



Advent Lutheran Church Weekly News Week of June 7-13



- **July Worship Assistants:** we need your help!! Please consider serving:
lector, communion assistant, usher. See the sign up board in the Narthex.

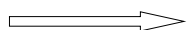
- **Food Pantry (with St. Andrew):** needs for June - **deodorant & toilet paper**
Collection shopping carts in front/back door entryways


- **"Little Free Pantry"** current needs for this week are: **canned fruit, ravioli, cereal**
There is a collection box outside the church office.

- **New Members:** We welcome new members to our Advent family this weekend. We extend a warm welcome to: *Richard Blum & Donna Cilensek, Rita Duwe, Jillian Kern, Joan Mihelich, and Paula Nicholson.*



- **The Holy Land Christians will be our guests this weekend to hear their story and see their beautiful olivewood crafts:** We will be hearing about the Christians of the Holy Land, and after each service, a display of handmade olive wood religious articles from Bethlehem will be available for purchase. These carvings include olivewood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts that could make a nice wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter and Christmas gifts. The carvings are handmade by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on it for their daily bread. More than 70% of the Christian Community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income. For decades those Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing conflict, the wars, the 12 yard wall built around Bethlehem, the COVID-19 pandemic, and nowadays the catastrophic ongoing war for the past nineteen month. Due to this, tourists are afraid and unable to visit the Holy Land. This made it very difficult for the Christian families to find their daily bread and forced them to immigrate and flee their homeland since they lost their source of income. The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, today it is less than 1%. If it continues like this, in few years we will find no Christians in the land of Christ, which could cause tragic consequences to our faith and holy sites. Please help support our Christian brothers and sisters in the town of Bethlehem where Christ was born by purchasing their carvings. A Christians family from Bethlehem will be telling us the story of the Christians of the Holy Land and they will be presenting these carvings after the services. Please be sure to stop by the table in the Narthex.
- **Altar Flowers:** Altar flowers this weekend are given by Bob & Denise McClanahan, in honor of Kyle McClanahan.



- **Father's Day Event:** Please join us on Sunday, June 15, as we celebrate all dads this Father's Day. We will be gathering in the Narthex for **Desserts with Dad** between services.
- **Lake County Pride:** *"Loved by God, we share Christ's love with all"* As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we love without conditions. In the spirit of this, Advent Lutheran will be a sponsor at this year's Lake County Pride, facilitated by the LGBTQ+ Allies of Lake County. The event will take place on Saturday, June 14th from 11am to 5pm at the Lake County History Center, located at 415 Riverside Dr, Painesville, OH 44077. Last year's event was an incredible opportunity to meet and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and their allies. The Loved by God group is looking for volunteers to help staff our table at Pride. The time slots will be in 1-hour increments from 11am to 5pm. A volunteer's main responsibility is to show a welcoming presence to those who come up to the table. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, and we kindly ask that you write your first and last name and phone number in the time slot you would like to volunteer. If you are unable to sign-up in person, please contact Alexis Sharpe at: asharpe3@kent.edu.
- **Graduation Information:** It's that time of year where we would like to acknowledge those who are graduating...high school, college, grad school. Please contact the church office with info (440.257.5565 or you may email: adventmentoroffice@gmail.com). We need their: name, where they are graduating from, college attending or future plans. **Please be sure to get your information to the church office by Friday, June 13.** 
- **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)
- **OK Gang:** On June 16, 2025 the OK Gang will be going to **Redhawk Bar and Grille** located at 7481 Auburn Road, Concord Township, Ohio at 12:45pm. Redhawk Bar and Grille offers the area's Largest Outdoor Patio, two wood burning fireplaces. They also have evening live entertainment, outdoor games and two full service bars! Indoor dining is comfortable, and classy with INCREDIBLE food, and prompt, courteous service. Weather permitting we will be eating outside on their covered deck.

We will be having a buffet as we are a large group so everyone should have no problem going home hungry. If you have not joined us before please come and give us a try....we are a fun group! 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. Hoping to see you June 16th at the OK Gang lunch. If you have any questions you can talk to Cherie Moore, Kathie Hayden or Jenny Helland or any member of the witness committee.

Welcome Friends! With delight, we greet all who have 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.