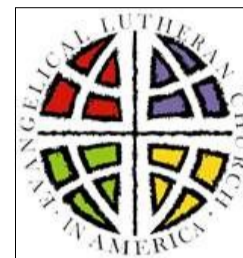


Advent Lutheran Church Newsletter



LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

By Denise Walker

As December has arrived my first thought always goes to the needlepoint sampler my late grandmother made and hung on her wall every year, "For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). This Bible verse shaped our family holidays and was always a reminder that the baby Jesus was the reason we celebrated Christmas.

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There will be several Church events at Advent during the month of December:

- ***December 1st** - volunteers will be decorating the church. Contact **Francie Shoquist** with any questions at **509-999-2216**.
- ***December 3rd is the Congregational meeting.** Please plan to stay after worship to vote on the final approval of Advent's Constitution and Bylaws as well as both the Child Center and Advent's 2024 budgets. It is very important that you sign the voter sheets when you arrive as we a quorum of 56 is needed in order to vote. All documents for the meeting have been printed and placed on the back table in the Narthex.
- ***Tree of Sharing** was set up on November 24th, so please take a **gift tag** from the tree and then return the wrapped gift with the original gift tag to the church office by **Sunday, December 17th.**
- ***December 8th** - the Odin Club (Sons of Norway) have reserved the fellowship hall for their semi annual meeting.
- ***December 15th - Friday Night Dinner.** The menu consists of ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls and dessert.
- ***December 17th - Santa Lucia** will be celebrated after worship, so please bring your favorite holiday cookies that will be served by the Santa Lucia court.
- ***December 17th - Chili Dinner** and following dinner **Dave Opsal** will transport us around the church neighborhood in a trailer pulled by his tractor as we sing Christmas carols.
- ***December 24th- Christmas Eve.** The **4th Sunday of Advent** communion/worship service will begin at **9:30 am**. In the evening the **Christmas Eve** communion/worship service will start at **5:00 pm**.
- ***December 31st** - the service will be **Lessons and Carols**.

The November Council meeting (which are now held on the **2nd Wednesday** of every month) approved a few items:

- voted to forward all documents previously mentioned above to the Congregation for their final approvals at the December 3rd Congregational meeting.
 - voted to approve the Air Tech bid proposal to remove one bench in the Sanctuary and clean up the asbestos. This removal will provide additional seating for those with disabilities. This project is scheduled for November 28th thru 30th, so it should be completed by the first Sunday of December. In the future we ask the Congregation to leave these designated areas open for those that need them.
 - voted to approve the church office computer upgrades by Cycrest.
- The Council is currently working on a few other projects that details will be forthcoming in the next few months.

In closing, I'll leave you with a few words from a letter written by Winston Churchill, "Christmas is a season not only for rejoicing the birth of the baby Jesus, but reflection on what this gift means". I wish to each of you a very Merry Christmas! I hope you have wonderful celebrations with your families and friends but remember the reason for the season.

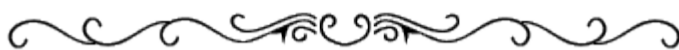
Blessings and Love,
Denise



HAPPY HELPERS

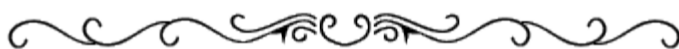
By Forrest Diehl

It has been a while since I've shared a poem with you. Here is one I recently came across. It might be a bit late to share this, because the poem seems more apropos for the September/October newsletter, rather than the December issue. Never the less, better late than never, right? The poem was written by B.T. Batsford, Ltd.



Something Told the Wild Geese

Something told the wild geese
It was time to go.
Though the fields lay golden
Something whispered, - 'Snow.'
Leaves were green and stirring,
Berries, luster-glossed,
But beneath warm feathers
Something cautioned, - 'Frost.'
All the sagging orchards
Steamed with amber spice,
But each wild breast stiffened
At remembered - 'Ice.'
Something told the wild geese
It was time to fly,
Summer sun was on their wings,
Winter in their cry.



Clearly the poet is describing geese in their autumn ritual of returning south to a warmer climate. I really like the way Snow, Frost, and Ice are expressed in the poem. So maybe, I am not so late after all, as we begin to prepare for those three winter elements in the upcoming months of December and January. I love the imagery of the last lines. To me it says: "Summer Sun was on their wings" - describing summer season going away and "Winter in their cry" - describing a cry of alarm that "Old Man Winter" is coming. Now on the lighter side:

I choked on a carrot this morning, and all I could think of was, "I'll bet a doughnut wouldn't have done this to me."

Nothing spoils a good story more than the arrival of an eyewitness. (Mark Twain)

It only takes one slow-walking person in the grocery store to destroy the illusion that I'm a nice person. It turns out that when asked who your favorite child is, you're supposed to pick out one of your own. I know that now.

It's fine to eat a test grape in the produce section, but you take one bite of rotisserie chicken and it's all, "Sir, you need to leave!"

One thing no one ever talks about, when it comes to being an older adult, is how much time we devote to keeping a cardboard box because it is, you know, a really good amazon/postal box. (just take a tour of my basement/garage and you will know I am guilty).

I can't believe I forgot to go to the gym today. That's seven years in a row, now.

If you dropped something when you were younger, you just picked it up. When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for just a bit contemplating if you need it anymore.

Ask your doctor if a drug with 32 pages of side effects is bad for you.

I relabeled all of the jars in my wife's spice rack. I'm not in trouble yet, but the thyme is cumin.

I just read a book about marriage that says treat your wife like you treated her on your first date. So tonight, after dinner I'm dropping her off at her parent's house.

The best way to get back on your feet is to miss two car payments.

I love bacon. Sometimes I eat it twice a day. It takes my mind off the terrible chest pains I keep getting.

November tasks completed were: the Happy Helpers owe the congregation an apology - we forgot to put up the red ceiling streamers for Reformation Sunday (**all Happy Helpers**); reseated ceiling tile in Child Center classroom (**Bill Thurston, Dave Cook**); placed patio table umbrellas in storage (**Daryl Ziemer, George Harrison, Wade Wipperling**); winterized outside patio water feature (**Wade Wipperling, Dave Cook, Daryl Ziemer**); winterized rooftop kitchen water cooler air unit (**Bill Thurston**); raked and disposed of leaves (**Bill Thurston, Dave Cook, Daryl Ziemer, Wade Wipperling, Butch Yarnell**); raked leaves in parking lot and along curb lines (**Butch Yarnell, George Harrison, Wade Wipperling, Daryl Ziemer**); replaced fluorescent light bulb in Child Center laundry room (**George Harrison**); replaced low battery in heart defibrillator machine, located in narthex (**Wade Wipperling**); hired **Advent Youth Group** to rake church yard leaves for the remainder of 2023 - **\$500** transferred to their **2024 New Orleans Youth Gathering** account (**All Happy Helpers**); scheduled **JT Quality Painting** to do walk-through and give an estimate for interior church and Child Day Center painting (**requested by Advent Council, and done by Conrad Moss & Foreman Kelly**); set up tables and chairs for Sunday fellowship hours (**George Harrison, Butch Yarnell, Daryl Ziemer, Bob Hubert, Dennis Johnson**); scheduled work to be done on kitchen air handler unit and associated ceiling vents (**contracted by Advent Council**); replaced bulbs in exterior light fixtures located on brick pillars at east church entrance (**Butch Yarnell, Daryl Ziemer, Dave Cook**); scheduled removal of one pew in sanctuary, creating room for walkers/strollers (**contracted by Advent Council**); replaced broken toilet handle in Child Center classroom (**George Harrison**); replaced light bulb in girl's restroom, Child Center (**Dave Cook, Daryl Ziemer**); etc.

The Happy Helpers are looking forward to the Advent Season! The Happy Helpers meet each Thursday morning, 9:00 A.M., at the church. Coffee, tea, and "goodies" are provided. Visitors and new members are always welcome. On October 26, **Dave Opsal** visited the Happy Helpers. Thanks **Dave!** If you can't make it by **9:00 A.M.**, come anytime. Usually, we finish talking by 9:30 A.M. and finish working by 10:30/11:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Worship:
www.youtube.com/c/adventlutheranspokane

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Plan to stay for our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 3rd, immediately following the worship service. A quorum of **56 members** is needed. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2024 Budget and approve the Bylaws & Constitution.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 3

First Sunday of Advent: 9:30 am
Worship Service with Holy Communion
Congregational Meeting

December 10

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

December 17

Third Sunday of Advent: 9:30 am
Worship Service with Holy Communion
Santa Lucia
No High School Sunday School

December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent: 9:30 am
Worship Service with Holy Communion
No High School Sunday School

December 24-Christmas Eve Service **5:00 pm**

December 31

Lessons & Carols/Holy Communion
No Coffee Fellowship
No High School Sunday School

OFFICE CLOSURE

The **Church Office** will be closed **December 22, 2023 through January 1st, 2024** and will reopen on **January 2, 2024**. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Matthew Larson at **509-280-4140**. The **Child Center** will be closed **Friday, December 22 through Tuesday, December 26**.

'A SHERLOCK CAROL'

Lutheran Community Services presents 'A Sherlock Carol' on Wednesday, **December 6, 6pm** Social Hour. **7:15 pm** Doors open/**7:30 pm** Curtain. Cost: **\$35 each**. Purchase online at Eventbrite.com or contact **Christie McKee at 509-343-5020**.

MONTHLY LADIES LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be **Saturday, December 9th** at **11:30 a.m.** at **The Max at Mirabeau**. Please contact **Gerry O'Rourke at 509-893-0787 by December 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**. *If you sign up for the lunch and are unable to make it to the lunch, please contact Gerry by Friday morning to let her know so the reservation may be adjusted. This helps the staff at the restaurant as well. Thank you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

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!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you wish to submit an article or announcement for the **January 2024** newsletter, please submit it to the Church office no later than **Friday, December 15th**.

'COME TO FRIDAY DINNER'

Our next 'Come to Friday Dinner' **Friday, will be December 15, from 4:30pm-5:30 pm**. The menu will be **ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, dinner roll, and dessert**. If you are interested, please call the church office at **928-7733** or place your name and the number of meals you wish on the **sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. EVERYONE welcome!** As always, you are welcome to stay and enjoy your dinner in the Fellowship Hall or you may take it home to enjoy!

'BIG BAND CHRISTMAS'

Please note that those attending the **Big Band Christmas program** on **Saturday, December 16th at 2:00 pm** at the **University High School Auditorium** there will be **NO** bus leaving the church. As everyone will be driving themselves or carpooling, the bus was not necessary. However, if you find you will need a ride, please contact **Linda Semmen at 509-389-4191**.



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 17th. 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 and Jody Harris** will be organizing our **Tree of Sharing** this year! Thank you **Marlene and Jody!**

VOLUNTEERS 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**.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

The Youth will be fundraising for the **National Youth Gathering** so watch for various jobs you may sign up for.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

SANTA LUCIA

This year, we will once again incorporate our **Santa Lucia** tradition after our Worship service on **December 17**, 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.



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 17.**

CINNAMON ROLL FUNDRAISER

As a fundraiser for the **2024 National Youth Gathering**, our **Advent youth** will be making **cinnamon rolls!** The cinnamon rolls will be available on a **pre-order** basis. Your orders will be available for **pick up on Sunday, December 24th** after the worship service and at the **Christmas Eve** service. Please see the **sign-up sheet** on the table in the Narthex to place your order. *Thank you for supporting our youth!* Questions? Please contact **Kara Wilson** at **509-994-4196.**

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.

HAPPY HELPERS

The **Happy Helpers** will **NOT** be meeting on **December 28.** They will meet again on **January 4, 2024.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be **no** Sunday School **December 24th, December 31st, 2023, or January 1st, 2024.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE

Save the Date! Advent will host its next **blood drive** on **January 21, 2024, 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.**

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

By Jody Harris

TOILETRIES

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.



SOCK 'EM' TIME!



We want to thank everyone who donated to the **"Sock Em"** sock drive for the **Crosswalk Teen Shelter** in Spokane. What a blessing your donations have made! In next month's newsletter we will have a total of how many pairs of socks (and other items) that were donated.

PARISH NURSE

By Debbie Martin, RN, Parish Nurse

Guard your health during busy, pressure-filled December

December is a time for hosting relatives, going to holiday parties and possibly overindulging in food and drink. Mix in year-end work deadlines and other pressures, and it can be a recipe for stress and health problems. But it doesn't have to be.

Making healthy choices may lower your risk for illnesses and even prolong your life, said Dr. Frank Hu, chairman of the nutrition department at Harvard University's T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Even moderate changes can add up to long-term benefits, Hu said. "We're not talking about running a marathon or going to the gym every day."

The American Heart Association recommends at least 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week, or 30 minutes five days a week.

Along with physical activity, a recent study found that a few specific actions can keep you healthy and possibly extend your life: Ensuring a healthy body mass index, eating a healthier diet, staying physically active, never smoking and limiting alcohol to moderate drinking.

Women who adopted all five of the low-risk factors had a projected life expectancy at age 50 that was 14 years longer, according to the study Hu and colleagues published in the journal *Circulation*. For men, it was 12 years longer. Healthy steps such as controlling weight also can reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease, cancer and diabetes, Hu said.

Many people tend to put on a pound or two a year as they approach middle age, and if left unchecked that can mean a gain of 30 to 40 pounds in the long run, contributing to the obesity epidemic, he said.

"Once people gain weight, it's difficult for them to lose weight and keep it off," Hu said. During the holiday season, it's easy to overindulge with high-calorie foods and to be sedentary – "a double whammy."

Despite food temptations everywhere this time of year, it's important to make sure weight doesn't balloon. Counting calories can be difficult. It's much easier to step on the scale, Hu said.

Here are other tips:

- When embarking on a holiday meal, select more fruits and vegetables. When preparing cookies and other treats, use less sugar and more oatmeal, fruit and nuts.
- Aim to get active, even during the season's cold weather and action-packed calendar. Consider stepping outside for a brisk walk amid the holiday hullaballoo.
- Limit alcohol intake. Moderate drinking is considered an average of no more than one to two drinks per day for men and one per day for women.

- Watch out for stress over too many social commitments and too much holiday spending.

Stress can lead to overeating, excessive drinking and sleep deprivation, and these can be factors in high blood pressure, weight gain and obesity. "All these factors are interrelated," Hu said.

It's not too late to get a jumpstart on improving your health and mind, he said. Consider adding nutrition and physical activity goals for the new year – whether that means cooking more healthy meals at home or starting an exercise routine.

YOUTH & FAMILY FUN

By April Marshall

December Happenings:

Please mark your calendars for a couple of activities taking place on **Sunday, December 17th**. In the morning, I would love to have any youth available to continue the tradition of passing out cookies during the coffee hour for **Santa Lucia**. Youth can opt to wear the traditional outfit (white gown and garland crown), or they can just wear a nice outfit. If anyone is interested in being our Santa Lucia, please let me know!

That same day, in the evening, we will resume our tradition of a **Chili Cook-Off and caroling**. Everyone is invited to partake in this all-ages event! Winner of the **Chili Cook-Off** will get a gift card! **We will begin serving chili at 5:00 p.m.**, so I ask that **chili participants** be to the church at **4:45 pm**, so we can get the chili set up. **Following dinner, Dave Opsal** will transport us around the church neighborhood in a trailer pulled by his tractor. Dress warm!



Coming up:

I will be looking to book a day to head up to **Silver Mountain** for a tubing adventure. I will be looking to book a **Saturday morning** in late January or early February, so watch for an announcement and sign up at the beginning of January. Cost will be **\$10 per person**.





**ELCA National Youth Gathering
Fundraising Schedule**

October 2023 – Early December 2023
Leaf Raking and Odd Jobs

December 24th delivery church
Preorder during December Cinnamon Rolls

February 11th
Bake Sale – just in time for Super Bowl

May/June TBD
Yard Sale

July
Prayer/Postcards for while we are in New Orleans

CINNAMON ROLL FUNDRAISER

Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex to place your order!
By signing up it ensures we make enough cinnamon rolls.
Thank you!

PASTOR MATT'S CORNER

By Pastor Matt Larson

Ever feel like you're just not quite ready for the holidays? What do you do in a pinch? Well, here is a wonderful story about a priest and musician who "lose" their main instrument (organ) right before Christmas Eve. What seems to be a quick correction turns out to be a forever solution:

It was Christmas Eve in the Austrian Alps. At the newly constructed Church of St. Nicholas in Obendorf, a Tyrol village near Salzburg, Father Joseph Mohr prepared for the midnight service. He was distraught because the church organ was broken, ruining prospects for that evening's carefully planned music. But Father Joseph was about to learn that our problems are God's opportunities, that the Lord causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him. It came into Father Joseph's mind to write a new song, one that could be sung organless. Hastily, he wrote the words, "Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright...." Taking the text to his organist, Franz Gruber, he explained the situation and asked Franz to compose a simple tune.

That night, December 24, 1818, "Silent Night" was sung for the first time as a duet accompanied by a guitar at the aptly named Church of St. Nicholas in Obendorf.

Shortly afterward, as Karl Mauracher came to repair the organ, he heard about the near-disaster on Christmas Eve. Acquiring a copy of the text and tune, he spread it throughout the Alpine region of Austria, referring to it as "Tiroler Volkslied."

The song came to the attention of the Strasser Family, makers of fine chamois-skin gloves. To drum up business at various fairs and festivals, the four Strasser children would sing in front of their parent's booth. Like the Von Trapp children, a century later, they became popular folk singers throughout the Alps.

When the children-Caroline, Joseph, Andreas, and Amalie-began singing "Trioler Volkslied" at their performances, audiences were charmed. It seemed perfect for the snow-clad region, and perfect for the Christian heart. "Silent Night" even came to the attention of the King and Queen, and the Strasser children were asked to give a royal performance, assuring the carol's fame.

"Silent Night" was first published for congregational singing in 1838 in Germany. It was used in America by German-speaking congregations, then appeared in its current English form in a book of Sunday school songs in 1863. Were it not for a broken organ, there would never have been a "Silent Night."

Then Sings my Soul – Robert J. Morgan

CHILD CENTER NEWS

By Heidi Perry, Director

Our Pre-K Room had their annual Thanksgiving Feast. It was a potluck lunch that families got to attend before the Thanksgiving weekend.



INCOME/EXPENSE INFORMATION

Advent General Fund Income/Expense

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	23,442.27	258,552.20
Expenses	28,288.54	283,130.82
Net	-4,847.27	-24,578.62

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 October was \$258,552.20. Total operating expenses for January through October was \$283,130.82.
- Expenses year to date were higher than income by \$24,578.62.

Child Center Income/Expense

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	80,786.35	774,608.39
Expense	81,814.34	848,173.27
Net	-1,027.99	-73,564.88

Notes for Advent Lutheran Child Center

- Budgeted monthly expenses for 2023 are \$86,802.77. Total Reserve Amount is \$77,265.66. This equates to 0.89 month's tuition.
- Tuition typically dips at the start of the school year, and it is on its way back up with new enrollment October's tuition was the 2nd highest of the year.



ATTENDANCE

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

October 29	126
November 5	113
November 12	108
November 19	116
November 26	93

ONLINE VIEWS

October 29	28
November 5	28
November 12	32
November 19	27
November 26	27

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Church Family and Friends: Esther Barker, Harry & Manda Benton & family, Blackmer family, Diane Buck, Larry Butler, Martha Oiene Cason, Pastor Lori Cornell, Georgia Coulston, Kathleen Curry, Daphne, Susie Friedlein & family, Faye Grant, Dorothy Grier, Holly Gunby, Candy Harder, Lydia Harris, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Gwen Huber & family, Rhonda Jerrett, Sandy Kaufman, Karen Klages, Audrey Knuttel & family, Troy & Linda Lahman, Leslie, Lexi & Serenity, Jan Madden, Ian & SaraLu Moore, Marian Moseman, Bill Moore, Jeanne Mummert, Marlyce Murphy & family, Tim Murphy, Sonya Neal, Nicole & family, Ed Orr, Lydia Ortiz, Amaryllis & Ken Otteman, Alan Potter, Preuninger family, Myrna Rehn, Gerry O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Darlene Rooney, Sharon Ruth, Beverly Smith, Kevin Smith, Costa & Fotini Tsakarestos, Carlos Velategui & family, Woehrlie family, Steve Woodard, Dee Yates, and Yong Yudt.

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, 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	Saturday
					1 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast	2
3 First Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion After Worship Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am High School Sunday School	4 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	5 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 10:30 am ALCC Board Mtg. 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	6 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class	7 9:00 am Happy Helpers 10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study	8 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast-Denney's Restaurant	9 11:30 am Ladies Lunch-The Max at Mira-beau
10 Second Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion After Worship Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am High School Sunday School	11 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 5:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	12 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	13 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 5:00 pm Council Meeting	14 9:00 am Happy Helpers 10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study	15 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast-Denney's Restaurant 4:30-5:30 pm 'Come to Friday Dinner' NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 7:00 pm Teen All-Nighter
17 Third Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion After Worship Santa Lucia 5:00 pm Chili Cook-Off & Caroling	18 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	19 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 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 Church Office & Child Center Closed	23
24 Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve 9:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day Church Office & Child Center Closed	26 Church Office & Child Center Closed	27 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed	29 Church Office Closed	30
31 New Year's Eve 'Fill the Shelf' Sunday 9:30 am Lessons & Carols/Holy Communion	January 1, 2024 New Year's Day Happy New Year! Church Office & Child Center Closed					

DECEMBER HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Ministry Description	December 3 First Sunday of Advent Congrega- tional Meet- ing	December 10 Second Sunday of Advent	December 17 Third Sunday of Advent Santa Lucia	December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent	December 24 Christmas Eve Service (Intinction-No Cups)	December 31 Lessons & Carols
	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	5:00 PM	9:30 AM
ASSISTING MINISTER: (1)			Holly Gunby	Kara Wilson		
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS (2)	Linda Camp Betty Quinn	Karen Nelson Carol Scheurer	Shelle Seaholm Linda Sweet	Karen Nelson Carol Scheurer	Jodi Meddock Karen Nelson	Linda Camp Betty Quinn
READER: (1)	Butch Yarnell	Larry Nelson	Barb Potter	Butch Yarnell	Butch Yarnell	
ACOLYTE: (1)						
USHERS (3-4)	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. Bill Johnson 2. Linda Semmen 3. 4.	1. Bill Thurston 2. Rita Thurston 3. 4.	1. Rick Meddock 2. Jodi Meddock 3. 4.	1. Linda Semmen 2. Bill Johnson 3. Noah Biesner 4. Missy Bliesner	1. 2. 3. 4.
GREETERS: (2-4)	1. 2.	1. Jodi Meddock 2.	1. 2.	1. Belle Campbell 2.	1. Belle Campbell 2.	1. Belle Campbell 2.
ALTAR FLOWERS	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. Bliesner family 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. Butch Yarnell 2. 3. 4.	XX	XX
(Cookies, etc., 4 people, 2 dozen each)		Linda Semmen	Santa Lucia		XX	XX
“Share with God’s people,Practice Hospitality” Romans 12:13 (NIV)						



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SUNDAY

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

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