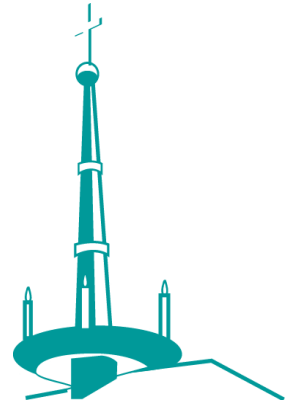


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EASTER EGG HUNT



The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 3 at 11:00 A.M. The Easter Egg Hunt is open to all children aged 1 – 10 years of age.

Each child should bring a basket or bag for collecting treats. We will meet in the Sunday School wing for a short story and snack before we hunt for Easter Eggs. This activity will conclude by noon.

Donations of small toys, stickers, and individually wrapped candy are needed to fill the eggs and can be placed in the large basket on the shelf above the coat rack. Please contact Amy Rae Bashforth at amyraeb@sbcglobal.net or 529-1317 or Greg Leonard at fcbones55@yahoo.com with questions.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND WORSHIP

Midweek Lenten soup suppers and worship takes place on Weds. evenings throughout Lent. Soup and fellowship at 6:30, worship at 7:15. Come for either or both. Lenten Worship Theme: *HYMNS OF GRACE*.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

MAR 03	Ratnam, Pushpam
MAR 04	Prinz, Sophia
MAR 05	Frantz, Christin
MAR 06	Dean, Amanda
MAR 07	Brannick, Kaelin
MAR 07	Brannick, Liam
MAR 08	McAllister, Todd
MAR 08	Seymour, Ken
MAR 10	Goldsmith, Laura
MAR 11	Rhea, Tara
MAR 13	Murphy, Michael
MAR 15	Ross, Barbara
MAR 15	Wheeler, Brenda
MAR 17	Benedict, Richard
MAR 17	Dean, Sherry
MAR 17	Graver, Charles
MAR 17	Murphy, Michael
MAR 17	Patterson, Heather
MAR 18	Dean, Blake
MAR 21	South, Josh
MAR 23	Kakabadze, Shalva
MAR 26	Beck, Eric
MAR 26	Morgan, Maureen
MAR 28	Koppenhofer, Jon
MAR 30	Butke, Lee
MAR 30	Goldie, Patrick
MAR 30	Pollitt, Elizabeth
MAR 31	Kah, Matthew
MAR 31	Smith, Quinnon



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.

Easter Flower poster and order forms are available on the Altar Guild Bulletin Board.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Minutes from church council meetings and monthly budget reports are posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.

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. I hope you are all warm and safe. Now that we are actively in the midst of the Lenten Season I do hope you all have given thought to why the season exists – to prepare us for the glory of the Resurrection. Sometimes life does not seem too glorious and we forget the blessings that await us both here in this life and in the life to come. We watch the news and read the papers and disaster after disaster is brought to mind. We experience what (for us as Americans) is a drastic decrease in life style. We may even question God's goodness and our own faith from time to time.

But, I would lift up the Word of God as an antidote. The Gospel lesson for Sunday, Feb. 21, was the temptation story in Luke 4. There is a lot to learn from that story. But often we dismiss it because, "it is Jesus, I am not Jesus." Well, there are other stories of just regular folks in the Bible, too. Take the story of Joseph in the Old Testament. Joe was a young boy betrayed by his brothers, sold into slavery and even imprisoned while in Egypt. Yet, he never doubted that God was with him.

I find great strength and hope in this story. Martin Luther did as well, "let us learn from the example of Joseph concerning the way God governs His saints. Here one sees how God carved out and formed this dearly beloved and most precious gem through great trials that were not Joseph's plans but God's plans." *Lectures on Genesis, 1544*

Let us use Lent to embrace the trials of life and trust in God, not seek our own way.

Blessings,



Pastor Saunders

PASTOR'S SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study will be taught by MIC student Rachael Conroy during the month of March while Pastor offers first communion instruction to Advent's 2nd – 4th graders.

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 March. 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. March 5th we will meet at 6:00 p.m. in Advent's Fellowship Hall. Bring a large pizza to share. Salad and drinks will be provided.



FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

First Communion Classes for all 2nd through 4th graders will take place during the Sunday School hour during March. Students are to report to their regular classroom. PARENTS, please have your child here by 9:45 so that class may start on time. Catechism age students will be studying the sacrament of Holy Communion in their regularly scheduled catechism class.

**Churches Grow When
People Invite their
Friends**

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.

***Our Mission is
to:***

Worship God...

Follow Jesus...

Serve others...

Make disciples.

ASSISTING MINISTERS & ACOLYTES IN MARCH

	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28
8:30 a.m.	Shane Prier Matthew Meyer	Rachel Conroy Berit Borstad	John Borstad Amanda Dean	Linda Hunt Ally Rardon
11:00 a.m.	Amy Lytle Camden Gallucci	Larry Seifert Mallory Wilson	Ben Pforsich Hendry Ratnam	Rachel Conroy Alessia Bernon

Assisting Minister for all Wednesday Evening Lenten Services—Rachel Conroy



MY FAMILY AND ME

My Family and Me is for families of young children (aged about 18 months – Kindergarten). We meet at least quarterly for themed activities and Fellowship. This is a great opportunity for children and parents to meet other families at Advent.

On February 13, families made Valentines and delivered them to residents of Summit's Trace (formerly Lutheran Village). The children handed out 55 valentines (some of which were made by Y2) and brightened the day for both staff and residents. Families then returned to Advent for lunch and assembled 13 health kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Families are encouraged to participate in the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on April 3. Watch the bulletin (and your e-mail) for other upcoming activities, including rainbow and cooking themed activities. Contact Amy Rae Bashforth at amyraeb@sbcglobal.net or 529-1317 with questions.

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,)



SUMMER SEMINARY SAMPLER

Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH invites high school youth who have completed sophomore, junior, or senior year to come to the seminary for three weeks in June or July to explore vocations, think theologically, participate in service projects, shadow mentors, and make friends with Jesus-loving youth from around the country. If you or someone you know would be interested in this unique experience, check out the www.summersampler.com website and watch a short video about the program. You'll be glad you did! For more information, contact Pastor Ruth Fortis, Director at rfortis@trinitylutheranseminary.edu.

MAP YOUR ADDRESS

The Parish Life Team is "pinning" the homes of Advent members onto a Franklin County map. This will serve as a tool to help us connect our church family with one another. On the first 2 Sundays of March, Sheri Wilson will be in the Narthex after each service with the map and will assist you in pinning your home address and recording your map coordinate. Please make a "point" to see her!



ROSE BUD'S ON THE ALTAR



Members have asked about the red rosebuds that have been on the flower shelves recently. It has long been a custom at Advent that we celebrate the birth of infants to members of Advent by placing a red rosebud on the altar as well as including the infant in the prayers of the church. Also, we call attention to the fact of the new arrival by a note in the bulletin.

Effective immediately we are changing the custom of the red rose at birth to providing a white rosebud at the time of the infant's baptism instead of at birth.

We still ask that when a birth occurs the family notify the church secretary and provide all the details, such as name, date of birth, weight and any other pertinent details. If you have questions please call the Altar Guild chairperson, Beckie Evans-Zaebst at 614-870-4724 or bekierez@aol.com.

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

March 12-14th in Worthington

Lutheran Marriage Encounter is a weekend experience designed to help married couples communicate more intimately with one another in order to deepen and enrich their relationship. Couples are given an opportunity to look into themselves and their relationships with each other and with God, while enjoying time away from responsibilities in a comfortable atmosphere. The cost for the weekend is \$45, a non-refundable fee which ensures your place. On Sunday, couples are invited to make a confidential contribution but no one has ever been refused for lack of funds. There is a display in the Narthex with more information available if you are interested. If you have any questions about the weekend please feel free to call Matt and Beth Pittman at 481-7914.



ALTAR GUILD: CLARA BROWN, BARB MURPHY, NANCY NEINER, JUDY SAUNDERS, LARRY & BECKY SEIFERT, RON & LINDA TVORIK, MARTI SCHORR, BETTY APPELL

COUNTERS:

NARTHEX MONITOR: CARL LAHMAN

WEB PAGE: BEN PFORSICH

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Our Lenten journey toward the cross continues this month. It is not to be a time of sadness or somber music. It is a time to remember that all centers around the foundation of our faith, the waters of baptism.

This is the season to take time to pray, listen and reflect. This opportunity is not only offered on Sunday mornings, but on Wednesday evenings. This year each mid-week service will bring a focus on a different hymn of the church. Come and hear the hymn, sing it and reflect on it as Pastor Saunders discusses each one.



Palm Sunday (March 28th) begins with palm branches waving and shouts of hosannas as Jesus travels to Jerusalem. This begins the greatest week of the Christian church, Holy Week. Pastor Mark Evans of Romeo, Michigan, puts this week in perspective for me saying the following (this has been stated before, but I feel we all could benefit from hearing it again.) "In order to get to the empty tomb of Easter, you have to first walk through the cemetery. Take the time to attend the services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The only reason we can celebrate Easter is because Jesus first went to the cross and died. We need to experience the pain, the agony, the terrible loss and hopelessness of His death. The joy of Easter is incomplete without the cross. Why is this so important? Because in our lives we experience tragedy, loss and death and such tragedies can overwhelm us. But the whole journey of Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday reassures us that we can never be destroyed by the tragedies of life."

There are many opportunities this month to explore our faith, be renewed in the waters of our baptism, tell others and be thankful for this walk towards the cross. Where will you be during these times? Contact Jean Pontious at jean.pontious@gmail.com with any questions.



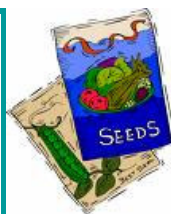
Upcoming Youth Activities

March			
3/7	5:30 p.m.	Youth Meeting Catechism	Jr./ Sr. Cat.
3/13	9:30 a.m.	Y ² (SOS 1 st -4 th Grade Event)	Y ²
3/14	5:30 p.m.	Catechism	Cat.
3/21	5:30 p.m.	Youth Meeting Catechism	Jr./ Sr. Cat.
3/28	5:30 p.m.	Catechism	Cat.
July 5-9 th	TBA	SOS/LSS Summer Service Trip -Southeast OH	Jr./Sr.

YOUTH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Advent Youth Seed Sale

Be looking for more information about Advent Youth's Seed Sale. We will be having it on March 21st and 28th to welcome the beginning of spring.



Blaze/ Lock-In Event – Feb. 5-6th – 3 of Advent's Jr./ Sr. High Youth attended a conference at the Columbus Convention Center and stayed overnight at the church. This was a very challenging weekend for the youth as they were being trained to share their faith with their friends. 4 friends were called and the task was made easier by the support of the group. Not to mention an awesome snowball fight was had on Friday night. It was an awesome weekend. Thank you to Rachel Conroy for helping out with this event on a snow-filled night that is not the "norm" for someone from Texas.

Souper Bowl of Caring – February 7th – Advent's youth collected \$468 and 182 canned goods for the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Youth Quake – Feb. 12-14th – 6 of Advent's catechism class attended the Huron Youth Quake. We learned how to DO justly, LOVE mercy, and WALK humbly with our God (Micah 6:8) in our lives. This was an inspirational weekend as we saw the youth start to explore their faith. One of the highlights for the weekend was when we talked about our different descriptions of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Also during the weekend the catechism class heard about Compassion International, a child sponsoring charity, and decided to sponsor a child from Africa by sending Compassion \$38/month. A HUGE thank you goes out to our adult leaders for the weekend: Sherry Dean, Maria Bernon, Rachel Conroy, and Holly Mellinger.

Valentine Care Packages – On Feb. 14th 5 of Advent's youth put together 19 care packages for our college students and military.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show – Because of the unfortunate weather conditions this event was canceled this year. Hopefully it will make a triumphant return next year!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

An in-house Pictorial Directory is being compiled. The pictures will be mounted on a winged display board in the narthex and may be used to help us get to know each other. Now you won't have to be embarrassed that you've forgotten a name. You can go to the Pictorial Directory and find it.

Members' pictures will be taken on Sunday mornings between services and at 12:00. Each week 10-15 families will be notified that they can get their picture taken on the next Sunday. These families will also have a prayer petition offered for them during worship that day. We hope to have the directory completed by Easter.

Thanks to George Zaebst and Ron Tvorik for taking the photos.





LOOKING AHEAD APRIL'S SCHEDULE

	Time	Program	Location
Apr. 01	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
Apr. 02	7:00 PM	NO BEARS PRESCHOOL Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Apr. 03	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Youth Set Up Easter Breakfast Bell/ Choir Rehearsal Easter Egg Hunt	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Advent Lawn
EASTER SUNDAY	9:45 AM	Easter Breakfast	Between the Services
Apr. 04			
Apr. 05	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	BEARS Staff Meeting Scrap-Booking OFFICE CLOSED	
Apr. 07	6:15 PM	Brownie Troop # 464 Building Use	Fellowship Hall
Apr. 08	7:30 AM 6:30 PM 6:45 /7:30 PM	Men's SALT Group Angels Choir Bell Choir/Adult Choir	Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Apr. 09	7:00 PM	Euchre Group 2	
Apr. 11	9:45 AM 10:00 AM 5:30 PM	Sunday School/Adult Learning Worship & Witness Catechism/Youth	Ed Wing/Fellowship Hall Jean's Office Fellowship Hall
Apr. 12	7:00 PM	Team Meetings	
Apr. 13	4:45 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Staff Meeting Y ² Social Concerns	Pastor's Study Fellowship Hall Pastor's Study
Apr. 14	1:00 PM	Naomi Circle	Narthex
Apr. 15	7:30 AM 6:30 PM 6:45 /7:30 PM	Men's SALT Group Angels Choir Bell Choir/Adult Choir	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Apr. 16	6:30 PM	Euchre Group 1	
Apr. 17	9:00 AM	Cleaning Day	
Apr. 18	9:45 AM 5:30 PM	SS/Adult Learning Catechism NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall
Apr. 20	6:30 PM	Council	Fellowship Hall
Apr. 21	11:30 AM	Out to Lunch Bunch	
Apr. 22	7:30 AM 6:30 PM 6:45 /7:30 PM	Men's SALT Group Angels Choir Bell Choir/Adult Choir	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Apr. 23	6:00 PM	Building Use—Brownie Troop # 464	

LOOKING AHEAD APRIL'S SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Apr. 24	9:30 AM	Youth Swoop In Service Day	
Apr. 25	9:45 AM	SS/Adult Learning	Ed Wing/Fellowship Hall
	5:30 PM	Catechism	Fellowship Hall
Apr. 27	4:45 PM	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Study
Apr. 28	6:00 PM	BEARS Spring Program	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Apr. 29	7:30 AM	Men's SALT Group	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Angels Choir	Sanctuary
	6:45 /7:30 PM	Bell Choir/Adult Choir	

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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

April's first Sunday, the 4th, is Easter this year. The Fellowship Team will be hosting an Easter Breakfast for the Fellowship Hour. We are asking that everyone who would like to participate bring their favorite Easter breakfast or brunch item to share. Some good examples of food to bring are strata, monkey bread, fruit salad, muffins, etc. If you have any questions or would like to help with this event, please contact Beth Pittman or Amber Koppenhofer.

May's First Sunday Fellowship is May Surprise, Cakes and Pies. We are asking that everyone able bring a favorite cake or pie to share.

Upcoming Events

Please look in your bulletins and email announcements about our future events.



Fellowship Team Meeting

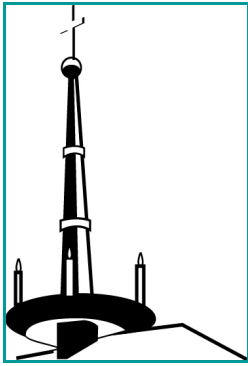
Our **next business meeting** will take place on a Sunday in **March 21st**, during the Sunday school hour (beginning at 9:45). We usually meet in Jean's office, but the room location is subject to change. Please continue to check your bulletin for more details.

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, Mar 21	9:45 am	Fellowship Team Business Meeting	Jean's Office
Sun, April 4	9:45 am	Easter Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
Sun, May 2	9:30 am	First Sunday Fellowship - Irish Treats	Fellowship Hall/Narthex
Sun, May ?	9:45 am	Fellowship Team Business Meeting	Jean's Office



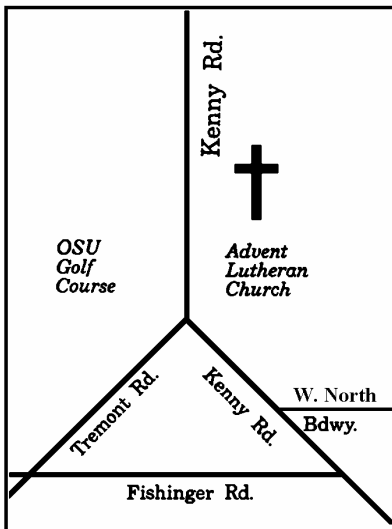
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
Worship	8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a. m. – 10:45 a.m.
Special Evenings	7:00 p.m.
HOLY COMMUNION	
All Sundays	8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Festival Sundays	8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Nursery provided	All Services including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