roll** over and over or back and forth until the flames go out. Running will only make the fire burn faster.

RECOVERING AFTER A FIRE

4 Steps to Take Immediately After a Home Fire

- **Call 9-1-1.** Give first aid where needed; cool and cover burns to reduce the chance of further injury or infection.
- Let friends and family know you're safe.
- People and animals that are seriously injured or burned should be transported to professional medical or veterinary help immediately.

PARISH NURSE—Continued

- Stay out of fire-damaged homes until local fire authorities say it is safe to re-enter.

Caring for Yourself & Loved Ones After a Fire

- Pay attention to how you and your loved ones are experiencing and handling stress. Promote emotional recovery.
- Discard any food that has been exposed to heat, smoke or soot.
- Watch pets closely and keep them under your direct control.
- Help people who require additional assistance- infants and children, older adults, those without transportation, large families who may need additional help in an emergency situation, people with disabilities, and the people who care for them.

This information is provided per the American Red Cross.



THANK YOU

Advent extends a **HEARTY 'THANK YOU'** to **Terry Powell and his son Troy** for all the hard work they did removing the dead bushes on the McDonald Street side of our parking lot, it looks great! We also thank Terry for power trimming all the bushes in our parking lot. **THANK YOU TERRY & TROY!**

thank you!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

By Jody Harris

Calling all travelers! When you come back from your travels, bring your memories and the hotel toiletries. Bring them to church and put them in the **'Fill the Shelf'** barrel to help those in need.

SPOKANE VALLEY PARTNERS (SVP) FOOD BANK

Thank you for your continued help to **'Fill the Shelf'** at the **Spokane Valley Food Bank** by placing your donations in the barrel in the Narthex. A flyer is available in the Narthex if you need some ideas. We encourage donations of **diapers** (size 4,5,6), **Depends** (SML), and **feminine products**.



VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE

By Babs Velategui

Although turn-out was low for Advent's latest blood drive, we had 9 donors, one of which was a double donation! That's 30 people needing blood transfusions who can be helped at a time when there is a critical shortage. Thank-you to all my very faithful volunteers for your life-saving gift. I will be out of country for the next blood drive, usually at the end of January. If anyone is interested in taking over as the contact person for Vitalant, please let me know. It is any easy job, but requires some computer skills.

GOLDENAGERS OUTING

On Wednesday, August 23rd several of the GoldenAgers drove to **Cedars Floating Restaurant** in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho for an early dinner. **Linda Semmen** organized this fun event and a good time was had by everyone!



CHILD CENTER NEWS

By Heidi Perry, Director

Our School Age Class took field trips to Green Bluff and the Flight Museum this past month. We also took advantage of the warm weather at our last staff meeting to do a team



INCOME/EXPENSE INFORMATION

Advent General Fund Income/Expense

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	23,458.79	185,403.20
Expenses	24,996.84	197,034.08
Net	-1,538.05	-11,630.88

Notes for Advent Lutheran Church

- Expenses include the budgeted disbursement (10%) of benevolence dollars for the ELCA, Spokane Valley Partners, Advent Lutheran Child Center, Maasai Health Systems, and Lutheran Community Services.
- Income for January through July was \$185,403.20.
- Total operating expenses for January through July was \$197,034.08.
- Expenses year to date were higher than income by \$11,630.88.

Child Center Income/Expense

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	77,308.84	539,835.16
Expense	78,777.73	582,662.52
Net	-1,468.89	-42,827.36

Notes for Advent Lutheran Child Center

- Budgeted monthly expenses for 2023 are \$86,802.77. Total Reserve Amount is \$108,209.37. This equates to 1.2 months tuition.
- Income for our food program was delayed for July and we will likely see a double payment in August or September.

ATTENDANCE

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

July 30	73
August 6	72
August 13	92
August 20	94
August 27	82

ONLINE VIEWS

July 30	52
August 6	27
August 13	20
August 20	24
August 27	20



PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Church Family and Friends: Debbie Boyles, Diane Buck, Larry Butler, Martha Olene Cason, Georgia Coulston, Kathleen Curry, Henry Domine, Pastor Stacey Friedlein, Faye Grant & family, Holly Gunby, Kaelee Gyllenskog, Candy Harder, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Gwen Huber & family, Dennis & Cathy Johnson & family, Audrey Knuttel & family, Troy & Linda Lahman, Lexi & Serenity, Jan Madden, Debbie Martin, Marsha, Sarah Meddock, Ian & SaraLu Moore, Marian Moseman, Bill Murphy, Marlyce Murphy & family, Tim Murphy, Sonya Neal, Amaryllis & Ken Otteman, Myrna Rehn, Gerry O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Romero family, Costa & Fotini Tsakarestos, Carlos Velategui & family, Rick Velategui, Dee Yates, and 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 or call the church office at (509) 928-7733.*





Northwest Intermountain Synod

Synod,

Thank you for concern about the individuals and communities impacted by the devastating fires in Eastern Washington. The Gray Fire began just southwest of Medical Lake, WA, spread quickly into residential areas, including the City of Medical Lake, and then continued to make runs to the east and south. The whole community of Medical Lake was evacuated along with the outlying areas. Several members of St. John's Lutheran, Medical Lake lost their homes in the fire. The fire came within a few blocks of the church building. St. John's and Emmanuel Lutheran, Reardan are served by Co-Pastors Carol and Greg Yeager. They moved worship for both churches to Reardon Aug. 20 and were joined by Assistant to the Bishop Phil Misner. Another fire we continue to watch is the Oregon Road Fire.

What you can do now

Pray

Please pray for the Medical Lake and other communities impacted by the fires. May God's healing presence bring them peace and hope in their time of need and give strength to those working diligently to contain the fires and care for affected communities.

Give

Our Washington State coordinator for Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) has advised us to direct gifts to:

- 1) Inland Second Harvest <https://2-harvest.org> They are doing their current work along with providing food to those who have been impacted.
- 2) Lutheran Disaster Response. Gifts to "**U.S. Wildfires**" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires. Or make a general **donation to Lutheran Disaster Response** so they can respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike.

Bishop Meggan Manlove

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am High School Sunday School	4 Labor Day Church Office & Child Center Closed	5 9:00 am Happy Piece-makers 10:30 am ALCC Board Mtg. 5:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	6	7 9:00 am Happy Helpers 10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study	8 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:00-6:00 pm 'Come to Friday Dinner'	9
10 9:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion After Worship Coffee Fellowship Confirmation Mtg. 10:45 am High School Sunday School	11 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	12 9:00 am Happy Piece-makers 5:00 pm Council Meeting 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	13 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class	14 9:00 am Happy Helpers NO Mid-Week Bible Study	15 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast-Denney's Restaurant	16
17 9:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion After Worship Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am High School Sunday School	18 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	19 9:00 am Happy Piece-makers 6:00 pm Heads of Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	20 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class	21 9:00 am Happy Helpers 10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study	22 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast-Denney's Restaurant	23
24 9:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion After Worship Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am HS Sunday School	25 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 6:00 pm Boy Scouts NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	26 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	27 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class	28 9:00 am Happy Helpers 10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study	29 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast-Denney's Restaurant	30
31 'Fill the Shelf' Sunday 9:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion After Worship Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am HS Sunday School						

SEPTEMBER HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Ministry Description	September 3 Labor Day Weekend	September 10	September 17	September 24
	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
ASSISTING MINISTER: (1)	Duane Yates			Paula Kenney
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS (2)	Linda Camp Betty Quinn	Karen Nelson Carol Scheurer	Linda Camp Betty Quinn	Shelle Seaholm Linda Sweet
READER: (1)	Larry Nelson	Robert Gieseke	Barb Potter	Butch Yarnell
ACOLYTE: (1)				
USHERS (3-4)	1. Jodi Meddock 2. Rick Meddock	1. Bill Johnson 2. Linda Semmen	1. 2.	1. Bill Thurston 2. Rita Thurston
GREETERS: (2-4)	1. Belle Campbell 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
ALTAR FLOWERS				
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	1. Forrest Diehl 2. Marlene Diehl 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.
(Cookies, etc., 4 people, 2 dozen each)	Midge Kiourkas			
“Share with God’s people,Practice Hospitality” Romans 12:13 (NIV)				



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

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

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