



The Adventiser

Advent Lutheran Church

Our mission: To grow in the Lord and to make Him known.

Summer 2016

Experiencing Jesus on your Summer Vacation

My Dear Friends in Christ, when you are able to get away for a summer vacation, whether it's to the beach, to Disneyworld, to Branson, on a cruise, or maybe just a "staycation" at home, do you include experiencing Jesus in your list of expectations for your time off?

I've found that many times the change in routine that comes with vacation time can also mean changing my routine of morning Bible study, prayer and meditating on God as well.

As I am writing this, Beth and I are enjoying a week at the beach at Emerald Isle, NC. I have found that doing my morning Bible study while hearing and looking at the waves crashing in on the shore, puts an enhanced perspective on God and His creation.

One of the things that we like to do is to sit in our beach chairs under an umbrella reading a good book and taking the occasional walk down the shore to collect sea shells. One of the ways that God impresses on me the wonder of His creation is in the vastness of the ocean and in the variety and intricacy of the seashells He creates.

This week I read two books that I found very enriching and encouraging. I recommend them both. One was by Timothy Keller, titled, "The Reason for God", subtitled: "Belief in an Age of Skepticism". It's a great book to recommend to anyone who is struggling with accepting the Christian faith. It is a little heavy reading, but well worth it.

The second book is lighter in nature, written by one of my favorite authors, Max Lucado and titled: "Fearless" and subtitled: "Imagine Your Life without Fear". One of the chapters talks about finding Jesus where you don't expect to find Him. The chapter was titled: "I'm Sinking Fast", subtitled: "Fear of Overwhelming Challenges".

In this chapter, Max talks about how we can find Jesus in the midst of the storms of our lives such as: in the midst of a divorce, being tossed about by guilt; in the midst of debt, being tossed about by creditors; in the midst of a recession; being tossed about by stimulus packages and bailouts; and, I would add, in the midst of a crisis with a friend or family member, being tossed about by the possibility of losing the relationship or worse.

Max relates this to the disciples finding Jesus in the midst of the storm on the Sea of Galilee, while they were being tossed about by the wind and the waves. They didn't expect Jesus to come to them at that time and in the way He did (walking on the water). So, Max encourages us to watch expectantly for Jesus in the midst of storms in a way that we would least expect to see Him.

That's all true, but I have found this week that Jesus also "showed up" in the quiet relaxing moments in ways that I least expected Him to. Remember His promise in Matthew 28: 20, "I am with you always, to the end of the age." Look for Jesus on your vacation this summer, He will be there, and you will find Him!

May the Peace of God that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus... Pastor John.

Board of Worship

Our summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, June 5. The worship service will start at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Study during the summer. We will resume our normal worship schedule on Rally Day, Sunday, September 11.

The Praise team will lead music on June 19, July 17, August 21 and September 18, 2016. If you are interested in being part of the praise team, contact Pastor John or Peggy Earnhardt.

Board of Finance and Stewardship

Financial Update

Advent's income and expense from January 1, 2016 through May 16, 2016 are as follows:

Income to the general fund	\$ 63,774.25
Expenses	(\$ 65,310.01)
Income vs. Expense	(\$ 1,535.76)

Men's Retreat

The Men of Advent look forward to another wonderful weekend of fellowship, studying God's Word and growing together in Christ! We have currently reserved 10 rooms for 20 attendees at the Trinity Center in Salter Path, NC from September 30th – October 2nd, 2016. The weather should be fantastic on the Carolina coast this time of year! Please contact either Dave Neely, Bill Ackerman or John Stow to reserve your place at Advent's 2016 retreat.

Advent Church Council

The Church Council continues to meet on a regular basis to ensure that the operations, programs, and activities for the congregation are being conducted in a timely manner. At each meeting, Pastor John leads the Council with a devotion and prayer as we ask God to open our hearts, guide our discussions, and help us be "In Tune with God's Will for Advent".

We would like to thank everyone for their many contributions to the activities of Advent. Many of the projects and activities accomplished at Advent go unnoticed. While those generous activities may go unnoticed by most people, you know who you are and so does the Lord. So please keep up your outstanding service and setting the example for all of us to follow.

The Council is very interested in feedback – both good and not so good. If you have any information or suggestions, please talk to any council member, your elder, Pastor John, or drop your input into the communication box located in the Narthex.

Church Council Elections: Per our constitution and by-laws, a slate of candidates will be presented to the congregation a month before the June 26 Voters Assembly meeting. This year's open positions include Vice President, Treasurer, Board of Fellowship, Board of Outreach, Board of Worship, Board of Christian Education and Youth Ministries and Board of Elders (2 positions). Ron Hinkle is heading the nomination committee which includes John Cangelosi and Anona Serpas. If you have an interest or know of an Advent member who has an interest in any of these positions, please contact a member of the nominating committee. The church is in critical need of a member or team to serve as chair of the Board of Outreach or the Board of Christian Education and Youth Ministries. Your prayerful consideration is appreciated. Please attend the voters' meeting on June 26, 2016.

Q. *What* does a **once-in-500-years** celebration look like?

A. *A boldly* Lutheran celebration **so big**, it needs its own website!

LutheranReformation.org



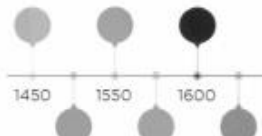
REFORMATION
2017 *It's Still* All About
Jesus

A website filled with **great resources and more** for you to use!



History Resources:

- › interactive timeline
- › digital library
- › historic documents
- › maps
- › bulletin inserts



Worship Materials for:

- › congregations
- › music leaders
- › pastors



Teaching Tools:

- › study guides
- › student materials
- › videos
- › teacher materials
- › classroom competitions and social media



News, events, tour opportunities!



Celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (1517-2017)

Birthdays

Patricia Williams	June 5	Brennan Higgins	July 9	Madison Maves	July 29
Alice Neebe	June 7	Vi Messick	July 11	Laura Simis	Aug. 4
Aminata (Amie)	June 7	Tom Berrong	July 12	Gayle Zarnt	Aug. 7
Beth Benham	June 9	Chris Lehman	July 16	Colleen Walther	Aug. 8
Karen Baker	June 10	Ruth Schwasinger	July 16	Dave Neely	Aug. 18
Rick Heizler	June 21	Cameron Gunn	July 17	Ginger Massey	Aug. 19
Simon Walker	June 24	Nicholas Hoffman	July 18	Grace Hoffman	Aug. 21
Dorothy Schmidt	June 27	Joseph Sheref, Jr.	July 18	Carolyn Jones	Aug. 25
Josh Benham	June 29	Joe Schradie	July 19	Dorothy Preisel	Aug. 26
Emma Richie	July 1	Linda Mather	July 19	Bill Ackerman	Aug. 28
		Ed Wriedt	July 22		

Anniversaries

Madison & Greg Maves	June 4	Judy & Dave Neely	July 4
Lydia & Tom Berrong	June 11	Gayle & Denny Zarnt	July 8
Marge & Joe Schradie	June 18	Carolyn & Craig Walker	Aug. 14
Sam & Jon Fischer	June 19	Dana & Brennan Higgins	Aug. 13
Carolyn & Ron Hinkle	June 20	Laurene & Bill Ackerman	Aug. 19
Karla & John Byrnes	June 21	Wendy Rosenstock & John	Aug. 21
Pamela Ro & Tim Hoffman	June 28	Loni & Gary Gunn	Aug. 30

Please let the church office or Carolyn Jones know if your birthday or anniversary dates aren't listed or are incorrect. We want to celebrate with you and keep our church records up to date.

Lutheran Heritage Tour

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2920 NC Hwy West in Clayton, NC, is sponsoring a Lutheran Heritage Tour July 25-August 6, 2017, in Germany to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The custom-designed itinerary is guided by a professional European tour manager with expertise in reformation history. The tour includes 11 nights in first-class hotels, breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 5 dinners, gratuities for meals, professional local guides, a Rhine River cruise and baggage handling.

All members of your congregation are invited to travel together in this Christian fellowship to celebrate the Lutheran Reformation. More information can be obtained from Karen Hatcher, HCLC coordinator, phone 1-919-763-0284 or email khatcher4@nc.rr.com. A \$200 savings per person off the tour price is given if registered before June 15, 2016.

To view the daily itinerary go to <http://www.luthertours.com/>, on top of home page click "join a tour", go way to bottom and select "2017-Germany and our Lutheran Heritage; July 25-August 6, 2017", Click on "See details" at bottom of message.



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Summer Schedule

Sundays June 5 – September 4, 2016

No Sunday School/Sunday Bible Class

10:00am Divine Service with Holy Communion



Dates to Remember

Wednesdays – 7:00-9:00pm

Praise Band Rehearsal

June 15

July 13

August 17

September 14

Sunday, June 5

Summer Schedule starts

Sunday, June 26, 11:30am

Voter's Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 11

Resume Regular Worship Schedule

September 30 – October 2

Men of Advent Retreat, Salter Path NC