

COUNCIL'S CORNER  
September 2018

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

• **Beloved Community Arts Center (BCAC)**

- The first session of BCAC arts classes began on August 18! For 10 weeks, the classes offered are world percussion, beginning guitar (2 classes), and singing. Twelve families with 17 students are enrolled in the 45-minute classes scheduled from 9 AM to 12 noon each Saturday (September 1 was a holiday). Several students are taking more than one class. Sam S. and Carlos B. were hired as mentors for percussion and guitar, respectively. Kyle is leading the singing.
- There's an Intercambio Potluck on Saturday September 15 from 12 noon to 1 PM after the BCAC classes. It's a fun way for BCAC families and people in the congregation to get to know one another over good food!
- ***You can help BCAC get off to a great start by volunteering!*** To participate, please contact Sherry Q. at the Advent Church office: phone 408-779-3551 or email [office@advent-lutheran.org](mailto:office@advent-lutheran.org)

• **Developing Women Leaders for the Church**

- The second of two introductory meetings was held on Thursday, August 9 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Eight women joined facilitators Karen P. and Lou Ann T. along with Pastor Anita and Ed M.
- Building on the introductory meetings this past summer, three other gatherings led by Karen and Lou Ann will be held on Tuesday September 11, Monday September 24, and Tuesday October 2. All meetings are from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. Those who attended an introductory meeting are invited to participate, as are any other women who did not. Please check Advent's website or contact Sherry Quick (408-779-3551 or [office@advent-lutheran.org](mailto:office@advent-lutheran.org)) for more details and to RSVP.

• **Selected highlights from recent Council and Executive committee business**

- By consensus, Exec approved two facility use requests: Gospel Celebration October 8 and Christmas Presentation December 9.
- It was moved and seconded to approve the facility use request by the El Camino Conference of the Sierra Pacific Synod to host "Chili with the Bishop – Conference Gathering" on November 17. The motion carried.
- It was moved and seconded to accept the BCAC mentor job description as amended. The motion carried.
- Exec reviewed the IRS factors that determine whether BCAC mentors are employees of Advent or independent contractors. It was moved and seconded that BCAC mentors are employees of Advent. The motion carried.
- It was moved and seconded to set the hourly pay rate for mentors. The motion carried.
- It was moved and seconded to have Pastor and Ed prepare offer letters for mentors Sam S. and Carlos B. The motion carried.
- It was moved and seconded to loan \$2500 from the general fund to BCAC to help cover startup expenses with the qualification that BCAC will repay the general fund by December 31, 2018. The motion carried.
- It was moved and seconded to require Morgan Hill Parent Child Nursery School (MHPCNS) to stop building a chicken coop and to provide Council with documentation confirming the structure and proposed use meets MH City Codes. The motion carried.
- It was moved and seconded to establish a separate checking account for BCAC with two signatures required. The motion carried.
- It was moved and seconded to set the Congregational meeting for Sunday November 11, 2018 at 11:00 AM. The motion carried.

- It was moved and seconded to approve two facility use requests from the Interfaith Community of South County for their monthly meeting on Monday November 12 and for the Interfaith Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday November 18.
- A Nominating Committee is being formed to fill open Council positions for 2019. Jacqui K. is Council liaison.
- **Selected highlights from some recent Council committee reports**
  - **Community Connections (Marcia N. chair):** God's Work Our Hands is this Sunday, September 9. Wear your GWOH shirts! Projects include putting together To-Go bags, baby kits, health care kits, school kits, and a church service at Valley Pines.
  - **Communications (Lynn A. chair):** A Rebranding workshop was held after worship on August 5 with about 25 people attending. The Brand Essence survey was open from August 5-20. There were 63 responses to the survey. Interviews about rebranding will continue through September.
  - **Faith Development (Kris A. chair):** There was a sign-up for Children's time leaders on August 12. A couple new people signed up and our wonderful regular volunteers offered to be backups and fill gaps where needed. A lot of Sundays still need volunteers. Contact Kris to help with this important Faith Development work.
  - **Operations (Carrie M., chair):** M&R projects completed: Replaced burned out fluorescent bulbs on Advent sign in front of church (Carrie), changed water fountain filter (Carrie/Ed), removed large stain on sanctuary carpet (Carrie), met with arborist about removing 2 trees and trimming others (Carrie), met with gardeners about irrigation (Carrie).
  - **Stewardship (Joyce G. chair):** The committee selected people and groups to recognize in Sunday worship through the end of October. The fall stewardship program "Live Simply" begins on September 23 and Commitment Sunday is October 21.
  - **Worship & Music (Valerie S. chair):** Regular Choir rehearsals resumed on August 8. A second survey about the single worship service will be held later.
- **Updates on some Action Items of Council will be provided in future Council's Corner editions.**

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/>).

Your 2018 Council roster:

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| • Ed M., President                          | Kris A., Faith Development       |
| • Brad B., 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President   | Lynn A., Communications          |
| • Jacqui K., 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.