Service of the Word

We continue to stream our Sunday worship service at 9:30 AM on both Facebook and YouTube.

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.

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
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.

Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly

We invite you to pray for our Synod as the assembly met last night and is meeting all day today and tomorrow. We will elect a new bishop for our synod, worship together, hear reports, pass a budget, and do other business for our synod, all online. We will give an update from the synod assembly at this week’s Sunday morning coffee hour.

Lutheran Lobby Day

Wednesday, May 19
9 AM – 3 PM

Advocate with us as we respond to our baptismal calling as Lutherans to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. We are grounded in Lutheran theology, and all are welcome regardless of faith or lobbying experience. We will gather virtually on Zoom to pray, learn, and meet with California’s legislators. This year’s priority bills are centered on food justice and immigrant rights as racial justice issues. Our meeting with State Senator John Laird will be at 12:30 PM.
The keynote speaker, the Rev. Cornell William Brooks is a professor from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Click here to register today, or no later than May 14!

Family Camp at Mt. Cross all Summer!

Our church’s beautiful camp, Mt. Cross, is offering COVID-safe Family Camp all summer. Check out the video and webpage to see how your family can book flexible days and spaces for a get-away camp experience only an hour’s drive away, in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

https://www.mtcross.org/summercamp

If you want to try to book similar days together with others in the congregation, let Pastor know and we’ll communicate with one another amongst our families so we can share some time away!

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.

**Advocacy in Quarantine**

The Lutheran Office of Public 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.

**Second Quarter Mission- Creation Justice**

As God’s creation we are not individuals. We are all part of His creation. The responsibility for it’s care is ours as a personal or congregational ministry. This ministry is both environmental and cultural. Within this ministry are many and varied aspects. No aspect can be overlooked. There is
room for every point of view. That necessitates finding which aspect is of most interest in which to get involved. As a congregation a team is being formed to develop the vision for us to work toward creative justice. You can look for ways to get started as an individual by researching ideas from websites using "creative justice." You may donate to this our third quarter mission as part of your offering with the 'creative justice' designation.

Creation Stewardship
Actions You Can Take

You may already be aware of small things you can do to help care for our environment. How many of you are already doing some of the items listed below? What would your score be?
1) Use K-cups that are reusable, rather than throwaways
2) Cut apart plastic rings from beverage multi-packs to protect animals
3) Carefully dispose of non-recyclable plastic bags, etc. so they do not reach our seas
4) Use cloth napkins or other reusable materials rather than paper towels
5) Use glass containers rather than plastic when possible
6) Store leftovers in washable, reusable containers rather than zip-lock plastic bags
7) Turn water off while brushing teeth
8) Unplug appliances and electronics when not using them
9) Use cold water for laundry
10) Use unbleached coffee
filters or reusable filters
(Dioxins formed in bleaching process contaminate groundwater and air and are linked to cancer.)

How did you do? Even small actions make a difference in helping keep our earth and seas safe for people and animals!

Creation Stewardship Team

Be a part of the new Creation Stewardship team. We want and need diverse viewpoints to dig into all that is to be done, together. Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 12, at 4:30 PM in a well-ventilated Fellowship Hall at Advent; or if you would like to Zoom in, let us know. Contact George Crowe for more information.

First Quarter Mission Update

Thank you for all your donations to our first quarter mission, Martha’s Kitchen. Together $2247 was raised. Your donations are very much appreciated from all who benefit from this worthy mission.

Canned Vegetables

Advent collects non-perishable food for the Reach Out food bank at St. Catherine Church in Morgan Hill. Item of the month for May are canned vegetables. Other items welcome anytime are: peanut butter, jelly, tuna, flour, sugar, pasta, mac n cheese, hearty
soups with meat, chili, sugar, dry and canned milk, holiday foods, canned fruit and juices, 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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