

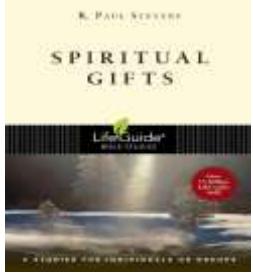


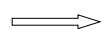
Advent Lutheran Church

Weekly News

Week of January 17-23



- **February Worship Assistants:** we need your help!! **lector, communion assistant, usher.** See the sign up board in the Narthex.
- **Food Pantry (with St. Andrew):** needs for January - **toothpaste & paper towels**
Collection shopping carts in front/back door entryways
- **“Little Free Pantry”** current needs for this week are: **anything you would like to donate**
- **Blood Pressure Weekend:** Stop by the Parish Nurse office to have your BP checked.
- **Altar Flowers:** Altar flowers this weekend are given by Sue Keeley, in celebration of the birth of her granddaughter, Beatrice Pearl Keeley, born on January 6.
- **Sunday Morning Bible Study:** You are unique. You have been created and invited by God to participate in his kingdom-work. Yet, you may have also experienced feelings of uncertainty about how to serve God, about what gifts you must use, and about God's purpose for your life. This eight-session LifeGuide Bible Study entitled **“Spiritual Gifts”** by R. Paul Stevens helps you to recognize your spiritual gifts and the gifts of others. The author leads you to consider how to practically use these gifts to glorify God in your relationships, your work, and your world. **“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. **This 8-session study began on Sunday, January 4, 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. 
- **Annual reports:** are available for pickup in the Narthex.
- **RIC Weekend: Sunday, January 25 at 10am.** Join us at the table in January for **Reconciling in Christ Sunday!** It is a time to celebrate and uplift our siblings in the LGBTQIA+ community, our Indigenous siblings, and our siblings of different races, ethnicities, abilities, and religious backgrounds. This year's theme is *Celebrating Diversity as God's Children*. There will be inclusive music, readings, and prayers. All are welcome here! 
- **LBG Special Event:** The ELCA is hosting a program for the National Day of Racial Healing and the LBG group has set up a viewing and is available for anyone who wants to join. Tuesday, January 20 from 7-9pm in the Sanctuary at Advent. Questions—please contact Alexis Sharpe.

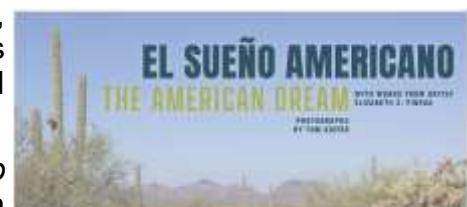


- **OK Gang:** January will find the OK Gang meeting at Fuji's Buffet and Grill located at 9130 Mentor Ave. in the Mentor Commons (next to Petsmart) on January 19, at 12:45pm. Because we might have some inclement weather, we thought we would stay in Mentor where we know the streets and the parking lots will be cleared. Fuji's has a vast buffet featuring not only Chinese dishes but also many American entrees including many of our favorites. So plan on joining us for a fun time with good food and great friends. See you on the 19th of January.
- **International Potluck:** On January 25th we will be having the 2nd half of our annual meeting; after our business is complete we will be having an international potluck meal. Please bring your favorite international dish. Be adventurous and have fun. God gave us many things, including food and people. Come join us for a wonderful opportunity of food and fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you there!



- **Maltz Museum Trip:** 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, 2026 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 10:30 am. 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

- **Saturday Evening Potluck:** The next potluck will be Saturday, February 7, following the 4pm worship service. Please bring something to share. Paper products will be provided—plates, silverware, cups and napkins. Any questions, please contact Cathy Doering at: cookiemaker761@aol.com or by phone at: 440.379.7338
- **2026 Phone Directory:** The new directory is being worked on. Please let the office know if you have a new phone number or email address that you would like included.

Next Weekend's Worship Assistants - (January 25)

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Communion Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>
10:00am	Carla Colo Charlie Ammon	Becky Young, Chris Noble Kathleen Hilston,	John Marshaus

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