

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...

- **Financial Campaign update**

- We had a great Kickoff on March 10th with Rev. Dana P. preaching and leading a campaign information meeting after worship with a tour of proposed campus capital projects.
- We continue in prayer and Bible study as we move toward Commitment Sunday, April 14.
- The spring Financial Campaign will not separate contributions to General Fund and Capital. There will be one financial goal of \$250,000 of new money per year for 3 years for General Fund and Capital. This will give Council flexibility to allocate the new money most effectively.
- More information about Advent's Legacy Fund will be provided.

- **February Financial results**

- General Fund **net income for February was positive \$898**. (We received \$898 more than we spent in February.) **Net income for the year is negative \$7,718** (spent more than received).
- General Fund unrestricted reserves for February were \$166,173 compared with \$173,391 at the end of December 2018.
- Mortgage Fund income for February was \$7,864. The Mortgage Fund balance is positive \$55,898 at the end of February compared to \$52,041 at the end of December 2018.

- **Selected highlights from recent Executive and Council business**

- Executive March 11 (regular meeting) – These actions were moved, seconded, and carried.
 - Chose the Learning and Loving Center as our 2nd Quarter Mission.
- Council March 26 (regular meeting) – These actions were moved, seconded, and carried.
 - Approved Continuing Resolution C13.07.A.2019 to establish a Legacy Fund Committee. Vote was unanimous (2/3 required for passage).
 - Approve a Continuing Resolution establishing the guidelines for operation of the Legacy Fund. Vote was unanimous (2/3 required for passage).
 - Set a minimum General Fund balance at month-end of \$105,000, below which Council will act to reduce expenses and/or rent out rooms.
 - By consensus, Council will support a Basket for the Food & Fellowship BBQ Fundraiser.
 - Replace the HVAC units in Rooms 1 & 2 at an estimated cost of \$12,000 paid from the Operations budget. Further, that Council will reimburse the General Fund the actual cost of the HVAC installation from the Campaign Funds within six (6) months of the project completion date.
 - Allow Food & Fellowship to sell BBQ tickets in the office entrance area on Palm Sunday and Easter morning contingent on the Facility Use request and Fundraising request be submitted by Food & Fellowship before 4/08/19 and approved by Exec on 4/08/19.
 - Information: Lynn A. has resigned as Communications chair. The Nominating Committed along with Pastor and Ed M. are prayerfully discerning candidates to fill the remaining term.

- **Beloved Community Arts Center (BCAC) –**

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

- The second 10-week session of BCAC classes ended on March 30 with a musical presentation featuring guitar, percussion, and singing followed by food and fellowship at an Intercambio potluck. Spring classes start in May. Watch for information at <http://advent-lutheran.org/bcac/>
- **Looking to volunteer some time and meet new people?** BCAC is the place to be! Speak to Pastor or Kyle about how you can help the BCAC ministry grow *The Beloved Community* in South County.

- **NEW! Chat with Council**
 - Council initiated a new opportunity for you to chat with Council members informally after worship in the Gathering Area. The first Chat with Council was held on March 31 and the next one will be April 7. Bring your comments, questions, and suggestions. Depending upon the response of members and friends this could develop into a regular or occasional opportunity for informal conversation with Council members.
- **Coming in late April! Reconciling in Christ (RIC)**
 - After Easter, watch for a letter from the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Committee introducing the committee and mission. Starting April 28, RIC Committee members will be at a table in the Gathering Area before and after worship to provide information and answer questions.
- **Selected highlights from some recent Council committee reports**
 - **Community Connections (Catherine H. Chair)** – HVAC unit in Room 2, used by Sew Seeds on Tuesday, failed in February. (Update: see Council highlights for 3/26/19 above.) Community Table ministry seeks a leader as Marianne G. is stepping down at the end of 2019. More Advent volunteers are also needed. Food & Fellowship BBQ and Fundraiser is Sunday, April 28. Pastoral Partners met on March 25th. Seeking volunteers to engage with Reach Out Food Pantry at St. Catherine’s as Kenyon’s are unable to continue in that role. ***Interfaith Community of South County (ICSC) meets monthly and provides a wonderful opportunity to meet people of other faiths and provide mutual support.*** Contact Catherine H. or Ed M. to learn more.
 - **Faith Development (Kris A. Chair)** - Children’s Time is going well. They have added lessons from the financial campaign such as having enough money, enough food, enough time, and acts of kindness. Planning to help organize additional Safe Community Training opportunities.
 - **Operations (Carrie M. Chair)** – Inventory completed of all lighting in church buildings (Floyd S. and Carrie M.), three contractor’s bids to replace HVAC units in Rooms 1 & 2 requested and received (Sherry Q.) and visited one site with installed HVAC unit with the contractor (Sherry Q., Ed M., Carrie M.).
 - **Stewardship (Joyce G. Chair)** – No March meeting as Financial Campaign activities consumed all available time. Next meeting in April.
- **Updates on some Council Action Items will resume in future issues of Council’s Corner**

At the January Congregational meeting, Council, as a group, stated a commitment to increase by 33% our 2019 General Fund (GF) giving relative to Council’s 2018 GF giving and there will be 2 checkpoints to be reported on the progress through the year.

Council welcomes responsible comments, questions, and suggestions. 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/>). Copies of approved meeting minutes are available upon request from the President or the Secretary.

Your 2019 Council roster:

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| • Ed M., President | Kris A., Faith Development |
| • Brad B., 1 st Vice President | Vacant, Communications |
| • Kathy P., 2 nd Vice President | Catherine H., Community Connections |
| • David C., Financial Secretary | Carrie M., Operations |
| • Peter McE., Secretary | Joyce G., Stewardship |
| • Janel J., Treasurer | Elinor M., Worship & Music |

Respectfully submitted, Ed M.

P.S. Copies of Council’s Corner can be found in the Gathering Area.