

# Advent Lutheran Herald

*I worship at Advent and my religion is Kindness*



## ***Stewardship: Live as if it were all God's***

*By Pastor John Holm*

Scripture makes it very clear that *“the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it. . .”* (Psalm 24).

When I borrow something from someone I take extra good care of it and I make sure it is extra clean and in proper working order when I return it – it isn't mine. I was lucky enough to be able to use someone else's stuff for a while. When I stay at someone's house I approach it with care since they are being so generous to share their home with me. It isn't my home, but I am blessed to be able to be invited into it! A little over one year ago Peggy and I sold our home and moved to Milwaukee. We bought it from someone else 23 years ago. It is now no longer our home to live in. Others are now living in it. I cleaned it well and we made sure to leave it ready for them. We were blessed to be able to live in it but others now do. It never was really ours, we just got to use it for a while.

Scripture does tell us that everything and everyone in the world is not ours. It all belongs to God. What would our lives be like if we lived as if we knew and remembered it was all God's – not ours to keep, but only to carefully and faithfully use for a time? What would happen if we were less possessive and more grateful that we had a bed to sleep in, food on the table, friends to spend time with, and a job to be purposeful through?

When we give ourselves and/or our possessions to the church, other charities, neighbors, friends, and strangers we are simply sharing what is really God's. We not only get to use what God graces us with but we get to share it, to pass it on to others so they can be so blessed as well. Isn't it great to have such a generous God who only asks that we be generous too?

***Three of our Sundays in February are dedicated to focusing on Stewardship. Truly it is a year-round commitment by all of us. We hope you will rededicate your giving and give a bit more.***

**ADVENT HAPPENINGS**



*Worship Service Sundays, 8 & 10:30 am*

*Sunday School & Adult Forum at 9:15 am*

*Sign up in the Narthex or call the office to assist with worship services.*

*Advent Ministry Fair – Sunday, February 17  
9:15 – 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall  
Come learn about ways to become involved with Advent ministries.*

**Lenten Worship on Wednesday evening  
Ash Wednesday, March 6  
6 pm Soups-On, 7 pm Service -  
Wednesdays Through April 10, 2019**

**Palm Sunday, April 14 – 8 & 10:30 am  
Maundy Thursday, April 18 – 7 pm  
Good Friday, April 19 - 7pm  
Easter Sunday, April 21 – 8 & 10:30 am**

**Thursday Morning Prayer Group**

**7:30 am prayer group meets weekly in the church sanctuary. Feel free to come and go as your schedule permits. Those attending will pray for the direction of our church and church leaders. All are welcome.**

**Parish Register**



**Burials:**

**William Schulz**

**dob: May 15, 1929 - dod: January 12, 2019**



Advent Lutheran Church is grateful to Bill and Jean Schulz for the many years of support, love, and care they provided to our church family. We miss them dearly but find peace in knowing they are together in eternal life with our Lord.

We dedicate this edition of the Advent Herald to Bill, as he was the voluntary editor for 22 years. What a blessing and a gift of time and talents. Thank you, Bill.





- 1 **Whitnie Bestor, Maxine Effenheim**
- 2 **Michael Maletzke**
- 3 **Matthew Kennedy**
  
- 4 **Averi Malsom**
- 5 **Carl Lehnert**
- 6 **Anna Baumann, Michael McGraw, Gudrun Miller**
- 7 **Heather Dalton, Michael Herkert, Jon Dehlinger**
  
- 8 **Connor Baumann, Nolan Dusson, Angie Regnitz, Charlotte Slavin, Nolan Zimbric**
- 9 **Lorraine Hanson**
  
- 10 **Michael Bleau, Sue Covill, Elizabeth Eurich, John Gylland, Michael Savage,**
  
- 11 **Bonnie Anderson, Kevin Baumann, JoAnn Leonard, Kari Eckhardt, Tela Gerhke, Christine Hesse, Katherine Koepke, Melissa Oehme**
  
- 12 **Emily Arcuri**
- 13 **Richard Didier**
- 14 **Rachelle Covert**
- 15 **Jim Kuznacic, Hadley Schwenzen, David Welky**
- 17 **Eleanor Belknap-Webber, John Pelikan**
- 18 **Patricia Christensen, Annika Schwab**
- 19 **Daniel Pelkey**
- 20 **Colton Brandt, Elynor Kimmel**
- 21 **Patti Doughman, Lynn Salonen, MacKenzie Welch**
- 22 **Dennis Bjorge, Janet Blank, Amanda Groth**
- 23 **Kellan Zimbric**
- 24 **John Isbell**
- 25 **Kay Groth**
- 26 **Grace Baumann, Regina Curran**
- 27 **Sophia Buehler, Peter Gylland, Ray Norene**

## *February Anniversaries*

- 2 **Michael and Kristin McGraw (11)**
- 6 **Daniel & Bonnie Anderson (37)**
- 13 **Dudley and Janet Blank (32)**
- 18 **Jeff and Lynne Ruehl (41)**
- 25 **Donald and Deborah Welch (30)**
- 29 **Jim & Margaret Eggener (22)**



*Please sign-up for flowers and roses for the altar on the sheets provided in the Narthex or contact the church office at (262)377-3710.*



### *Held in Thought and Prayer....*

Steve Lettau, Dennis Bjorge, Sandy Knuth, Nikki Walters, Dave Janous, Knox & Doris Salonen, Jim and Jane White, Nate Baggett, Dominic Miller, Teilor Larson, Chas Zielke, Neil Anton, John Knuth, Suzi Weishaar, Josh Walter, Sean Schenk, Sharon Cardiff, John Westgor, Kay Walters, Linda Becker, Suzy Baivier, Sara LaBlonde, Morgan Adams, Julie Douglas, Larry Hanson, Barb Klasen, Lisa Bowler, John Zolinski, Sharon, Andy Schottler, Jeremy James, Jodie Ladd, Laura Frank, Tammie Strause, Jacob Detinger, Bud Thiede, Gloria & Earl Nelson, Mary Hustad, John, Karrie Suhr, Joan, Bud and Marge Fay, Margaret Radke, James Boltoldus, Courtney White, Chas Zielke, Larry Ehlers, Baby Josie, Lisa Baule, Barry Kneisel, Beatrice Mason, Kelly Grossenbach, Paul, Bonnie Wegner, Kit Keller, David Knuth, Jon Olsen, all those who have lost loved ones in the past few months, families in need, those dealing with illness.

### ***In Homes Away from Home***

Marcy Rasmussen at Lasata; Sue Covill at the Heights, Larry Ehlers, Doris McMahon and Arlene Saltzmann at The Crossings; & Dennis Bjorge at Heritage in Port Washington. Bev Scheunemann at Cedar Springs.



### 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.

### Contact church office:

(262)377-2710 or

Pastor John Holm

(847).800.5513



### **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: Cindy Westgor, Fran Bentz, Aina Kinens, Linda Herkert, Laurie Bell, Kay Walters, JoAnn Nennig, Marcy Jordan, and Heidi Lundgren.

### **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.***

## March Birthdays

- 1 Larry Ehlers, Sandra Knuth, Dillon Weitzel  
 2 Jeff Blank, Doreen Lettau  
 3 Mary Lewandowski, Emily Scholz, Jane White  
 4 Jim Johnson  
 5 John Dorn, Lynn Swenson  
 6 John Chapman, Eleanore Kukla, Megan Savage,  
 Joel Trede  
 7 Sandy Dehlinger, Alexandria Goetzman, Matt Webber  
 8 Michelle Hannam, Jodi Ladd, Teri Schwab, Ed White  
 9 Walter Barth, Tyler Laurin, Karen Spriggs  
 10 Ralph Duret, Sandi Eurich, Shaylin Swenson,  
 Gavin Tietz  
 11 Jaxon Hannam, Paula Kiely, Zachariah Ladd  
 12 Emily Arnold, Jamie Coulson, Jeremy Laughery,  
 Kitty Moore, Joel Schwab, Gabriel Wray  
 13 Judith Ayen  
 14 Dyan Hannam, Melanie Hannam, Christopher Janssen  
 15 Julie Birschbach, Markie Maletzke, Marc Martino  
 16 Suzy Baivier, Charlotte Bentz, Aliyah Cerbins  
 18 Anita Bachtel, Kailey Janssen  
 19 B. J. Homayouni, Kristin McGraw, Emily Wrobbel  
 20 Erin Livingston, Drew Partridge  
 22 Paul Kimmel, Janet Schade  
 23 Asher Covert, Kersten Wuebben  
 25 Lori Adams, Kendra Griffin, Jan Perry,  
 Jeff Ruehl, Charlie Schmelzer, John Schultz, Eli Schwab

## March Birthdays Cont.

- 27 Benjamin Adams, Maxwell Adams, Sara Cogsil  
 Frankie Griffin, Patricia Gylland, Kayla Meyer  
 28 Wesley Anderson, Lisa Gonzalez, Jenny Herro,  
 Norma Klimpke, Valerie Kukla  
 30 Steven Blank, Jamie Schmelzer  
 31 Noah Cerbins

## March Anniversaries

- 13 Daniel & Donna Pelkey (26)  
 21 Roger & Fran Bentz (49)  
 24 Mike and Shelly Riehle (18)  
 27 Jeff & Mary Blank (10)



## **MET (Mission Exploration) TEAM UPDATE**

The MET Team has been working to complete the Mission Site Profile that highlights who Advent Lutheran Church is and where we as a church would like to develop into in the future. The profile and priorities will be used when calling our pastor. The MET Team has worked very hard to do the best possible job with what they have been called to do in this process. Our congregation is truly grateful for their hard work and endless energy and focus to get the job done. We look forward to hearing more in the next month as to the results of all the input.

May God continue to guide their efforts and our congregation in calling the best possible pastor to continue to do His work.

## **Council Corner**

The second half of January was a busy one! We had our Annual Congregational Meeting on January 13th, and saw how much God was able to do through the faithfulness of Advent members and ministry partners in 2018. We heard an update on our financial situation and heard from the MET (Mission Exploration Team) about the results of their data gathering. More to come soon on that...

And then on January 14th, Pastor John Holm began partnering with us as our transition pastor. He will be serving half-time, and working with the MET, Council and other groups wishing Advent to help us get ready to call a pastor.

On the snowy morning of January 19th, 24 Advent leaders from the Council, MET, Call Committee and staff gathered with Pastor John at a nearby retreat center for a day of conversation and work around the themes of identity, mission, looking ahead and strategy both now (before a pastor comes) and long term (after we have a permanent pastor).

It was great having leaders from the different groups working together, talking and listening to each other and sharing ideas and hopes for Advent. These are people who really love their congregation and are working hard on our behalf.

In February, we will be hearing more about stewardship in multiple areas of our lives, and helping prepare for the Ministry Fair on February 17th. We hope to see you all there!

Janet Blank  
Advent Lutheran Church Council President

## ***Stewardship Campaign –***

*February is the month of love, hope, and kindness. Your giving is important to help Advent Lutheran Church continue to support the missions and ministries our church provides to the church community and the larger world around us. God has given us many gifts of time, talents, and tithes, we need to commit to giving back so we can continue to support all we do at Advent Lutheran Church. Please consider your giving and fill out a pledge card found in the Narthex or bulletin during the February 17<sup>th</sup> services. Pledge to commit to increasing your giving and support the future growth and giving of Advent Lutheran Church. God is asking us to be a generous blessing to others.*

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*Mr. Bob's is gearing up for the winter and needs are men's long underwear M, L, XL, XXL. Also needed are hand warmers.*

### **Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge Ministry**

Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge is an outreach ministry of Advent Lutheran Church in Cedarburg, Wisconsin, serving the homeless community in the city of Milwaukee. Every Saturday morning "Mr. Bob", Bob Burmeister, and dozens of volunteers gather at Kosciuszko Park, located in South Milwaukee, where they distribute a variety of much needed items to homeless men, women, and children. Mr. Bob's also provides warm coffee and snacks on Saturday mornings, encouraging fellowship and creating a sense of community. Items distributed include used clothing, shoes, and coats, new socks and underwear, hygiene kits, care packs, some household items such as towels washcloths, and more. Please visit the Donate page of our website: [mrbobsunderthebridge.org](http://mrbobsunderthebridge.org) for a list of high-priority items and how you can help. (Mr. Bob's is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.) ***Collection and sorting of clothing items occurs on Thursday evenings at Advent Lutheran Church at 6 p.m. Your helping hands are always welcome. Come and bring a friend and help out our homeless friends.***

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"I might have to live outside, but at least it's dry. Rain is the worst. Rain in the winter is like being in hell." These were the words of one of our friends who happened to find himself living outside yet again. He asked for a sleeping bag, and we were fortunate to have one to give him. "As long as I have this, I should be okay." He left us smiling, knowing that he was going to be warm at night.

It is easy for me to take my wonderful life for granted. There have been times in my life in which we were poor. My parents struggled to raise eight children after my father lost his business. Scrambled eggs and beans were our usual dinner because food stamps stretched farther with eggs and beans than with any other protein source. Clothes were hand-me-downs. There was even one Christmas in which our gifts came from the St. Vincent DePaul Society. My husband and I also struggled while our children were young, and I had to quit my job because the cost of daycare was more than I brought home in my paycheck. Our clothes came from rummage sales, and our house was furnished in what I like to call "Early Attic." Everything was used. No matter how broke we were, I never had to worry about sleeping outside in the cold and rain. My children always had food to eat and a place to live where they were safe, warm, and dry. That lends itself to a wonderful life.

Many of our friends have apartments or houses. Some stay in shelters, and still some live outside on the streets. No matter what their living situation is, our mission is to help by providing clothing, bedding, and hygiene. These simple things help to ease the burden of poverty. We will never eliminate homelessness, but we can lighten the loads of those who suffer through it.

As we head into the middle of winter, please remember our friends in your thoughts and prayers. Don't forget that many of the things we take for granted are out of reach for many.

May all your needs be within your reach.

*Cathy Norene and the Under the Bridge Gang*

***Do what you can to help others. Start with kindness.***



**MABO UPDATE**



**School Bathroom Health Project**

**Want to join us in making a difference to some Haitian children?**

Some of these children have been rescued from the streets and some have been given to the home as the parents cannot afford to care for their children.

We are raising money for Children's Home of Haiti Inc, and any donation will help make an impact. Thanks in advance for your contribution to this cause that means so much to these children of Haiti. These funds will be used to construct a new bathroom facility for approximately 100 school aged children.

Presently, there is NO bathroom facility for the children or teachers to use. You can imagine the unsanitary health issues that this situation creates.

Our goal is to provide a clean and healthy environment when the children attend school. The school provides education to both children at CCH and children from the local community. These children come from families who can't afford to attend other schools in the area.

100% of all monies raised by this campaign will be going to the construction of the bathroom facilities.

ALL the funds will be used for plumbing, windows, doors, fixtures, and masonry. **To Donate Go-Fund-Me, type in MABO** <https://www.gofundme.com/school-bathroom-health-project>

**MABO Website**

<http://www.mabohomehaiti.org>

**CROSS CHURCH MISSION**



*Thank you for considering sharing your time, talents, and giving. Food is collected weekly for the food pantry at Cross Lutheran Church. It may be left in the Narthex, food servers are needed for the monthly Wed. luncheon, as well as cookie baking. See the sign-up sheet on the information table or call the church office.*

**CROSS LUTHERAN NEEDS OUR HELP WITH PANTRY ITEMS**

**Items are picked up the 2nd Friday of the Month from the Narthex. Peanut Butter, Canned Goods, Pasta, Soup, Pasta Sauce, and simple-to-prepare food items are appreciated. This time of year more than ever items are needed. Thank you for your sharing!**



For future trips to MABO orphanage in Haiti, contact Dale Waldo at (414)305-7637 or email [dalew1919@gmail.com](mailto:dalew1919@gmail.com)

The experience to Haiti and MABO is life changing.

## REFLECTIONS



### Let Us Pray:

*Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform The poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

*We pray for the church. Raise up faithful leaders to Proclaim the gospel. Guide us in the ways of Love. Empower us in ministry and service. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

*For the earth. For all creatures of the land, air, and water. Heal environments damaged by disaster and pollution. Make us wise stewards of all you have entrusted into our care. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

*For the nations. Liberate us from our captivity to fear and ways of violence. Free those who are unjustly imprisoned and those who are imprisoned for working for freedom. Give us vision to seek the pathways of peace. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

*For those in need. For those who do not have enough food; for those who lack money; for those who are estranged from their families; for those who worry about many things. Comfort those who mourn. Heal and strengthen those who are sick. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

*For this assembly. For newcomers, visitors, longtime Members, and those who are absent from us today. Root us deeply in your word and increase our faith. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

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***Doing Justice Never Tasted So Good!***

### New Things Are Happening with Mt. Meru Coffee at Advent

On January 20 we were pleased to welcome Ron Bohrer from the Mt. Meru Coffee Project to talk during services and the Adult Forum. Ron not only explained how the project works from harvest to finished product, but explained the positive impact the income from coffee sales has had for the farmers enabling them to send their children to school, access and pay for health care, and to support local farm villages, markets, and merchants. Ron's passion for the Project was evident, and those attending the forum were engaged and asked good questions. We appreciate Ron taking the time to come on a cold January Sunday. Information and pictures of the partners in Tanzania are on the Project's website: <https://www.mtmerucoffee.org/> Ron's talk was the kickoff for updating and improving the way Advent participates in the project. Look for the following changes:

- **Bigger and better narthex display.** We will be working on our display to be more eye catching.



- **Coffee available for sale each Sunday.** We will have a selection of coffee available for sale each Sunday. It may take awhile to adjust our supply as we find out what sells best. No need to worry about the coffee going stale because the coffee is roasted the week of delivery and remains fresh for 4 months. (Of course, we hope to not have coffee sit for long.) If you don't see what you want, we can still special order.
- **More people helping.** We need people to assist with the narthex sales each week. Were you inspired by Ron's talk? Do you like chatting with your fellow Advent members? Do you like Mt. Meru coffee? If you answered yes to any of these questions, consider becoming a Mt. Meru emissary. **Contact Lisa Wegner at [lwegner53012@gmail.com](mailto:lwegner53012@gmail.com) to volunteer or learn more.**

**Advent Youth Scoop****Here's Wednesday's schedule:**

**5:00 - 6:00 Middle School at Trinity Lutheran**

**5:15 - 6:15 High School at Advent**

**6:15 - 7:00 Middle/High School 🍕 Pizza Fellowship Game Time**

**What's Happening in February:**

**February 10: RSVP for Blue Harbor participation**

**February 15: - 💧 Blue Harbor Waterpark 💧**

- Leave Advent at 5 PM
- Return to Advent 9:30
- Eat dinner in advance.
- Cost \$10
- Bring extra \$ for snack purchase
- RSVP by 2/10
- **Chaperones, drivers needed and participate Free!**
- Bring a friend if your adult is willing to chaperone.

**February 15: RSVP for Humane Society Tour participation**

**February 22: Humane Society Tour and Supply Drive**

- Leave Advent in carpools at 12:30.
- Return at 2:30.
- Eat lunch before you leave.
- No cost to youth, but consider bringing a donation of food, animal toys, used towels, etc.
- **Chaperoned/drivers are needed.**
- RSVP by 2/15
- Consent waiver required to participate. Fill out online waiver. [www.wihumane.org/consent](http://www.wihumane.org/consent)
- **Latest of upcoming events in next column.**

**Youth Contact: Susan Baumann**

**(414)640-1099 [Adventyouth2019@gmail.com](mailto:Adventyouth2019@gmail.com)**

**5-6pm Middle School Youth Grades 6-8<sup>th</sup>**

Meet at Trinity Lutheran Church  
N60 W 6047 Columbia Rd. Cedarburg, WI  
Together our churches will work together to meet the Confirmation needs of our youth. After meeting the middle schoolers will return each week to Advent Lutheran Church for pizza, ice cream or snacks.

**5:15 – 6:15 High School Youth meet at Advent** with Pastor Holm, Mrs. Blank, Mrs. Harries, Mr. Waldo, & Mrs. Wegner. A new curriculum called “Confirm not Conform” combines new elements along with the existing format of open discussion.

[confirmnotconform.com/philosophy-and-methodology](http://confirmnotconform.com/philosophy-and-methodology)

**No regular classes Wed 3/6-4/30**

**Attend Soup's On & Lent Services 6:00-8PM:**

Bring a dish to pass for dinner; meet in the Narthex at 6:55 to attend the beautiful Holden Services together. Youth volunteers are needed to serve communion and read the lessons.

**Sunday, 3/17 St. Patrick's at Lasata 11:45 AM-1:30PM:** Families encouraged to join us! We will have a quick lunch in Fellowship Hall following late service, then head out to Lasata in carpools. We will visit with residents, and hand out St. Patrick's Day flowers. Bring your Community Service Forms. Parents, please pick up at Lasata at 1:30.



**Friday, 4/5 Comedy Sportz**

**MKE 6:30-9:45:** Carpool departs Advent at 6:30, returning at approximately 9:45pm. Cost is **\$10** and includes snacks and drinks. **RSVP by 3/28.**  
**Adult chaperones/drivers FREE!**

**Friday, 4/7 “Discovery Treasures For Heaven” Family Retreat Morning at Advent 9:15AM - 12:15PM: More news to follow about this Wednesday 4/24 Regular classes resume after Easter Break.**



## ADVENT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



### Sending Love to Haiti

The Sunday school children continued their connection to Valentines to send with the group who went to January. The children love to make the cards and enjoy the connection with the children who are far away, but close in heart.

### Soup Mix Sale

The soup mixes are packaged in glass jars and look nice enough for gift giving. Our flavors are chicken noodle, Mexican bean, tortilla, friendship, and potato. Soup will be available beginning February 3 and continuing throughout the month until the soup mixes are all sold out.



The annual soup mix sale is part of our participation in the national Souper Bowl of Caring. (See <http://www.souperbowl.org/> for detailed information.) All money and canned goods are given locally to the place of the participants choosing. The soup mix sale money will be used to fill bags for Cross Church's food pantry. We will be scheduling a shopping in March to spend the money. Thank you Advent for your continued support of this project!

**Lisa Wegner**  
Child & Family Ministry



### Adult Forum Mt. Meru Information Session



## Advent Prayer Garden Columbarium



### **Members of the Advent Memorial Prayer Garden Columbarium Committee**

- Wes Anderson – Chair, 262-376-0436, [anderson4441@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anderson4441@sbcglobal.net)
- Susan Baumann – Secretary, 262-375-0252, [spbaumann@wi.rr.com](mailto:spbaumann@wi.rr.com)
- Kit Keller – Administrator, 262-375-6180, [kit.keller54@gmail.com](mailto:kit.keller54@gmail.com)
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- Tom Van Den Bogart, 262-644-8888, [tom@heartfeltcelebrations.com](mailto:tom@heartfeltcelebrations.com)
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***A tribute to Bill Schultz*** - Bill was an engaging gentleman with a warm smile. His commitment to Advent was apparent, and he encouraged others to get involved. For instance, he encouraged me to participate in the Parish Nurse initiative, and through that work, I enjoyed meeting other people at Advent. He and Jean encouraged my husband and me to support Luther Manor. He will be missed.

~The Advent Prayer Committee meets monthly on the third Monday through May at 6:30pm at Advent  
A focus for 2019 is the addition of four new cabinets which will add 96 niches to the current 48.  
Only 11 of the 48 are available and 12 application packets have been requested.

~The addition will begin sometime in spring after Easter or over the summer depending upon the supplier's production schedule. The committee has the necessary funds to cover the added cabinets and masonry costs. The source of these designated funds is previous niche sales. At the committee's January meeting, a new application for a niche was considered. This application was received from a long-time Cedarburg couple who do not have a direct or indirect relationship with Advent and who are members of a church in Grafton. The committee has discussed this question several times. Specifically, two earlier applications were considered from people who were not members of Advent. Ultimately the committee determined that both applications did establish a reasonable connection with Advent. That is a requirement stated in the Policies and Procedures governing the Columbarium portion of the Advent Prayer Garden. That document is expected to be reviewed annually to conform to operational experience, changes in the law, etc. Any changes recommended by the committee must be approved by the church council which has ultimate fiduciary responsibility for the Prayer Garden.

~It is noteworthy that the committee decided on 1/21/2019 to provisionally approve the application, pending approval by the council at its February meeting of language that would allow people with a positive connection to Advent or to the community to become eligible to purchase a niche in the Columbarium. This is an important change. The committee understands that there may be different viewpoints and encourages members of the congregation to express their views about this change to the church council. All perspectives are valued and respected. We are stronger together.

Kit Keller, Administrator, Columbarium  
Advent Prayer Garden

## ***Welcome Pastor John A. Holm***

### ***Advent's Transition Pastor***



Pastor Holm will be preaching the first and third Sunday of the month at both 8 & 10:30 am service and facilitating Adult Forum.

Pastor Groth and Pastor Schwan will be preaching the other Sunday's , facilitating Adult Forums and all will be assisting with the Lenten service schedule.

We look forward to all their messages.

Pastor Holm is described as a dynamic and passionate Senior Pastor

Since 1989, including 10 years as a Leadership Consultant in the church, with government, and corporate arenas. Engaging in supportive and collaborative approach to mission and ministry, and to the work of mission development and visioning that engages teams. He is a peer coach, mentoring other Senior Pastors through the Church Coach Project of the ELCA, as well as equipping first-call pastors through their first three years of ministry.

He most recently served as the Interim Pastor, full-time at St. Mary's Lutheran Church in Kenosha, WI. (2017-1018) He has also held a number of other interim pastor positions at Joy! Lutheran Church, Gurnee, IL; Edgebrook Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL; Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Glenview, IL; Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, Grayslake, IL; and Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL.

Prior to the ministry, Pastor Holm was a high school Technology Education Instructor in Chippewa Falls, WI. His education and training include a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago; a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of WI – Stout; and he earned a Certificate of Advanced Church Leadership from Beeson Institute for Advanced Church Leadership at Asbury Theological Seminary.

John has consulted with churches in various contexts providing leadership in assessment, visioning, organizational development and conflict management. John's passion and vision is to come alongside congregations and church leaders to support, equip and develop them and their ministries based on their unique settings, callings, and giftedness.

John lives with his wife, Peggy, who is a Zoo Educator at the Milwaukee Zoo. They have raised two children, Jonah (with husband Cameron) and Mara (with husband Greg) and love spending time with their two grandsons. John and Peggy love biking, camping, cooking, and working for justice both locally and internationally.

We welcome Pastor John Holm and his family and look forward to his energy, knowledge, sermons and leadership as we move forward.

**To Contact Pastor Holm email:[holm4459@gmail.com](mailto:holm4459@gmail.com) call: (847)800.5513**

Office hours are

Wed. 10:00 am - 5 pm

Thurs. 10:00 am - 5:00pm

(3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of the month 1:30 – 5:00 pm)

***For Pastoral Care needs please call the office at (262) 377-2710, please leave a message or send an email to [secretary@adventchurch.org](mailto:secretary@adventchurch.org).***

## **Cross Lutheran Church Annual Mardi Gras Fund Raiser - Friday, March 1**

**Contact Cross Lutheran regarding tickets and reservations or Advent's office.**

**<https://crosslutheranmilwaukee.org/news-a-events/mardi-gras-ball.html>**



### **Adult Forum Schedule with Pastor John Holm**

Pastor John's Adult Forums in the next few months will focus on the Gospel of Luke. This year our Gospel lessons are from Luke. We will explore the uniqueness of Luke as compared to the other Gospels.

**February 17**

**Ministry Fair (No Adult Forum)**

**March 3**

**Introduction to the Synoptic Gospels. Who was Luke? Overall themes in Luke/Acts.**

**March 17th**

**The Birth Narratives in Luke.**

**March 31**

**The Passion narratives in Luke. Why was Jesus executed?**

**April 7**

**Family retreat (No Adult Forum)**

**April 21**

**Easter (No Adult Forum)**

**May 5**

**Jesus' compassion for the marginalized in Luke.**

**May 19**

**The importance of food and communal events in Luke.**

**Giving and Attendance**

	Income	Expenses	Over (Short)	Average Attendance
2014 Total	\$377,827	\$317,398	\$60,428	190
2015 Total	\$352,462	\$331,443	\$21,019	183
2016 Total	\$339,043	\$332,061	\$6,982	172
2017 Total	\$372,427	\$335,719	\$36,708	193
2018 Total	\$274,875	\$315,976	\$(41,101)	127
(Through Jan, 2019)				
<b>2019 Total</b>	<b>\$26,233</b>	<b>\$17,132</b>	<b>\$9,101</b>	<b>116</b>

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