Advent's Voice

Winter Highlights:
December 13: Christmas Cantata during worship
December 24: Candle Light Service, Time TBD
January 17 and 24: Budget Forum
Febuary 7, 2027: ALC Annual Meeting







Designed by Sofia Bakenhaster

Pastor's Message

Dear Friends of Advent,
What a delight it has been to be back among you and experience community life together. I hope you know what a gift you have been to the entire Unti household but especially to me. Your kindness, your humor, your servant hearts bring me great joy.I am also delighted to see many new faces on Sunday. This is a sign of life that is to be celebrated.
My purpose in being here has been to provide stability, consistency and care until Pr. Anne is able to return. It won't be long now!
One of the ways to accomplish the above is to celebrate with you the Joy of Generosity. It is a truth that is deeply embedded in human experience. It is in giving that we discover joy. It is that adage, "I get so much more than I give." This has truly been my own experience at Advent. You have given me far more than I have been able to offer up to you.
We will be celebrating the Joy of Generosity for four weeks consecutively that began with Reformation Sunday. You are receiving a Message of Generosity in each Wednesday E – News, an insert in each Weekly Bulletin, a Talk on generosity by a member of the congregation and words from the pulpit.
I asked you to reflect on the question of, "What would life be like if Advent went out of existence?"It is a question to get us to think about what it would mean if we didn't have this center of generosity in our lives. The generosity of hope and love experienced on Sunday, the gift of voice and song, the generosity of care offered to those who face setbacks, the generosity of joy that I witness in Advent's Preschool. What a fall for kids to be playing outside my window. The generosity of a Garden of Giving and soon to be Christmas Baskets. The generosity of those who care for this place mowing, painting, trimming, hammering and the list goes on.
The focus of this year is How We Grow Together. I am going to encourage those of us who can to consider increasing your giving by 1% of our yearly income. If you have never introduced giving into your daily life a good starting place is trying 1%. It is a great goal each year to lean into. More importantly you will discover how faithful God is not only by first giving us all that we have but continuing to give us what we need as we give more of our lives away.
I love experiencing Advent's Generosity and I pray that it will only increase in the years to come.







Save the Date for Holiday Specials:
November 21: Thanksgiving Food Giveaway at 12pm
December 6: Advent Fest
December 19: Christmas Basket at 8:30am
December 20: Pop-Up Pageant during worship
December 21: The Longest Night Service at 7pm

Support Advent



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers bring life, beauty, and color to our worship. Thank you to everyone who enhances our services with floral gifts!
Would you like to donate flowers for a Sunday to commemorate a special occasion? Sign up HERE. Bouquets can be as simple or involved as you wish. Thank you!



Advent's Ministries

Your gifts make our ministries at Advent Lutheran possible — thank you!

- Online: adventlutheran.net
- Mail: 4306 132nd St SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012
- New: Give using Venmo



Food & Pet Food Drive

First Sunday of every month. Advent's monthly Food Drives support our neighbors and pets! Donations go to our food pantry, and pet food goes to the Northwest Organization for Animal Help (NOAH).

Join the ALC Email List! Receive our Wednesday and Sunday informational and devotional updates.
Sign up here: http://eepurl.com/KE-aX

Church Finance

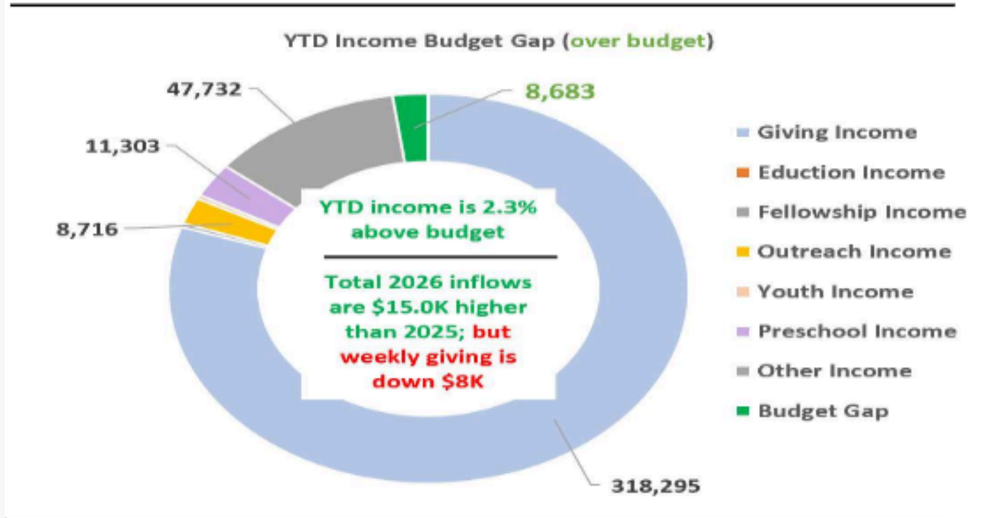
Income for September was the second lowest month of 2026 even with being skewed higher by $3.6K in funds for the pre-school. We really need to see an increase in regular giving to cover our standard operating costs, as we are currently using savings each month to cover expenses. We continue to be ahead of 2025 revenue year-to-date, which is good to see, but weekly giving is actually down from 2025 by $8K. Revenue was lower than budget by $5.4K for the month, decreasing the year to date figure to $8.7K above budget.

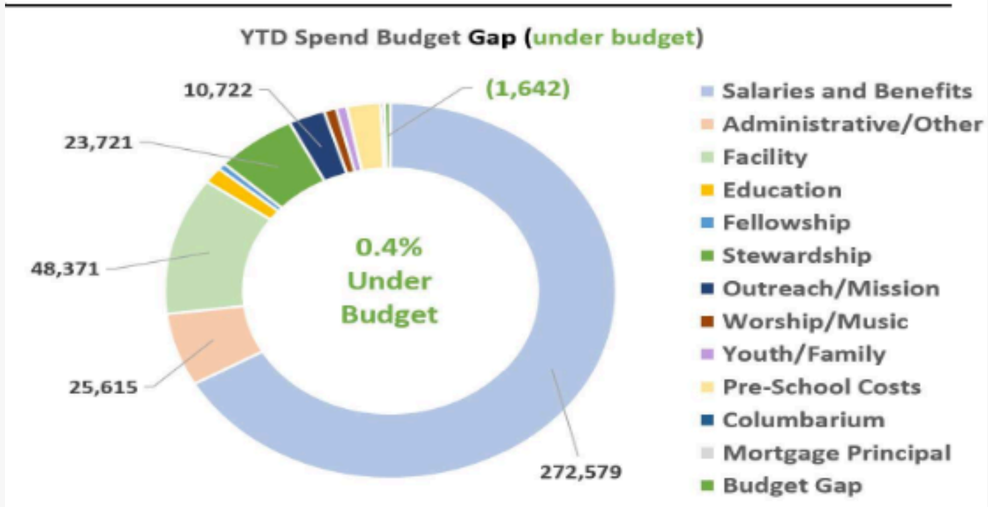
Regarding expenses, we were close but slightly over the budget for the month ($959). For the year we are slightly below budget ($1,642 under). All cost categories are reasonably in line with their budgets. Facility costs are below budget ($10.1K), which helps offset our over-budget spending on pre-school and outreach.

An item continuing to appear on our "to watch radar" is our available cash (cash not restricted for use, e.g., columbarium, mortgage reduction/building improvements, etc.). This continues to decrease on a monthly basis and we are currently well below where we were at the end of last year: $51K vs. $80K. This is becoming much more of an immediate issue as this trend needs to reverse through increased regular giving rather than specific purpose giving.

Year to date Income (excluding funds raised for debt reduction) is $8,683 more than budget. September's income was the second lowest of the year and is also skewed higher by unbudgeted pre-school income. Overall income for September was lower than budget by $5.4K. 2026 income is now $15.0K higher than 2025, but weekly giving is lower by $8.3K from 2025, which is very concerning.

YTD expenses under budget ($1,642). All cost categories were reasonably in line with their budgets. We are seeing lower facility costs offset by outreach and pre-school start up costs. Costs are mainly related to salary/benefits, facilities, admin, and Synod support.

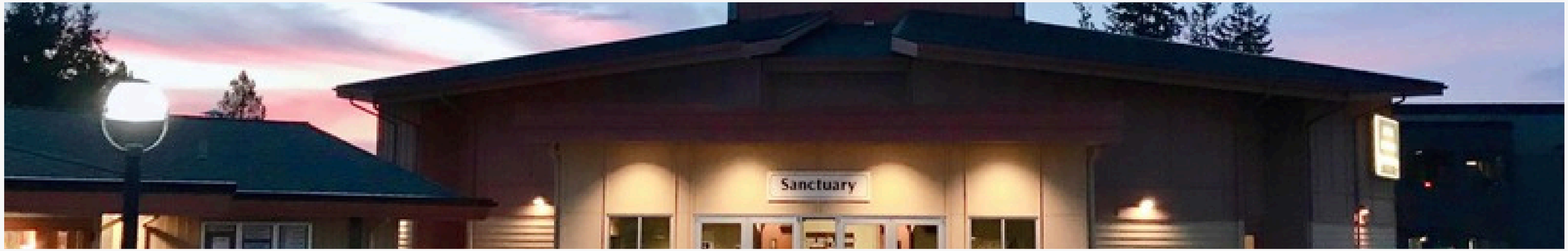




	September YTD Actual	September YTD Budget	YTD Variance	
Income	$ 388,588	$ 379,905	$ 8,683	Excludes funds raised for debt reduction
Expenses / Mortgage Princ.	$ 406,688	$ 408,330	$ (1,642)	
Difference	$ (18,100)	$ (28,425)	$ 10,325	Negative income = pulling from savings to cover bills

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Council ‘s Memo









The Church Council was excited to share “Together We Grow” at the September Ministry Fair. Our goal is to incorporate those 6 vision goals into the everyday life of the congregation. Wiith the assistance of you and the staff, we can do that. Watch for it to show up in our Stewardship Drive, in worship participation, in food distribution events, as Advent’s Preschool grows and as we work to improve the sound system. All of this is possible because you give of your time, talents and treasures.

The Church Council is also updating our church Constitution and By-Laws, as well as some of the policies. The congregation will be asked to approve the revised constitution and our 2027 budget at the annual meeting (scheduled for Sunday, February 7, 2027).

Serving on the Church Council is a way you can understand all the church does and help it function more smoothly. We prayerfully take on the financial and property matters of the church, oversee the administration of the congregation, lead the congregation in fulfilling its mission and seek to involve all members in the life of the church. Do you have a calling to join the council? You can talk to anyone on the council or email churchcouncil@adventlutheran.net

May the Spirit lead us in this season of waiting and rejoicing,

Advent Lutheran Church Council: Gail Walters/President, Miriam Brady/Vice-President, Michael Flynn/Secretary,
Brian Hall/Treasurer, Eric Botterbusch/President Emeritus,Kate Hamner/Youth Representative, Chris Burns, Ray Hoyt, Margaret Duncan, Spencer Noble



Christmas Basket

It is time again for our annual Christmas Baskets. Please join us in bringing a holiday meal with all the fixings to families in need within our community. Plan to fill bags, pack cars, be a delivery driver, or man the pick up table. Have any questions? Reach out to JoAnne Buiteweg at casey.joie@frontier.com.

Little Pantry

Just a year ago, Pastor Anne challenged us to fill the Little Pantry every day as food prices continued to rise in the community. Many thought we wouldn't be able to do it; they figured we'd quickly run through our food stocks and abandon the project. But God provided in a big way! Thanks to your generous food donations, monetary support, and Thrivent grants, we were able to offer a variety of high-quality pantry food items to our neighbors every single day during the past year.

Food is not cheap, and it probably costs us around $4,000-$5,000 annually to fill the pantry every day. But I am convinced that Advent has a heart for this ministry and is committed to supporting it in the coming year. Thank you for your continued generosity as we show God's love by helping our neighbors who struggle with food insecurity!

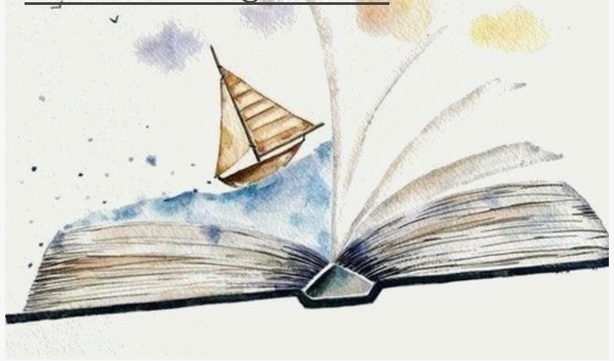
Beyond the Book Club

The Beyond the Book Club will meet on November 11 to discuss American Rambler by Isaac Fitzgerald. The meeting will start at 7 pm on zoom.

In December we will meet on December 13 after church to share our favorite books and have our annual book exchange.

On January 13 we will meet to discuss The Correspondent by Virginia Evans, again at 7 pm on zoom.

All are welcome to attend our meetings - just contact Beth Schneidler for more information at bethschneidler@mac.com



Summer Music

...a look back and a look ahead...

Thank you for all the support for the Fourth Season of Music with Food Trucks on Wednesday Nights during the Summer of 2026.

Plans are under way for our fifth season of music alongside the Food Truck Schedule.

We plan to have many of our favorite artists back in 2027, and add some new voices and instruments. Plan for our second annual Open Mic Night. We had such a good time with the first Open Mic that we'll do it again. Watch the schedule and practice your guitar/mandolin/ukulele/banjo/accordion/piano, warm up your voice, and/or tune your whistle. It's not too soon to think about who you want to invite to a Wednesday night at Advent for a delicious food truck meal, some great music, and an all-around good community time together. Questions? Contact Ken Lysen kenlysen@gmail.com







Adopt-A-Highway

Adopt-a-Highway will start up again in January 23.
You will get a friendly reminder!
See you next year!
Contact Peggy Mauge, maugepl@comcast.net

Mary's Place Giving Tree

Watch for information soon!
Questions? Contact Beth bethschneidler@mac.com



Women's Afternoon Bible Study

The dates for the next 3rd WEDNESDAY Women's Bible Studies are:
November 18th and December 16th, from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Ann, Beth, Sandy and Merry invite YOU to come, see, hear, eat, drink, share, and learn with us!
It's always so good to be together!

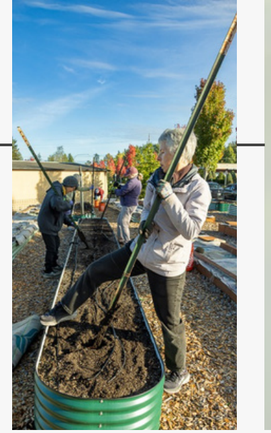


Club SciKidz

Club SciKidz STEM camp is back! We are almost ready to go live next week!
Extra special for ALC members! Use ADVENT25 to receive $25 off Any registration. We are running early bird special until Jan 15th of $499 registration price. Here is the registration link: https://seattlenorth.clubscikidz.com/camp-locations/ Questions, contact Leena at leena@clubscikidz.com.



Garden of Giving



“Thank you for making such a positive difference in my life! All of the fresh organic food has extended my ability to enjoy healthy food. While I’m thankful for what I am receiving on my EBT card monthly - $125, it just does not go very far, as you can well imagine. See you next year, God willing! Bless you all!”

On October 1, 2026, we put the Garden of Giving to bed after a long and productive growing season. Over a period of five months, we harvested a total of 6,460 pounds of fruits and vegetables, most of which we shared this summer with our neighbors at the food sharing tables. A small amount of remaining produce was donated to the Snohomish Community Food Bank. Many hands came together to make this happen: the dedicated garden volunteers, the food bank drivers, and those who worked at the food sharing tables. A big thank-you to all of you who helped make 2026 a very successful Garden of Giving season!

At our food sharing tables, we continued cultivating community with our neighbors from The Vintage and Farm apartments, helping on average between 40-50 visitors each week. Being able to access freshly harvested vegetables and food pantry items free of charge has enabled our neighbors to really stretch their grocery dollar during these difficult economic times. One client recently sent us the following note:

The Garden of Giving is truly a verdant gem in a growing urban environment where people are facing need. But the real miracle of the Garden is that it allows us to connect to our neighbors through the sharing of food and God’s love. It’s surely a good thing!

Thrivent Action Grants



It’s not too late to submit action grant requests for 2026. If you are a Thrivent Member, you have options to use up to two different grants each calendar year. If you are an Associate Member, you have one grant to use. If you have questions or want assistance with submitting a grant request, https://youtu.be/Ii36IkU3b_4?si=oxAj41I6nFMSL9Sr

Contact Ken Lysen
kenlysen@gmail.com





Penny Creek Granny

If you would like to make a financial gift to help the Adventure Grannies support Penny Creek Elementary, please clearly mark your gift in a note or on the memo line as a donation to Penny Creek Adventure Granny.
For more information contact: Ann Carllton annlcarlton@gmail.com

Our theme for this school year is “With You!” and your support of our school community is a perfect example of the spirit of “With You” in action. Words alone cannot express how much your care, awareness of needs and generosity means to us. Sincerely, Liz Ritz, Penny Creek Principal.

Advent Reflections from Columbarium Committee



As we enter the season of Advent, a time of waiting, hope, and holy expectation — we are reminded that God's promises stretch beyond our present moment and into eternity. Advent invites us to reflect not only on Christ's coming into the world, but also on the deep assurance that we belong to God in life, in death, and in the life to come.

Within our congregation, the Columbarium and the For All the Saints memorial wall stand as quiet, sacred witnesses to this promise. They are places of remembrance, gratitude, and hope, spaces where the lives of loved ones are honored within the heart of our church community. Choosing a niche in the Columbarium is a meaningful decision rooted in faith, stewardship, and connection.

- It reflects Christian tradition. Columbariums have historically been part of church life, offering a dignified, sacred resting place within the community of faith.
- It provides simplicity and peace of mind. Planning ahead relieves loved ones of difficult decisions later and ensures that arrangements reflect one's values and wishes.
- It keeps loved ones close. A niche within the church grounds allows family and friends to visit, pray, and remember in a familiar and spiritually comforting setting.

For those who choose burial elsewhere or cremation without placement in the Columbarium, the For All the Saints memorial wall offers a beautiful alternative. An engraved inscription provides:

- A lasting tribute to a loved one's life and faith.
- A place of remembrance within the church community.
- A way for future generations to see and honor the names of those who shaped our congregation's story.

Many families find comfort in knowing that their loved one's name remains woven into the life of the church — remembered in prayer, honored in community, and held in God's eternal care. Advent encourages us to prepare our hearts, our homes, and our lives. It can also be a gentle time to consider end-of-life planning, an act of love that brings clarity and peace to those we care about. If you would like information about purchasing a niche or adding an inscription to the memorial wall, the Columbarium Committee is here to support you with compassion and clarity. We welcome your questions and are glad to walk with you through the options available. May this Christmas season fill you with hope, peace, and the assurance of God's abiding love and presence in all our lives.

-Ray Hoyt, Chair; Fred Row, Vice Chair; Tami Green, Secretary; Sandy Hoyt, Treasurer; Bill Mauge, Columbarium Representative; Phil Clements, Garden Grounds Manager; and Trustees, Walter Libertrau, Sandy Barrett and Nancy Fisher

Chrismon Ornament Meaning

Every year we decorate the tree in the sanctuary with Chrismons to remind us of God's Son, Jesus Christ. The word Chrismon is derived from "Christ Monogram." Chrismons are religious symbols representing many aspects of the Christian faith; they are traditionally white (that signifies joy and holiness) and gold (representing the glory, majesty, and kinship of Jesus). The Chrismon ornaments on the tree in the sanctuary were made by a group of women as a gift to the church. Here is the meaning of some of the symbols you will see on the tree.
Information from https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/chrismons.



Cross

The Cross symbolizes that Christians believe Jesus Christ died for everyone on a Cross.



Fish

The Fish is one of the oldest Christian symbols. The letters, from the Greek word for fish (ichthus), stand for Jesus (I), Christ (X), God (Q), Son (Y), Savior (S).



Chi-Rho

The Chi-Rho looks like a 'P' with an 'X' on top of it. These two letters are the first two letters of the Greek word 'Christos,' which means Christ.



Star of David

The Star of David, sometimes called the Star of Creation, is a symbol that Jesus was a Jew and a descendant of King David.



Crown

The Crown shows that Christians believe Jesus is ruler over heaven and the earth.

Advent Season

Advent is the first season in the church year, comprising the four weeks before Christmas.

The word “Advent” comes from the Latin “to come,” and the church has observed Advent with themes of watchfulness, preparation, and hope. Together we anticipate the celebration of God’s coming in the form of the Christ child and the final coming of Christ in the time to come. >>>continue next page



Chalice

The Chalice is a symbol of Communion and also represents God’s forgiveness.



Triquetra

The Triquetra symbolizes the Trinity, representing the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The continuous interwoven line represents unity.



Dove

The Dove is the symbol of peace and the Holy Spirit. It is shown pointing down to represent the Holy Spirit that appeared as a Dove when Jesus was baptized.



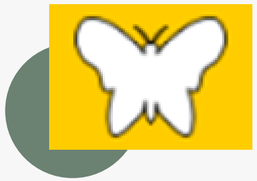
Shell

The Shell is a symbol for baptism. It reminds Christians of the water that they are baptized in.



Angel

The Angel reminds Christians of the angels who told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus and they herald the second coming of Jesus.



Butterfly

The Butterfly is a symbol for transformation and the immortal soul.



Manger

The Manger is a reminder of the humble birth of Jesus.

Each Sunday we light a candle on the Advent wreath in the sanctuary. This year Advent begins on November 29th

The Advent candles hold deep symbolic meanings in the ELCA tradition.

- Hope Candle — The first candle symbolizes hope and expectation as believers await Christ's coming.
- Peace Candle — The second candle represents peace, reflecting God's promise of a peaceful world.
- Joy Candle — The third candle signifies joy, celebrating the joy brought by the Holy Spirit.
- Love Candle — The fourth candle embodies love, reminding worshippers of God's love for humanity.
- Christ Candle — Often white and placed in the center, it is lit on Christmas Eve, symbolizing the arrival of Christ as the light of the world.

Information from ELCA.org.

Rcurring Events

Recurring Events

MONDAYS:

Women’s Bible Study • First Mondays • 7:00–8:00 pm • Contact Christine Maurich at bookreader.maurich@outlook.com

TUESDAYS:

Pastor’s Bible Study •12:00-1:00 pm • Fellowship Hall and on Zoom Meeting ID: 848 2687 0966 / Passcode: 468041

Craft Circle • First and Third Tuesdays, 10:00-11:45 am • A4

Classroom Volunteers at Penny Creek Elementary • 10:00 - 11:00 am • Contact Gail Walters, gail.r.walters@gmail.com before attending

WEDNESDAYS:

Classics Luncheon • Second Wednesdays, 12:30-2:30 pm • Fellowship Hall

Women’s Bible Study • Third Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm • Fellowship Hall

Choir Rehearsal • Every Wednesday • 7:00-8:30 pm • Sanctuary

Book Club • Second Wednesday • 7:00 pm • Via Zoom • Contact Beth Schneidler at bethschneidler@mac.com

THURSDAYS:

Men’s Group • First Thursdays, 10:30-12:00 am • Fellowship Hall

Piecemakers Quilting • First and Third Thursdays • 12:30-2:30 pm • Fellowship Hall

SUNDAYS:

Middle and High School Youth Group • Weekly during School • 6:00-7:30 pm •Youth Room

Conversation with Church Council • First Sundays in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Sunday School

We are in need of volunteers to help lead our Sunday School lessons each week. All supplies & lessons provided. Connect with Bryant if you're ready to help!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Advent Fest**
  Dec 6, 2026
  Create, play, and enjoy lefse at our annual crafting festival for all ages after worship
- **The Lights of Christmas**
  Dec 12, 2026
  Grab tickets and join the carpool as we head north to enjoy The Lights of Christmas at Warm Beach.
- **Pop-Up Pageant**
  Dec 20, 2026
  Dress up and join in our all ages pageant. Celebrate Christ's birth in a fun way!
- **Family Movie Night**
  Feb 5, 2027
  Mark your calendars for an evening of popcorn and a movie together in the Fellowship Hall



Ministry Spotlight

CYF Ministries is All About Reformation

When I started in Children, Youth & Family ministries almost 20 years ago, I thought there was a very distinct way to do it. Keeping age groups together, enjoying their separate ministries, and allowing kids and others to get excited for the next level of Youth Group as they got older. Now as I sit in my office, my questions and thoughts have wonderfully reformed. I constantly wonder,

how do we bring more ages together. How do our oldest members support and show up for our youngest, and vice versa. God has called us to be one people always caring for one another. This comes by finding ways we can show up together each day. I hope as we go into this season of Advent we find new ways on the horizon to support and share God's love together in constant reformation..

Message from the Director

I'm excited for the continued welcoming of new families and friends into all of our ministries here at Advent. The renewed energy I see in all our Children, Youth & Family ministries gives me hope for what we can continue to grow here at Advent and beyond.



Safe Haven Training

Sunday, November 8 | After Worship | A3

Safe Haven training at Advent is required for all adults who work with our Children, Youth & Family ministries. This training is also encouraged for all who are looking to help support and care for all our vulnerable populations that we work and care for at Advent. Once trained you will have the chance to step into the greats roles we have listed in our classified ad here in the newsletter.



Advent Fest

Sunday, December 6
Fellowship Hall
After Worship

Advent Fest returns this Advent season on December 6th. Sign up and share a craft with us, help make lefse, or just come and create with others. Advent Fest is for people of all ages to create and celebrate the hope filled Advent season.

Queer Confirmation

Sundays Starting Nov. 1 | 11am | Youth Room

Queer Confirmation is our new curriculum for our 6th through 9th grade confirmation program. This open and affirming time allows students to explore their faith and see how we are all Beloved in God's eyes. If your student still wants to join, connect with Bryant.

What's Coming Up at Camp Lutherwood



- **Staff Applications Open**
  November 1, 2026
- **Advent Retreat**
  December 5 | 10am-2pm
- **Summer Camp Registration Opens**
  December 2026
- **Elementary Retreat**
  March 12-13, 2027
- **Stay Up to Date and Find Out More Ways to Support**
  camplutherwood.org

Camp Lutherwood is our wonderful camp that we support through sending kids, volunteering, and helping with seeing its continued use to share God's love with all generations. Check out their website to see all the ways you and your family can get involved.



A Pop-Up Pageant for Everyone to Enjoy

Sunday, Dec 20 | 9:30 am

We are looking forward to our Pop-Up Pageant this year. Dress up as your favorite nativity character on December 20th and join us up front as we create and celebrate the story of the Nativity. Have a student who wants to read? Want to help our kids learn the songs? Connect with Bryant and see the ways you can help!

The Lights of Christmas

Saturday, Dec 12 | Meet @ 5 @ Church | Buy Your Tickets On "The Lights of Christmas" Website

Buy your tickets and join with all our families from Advent for a night at Warm Beach Camp for "The Lights of Christmas."

We will meet in the church parking lot to caravan up together. Buy your tickets for the 6:30pm slot on "The Lights of Christmas" website.

Sign up on the Bulletin Board to let us know you're joining in the fun!

YOUTH & FAMILY CLASSIFIEDS

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AND QUICK THANK YOUS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

YG Dinner Preppers

Do you love cooking or prepping food for others? We are looking for people or families who can help feed our Sunday evening Youth Group. If you or your family are interested in helping, connect with Bryant and get on our dinner schedule

Youth Group Mentors

Want a chance to connect with our Middle & High School youth? We are looking for adults who are ready to come support and be part of our Sunday youth groups.
Mentors need to enjoy playing games, going on adventures, and just be present for our youth when they need it.

Sunday School Leads

Are you willing to ive up 2-3 Sundays out of your school year to help lead and guide our young our kids in Sunday School? We are looking for adults who can give 30 minutes of their Sunday along with a little prep time to help our Sunday School progam continue to grow and thrive. To find out more and how to sign up, connect with Bryant.

VBS Team Leads

Are you wanting to see the return of Vacation Bible School to our Advent campus in Summer 2027? Bryant is looking for 2-3 amazing leaders who want to work together to make VBS at Advent a reality. If you would like to help renew an old ministry with some friends, email Bryant today!

Advent Fest Helpers

Do you have a festive craft you would love to teach others? OR would you be willing to lead a craft given to you? We are looking for some festive helpers for our Advent Fest on December 6th.

If you would like to help us create and have fun celebrating the season, connect with Bryant or check out our table outside the Fellowship Hall for more information!

Busy Bag Preppers

Do you love cooking or prepping food for others? We are looking for people or families who can help feed our Sunday evening Youth Group. If you or your family are interested in helping, connect with Bryant and get on our dinner schedule



Thank You Trunk or Treat Volunteers!

We had a wonderful turn out of families from church, the preschool, and our friends at Penny Creek show up and join us. A huge thanks to all our trunk decorators and other volunteers who welcomed our community on our campus for a fun celebration!

Intergenerational Fun Guides

Would you like to help us learn, discover, and grow how we bring together all generations? We are looking to grow a team of volunteers that work to plan multi-generational events throughout the year for all to come and enjoy.
If you think this is something you'd be interested in, email Bryant and let's meet up!

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

STAY UP ON WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR OUR 6TH THORUGH 12TH GRADE CREW



Youth Group Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec 20 | 6-7:30ish | Youth Room

Join us as we have our final Youth Group of 2026 and celebrate Christmas together. We will play festive games, have a sock swap, enjoy good food and so much more!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Friendsgiving Potluck**
  Nov 22, 2026
  Celebrate all we're thankful for with a fun potluck and Thanksgiving games!
- **SKY Night at Advent**
  Dec 3, 2026
  Join in hosting our friends for some advent festivities and games in the Fellowship Hall
- **The Lights of Christmas**
  Dec 13, 2026
  We're carpooling up for a Youth Group trip to see The Lights of Christmas
- **Christmas Food Baskets**
  Dec 19, 2026
  Come help us as we build over 200 meal kits for families in need



ELCA Youth Gathering

Imagine More, Ways to Grow Together

The ELCA Youth Gathering is a triennial event that moves across the country bringing together over 20,000 youth, leaders, and young adults for a near week of faith-building, worship, service, fun, and so much more. The goal of the Gathering is to be a space where our students not only explore their faith but begin and continue to find their voice in the larger church. Students that are able to attend the Gathering find new ways to see and understand what it means to be the church in the world. The Gathering is open to all current 8th through 12th grade students. If you are still on the fence or want to invite someone you know, connect with Bryant. We want to take every student who wants to come. Mark your calendars for June 26-July 2, 2027 and sign up today!

Priority Registration Closes Nov. 8

In order to keep our costs down for the Gathering and to get priority on housing and more we are signing up in the "Priority" window. All registrations need to be in to Bryant no later than Sunday, November 8th.

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