



February  
2026

# The Candle

## Pastor's Message

### "Tell Me Something Good" — A Lenten Journey

Lent begins each year with ashes on our foreheads and honesty in our hearts. It is a season when we slow down, take stock of our lives, and reflect on faith, hope, and the world around us. This year, our midweek Lenten worship will be shaped by a simple but timely theme: **"Tell Me Something Good."**

We live in a world saturated with bad news. The loudest voices often trade in fear, outrage, and division. Even faith itself—and the name "Christian"—can feel heavy with baggage for many. For some, the gospel has not sounded like good news at all.

And yet, at its heart, the gospel of Jesus Christ *is* good news.

Jesus' ministry consistently pointed toward goodness that restores rather than wounds: radical welcome, love of neighbor, care for the vulnerable, mercy in the face of injustice, and hope that refuses to give up. Jesus fed the hungry, welcomed those pushed aside, challenged oppressive systems, and proclaimed that God's kingdom belongs to all.

This Lent, we will return to those foundational stories, asking enduring questions: *Who was this good news for? Is it still good news today? What makes it good?* These questions invite us to examine our assumptions and rediscover a faith rooted not in fear or power, but in justice, mercy, and love.

Lent is not about pretending everything is fine. It is about learning to notice goodness even when it feels fragile—about recognizing where God is still at work in a weary world. Goodness is not shallow or naïve. It tells the truth. It shows up in compassion, community, forgiveness, and hope that endures—even at the cross.

My hope is that this Lenten journey will help us reclaim the gospel as something life-giving and spacious—strong enough to meet the world's pain with love. In a world that desperately needs it, may the church show up as a force for good.

Grace and peace,  
**Pastor Steve**


<b>Maltz Museum Trip</b> February 7 11am

<b>Happy Valentine's Day</b> February 14

<b>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner</b> February 17 5pm-7pm

<b>Ash Wednesday</b> February 18 12noon & 7pm

## Mark Your Calendar for a Special Concert

You are invited to attend a wonderful afternoon of Beethoven's music.

This will be followed by an **optional dinner at Anthony's Restaurant located at 34931 Vine St., Eastlake, Ohio** (everyone will pay for their own meals). The cost of tickets is a group rate of \$20/person. We need at least 10 or more people attending to get the group rate. If you are interested in attending, make out a **check or money** order to Tim G. Krueger (with "Beethoven" on the memo line) and give it to him **not later than Sunday, February 22nd. Cash will also be accepted.**

You can 1) give it directly to Tim, 2) place it in Tim's mailbox at church or 3) U.S. Mail it to: Tim Krueger, 8172 Deepwood Blvd., #15-9, Mentor, Ohio 44060. He will need to know: 1) number of people in your party, 2) if you will be attending the optional dinner after the concert, 4) your preferred phone number and email address (**please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex**). *Once Tim has purchased your ticket from the Snowbelt Musical Arts Association, there will be no refunds.* If you have any questions, call/text Tim Krueger at (440) 391-0369 or email him at [LTCTKRUE@aol.com](mailto:LTCTKRUE@aol.com).



### BEETHOVEN'S FIFTH

Sunday, March 1, 4:00 PM

Eastlake North High School  
34041 Stevens Blvd, Eastlake

We are pleased to announce that a new program: "**Grateful Gatherings**" will be offered at Advent Lutheran Church beginning in March. The sponsor of the program is, "Grateful Living." We will meet once a month on the third Saturday of the month from 2.00pm to 3:30pm

*"Be part of our revolutionary vision of small groups of people coming together to discover, practice, and share how to live gratefully. Together, we create space for more connection and compassion in the world." - Grateful Living*

If you have questions, please contact Emma Krueger at: [emlotus45@gmail.com](mailto:emlotus45@gmail.com) / (440)391.0045

### 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: [adventmentoroffice@gmail.com](mailto: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

Jan 31-Feb 6	Doreen Mattson, Elizabeth Chuba
Feb 7-13	Christine Noble, Mary Jo Jones
Feb 14-20	Jenny Dubeansky, Sara Coleman
Feb 21-27	Becky Spudich
Feb 28-March 6	Nancy Marshaus, Rose Schrum

*"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*

- ♥ February is American Heart Month. Heart disease is still the leading cause of death in the U.S. But fortunately there are steps we can take to prevent heart disease and reduce the risk of developing heart disease and preventing a stroke: 1. Maintaining normal blood pressure and take medications as prescribed 2. Eating healthy low salt, low fat diet to keep your cholesterol level within the normal range 3. Staying active and exercise on a regular basis 4. Get regular checkups with your family doctor. There are websites available to find more information regarding keeping your heart healthy. Check out [www.aha.org](http://www.aha.org)
- ♥ The Caregivers Support Group will meet on Thursday, February 12 at 1pm for our monthly meeting. If you are a caregiver or know someone who is, please invite them to join us. It is a time to share your struggles with others who understand the challenges of caregiving. All information shared is kept confidential.
- ♥ Blood pressure screenings will be held on Saturday, February 14 at 7pm with Mary Jo Jones and Sunday, February 15 at 10am in the Parish Nurse office. Stop by to see if yours is in the normal range.
- ♥ The quarterly Care Team meeting will be Saturday, March 7 at 10am. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please feel welcome to join us. No obligation required.
- ♥ Advent provides meals for Project Hope's Ministry of Families Moving Forward on the first and third Wednesday of each month. These are typically Moms or Dads and children in need of a temporary place and food. Meals should be enough for 10-12 persons. Drop the food off at Project Hope, 25 Freedom Rd., Painesville at Door #4 in back of the building at 5pm. No one is available before 5pm. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for the next few months. Please prayerfully consider volunteering.
- ♥ A final thought...February is the month we think of love. Valentines Day is February 14 and the stores are filled with heart-shaped candy, flowers and everything pink or red. With all the commercial ideas of "love" I want to remind us of what God's love for us is... *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. "* John 3:16 So let us each do as our Lord commands us in John 13:34-35 *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples."*
- ♥ Always remember, "When in doubt, Point to the Cross!"

Your Servant in Christ,  
*Christine Noble, Parish Nurse*

## Care Team

Feb 1-14

Lida Mackey, Becky Young,  
 Amy Moyer  
 Kathy Kling, Kathy Jennings,  
 Barb Caspell

Feb 15-28



## Upcoming Blood Drive

Friday, March 6, 2026  
 10am-4pm

call 1.800.RED.CROSS  
 ~or~ Red-  
 CrossBlood.org  
 Key word: Advent



Help Save a Life!

# Council Minutes - December

**In Attendance:** Pastor Steve, Bob McClanahan, Christine Noble, Joan Hamm, Bob Adkins, Dave Mattson, Leesa Mecozi, Rob Hilston

**Excused:** Carla Colo, Andy DiLiello

**Guest:** Terry Mach

**Call to Order:** 6:57pm



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

## Pastor's Report: verbal

Pastor is turning 65 this month and of course retirement is on his mind. Pastor always wants what is best for Advent. His retirement decision is a mutual discussion with himself and the congregation – what is the best position for growth for the future. He is not saying that he is ready to retire right now, but will always do what is best for this congregation...whether it be 2 years, 5 years or 10 years, etc from now.

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

## Treasurer's Report:

Income below -4.6% (\$13,160) and income under budget .9% (2,720)

Ministry teams are on track – some below and some above

November was a good income month.

*\*\* Motion was made to approve the November Treasurer's report, seconded, and the November report was approved.*

## 2026 Budget:

Bob Adkins discussed his docs (on file) "Financial Issues facing Advent". With the start of the budget prep process, we were looking at a \$25,000 deficit for next year. Much work was done, and they have lowered that deficit to \$13,000. Bob recommends a committee be formed to visit area churches that have large memberships, many youth, and large financial budgets – to gain ideas of what they are doing. This will be discussed further in January.

Dave reviewed the financial documents (on file) for the budget proposal for next year. Thank you to everyone who attended and gave insight at the budget planning meeting. Lots of hard work went into the budget proposal.

Income: proposing a 2026 budget income of \$302,500. Overview of the break-down of income was discussed, per the document.

Expenses: proposing a total expense of \$315,332 for 2026. Dave explained the breakdown of where the expenses are, how much is covered where, and the need for fundraising in 2026. This discussion of fundraising will begin at the January council meeting. Discussion ensued about the amount of Benevolence given. Church Property Insurance was also discussed, as we will be self-insured for any wind, hail and tornado damage. Our policy will not cover these 3 items, as we need a new roof before insurance will cover fully. This will be discussed within the Parsonage Fund Steering Committee.

*\*\* Motion was made to approve the proposed 2026 budget as presented; motion was seconded, and approved by all.*

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

**Outreach:** Food Pantry: 85 families were served in November with Thanksgiving Baskets, along with their usual monthly choice pickup. 80 baskets will be prepared for Christmas. Advent received 2 anonymous \$300 donations for food pantry holiday baskets.

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

## Administration/Housekeeping Items:

A special thank you to Cathy Doering, for supplying council with treats every month for our meetings.

## **Old Business:**

**Christmas Party:** December 14. Please RSVP to Carla if you have not yet done so,

**Parsonage Fund Steering Committee Update:** tabled until after the first of the year.

**Cameras/Security System:** system is in place and running smoothly. It has been a long process, and not without some bugs/glitches that needed to be worked out. Council was reminded to please let the office know if your ministry team has a scheduled "auto-open" for a meeting and that meeting is not taking place, so the doors can be re-programmed.

## **New business:**

**Council Leadership:** Terry Mach has accepted the open 1-year term for council for 2026. The open 2-year term still needs to be filled. This will be worked on and a nominee will be brought to the January annual meeting.

**Elections for officers:** President and Vice President

**\*\* Bob McClanahan nominated Leesa Mecozzi for council president for 2026, seconded by Bob Adkins; Leesa accepted the nomination. Approved by all.**

**\*\* Dave Mattson nominated Christine Noble for council vice-president for 2026, seconded by Bob McClanahan; Christine accepted the nomination. Approved by all.**

**Thank You's:** Pastor Steve thanked Rob Hilston, Joan Hamm and Bob Adkins for their rolls as officers/leadership these past 2 years. Thank you to Bob McClanahan, who has agreed to serve as Treasurer for 2026. And thank you to all of council for your continued support, leadership, and work within ministries.

Rob addressed the council, as he thanked the council for the support the past 2 years and for Joan being his vice-president. Dave Mattson thanked Rob and Joan for their leadership.

**First-Half Annual Meeting:** went well. It was a good idea to give a financial update to the congregation, so they know where our finances are at year-end, so it's not a complete surprise at the annual meeting in January.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion was made, seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

## **Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

*Sue Keeley, Council Secretary*

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### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

Please join us for a family fellowship Mardi Gras style Shrove or Fat Tuesday party. This will be held on Tuesday, February 17, the day before Ash Wednesday - from 5-7pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be plenty of food with pancakes, sausage, fruit salad, and paczkis! So come hungry. Also, good fellowship and music with plenty of color. Wear a colorful shirt or outfit (optional).

There is no charge, but a free will offering will be taken. Invite anyone who might need a free meal. Please pass the word around to neighbors and friends.

All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

Shrove  
Tuesday



# OK Gang

We will be going to Mean Mugs Pub located at 7061 Chillicothe Rd. in Mentor at 12:45pm on Monday February 16. As one of the OK Gang's favorite places, Mean Mugs is known for its welcoming atmosphere and friendly service and is the perfect spot for gatherings with friends. The food is delicious and reasonably priced. You will find everything from Sandwiches that come with homemade Pub chips, FF or coleslaw, salads including a Chicken Pecan salad to a variety of pizzas.

If you haven't joined us before please give us a try. We are a great fun group and this is a great way to meet fellow Advent members who might go to a different church service. If you have any questions you can ask Kathie Hayden, Cherie Moore, or Jenny Helland.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16th AT MEAN MUGS PUB**



Please join us in the Narthex on Sunday, February 15th for a sweet valentine treat for our sweet congregation.

*1 Corinthians 16:14: "Let all that you do be done in love."*

*1 John 4:19: "We love because he first loved us."*

*The Fellowship committee*



Valentine's Day is Saturday night the 14th. Come with your sweetheart or by yourself for a real treat after the Saturday evening worship service.

Hope to see you all there.  
*Cathy Doering*



## 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*



Advent Lutheran  
Church ELCA



The Loved By God committee is organizing a trip to the Maltz Museum to see *El Sueño Americano/The American Dream* on Saturday, February 7, at 11am. The Maltz Museum is located at 2929 Richmond Rd, Beachwood, OH 44122. To carpool, we will be leaving Advent's parking lot at 10:30am. Tickets are available to be purchased at the museum.

**About the exhibit:** "Photographer Tom Kiefer's *El Sueño Americano/The American Dream* is a traveling exhibition documenting the migrant experience at the U.S./Mexico border. Tom worked as a janitor at a U.S. Customs and Border Patrol facility in southwest Arizona. He photographed the items confiscated from migrants that were deemed 'non-essential' or 'potentially lethal.' Some of the items included shoes, bags, toiletries, food, and water bottles, along with family photos, heirlooms, rosaries, and Bibles. Join us, as we are asked to consider how these objects form an integral part of identity and what is lost when someone is forced to give up those objects in pursuit of the American dream."

**Cost:** \$12 adults, \$10 seniors (60+), \$10 students (12+), \$5 ages 5-11, free for kids under 4



MINISTRY NEWS



**Fall in Love with a New Book this Valentine's Day!** The Loved by God committee has compiled a list of books they have enjoyed reading and would like to share them with the congregation. The list below includes both fiction and non-fiction and covers a range of diverse topics.

### Book Title

*Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People*  
*Affirming: A Memoir of Faith, Sexuality, and Staying in the Church*  
*Broken Horses: A Memoir*  
*Disciples of the White Jesus*  
*Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*  
*How the Word is Passed*  
*How We Heal: A Journey Toward Truth, Racial Healing, and Community Transformation from the Inside Out*  
*In a League of Her Own*  
*Legendary Frybread Drive-In: Intertribal Stories*  
  
*Shameless: A Sexual Reformation*  
*The Book of Awesome Queer Heroes: How the LGBTQ+ Community Changed the World for the Better*  
*The Truth About Immigration: Why Successful Societies Welcome Newcomers*  
*UNclobbered: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality*

### Author

Nadia Bolz-Weber  
Sally Gary  
Brandi Carlile  
Angela Danker  
James McBryde  
Clint Smith  
La June Montgomery Tabron  
  
Kaia Alderson  
Cynthia Leitich Smith and various authors  
Nadia Bolz-Weber  
Eric Rosswood and Kathleen Archambeau  
Zeke Hernandez  
  
Colby Martin

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

## A Big THANK You from the Community Outreach Ministry Team

The Community Outreach committee thanks you, on behalf of our “neighbors,” for your generosity during the past holiday season.

There were 3 major outreach activities during the holidays. The first was our Thanksgiving holiday “food baskets.” The second was our Christmas “food baskets.” The third was our “hat, mitten and scarf” tree.

Advent, in conjunction with our food pantry partner, St Andrew Episcopal, provided 85 families with food for complete Thanksgiving dinners and breakfasts. For Christmas we provided dinners and breakfasts for 55 families. We received many tearful thank yous from the Lake and Geauga County families receiving this food.

The “hat mitten and scarf tree” collected an astounding **99 items** this year. These will be donated to Forbes House this year.

Once again, **thank you** to the many members and visitors who donated time, food, items and money (\$8485 was collected during 2025) for all outreach activities.

*The Community Outreach Committee*

### Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School

**Spiritual Gifts** features easy to understand chapters which accompany study questions at the end of each section. The study guide is available through Amazon.com for \$7.90 in the paperback edition (ISBN 9780830830626) and \$7.50 in the Kindle edition.

**Sunday mornings at 10:15am in hybrid format.**

**Call/text Tim Krueger with questions: 440.391.0369/ [ltctkrue@aol.com](mailto:ltctkrue@aol.com)**

## Community Outreach

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

**February:  
deodorant & detergent**

**Volunteers  
Needed**



## Advent's Little Free Pantry

**Our current needs are: oatmeal,  
anything you'd like to donate**

**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

## Lenten Worship Services

Join us for a wonderful Lenten Journey utilizing materials from Sanctified Art! The theme for this year is “*Tell Me Something Good*,” focusing on Jesus’ core teachings of radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, and justice, aiming to inspire positive action and embody the good news of the Gospel for all people. Devotionals will be available in the narthex. Ash Wednesday will be a traditional service with distribution of ashes, possibly with a few things from Sanctified Art. The regular Wednesdays during Lent will be informal services structured around the materials from Sanctified Art. For the first Wednesday in Lent, February 25, there will be both a noon and 7pm service. Continuing the 7pm service will be decided based on attendance and input. Easter Vigil will again be a joint service of Lutheran churches and this year will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church in Lyndhurst. Easter Sunday will include 3 services: the sunrise service at Mentor Beach Park, followed by the traditional service at 9am and the praise team service at 11:30am.

Ash Wednesday (February 18)	12pm and 7 pm
Lent Wednesdays	12pm, 7pm with 7pm to be evaluated
Maundy Thursday (April 2)	12pm and 7pm
Good Friday (April 3)	12pm and 7pm
Easter Vigil (April 4)	At Messiah Lutheran Church, time TBD
Easter Sunday (April 5)	6:45am at the beach, 9am and 11:30am at Advent

## Saturday Night Potluck

The next Saturday Evening potluck will be Saturday, February 7 after the four o'clock service. Please bring something to share. Paper products will be provided - plates, silverware, cups and napkins. Any questions, please contact Cathy Doering at [cookimaker761@aol.com](mailto:cookimaker761@aol.com) or phone number 440-379-7338.

## Council Person of the Day

<b>February 1</b>	<b>Bob McClanahan</b>
<b>February 8</b>	<b>Terry Mach</b>
<b>February 15</b>	<b>Christine Noble</b>
<b>February 22</b>	<b>Carla Colo</b>

## Worship Assistants

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.

## Altar Flowers

### February

31/1	Morgan
7/8	Open
14/15	Mattson
21/22	Noble



Note: You will be billed directly from the florist. We are now using JD Balantine Florist.

## Upcoming Communion Bread Bakers

<b>February 7-8</b>	<b>Gayle Shroy</b>
<b>February 14-15</b>	<b>Terry Mach</b>
<b>February 18</b>	<b>Cathy Doering</b>
<b>February 21-22</b>	<b>Terry Mach</b>
<b>February 28/March 1</b>	<b>Gayle Shroy</b>

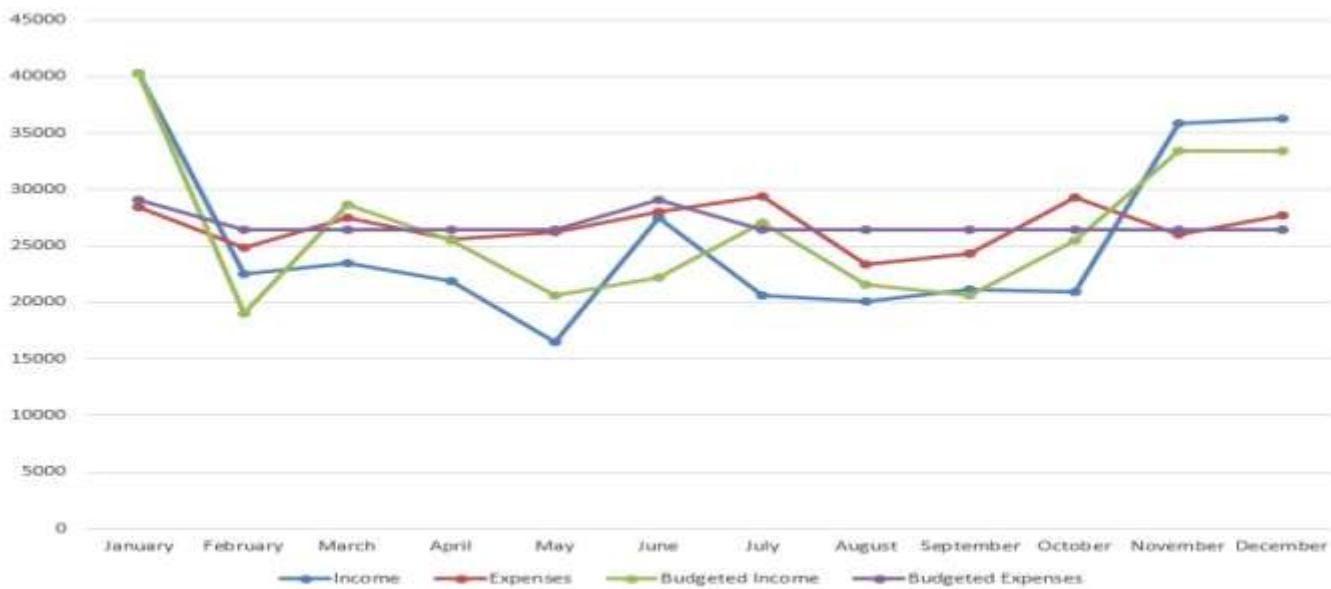
**Thank you for your ministry!**

# Finance Update - December 31, 2025

GENERAL FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE	Year-to-Date...
Balance 1/1/25	\$ 26,472.96	26,472.96		
Income	307,717.46	318,000.00	\$(10,282.54)	We've spent \$13,183.48
Expenditures	320,900.94	322,313.00	1,412.06	more than we've received
<b>Ending Balance</b> <b>December 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$13,289.48</b>	<b>\$22,159.96</b>	<b>\$(8,870.48)</b>	
DESIGNATED/ RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Balance 1/1/25	\$442,480.61			Treasurer's Report with Fund Balances are posted at the end of each month on the council bulletin board outside the church office.
Income	53,044.13			
Expenditures	75,977.72			
<b>Ending Balance</b> <b>December 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$419,547.02</b>			

## 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	20,143	21,119	20,948	35,899	36,242	307,717
Expenses	28,482	24,862	27,458	25,644	26,177	27,995	29,443	23,406	24,330	29,271	25,972	27,682	320,901
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!



## ADVENT'S STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Steven C. Bond	440.710.4757
Office Administrator: Sue Keeley	440.862.2790
Organist: Elizabeth Sumiejski	440.255.5489
Chancel Choir Director: Doreen Mattson	216.389.7611
Praise Team Director: Tracy Ammon	440.749.0690

## VOLUNTEER CONTACTS

### Lay Assistants

Doreen Mattson	216.389.7611
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### Worship Assistants

Church office	257.5565
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### Worship Tech

Greg Preske	216.317.8148
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### Altar Guild Chairperson

Becky Young	440.221.4531
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### Sunday School

Beth Hamilton	669.1902
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### Service Outreach

#### Food Pantry

Dave Mattson	440.897.5466
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### Youth & Family Ministry

Beth Hamilton	669.1902
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### Prayer Ministry

• <b>Prayer Vigil</b>	
Sue Keeley	862.2790

• <b>Prayer Chain</b>	
Sue Keeley	862.2790

• <b>Healing Touch</b>	
Christine Noble	346.3120

### Meals for Members

Barb Caspell	440.840.5393
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Barb Louis	352.7055
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### Youth

Memorial Gifts	
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Barb Zahn	440.223.2852
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## Funeral Luncheons

Christine Noble	346.3120
Paula DiLiello	290.7506
<b>Blood Drives</b>	
Church office	257.5565
<b>Webmaster</b>	
Church Office	257.5565
<b>Liturgical Arts</b>	
Fawn Patrick	357.7898
<b>Quilting</b>	
Betty Steimle	440.534.1174

## CHURCH COUNCIL

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Andy DiLiello	440.339.1069
Terry Mach	440.840.5744
Bob McClanahan	440.867.3663
Dave Mattson	440.897.5466

### Council Secretary

Sue Keeley	440.862.2790
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### Treasurer

Bob McClanahan	440.867.3663
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### Financial Secretary

Becky Spudich	440.487.7897
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### Asst. Treasurer

Dave Mattson	440.897.5466
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## MUTUAL MINISTRY

Deb Laukiavich	725.4929
Cathy Doering	379.7338
Jenny Helland	974.1776

\*\* Please note: The new phone directory for 2026 is being updated. Please contact the office if you have a new phone number or email address to be added or changed. 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

ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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Dated Material - January 21, 2026

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

**ON THE WEB:** [adventmentor.org](http://adventmentor.org)  
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Rev. Steven C. Bond, Pastor  
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• 440.257.5565

**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"*