Upcoming EVENTS

- Wednesdays in Lent - Soup at 6:00, Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00pm
- Everybody’s Closet Event - Saturday, April 13, 10:00am
- Easter - April 21
  7:30am Outdoor Sunrise Service 8:30 & 10:30am Traditional Worship
- April 28 - Installation of Bryant Williams as Youth & Family Director

Cut Flowers for the cross on Easter Sunday
Do you have flowers blooming? Help decorate the cross in front of the Fellowship Hall on Easter Morning, April 21st, by bringing cut flowers. What a beautiful symbol of rebirth by covering the cross in flowers.

Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday - April 18
11:00am and 7:00pm Worship

Good Friday - April 19
11:00am and 7:00pm Worship

Easter - April 21
7:30am Outdoor Sunrise Service
8:30am and 10:30am Traditional Worship
We are driving toward Easter. We are pushing toward Easter. We are on pilgrimage toward Easter. We are moving toward those days when feet are washed and blood is shed and darkness descends upon a world where the light of life is laid in a tomb. We are heading toward the great surprise, the stone rolled away, the abandoned grave cloths, and the breathing out of a new and Holy Spirit.

We are driving toward Easter. We are driving not only toward this Easter celebration in this year we call 2019, we are driving toward that great resurrection when every grave is opened, when swords are beaten into plowshares, when the lion lies down with the lamb, and when every tear is wiped away. We are traveling from life into life. Whatever language and metaphor we use to describe a world set right, we are moving toward a cosmos where evil is vanquished and life reigns.

We are driving toward Easter. We are driving not only toward the great resurrection when every grave is opened, we are driving toward our own resurrection, when what is laid in the dust is recreated.

51 Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. (1 Corinthians 15:51-53)

We are driving toward Easter. The Word of God is chipping away even now at our brokenness, fashioning us into the image of Christ. The life of Christ is becoming part of the fabric of our being, even as the elements of the bread and wine become part of our living cells. The breath of the Spirit is breathing upon us and into us. The potter is molding us to be vessels for God’s use.

Yes, God loves us just the way we are, but God never leaves us just the way we are. God is a transforming presence, a creating and recreating Word. God loves us fully and completely, without reservation, despite what we or others may think about ourselves. God would see God’s grace, God’s laughter, God’s life, God’s love, and God’s generosity born in us even now.

We are at the midpoint of Lent, and we are driving toward Easter.
Now and always.

Glad to be on the journey with you,

Star Words

In the Season of Epiphany we received Star Words in worship to help guide our way of faith during the year. As we drew them out of the water of the Baptismal Font (no peeking!), and held up the wet wooden star with our "word" on it, wasn't it amazing how appropriately the words fit into our lives? Not what we wanted, or what we were hoping for, but who we are, and who we are becoming. Be sure to share your stories as you live with your Star Word this year! (If you missed out on getting your Star Word, talk to Pastor Scott and he'll get you set up.)
Lenten Midweek Soup Supper and Service

We finish our Wednesday evenings with April 3 & 10 where we gather to share a soup supper at 6:00, and then a brief worship at 7:00. Invite your neighbors, friends, and family! Wednesdays during Lent are a time when you don’t have to worry about what to fix for dinner, a time when you can gather with your Advent family and friends, and a time to engage your faith. Let these Lenten evenings be a beautiful point of peace for you and your family in the middle of your week. We take an offering Wednesday to support one of our partner ministries each week.

Supper Prep
April 3 Council / Book Club
April 10 Bible Study Groups / Education

Offering Recipient
April 3 Everett Gospel Mission
April 10 Penny Creek Elementary Outreach

Adult Forum - Sunday, May 5th!
Join us between worship services in the Fellowship Hall as we take an in depth look at Daniel Erlander’s “Baptized We Live.” “Baptized We Live” explores Daniel Erlander’s unique vision of the Lutheran faith as a way of teaching, worshiping, and living. This rich, compelling book has guided generations interested in enriching their faith in a meaningful way. Covers topics like history, liturgy, the Eucharist, saying yes and no, and more.

Contact the church office for more information.
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Worship Schedule
8:30am and 10:30am - Worship
9:45am - Sunday School, A1
9:45am - Adult Forum, Fellowship Hall

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Advent Voice
is the monthly newsletter of Advent Lutheran Church
The deadline for articles is the 15th of each month.
Please submit articles, graphics, and photos to churchoffice@AdventLutheran.net

We currently have two Advent Lutheran Church pages. We will be transitioning to just one on April 4th. Please “like” the page that has Religious Organization under our name, Advent Lutheran Church. We will be deleting the page that says Mill Creek, WA. Thanks and make sure to "Like" our page! https://www.facebook.com/Advent-Lutheran-Church-177910102556/
We are excited to introduce

Bryant Williams
Advent's new Youth & Family Director
Bryant will begin April 22

Bryant has always been a part of the church. He grew up in University Place going to Mount Cross Lutheran, where his family still attends to this day. Bryant spent his college years at Trinity Lutheran College while it was in Issaquah, WA and graduated with a Bachelor’s in Children, Youth & Family Studies with emphasis in outdoor education and Biblical Studies.

Since moving back to Washington in 2013, Bryant has been serving in youth and family ministry up and down the I-5 corridor. He sits on the NW Washington Synod’s Children, Youth & Family Committee, works as a part of the Hospitality Team for the ELCA’s Children, Youth & Family Extravaganza each year, and loves getting out to local camps to serve and support when he has the chance. Bryant loves proclaiming God’s love for everyone and showing it to all he meets.

Bryant married his wife Stina in 2010, and they currently live in Everett with their cat Guinness, dog Lola, and 3 chickens Susan, Romy, and Michelle.

When he is not at church, Bryant loves watching or playing sports, singing, being outside, reading, trying new micro-breweries, or catching up on all the different movies.

Bryant will begin his ministry with us on April 22.

Please keep Bryant and Stina in your prayers as they make the transition to Advent, and be thinking about how you can best support Youth & Family Ministry at Advent.

Stewardship Moment

As we see the glory of spring, let’s remember to give thanks to the Creator who designed the world with rhythms and cycles of life that operate with incredible precision. When you stop to smell the roses, take a minute to say thank you to the supreme Gardener, and to share your gifts of time and resources to support the ongoing ministries here at Advent.

*The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship. Psalm 19:1*
Palm Sunday, April 14th, begins in the Fellowship Hall for a joyful procession with palms, remembering the noisy crowd ascending to Jerusalem for Passover and the acclamation of Jesus as Israel’s true king. The joyful celebration leads us into Holy Week to ponder the dramatic turn of events up until the triumph of Easter morning. Join us during an intergenerational Sunday School time between services to make palm crosses!

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**Easter Egg Candy!**

This year’s Easter Egg Hunt will take place after both the 8:30 and 10:30 services Easter Sunday, April 21st. Help us fill the bin in the Fellowship Hall with candy and plastic eggs, for the hunt! (Individually wrapped, nut-free please.)

**Easter Garden**

We will continue taking orders for the annual Easter Garden plants to decorate the sanctuary through April 7th. Order forms are available in the church office. For questions contact Deb Shaffer, 425-346-5703, or dshaffer1@aol.com

**Easter Worship**

7:30am Outdoor Sunrise Service  
(For sunrise worship, we'll meet at the chapel in the lawn, so dress for the weather, bring an umbrella to keep away any rain, and a lawn chair!)

8:30am & 10:30am Traditional Worship  
Invite your friends and neighbors as we proclaim Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed, alleluia, alleluia! Enjoy a morning of festive worship, egg hunts for the kids, and finger food between services.
5th Tuesday Leadership Event

Attention all ministry leaders!

A new opportunity to let your voice be heard.

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 p.m.

Any organization (family or multi-national organization or anything in between) works better and achieves more when they have a common goal, focus, and objective. By checking in with each other regularly, we’ll keep Advent moving forward and growing spiritually and in service through fun and camaraderie.

Please join with other Advent leaders on Tuesday, April 30. We will come together to get to know each other and our passions for Advent a little better. We will focus on one or two ministries to learn more about what they are doing and how they are leading Advent into the future.

This group will get together 3-4 times per year (whenever there are 5 Tuesdays in a month). In 2019, that includes July 30 and October 29.

If you have questions, please contact Kim Hall bk.hall@comcast.net.

Adopt-A-Highway

Saturday, April 27th!

Ages 15 and up are invited to help us keep our portion of 132nd St. clean. We’ll meet in the parking lot at Advent at 9am on April 27th. Bring gloves and water. Contact Chuck Christensen for more information.

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- **CF** = Conference Room
- **FH** = Fellowship Hall
- **A** = A building
- **SAN** = Sanctuary
- **Garden**

**April 2019**

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If you would like to add or delete something from the church calendar or have questions about room availability, please contact Jennifer in the church office 425-337-5373 or churchoffice@adventlutheran.net
Lynnwood Community Band
Spring Concert

Friday, April 5th, 7:00pm.

Admission is free.
All ages are welcome.
Food bank donations are appreciated!

Friday April 5th, 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Grab some gloves and come help clean!

Saturday, April 6, 9:00am

Join us, Saturday, April 6, 9:00am, as we are get ready to deep clean Advent in time for Easter. We need some volunteers to help clean and polish all our wood! We have supplies, just bring some gloves and enthusiasm! We'd love to have lots of help so it goes quickly. If you have questions, contact Bernice Clements, 425-337-2135.