Advent Lutheran
Community Update
February 5, 2021

Upcoming Dates
Click here for our complete calendar

Service of the Word

We continue to stream our Sunday worship service at 9:30 AM.

Please click here to view and print the worship guide if you would like to follow along on Sunday.

Please click here to access Advent’s Facebook Page for our Sunday worship service online at 9:30 AM. A Facebook account is not needed to watch the service.

If you prefer, you can also access our Sunday worship service online at 9:30 AM on Advent’s YouTube Channel by clicking here. You do not need a YouTube account to watch the service.

Outdoor Communion Services This Sunday

Sunday, February 7
You are invited to participate in a brief (10 minute) communion distribution service at Advent this Sunday afternoon,
February 7. You may come at any of these times: 1:00 PM, 1:20 PM, and 1:40 PM. Please park in the back parking lot and wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth the whole time (except when you are eating or drinking the bread and wine or grape juice). A greeter will take your name and an altar guild member will hand you the prepackaged and sealed communion elements. Ushers will invite you to stand at least 6-8 feet apart from everyone except those in your household or pandemic “bubble.” There will be chairs for those who need to sit. We know it is tempting to get close to and shake hands or embrace other dear church members: please do not do so, we still need to show our love by keeping physical distance. Pastor will give the other instructions at the communion services. Thanks be to God that with care and great attention to safety, we now share the Lord’s Supper together again, in a new way, the first Sunday of the month. The Service of the Word will be streamed on YouTube and Facebook as usual on Sunday morning, February 7: this communion service does not replace the Service of the Word, as there will be no reading of scripture, no singing, no preaching, only a simple eucharistic celebration.

Online Coffee Hour

Following worship, you are invited to join an online Coffee Hour via Zoom by clicking on this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82
Meeting ID: 820 2039 1697

Do you have a Zoom business account? Are you willing to host 1 or 2 coffee hours a month? If so, please contact Sherry Quick.

EarthBound: Created+Called to Care for Creation

Wednesday evening, February 10, at 7:00 PM

It’s not too late to be a part of the remaining session of “Earthbound.” We use the video and study materials from 7:00-8:00, then for those who can stay we have a connected Bible study 8:00-8:30. Click here for Zoom details to join the sessions.

Ash Wednesday

7:00 PM on February 17

We will continue our tradition of sharing Ash Wednesday worship with St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, and we welcome the Rev. Karen Cuffie as well as the congregation of St. Stephen in the Fields Episcopal Church in South San José. Our worship service, hosted by Advent, will premiere at 7 PM on February 17 on Advent’s YouTube and Facebook pages.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. Our worship service will include the Imposition of
Ashes, which each can do at home with the ashes that will be mailed to you. The service will also include a reflection on Prayer as Relationship, based on Matthew 6:6, and voices from all three congregations contributing to the hymn “O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days.”

Lent Madness

This year we are encouraging everyone who enjoys learning about saints from every place and time of the church to do so online on your own through the website lentmadness.org. There are already new posts to introduce the countdown to the season, but Lent Madness does not officially begin until the day after Ash Wednesday. You can find the calendar, brackets and much, much more on the website. Since there are daily matchups, maybe before Lent starts you want to set up your own phone or text groups for voting each day and getting into the competition! Have fun with this and with others in your life and in the church. Do you remember who won the Golden Halo in 2020? Hint: initials are HT.

In-Person Spiritual Care

If you would like to speak with or visit with Pastor Anita, please contact her by email or phone (408-779-3551). Pastor Anita will make in-person visits where we can be outside and have physical distance. She holds you all in her prayers.
Offerings

While we are not able to gather in person, our church continues to need financial support. You may contribute to your church any time through online giving at the bottom of Advent's home page. Note that in addition to electronic transfers, debit and credit cards giving options are also now available. You may also mail an offering to Advent Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 607, Morgan Hill, CA 95038. Please note to use the mailing address, not physical address, for all mail sent to the church.

El Camino Real Conference Gathering

Saturday, Feb. 13, 9-11 AM

All are invited to the gathering of our conference. LEAD consulting with gather more information from the attendees on what our synod is seeking in our next bishop. We will also nominate these people to participate in the Churchwide Assembly in the summer of 2022 in Ohio:
1) Lay Male
2) Young adult
3) Person of color and/or with primary language other than English

Click here for Zoom meeting details.

Advocacy in Quarantine

The Lutheran Office of Public Policy – California
Policy - California continues to host a weekly Wednesday noon briefing on state and federal legislation and call to action. All are welcome to this 30 minute briefing, which also offers you an easy follow-through action each week. All the advocacy actions are based on the approved social statements of the ELCA as applied to current legislation. **Click here to join the Zoom meeting.**

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**We are 3 Subscribers Away from Having a Custom Link to our YouTube Channel**

Right now it can be a little challenging finding our Advent YouTube Channel without a direct link. However; we can change this if we reach 100 subscribers as YouTube will then grant Advent Lutheran a custom URL for our YouTube channel. How can you help? **Click here** to access our Advent Lutheran YouTube channel and click "subscribe."

Anyone with a Google account can subscribe. You do not need a YouTube or Gmail account. If you need guidance on creating a Google account, [click here.](#)

We are only 3 subscribers away! Perhaps you have a few different Google accounts in your household, it would be wonderful to have everyone subscribe!

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**First Quarter Mission**

Food is a basic need, not a luxury. Martha’s kitchen fulfills
this need for those who are most vulnerable to food insecurity in our community. In 2020, the number of hungry have increased significantly. The number of meals provided by Martha’s Kitchen has increased by 100%. By the end of 2020, Martha’s Kitchen prepared over 1 million meals and distributed over 2,000,000 pounds of groceries in and around the Bay Area. Financial support is needed to fight against hunger. Martha’s Kitchen was started by Louise Benson in 1981. Louise energized her resources to serve the poor in the community. Every dollar donated provides $7 of food. Advent serves a community table every Tuesday evening along with other churches in our community most night’s each week, provided by Martha’s Kitchen. Please prayerfully consider donating to this most essential mission. To donate, go to the Online Giving button on Advent’s home page, and select 1st Quarter Mission; or else mail a donation to the church office, with the notation, 1st Quarter Mission.

Hearty Soups and Chili with Meat

Advent collects non-perishable food for the Reach Out food bank at St. Catherine Church in Morgan Hill. Items for the month of February are hearty soups and chili with meat. Other items welcome anytime are: peanut butter, jelly, tuna, flour, sugar, pasta, mac n cheese, canned fruit and juice, sugar, dry and canned milk, holiday foods, canned
vegetables, rice, hot and cold cereal, baby food, diapers, and beans. Items can be placed in the white wire baskets near the office at Advent.

**Sunday's Worship Service**

If you were unable to attend Advent's online worship this past Sunday on Facebook/YouTube, or would like to re-watch, please [click here to view the service on Advent's YouTube Channel](#). Additionally, you are welcome to share this with friends and family.

**Advent Lutheran Core Values**

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34 (NSRV))

This is a safe place to be who you are. No matter where we are from or how we got here, God's love accepts us and invites each of us to bring all of ourselves: our thoughts, beliefs, questions, age, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, abilities and disabilities, sexual orientation, cultures, relationships and life experiences.

We find joy and purpose when multiple generations and cultures together are:

- **Experiencing** the living presence of Christ as preaching, Bible study, 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.

As followers of Christ, compelled by the gospel and Jesus' commandment, we seek reconciliation and wholeness through God's love. We invite and welcome you to be part of this community of faith.

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