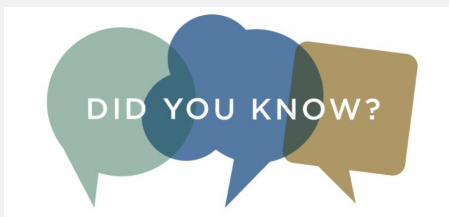




Advent Lutheran Community Update

January 4, 2018

Upcoming Dates
Click here for our complete calendar



Sound and Light Team (S.A.L.T.)

Members of the Sound and Light Team are asked to take the communion elements to the altar for recognition of your stewardship to Advent Lutheran and to receive a blessing from Pastor Anita. [Read more about S.A.L.T....](#)



SIGN UP NOW!
Be a part of our new directory

Sign Up Now for Church Directory

It's time! It's time for us to update our photo directory. We will photograph all families February 7-9 right here at Advent. Our directory won't be complete without you. [Sign up now...](#)



Epiphany Worship & Epiphany Party

Sunday, January 6 at 9:30 A.M.
Epiphany marks the arrival of the wise men to worship Christ. Our worship service will close out the Christmas season celebration. Following worship, we will have an Epiphany party for all ages.



Mary & Martha Circle Advent Women's Bible Study

Bible Study : Meetings with Jesus.
Session One: Come and see: Seeking and finding faith. The group will meet Wednesday, January 9th in Berkland Fellowship Hall. Fellowship begins at 10:00 A.M. and Bible Study at 10:30 A.M. Our winter potluck luncheon will begin at 12:00 P.M. and will be hosted by Doris Staehr and Rosemary Perry. Bring something good to eat for sharing! All women of Advent are invited. Please join us and bring a friend if you wish. If you need a copy of the study or have any questions, please contact [Sheila Walton](#).



Register by January 15th for BCAC Winter Session

Register by January 15 to participate in the winter session of the The Beloved Community Arts Center. Experienced mentors will lead 45-minute classes on Saturday mornings, beginning January 26. Children in grades 1-12 are invited to participate in learning to play guitar, hand drums, violin and singing. Our 10-week program will be held from January 26 through March 30. [Read more...](#)



Men's Weekend

All men ages 18 and over are invited to attend the Men's Weekend at Mt. Cross. How are craft and creativity connected to your faith? What does it mean to make things with our hands? Join Dr. Sam Thomas for a weekend of lectures and discussions weaving together craft, creation, and community. [Read more...](#)



Flower Chart

Members and friends of Advent are invited to bring flower arrangements to place on the chancel in the sanctuary for Sunday worship. The 2019 flower chart on the kiosk in the Gathering Area has available dates for your name and any information you might want noted in the Sunday worship bulletin. You are welcome to take the flower arrangement with you after worship.

Council's Corner



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[Click Here](#) to view the January 2019 edition of Council's Corner. Additionally, you will find all 2018 editions of Council's Corner for your reference at <http://advent-lutheran.org/councils-corner/>



Council Conversation

On Sunday, Jan. 13 at 11:00 A.M., we will hold a Council Conversation following worship in the fellowship hall. Pastor Anita and Lynn Astalos will lead a discussion around brand and identity for our church. We will share the results of the survey we conducted recently and explain how we would explore a brand and identity change. But the primary objective of this session is to get input from the congregation.



Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, Jan. 27 at 11:00 A.M., we will hold a Congregational Meeting following worship in the fellowship hall. [Click here](#) to view the draft agenda and to learn more about the Capital Campaign.



UFO Retreat

Who among us doesn't have unfinished projects? Bring them to Mt. Cross to work on them where your only distraction will be the beautiful redwoods and the Santa Cruz mountains. [Read more about this retreat held February 7 or 8 - February 10 at Mt. Cross.](#)

FOOD OF THE MONTH

Baby Food
&
Diapers



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Advent collects non-perishable food for the Reach Out food bank at St. Catherine Church in Morgan Hill. Foods for the month of January are baby food and diapers. Other items welcome anytime are: tuna, canned fruits/vegetables, rice, beans, hearty soup/chili, and even baby diapers. Items can be placed in the white wire baskets near the office at Advent.

Advent Lutheran Core Values

This is a safe place to be who you are. God's love accepts and invites each of us to bring all of ourselves: our thoughts, beliefs, questions, age, ethnicity, gender identity, abilities and disabilities, sexual orientation, cultures and life experiences.

We find joy and purpose when multiple generations together are:

- ✚ **Experiencing** the living presence of Christ as music and other creative arts bring the scriptures to life when we gather and worship.
- ✚ **Exploring** the spiritual journey, rooted in the Lutheran perspective.
- ✚ **Engaging** with our neighbors to support God's mission of grace, healing and abundant life for all.

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