

Advent Lutheran Church Newsletter



PASTOR MATT'S CORNER

By Pastor Matt Larson



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“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7.

On September 28th we welcomed **13 new people** to Advent. Some have been around for a little while and some have just started coming. Remember to say “Hello” and/or strike up a conversation and get to know some of our new faces. Invite them to events, committees, gatherings. But most of all continue to welcome our guests and visitors with the hospitality that we strive to show. It is so wonderful to see these new faces among us.

On **October 19th** we have four ladies confirming their faith through statements of faith in front of the congregation and/or a video. They have been together for 2 years of catechism, retreats, and some service. This is another form of welcome in our church, a welcome to being an “adult”. It’s not an end, but a continuation of their faith journey throughout their lives. Come out and support them and let them know you’re behind them 100%. Our confirmands are **Claire Marshall, Anna Hostetler, Grace Hostetler, and Zoe Tsakarestos**. Congratulations ladies!

And speaking of welcome.....our **Hospitality crew** would love, love, love if we could get some others to help with Coffee Hour after worship on Sundays. **Sue Wipperling and others** are more than happy to show you the ropes and make you as comfortable as possible in this work. You will always have help and once you do it a few times it becomes second nature, right? “That’s the way I have always done it!” (You do not supply all the cookies and goodies, just your time and energy in setting up and cleaning up coffee hour.)

And lastly, our **Episcopal friends** have rolled out the welcome mat and invited us to help harvest the apples from the orchard on their property. **Saturday, October 11th at 9am. The Happy Helpers** (along with some youth) will be harvesting 300 lbs. for their famous applesauce that will be sold at the **breakfast on October 28th**. Come on out and enjoy the fun! (Also, the next **Saturday, October 18th** Resurrection Episcopal will be pressing some of those apples and making cider if you are interested.)

See you in worship!



HAPPY HELPERS

By Forrest Diehl

Well, unfortunately another year has gone by and I have not taken the opportunity to attend the Spokane County Fair. That is the bad news, but the good news that Marlene and I have been enjoying all the vegetables and fruits than congregational members have been bringing to church and sharing. And, I dare say - that the garden bounty that I have seen (tomatoes, beans, squash, cucumbers, corn, plums, etc.) would rival blue ribbon displays at the fair. Receiving the fresh vegetables and fruits was especially special to Marlene and me this year because we did not plant a garden. Thanks to **Daryl & Jan Ziemer, Darrell & Diane Buck, Bill & Rita Thurston, Wade & Susan Wipperling, Ken & Cindy Falk, Pastor Matt & Kristin, and all** those who brought produce to share – that I did not know about. **Thank-You!**

Here is the information on the Happy Helper applesauce making activities and associated breakfast. On **October 11 (Saturday)**, the Youth Group has agreed to pick 300 lbs. of apples at the Episcopal Church of Resurrection (ECOR, I learned that acronym from Pastor Matt) campus here in the Valley. Not only is this a source of apples for us, but they are being donated as well – remember last year we had trouble finding apples. Then on **Thursday, October 23rd**, **between 8:00 AM and noon**, we need your help to assist in cutting, coring, and cooking the applesauce. Please help, the more help we have, the quicker the process and the quicker we can return the kitchen back to Heidi Davis for the Child Center needs. We are also asking for help **on Saturday, October 25, at 1:30 PM** for the set-up and cooking of sausage and on **Sunday, October 26** for serving help. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Butch Yarnell or me. Thank-You!

HAPPY HELPERS-Continued

I received an e-mail entitled: Things **to Think About**. Here are some of the quips....

- To get rid of unwanted junk during the holidays... Put it in an Amazon box and leave it on the front porch.
- A married man's honest confession: "I always read my wife's horoscope to see what kind of day I am going to have..."
- We just had a guy come into our auto parts store asking if we sold longer dipsticks, because his does not reach his oil level any more.
- I'm bored. I think I'll go to the mall, find a great parking spot and sit in my car with the reverse lights on.
- If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say "Did you bring the money?"
- When you ask me what I am doing today and I say "Nothing"; it *does not* mean I am free – it means I am doing nothing!
- Interviewer: So, tell me about yourself.
Me: I'd rather not...I kind-a want this job.
- Sixty might be the new forty, but 9:00 P.M. is the new midnight.
- When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
- When I say "the other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15-years ago.
- I had my patience tested. I am negative.
- When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "East".
- My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.
- I run like the winded.
- Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes, that would be boring. Spend 30-seconds in my head, that'll freak you right out.
- When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?

HAPPY HELPERS-Continued

Thanks to all who shared their Saturday morning, September 20, in yard work around the church. Our numbers were few (**Daryl Ziemer, Conrad Moss, Bob Hubert, Butch Yarnell, Pastor Matt, and Kara Wilson**), but we got a lot accomplished. Special thanks to Conrad Moss in providing the dump trailer for all the yard waste – and hauling it to the transfer station!

During the month of September, the Happy Helpers: repaired sizeable wood chip from gym to classroom door (**Conrad Moss**); modified track light fixture and installed it in east foyer ceiling (**Conrad Moss, Dave Cook**); replaced ceiling light bulb in women's restroom (**Wade Wippering, Butch Yarnell**); swept acorns and debris from east sidewalk (**Dave Cook, Conrad Moss, Daryl Ziemer**); received bids on asphalt crack seal/resurfacing/restripping parking lot (**Cheryl Tobin**); ground raised concrete sidewalk panel to grade (**Conrad Moss**); reset and positioned ceiling tile in Child Center classroom (**Butch Yarnell, Daryl Ziemer**); removed and relocated 4 rows of coat racks in Child Center classroom (**Butch Yarnell, Daryl Ziemer, Wade Wippering, Dave Cook**); spackled holes left in dry-wall from relocated coat racks (**Daryl Ziemer**); mounted white-board in Child Center classroom (**Bill Thurston**); weeded, trimmed, and cleaned shrubs and landscape in court yard (**Karen Nelson, Jodi Meddock**); caulked and painted Carl's Cabin and Recycle Bins (**Conrad Moss**); replaced broken shut-off valve on shrub bed drip line (**Daryl Ziemer, Butch Yarnell**); replaced ceiling light fixture cover in Child Center classroom; removed annual flowers from east entrance beds and barrels (**Daryl Ziemer**); sprayed weeds growing along curblin in parking lot (**Daryl Ziemer**); pruned and deadheaded rhododendron plants around the church grounds (**Shirley Roraback**); emplaced new door stop in Quilter's room (**Daryl Ziemer**); scheduled for irrigation water shut-off and sprinkler blowout for September 29 (**Cheryl Tobin**); set-up tables and chairs for Sunday after-worship coffee fellowship (**Bob Hubert, Daryl Ziemer, Wade Wippering, Butch Yarnell, Dennis Johnson, Wes Todd**); etc.

HAPPY HELPERS-Continued

The Happy Helpers are looking forward to the month of October and all the associated applesauce and breakfast activities. Please help if you can. The Happy Helpers meet **each Thursday morning, 9:00 A.M.**, at the church. Coffee, tea, and "goodies" are provided. During August **Dave Cook** provided the goodies. **Thanks Dave!!** Visitors and new members are always welcome. If you cannot come to Happy Helpers by 9:00 A.M., come any time. Typically, we finish talking by 9:30 A.M. and finish working by 11:00 A.M.

TOM SHIREY: OBITUARY

For those of you who remember **Tom and Gayle Shirey**, both of whom were very active in choir, Tom Shirey passed away suddenly from a stroke in Pahoia, Hawaii on June 6, 2025 at the age of 65. Tom (or Tommy as most of his friends referred to him) was born on February 1, 1960 in Columbia, South Carolina. His parents were Gerri Franklin Shirey and Velma May Carroll. With the loss of both his parents at an early age, Tom became a foster child and lived with several families in the Davenport area and attended Davenport schools where he excelled in sports and graduated in 1978.

In about 2013, Tom and Gayle began communicating online and by phone, reconnecting their acquaintance from their high school years. Tom moved to Spokane in 2014 and secured a job with the US Postal Service.

Tom Shirey and Gayle (Ensor) Warner were married on July 3, 2016. They joined Advent Lutheran Church and became active in the choir. Gayle volunteered to become the new choir director when Paula was ready for a change in 2017, but was diagnosed with terminal stage IV cancer and was not able to see her dream of directing the choir come to fruition. Gayle passed away on July 7, 2020.

After Gayle's death, Tom retired from the post office and moved to Pahoia, on the big island of Hawaii, where he made many new friends and enjoyed his retirement. His favorite pastime was performing karaoke with his friends.

Tom will be buried next to Gayle at the **Reardan, Washington cemetery** on **October 18** at a **memorial service at 2 o'clock**. **Pastor Matt** will be officiating. All are welcome to attend.

YOUTH MINISTRY

By Kara Wilson

Happy Fall Ya'll from St. Arbucks!

The summer has been busy for us, with a successful yard sale, a few fun and games (mini golf, bowling,...) and of course our Sunday coffee time. As the youth head back to school we took September easy but are jumping back in full steam ahead for the year. October 18th the crew will be going to Scarywood, and brave chaperones are welcome; especially for me as I'm going to be more afraid than any of the kids. The youth have lots of school and sport activities so we will try to fit in some raking but is appearing to be even more challenging this year. Look for announcements at church for when we are available so we can fit some in. Hope the season change is keeping you warm and you are enjoying the fall colors. Blessings.

Why do Zombies love the fall?

Because everyone has Pumpkin Spice Lattes on the brain.

RECYCLING NEWS

By Roger Scheurer

Thank you to **Conrad Moss and his workers** that stopped by and put a fresh coat of paint on our recycling bin. It looks better and will last longer. Thanks again!!!

As you may know, we recycle aluminum beverage cans as a fund raiser for the Happy Helpers who use whatever money we generate from the sale of these cans for small maintenance projects around the church and Child Center.

So far this year we have redeemed **272 lbs.** of cans for **\$200.00**. April was our best month—we got \$46.00 for our collection. We can use any amount large or small. We put them all together and make one lot at the end of every month. So, if you generate any aluminum beverage cans at all just have them in bags (large or Small) and leave them in our newly painted bins at the northwest corner of the church parking lot and I'll take them from there.

Thanks again, Roger Scheurer

THOUGHTS FROM VICAR BRENDAN

By Brendan Wiechert

Full-time internship is now a month underway and a February graduation is feeling very real! My consideration for approval by the Luther Seminary faculty is scheduled for December 17th and final synod approval is set for February 6th. I am hot into eleven approval essays and balancing my second-to-last seminary class. In the next two months, I am scheduled to preach three times at Advent, three times at the Episcopal church (ECOR), and once at American Lutheran Church in Newport. It is a busy, but fun and exciting time!

Along the way, I am hoping to offer some Sunday morning, after church programming. Two ideas keep coming to mind. One is a review of Lutheran basics. It is always a good time to return to our Lutheran catechism and confessions (and maybe it would not be a bad time for me to review the same!). My other idea is to pull some of the material from my current class at Luther, "Human Sexuality, Gender, and Christian Faith." I was back at Luther for three days in September and found the material both approachable and informative. Our instructor, Cody Sanders, is excellent and class resources are available to Advent. I will continue to get organized around the two possibilities and will share more at a later date.

Finally, **Bikes, Brew, and Bible Study** wrapped up at the end of August and I want to thank everyone who helped make it a success (riders and everyone who offered words of encouragement). We had over 20 people participate during the summer and the number was pretty evenly split between Advent members and others. Our youngest person was under ten and our oldest 80 years of age. We built a few relationships and had some really healthy discussions! I look forward to offering a similar experience at whatever location to which I am called!

Peace and Love!
Vicar Brendan

PARISH NURSE

By Debbie Martin, RN, Parish Nurse

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST AWARENESS MONTH

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is a leading cause of death in the United States, taking the lives of more than 356,000 people each year, including more than 23,000 youth under age 18.



Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is a life-threatening emergency that occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating. It strikes people of all ages who may seem to be healthy, even children and teens.

When SCA happens, the person collapses and doesn't respond or breathe normally. They may gasp or shake as if having a seizure.

SCA leads to death in minutes if the person does not get help right away. Survival depends on people nearby calling 911, starting CPR,¹ and using an AED² (if available) as soon as possible.

SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST VS. HEART ATTACK

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is **not** a heart attack. A heart attack is caused by impeded blood flow through the heart. SCA is caused by a structural or electrical problem, often from an undetected heart condition, and in other instances, from an infection or a severe blow to the chest.

SURVIVAL RATE

The sudden cardiac arrest survival rate is **less than 10%**. As noted by the National Academy of Medicine's *Strategies to Improve Cardiac Arrest Survival: A Time To Act*, the survival rate has remained stagnant for three decades because the public is not prepared to save a life. Survival depends on emergency intervention beyond calling 911 within three minutes of collapse. A bystander administering hands-only CPR can **triple a person's chance of survival**, and using an AED in the first minute of collapse can **increase survival to 90%**.

CALL·PUSH·SHOCK™



FREE RESOURCES

Call Push Shock has been recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a resource to educate the public about sudden cardiac arrest recognition and response. Use these free resources to prepare your family and friends, neighborhood, school, team, workplace and community to save a life.

PARISH NURSE-Continued

SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST
VERSUS
HEART ATTACK



ELECTRICAL



PLUMBING

THEY ARE NOT THE SAME

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Victim

Heart Attack Victim

Electrical malfunction causes the heart to suddenly and unexpectedly stop beating

Blockage in coronary arteries interrupts blood flow to the heart

Can happen at any age, including children and teens

Happens mostly in people over age 35

Person is unresponsive and NOT breathing

Person is responsive and breathing

Person may gasp or shake, as if having a seizure

Person may experience chest, neck or left arm pain, shortness of breath, sweating or nausea

Call 911

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People nearby must start CPR immediately to triple chance of survival

Responsive victims don't need CPR/AED

The use of an AED, is the only way to restart a heart; AEDs can be used by anyone

Start CPR if person becomes unresponsive and experiences sudden cardiac arrest

ADVENT LUTHERAN CHILD CENTER NEWS

By Heidi Perry, Director

Our focus from September into October at the Child Center has been engaging in the natural world with our students. We shared several articles for the staff to read on why being in nature is important and how we can make that happen for young children, whether through field trips, recess, or in the classroom. This is all in preparation for a staff meeting/training focused solely on the topic. Children spend less time in nature than in previous generations and know very little about it. Ask a child where their food comes from, and it's very likely the answer is the grocery store with no concept of how it was grown or how it got to the store. With such a focus on academics and extracurricular activities, there is little time spared for letting children be outside. Children in elementary schools get about 15 minutes of recess time daily, and only if the weather is ideal.

All of these things are upsetting to me and it's always been a priority of mine to make sure children are getting these experiences that they might not otherwise receive. It was easy to do while I was in a classroom and I was planning activities and field trips, but now that I am in the Office, I have to trust that my staff have the same passion and are teaching and offering these experiences.

Our policy about going outside has changed since I first started working here 18 years ago. Now we go outside every day, even if it's raining or snowing. It was a hard battle to fight with teachers who didn't want to deal with changing kids in and out of wet/muddy clothing, but now it's just a given and no one questions it. Even our playground has evolved into a more explorative space with the creation of the mud pit. When standing outside and watching the kids play during recess, you can see how much more imaginative and engaging their play is. They are able to do things they wouldn't otherwise be able to do inside.

It's also important that we are reading books that are about nature and that we have objects in the classroom that are from nature. Natural objects like sand, dirt, shells, rocks, pinecones and stick for the kids to touch and explore or even to just look at through a sensory bottle are all great ways for this to happen. Even art can use natural objects, whether it be through collages, painting with them, stamping with them, or using them as the canvas.

ADVENT LUTHERAN CHILD CENTER NEWS

The goal now is to ignite the same passion in the teachers that I have for bringing nature and natural experiences into the classroom. Our October Staff Meeting will be completely different than anything I have done before, and I can't wait to see how they react. If you don't already, follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see photos of the night and see all of the fun experiences we had.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Worship:

www.youtube.com/c/adventlutheranspokane

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The **Men's Prayer group** continues to meet each **Friday** morning at **6:30 am** at **Revel Community, 16807 E. Mission Avenue, Spokane Valley.**

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Mid-Week **Bible study** meets each **Thursday** at **10:00 am.** We are studying the **Gospel of Luke.**

'COME TO FRIDAY DINNER'

Our **'Come to Friday Dinner'** will be on **October 10th & 24th**, from **5:00 pm-6:00 pm.** The menu for October 10 will be baked chicken, fettucine, and mixed vegetables. Please **sign-up sheet** on the table in the Narthex or call the church office at **509-928-7733** to place your name on the list. October 24th menu will be announced soon.

BABY CARE KITS

The **Happy Piecemakers** (quilters) are collecting the following baby items:

(size 6-24 months; up to size 2) to assemble **baby care kits** for shipping with the quilts on October 12:

- Lightweight cotton t-shirts; white or colored
- Long or short sleeve gowns or sleepers (without feet)

If you are able to bring any of these baby items, please bring them to the church no later than **Tuesday, October 7.** Thank you.

MONTHLY LADIES LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be **October 11th** at **11:30 a.m.** at **The Max at Mirabeau.** Please contact **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.**

THE HAPPY PIECEMAKERS QUILT RAFFLE

The **Happy Piecemakers** will be raffling three quilts next **Sunday, October 12.** Tickets for the raffle are being sold today and before worship next Sunday, October 12. You may see one of the **Happy Piecemakers** at the table in the Narthex. Tickets for the raffle are **\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.** You may also see Cheryl in the office during the week for tickets. Quilts are also for sale for **\$50 each.** The proceeds for the quilts go to help offset the cost of shipping the quilts to **Lutheran World Relief.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

'NEW FACES'

On **Sunday, September 28, Pastor Matt** introduced our **'New Faces'** during the worship service, where we recognized those of you who have been new to Advent and have been worshiping with us the past few months. We want to formally say, "Welcome!" Be sure and say your own "hello" and welcome to all the new faces here at Advent.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY AT EWU

Lutheran Campus Ministry at EWU has changed our name!

We are now Grace Commons Spokane.

We are having a celebration on **October 16th** and would love to have you join us. Lutheran Campus Ministry at EWU is transforming our ministry! Learn how you can make an impact on young adults in our community. Have some dinner & refreshments, play bingo, win prizes, and collect some Grace Commons swag!

Thursday, October 16, 2025, 5:00-8:00 PM

- **Big Barn Brewing**, 16004 N Applewood Lane, Mead (Green Bluff)
- **Bingo**: 5 Bingo Cards for \$5 (not required to play to attend)
- **Food, Drink & Swag**: Big Barn Brewing will generously donate \$1/pint or glass purchased. The BBQ Shack food truck will be on-site for you to purchase dinner. A Thrivent Action Team will provide dessert & swag.
- **RSVP Requested by October 9th** to treasurer-racecommons@outlook.com

PARTNERS INLAND NORTHWEST FOOD BANK

Thank you for your generosity in bringing your food donations for the **Partners Inland Northwest** (formally, Spokane Valley Partners) **Food Bank** as we continue to **"FILL THE SHELF"!!** **You may place your food donations in the barrel in the Narthex. Thank you!**

DECORATE OUR COURTYARD

Anyone who wishes to is encouraged to bring an Autumn decoration to display in the courtyard (pumpkins, potted Mums, etc.).

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you wish to submit an article or announcement for the **November** newsletter, please submit it to the Church office no later than **Friday, October 24th.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

'GATHERED FOR GOOD'

Join us! Please consider attending the **Lutheran Community Services Northwest's 'Gathered for Good' Annual Luncheon** on **Saturday, October 18th** at the Mukogawa U.S. Campus, 4000 W. Randolph Road, Spokane. Social hour: 11:30 am, Lunch served: 12:30 pm. Together, we'll gather in fellowship, strengthen bonds, and raise support for child welfare, advocacy, and behavioral health services—ensuring that health, justice, and hope remain within reach for those who need them most. Come be a part of a meaningful afternoon of connection, inspiration, and impact. **Table hosts are needed.** While there is **no cost to attend**, please clearly communicate that this is a **fundraising** event and any amount donated is important. **Registration Required. Questions?** Please contact **Megan Eichmeyer at 509-343-5060.**

ADVENT COOKBOOK

The **Social Committee** is beginning to collect recipes to get an **Advent cookbook** moving forward. Think about some special recipes you would like to share and email them to the church office at **alcspokane@comcast.net**. Other churches and friends of Advent are also invited to share a recipe. This will be a fundraiser for the Synod office and any additional funds will be used toward the purchase of our new LED sign on Broadway. Cindy is looking for three to four people who would be willing to assist her on this fun project. You may contact **Cindy Falk at 719-659-0439** or the church office at **509-928-7733.**

NEW ADDRESS

Norm & Sherry Leatha
7508 Cistena Way
Parker, CO 80134

Clancy Howard
Colonial Court
12016 E. Cataldo, 3-7
Spokane Valley, WA 99206

ST. MARY PARISH ART WALK

St. Mary Catholic Church is hosting a series of Art Walk, themed "**Saints in Sacred Art**", to be held in their school gym/parish hall, 304 S. Adams Road, Spokane Valley. **October 25 & 26.** See the **bulletin board** in the Narthex for full details.

'HAPPY HELPER PERKS'



"One of the perks of being a Happy Helper" - an original picture given to **Butch Yarnell** from one of the little ones in **Room 139.**

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Do you love to knit? Sew? This fall outreach will be collecting hats and blankets to donate to UGM and homeless youth. Any winter item will be greatly appreciated and there will be a bin in the Narthex for donations. **Outreach** will also be collecting items for blessing bags. Blessing bags are made to give out to the homeless and their pets. If you have extra bottled water, bandaids, granola bars, tooth brushes, etc... please add to the blessing bags bin. I am hoping to put together blessing bags and oatmeal packets before the new year.

This summer Outreach donated lots of school supplies and backpacks that had been collected throughout the year to CVSD. Thank you to receive and please keep giving- the food bank is always in need of food for the growing number of people who are in need to feed their families. Big thank you to all of the donations throughout all the years from this amazing generous congregation!

If you have any questions on what to donate or help with outreach please contact **Missy Bliesner at 509-954-6406** or **mnurvis@hotmail.com**

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Church Family and Friends: Ahern family, Ania, Holly Armstrong, Barney Barnhart & family, Harry & Manda Benton, Bruce Berglund, Bolster family, Linda Bradford, Belle Campbell & family, Cherie, Dave & Sharon Cook, George & Sandy Coombs, Georgia Coulston, Genevieve Davenport, Bonnie Davis, Bob & JoAnn Dunlap, Nancy Filardo & family, Joyce Flanigan & family, Holly Frampton, Gerri & Joanne, Dorothy Grier, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Mary & Clancy Howard, family of Audrey Jackson, Jay & Judy, Judy Jaramillo & family, Savannah Kelley, Midge Kiourkas, Terry Kolden, Larson family, Leatha family, Jane Leonard & family, Jan Madden & family, Duncan McMillan, Ian & SaraLu Moore, Moseman family, Kathleen Naliboff, Craig Nurvic, Otteman family, Myrna Robb, Twila O’Gallagher, Gerry O’Rourke, Tim O’Rourke, Myrna Rehn, Roger & Carol Scheurer, Tom Sernka & family, Eva Sturges, family of Margot Wilson, and Anna Yeoman.

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, SSgt. Andy Falk, Army, CPT Christopher Finch, Robert Guyton, CW2 Aaron Lang, Capt. Richard Luna III, USAF, MSgt. Duncan McFarlane, Bryan McGoon, SSG Aaron Moeller, Sam Nelson, Mst. Sgt. 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, Major Stephen King, Airman Chase Strunk, U.S. Air Force, LCPL Jared Martin, Rafe Rector, USMC, Staff Sgt. Dan Zabriskie in the National Guard.

*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**.*

INCOME/EXPENSE INFORMATION

Advent General Fund Income/Expense

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	24,479.05	226,739.47
Expenses	<u>33,828.54</u>	<u>236,731.80</u>
Net	-9,349.49	-9,991.53

Notes for Advent Lutheran Church

- Expenses include the budgeted disbursement (10%) of benevolence dollars for the ELCA, Spokane Valley Partners, Advent Lutheran Child Center, Lutheran Community Services.
- Budgeted monthly expenses for 2025 are \$28,662. Total Reserve Amount is \$33,939. This equates to 1.18 month’s of operating expenses.

Child Center Income/Expense

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	94,073.49	732,143.86
Expense	<u>116,933.41</u>	<u>744,222.38</u>
Net	-22,859.92	-12,078.52

Notes for Advent Lutheran Child Center

- Budgeted monthly expenses for 2025 are \$104,166.98. Total Reserve Amount is \$-18,033.06.
- August was a three-payroll month. We had enough cash in the bank to cover all three payrolls.

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

August 31	107
September 7	107
September 14	117
September 21	103

ONLINE VIEWS

August 31	44
September 7	25
September 14	52
September 21	26

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 11:00 am Child Center Chapel 4:00 pm Worship & Music Committee meeting 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm-7:30 pm ACOA meeting	2 9:00 am Happy Helpers 5:30 pm-6:30 pm AA Meeting	3 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast-Revel Community -16807 E Mission Parkway	4 2:00 pm-10:00 pm Private Event-Dulce Castillo
5 9:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship Council Table Talks 10:45 am High School Sunday School 4:00 pm-7:00 pm Mt. Zion Romanian Church	6 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 5:00 pm Executive Committee 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	7 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 4:00 pm ALCC Board Mtg 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 pm Heads of Committee meeting	8 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 11:00 am Child Center Chapel 6:30pm-7:30 pm ACOA meeting	9 9:00 am Happy Helpers 10:00 am-11:30 am Mid-Week Bible Study 5:30 pm-6:30 pm AA Meeting	10 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast-Revel Community -16807 E Mission Parkway 5:00 – 6:00 pm 'Come to Friday Dinner'	11 9:00 am Apple picking at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection 11-5pm AA 11:30 am Ladies Lunch-The Max at Mirabeau
12 Quilt Sunday 9:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion After Worship Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am High School Sunday School 4:00 pm-7:00 pm Mt. Zion Romanian Church	13 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 5:00 pm Council meeting 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	14 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	15 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 11:00 am Child Center Chapel 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm-7:30 pm ACOA meeting	16 9:00 am Happy Helpers 10:00 am-11:30 am Mid-Week Bible Study 5:30 pm-6:30 pm AA Meeting	17 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast-Revel Community -16807 E Mission Parkway	18 Youth going to Scarywood
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26 Reformation Sunday 'Fill the Shelf' Sunday 8:00 am-11:30 am Happy Helpers' Breakfasts 9:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion After Worship Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am HS SS 4:00 pm-7:00 pm Mt. Zion Romanian Church	27 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	28 9:00 am Happy Piecemakers 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	29 8:30-9:30 am Fitness Class 11:00 am Child Center Chapel 6:30pm-7:30 pm ACOA meeting 11	30 9:00 am Happy Helpers 10:00 am-11:30 am Mid-Week Bible Study 5:30 pm-6:30 pm AA Meeting	31 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast-Revel Community -16807 E Mission Parkway	

OCTOBER HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Ministry Description	October 5	October 12 Quilt Sunday	October 19 Confirmation Sunday	October 26 Reformation Sunday Happy Helpers
	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS (2)	1. Annitta Hackett 2. Francie Shoquist	1. Francie Shoquist 2. Denise Walker	1. Sandra McCune 2. Francie Shoquist	1. Sandra McCune 2. Denise Walker
ASSISTING MINISTER: (1)	Holly Gunby	Kara Wilson		
READER: (1)	Barb Potter	Tom Sernka		Holly Gunby
ACOLYTE: (1)				
USHERS (3-4)	1. Rick Meddock 2. Jodi Meddock	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
GREETERS: (2)	1. 2.	1. 2.	3.	1. 2.
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	1. Missy Bliesner 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4	1. 2. 3. 4.	Happy Helpers & Volunteers
(Cookies, etc., 2 dozen each)	Missy Bliesner			Sandra McCune
“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 In-Person and Online

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