

Mid-May 2019

THOUGHTS FOR THE JOURNEY

"Your Generosity Matters – To Your Kids"



Everything we do communicates something to somebody. I had an old principal when I was in grade school say that to us at least once a month. It stuck! If you have kids or grandkids, you know this is especially true of parenting or grand-parenting. Your kids catch what you say and what you do. And often, they will say and do the same. Everything you do as a parent or grandparent matters.

I remember when my son was probably 5 years old, he was riding in the car with me. And he was very upset. He was upset because of something he thought was unfair. He said that we, as a family, gave to others, but others didn't give to us. In his mind, there was a lack of mutual generosity. I told him that people were actually very generous to us, and I gave him a couple of examples. But I also shared how we don't give to others to get from others. We give because of what God gave us. I still remember it because it was a very good conversation between Caleb and myself.

The conversation was another reminder, amongst many, that our son was watching my wife and me closely. And at that time, the one aspect of our lives he witnessed was our generosity. Our generosity matters to our kids. And so does your generosity.

Here's what happens when kids get to see the generosity of their parents/grandparents:

1. **They learn what it looks like to trust God.** Letting go of your money and possessions takes trust. When you let go of those things you demonstrate trust in God. Your kids see that.
2. **They see what it looks like to put others first.** Matthew 7:12 says the exact same thing, "As followers of Jesus, we put others before ourselves". And when others are generous to your family, tell them how your family is being put before their other needs because of their love for Jesus. It is a powerful lesson kids will learn.
3. **They observe what it means to lay up treasures in heaven.** They are able to see what it means to build up God's Kingdom by helping others, not necessarily our own kingdom.
4. **They witness the blessings of generosity.** There are wonderful blessings associated with generosity. There are blessings now and in the future. And the sense often that we are part of something much larger than ourselves. As Paul says in I Timothy 6:19, we get to "take hold of that which is truly life."

Everything we do communicates something to our kids. This thought humbles and, sometimes, terrifies me. Your generosity to your church, others, and the community matters. It matters to you. It matters to God's Kingdom. And it matters to your kids.

Peace,

Pastor Joel

Rest Eternal

Memorial services

Phil Howard's service will be at noon on May 18
Don Geist's service will be at 4:00pm on May 19
A meal will follow each service.

DiscipleLife SUMMER 2019

Sundays 9:45-10:45am



Just like there are rules for playing each of these games, God has given us specific rules for how we are to live. Each week we will use a different classic game, connect them to God's Word, and learn the "Games You Should Play" and "Games You Shouldn't Play."

Do you have one of these games we can borrow???

Chutes & Ladders

Connect Four

The Game of Life (Junior)

Sorry

Trouble

Battleship

Candy Land

Checkers

Hungry Hippos

Jenga

Operation

We will need 3-4 of each game.

Please contact Greta if you can lend us one of these games.



Summer & Confirmation Camp 2019 July 28th – Aug 2nd

All money must be given directly to Greta with checks made out to Advent Lutheran Church (DO NOT PUT IN OFFERING PLATE & DO NOT PAY BRIARWOOD.)

YOUTH INFO

JUNE Second Sunday

Sunday, June 9th--Following 11 o'clock Service

Lunch (Location to be determined). Bring \$ to pay for your lunch.

THEN TO: Mountasia Family Fun Center

8851 Blvd 26 North Richland Hills, TX 76180

Enjoy Bumper Boats, Go-Karts, and Miniature Golf.

There will be no admission charge, as funds will be used from the Advent Youth Budget.

We do need 10 Youth to attend in order to get the group rate. BRING A FRIEND!

Please RSVP to Thane the number attending: 817-797-9446



PARENT DRIVERS NEEDED!! Please let Thane know if you can take a car load there and back to Advent.

(Your admission will be covered).

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FUN4LUNCH BUNCH

is going to the Oasis at Joe Pool Lake
5700 Lake Ridge Pkwy on
Thursday, May 16th @ noon.
Anyone 55+ is welcome to join them.



MEN OF ADVENT

Come join us for dinner on June 5th @ 6:30 pm at
Walk-Ons Bistreaux 401 E Interstate-20

Contact Tom Ness or Dick Wentzel with questions.



Volunteers can register online as well as attendees

THE SAILOR'S BIBLE

Creative Arts Camp

Advent Lutheran Church - 3232 S. Cooper St.
Arlington TX 76015

June 17th - 21st
9 am - 12:30 pm
Performance June 21st @ 6:30 pm

For children going into Kindergarten - 8th Grade
Register @ alctx.org

2019 GRADUATES



If you have a son or daughter that is graduating from high school, college or graduate school this May/June, Advent wants to know. Please call Pastor Joel with the name or fill out the Connection card on Sunday with name, school and date of graduation. Thanks!!!! Graduation Day at Advent is June 9th.

FYI: The SLAM Bake Sale has been postponed until November.
We will let you know the exact date when it has been rescheduled.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

MEMBERS REQUESTING PRAYERS

MOURNING LOSS: Essman/Tinsley family (Jackie's grandfather, John 5.6); Phil Howard family (4.19); Don Geist family (4.20)

HEALING: Jake Jaquish, Kelcy Rhoades, Jeff Horn, Oahn & Lan Nguyen, Ray Tills, Roberta Dennis, Jim Moree, Boyd Tolles, Dianna Thibault, Keith Hutchins, Rita Beck, Jack Davis, Kathy Clay, Gottfried Weber, Earl Horn, Dee & Tom Riggelman, Dave Lindell, Maddie Johnson, Cambri Collins, John Staehle, Gil Ginn

HOSPITALIZED: Carolyn Davis

WISDOM/STRENGTH/GUIDANCE: Emily Cook, Allen Hatfield, Gloria Cramer, Gwen Oller

LONG-TERM CARE: George Dennis, Doris Heikkinen, Dolores Trokey, Allen Sowle, JoAnn Kelley, Vivian Jacobson

MILITARY: Cpt. Jeff Horn Jr., Ben Bailey



Prayers requested for Non-Member Friends, Relatives

MOURNING LOSS FAMILY & FRIENDS of: Fred Foerster (5/2), Bill Robertson

GOOD TEST RESULTS: Jeanette

HOSPITALIZED: Evelyn Lawvere, Joann Godell, Rick Hovey, Susan Mertes

AWAITING BIRTH: Kelly Agorichas

HEALING: Linda Shannon, Matt Shannon, Beverly Bishoff, Jolynn Beck, Bria, Mary Thedford, Darlene Keithly, Amoreena & Briella, Mary, JoLynn Beck, Kim Cook, Melissa, Branson, Kayla Smith, Charlotte Brown, Francis Greene, Wally Sundet

COMFORT/WISDOM/STRENGTH/GUIDANCE/SAFETY: Nick Agorichas, Janet Bethany, Charlotte Lewis, Dee Robertson, Kathy & family

MILITARY: Dylan Hoog, Mike Kelly, Avery Shaw, Ben Reswick, Andrew Musfeldt, Travis Guidry, Matt Dennis

PRAYER PARTNER: Green Oaks School, Malaika Children's Orphanage Foundation, UTA Lutheran Center, APD Officer Darren Vercruyse, Kairos Prison Ministry

Lord, hear our prayer!



Senior Led Active Ministry

The next SLAM meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11th at 2:00PM in the Gathering Room.

The informational speaker will be a representative from Home Instead.

