

Advent Herald

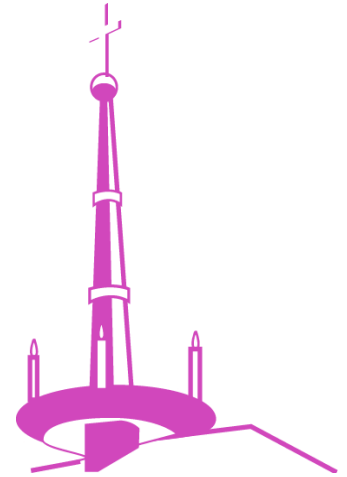
JANUARY
2010

PASTOR'S CLASS

Begins Sunday, Jan. 10

THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

- Saul the Jew – What is your identity?
- The calling and conversion – What does it mean to be called by Christ?
- First Journey – How far have I gone to share Christ?
- Second Journey – Has the world always been this bad?
- Third Journey – Sometimes we have to be reminded
- Farewell to Jerusalem – May the will of the Lord be done
- The Fearful Journey – ditto



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**Churches Grow When
People Invite their
Friends**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING

Sunday School Teachers Meeting, Saturday, Jan 9 at 10:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall for all teachers and anyone interested in Christian education at Advent.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

JAN 01 Jeyatheva, Samuel
JAN 04 Kah, Cynthia
JAN 05 Kakabadze, Teresa
JAN 06 Hunt, Linda
JAN 07 Lindner, Marty
JAN 08 Rardon, Barbara
JAN 12 Medors, Max
JAN 13 Olson, Carter
JAN 14 Seifert, Becky
JAN 16 Baran, Greta
JAN 16 Jacobs, Beverly
JAN 16 Parker, Jennifer
JAN 17 Baran, Christopher
JAN 18 Brown, Doris
JAN 18 McKinney, Amy
JAN 18 Rupert, Scott
JAN 18 Scott, Virginia
JAN 20 Wagner, Emery
JAN 21 Cockerill, Susan
JAN 23 Benedict, Jeanne
JAN 23 Lusk, Grace
JAN 23 Murphy, Margaret
JAN 24 Murphy, Lucia
JAN 24 South, Jared
JAN 27 Bolzenius, Ruth
JAN 28 Wagner, Kara
JAN 30 Yoder, Diane

2010 FLOWER CHART

The **2010** Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board above the ushers stand in the Narthex. Sign up for birthdays, anniversaries, or in memory of your loved ones. The cost is \$17.00 each vase. Contact person – Beckie Evans-Zaebst – 870-4724.

ADVENT SCRIP

We remind all Advent members and friends that SCRIP sales are available after every service. Proceeds from SCRIP sales go toward support of our youth programs and other ministries at Advent. Of special interest is the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Visit the SCRIP table for more details. Contact person—George Zaebst—870-4724 or gzaebst@gmail.com

HERALD GUIDELINES

- The deadline is the third Sunday of each month. Please mark it on your calendar
- When submitting articles, always put in writing to avoid mistakes.
- Sign and date all articles. Please leave a number where you may be reached in case of questions.
- Be sure your article answers the questions: who, what, when, and where.
- We reserve the right to edit all articles.
- If you would prefer to download articles from your computer to the church office, Mary's E-mail address is secy@adventelc.org.

Please note: Any articles that are late are not guaranteed to be put into the *Herald*. Articles will be inserted if there is space and available time before being sent to print.

*Check out Advent's
web-page—
www.adventelc.org*

PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

First of all, on behalf of Judy and me, THANK YOU for the beautiful cards and very thoughtful remembrances this Christmas Season and especially the most generous congregational gift.. We are so very grateful that you are all in our lives and that we can worship and work together to proclaim Christ as the Savior.

I feel so blessed to share in your faith lives and to work with such a wonderful and gifted staff. It is hard to believe that we are approaching our 6th anniversary with Advent. The time has gone so quickly.

As we begin to look forward to the New Year I do have a couple of key goals in mind. One is to do a congregational survey to find out what the staff and I can do to serve you better and to enable you to serve Christ in some very specific ways. I would like to get a clearer understanding of our worship patterns, and try to develop some specific goals in terms of broader congregational participation in the various ministries at Advent. The second goal is to develop a program to build on what I have in the past called, "our Advent Sunday Morning Players." If there is interest, the use of theater could really augment our Sunday experience. Third, the Social Concerns team is looking at some sort of annual fund raiser to allow Advent to have a special fund just for significant help to members if and when there is a special need; job loss, illness, unexpected death, etc. And finally, I would like to set up some sort of series of small group or cottage meetings so that we can share time in prayer and in discussion about our faith and life together in this congregation and the broader Church.

I hope you can see how all of the above ties into **our** Mission Statement: Love God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others, Make Disciples.

Blessings,

Pastor Saunders

LSS FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers needed for the 3rd Saturday each month. Contact Pastor Saunders for more information 451-3639 or 570-9742.

Volunteers are needed for the 3rd Saturday in January. If interested, contact Pastor.

PRAYER REQUESTS – SEND THEM TO prayers@adventelc.org

ADVENT GO-GETTERS

(Empty Nesters, Singles and Friends) – The Great Pizza Hunt will continue in February. Save Friday evening, February 5th for our next get together.



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request for our prayer chain, please email your request to prayers@adventelc.org. Shawn Fiegelist is now handling prayer chain requests.

MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Mid week Bible Study resumes on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 2:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. We continue our study of 1 CORINTHIANS. We will be looking at chapter 8 at the Jan. 5 meeting.

COMPUTERS

We apologize that our computers in the church office haven't been online to receive emails. We hope that the problems are now fixed.

Thanks,

Mary Garland

Our Mission is to:

Worship God...

Follow Jesus...

Serve others...

Make disciples.

ASSISTING MINISTERS & ACOLYTES IN JANUARY

	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
8:30 a.m.	Carl Lahman Jessica Cronau	Wade Meyer Haakon Borstad	John Borstad	Linda Hunt Berit Borstad	Christopher Meyer Matthew Meyer
11:00 a.m.	Amy Lytle Cole Rardon	Larry Seifert Ella Wilson	Ben Pforsich Camden Gallucci	Jennifer Parker Hendry Ratnam	Julie Page Mallory Wilson

ADVENT CHOIR

The members of Advent's choir will be joining the choir of Northwest Christian Church to sing "The Seven Last Words of Christ". This is part of their Chalice Arts Series and will take place on February 21 at 3:00 p.m. More information to come in February.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Will be held on Sunday afternoon January 24, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. Prospective new members are invited to meet Advent's staff and Church Council.

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

Pastor has been approached by parents interested in first communion instruction for their children. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex in January. All interested families should sign up there and instruction will be given during Lent so that those completing the training can commune for the first time on Easter Sunday.

The time of the classes will be determined after those who are interested sign up. We can work out a mutually convenient time for all families.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

New members will be received on Sunday February 7 at the service of your choice. A fellowship reception will be held at 9:45 a.m. between the services.

CHRISTMAS WITH PASTOR

Christmas with Pastor was a REALLY big hit this year. There were 25 children that participated. Thanks to Judy Saunders, Jean Pontious, Larry and Sandy Carpenter for helping with movies, cookies, music and general crowd control. There were also several of our older youth who pitched in and did a great job with the younger kids, too.

YOUTH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Cookie Mission Project— Seven of Advent's family went to Lutheran Village (Summit Trace) and delivered approximately 900 cookies to the residents, staff, and families there.

Christmas Program—37 Shepherds, Angels, Wise Men, Kings, Scribes, Sheep, Cows, and Donkeys made the Nativity story come to life as Advent's youth, Catechism, and younger, presented the Christmas Program. Excellent job by all and what a great way to prepare for the birth of our Lord!

Youth Christmas Party—Ten youth went skating, then Seven came back to Matt's house and had a great time exchanging gifts, eating, playing games, and generally making Matt's house a mess, thanks Jessica!!! (It's Christmas!!)

Youth Choir—Thirteen youth participated in the debut of the Youth Choir at the 4:30 service on Christmas Eve. Great job singers!!!

Y²—Five youth attended as we discussed what the Bible says about Jesus.

LIVE NATIVITY

Wow, what a year! This was by all accounts the largest Live Nativity of Advent's history, going back probably about 38 years. It would truly be impossible to count how many people attended but estimates are between 325-350 people. There were people everywhere all the time: outside, in the Narthex, in the Fellowship Hall, and at the costuming station. A new addition this year was the craft project for the children to do while parents visited in the Fellowship Hall. At least 35 children did the craft project, thank you to Tara Rhea for all her hard work!

With the addition of a new structure this year, there were some unanswered questions about how it would work. It worked to perfection! A HUGE thank you to Jim Blazek for tackling this difficult task of providing an appropriate and safe structure for the event.



Thank you to Jean Pontious for arranging all the music in the Narthex. The music was wonderful. Also there was a new ministry that began that night when the Youth Choir sang a song! Thank you to Jennifer Parker, Jerry Kasai, Sylvia Wallace, Norma Pitts, Becky Seifert, Stephanie Graf, John Bolzenius, Allan MacDonald, Amy Rae Bashforth, Ruth Bolzenius, Jason Hunt and anyone else that made this event a complete and total success!!!

We truly are blessed here at Advent!!

ADVENT CHURCH COUNCIL

If any members have any issues to be brought before the council, please feel free to contact any member. Council meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Advent. All members are welcome.

Jim Blazek	614-579-0183
John Borstad	614-487-0053
Ed Cooper -- Pres.	614-889-9015
Carl Lahman	614-326-0982
Isabel Leonard -- Fin. Sec. (appointed)	614-558-0338
Amy Lytle -- Sec.	614-799-1898
Allan MacDonald	614-529-1317
Nancy Neiner	614-784-9118
Chris Reik	614-326-0523
Brian Rhea -- Treas. (appointed)	614-353-7567
Ron Tvorik -- V.P.	614-851-8606
Pastor Saunders	614-457-6247

MEN'S SALT GROUP

Men's Salt Group will reconvene on Thursday morning, January 7, at 7:00 A.M.

The Sharing and Learning Together is a men's group that starts the day with a devotional and prayer and general discussion prompted by the devotional for the day. Sometimes the discussion is theological in nature and sometimes not so much.

MISSION STATEMENT

**Worship God, Serve Others,
Follow Jesus, Make Disciples**

Opportunities to SERVE OTHERS
(But, Lord, when did I feed, visit or help you...?
When you helped one of the least of these,)

Upcoming Youth Activities

January 2010			
01/10	5:30 p.m.	Youth Meeting	Jr./ Sr.
		Catechism	Cat.
01/12	6:30 p.m.	Y ²	Y ²
01/15-18	4:30 p.m.	Ski Trip Retreat	Jr.
01/16	11:30 a.m.	LSS Food Pantry	Cat.
01/17	5:30 p.m.	Catechism	Cat.
01/24	5:30 p.m.	Youth Meeting	Jr./ Sr.
		Catechism	Cat.
01/26	6:30 p.m.	Y ²	Y ²
01/31	A.M. Services	5th Sunday	All
	5:30 p.m.	Catechism	Cat.

LOOKING AHEAD FEBRUARY'S SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Program	Location
Feb. 01	7:00 PM	BEARS Enrollment for Advent Members Begins Scrap-Booking	
Feb. 03	6:15 PM	Brownie Troop # 464 Building Use	Fellowship Hall
Feb. 04	7:00 AM 6:30 PM 6:45 /7:30 PM	Men's SALT Group Angels Choir Bell Choir/Adult Choir	Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Feb. 06	TBD	Progressive Dinner	Multiple Locations
Feb. 07	9:45 AM 9:45 AM 3:30 PM	SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY 1st Sunday Fellowship Sunday School/Adult Learning Youth Valentine Care Packages	Between the Services Ed Wing/Fellowship Hall
Feb. 08	7:00 PM	Team Meetings	
Feb. 09	4:45 PM 7:00 PM	Staff Meeting Social Concerns	Pastor's Study Pastor's Study
Feb. 10	1:00 PM	Naomi Circle	Narthex
Feb. 11	7:00 AM 6:30 PM 6:45 /7:30 PM	Men's SALT Group Angels Choir Bell Choir/Adult Choir	Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Feb. 12	7:00 PM	No BEARS Preschool Euchre Group 2 Youth Quake	
Feb. 14	9:45 AM 10:00 AM	SS/Adult Learning Worship & Witness	Fellowship Hall Jean's Office
Feb. 15		NO BEARS OFFICE CLOSED	PRESIDENT'S DAY
Feb. 16	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Council	Fellowship Hall
Feb. 17	11:30 AM 7:00 PM	Out to Lunch Bunch Ash Wednesday Service	
Feb. 18	6:30 PM 6:45 /7:30 PM	Angels Choir Bell Choir/Adult Choir	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Feb. 19	6:30 PM	Euchre Group 1	
Feb. 20	9:00 AM 11:30 AM	Cleaning Day LSS Food Pantry	

LOOKING AHEAD FEBRUARY'S SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Feb. 21	9:45 AM 5:30 PM	SS/Adult Learning Catechism NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	Ed Wing/Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall
Feb. 22	4:45 PM 6:30 PM	Staff Meeting Y ²	Pastor's Study
Feb. 24	6:30 PM 7:15 PM	Lenten Soup Supper Lenten Service	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Feb. 25	6:30 PM 6:45 /7:30 PM	Angels Choir Bell Choir/Adult Choir	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Feb. 28	9:45 AM 5:30 PM	SS/Adult Learning Catechism	Ed Wing/Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall

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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

“Let mutual love continue.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:1-2

Please join us for our **First Sunday Fellowship** in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, February 7th**, following the **early service**. February's theme is **Love Treats**. Please bring your favorite romantic or Valentine type food to share. March's first Sunday theme is Irish treats. Please bring your favorite green or Irish food to share.

Upcoming Events

Advent's Annual Pancake Supper and Talent Show – Tues, Feb 16 – Details to come soon.

Advent's Annual Progressive Dinner – The Progressive Dinner is scheduled for the evening of Sat, Feb 6, but we are currently looking for someone to coordinate this event. If we don't find someone who is willing to coordinate this popular annual occasion by Tues, Jan 5, we will have to cancel it for 2010. If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Beth Pittman or Amber Koppenhofer.

Fellowship Team Meeting

Our **next business meeting** will take place on **Sunday, January 31st**, during the Sunday school hour (beginning at 9:45). We usually meet in Jean's office, but the room location is subject to change.

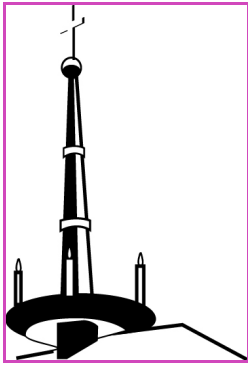
If you have questions about Fellowship Team meetings and events, and/or you would like to join the team, please contact Beth Pittman at pittman.47@osu.edu or 481-7914, or Amber Koppenhofer at amber@koppedomain.com or 921-9003.

The Fellowship Team is now hosting the First Sunday Fellowship hour between the services only.

Food will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 8:30 service, and all food remaining once Sunday school begins will be moved to the kitchen and available until the start of the 11:00 service. We are no longer doing sign-up sheets for First Sunday Fellowship, but will still have informational posters in the narthex. We still need people to help if we want to continue to have our fellowship hour between the services, so please contact the person responsible each month if you can offer your time and talents.

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

Sun, Jan 3	9:30	First Sunday Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
Sun, Jan 31	9:45	Fellowship Team Meeting	Jean's Office
Sat, Feb 6	TBA	Progressive Dinner	Various Locations
Tues, Feb 16	TBA	Annual Pancake Supper and Talent Show	Fellowship Hall



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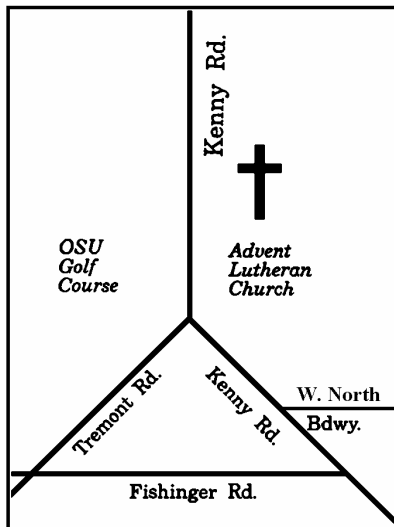
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
Worship	8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a. m. – 10:45 a.m.
Special Evenings	7:00 p.m.
HOLY COMMUNION	
All Sundays	8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Festival Sundays	8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Nursery provided	All Services including Sunday School.