

COUNCIL'S CORNER

April 2018

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

- **Bookkeeping update**
 - After considerable work during the past year by Norm O., Treasurer and Bruce N., Advent's Bookkeeper, Advent has entered into a service agreement with AdminBooks of Morgan Hill for bookkeeping with payroll. Helen C. and Judith D. will do part of the bookkeeping work on Advent's side. After many years of service, Bruce N. will step back from his role. Thanks to all who helped make this transition happen.

- **Council Conversation scheduled for April 22 at 11:00 AM**
 - The topic is the Beloved Community Arts Center (BCAC). The BCAC is a 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. This is a great opportunity get an update, ask questions, and become engaged with BCAC.

- **Murphy Frontage Improvement**
 - Indirect information indicates the developer might break ground on the Busk property by July.

- **Pacific Point Christian School**
 - Pacific Point representatives decided not to submit a Facility Use Request. They said "...With the consideration of rooms 12, 13, and possibly rooms 9 and 10, regrettably, those rooms do not have the ideal square footage we would need...We are saddened by this because we were excited to partner with you and your church. If rooms 1 and 2 ever become available please reach out to us and let us know!..."

- **Personnel committee**
 - I was pleased to meet with current Personnel Committee members, Rob B., Molly C., and Jane O. along with Pastor in early March. The committee is beginning to review Advent's policies and procedures related to personnel topics including the Safe Church Community Policy to insure they are current and meet our needs. As 1st Vice President of Council, Brad B. is liaison to Personnel Committee.

- **Selected highlights from recent Council committee reports**
 - **Community Connections (Marcia N. chair):** Pastoral Partners met on Monday, March 26th. The topic for discussion was prayer. The Morgan Hill Safe Car Park has been very successful. They are currently full with 4 children and 13 adults. Improvements have been made to the site. There is always a need for volunteers for both the morning and evening shifts. Food and Fellowship is very busy planning the spring BBQ, to be held on April 22nd.
 - **Communications (Lynn A. chair):** The rebranding discussion begun at the Council retreat continues. A new web site policy was completed. Communications about the change to one worship service began March 1st. The Committee and some staff took inventory of church archives and followed ELCA recommended retention guidelines.
 - **Faith Development (Kris A. chair):** Children's Time will be offered starting April 8th during the sermon and prayers for about 15-20 minutes. Spark Online Lectionary materials will be used. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. Confirmation youth meet monthly. There are also monthly meetings for the 7 high school youth and 3 adult leaders who are going to the

National Youth Gathering in Houston. Two youth from Santa Cruz are joining those from Advent on the trip to Houston.

- **Operations (Carrie M. chair):** The transition from Voices occupancy is complete. The final tasks included rehangng whiteboards, installing carpet & baseboard in room 2, and expanding janitorial responsibilities to include rooms used by Voices. On March 17, the Spring Work Day team washed windows, dusted interior surfaces, cleaned front porch and courtyard lamps, moved Sew Seeds cabinets into room 2, and spread weed barrier and stones in the front parking lot rose beds.
 - **Stewardship (Joyce G. chair):** Identification of the groups to be recognized for “Did You Know...” was completed through mid-June. The Legacy Fund proposed text was reviewed. A letter will be mailed to those who do not have a “Let Your Faith Show” form on file in the church office inviting them to submit one. The committee was reminded about the opportunity through Thrivent to apply for action teams by those who belong to Thrivent. This is an excellent, underutilized opportunity to receive a \$250 grant for a project at the church.
 - **Worship & Music (Valerie S. chair):** Activities during Lent included the traditional Thursday night Soup Suppers with Lent Madness followed by the Holden Evening Prayer Service. A concert, “In His Own Words”, with choir and orchestra, took place on Palm Sunday at 5 PM. Holy Week services were held on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter itself. We change to one worship service at 9:30 AM starting April 8th.
- **Selected highlights from recent Council and Executive committee business**
 - Executive committee approved the condo rental agreement between Advent and Kyle Jones; both parties signed it.
 - By consensus Exec agreed that Pastor can bank her 2 weeks of continuing education in 2018 so she can take a 4-week Spanish immersion class in 2019.
 - Exec approved Jane O. to fulfill Norm O.’s remaining term on the Personnel Committee.
 - Council approved a Facility Use Request from South Valley Youth Orchestra to rehearse in room 1 on Sundays from 4 – 7 PM.
 - Council approved the CMT authorization for two sessions in 2018.
 - Council agreed to hold a Joint Committee meeting of all Council committee chairs, the members of those committees, and the members of Executive committee after worship on April 29th.
 - Council approved BCAC Scholarships as the 2nd quarter mission.
 - Members of Council and staff are reviewing the Facility Use/Fundraising Request Form with an eye on the ease of completing the form and consideration of the current fair market value of Advent’s rental rates.
 - If you were unable to attend the **Anti-Racism Workshop** on February 3 and want more information...
 - Copies of the information distributed to participants have been placed in the Gathering Area. Look for dark blue folders with resource information. Contact Sherry Q. if you have questions.

Council reviewed the Action Items list earlier this year. The list is being updated. Highlights will be provided in a future Council’s Corner.

Guests are always welcome at Council and Executive committee meetings held in the Berkland Fellowship Hall. Executive committee meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. Council meets on the 4th 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/>).

Your 2018 Council roster:

- Ed M., President
- Brad B., 1st Vice President
- Jacqui K., 2nd Vice President
- David C., Financial Secretary
- Peter McE., Secretary
- Norm O., Treasurer

Kris A., Faith Development
Lynn A., Communications
Marcia N., Community Connections
Carrie M., Operations
Joyce G., Stewardship
Valerie S., Worship & Music

Respectfully submitted, Ed M.