



Advent Lutheran Church Weekly News Week of August 23-29



- **September 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 August - **shampoo & detergent**
Collection shopping carts in front/back door entryways
- **"Little Free Pantry"** current needs for this week are: **ramen, bar soap, ravioli**
There is a collection box outside the church office.
- **Fall Worship:** The fall worship schedule will begin on Sunday, September 14.
Saturday: 4pm
Sunday: 9am and 11:30am
Sunday School: 10:15am

- **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:

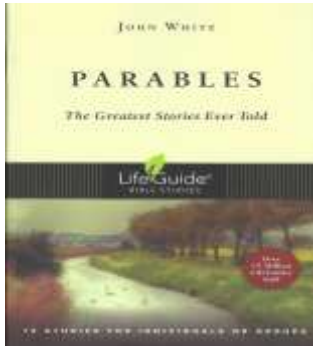
- + **Stuff Pillows for Hospice** – Bev McArthur
- + **Sing in a Traveling Choir** at a local assisted living facility– Doreen Mattson
- + **Make fleece tied Blankets** for Various Charities– Lida Mackey
- + **Yard Work and Small Projects** for people needing help
- + **Fill the Pantry** - what better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

- **Art in Season:** 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. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex.
- **Saturday Night Potluck:** Potlucks are back! Join us after the 4pm Saturday worship service on September 20. Place settings will be provided. Please bring something to share. Any questions—please see or call Cathy Doering (home phone 440.379.7338)



- 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.

- 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

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