

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

- **A Council Conversation was held on April 22 on 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. Council Conversation presenters were Pastor Anita, Kyle J., Delia G. (Morgan Hill resident and community leader), and Jacqui K.
 - The co-development process is: reach out to neighbors, share power, share decision-making, share language, and grow more diverse. The co-development committee is typically 6-12 people with about half congregants and half community members.
 - The co-developed value proposition for youth "The Beloved Community Arts Center helps youth who want to relieve stress by expressing their feelings and experiences in musical, artistic, and healthy ways."
 - The draft opportunity statement reads "Youth of all cultural backgrounds can celebrate diversity and express their creativity freely through the arts in a safe, multilingual environment that promotes human dignity and value regardless of economic standing."
 - Who are the 4 key stakeholders? The congregation, students, parents, and teachers/mentors.
 - What is the minimum viable offering? Ensemble or group-oriented music classes starting in the fall of 2018. Make the classes engaging, accessible, and affordable for families. The next co-development phase will address items like scheduling, funding, staff, volunteers, and training.
 - It was noted that the 2nd Quarter Mission project is BCAC Scholarship Fund. This is modeled after the Christian Music Theater (CMT) format to help make these programs affordable for all.
 - Questions? Want to get involved? Speak to any of the presenters or Ed M.
- **Selected highlights from some recent Council committee reports**
 - **Community Connections (Marcia N. chair):** The Morgan Hill Safe Car Park has been very successful, but lately they have a lack of volunteers to interact with the clients in the mornings and evenings. Please contact Marcia to engage in this ministry.
 - **Communications (Lynn A. chair):** The monument sign on Murphy was updated to show our new worship time of 9:30 AM. A YouTube channel has been created and is expected to go live soon. A sharp rise in Facebook post engagements was noted in the period February through April. A comprehensive crisis communication policy and plan was shared with Council for review and comment. The rebranding discussion continues.
 - **Faith Development (Kris A. chair):** Children's Time during the sermon and prayers of the church is a work-in-progress. We are starting to understand what's working and what needs improvement. Please contact Kris to join the fun at Children's Time! The Youth hosted the Easter breakfast to raise money for their trip to Houston for the National Youth Gathering.
 - **Operations (Carrie M. chair):** Room numbers put on doors of rooms 1, 9, 10, 11, and 12/13. North women's restroom toilet replaced.

- **Stewardship (Joyce G. chair):** Planning for Mother’s Day and Father’s Day was completed. Expect to see more communication about the “Let Your Faith Show” forms and how everyone can make use of the information that is gathered.
- **Worship & Music (Valerie S. chair):** There were two services on Easter Sunday complete with a Brass Choir. Single service at 9:30 AM started on April 8th.
- **Selected highlights from recent Council and Executive committee business**
 - Council approved a Facility Use request for a piano and violin concert on June 16.
 - By consensus, Exec approved a Facility Use request for the Bluegrass Fundraiser for Reachout Food pantry on May 19.
 - Exec approved a rent increase for the Morgan Hill Parent Child Nursery School effective September 2018 for the 2018-19 academic year.
- **Update on some Action Items of Council**

Item Description	Responsible group & person	Status
Anti-racism training	SCORE: Janel Council to support	Next steps to be determined. Initial 1-day workshop completed & Council retreat follow-up completed.
Provide safety and first aid training to staff & Altar Guild	Staff - Sherry Exec - Ed	In progress
Reconciling In Christ (RIC)	Faith Development – Kris Exec - Pete	In progress - connecting with a Pastor who has experience with the RIC process
YouTube Channel	Communications - Lynn	In progress - YouTube Channel created, to be rolled out soon.
Growing Young focus has shifted to Children's Time during worship. Previous Growing Young volunteers: Margie Siverson, Jacqui Kanode, Daniel Carlile	Faith Development - Kris	In progress
Develop strategy to implement the vision of Beloved Community Arts Center (BCAC)	SCORE: Janel Exec: Pastor, Ed Council: Kris, Valerie S. Staff: Kyle Community members from Voices and Learning & Loving Center	In progress - Council Conversation held; continuing co-development process to prepare minimum viable offering to begin fall 2018.
Examine Advent archives; use ELCA record retention guidelines to assist in determining what must be retained and what can be securely discarded.	Communications - Lynn	In progress - update photos, articles & annual reports
Recommendations to change Endowment Fund bylaws	Exec - Grant	Completed

Put together financial and practical guidelines for planning an intern year	Exec - Ed	Completed
Review and update Facility Use/Fundraising Request Form and Facility Use Rates	Exec - Brad, Ed	Completed

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:

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| • Ed M., President | Kris A., Faith Development |
| • Brad B., 1 st Vice President | Lynn A., Communications |
| • Jacqui K., 2 nd Vice President | Marcia N., Community Connections |
| • David C., Financial Secretary | Carrie M., Operations |
| • Peter McE., Secretary | Joyce G., Stewardship |
| • Norm O., Treasurer | Valerie S., Worship & Music |

Respectfully submitted, Ed M.