

Weekly E-News November 19, 2021

THOUGHT FOR THE JOURNEY....

Last weekend felt somewhat strange. I wasn't sick, not on vacation and it wasn't COVID-related, but I wasn't at Advent for church on Sunday. After as many years as I have attended and pastored churches on Sunday, it was odd.



I was invited to officiate at Scott and Kayla Rhoades' daughter's wedding in Topeka, KS, close to where she graduated from Kansas State University in the spring. This gave a chance for her friends and also family members living close by to have more convenience in being able to attend the wedding.

I had the opportunity to meet a number of people, get to know the Rhoades' better, enjoy great rehearsal and wedding meals, and be a part of the show. And what a marvelous show it was. It is my opinion that Kelcy and her now-husband Cordell are an excellent match. We all get the romantic day of the wedding when things seem to look beautiful and rosy even if there are cracks in the foundation. I didn't see this as I talked with them before the wedding and came to understand and appreciate the deep love and respect these two young people have for each other.

The wedding was at a "wedding venue" out in the countryside, south of Topeka, by a lake. I've been critical of "venues" because I'm partial to Christian weddings being in a church. But, there was something spiritual about the place, and the beauty of an outdoor wedding on a cold, blustery day, by a beautiful lake as the sun was setting. It was a God-moment. And the venue, Willows Bend, became the cathedral for those who had come to support the couple and attend a worship, where God was praised and invited into the marriage, not only of Kelcy and Cordell, but as a reminder of the holiness of marriage to the 250 folks in attendance.

I came back humbled by the experience and after all these years of being a pastor, I was reminded that God shows up in the places of our lives, whether it's a shopping mall, a Cowboy's game or at a wedding on a lake in Kansas. I was reminded that God is present everywhere and when we look for Him, we become part of the blessing that he gives and the hope and love He offers.

Peace, Pastor Joel

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Joel".

GENEROSITY REPORT

GENERAL OFFERING 11/4-11/10	YEAR TO DATE THRU OCT. 31ST
BUDGET: \$ 11,482	INCOME: \$ 184,420
ACTUAL: \$ 7,234	EXPENSES: \$ 201,163
DIFFERENCE: \$ (4,248)	\$ (16,743)

Our Vanco mobile app is now live! Invitation code is **4B6GP7**

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*Give a gift to the Endowment Fund
Now or as a bequest in your will.*



Since the mortgage is paid off, (YAY!) we will not have a "Gift for the ChristChild" this year. Please consider giving to **Christmas Ministry** in its stead. The inability to have fundraisers has left the account sadly depleted. We hope to provide for 38 children this year.

Congregational flautist, **Jackie Essman's** senior flute recital will be on November 20th at 3:30pm at Iron's Recital Hall on the campus of UTA. You are all invited to attend.



THE LORD'S PANTRY FOR THANKSGIVING



We still need salad oil, brown sugar & jelly. Thank you to all who have already contributed the other items. We will continue to collect on Sunday, November 21.

We would love for you to help pack it on Monday November 22 at 9:00AM in Luther Hall, and then distribute the bags on that evening at 5:15PM. Come and see how happy the people are to receive your donations. If you have any questions call me at 817 228-6232. - Carol Kocher

Do you wish to receive a visit from one of our Eucharistic Ministers?

If you have been vaccinated, notify the church office and one of the coordinators will contact you to make arrangements.

817.465.6793 or **adventlc@alctx.org**



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 1, 2021

1:00 pm in the Gathering Room

Please join us and bring your knitting, crocheting,
loomng or just come to visit..



Advent's Lutheran World Relief Quilters

The LWR In-gathering was held in North Texas on Saturday, November 13. The Advent Quilters were able to send: 210 Quilts; 109 School Kits; and 137 Baby Kits. There are a total of 52 boxes that will be sent out globally to those in need.

Thank you to everyone who has donated and/or contributed to make this happen. A special thank you to Joyce Rearick for delivering all the boxes to Plano on Saturday.

If you are interested in helping - and there are many ways to do so: cutting, sewing, tying - or if you just want to come and visit, please do so. The group meets every Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to noon in Adventure Center room 103. If you can come for the entire morning or just an hour, we would love to have you join us.

