



The Candle

March
2025

A Pastoral Letter: Faith Active in Love by Bishop Barbins

One of my alma maters went through a restructuring soon after I left it. It was a much-needed restructuring, to be sure. The way that the administration went about it, however, was chaotic, unclear, and created a great deal of fear among the faculty and staff. The way the change was orchestrated demonstrated that the administration had failed to realize there were individuals who had hopes and dreams, responsibilities and dependents behind each and every mandate.

As a country we have a new administration which is undertaking vast institutional change. Whether the change that is sought is needed is a matter of a diverse of opinion; there are faithful people within that range of opinions. And yet, it certainly appears that the people who are impacted by the numbers and programs have been forgotten: that their hopes, dreams, and lived experience are of no importance. As the orders have been issued, tweaked, and rescinded, fear and anxiety have been unleashed.

I can think of three specifics to Northeastern Ohio. First, our two Latino congregations in the heart of Akron and Canton. These two communities are where 1st and 2nd generation citizens along with brand new members of our society come together to worship. The administration's swift and blanket orders regarding immigration leave all of them fearful about their safety because the orders are not clear. This leaves the pastor and leaders of this community wondering if they can provide a welcome to these children of God. (Hebrews 13)

Second, our LGBTQIA+ siblings sit in worship with us every Sunday. They faithfully lead worship, teach Bible study, serve meals to our community, lift their voices in prayer and song, work along side us in our communities. The compounded effect of all the orders has our siblings feeling targeted, exposed, and less. (Galatians 3)

Third, our social service agencies are wondering about the federal funding that they were legally granted and for which they budgeted. One of these agencies is Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries in Cleveland which provides shelter to the unhoused, helps incarcerated individuals gain life changing career skills, and feeds the hungry. That money, along with billions of other dollars for other agencies across the nation, was frozen, then released, and the distribution still remains in question. This leaves them questioning whether they will be able to tend to those who have no food, no clothing – to the incarcerated. (Matthew 25)

Most recently there have been irresponsible allegations made against "Lutherans" in general. The unfounded comments on X (formerly Twitter) about Lutherans "money laundering" through social service agencies, and then the amplification of those allegations by the new head of the Department of Government

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**Ash Wednesday
Worship
March 5
12noon - 7pm**



**Pizza & Movie Event
March 8
1-3:30pm**



**Blood Drive
Tuesday, March 11
12pm-6pm**



*"If we confess our sins,
he who is faithful and
just will forgive us our
sins and cleanse us from
all unrighteousness."
1 John 1: 9*

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Efficiency (DOGE) saying that these payments are “illegal” – without any proof - is a flat out lie. Our denomination and these agencies specifically have a decades long history of being the legal agent of the US government to help care for the most vulnerable in our society.

Again, our faith-informed perspectives about the necessity of these changes or even an audit of funds are not what I am debating here – or even that “in the long term” some of these may make for a better society. What I am speaking about is the way these changes are being rolled out rapidly and without clarity, along with seemingly no regard for the lived experience of real people.

As people of faith, we come at political policy from a variety of vantage points. But as a community of faith, as people who are called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, we are profoundly interested in *every* child of God. We are compelled by our faith to see that each human bears the image of God in whom we see the face of Christ. Actions that create fear, chaos, and dehumanization are things that our faith compels us to call out.

I dare say that most of us as members of ELCA congregations in Northeastern Ohio are not directly affected by the confusion and therefore are not feeling afraid. But our neighbors are. Members of our churches are. Our siblings in Christ across the nation are feeling these days with profound fear and uncertainty.

I ask you, dear church of Northeastern Ohio, to join me in prayer for all people who feel that their hopes, dreams, and lived experiences are under attack. I invite you to reach out to those who are being affected by these orders. I invite you to look them in the eyes and let them know that you see them – and more, that God is with them.

I invite you to stay informed by getting opinions from various sources. We have set up a space on our webpage (neos-elca.org/tpa) where resources and sources will be housed as they are shared with us. There are advocacy links, talking points, and help as we navigate the rapidly changing federal landscape. As other resources like this become available, I will lift them up through Walking Together (our weekly e-news) and our socials.

We worship a God of hope and peace and, as disciples of Jesus, we live out our faith in the world. We invest in our societies, political systems, and communities. We have opinions and foundations that are born out of our faith. And yet, our faith also compels us to remember that every human is made in God's image. Every human is valuable to God. And just as God has shown mercy and grace, we are compelled to reflect that grace and mercy to all we meet.

Rev. Dr. Laura L. H. Barbins, *Bishop Northeastern Ohio Synod, ELCA*

Prayer Chain

Nothing could be more gratifying than lifting someone up in prayer in their time of need. Please contact Sue Keeley @440.862.2790 / 440.257.5565 or by e-mail at suesworkout@gmail.com if you would like to become part of the prayer chain ministry, have a prayer request, or if you have any questions. Prayer is Powerful!!

Pastor Prayer Intercessors

March 1-7	Lee Sundblom, Kay Smith
March 8-14	Becky Young, Sue Keeley
March 15-21	Jen Egner, Sandy Kehler
March 22-28	Lida Mackey
March 29-April 4	Phyllis Tucker, Sue Keeley

*We are always looking for more pray-ers to become Pastor Prayer Intercessors. If you would like to be a part of this prayer team, please contact Sue Keeley at the church office (440.257.5565)

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5: 17



Points from your Parish Nurse

- ♥ March 1 is the next Care Team meeting at 10am. Please join us to learn how you can help our members and their families by praying, sending cards, calling or visiting. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister to take communion to our homebound members, please let me know. There will be a training session scheduled in March with the date TBD.
- ♥ March 13 is the next Caregivers Support Group at 1pm. If you are a caregiver or know someone who is, please tell them to feel welcome to join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1pm. All information shared is kept confidential.
- ♥ March 15/16 is Blood Pressure weekend. Stop by after the 4pm service on Saturday to have your BP checked by Mary Jo Jones, RN or on Sunday at 10am-11am in my office.
- ♥ March 29 is the 18th Annual March for Meals sponsored by the Lake County Council on Aging held at the Great Lakes Mall from 8am-10am. The Council on Aging needs our support in an ever-growing number of seniors reaching out for nutritional resources. All proceeds from this fundraiser goes to Meals on Wheels Program which provides a nutritional meal along with a friendly smile and safety check by one of the agency's dedicated meal delivery volunteers. Cost is \$15/person and registration ends March 27th at 12noon. You can sign up for an in-person walk or a virtual walk. For more information, please check out their website LCCOA.org or call 440-205-8111
- ♥ Weekend of March 29/30 there will be healing prayer offered at all 3 services during communion. If you want to come up to a kneeler for a short prayer and anointing with oil, we encourage you to do so. You may ask for a specific intention or a prayer for someone else, it doesn't matter. God hears your prayers and HE knows your heart. We are merely His instruments. We ask the Holy Spirit to provide the words of comfort and healing that are needed.
- ♥ Always remember, "When in doubt, Point to the Cross!"

Your servant in Christ,
Christine Noble
Parish Nurse



Care Team



Feb 15-March 1	Lida Mackey, Becky Young, Amy Moyer
March 2-15	Kathy Kling, Kathy Jennings, Barb Caspell
March 16-29	Mary Jo Jones, Barbara Louis, Rose Schrum

Upcoming Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 11
12pm - 6pm

call 1.800.RED.CROSS

~or~ RedCrossBlood.org
Key word: Advent



Help Save a Life!

"For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,
You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:14

Council Minutes - January

In Attendance: Pastor Steve, Bob McClanahan, Bob Adkins, Rob Hilston, Dave Mattson, Joan Hamm, Andy DiLiello, Carla Colo, Christine Noble, Leesa Mecozzi

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Approval of December Council Minutes: Motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Pastor's Report: verbal

- Pastor has been approached by one of the Boy Scouts who wants to do his Eagle Project here at Advent. He would like to clean out the woods behind the back parking lot and create a prayer path, with possible benches, statues, etc. March timeframe. All of the council thought this was a wonderful idea.

****Motion was made to accept the Eagle Scout Project, seconded and the Prayer Path Project was approved.**

- Pastor will be on a Continuing Ed Retreat from January 21-23. Rostered Leaders Retreat.
- Pastor stated that this year he will be bringing names to council (for joining and removal from the roles) for council awareness and approval.

****Motion was made and seconded, and the Pastor's report was approved.**

Treasurer's Report:

- December was a good month. And we ended the year strongly.
- A question was asked about the SuperHeRose fund line item. It was stated that it will be kept and used for any upcoming youth events (as we have youth in Confirmation currently).
- Question was asked if the maturity dates for our CD's can be listed in the monthly Treasurer Report. Bob and Dave both said that yes it can.

****Motion was made and seconded, and December's Treasurer's report was approved.**

- Annual Meeting Financial Budget PowerPoint: on file. PowerPoint was presented to the council for any changes or additions. Noted that we ended 2024 with only a \$3179 deficit.
- Thank You to both Dave Mattson and Bob Adkins for all their work on finance, year-end documents and budget prep and presentation.

Ministry Team Reports Received: H&W, Fellowship, Finance (on file)

Witness: Thank you to the council members who were able to attend the New Member dinner.

We have several people who still wish to join that were not able to attend in January; as well as we continue to have many visitors.

Thank You to Tim Krueger, for his leadership in LBG. Alexis Sharpe will be taking over as chair of that committee this coming year.

Annual Meeting: The council is encouraged to attend and to also speak on behalf of their ministry teams – give updates, give an overview and see if any questions arise.

Administration/Housekeeping Items:

Devotion for February – Bob Adkins

Office noted that we were approached by an AA group looking for a meeting location for Saturday evenings at 7pm. This was discussed at Exec, and all felt that this was ok and was part of our mission/strategic plan. The council agreed.

Old Business:

- **Parsonage Steering Committee:** First meeting is January 29.
- **2025 Liaisons :** document on file. Discussion took place about ministry team assignments. All the council were in agreement with the presented assignments. **W&M – Carla; Faith Formation – Joan and Leesa; Holistic Caring – Chris; Fellowship and Witness – Rob; Mission and Social Justice - Dave and Bob M; Finance and Stewardship – Bob; Property and Technology - Andy**
- **GPOD:** Jo Brantweiner will coordinate sign ups for GPOD for this year. Sign up sheets were passed around for initial serving dates. Current and past council members can serve as GPOD.
1.12- Andy; 1.19 – Dave; 1.16 – Bob A.; 2.2 – Bob M; 2.9 – Chris; 2.16 - Rob

New business:

- **Retreat 2025 –** please begin thinking about your interest in a council retreat this year. Either off site or a smaller retreat. We will discuss it next month.
- **Pastors/Staff Purse 2025:** discussion about whether we should consider giving the staff a year-end bonus/gift, as we do with Pastor (purse). Please be thinking about this. Can we add this item to the budget? can the purse be divided? etc. Many possible options.
- **Orientation for New Council Members:** Rob will do an overview with the new council members immediately following tonight's meeting.
- **Changes for 2025:** Rob asked if any of the council had anything that they would like to see changed (added or deleted) from monthly council meetings. Please think about it and let Rob know if there is anything.
- **Code of Ethics:** this document was sent to the council to read/review. The Council Covenant will be sent to the council to read. This Covenant will be signed at the next council meeting.
- **Offering:** the council had a discussion about safe practices for collecting of weekly offering.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion was made, seconded, and meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Keeley, Council Secretary



“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...”
Psalm 33:12

Stewardship

Stewardship is about so much more than money – stewardship is about love. On any given Sunday, stewardship themes arise from scriptures.

We don't often imagine that our trust in God is something that must be stewarded, but in a world where we are called to risk for the sake of the gospel and God's calling, trust is a tool to be utilized. In Gospel lesson LUKE 5:1-11 the disciples have to trust that Jesus is calling them to something worthwhile. They expend their energy and time following the call of Christ even though it doesn't make much sense to them.

We are to trust that God has gifted us tools to share with our congregation and community. Stewardship is about how we live our lives, not just how we use our finances. Stewardship is a life trajectory.

How are you and your community stewarding your trust well in 2025?

Thank you, Advent Lutheran Family, for your work as God's Stewards. As a congregation we can do together what we cannot do alone.

God Bless ~
Your Stewardship Team



Group Studies

Men's Studies

- ♦ **Retired Men's Group** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30am. If you are a retired man and would like to share your thoughts and discuss a wide variety of subjects, please join us. We would welcome your participation.



Women's Studies

- ♦ **Sophia Project:** Meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10am-11am in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us.
- ♦ **Hope Circle:** Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30am. All are welcome!



"...but Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.'" Matthew 19:14

Parsonage Steering Committee

UPDATE FROM THE PARSONAGE STEERING COMMITTEE

Mission of the Committee:

The Parsonage Fund Steering Committee's commission is to lead the congregation through a process to objectively identify the disbursement or investment plan for the proceeds from the sale of the parsonage property.

Highlights

- ◇ This will be a multi-step process
- ◇ There are three options – Spend, Save, or Split it between those options
- ◇ Possibly categorize as infrastructure, ministry or other

Guidelines for work:

- ◇ The committee is seeking to discern the will of God for our financial blessings
- ◇ It was reiterated that we want the idea collection process to be as objective and inclusive as humanly possible
- ◇ The committee seeks to remain objective in the analysis process
- ◇ The committee is NOT the final decision makers, but simply a work group to collect, analyze and present information to the church body
- ◇ The approximate amount of the fund is \$292,000. There are other funds that may be committed to worthy projects
- ◇ The committee will prioritize projects based on cost and ease in completing the project
- ◇ The timeframe for the completion of committee's work will be dictated by the work and needs of the committee
- ◇ Priority will not be given to ideas or projects based on the number of submissions, rather a thoughtful and objective process
- ◇

Suggestions for information/idea collection:

- ◇ Small focus groups where ideas may stimulate other suggestions
- ◇ Electronically, like survey monkey
- ◇ Hard copy that is easily available to all congregants
- ◇ Congregation members may contribute more than one idea or as many as they would like to submit via any collection method
- ◇ No verbal ideas will be accepted by committee members
- ◇ All submission for ideas must be in writing only and must contain members' names and contact information to be a consideration in part of the collection process

"...But with God, all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

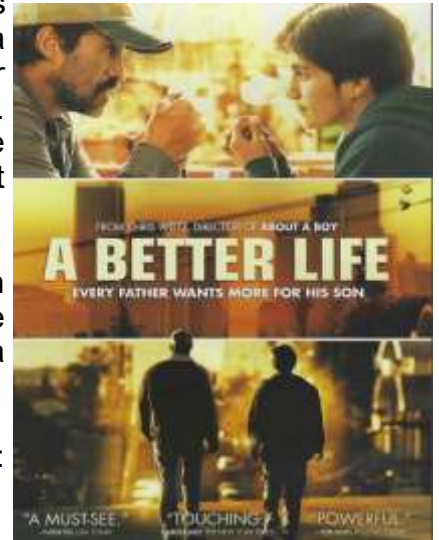
SAVE THE DATE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR PIZZA AND A MOVIE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH

The Loved by God Team is pleased to offer the opportunity to view a captivating movie on Saturday, March 8th from 1 until 3:30 pm. "A Better Life" is the compelling story about an illegal immigrant who is a hardworking single dad- only trying to make a better life for his son while keeping him out of the Los Angeles gang life. This film presents a powerful portrayal of the challenges facing both legal and illegal immigrants in 21st Century America.

After the movie there will be a discussion along with pizza and light refreshments being served in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in attending, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

If you have any questions, contact Tim Krueger at: (440) 391-0369 or LTCTKRUE@aol.com.



Get in the (Hearing) Loop

As many of you with hearing aids know, increasing the volume on your hearing aid won't necessarily increase the clarity of what you hear. Hearing assistive technology can greatly improve your understanding of what you're hearing.

Advent's sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop, a form of hearing assistive technology. A hearing loop is a series of wires that encircle all the pews in the sanctuary and are connected to the sound system. The loop transmits the sound from the sound system directly to telecoil-equipped hearing aids. A telecoil is a small copper coil that is an option on most hearing aids. The telecoil connects the listener directly to the sound system and eliminates most of the background noise. Ask your audiologist to include a telecoil in the next hearing aid you buy and ask for advice on how to use it. A telecoil may add a small amount to the cost of your hearing aid but the benefits far outweigh the costs. Also, your hearing aid may already have a telecoil and it just needs to be activated by your audiologist.

We also have two small hand-held units and disposable earphones that can be used to try out the system if your hearing aid is not equipped with a telecoil. The hand-held receivers are located in the sound system desk.

One of our members was having trouble understanding the service at church and she stayed home so she could watch the service online, as her computer at home could send the sound directly to her hearing aid. She asked her audiologist to activate the telecoil on her hearing aid. She is now back attending worship in person and reports the telecoil has made a great improvement in her understanding of the service!

If you see the sign below at other places (e.g., theatres, auditoriums, etc.), it means the site is equipped with a hearing loop, and your telecoil-equipped hearing aid will work at that site, too.

If you have any questions, please talk with Bob McClanahan (440-867-3663).



Mark Your Calendar for a Tour of the Finnish Heritage Museum

Did you know that one of the many hidden treasures of Lake County is the Finnish Heritage Museum located in Fairport Harbor? Finnish immigrants have had a significant impact upon the local culture and economy of many communities, particularly in the Great Lakes region.



The Loved by God Team of Advent Lutheran Church is currently uplifting Americas' strength through diversity. The blessing of all immigrants can be discovered through our sponsored tour of the Finnish Heritage Museum, schedule for [Sunday, April 27th from 2pm to 3pm](#). Following the tour, you can enjoy an optional lunch at the Fairport Family Restaurant. There is no charge for the tour.

The museum is located at 301 High St., Fairport Harbor, Ohio 44077. There will be no carpooling for this event.

If you have any questions, call/text Tim Krueger at (440) 391-0369 or email him at LTCTKRUE@aol.com.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Food Pantry Ministry in 2024

Our food pantry ministry had another fulfilling year serving those in need. Our joint pantry with St Andrew served 2013 Households, which helped 5496 people in Lake, Geauga and Eastern Cuyahoga Counties. This was an increase of 200 new families and almost 1500 more people than we helped in 2023. We also served a countless number (because we don't know who helps themselves) of people from our Advent Little Free Pantry.

Our partnership with St Andrew Episcopal Church is strong and we continue to work well together. Many thanks to ALL our dedicated workers from both churches for their time and their willingness to serve those in need.

Along with our 4 weekly distributions, we were able to provide 81 complete Thanksgiving and 60 complete Christmas dinners. This was all possible because of your generous monetary gifts (which were \$5655 for the joint pantry, \$2755 for Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets and \$691 to the Little Free Pantry). We also receive donated food and a large grant from the Episcopal Diocese.

Again in 2024, we received generous donations of baked good from Heinen's, meat from Giant Eagle and assorted products from Meijer.

St. Andrew covers the First Sunday & Second Tuesday afternoon distributions and Advent staffs the Third and Fourth Wednesday evening distributions. If you would like to volunteer contact either Dave Mattson or the Church Office. We would be happy to have you join us in this ministry.

Thank you and God's Blessings,

Community Outreach Ministry Team



**DAYLIGHT-
SAVING
TIME
BEGINS**

**Daylight Savings
"Spring" Ahead
Sunday, March 9**



**Happy
St. Patrick's Day
March 17**

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul." 3 John 2

Winter Season "Mitten Tree Collection"

Thank you to all who contributed to our "Mitten Tree" this past holiday season. It was overflowing with generosity. We collected 138 items of clothing:

107 hats
19 gloves
6 pairs of socks
6 scarves and other



These were donated to Forbes House this year. They were thrilled with the donation. They said "the children were excited to play in the snow with their new clothes."

Your Community Outreach Team

Community Outreach

Food Pantry (St. Andrew's) Donations:

March: **Soap**
& Toilet Paper

**Volunteers
Needed**



Advent's Little Free Pantry

Our current needs are:

soups, canned fruit

There is a collection box outside the church office. Thank You!

Please see the Weekly News sheets each weekend for our most current pantry needs. Thank you for your support and for making a difference in the lives of those we are helping!

Worship and Music Happenings

Dates to remember in Lent and Easter

Mark your calendars now!

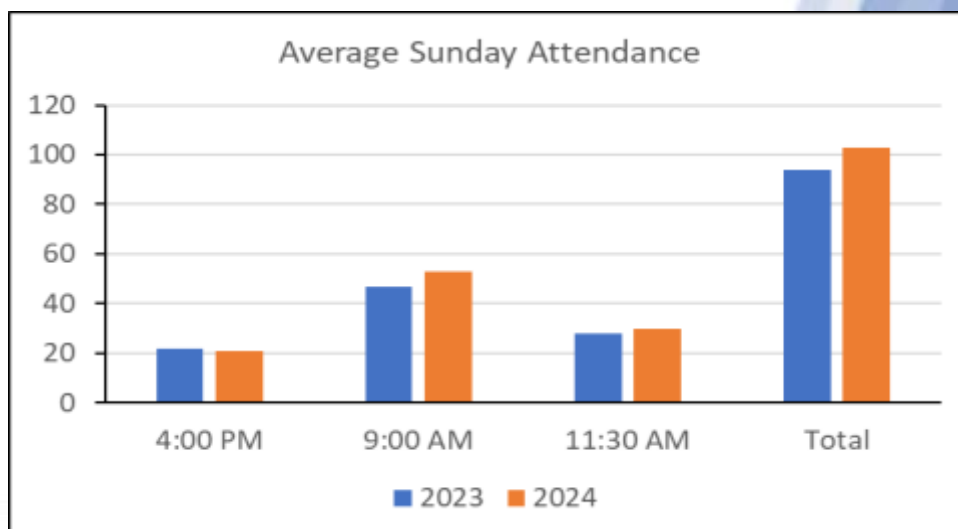
- Ash Wednesday Services at noon and 7:00 p.m. on March 5
- Midweek Lent Services will be at noon on March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 and April 9.
- Maundy Thursday Services are at noon and 7:00 p.m. on April 17.
- Good Friday Services are at noon and 7:00 p.m. on April 18.
- Easter Vigil will be on April 19 at **Celebration Lutheran Church** in Chardon. The time is "to be determined."
- Easter Services at Advent will include the Sunrise Service (at Mentor Beach Park) and time is "to be determined," and 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at Advent on April 20.

Keep watching your bulletins and the April newsletter for more details!!

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Good News from Worship and Music!

Through the compilation of our attendance data from 2023 and 2024, we have noticed a trend. Our attendance has increased by 10% Please see the graph below!



Ash Wednesday Worship

- March 5 ▪ 12noon & 7pm
Holy Communion, Imposition of Ashes

Mid-Week Lenten Worship

- 12noon only ▪ luncheon to follow worship
Wednesdays - March 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9



Saturday Evening Potluck

Saturday, March 1

There will be a January potluck after the 4pm service on Saturday, March 1.

Paper products will be provided, so bring your potluck contribution and enjoy fellowship with your church friends.

Questions, please contact Cathy Doering at: 440-379-7338,



Sympathy

Our thoughts, prayers, and sympathies are with Bonnie Morgan and family, upon the loss of Tom Morgan on February 1. A Memorial service was held at Advent on February 8.

May God comfort all who grieve.



Altar Flowers



March

1/2	Open
8/9	Conklin
15/16	Doering
22/23	Chuba
29/30	Open

April

5/6	Kulma
12/13	Palm Sunday
19/20	Easter
26/27	Tagle

Please see the sign up board in the Narthex to reserve your dates for altar flowers.

Note: you will be billed directly from the florist.

Council Person of the Day

March 2	Bob McClanahan
March 9	Rob Hilston
March 15	Joan Hamm
March 23	Leesa Mecozzi
March 30	Leesa Mecozzi

Worship Assistants

What a joy and blessing it is to serve the Lord!

Ushers, Lectors, and Communion Assistants

Please see the sign up board in the Narthex or you may call the church office to sign up.
THANK YOU

Upcoming Communion Bread Bakers

March 5 (Ash Wednesday)	Cathy Doering
Month of March:	Leesa Mecozzi

*If you are interested in baking communion bread, please contact Cathy Doering.

Thank you for serving!



Finance Update • January 31, 2025

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Balance 1/1/25	\$26,472.96	\$26,472.96	
Income	\$40,302.25	\$40,302.25	-
Expenditures	\$28,482.31	\$29,125.00	\$642.69
January 31, 2025	\$38,292.90	\$37,650.21	\$642.69

Year-to-Date...

**We've received
\$11,819.94 more
than we've spent**

DESIGNATED/ RESTRICTED FUNDS

Balance 1/1/25	\$422,354.34	<i>Treasurer's Report with Fund Balances are posted at the end of each month on the council bulletin board outside the church office.</i>	
Income	\$796.35		
Expenditures	\$20,922.62		
Ending Balance January 31, 2025	\$402,228.07		

Online Giving:

If you would like to support Advent's ministry electronically, scan this QR code to visit our online giving page.
Thank You!



2025 Church Directory

The new directories are available in the Narthex.
If you have an updated/changed phone number or email address, please let the office know, so that we have current contact info for our members.
Thank you!

Advent Website

Our website has been
redesigned and updated!
Please check it out!!

adventmentor.org

ADVENT'S STAFF

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Food Pantry

Dave Mattson 440.897.5466

Youth & Family Ministry

Beth Hamilton 669.1902

Prayer Ministry

• Prayer Vigil

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• Prayer Chain

Sue Keeley 862.2790

• Healing Touch

Christine Noble 346.3120

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Barb Louis 352.7055

Youth

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Deadline Reminder:

Newsletter information:

due by the 15th of the month

"With the Lord on my side
 I do not fear.
 What can mortals do to me?"
 Psalm 118:6

**To submit items to *The Candle*,
 contact: Sue Keeley, Office Administrator at: 440.257.5565
 You may also e-mail your information to:
 adventmentoroffice@gmail.com**

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Dated Material - February 20, 2025

Smile! Know that God Loves **You!**

ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Worship Schedule

- ♦ Saturday's @4:00pm
Sunday's @9:00am ▪ Sunday's @11:30am
- ♦ Youth Sunday School ▪ Sunday's ▪ 10:15am
- ♦ Adult Sunday School: ▪ Sunday's ▪ 10:15am

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