

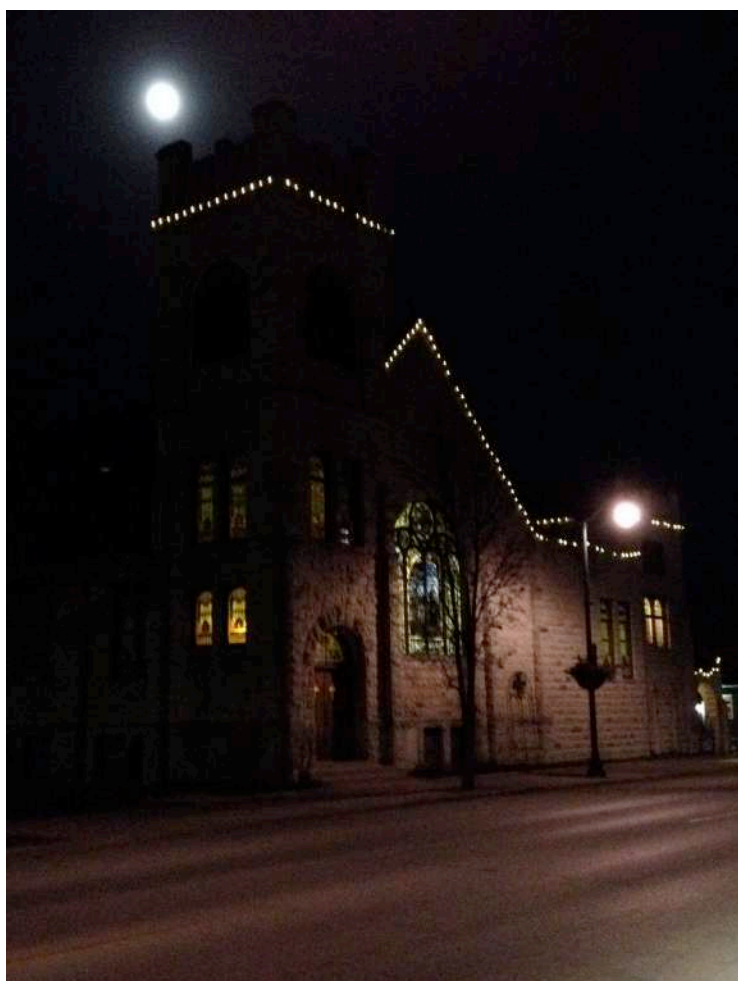
Advent Lutheran Herald

I worship at Advent and my religion is Kindness

As you already know this summer was a significant one for Aina and me as we celebrated 45 years of marriage and a milestone birthday for me! Both of these numbers are high and remind me of how quickly time has passed. When I was a young man I didn't spend much time thinking about the finite nature of this physical life of ours. Most everyone knows that as George Bernard Shaw once opined; "Youth is wasted on the young," because as we get older we understand how foolish and reckless we may have been. I don't think I would go that far, because I have learned by working with youth in the various congregations I have served there are many young people who carry wisdom within them that is both surprising and refreshing. I have also met contemporaries my age who have yet to grow up. I have learned that it is a mistake to generalize about these things for life is much more complicated and richer than our overly simplistic approaches may seem. Jesus pointing out that unless we become like little children, we will not inherit the Kingdom of God has always fascinated me. He was not speaking about dying and going to heaven, he was talking about right here and right now. When Jesus talks about the kingdom, he means the life that can be ours when we live according to the spirit of God. The trust that children have, by living in the moment, and not worrying about what may or may not happen, is their innocence in which they have not been jaded by the negative thinking and worry that adults often project onto them.

As you also know. I so enjoy my Friday afternoon communion service at Lasata Crossings. My little congregation that began with 4-5 people has grown to over 40 at times. The youngest person there is probably 80+ years old, and my dear friend Clara Kinnett is pushing 100! Early on in my ministry when I was at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa I would often go to Luther Manor to visit members of our congregation. One of the pastors at St. Matthews was a chaplain at Luther Manor and I would wonder how he can be there day after day surrounded by people of advanced age with various ailments and physical limitations and not get depressed. He was always upbeat, engaging and full of energy. I now know why. Age has nothing to do with it because our essential self, our soul or spirit if you will, is timeless. Think about it, how old are you inside? Can you put an age to it and a number of years? I can't, and that is a great gift and reminds me as the Psalmist says; "For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. I try to count them – they are more than the sand; I come to the end – and I am still with you." (Psalm 139:13, 16, 18.) In simple terms I believe the Psalmist is saying that long before we were physically formed our essential self was with God and comes from God. And long after these bodies of ours have turned to ashes or dust, we will continue to exist and be with God in that timeless reality we call heaven or eternity for want of another term as language is always imperfect when trying to express that which cannot be contained in mere words. Take comfort in every moment you are aware of and know that God is with you whether you know it or not. Every breath of life, every moment is sacred and when this thing we call time and mark by numbers finally comes to an end we shall be, as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., proclaimed in yet another context quoting an old Negro spiritual song; "Free at last, free at last, I thank God almighty we are free at last." After a summer that as always went way to fast let's celebrate another year of ministry at Advent and find ever-new ways to practice more kindness than is necessary. See you in church! ***Pastor Janis and Aina.***

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This little light of mine – I’m going to let it shine

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This little light of mine – I’m going to let it shine

Let it shine, Let it shine, Let It Shine!!!

Fall Church Schedule Begins

September 13 – 8 am at Advent

10:30 am (at Cedar Creek Park, Cedarburg)

**Annual Church Picnic
September 13 – Cedar Creek Park**

10:30 am service at Cedar Creek Park

<https://www.google.com/maps/@43.2957522,-87.9877714,17z?hl=en&gl=US>

Picnic to follow

Sunday School begins at church, 9:15 and the children will walk together from church to the park.

*Hope to see you all there.
Bring a dish to pass.*

Questions or to help with set-up or take-down, contact the church office or Jessica Zappia – (262) 388-0444 or zappiafamily@yahoo.com



Sunday School Begins – Sept. 13
Children should meet at church at 9:15 am.

CALLING ALL CHOIR VOICES

“If you can walk, you can dance. If you can talk, you can sing.”

Let this African proverb be your guide!
Senior Choir begins Wednesday, September 16 at 7 pm, and we will sing during the 10:30 service on Sunday September 27! Generally we sing during early service on the first Sunday of the month, and during the late services on the third and fourth Sundays.

Parish Register



Baptisms:

June 28, 2015

Ellie Bleu Bergstresser, b. 7/5/14

Parents: Jacob & Loraine Bergstresser

June 28, 2015

Maria Ann Martino, b. 1/26/15

Parents: Marc & Karin Martino

July 3, 2015

Emily Jo Czupryn, b. 8/23/13 &

Emmitt Paul Czupryn, b. 3/12/15

Parents: Paul and Lucy (Capadona) Czupryn

July 26, 2015

Cameron Allen Boerner, b. 4/21/15

Parents: Craig and Lindsay Boerner

August 9, 2015

Maxwell James Gillen, b. 5/9/15

Parents: Evan and Rachelle Gillen

August 9, 2015

Oliver William Leatherman, b. 5/24/15

Parents: Andrew and Rachel Leatherman

Confirmations:

August 9, 2015

Jay Douglas Luckow

Marriages:

June 26, 2015

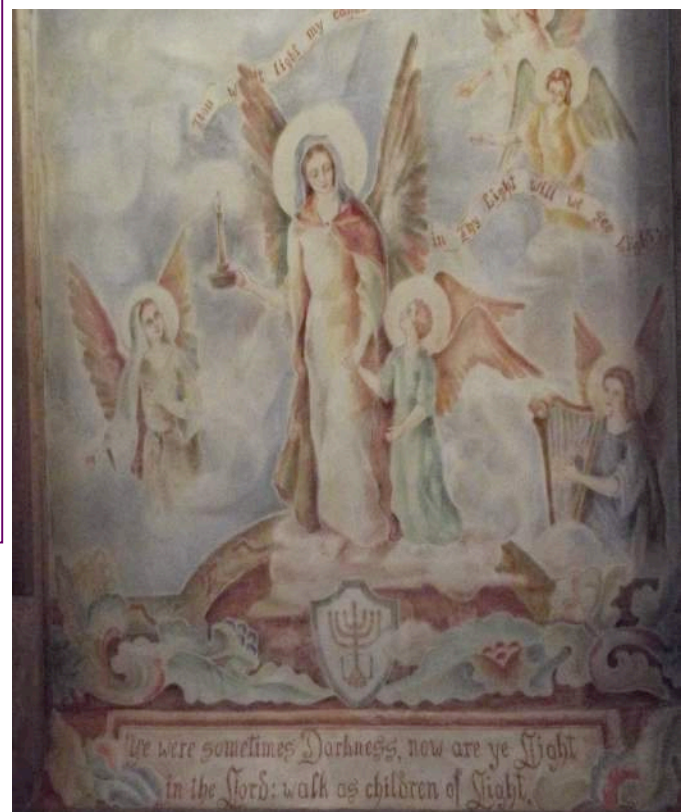
Bradley Meissner & Colleen Krechel

July 3, 2015

Nicholas Schueller & Michelle Hannam

July 31, 2015

Justin Weber & Kaitlin Boesch



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays

- 1 Austin Baumann, Margaret Pook
- 2 Reese Cummings, Rebecca Doig, Victoria Frederiksen, Hannah Kennedy, Marcy Mattson, Mike Mortag
- 3 John Mattson
- 4 Beverly Scheunemann, Jonathan Zautner
- 5 Scott Brandt, Christine Eckhardt, Dan Kraft, Catherine Torner
- 6 Loey O'Keefe, Barbara Soderberg, Rachel Wegner
- 7 Hannah Frontier, Kelly Whelpley
- 9 Jennifer Golanowski
- 10 Scout Dorn, Rory Griffin, Carrie Walker, Lee Wiskirchen
- 11 Bud Fay, Stacy Mose, George Odishoo
- 12 Craig Peters
- 13 Ruth Ann Belknap, Mason Englebert , Tony Zappia
- 15 Bill Holnagel, Taryn VanderHoop
- 16 Eva Partridge, Salvatore San Felipo, Austin Schultz
- 17 Stephan Ladd, Charlene Wetzel
- 18 William Beseke, Brian Meyer, Heather Westgor
- 20 Melissa Czinner, Bill Oakes, Bruce Rasmussen
- 21 Gabriel Baumann, Brianna Birschbach
- 22 Don Laine, Jr., Erica Scholz
- 23 Emily Belknap, Jaime Gonzalez, Anthony Werth
- 24 Grieta Kinens, Megan Schultz
- 25 Laurie Bell, Brian Harries, Robert Klimpke, Lisa Lerand
- 26 Lisa Baule, Tim Gergens
- 27 Larry Hanson, Cassandra Koester, Jim Wrobbel
- 28 Dennis Buehler, Juliana Martino, Paul Schwan, Cindy Wandschneider, Gustav "Sandy" Wirth
- 29 John Pangborn
- 30 Mary Lou Bjorge, Lisa Wegner



September Anniversaries

- 3 Michael & Melissa Oehme (10)
- 4 John & Pam Arcuri (27)
- 5 Dennis & Marylou Bjorge(48),
- 7 Richard & Laura Arnold(24), Gerald & Margaret Radke(58)
- 8 John Pangborn & Stephanie Wilcox (14)
- 9 Dennis & Sharon Nourse (49), Michael & Linda Savage (37)
- 11 Ray & Cathy Norene(33), Chris & Kitty Moore (9), Salvatore & Ann San Felipo (44)
- 12 Jeff & Cindy Wandschneider(28), Doug & Kristin Luckow (6)
- 13 Craig & Emily Adams (6)
- 15 Philip & Dorothy Wittenberg (59)
- 16 Brian & Mary Pomplun (20)
- 18 Duane & Cindy Weber(33),
- 20 Bruce & Doris Rasmussen(35)
- 24 Jamie Kieckhafer & Erin Dobscheutz (10), Ron & Gloria Dalton (25)
- 25 David & Debrah Koester (22), Neil & Vicki Fredericksen (50)
- 28 Dale & Bonnie Wegner (52)



EMBRACE – With Love and Prayers

In Your Prayers Please remember:
 Margaret Anderson, Jean Schulz, Doris McMahon, John Stahmer, Bertha Surges, Ray Norene, Dennis Bjorge, Marian Jones, Nikki Walters, Bob Cenar, Steve Lettau, Pat Chase, Lowell Weber, Connor Wollosz, Allison Nolan, Sonja Kalgren, Olivia Stern, Wendy Rauwerdink, Chrissy Sunter, Jack Zbiegen, Fr. Roger Veik, Mary Ann Wirth, Dillon Weitzel, Sandy Lange, Magnus, David Wihowski, Linda Mehlum, Allison Johnson, Diane Dricken-Flynn, Joe Roach, Bailey & Lily, Robin Peebles, Tom Bowitz, Eva Partridge, Evelyn, Pauline Grosenick, Jim Vinson, Brett Klauer, Diana Jennett, Nate Baggett, Jim Finnane, Dona Czarnecki, Pat Lewinski, Barb Suhar, Emmy Hein, Mark Beavins, Christy Schwan, Mike Hutton, Jim White, Eric Milburn, Earl Lebakken, Kay Walters, ThMulvaneyfamily, Our Cross Family, MABO Orphanage & staff, and all



In Homes Away from Home

Marcy Rasmussen, at Lasata; Doris McMahon at The Crossings; Arlene Saltzmann, The Heights, Mildred Trede at McKinley Place; Dennis Bjorge at Heritage in Port Washington; Jean & Bill Schulz at Luther Manor

Pastoral Care

Hospital stays are brief these days; be sure to notify the church office of hospitalization, so pastoral care may be provided. The Federal Privacy Act may require you to give permission for church staff to visit. Check with your doctor or hospital admissions regarding visitation policies.

Pastor Kinens Cell Phone

(262) 573-9027



Advent Prayer Chain

Advent has an active prayer chain whose members are dedicated to add their prayers to yours upon request. You may call the church office with your request (262) 377-2710), or contact any member of the prayer chain. Members are: Fran Bentz, Aina Kinens, Jean Schulz, Linda Herkert, Jessica Zappia, Laurie Bell, Kay Walters, JoAnn Nennig, Marcy Mattson, and Heidi Lundren.

EMBRACE MINISTRIES

Everyone Ministers By Reaching out, Affirming, Caring, Encouraging

THE PURPOSE OF EMBRACE, THE COMBINED MINISTRIES OF EVANGELISM, MEMBER CARE, SOCIAL MINISTRY AND HEALTH MINISTRY, IS TO EFFECTIVELY ASSIST GOD TO DIRECT THE ENERGIES OF ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH AND FOCUS ON THE RESOURCES OF FAITH – ABILITY TO PRAY, SHARE, SERVE AND WORSHIP AND IDENTIFY WITH THE HELP AND HEALING OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

FAMILY SHARING

Continues to need our help. Currently they are in need of the following items:

Cold Cereals, Spaghetti-O's, Jam/Jelly, Ravioli, Canned Sloppy Joe Mix, Peanut Butter, Paper Towel, Toilet Paper, Diapers, and Toiletries.

There is a collection basket in the church narthex. Share your bounty with those who have little. Thank you for your help.



ADVENT HAPPENINGS

Directory Update

The new directory team has been busy getting pictures taken the past couple of months. If you missed an opportunity to get a picture taken, call the church office and we can set up another time or you may submit your own portrait.

The goal is to have the online directory up and ready to have access by the fall. This will provide for updates and member information to be finalized this summer. The directory will be available both online and in hard copy form. To offset the expense of printing the hope is to have the cost around \$10. The company we are purchasing the directory service with is called CTRN Online Church Directory.

<http://www.onlinechurchdirectory.com>

Both St. Matthew's in Wauwatosa and the ELCA of Southeastern WI in Milwaukee use this resource.

CHECKOUT our New Online Advent Directory

Check out the new online directory by logging in at: (simply click the link listed below and type in the privacy key password - peace)

<https://adventchurch.ctrn.co>

Privacy Key is: peace

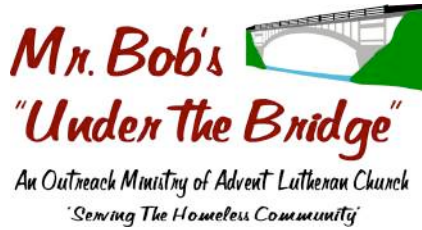
Take a look at what has been done so far. If you have questions, changes, or additions contact the church office. Cheri Hesse will be happy to change any of your information or upload a different picture if you prefer. As in the past, it is optional if you want to be listed in the directory, but it sure helps to get to know our friends at church if you are listed and pictured. Hard copies of the directory will be ready in September, so if you have changes or need your picture added please take care of that in the next couple months.



Flower and Rose sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Thank you to all who contribute on a regular basis. We can always use others to sign up.



Worship assistants, ushers, and greeters are always needed. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Cheri Hesse with dates and times you are able to assist.



We have had some scary weather lately. The extremely hot days are just as dangerous for some of our city friends as the bitter cold. We worry about them becoming overheated in the hot temperatures. Over the years we have lost a few of our friends during the extreme heat (I wrote about one of them a couple years ago). People have often said to me that since it is warm outside, the homeless don't have to worry about the weather. They don't realize that lightening, heavy rains, extreme heat, and high winds can quickly become very dangerous. Dressing for the weather is a necessity for everyone, regardless of one's living situation.



Thank you to all of the people who donate clothing, toiletries, and money to keep this ministry up and running. Your continued support allows us to serve the homeless people of Milwaukee, regardless of the weather.

May your life be filled with sunny days.



Cathy Norene and the Bob's crew



*Come help sort for Mr. Bob's
 Thursday evenings, 6-7 pm
 Advent Church Basement
 Many hands make light work!*

MABO UPDATE

Fall Festival Rummage Sale

September 19 & 20 th – 10 am – 4 pm

Please bring your items to Advent for the MABO Fall Festival Sale. Don't get rid of that item if you think we can make some money on it. Last year we made \$2,300. If you are interested in helping we could really use some extra sets of hands with the Fall Festival Rummage Sale or any MABO initiatives let Dale Waldo know by emailing him at dalew1919@gmail.com or call the church office. *Thanks to all of you for your prayers and continued support.*

The Haiti Committee



COLUMBARIUM

Advent Prayer Garden & Columbarium

Thank you Paul Rushing, Kit Keller, Doreen Lettau and the The Prayer Garden committee for all your continued work on the Prayer Garden & Columbarium legislation action. We are so fortunate to have all of your talents. If members have questions or would like additional information please contact Paul Rushing at (262) 617-6180. ...or Doreen Lettau at (262) 339-0546.

Please contact your representatives and let them know how you would like them to vote on the proposed bill to allow for churches to have columbarium on there properties. More decisions may be coming in September.

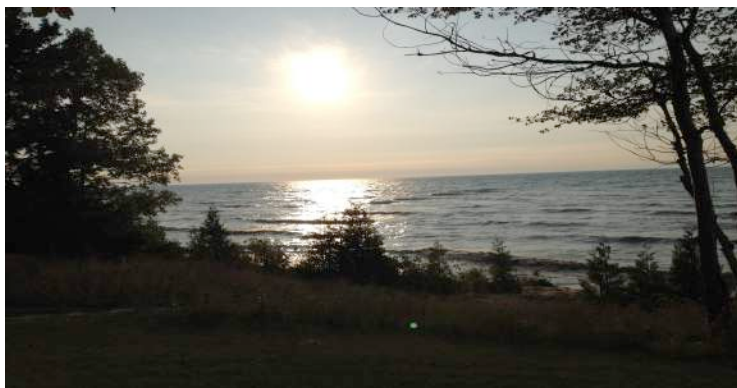


Advent Lutheran's Women's Retreat

October 2 - 4 – Tree of Life Retreat Center – Greenbush Wisconsin

- *Held at Tree of Life Retreat Center in Greenbush*
 - *Arrive Friday afternoon*
 - *Theme: The Beads of Life*
 - *Size limit 19 women*
 - *Cost - \$125.00, Includes meals*
 - *Activities with various with a spiritual base*
- * *Your own bed with linens*
 - * *Call Cheri for more info*
- (262)377-2710**
- A wonderful opportunity to connect, grow, relax and reflect. Do join us!*

REFLECTIONS – BE STILL



In the still of the early Sunday morning, I sense the presence of God everywhere. In the breeze through the trees, in the warmth of the sun as it rises over Lake Michigan.

Peace exists in the presence of the dawn like none other I know. It is here in the quiet spaces of each breath of a sleeping child, or snoring dog, that the presence of the Lord is my guide.

I ponder the purpose of my talents, the grace so lovingly bestowed, how fortunate I am to have these quiet moments to myself. For I am not truly by myself, I feel the overflowing of love, comfort, and joy in these moments in the morn.

Moments of meditation, prayers of peace for all my family and friends, with each and every exhalation, a blessing of love, hope, and peace I send to each of you.

He/She is here with us all, each and everyday, the messages of love, hope and peace are present in all that we see and experience. Open your eyes, listen to what you see, the answers are here.

In the still of the peaceful morning hours, I hear the voice say,

“Be still and you will know that I am God.”

“Be still and you will know that I am with you.”

“Be still and you will be fulfilled to follow in the way that I lead.”

“Be still and you will know that I am Lord.”

“Be Still.”

Bethany Thiede Wray

Herald Editor



Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Mt. Meru coffee ministry.

When is the last time you had coffee so tasty you drank more than you thought you should? That happened at our Sunday school appreciation breakfast this year. The volunteer cooks were saying they were going to have lots of energy because they kept drinking the coffee because it was so good. What kind was it? **Mt. Meru!** Try it for yourself and see. Bags of whole bean are available for immediate purchase. Drip grind, perk, perfect pot packages, and k-cups can be purchased by order. Regular, decaf, and flavors are all available. See the table in the narthex for details.

Looking for something new? Try one of the flavored coffees. They are great for after dinner and add flavor without the sweetness of flavored creamers. Flavors available are chocolate raspberry, vanilla, butter pecan, hazelnut (regular or decaf).

The Mt Meru Coffee Project continues to improve the standard of living as well as economic and social justice to the Meru Diocese in Tanzania.

Doing Justice Never Tasted So Good! Coffee orders may be submitted in the church Narthex. Orders are placed on Monday and arrive by Wednesday.

Children's Ministry News

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Vacation Bible School

One of the highlights of the summer was our VBS program. Our theme was **Everest-Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power**. The children had a marvelous time singing, dancing, having fun, and learning about God's power in their lives. Because our theme was Everest and Nepal had experienced an earthquake, we made earthquake relief the mission for VBS. The children made a bank on Monday and were invited to bring in money for earthquake relief. They were encouraged to earn money by doing extra things at home or asking friends and neighbors to help. The children responded tremendously filling our container with lots of coins, bills, and checks. **The total raised for Nepal from VBS was \$382.14! Wow! Way to go VBS!**

There were 36 children who attended and 32 volunteers who made it happen. There were 14 children from Advent, 4 from Faith, and the rest were from the community at large. Many of the participants returned from other years, and many of the volunteers were also returnees. Some of the volunteers attended VBS as children. The volunteers were evenly divided between adults and youth. Of the volunteers 13 were from Advent, 13 were from Faith, 5 were from Immanuel, and 1 was from somewhere else. All three Pastors from the sponsoring churches (Advent, Faith, and Immanuel) were part of VBS this year.

The Everest theme coordinated nicely with the talk by Andy Land about his attempt climb Everest. Such synchronicity!

Looking forward to seeing all the Sunday school children very soon!

*Lisa Wegner
Child and Family Ministry*

Sunday School Classes

From summer, our children's ministry thoughts turn to fall and the return of Sunday school classes. **Classes begin Sunday, September 13, at 9:15.** Following class time, the children will walk to Cedar Creek Park for the annual church picnic.

Sunday School is for children from age 3 to grade 5. In addition to classes, the children participate in music, Family Service, and outreach as part of the program. All are welcome! You don't even have to be a member of Advent to participate. Registration forms have been sent via e-mail and are available in the narthex. Registration before classes begin is appreciated, but children are welcome to join at anytime.

We have some teachers who are returning, but could use a few more. Each grade has two teachers so no one is committed to every Sunday. Volunteers can be youth through older adult, with children (or grandchildren) in the program, or no children at all. In other words, we welcome a variety of people. If you like working with children and helping them learn more about their faith, consider helping. Contact Lisa Wegner at lisa@adventchurch.org or 262-387-1925.

Video Clip from Vacation Bible School

Thank you to Dottie Dorr for creating this wonderful video. Enjoy the Everest Experience! Click the link below.

<http://play.smilebox.com/SpreadMoreHappy/4e4449344d6a55774d4452384f5463784e4449304d7a6b3d0d0a>



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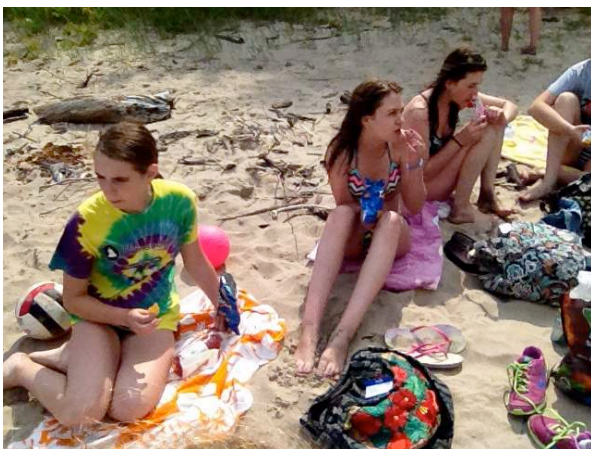
Welcome back to our Youth!

We will welcome back the Youth this fall with our annual Ice Cream Social on **Wednesday, September 16th from 7-8pm in the Narthex at Advent.** This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our incoming 6th graders, and others new to Youth Group & Confirmation.

Regular meetings will then resume on **Wednesday, September 23rd from 7-8pm.** Youth should keep an eye out for our fall calendar that will arrive in the mail detailing additional service and social activities as well as the acolyte schedule. We are blessed to have such an active group of young people in participation at Advent, we encourage anyone interested to join us-even if you haven't attended in the past. We look forward to sharing our time, talents & experiences with the Congregation as we embark on the new semester. As always, a big thank you to Advent for support of our Youth!

In peace-

Sarah Slavin



Youth Summer Fun at Lake Michigan

A Space for your own reflection - take sometime to reflect and write your thoughts down. Please forward them to me for our next months Herald.

Sometimes we need to leave room for the white space.

FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD, PLANS FOR WELFARE AND NOT FOR EVIL, TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE. Jeremiah 29:11

Summer Happenings –

We said, Good Bye to Norma & Bob Klimpke, and Eva Partridge



**Andy Land,
Everest Guest
Speaker –
Climbing for
Hospice**

→ → →

Shari Musa's Special Cookies



Giving and Attendance

	General	Expenses	Over (Short)	Average Attendance
2010 Total	\$348,270	\$343,459	\$4,811	218
2011 Total	\$327,561	\$343,339	(\$15,778)	209
2012 Total	\$323,397	\$329,103	(\$5,706)	208
2013 Total	\$335,908	\$326,881	\$9,027	188
2014 Total	\$377,827	\$317,398	\$60,428	190
2015 Through May 2015				
	\$184,308	\$195,694	\$(11,386)	179

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