



# Advent Lutheran Church

## Weekly News

### Week of January 3-9



- **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**
  - **Altar Flowers:** Altar flowers this weekend are given by Lillian Garry, in loving memory of her mother
  - **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 will begin on Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 10:15 AM 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](mailto:LTCTKRUE@aol.com).
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- **Blood Drive:** January 9 · 10am-4pm. Call 1.800.RED.CROSS or [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) Key word: Advent
  - **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!
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- **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, 2026 at 12:45 pm. 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!



**Next Weekend's Worship Assistants - (January 10 and 11)**

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Communion Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>
4:00pm	Bob Conklin	Donna Conklin, Jeanette Fabian	Bob Conklin
9:00am	Janet Tilton	Denise McClanahan	Bob Tilton
11:30am	Laikin Walker	John & Jenny Helland	Erik Hellier

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