

COUNCIL'S CORNER

November 2018

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

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

- The BCAC students' presentation on October 20 was thoroughly enjoyed by children, parents, extended family, and Advent members and friends! Students of guitar, world percussion, and singing demonstrated the music skills they developed during the first offering of BCAC arts classes. The second Intercambio Potluck following the music presentation was also a great success! (Even my Spanish may be improving!)
- The next BCAC session will be on Saturdays for 10 weeks starting January 26, 2019 and running through March 30. BCAC plans to offer piano classes in addition to guitar, world percussion, and singing. An Open House is scheduled for December 15, 2018. BCAC mentors and staff will show children and families what classes will be offered and accept registrations.

• **Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 11:00 AM**

- Everyone is invited to the Congregational Meeting. Agenda topics include approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, election of Council members for next year, presentation of proposed budget for next year, and presentation of proposed capital campaign.
 - Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation. (Advent's Constitution section *8.02c)

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

- It was moved and seconded to approve the Facility Use Request by the Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation Center (WERC) to hold their Classical Voice Concert on 1/19/19 provided that WERC cover the cost of a SALT technician or locate a SALT technician who will volunteer. The motion carried.
- It was moved and seconded to approve the Facility Use Request for a Pupusa Luncheon & Craft Fundraiser in partnership with Santa Cruz al Salvador on 11/04/18. The motion carried.
- It was moved and seconded to approve the Facility Use Request by TheaterFun for audition and rehearsal space from 12/15/18 - 3/16/19. The motion carried.
- The Facility Use Request by Morgan Hill Parent Child Nursery School (MNPCNS) to hold a garage sale on 10/13/18 was not approved as written. Due to conflicts with other, previously scheduled Advent events, it was moved and seconded that Advent offer other dates and a couple conditions for the MHPCNS garage sale. The motion carried. (Note: Following communication of Exec action to MHPCNS, representatives from Advent and MHPCNS met. It was agreed that MHPCNS will comply with the requirement to submit Facility Use Requests at least 4 weeks before the scheduled event and that the event will not be advertised until they are notified that it has been approved. Both parties agreed to increase communication with each other. Advent reps agreed that MHPCNS could hold this garage sale on 10/13/18 in a different area so as not to interrupt Advent activities.
- Executive Committee, in closed session, prepared the 2019 proposed budget and reviewed the classification of the bookkeeper jobs.
- In Council, it was moved and seconded to present the proposed 2019 budget at the Congregational Meeting on 11/11/18. The motion carried.

- It was moved and seconded to approve the Facility Use Request by NorCal Music for a fundraising concert on 11/04/18 provided that they pay a facility use fee. The motion carried.
- It was moved and seconded to approve the Facility Use Request by South Bay Singers for a rehearsal and concert on 4/26/19 and 4/27/19 provided that they hire an Advent SALT technician. The motion carried.
- **Selected highlights from some recent Council committee reports**
 - **Community Connections (Marcia N. chair):** Sew Seeds had a fantastic year! For the Ingathering on October 13, they sent 243 quilts, 248 school kits, 43 personal care kits, 32 fabric kits, and 144 baby care kits. Food & Fellowship has formed new groups and is starting another round of get-togethers after a successful summer party. Pastoral Partners met on September 24. Pastor Lee, using the Lection Divina method of scripture reading, led the contemplation, prayer, and meditation. The second part of the 4th quarter mission is the Safe Car Park held at the Morgan Hill Bible Church. A list of needs will be published.
 - **Communications (Lynn A. chair):** A summary of the feedback on the subject of Advent's identity from interviews and from the online survey will be prepared and presented at a Council Conversation on January 13, 2019. Advent is a member of the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce. Laura McC. volunteered to represent Advent at least once a month at Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce events.
 - **Faith Development (Kris A. chair):** Children's Time (CT) is going well. Children are enjoying weekly crafts and Lego projects. Children are using their attendance points in the CT store. Over the next month, Kris will get input from the CT committee about projects for next semester. New volunteers are always welcome! Contact Kris to help with this important Faith Development work.
 - **Worship & Music (Valerie S. chair):** Many people enjoyed the Gospel Concert on October 7, the New Life Band concert on October 13, and the BCAC presentation on October 20. On November 4, All Saint's Day/Dia de los Muertos, the mariachi band from St. Mary Church in Gilroy will join us in worship. A performance of "Lux: The Dawn from on High" on December 9 will feature the Advent Festival Choir, and singers and musicians from Valley Christian School. Music is alive and well at Advent! Invite your friends and neighbors. Altar Guild will hold their annual meeting and potluck on November 10.
- **Updates on some Council Action Items will be provided in future editions of 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:

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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.