

COUNCIL'S CORNER

January 2018

**Growing *The Beloved Community* in South County  
through service and the creative arts.**

Peace to all with blessings and thanksgiving for this New Year.

**A one-day anti-racism training session will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018.** Mark your calendars and save the date. Rev. Adisa Armand-Miller, an experienced Lutheran pastor and anti-racism trainer, will lead the session. If you would like to help plan this event or personally invite people to this training, please contact Janel J. at [janelja@ix.netcom.com](mailto:janelja@ix.netcom.com).

**Advent's Beloved Community Arts Center (BCAC)** is the signature ministry vision for Advent, is owned solely by Advent, will be ongoing and sustainable, will tap into the majority of Advent's members and friends, and will build on our strengths, passions, and core values. The BCAC planning team (interested representatives from Voices staff and families plus SCORE leaders and some of Advent's staff) now has the task of developing several "minimum viable proposals" that the BCAC will offer to the South County community. These proposals will meet the needs of the four stakeholders that the BCAC planning team has identified: parents, students, mentors/teachers, and the congregation. The BCAC planning team will review and decide which proposal to offer. ***Watch for opportunities for you to engage with the BCAC.*** Our next BCAC planning meeting is January 22nd.

The next **Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday January 28, 2018.** The draft agenda:

- Opening devotions
- Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting on Nov. 12, 2017
- Presentation of the annual written reports of Pastor, Congregation President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Committee Chairs, and others.
- Approval of the budget for 2018.
- Election of Council members for 2018
  - Financial Secretary – David C.
  - Communications – Lynn A.
- Election of voting members for Synod Assembly June 1-3, 2018
- Ratification of the Resolution to rescind the Advent Lutheran Trust Fund. (This resolution passed by a majority vote at the November 2017 Congregational meeting; a 2/3 vote is required at the January Congregational meeting to ratify the Resolution).
- Ratification of the Resolution to establish the Advent Lutheran Legacy Fund. (This resolution passed by a majority vote at the November 2017 Congregational meeting; a 2/3 vote is required at the January Congregational meeting to ratify the Resolution).
- The Resolution for the 2013 and 2016 Amendments to the Model Constitution for Congregations.
- Closing prayer

Update on some **Action Items** of SCORE and Council. The 2018 Council will review and consider how to address action items that remain to be completed.

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Responsible group &amp; person</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Focused Youth Activity Teams; Preschool (Margie S.), Jr. High/Grades 6-8 (Jacqui K.), Sr. High/Grades 9-12 (Daniel C.). Ages K-2, 3-5, & Young Adults need leaders.	Faith Development - Kris	In progress – 3 leaders identified, need 3 more

Put together financial and practical guidelines for planning an intern year	Exec - Ed	Completion expected 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2018
Anti-racism training	SCORE: Resources – Janel	<b>Feb. 3, 2018 training scheduled; save the date</b>
Develop strategy to implement the vision of Beloved Community Arts Center (BCAC)	SCORE: Kris, Janel, Valerie S., Bill Exec: Ed Staff: Pastor, Kyle Voices representatives	In progress – regular SCORE/BCAC meetings held

Guests are always welcome at Council and Executive committee meetings held in the Berkland Fellowship Hall. Executive committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Council meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. All meetings start at 7:00 PM. (Meetings are on the Advent’s website calendar, <http://advent-lutheran.org/advent-master-calendar/>). **NOTE:** Council does **not** meet in December, but Executive does meet.

Your 2018 Council roster:

- Ed M., President
- Brad B., 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Jacqui K., 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- **See below**, Financial Secretary
- Peter McE., Secretary
- Norm O., Treasurer
- Kris A., Faith Development
- See below**, Communications
- Marcia N., Community Connections
- Carrie M., Operations
- Joyce G., Stewardship
- Valerie S., Worship & Music

Lynn A. agreed to serve as Communications Chair and David C. agreed to serve as Financial Secretary. They will be presented to the Congregation for election to those roles at the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Ed M.