



The Candle

September
2025

God's Work ~ Our Hands!

God's Work! Our Hands! Day of Service is September 7

Advent is once again participating in the ELCA Day of Service on Sunday September 7th. It is the twelfth year that the ELCA Day of Service has been held in communities around the country.

On September 7th there will be **ONE** worship **service at 10:00am**. After the service we will open a **TIME CAPSULE** that had various items put into it by members 25 years ago. This will truly be a treat. After that there will be a **POTLUCK** lunch. Bring something to share. After lunch we will proceed to the various projects.

This will be a very fun day. It is a great opportunity for fellowship and giving a little back to our community.

Current projects being planned are:

- + **Stuff Pillows for Hospice** – Bev McArthur
- + **Sing in a Traveling Choir** – Doreen Mattson
- + **Make fleece tied Blankets** for Various Charities– Lida Mackey
- + **Yard Work and Small Projects** for people needing help
- + **Fill the Pantry** - *what better way to serve our community—feed the hungry! We will be collecting canned goods, boxed food, non-parishables for our Little Free Pantry. There will be a collection box in the Narthex.*

Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex. If you have an idea for a project, please let Dave Mattson know.

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR YELLOW T-SHIRT! If you don't have one, there are various sizes, you can buy one in the narthex (\$10 each).

Mark your calendars and be sure to join us!



Day of Service
September 7
10am worship



Blood Drive
September 12
9am-2pm



Sunday School
September 14
10:15am
all ages!

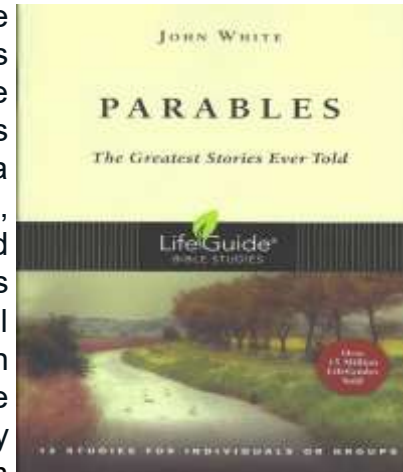


Flu Clinic
September 28
10am-11:30am

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

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS A NEW STUDY

The Parables were the greatest stories ever told. The parables of Jesus make up a crucial part of the Bible. Jesus had the wisdom to simplify the profound spiritual truths he needed to share with humanity in the form of relatable stories that are easy to understand. A parable is a tale about a simple, common subject to illustrate a more profound, valuable moral lesson. The source definition of the word "parable" means a placement side by side for comparison. As you explore with John White the Parables of Jesus, you will come to understand the far-reaching impact they have had on the world we live in. *Parables* by John White features twelve easy to understand chapters with accompanying study questions. The study guide is available through Amazon.com for \$8.49 in the paperback edition (ISBN 9780830830374) and \$8.07 in the Kindle edition. This study guide is also available from Thriftbooks.com in a slightly different format.



This 12-session study will begin on Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 10:15am in hybrid format. This means it will be conducted in-person and on zoom for people requiring remote access.

If you are interested in joining us, please call/text Tim Krueger at (440) 391-0369 so that you can be placed on our email list (which is how the zoom information is sent out). You can email Tim at: LTCTKRUE@aol.com.

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/adventmentoroffice@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

August 30-September 5
September 6-12
September 13-19
September 20-26
September 27-October 3

Becky Spudich
Nancy Marshaus, Rose Schrum
Lee Sundblom, Kay Smith
Becky Young, Sue Keeley
Jen Egner, Sandy Kehler



"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

- ♥ Here it is the end of August. Since August has 5 weekends, the Healing Touch Ministry will offer healing prayer at all 3 services on August 30/31. Please remember we are merely His vessels that our Lord uses to say the words inspired by the Holy Spirit. Come to the altar at communion time and give your request to Him. God answers our prayers.
- ♥ The next quarterly Care Team meeting is Saturday, September 6 at 10am. All are welcome to attend.
- ♥ Caregivers Support Group will meet on Thursday, September 11 at 1pm. If you are a caregiver or know someone who is, please invite them to join us. The meetings are informal and all information shared is kept confidential.
- ♥ Blood Pressure screenings will held on Saturday, September 20 after the 4pm service by Mary Jo Jones and Sunday, September 21 at 10am in the Parish Nurse office. Hope to see you there.
- ♥ Annual Flu & Covid Vaccine Clinic will be held on Sunday, September 28 from 10am-11:30am in Fellowship Hall. If you are on Medicare or have insurance that covers the cost of the vaccine, you are eligible to receive it. Walgreen's will take care of the billing. There is no money exchange. Please remember to bring your insurance card. You may receive 1 or both vaccines at the same time. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Questions? Contact Christine Noble at 440-346-3120.
- ♥ 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 calendar for September thru December is up on the bulletin board waiting for volunteers. Meals are to be dropped off at 5pm at Door #4 in the back of the building. Address is 25 Freedom Rd., Painesville, 44077. Call or email me with any questions.
- ♥ Always remember, "When in doubt, Point to the Cross!"

Your Servant in Christ,

Christine Noble, Parish Nurse

Care Team



August 31-Sept 13	Denise Janosko, Bev McArthur, Nancy Marshaus
September 14-27	Lida Mackey, Becky Young, Amy Moyer
Sept 28-Oct 11	Kathy Kling, Kathy Jennings, Barb Caspell

Upcoming Blood Drive

Friday, September 12
9am-2pm

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 - June

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

Excused: Joan Hamm, Christine Noble

Call to Order: 6:55pm

Approval of May Council Minutes: Motion was made, seconded, and approved (with 1 correction of time change).

Pastor's Report: verbal

Pastor is scheduled for Jury Duty this week and the next 2 weeks. His work schedule may vary, as he might be in/out of jury.

Pride Day is this Saturday at the Historical Center. Pastor is on the Board of LGBTQ+ Allies and will be directly involved with Pride.

RIC Weekend is June 21/22. Worship is provided by RIC Works directly. Inclusive language will be used. Pastor stated that the work we are currently doing (working to be more inclusive) is more important now than ever with our changing world. We as a congregation need to be in prayer.

Bethlehem Christians Event went well and they were well received at Advent.

New Members class/dinner, didn't go as planned.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Income below -6.8% (\$9,128.92) and Expenses under budget 1.7% (\$2,305.40).

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

YTD we have spent \$8000 more than we received. Discussion ensued – we may need to ask the congregation to donate to a specific fund/need or general fund.

CD coming due at the end of June, money will be placed into our checking account, instead of rolling it over.

Vouchers: please have committee members give vouchers to liaisons for submitting/approval, and give them directly to the treasurer.

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

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

Property: hoses and timers have been ordered for outdoor watering; surge protector ordered to replace broken protector; AC in the Sanctuary is ready to go. Andy is still working on finding another company to supply a "security" quote.

Fellowship: Father's Day event to be held this Sunday.

****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.

Old Business:

Spring Clean-Up; Saturday, May 31. Went well. Thank you to Dave/Doreen Mattson for organizing. About 36 people attended. Boy Scouts helped as well. Carla has pics from the day and will send them to Rob. Carla was cleaning inside the church, storage room, and has items to either donate or sell. She was given the go ahead to do what she feels is best to get rid of materials.

Parsonage Fund Steering Committee Update: Team is meeting on Saturday the 21st, to begin organizing the ideas gathered from the surveys. About 50+ responses were collected.

Cameras/keys: Waiting on one more quote, but hopefully a decision will be made soon. Group is meeting tonight, following the council meeting to discuss.

Time Capsule: set for Day of Service, September 7. Plans will be finalized in August. One worship service at 10am, followed by the capsule opening, followed by luncheon. Hopefully we can get the youth involved.

New Member Reception: Thank you to the council members that attended the dinner. After some communication issues, only 1 new member joined this past weekend. Members that attended the 4pm worship service were invited to stay for the dinner.

New business:

Stewardship Weekend: will take place on October 18/19. Materials “stuffing” day is September 14. Pastor will do a sermon series during the weeks prior to Stewardship weekend. Temple talks will take place the 4 weekends prior. Rob is looking for council members willing to help with the temple talks, as he will be out of town in October.

Folding Screens: the fellowship team/funeral luncheon team, are looking for folding decorative screens for the fellowship hall (for hiding the chair racks/storage bin racks). There are monies in the Funeral Fund and Rob will speak with Chris Noble concerning this to see if some of those funds can be used to purchase these screens.

July Sabbatical: no council meeting in July.

Synod Sermons: our Synod, along with 5 other Synod’s, are working together on year-long recorded sermons that will be available as resources as needed. There is a shortage of pastors for full time church work, as well as for clergy pulpit supply. Discussions ensued about some suggestions for coverage should the need arise. Pastor will take discussions/suggestions to W&M.

New Council/Leadership: please begin thinking about new potential council members for next year, if you wish to continue to serve, and who might be in leadership roles (president). Please let Pastor Steve or Rob know of your ideas/suggestions.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion was made, seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Keeley, Council Secretary



Art in Season

September 13

The next session is scheduled for September 13th. Karen Brickner (daughter of Chuck and Sandy Kehler) will be helping us develop some artistic talents with a painting party. A brief devotion from God’s Word will be followed by painting a picture appropriate for the season.

The class will begin at 1:00pm. There is a \$35.00 fee for supplies. If the cost is an issue for anyone, please contact Pastor Steve. Funds are available to assist you so that you do not need to miss this.

Let us grow together and allow God to continue the good work already being done in our lives.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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

Stewardship

To be Stewards of God's Love challenges all Christians to steward God's resources — time, talents and treasures — in response to God's commandment to love God and our neighbors. One of the ways this is done here at Advent is by participating in the Pledge Commitment. Advent Lutheran Church **2025 Pledge Weekend** will be celebrated on Saturday, October 18th, and Sunday, October 19th.

Advent Lutheran Church would like to continue to support all of our ministries, but to run these programs in the way they should be run, the church needs to generate the revenue to support these programs. It's the purpose of the Stewardship team to reach out and to encourage you to keep doing what you're doing and to please consider raising your contribution in the year ahead if you can afford to do so.

When you give to Advent Lutheran Church, you are giving some of what God has entrusted into your care to accomplish God's work in the world. Sometimes it is difficult to see all that our congregation is doing. Make no mistake, because of you and many others, Advent is making a difference as we proclaim God's mighty acts.

When all of us take this opportunity to give towards the financial support of the congregation's ministry, we will be able to do even more.

Pledge cards will be mailed as well as be available at the Church. The pledge card has a section on the front for your pledge and the back that lists areas of opportunities for supporting Advent's ministries with your time. Please check an area that you might be interested in and someone will contact you to welcome your participation. Please fill out the pledge card on the front and return by mail prior to October 19th, or bring it to church on Saturday, October 18th, or Sunday, October 19th.

There are several options available for giving:

- Place your offering envelope in the tray at the back of the church
- Mail your offering to the church
- Transmit your offering electronically via the church website: adventmentor.org; there is a "Give Now" tab listed in the menu or you can also find an "Online Giving" section right on the homepage

We want to thank you for your past, current, and future participation, and we thank you in advance for your donation and support of our church.

God Bless ~

Your Stewardship Team

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.



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

“FREEDOM’S JOURNEY”

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN LAKE COUNTY

Mark your calendar for a presentation by the Lake County Historical Society



During the American Civil War (1861-1865), literally thousands of slaves escaped the horrors of slavery in the south via what is widely referred to as the “underground railroad.” Did you know that Lake County played an integral role in support of the underground railroad?

The **Loved by God Team** of Advent Lutheran Church, in conjunction with the Lake County Historical Society, is sponsoring a presentation called “Freedom’s Journey” which will be conducted at Advent Lutheran Church on **Saturday, October 25th from 2 to 3pm**.

Light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the program.

This event is free; however, a \$5 or \$10 donation to the Loved by God Team would be much appreciated.

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.

Parsonage Fund Steering Committee Update

While July provided a welcome break from our typically busy church schedules, the Parsonage Fund Steering Committee remained hard at work. During this time, we thoroughly reviewed and analyzed the many surveys submitted by members of the congregation regarding the use of the parsonage sale funds. We also reached out to several individuals for clarification and deeper insight into their thoughtful suggestions.

First and foremost, we want to express our sincere gratitude for your prayerful and considerate input. Every idea was carefully reviewed and thoughtfully considered as we move forward with this important process.

We’d like to share a brief summary of the survey results: A total of **73 responses** were received. Of these, **23 respondents** favored investing the entirety of the funds. The remaining **50 responses**—representing approximately **69%**—recommended a **combination approach**: to spend some and invest some.

Suggestions varied widely, but a common theme emerged—many focused on addressing the **infrastructure needs of our church building**.

As we prepare for the Steering Committee’s next step—the **discernment working sessions**—we are gathering information and research to present to these groups. All interested members of the congregation will be invited to participate in the meeting. The committee is currently working on the structure and details of these sessions, and we will keep you informed as our plans take shape.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

— The Parsonage Fund Steering Committee

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

OK GANG

On September 15, 2025 the OK Gang will be going to Perkins Restaurant and Bakery located at 700 Mentor Avenue, Painesville, at 12:45pm.

Since it was founded in 1958 as a single pancake house in Ohio, Perkins today has nearly 300 restaurants in 32 states and Canada, of which 85 are company-owned. Committed to delivering 100% satisfaction through service excellence and positive dining experiences, the brand embraces a "Kindness Served Daily" philosophy.

At Perkins you can have breakfast (served all day), hearty steak plates, juicy burgers and a wide selection of handcrafted handhelds, soups and salads. They also have a senior menu and many Vegetarian options as well as wonderful bakery offering a wide selection of fruit pies, cream pies, scrumptious cookies and their signature mammoth muffins

So mark your calendar for September 15th and join us at Perkins Restaurant and Bakery 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.

Sunday School

**First day of Sunday school is
September 14 at 10:15am**

Community Outreach

**Food Pantry (St. Andrew's)
Donations:**

**September:
Toothpaste & Toilet Paper**

**Volunteers
Needed**



Advent's Little Free Pantry

**Our current needs are:
bar soap, tuna, ramen**

**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

Saturday Evening Potlucks are back

Saturday, September 20 and Saturday, November 8

These are the next potluck dates after the Saturday 4pm worship service.

Place settings will be provided. Bring something to share.

Any questions, please see or call Cathy Doering at:
(home phone) 440.379.7338

Come and join us for fellowship and fun!

Potluck Dinner



New Birth

Harvey Cameron Deborde



Congratulations to Kirsten (Patrick) and Cameron DeBorde, upon the birth of their son, on August 6th.

Grandparents: Fawn & Bill Patrick;
Great Grandmother: Anne Marie Johnson.

God's Blessings to all!



September 14

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 9am

11:30am

Sunday School: 10:15am

Council Person of the Day

September 7

September 14

September 21

September 28

Rob Hilston

Bob Adkins

Rob Hilston

Joan Hamm

Altar Flowers

September

6/7

13/14

20/21

27/28

Colo

DeAlexandro

Hamilton

Open



Note: 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

Month of September

Cathy Doering

Thank you for your ministry!



Finance Update • July 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	173,136.45	183,402.00	\$(10,265.55)
Expenditures	190,240.48	190,440.00	199.52
Ending Balance July 31, 2025	\$9,368.93	\$19,434.96	\$(10,066.03)

Year-to-Date...

**We've spent
\$17,104.03
more than we've
received**

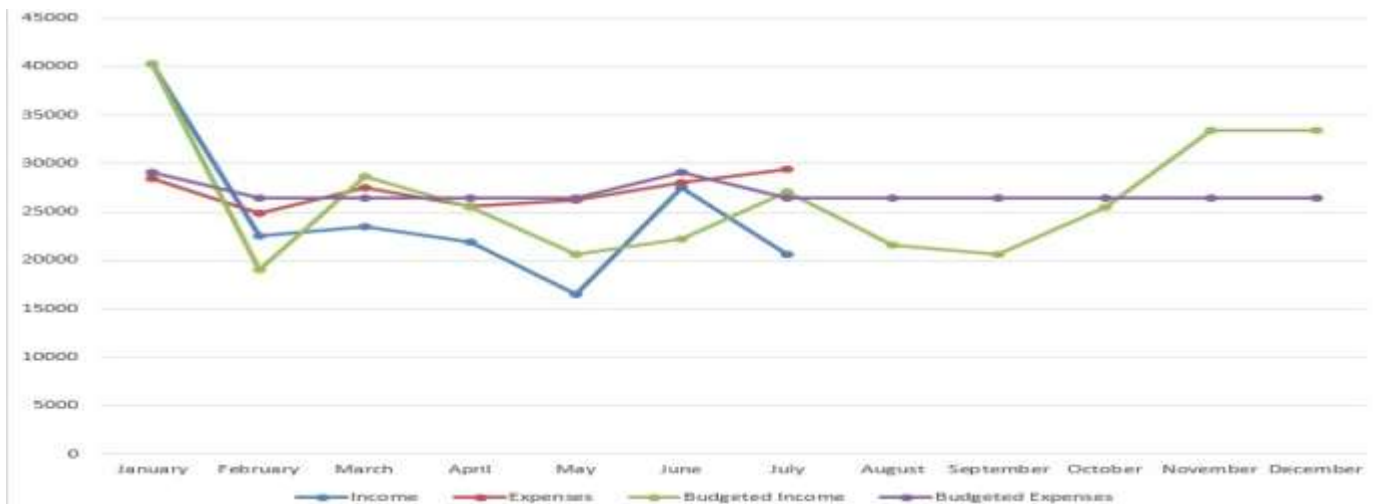
DESIGNATED/ RESTRICTED FUNDS

Balance 1/1/25	\$422,903.98
Income	10,283.63
Expenditures	29,860.26
Ending Balance July 31, 2025	\$403,327.35

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	27,541	20,612						
Expenses	28,482	24,862	27,458	25,644	26,177	27,995	29,443						
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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Deadline Reminder:

Newsletter information:
due by the 15th of the month



Have a great year ~
 students, teachers &
 bus drivers!

To submit items to *The Candle*,
 contact: Sue Keeley - Office Administrator at: 440.257.5565
 You may also e-mail your information to:
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Dated Material - August 25, 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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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



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