



Advent Lutheran Community Update

December 1, 2017

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Create Your own Advent Wreaths

On Sunday, December 3, you are invited to create your own Advent wreath for use in your home, like those of the ideas displayed. You may bring your own supplies, use some supplies provided and creative help, or make a traditional Advent wreath with supplies provided. The Advent wreath includes 4 candles for the 4 Sundays of Advent, the four weeks before Christmas.

Season of Advent daily devotionals, and Advent calendars, will also be available.



Bake Sale This Sunday!

Please come by and purchase some of the delicious goodies baked by the youth of Advent Lutheran. All funds raised will support attendance at upcoming youth events especially the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston.

Poinsettia Sales

Orders for beautiful and festive red poinsettias are now being taken by our Advent youth. The proceeds, this year, will go to help our high school age youth attend the ELCA's 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston.



Each poinsettia sold will help offset the costs of registration, airfare, hotels & transportation for our youth.

Please consider purchasing an additional poinsettia to donate for the altar during the Christmas season. Dedication envelopes for donated poinsettias are available and your dedication will be listed in the worship bulletin.

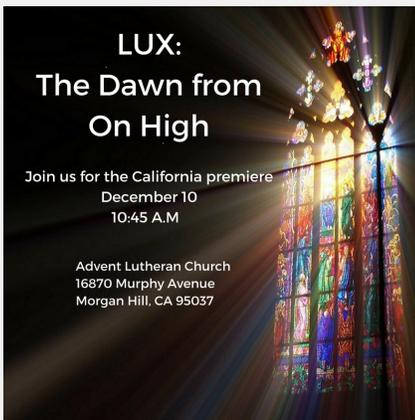
As this year is a fundraiser, we have set a price range of \$12 to \$16 per poinsettia for you to choose your donation level.

Youth will be in the Narthex after both services, Dec. 3 & 10, ready to take your orders. If you are not able to make a purchase in person, please call Margaret James @ 408-393-4100 to place an order.



Wonderful Wednesday

On December 6 at 5:30 P.M., families with children in elementary school are invited to come together for a simple potluck supper on December 6, which happens to be St. Nicholas Day. A special guest will come, and a storyteller will tell the story of St. Nicholas.



LUX: The Dawn from On High

Join us for the California premiere
December 10
10:45 A.M

Advent Lutheran Church
16870 Murphy Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

LUX: The Dawn from On High

On Sunday, December 10th, our music ministry will present An Advent Celebration which will include the west coast premiere of Dan Forrest's LUX – The Dawn from On High. We encourage you to arrive early and enjoy quiet meditation with pre-service music provided by the Orchestra at Advent beginning at 10:30 AM. Special music in worship will also include two world premieres of pieces arranged and orchestrated by Advent's Music Director, Kyle Jones. Soloists from Opera San José will join the orchestra to sing aria favorites from Handel's Messiah and a Bach Cantata. Don't forget to invite a friend or neighbor to share this special

day.

If you are unable to come to worship at 10:45 A.M., we will have a simple, spoken liturgy with three hymns at 8:00 A.M. that day.



Good Gifts

As part of our fourth quarter mission project, please prayerfully consider giving a gift that has the capacity to change someone else's life. ELCA has a catalog with over 50 different charitable gifts. To view, please visit [ELCA Good Gifts](#). Additionally, at Advent you may pick a catalog or an ornament from the mini Christmas tree to make your donation. These gifts that are "hard to wrap" can be great alternatives to traditional Christmas gifts.



Help Needed

If you can help break down the music set up for the Christmas Concert to be held on December 10 after the 10:45 A.M. service, please contact [Kyle Jones](#) or call the church office. Thank you!

The music ministry also requests volunteers to provide food for our Sunday reception on December 10, following 10:45 worship in Berkland Fellowship Hall. Beverages will be provided. Items needed are: fruit/veggie tray, cold cuts tray, cheese tray, assorted finger sandwiches and other hors d'oeuvres of your choosing. Please email [Valerie Saks](#) to confirm your help and what you plan to bring.



Multi-Generational Christmas Family Festival

On December 17 at 9:30 A.M., people of all ages are invited for a short cartoon telling the story, then interactive stations and crafts. Contact Pastor Anita if you are available to

help prepare and set this up.



Service of the Longest Night

Monday, December 18 at 7:30 P.M.

Christmas can be a painful time for some. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness; we need to know that we are not alone. Please join us for a time of reflection and prayer. All are welcome.



December 24 Worship

December 24 falls on a Sunday this year.

Morning worship services will use the Fourth Sunday in Advent texts, and the last time this year using the "Prepare Us Now and Come" Advent liturgy.

Christmas Eve worship at 7:00 PM will include Carols, Children's Message with Puppets, Sermon, Communion and Candlelight. There will be 10 minutes of Carol singing before the beginning of worship.



ELCA Youth Gathering

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth (grades 8-12) and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. For 2018, the Gathering will be held June 26-July 1 in Houston, Texas. If your student is interested in attending this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, please contact Pastor Anita ASAP.



Save the Date for Anti-Racism Training February 3

We have a great opportunity to spend a day with one another and the Rev. Adisa Armand-Miller, seasoned Lutheran pastor and anti-racism trainer. Anti-racism training is not the

same as diversity training you may have received in your workplace. It gives you the beginning of an analysis and empowers you to organize with others to begin to shift the systems and structures that perpetuate racism even when we don't want that to happen. More details to come, but save the date now! If you would like to help organize and invite people to this training, contact *Janel Jannusch*.

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