



The Candle

July &
August
2025

pastor's Message

(a portion of this article has been re-used and reimagined from a past edition of this newsletter)

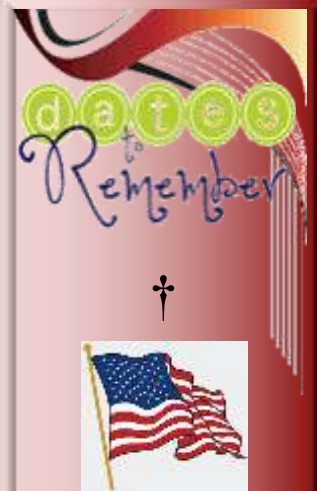
If you know me even a little, you know that I don't do well planning far into the future – And, by “far” I mean days or weeks ahead. I've never been able to come up with a sermon title a week before I preach as I am often finishing my sermon the day before or, even the day I preach it. However, as we are taking a sabbatical once again in July, the next newsletter will not come out until the end of August. I'm sure there will be information about the annual “God's Work, Our Hands” Day of Service (September 7th this year) in that issue. However, the planning needs to happen now.

This will be the 12th anniversary of the first “Yellow Shirt Day” (as I like to call it). The first, in 2013, was planned to coincide with the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) of which we are a member. We participated then and have done so every year since. This year happens to be the 25th year since a time capsule was placed in the ground by this congregation. We will be opening this time capsule after worship on this festive day.

I'll be honest, there have been years when I have questioned whether our participation is worth all the work that goes into such an event – yet, every year, upon its completion, I have been reminded that God does amazing things through our Church – especially when we come together as one and serve the world God so loves.

So, once again, if you know of a neighbor in need of some yard work or minor repairs; if you have an idea for a way of making a difference in our community; if you want to participate but aren't sure what you should do – let's talk. Share your thoughts now as we plan to join thousands of other ELCA congregations on Sunday the 7th of September in making a difference. And, if you need a new “Yellow Shirt” -- let us know that also, so that we may place an order soon.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Steve



Happy 4th of July

Blood Drives
July 12
8am-1pm

August 27
10am-4pm

Captains Game
July 25 ▪ 7pm

Goodtime III
August 24

The Candle is the newsletter of Advent Lutheran Church, ELCA
Our Purpose: “Loved by God, we share Christ's love with all”

Advent Lutheran Church and the LGBTQ+ Allies of Lake County

invite you to a six-week book club focusing on "**UNClobber**" by Colby Martin

UNClobber reexamines the six most commonly used Bible verses, that have been used to exclude and diminish the LGBTQ+ community. The author provides a new perspective and historical context of these verses to debunk the commonly held assumptions and interpretations that have been used.

We will meet both in-person and online from August 12 to September 16 at Advent Lutheran Church in Mentor from 7pm to 8pm. To sign up, please email Alexis Sharpe at asharpe3@kent.edu by July 29.

The book can be found:

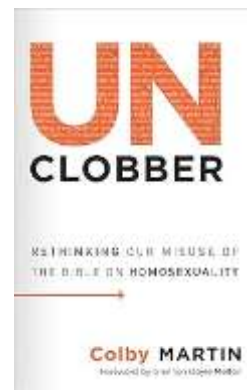
- At your local library
- For FREE through the Libby App
- On Audible
- At major retailers, such as Walmart and Amazon



**Advent Lutheran
Church ELCA**



**LGBTQ
ALLIES
LAKE COUNTY**



Prayer Chain

Do you wish to feel strengthened and fulfilled by offering your time to help others? 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

June 28-July 4
July 5-11
July 12-18
July 19-25
July 26-August 1

Sue Keeley
Phyllis Tucker
Robin Ironhorse / Becky Spudich
Sue Keeley / Alice Santurri
Deb Laukiavich

August 2-8
August 9-15
August 16-22
August 23-29
August 30-September 5

Barb Zahn / Bev McArthur
Doreen Mattson
Christine Noble / Mary Jo Jones
Jenny Dubeansky / Sara Coleman
Becky Spudich

Prayer & Spirituality

"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

- ♥ Since July is our sabbatical month, this will include information for both July and August.
- ♥ The next Caregivers Support Group will be Thursday, July 10 at 1pm. August 14th will be our annual picnic. Details to follow. If you are a caregiver or know someone who is, please invite them. All information shared is kept confidential.
- ♥ Blood pressure screenings are held on the 3rd weekend of each month. On Saturday after the 4pm service with Mary Jo Jones and Sunday, at 10am-11am in the Parish Nurse office. Mark your calendars for July 19/20 & Aug 16/17 to get yours checked.
- ♥ Advent has been providing meals for Project Hope's Families Moving Forward on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. There are typically 8-12 persons including children in need. The dates needed for July and August are July 2 & 16 and August 6 & 20. Meals are to be dropped off at 5pm at Door #4 in the back of the building. Address is 25 Freedom Rd., Painesville, OH 44077. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Call or email me with any questions.
- ♥ The next quarterly Care Team meeting will be Saturday, September 6 at 10am.
- ♥ Always remember, "When in doubt, Point to the Cross!"

Your Servant in Christ,

Christine Noble, Parish Nurse

Care Team



June 22-July 5	Denise Janosko, Bev McArthur, Nancy Marshaus
July 6-19	Lida Mackey, Becky Young, Amy Moyer
July 20-August 2	Kathy Kling, Kathy Jennings, Barb Caspell
August 3-16	Mary Jo Jones, Barbara Louis, Rose Schrum
August 17-30	Donna Conklin, Lee Sundblom, Sandy Kehler, Deb Cyrus-Lutz

Upcoming Blood Drives

Saturday, July 12
8am-1pm
~ and ~

Wednesday, August 27
10am-4pm

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 - May

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

Excused: Bob Adkins

Call to Order: 6:54pm

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

Pastor's Report: verbal

Annual Conference this week – Festival of Homiletics. Pastor will be working throughout the week, but will also be in attendance of the conference (virtual). Clergy from all over the country involved with this conference.

Witness meeting tomorrow, Pastor needs to be excused from the meeting. New members will be joining Advent in June.

Synod Assembly (virtual) this coming Saturday from 9am until 12pm. Pastor, Chris and Rob will be in attendance.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Income below -4.4% (\$4,94178) and Expenses under budget 1.7% (\$1,792.85).

Funds: quilters have received over \$1000 in donations.

No real concerns at this time, but keeping watch on incoming income.

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

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

Outreach: we received a ton of food from the Annual Post Office Food Collection, for our Little Free Pantry. Thank you to Dave Mattson, for the waiting/pickup at the post office collection.

Baby Bottle Campaign: Hannah's Home annual fund raiser. Bottles are here and available for pickup in the narthex. Filled bottles will be collected and kept in the church office. Bottles need to be returned by Father's Day.

Endowment: Scholarship Program is underway. Two scholarships to be awarded this year. No applications have been received as of yet.

Pride Day/RIC Worship: both in June. Details and info forthcoming.

Fellowship: Mother's Day event well received. Team is taking care of food for the Spring clean up day and also organizing the potluck for the Day of Service/Time Capsule Event

****Motion was made and seconded, and the ministry reports were approved.**

Administration/Housekeeping Items:

With July Sabbatical, a combined July/August newsletter will be sent out the end of June.

Please begin thinking about any summer events planned/coming up. Articles are due to the office by June 15.

Devotion for June – Carla Colo

Council sharing of blessings and/or concerns

Old Business:

Spring Clean-Up; Saturday, May 31. Fellowship taking care of lunch; Boy Scouts will help with work. Becky Spudich is asking for assistance in help coordinating the day, both inside and outside work. Mulch ordered and being delivered. Do we have a use for the leftover gravel from the boy scout project? Sign up sheets and work items list will be posted in the narthex.

Parsonage Fund Steering Committee Update: Joan's temple talks went well. Currently, 32 surveys (online) have been completed, and approx. 12 hard copies are turned in. Deadline is June 1. Team will set a date for June/July to go over/organize all captured data.

Cameras/keys: Waiting on the 2nd quote (Horner Network) and need to find another company to get a 3rd quote, so a decision can be made.

Finance Audit: Bob Adkins overseeing this project. Template, best practices, policies/procedures almost completed. Should be ready to go for August.

GPOD: signup for June and July were passed around. All weekends are covered, now through August 10. Thank you everyone.

New business:

Time Capsule: set for Day of Service, September 7. Fellowship will coordinate the potluck. One combined worship service, with the opening of the time capsule at the end of worship before the potluck luncheon. Sunday school youth should be involved.

Boy Scout Path: Project is completed. A dedication will be planned – on the workday or possible Day of Service? Need to share the project with the congregation.

Joan will be on vacation in June, and not in attendance of Exec or Council.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion was made, seconded, and meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Keeley, Council Secretary



Have a Safe Summer

St. Andrew Bocce Ball League

Our food pantry church partner, St. Andrews, has asked us if want to form some teams and join their Bocce Ball League. It is on Tuesday nights in July and part of August at 6:30pm. The teams consist of 4 people. The cost is \$40 per person for the entire season. All the money goes toward their missionaries and service projects.

They start the grill 5:30pm-6:00pm for a cookout and everybody brings a dish for potluck. Meet new Christian brothers and sisters in fellowship. You don't have to be there every week or can come for cookout or be a sub player.

If you are interested in participating, please contact John Marshaus 440.897.6360 or email: johnmarshaus1234@gmail.com. All money is due July 1st. Cash or check. It is on the front lawn of their church at RT. 84 and Little Mountain Road. Thank you. League begins on July 8th.

Advent Endowment Committee Scholarship Program Applications due July 13, 2025

The Endowment Committee will be awarding up to 2 scholarships of \$1,000 this July.

Recipients will continue to be chosen randomly via lottery. Please email Bob McClanahan, Endowment Committee Chair, for an application. Applications must be received by July 13 for the drawing. Eligibility criteria are listed on the application.

Please be sure to submit an application if you are eligible and to share this information as appropriate. Contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Bob McClanahan

Endowment Committee Chair

(mcclanclan@aol.com) / 440-867-3663)

Group Studies

Men's Studies

- ♦ **Retired Men's Group** meets the first Thursday 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.



****Note: Meetings will now take place on Thursdays**

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!
will resume in September



"...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

Goodtime III Sightseeing Cruise Advent and St. Andrew

- Family Fellowship Goodtime III Sightseeing Cruise
 - Sunday, August 24 · 3pm-5pm
 - Boards at 2:30pm
 - Rain or shine · fully enclosed lower deck
 - Great views of the city
 - Food and beverage available for purchase
 - Multi-generational event
 - All are welcome
- Parking \$11.00 for 3 hour at Pier, \$6.00 behind Browns Stadium
 - Wheelchair accessible and bathroom
- We will be partnering with St. Andrews
- Cost for seniors 60+ \$23.00;
ages 13-59 \$28.00;
ages 5-12 \$15.00.
- Carpooling from Advent at 1:30pm. Located: East 9th St Pier
Voinovich Park, next to Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame

For Reservations and payment - contact: John Marshaus (440.897.6360;
email: johnmarshaus1234@gmail.com)

Come and join us for an afternoon of family fellowship
Deadline to sign up and pay is **July 31st.**

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

Come join us for a **Captain's Baseball Game** on **Friday, July 25** at 7pm

- ◇ Tickets are \$12.00 each.
- ◇ Please sign up on the bulletin board · make checks out to
Advent with the Memo: baseball
- ◇ Let's Root for the Home Team!
- ◇ Any questions call Doreen Mattson @ 216-389-7611



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

OK GANG

On July 21, 2025, the OK Gang will be going to **The New China Buffet Restaurant** located at 5935 Andrews Rd. located in the strip mall behind Wendy's (between Marco's Pizza and Marc's) at 12:45pm.

The New China Buffet is a favorite of many members of the Advent family and has a wide variety of delicious Chinese and American dishes including roast beef, salmon and shrimp. You have many choices of fresh salad fixings and desserts. If you happen to be vegetarian or vegan or need gluten free, I am sure you will find plenty to eat. The cost is very affordable and just let them know you are senior citizen to get that discount.

So mark your calendar for July 21st and join us at the New China Buffet for a great time and very good food. It is a great way to meet other members of the Advent family that go to different weekly services. Please sign up on the signup sheet located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

If you have any questions you can talk to Cherie Moore, Kathie Hayden, or Jenny Helland or any member of the witness committee.

Thank You

Advent Family,
Nancy & John want to thank everyone for your prayers, love and help during the rough month of May of illness and having no power. We are blessed being a member of Advent.
God Bless ~ John & Nancy Marshaus

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to Rita Duwe, who joined Advent on Saturday, June 7.



Community Outreach

Food Pantry (St. Andrew's)
Donations:

July: Soap & paper Towels
August: Shampoo & Detergent

**Volunteers
Needed**



Advent's Little Free Pantry

Our current needs are:

oatmeal, mac n' cheese, bar soap

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

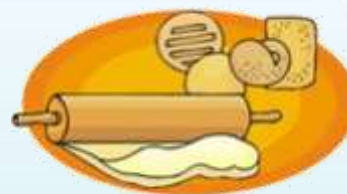
Please see the Weekly News sheets each weekend for our most current pantry needs. Thank you for your support and for making a difference in the lives of those we are helping!

"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

Whole Wheat Communion Bread

2 ½ cups Whole Wheat Flour
1 teaspoon of Baking Powder
¾ cup Water

¼ cup Sugar
1 Tablespoon of Oil
¼ cup Honey



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix dry ingredients together. Stir honey and water together until dissolved. Then stir in the dry ingredients. Dough will be slightly sticky. Divide into three balls and sprinkle lightly with flour. Roll out each ball to about 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. Make a cross on each loaf of bread cutting all the way through the bread. Bake for about 12-15 minutes on a greased cookie sheet. Dab with oil once the bread is baked and cooled. Can be frozen. Wrap each loaf individually.

Baptism

Layla Ann Muheisien

daughter of Heather Wallster
baptized May 31



Wedding

Congratulations and God's Blessings!

Alexis Sharpe & Fernanda Alves
married on May 24



Council Person of the Day

July 6

July 13

July 20

July 27

Rob Hilston

Carla Colo

Chris Noble

Dave Mattson

August 3

August 10

August 17

August 24

August 31

Rob Hilston

Carla Colo

Chris Noble

Andy DiLiello

Jo Brantweiner

Altar Flowers

July

5/6	Coleman
12/13	Bolton
19/20	Noble
26/27	Conklin



August

2/3	Fabian
9/10	Noble
16/17	Conklin
23/24	Open
30/31	Open

Note: flowers are ordered through the church office.
You will be billed directly from the florist

Worship Assistants

We need your help!

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

We need ushers, lectors, and communion assistants

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

Upcoming Communion Bread Bakers

July 5/6
July 12/13
July 19/20
July 26/27

Cathy Doering
Terry Mach
Terry Mach
Cathy Doering

Month of August

Carla Colo

Thank you for your ministry!



Finance Update • May 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	124,983.08	134,112.00	\$(9,128.92)
Expenditures	132,634.60	134,940.00	2,305.40
Ending Balance May 31, 2025	\$18,821.44	\$25,644.96	\$(6,823.52)

Year-to-Date...

**We've spent
\$7,651.52
more than we've
received**

DESIGNATED/ RESTRICTED FUNDS

Balance 1/1/25	\$422,963.90
Income	7,678.10
Expenditures	27,194.81
Ending Balance May 31, 2025	\$403,447.19

Treasurer's Report with Fund Balances are posted at the end of each month on the council bulletin board outside the church office.

Advent 2025 Financial Performance

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Income	40,302	22,554	23,445	21,930	16,522								
Expenses	28,482	24,862	27,458	25,644	26,177								
Project Income	40,302	19,080	28,620	25,440	20,670	22,260	27,030	21,624	20,670	25,440	33,390	33,474	318,000
Projected Expenses	29,125	26,464	26,464	26,464	26,464	29,125	26,464	26,460	26,464	26,464	26,464	26,464	322,886



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



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Please Make Note

During the month of July Sabbatical, the office hours for Pastor Steve and the office administrator will vary.

If you have a need, please call and leave a message or send an email, and we will get back to you.

Thank you!

Deadline Reminder:

Newsletter information:

due by the 15th of the month

**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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MENTOR, OHIO 44060-3703

Dated Material - June 23, 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 @11:00am
- ♦ Youth Sunday School ▪ Sunday's ▪ 10:15am
- ♦ Adult Sunday School: ▪ Sunday's ▪ 10:15am

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Advent Welcomes You!

Welcome! With delight, we greet all who come to worship. You are sincerely welcomed and invited to be a regular worshipper here in God's house. If you are looking for a church home, you will find a ready welcome here at Advent Lutheran Church.

Welcome Friends



Advent's Purpose Statement: *"Loved by God, we share Christ's love with ALL"*