



Worship at Church Camp Out—Lake Tahoe



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September Photo Supplement
Church Campout
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**NEWSLETTER OF
 ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH**
September 2016

Sunday Worship
9:30 am

September Cottage Meetings
at Pastor Cindy's

God's Work. Our Hands.
Sunday, September 11

Wednesday Night Worship
S.T.E.P.S.
September 14

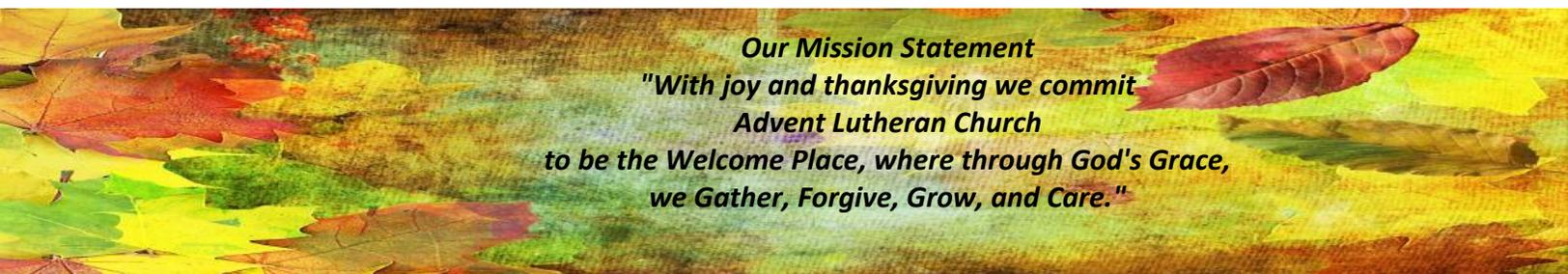
WELCA Meeting
September 17 10:00 am

SAVE YOUR BOOKS

Book Sorting Party
October 7, 2016

Bring books 9-25—10-7

Book Sale
October 8, 2016



Our Mission Statement
"With joy and thanksgiving we commit
Advent Lutheran Church
to be the Welcome Place, where through God's Grace,
we Gather, Forgive, Grow, and Care."

Pastor Cindy Beck

Putting the Pieces Together

I have taken to doing an online puzzle every day. I enjoy finding the right piece for the right spot. The “click” noise when they connect delights me. I’ve gotten to where I can look at the daily puzzle and know if it is going to be a difficult puzzle or not.

What makes a puzzle more difficult for me is not in having a lot of colors and variety; it is having a lot of pieces that are the same color. Then there is the reality that pieces, which appear to be the “same” color, carry subtle shade variations.



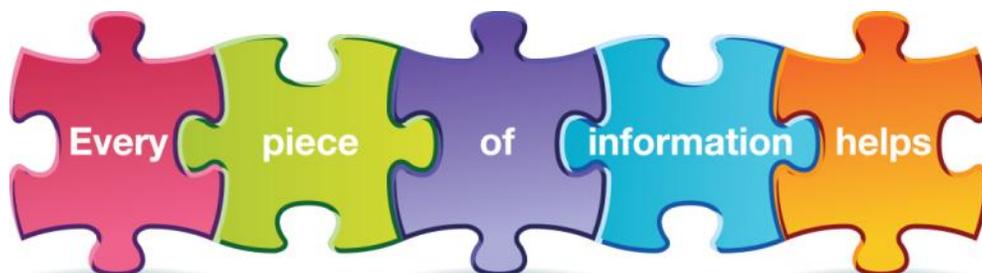
The other evening I was working on a puzzle on my laptop and as I got down to the last three pieces saw that I had a space in which none of those pieces worked. This is my computer – I could not have possibly dropped a piece on the floor! I visually scanned the picture for an extra piece with no results. I finally took the cursor and swept the picture where I discovered a piece that, while appearing to fit, was not connected to its surrounding pieces. I moved it to the new space and found the piece that really fit in the old space. Now my picture – and satisfaction – was complete!

It takes all the pieces for a picture to reveal what it was intended to be. That’s why I am so serious that EVERY individual, regardless of age, fill out a **Gift and Interest Form**. That’s why I am so serious that EVERY individual (here I think HS or older is appropriate) to sign up for a **Cottage Gathering!!!** (Free food and drink!)

I want to see all the pieces of Advent’s picture that God has placed on the table to be used. Think you can’t be used because of age, illness, abilities?? Think again!! You may be the missing piece of prayer for Advent. You may be the missing piece of helping communicate by phone for Advent. You may be the missing piece of memory that jogs us into a new place. You are part of the puzzle that God is using to create the portrait of Advent’s ministry. There is a place for you to be connected – let us help you see your place. Participate!

Call Beth at the office 916-966-7242 to receive a form and to sign up for a spot at the Cottage Gatherings.

Peace, Pastor Cindy





Cottage Gatherings at Pastor Cindy's Home

As part of our continued conversations about Advent's heritage, ministry identity, leadership, reaching out to our community, and future directions, I would like to have time to listen to people in a more intimate setting than the large congregational conversations.

Throughout the month of September I will host gatherings at my home to listen to stories of the joys and disappointments of

Advent's history as well as visions of the sense of direction you have for Advent's future.

I would like to have groups of 10 – 12 at each time slot. With 10 slots, that allows for 120 people! Can you tell I'm eager to have you over for a visit?

A sign up sheet will be passed around during Sundays in August. For those unable to be at worship but wish to sign up, please call the office at: 916-966-7242 for one of the dates and times listed below.

Daytime Dates:

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Thursday, Sept. 1

Thursday, Sept. 8

Monday, Sept. 12

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Monday, Sept. 19

Monday, Sept. 26

Evening Dates:

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Monday, Sept. 5

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Monday, Sept. 19

Monday, Sept. 26

I encourage you to arrange carpools to make the travel easier and allow for some people who do not drive to be able to be present. Traffic from Citrus Heights to East Sacramento can be slow at 6:30 PM. Not quite so bad at 10 AM.

My address is: 1515 47th St., Sacramento, CA 95819. If you need directions, please call the office.



Save the Date!
Saturday, October 15, 2016
10 AM – 2 PM
(or earlier if we finish!)

Advent HERITAGE Day!



This is a time for all members of Advent Lutheran to celebrate the life and ministry of the congregation. Understanding who you are today comes from placing that story in the longer history of the congregation.

Come ready to share your stories of life at Advent and the times of Citrus Heights.



Yard Sale

Saturday, September 24
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Parking lot at Advent Lutheran Church
5901 San Juan Ave
Citrus Heights, CA 95610

Furniture, Clothing
Household Goods, Toys
and MORE!

ADVENT MEMBERS
Have something to sell?
Want to donate?

Bring your items on
Saturday morning by 8:00 am to
donate or set up your own table.

Questions contact Beth in the
church office at
916 966-7242

Proceeds to benefit
Camerata California Chamber Choir and Orchestra
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Bob Mathews,
Church Council President



President's Message

Greetings and Blessings to all of Our Advent Family

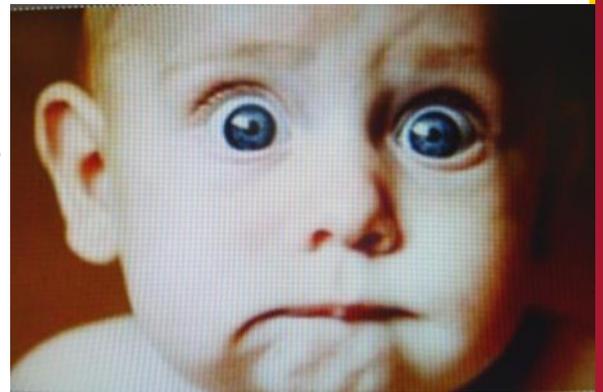
Well, this is the 15th letter I have written for our monthly newsletter. It just seems to be a very demanding task for me. However, I just keep plugging away. I have seemed to concentrate on church business, as it was easier for me to write and verbalize what I felt and what is going on at our

church. In retrospect I have avoided writing about my "Spiritual" feelings, as this has always been difficult for me. How about You?

This past Sunday I saw this photo in our Worship bulletin. Boy, did that ever reflect on me personally.

"Me? Talk about My Faith?"

Hopefully I demonstrate this everyday in my actions and words. But to verbalize my feelings one on one or in group settings remains a challenge. It is Good News—but it is not EASY.



That brings me back to that picture and the announcement about the forthcoming "Adult Classes" that were published in Sunday's bulletin.

"Faith out Loud: Talking About What Matters Most."

This Adult Class series will be given on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. This video series offers HOPE for ME and maybe YOU for us tongue-tied Christians. It will identify that we all have a faith story and we do have words for our experience of God. There are eleven 10-minute video programs to discuss. Topics include:

- *your favorite passage in the Bible;
- *a time of suffering in which God made a difference;
- *a person who made a difference in your faith;
- *a time when you experienced grace;
- *a time when God felt present; etc.

HALLELUIA-HALLELUIA Help is here for me. I sincerely hope you will join me in attending this Adult Fall Series. I know I will be there to further strengthen my sharing of my faith beliefs.

Council Connections

By Jeffrey Belchem

It was shortly after dinner on the Saturday night of the recent Church Campout that the “official campout” Songbook was handed out, and Tom Kent was strumming his acoustic guitar.

Those present picked song after song to sing while under the tall trees, until we could no longer see in the descending darkness. There were no lights at the campsite and some used flashlights or cell phones to just see which song was on which page.

It was these images that helped me find a theme for this article: light and darkness.

The Bible covers this topic extensively. An example is 2 Samuel 22:29, “Indeed, you are my lamp, O Lord, the Lord lightens my darkness”, or 1 John 1:5, “This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.”

One of the songs we enjoyed singing on Saturday night was, of

course, “This Little Light of Mine”, I’m Gonna Let it Shine!”

Here at Advent there are plenty of opportunities to let our light shine. There are also many fellow “lights” around to help brighten up the darkness. Consider volunteering to serve on a committee or join a group. A great example is the Fellowship Committee (one of the largest groups at Advent), which always has room for more “lights” with ample opportunity to shine.

Let us all strive to walk in His light.

*Singing around the campfire
at the Church Campout.*



The View From The Pew

VBS Bible Lessons with Anna Lee



By Anna Lee Bjork

On the way to "our" pew last Sunday morning Bob Mathews whispered, "I'll talk to you after the service." Oh, oh. And after the service there he stood, implacable, immovable.

"Remember when you declined the opportunity to give your 'view from the pew' some months ago you promised you would do it later? Well, later is now. You can get it to Beth by Thursday. OK?" My first task: re-read all the other "pew views" -- a task I heartily recommend as those views are, by turns, enlightening, heart-warming, thoughtful, and challenging. They remind me that it is a blessing and a commitment to share membership in this congregation.

So, what do I have to share about my "pew view"? Over my lifetime I've occupied many, many different pews, so I tried to recall some of my first pew experiences. Two immediately came to mind: both when I was about 6 year old. The first memory is set in Auburn where we lived briefly while my dad was exiting the Air Force after WW II. We were in church and the only thing I was interested in was the loose tooth that I kept "worrying" with my tongue. Unable to wait for it to break loose, I pulled a string out of the tassel on the beret I was wearing, wound it around the tooth, and yanked. Out it came and I was on my way to growing a new tooth.

The second memory is set in a Baptist church in southern Illinois. My mother's father had grown up there and we were visiting his family. Now, as I recall, "outsiders" were welcome to worship with them but Lutherans were, from their perspective, perhaps too closely related to Catholics and their beliefs and practices and, therefore, somewhat suspect. However, if the child of one of "their own" had chosen to marry one, perhaps limitations on who could pray with and for them could be stretched. Consequently, they invited my father to share a prayer with them. And, as he prayed, they responded as they were accustomed to, with affirmations of "Amen" as the prayer went on. Apparently, this was very confusing to me and I finally asked my mother: "Do they want him to stop?"

Now, how do these memories relate to our time, our place, our charge to be Christ's heart and hands and feet? Consider this: our first teeth must come out to provide the needed space for our "grown up" teeth.

Likewise, we have been presented the opportunity to mature and move forward with renewed strength and capacities. As for those "amens" -- I now understand them not as a demand to end something but as both affirmation and the call to continue with praise, thanksgiving and growth in the confidence that we are Christ's children, surrounded by his love, guidance, and forgiveness.

Finally, I must share a hymn with you. For several years I've been keeping a list in "notes" in my phone of hymns that particularly speak to me. The hymn, "Borning Cry" ELW #732 reviews God's walk with us as throughout the many phases of our life, not unlike his presence with us in our congregational life. The 2nd verse (the middle years) and refrain follow:

When you heard the wonder of the Word

I was there to cheer you on:

You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to who you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

Refrain:

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoice the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

Just as change is constant, so is our God.

Amen, so be it.



“Grace in the Public Square: Area Ministry Strategies”

Saturday, September 10

10 AM – 3 PM

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

1650 Morse Ave at Arden Way

Are you interested in expanding ministry to your surrounding community? If so, make time to join other interested congregations to listen and develop ideas for our ministries. This training event is a response to Sacramento ELCA congregations asking how we can be church together and create an Area Mission Strategy.

Pastor Stephen Bouman, Executive Director of the Domestic Mission Unit of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be sharing his insights, and engaging conversation about entering into your surrounding community to make connections and relationships beyond the walls of the church building.

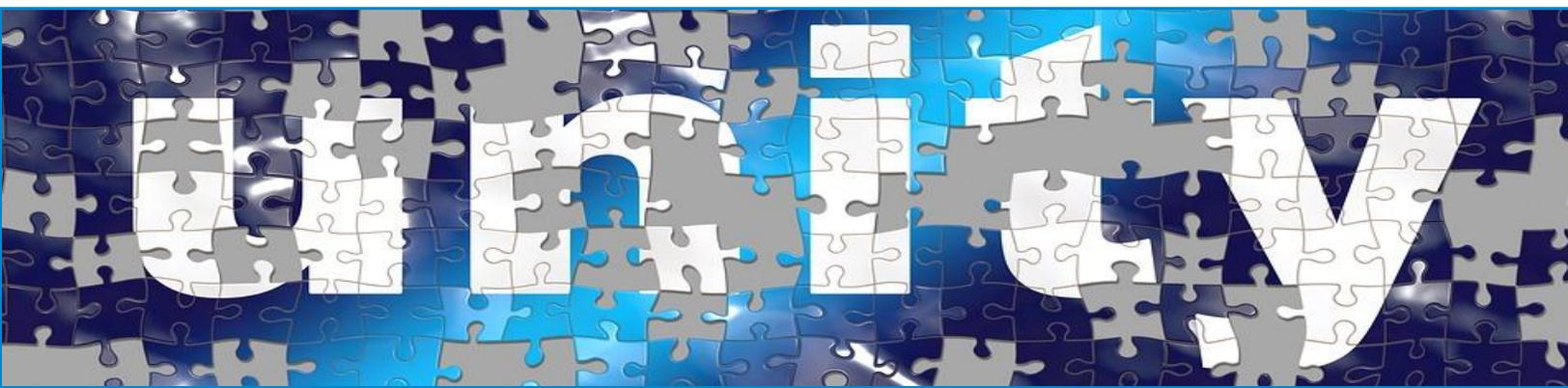
His latest book, "The Mission Table: Renewing Congregation and Community," provides theological guidance and practical strategies in this area.

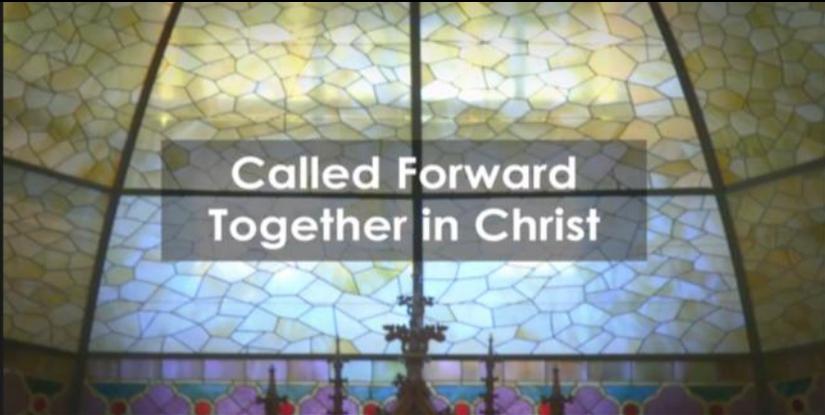
The event is sponsored by The Small Congregation Study Group, a consortium of 7 congregations in greater Sacramento seeking renewal in their community and congregation, which has spent over a year in seeking new ways of being the church together.

Registration is necessary to attend. A \$10 charge will include a box lunch. To make reservations, fill out the attached form and send it to Gethsemane Lutheran Church – 4706 Arden Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 or register online at glccca.org.

Checks can be made out to Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Please contact Pastor Jason Bense with questions or ideas: 916-915-7320 or jbense@lcorsac.org.





Bishop Eaton outlines the ELCA’s call for input from congregations and members for the future of the ELCA. Click here to see video: <https://vimeo.com/156902052>



This directions paper shares the key messages harvested through conversations across the ELCA. We invite you to comment on the directions and priorities that have emerged. In depth review of trends with possible options, [click here for the report](#).



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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ELCA Churchwide Assembly key actions.
Summary of the key actions taken at the assembly. [Click here.](#)



Ann Chehak

Treasurer's Report	July 2016	YTD (as of July 31, 2016)
Total 2016/2017 Budget		\$328,807.00
Budget Year to Date (YTD)		\$28,056.86
Actual Income	\$28,275.46	\$28,275.46
Actual Expenses	\$25,488.26	\$25,488.26
YTD Income less Expenses	\$2,787.20	\$2,787.20
Benevolence to Date	\$1,705.00	\$1,705.00



BOOK SALE

**October 8, 2016
9:00 am—2:00 pm**

**Come Check Out
the
BOOK SALE—CDs**

**ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
5901 San Juan Ave.
Citrus Heights, CA
Parking Lot**

Paperbacks .50 Hardbacks \$1

Thrillers, Mysteries, Romance,
Children's books,
Cookbooks and MORE!

**BOOK SORTING PARTY
Friday, October 7, 2016
1:00 pm**

Books for all ages from several sources.

Join the fun!
Sort books and
pick your favorites!

Funds to help with the New Roof fund!

Bring your books beginning Sunday, September 25th to the Friendship Hall.
If you need help call the church office.





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*Natalie Jones,
Children's Ministry Director*

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

Sunday, September 11

All Ages—Kick off our Educational Programming!

Sunday School Classes start

September 18

8:45 am—9:25 am

Wednesday Night Classes start

September 14

Dinner 5:30 pm

Classes 6:15 pm

Worship 7:00 pm



Children

We are looking forward to some more great BUZZ lessons and will be exploring the new Spark House Whirl curriculum for our elementary age children, Scripture-based lessons with engaging animations that help kids relate the Bible to their lives for Pre- K–Grade 6.

Youth

Confirmation with Nancy King for grade 6 and up will begin meeting on September 18th. Come and explore your faith!

Wednesday youth group will be exploring the Collaborate curriculum from Spark house who brought us the well-loved Aminate series! Students will engage in compelling conversation about God and what it means to follow Jesus as they dig into the Bible. Hands-on investigative learning that leads to deep engagement with the Bible, faith, and what it means to be a Christian.



Maddie King will be meeting with the **confirmed youth in the hanger on Sundays** this year as well! She will be exploring a new curriculum called, "Faith Lens!" Weekly Bible studies from the ELCA that engage youth and young adults in connecting world events with the Bible, faith, and everyday life. Join her for a fresh look at your faith!

Upcoming Events

Elementary Retreat at Mt. Cross on October 14-16

"Be strong and let your heart take courage" Psalm 27:14.

Please contact Natalie at: ntolman@yahoo.com if you are interested. Elementary Retreat fees are \$150 or if needed you can apply for scholarship assistance. Please contact Natalie for information or apply through the SPSYC directly at [Scholarship form](#).



The Junior High Retreat is November 11-13th,

Please contact Natalie at: ntolman@yahoo.com if you are interested. [Junior High Retreat](#).

The High School Retreat (grades 9-12) is February 24-26, 2017. Please contact Natalie at ntolman@yahoo.com if you are interested.

[High School Retreat](#)



Fellowship



*See more Church Campout pictures
in this month's Supplement.*

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

September 24 6:00 pm
Keith & Pat Johnson

All are welcome to jump on the Mexican train!

STERN-JOHNSON BIKE CLUB

Bike Ride

September 10 & 24

9:00 am

Join the group at the Wells Fargo Bank
parking lot on the corner of
Sunrise and Gold Country Blvd.



SACRAMENTO RIVERCATS TICKETS

PICK YOUR DATE!

Time for Baseball—we have about 6 tickets left
for **just about any Sunday—Thursday date you
want** for \$20.

Parking \$10—free if carpooling with 4 or more.
See Dean Henricks or Curt Lipp.



**Church Picnic was a BIG SUCCESS—
Over 50 people came and enjoyed
Food! Fun! Fellowship!**

**33rd Annual
Sacramento
Scandinavian Festival
Saturday, October 1, 2016
10:00 am - 4:00 pm**



**Scandinavian Food, Baked Goods, and Merchandise for Sale
Information about the Nordic Countries
Music, Entertainment and Door Prizes
Scandinavian Folk Dance
Children's Room with Arts & Crafts
Outside - Viking Camp and Ship**

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Orangevale, CA 95662
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Adults \$5
Children under 12 free**

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- Iceland (408) 509-3209
- Norway (916) 451-3853
- Sweden (916) 481-0373

Day of Festival you can call (916) 206-8962



Erfurt Town Festival

Travel to Germany **Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation –** **August 30-September 6, 2017**

Join Pastor Dan Smith and members and friends of the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation in Davis, California, for an important celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

We will visit sites associated with the life, times and events of Martin Luther to explore the visionary call for reform he made in the 16th century. We will be joining people from around the world marking this important event. Our program is being offered as a land-only program (you will make your own flight arrangements to and from Germany) which allows you to go early, stay longer, and shop for special airfares. We have created a program that includes several nights in the beautiful medieval town of Erfurt and several in Wittenberg – Luther's town. We conclude our visit with an overnight in the exciting cosmopolitan city of Berlin.

Join us to learn more about this visionary man and explore the people, places, and events of the 16th century.

Space is limited and registrations are being accepted this summer. For program information and registration visit: www.travelillum.com/trc/vks or call: 800-368-6757 ex 128 at the Illume organization in Boston.



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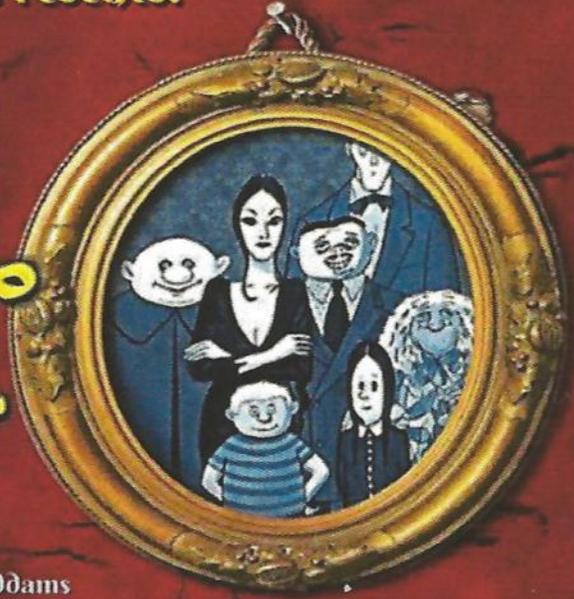


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**The
Addams
Family**
A NEW MUSICAL



Book By Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice
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Based on the Characters Created by Charles Addams

***Thursday September 22nd- 7:30 PM**

(Special Preview night Pricing- All seats \$15.00)

*** Friday(s) September 23rd and 30th- 7:30 PM**

***Saturday(s) September 24th and October 1st**

2:30 PM and 7:30 PM

***Sunday(s) September 25th and October 2nd**

4:30 PM

**The Historic Colonial Theater:
3520 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95820**

Tickets: \$25 General Admission \$15 Children, Students, Veteran, first Responders

GET YOUR TICKETS: redbenchentertainment.com or brownpapertickets.com/event/2582172

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WORSHIP

WORSHIP TIMES

Sundays 9:30 am

Praise Service Sunday, September 11
 "Wing and a Prayer" Praise Band

Worship on Wednesday

7:00 pm

Begins September 14

Join us for Contemporary Worship
 with our Praise Band



Worship Attendance

DATE	SUNDAY
8-7	116
8-14	104
8-21	109 + 24*
8-28	107

*Baptism-Sacramento /
 Church Campout 24 in worship

CHOIR Rehearsals Begin August 31, 2016

Join the fun!
 Come and see what it's like to
 be part of the choir!

Rehearsal on Weds. nights at
 7:00 pm
 Friendship Hall

All Are Welcome!



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 5811 Walnut Ave Orangevale, CA 95662
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SONGS OF SEPTEMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Featuring:
 Capitol Pops Concert Band
 RC Swing Dance Band

September 10 5:00–8:00 pm
 Admission Free
 Bring a lawn chair or blanket and
 enjoy an evening of wonderful music.



Outreach

Quilters

Meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays each month at 9:30 am in the Friendship Hall.

All are welcome—No Experience Necessary!

Quilts are donated to Loaves & Fishes, St. John's and Habitat for Humanity.

Heartstrings

Heartstrings will meet at
Diane Peterson's
Monday, September 12 at 1 p.m.

Come and learn an easy new stretchy cast on!
Bring any finished hats to package and your needles plus some waste yarn in two colors.
You will learn the solution to this mystery cast on.

1319 Ridgecrest Way
Roseville, CA 95661
916-773-4756



Sunrise Christian Food Ministry

Advent has designated the **third Sunday** of every month as our **"Food Closet Sunday."**

Please bring donations of food items or place monetary offerings designated to the "Food Closet" in the offering plate.

["Like" us on Facebook!](#)

Serve at St. John's Monday, September 26

Join Jenny Stern and the women of Advent to prepare and serve the noon meal at St. John's Program for Real Change on

September 26th at 10:00 am.

Jenny has it all coordinated;
just lend a hand in this ministry.



saint john's
PROGRAM FOR REAL CHANGE



Outreach

SOCIAL KNITTING

Enjoy knitting? Enjoy talking with others who knit? This is your place! About 25 ladies and a gentleman meet at Advent's Friendship Hall every Tuesday at 1:15 pm. Bring whatever you want to work on and make new friends! Or just enjoy Kathy Henricks, Diane Peterson, Alice Davidson and Pat Johnson's company!

About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with more than 3.7 million members in more than 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region.

Known as the church of "God's Work. Our Hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world.

www.ELCA.org

Loaves & Fishes

Thank You

Thank you to all who donated bottled water for the Loaves and Fishes guests. It was much appreciated.

Our next service date is **Saturday, October 29**. Please mark your calendars now.

Thanks,
Mary Grivna

Dear Advent,

Your kindness was appreciated more than words can say. God Bless,

Sunrise Christian Food Ministry

Dear Friends at Advent,

Thank you for the newsletter, it is good to see you're busy and doing well. I keep you in my prayers! I'm doing OK but sure miss Advent.

Julia Huwe

Sunrise Christian Food Ministry Report for 2016

Months for 2016	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year Total
People Served													
Adults	1,888	1,584	1,762	1,847	1,689	1,690	1,702	0	0	0	0	0	12,162
Seniors	511	456	508	491	459	441	433	0	0	0	0	0	3,299
Infants	125	126	131	153	146	134	141	0	0	0	0	0	956
Children 4-17	668	558	688	683	641	672	713	0	0	0	0	0	4,623
2016 Total Served	3,192	2,724	3,089	3,174	2,935	2,937	2,989	0	0	0	0	0	21,040
2015 Total Served	3,383	2,672	3,197	3,133	3,139	3,126	3,342	3,202	3,134	3,327	3,590	3,172	38,417
Difference between 15 & 16	-191	52	-108	41	-204	-189	-353	0	0	0	0	0	-952
2016 Total Household	1,077	940	1,035	1,044	961	958	983	0	0	0	0	0	6,998
2015 Total Household	1,112	926	1,086	1,049	1,031	1,053	1,119	1,072	1,062	1,133	1,210	1,071	12,924
Difference between 15 & 16	-35	14	-51	-5	-70	-95	-136	0	0	0	0	0	-378
Total Meals Given Out	47,880	40,860	46,335	47,610	44,025	44,055	44,835	0	0	0	0	0	315,600
New families for the month	111	102	115	111	100	119	134	0	0	0	0	0	792

Sunrise Christian Food Ministry

July 2016
6 month report

Total Served 21,040
Total Households 6,998

We have already served over 21,000 people and almost 7,000 families.

But most months in 2016 have had fewer people than we had in 2015. For the first time in 5 years, the year to date numbers are less than a year ago by 952 people (almost 5%) and 378 families (5%).

This is exciting and we praise the Lord. However, this is tempered by 792 new families added to date (about 11%). Our community still needs a helping hand and we are there to reach out.



We could not do it without the generous donation of time and talent from our volunteers! Volunteers are always needed!



Looking to Volunteer for a Fun and Exciting Gala?

Saint John's Program for Real Change invites you to volunteer at Party for Change! This elegant black tie/red sock soiree titled Party for Change provides critical support for homeless families in crisis to move from homelessness to self-sustainability while offering an unforgettable experience at the intersection of local farm-fresh food, art, wine and music! We could not do this event without the talent and time of our incredible volunteers!

If you and/or a group are interested in volunteering, please take a moment to review the Volunteer Roles and sign up online!

WHEN: Saturday November 5th, 2016
WHERE: Sacramento Executive Jet Center
6133 Freeport Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95822
TIME: Depending on designated shift

PLEASE ONLY SIGN UP FOR 1 VOLUNTEER ROLE AS THERE IS OVERLAP. THANK YOU!

*Free Volunteer T-Shirt
with volunteer sign up!*

Become a Party for Change Volunteer [Here!](#)

Click here for details & registration 

Caring, Service, Education



Not finished, Still learning

WELCA Report

By Pat Johnson

Our July 9th event was a great success, with some good discussion around questions of who we are and where we want to go. Pastor Cindy and I have met to go over the answers we came up with on July 9th.

We used our three focus areas to propose a new logo for the Women of Advent. The set of three intertwined hands support our mission of, "Caring, Service, and Education", the new tag line, "Not finished, Still learning" answers questions posed by Pastor Cindy: "How do you see WELCA being a part of God's vision for Advent?" And "What are the next steps for the Women of Advent?" Let us know your thoughts!

Some of the ideas discussed at the meeting that support these three areas of ministry include:

Caring

- creating a brochure that tells about the programs available at Advent. Beth Mora will take the lead and we'll have a new brochure for your review.
- revitalize visitations to our homebound members. Dorothy Slade has already taken the lead in this, so anyone interested in participating in this ministry on a regular basis, please contact Dorothy or Pastor Cindy (she has a list of those who are in need).
- working harder to welcome the visitor by introducing ourselves to the stranger, asking their name, and generally making them feel comfortable.

Service

- continue making and distributing quilts.
- serving at St. John's Program for Real Change and Loaves and Fishes.
- we have also adopted the Afghan family that found their way to Advent recently
- continue looking into service in our Citrus Heights community. If anyone has ideas for service projects, please bring them to our attention.

Education

We are looking into instituting an evening Bible study, in addition to our on-going Thursday morning study under the guidance of Twila Engler. Those interested please contact me at 916-852-8131 or by e-mail at: pjarchivist@comcast.net.

We will continue having our annual Christmas Tea and Spring Luncheon, but are looking forward to "using our gifts in support of our church, society, and world."

Our NEXT MEETING will be on Saturday, September 17 at 10:00 am.

We have lots to discuss and look forward to your ideas!

See you there!



Prayers & Thanksgiving



Hanna, friend of the Chancellors with health issues
Dorothy Michaelis recovering from knee surgery
Allan Gariano, preparing for heart surgery
Donna Baldasari, friend of Ken and Kathy Johnson with recurring brain tumor
Meghann Smiley, at Heritage Oaks Hospital with mental health issues
Landon Franz, recovering from a broken leg
Cindy and Steve Clayton, sister of Tony Bubba and her husband both with cancer
Shirley Krebs, cousin of Lorna Mymka with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
Shauna Thompson, daughter of Jean diagnosed with breast cancer
Christi Gray, Bernadette Kennedy's daughter with a back injury
Willa Clore, Deb Clore-Myers mother following a fall, broken leg and surgery
Richard Tolman, Natalie Jones' father facing surgery
Afgan Family seeking help to re-settle in the Sacramento area
Margaret Loman, friend of the Chancellor's with stage 4 uterine cancer
Breana Swanson, Kathy Johnson's grand-niece undergoing chemo for cancer
Karen and Heidi, Kathy Johnson's sister in law and niece with health issues
James Myers, husband of Deb Clore-Myers in treatment for lung cancer

Those who continue their need to be lifted in prayer: Keith Johnson, Donna Kirkpatrick, Kay Johnson, Larry Brockemeier, Kathy Crump, Beryl Baierl, Lillian Eggerss, Diane White, Don Rogers, Bryana Johnson, Ruth Cerniglie, Andy Goltz, Janice Ciszek, Kim Berring, Ron Naswall, Jim and Marilyn Pederson, Dave & Betty Yeager, Austin Kepler, Marty Jacobson, Joel and Carol Blaylock, Ann, sister-in-law of Carol Whyte, Georgina Woodward, Lori Oberon, Les Mathews, Valerie Newbold, Brady, Alexandra Chilcote, Marilyn Nelson, Connie Smiley, Kim and Mary Kennedy, Mary Rewolinski, Eleanor Wallace, Bruce Johnson, Darlene and Bill Baker, Mike Jones' father, James Hansen, Bruce Hansen's father, Roger Dedman, Dorothy (Karen Urban's Mother), Doris Hale (Pam Lipp's mother), David Whyte, Nick Mymka, Karen Peterson, Vic (son-in-law of Bill and Darlene Baker), Loretta Gale, Ryan Patterson, Pastor Jimand Elaine Patterson, Mark Chesshire, Allen Hansen, Bruce Hansen's son, Pat Meroney, Maynard Johnson, Wendy Warren, Meagan Brown, Ray King, Kurt (Karyl Cimini and Karen Sorenson's father), Laurel Johnson, (Lloyd and Lois Sellers daughter in law), Skip Dean, (Tom Kent's cousin), Julie (Amy Gariano's cousin), Keith McIntyre, Jason Butler, Pastor Frank Espegren, Ron and Dianne von Rajcs, friends of Lois Sellers, Emmy Lou Cook, Steven Cook's mother, Ben Seo (Neighbor of DorothySlade), Bryon Steward (Joyce Rau's nephew), Daniel Diego, co-worker of Jody Presto.

Family Members serving in the military: Brandon Lovett, Jane Lockhard's grandson, Army; Heath Jennings, Linda Jennings' son, Air Force; Scott Atchley, Air Force; Alex Chesire, Air Force; Jason and Heather Stickney, nephew and wife of Keith and Joyce Montag, Air Force; Charles Roney, Army; David Schedler, son of Paul Schedler, National Guard; Sara Elliott, daughter of Bill and Diana Elliott, National Guard; Alex Reginato, friend of the Malaspino family, Marines; Benjamin Dennis, nephew of Keith and Joyce Montag, Marines; Brandon Drake, grandson of Curt & Pam Lipp, Army; Sheldon Gray, Bernadette Kennedy's grandson, Army, Caitlyn Werth, Tom and Audrey Werth's grand-daughter, Navy.

Please notify the church office to add or remove your prayer request. Thank you.

E-mail: advent1@adventcitrusheights.org

Note: Long-term prayer requests are under "continued to be lifted up"



Birthdays **September**

Willa Clore	1
Dona Kraft	1
John Hultman	4
Erin Sabatke	5
Rolf Zschoernig	6
Brent Wallace	7
Ryen Jennings	8
Kenneth Payseno	8
William Gariano	11
Melinda Malaspino	11
Todd Franz	12
David Whyte	13
Bruce Hansen	15
Marc Malaspino	15
Kathlyn Reid	15
Kari Kilgore	16
Susan Reyes	16
Kiya Simmons	16

Scott Barbu	18
David Wammer	19
Judy Zimmerman	20
Tom Werth	21
Ed Mack	22
Lawrence Presto	22
Marley Jones	24
Kristin Schutz	24
William Bevier	25
Mary Toutonghi	29
Tim Bennett	30
Mary Grivna	30
Kia Elliott	30

Anniversaries

David & Susan Reyes	1
Ed & Carole Mack	6
David & Nancy King	7
Bill & Ina McCoy	7
Ernie & Doreen Rinde	7
Mark & Kristy Ducart	8
Gary & Dorothy Slade	11
Tim & Christine Martin	13
Jim & Donna Kirkpatrick	16
Bob & Louise Van Dyke	19
Bernie & Kristi Clavere	24

Stewardship of Service

Altar Guild: Jenny Stern, Anna Lee Bjork, Dorothy Slade

Ushers: *Luke Patterson, Darrell Schneider, John Hultman, Bruce Hansen,
Jim Kirkpatrick, Jeffrey Belchem, Linda Belchem

** Lead Usher*

Assist. Ministers 9:30 am	September 4 Tom Kent	September 11 Darrell Broaddus	September 18 Jon Schedler	September 25 Pat Johnson
Greeters 9:30 am	Joel & Carol Blaylock	Gary & Diane Peterson	Curt & Pam Lipp	Carol, Ed & Annika Mack
Lector 9:30 am	Phyllis Almgren	Alice Davidson	Leslie Scheurer	Hester Gehling
Techie 9:30 am	Tom Werth	Troy Malaspino	Keith Johnson	Deb Clore-Myers



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:00 PM AA Mtg	2	3
4 9:30 AM Worship with Communion 7:00 PM NA Mtg	5 9:30 AM Quilters 6:00 PM AA Mtg 8:00 PM AA Mtg	6 12:00 PM AA Mtg 1:15 PM Social Knitting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Christian Ed	7 10:00 AM AA Mtg. 12:30 PM Lutheran Basics Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Worship	8 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship Meeting 7:00 PM Council Mtg 8:00 PM AA Mtg	9	10 9:00 AM Stern-Johnson Bike Club
11 9:30 AM Worship with Communion God's Work. Our Hands. 7:00 PM NA Mtg	12 6:00 PM AA Mtg 8:00 PM AA Mtg	13 12:00 PM AA Mtg 1:15 PM Social Knitting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	14 10:00 AM AA Mtg. 10:00 AM Finance 12:30 PM Lutheran Basics Bible Study 5:30 PM S.T.E.P.S. Dinner 6:15 PM Classes 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Worship	15 7:00 PM P.O.N.A 8:00 PM AA Mtg	16	17 Synod District Gathering
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ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

Advent's Mission Statement

With Joy and Thanksgiving
we commit Advent Lutheran Church
to be the Welcome Place,
where, through
God's Grace, we Gather,
Forgive, Grow and Care.

Deadline for the next Newsletter:

September 21, 2016

**Please submit all articles to Beth Mora at:
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Check out the newsletter on our website!

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