



The Advent Journey

Special events at Advent Lutheran

G.W.A. Bake & Craft Sale on Sunday

November 28, 2010

Sunday December 12, 2010
Lester 4th Annual Jazz Litany Service
10:00 am

Christmas Eve Services

Friday December 24, 2010
at
7 & 11 pm

Sunday December 26, 2010
at
10:00 am.

Sunday January 2, 2011
10:00 am

Please note that Council had met and made a decision with regards to our Christmas services being held for this year. It was decided that we will not be holding Christmas Day Service on December 25. The schedule will be as follows:

Christmas Eve Friday December 24:

- 7 PM -Pastor Peter Lisinski will be conducting the service with communion.
- 11 PM - Pastor Wilmer Minke will be celebrating communion and Silke Force doing the sermon.

Christmas Day Saturday December 25 - No Service

Boxing Day Sunday December 26: Pastor Peter Lisinski will be conducting a Christmas Celebration with communion.

It was expressed that there are members who want to have daytime services as some people don't drive at night. Because of special circumstances this year, some of us thought it would be a good idea to make available a service of picking up those people that can't drive or people relying on Wheel Trans to bring them to the Christmas Eve services. We would have to know who those people are and we can make the arrangements.

EVENT	DATE	TIME
First Advent Season Service Sunday School	Nov. 28, 2010	10:00 am
G.W.A. Annual Christmas Bake & Craft Sale Following the Church Service	Nov. 28, 2010	11:00 am
Second Advent Season Service Sunday School	Dec. 5, 2010	10:00 am
Third Advent Season Service Lester's 4 th Annual Jazz Litany Service Sunday School	Dec. 12, 2010	10:00 am
Fourth Advent Season Service Sunday School	Dec. 19, 2010	10:00 am
Christmas Eve Service – Pastor Lisinski 7 PM Pastor Minke & Silke Force – 11 PM	Dec. 24, 2010	7:00 & 11:00 pm
Christmas Church Service – Pastor Lisinski	Dec. 26, 2010	10: 00 am
Church Service	Jan. 2, 2010	10:00 am

ESL Classes are held every Sunday Morning at 8:30 am in the Fellowship from September to June.

Advent's Sunday school classes are held during the Church Services from September to June.

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Important Special Activities:

November 28, 2010 – Following the First Advent Season Service at 11:00 a.m. the Annual Bake & Craft Sale will be held following Church Service in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interest in participating in donating bake goods or craft items for the sale are asked to bring their items to the Fellowship hall prior to Church Service.

December 12, 2010 – Lester’s 4th Annual Jazz Litany Services will be held at 10:00 am. All are welcome to enjoy this special celebration of Christmas.

DATE	Greeters	Readers	Altar care	Ushers	Assisting	Coffee Hosts
Nov. 28	Cynthia Stewart	Peter Buckley	Elizabeth Lancia	Gary Hoosein	Monika Fromme	
Dec. 5	Arie Fox	Sonya Brown	Waveny Kanhai	Michaela Ehring & Joan Mclean	Gabi Schickedanz	Mercy deSilva & Family
Dec. 12	Joan McLean	Mercy deSilva	Fran Brandes	Krish deSilva & George McLean	Erika Schurr	Martin Gangadeen & Karen McDonald
Dec. 19	Adele Buckley	Peter Reble	Carol Peck	Olga Cosburn & Joyce Tadege	Nalini Beekie	Michaela Ehring & Elizabeth Lancia
Dec. 24	Joyce Tadege	Olga – 7PM Mona – 11PM	Walter – 7 PM Brit – 11pm	Joan & George Mclean 7PM TBA – 11PM	Tasha Fromme 7 pm Fred Roth 11 pm	No Coffee Hosts during these services
Dec. 26	Peter Reble	Carol Peck	Walter Rothenburger	Carol Peck & Mona Marcobelli	Lester McLean	Sophie Lui, Joy Gao, Qi Chen

If you wish to volunteer in any of the positions listed above, please contact: Mona Marcobelli for Greeters, Olga Cosburn for Readers, Brit Missirlian for Altar care, Joan McLean for Ushers (Counters are Council members or alumni), and Fran Brandes for coffee hosting.

Beloved in Christ,

The season of Advent is upon us. The Latin word 'advent' means "coming"; and during the four weeks of Advent we look forward to the four dimensions of God's coming into our world and lives in the divine humanity of Jesus Christ.

Advent looks forward, of course, to the celebration of God's past coming in the birth of the Christ Child of Bethlehem. Advent also looks forward to the two-fold present coming of our Lord Jesus in our weekly worship celebration around God's Word and Sacraments, and in the daily presence of the Holy Spirit's call to faithful discipleship. But primarily Advent looks forward to God's final and future coming at the fulfillment of time and history.

Christians are Advent people! We are called to welcome God's promised future in hope rather than fear. Our hope, as people of Advent, is shaped by the promise of Emmanuel – God with us in the darkness, and despite the darkness, to transform the darkness of the world around us – as well as the darkness within us – by the everlasting light of Jesus Christ shining within and around us.

As Advent's darkness deepens toward the very darkest day of earth's winter solstice – signifying the ever-nearing day of our own deepest darkness – the four-fold light of our Advent wreath – hope, peace, joy and love – illuminates the dawn of God's ever-nearing salvation for which we wait, yearn, prepare, and pray together with the whole Advent people of God, in heaven, on earth, and in this congregation: "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"

Rosarie and I consider it a divine blessing and a holy privilege to share this Advent journey with you All!

Dominus Vobiscum!

Pastor Peter



Orthodox Church in Bethlehem – picture courtesy of Adele & Peter Buckley

ALL ABOUT OUR HOUSE – Fran Brandes

It has been awhile since I have written about "OUR HOUSE" but sometimes happenings are similar to laundry...not too interesting to most people but something that must be looked after....and that is what Property Management is all about.

Something that is certainly noteworthy is the commendable job that was done this summer by our Advent Gardeners, not to be confused with the Community Gardens. Every Thursday evening throughout the gardening season Rosemarie Gardow, Mona Marcobelli, Astrid Walther, Sam Paravatana, Brenda Kroeker and Atosa Amani spent a few hours looking after our grounds and I think you would agree that they did a great job. At the end of the season we all met at the Pickle Barrel restaurant and enjoyed a meal and fellowship together. Tune in next April, same time; same place if you would like to join our band of gardeners. Weeding can actually be fun. Also I would be remiss if I didn't say a big thank you on behalf of us all to Judy Baribeau for the beautiful gardens at the front entrance to the church.

I hope you all approve of the fresh paint in the entryway and narthex. It was in need of a pick-me-up to say the least.

Speaking of pick-me-ups another work in process is updating the church sign at the entrance to the driveway on the East side of the property. All of our regular user guests are paying an equal share to make this improvement possible. The new sign will be practically the same format as what we presently have but each panel will be a bit larger and the Advent portion will also be more prominent.

I hope that all of this can happen before Christmas but you know...the best laid plans of mice and men. Also we will have new signs indicating that people should not exit via the east driveway onto northbound Don Mills Road and that the poor weary sign that says "Church Entrance" is to be replaced. I have to apologize for this much overdue project but some things just seem to be pushed onto the back burner time, after time, after time.

Well, I think that is a wrap.

Thanks for reading,
Fran

Advent's Sunday School Update:

From Sunday November 28, 2010 to December 19, 2010 Sunday School classes will be held during the Advent Season.

There is an open invitation of welcome for all ages from 3 to 12 years old are to come and learn about the stories from the bible. We meet every Sunday in the Fellowship hall during Church Service for 40 minutes before joining everyone for Communion and the final blessing.

It would be great opportunity for any grandparents who have visiting grandchildren to bring them for the class. This would be a great experience for all. For any further information please contact Erika Day, Sunday School Coordinator.

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ESO:

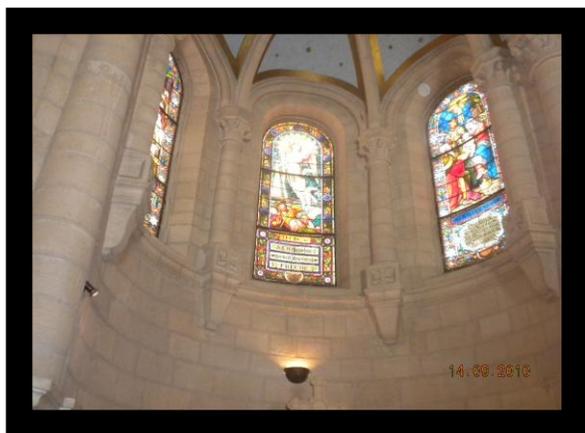
Advent celebrated its 46th Anniversary on October 24th. This was a planned fundraiser for our sponsored refugee family and we raised almost \$700.

Our dinner theme was Nazareth Village Biblical meal and many thanks go to Carol Peck, Erika Day, Michaela Ehrling, Joan McLean, Mona Marcobelli, Jerry and Brit Missirlian for supplying the meal and Hannelore Matthews who took charge of the clean-up.

After dinner Adele and Peter Buckley gave us a brief, but very interesting presentation on their tour to Israel. (We'd like to see more Adele). Thank you to everybody who helped with set-up/clean-up and, not least, attended.



Members of Advent enjoying "What Jesus Ate" on the Anniversary Dinner October 24, 2010



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(Slide One) Is of The Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Jerusalem.

(Slide Two) Is the Roman Catholic Church, St. Catherine, in Bethlehem. It is though this is the Official place of where the "stable" is supposed to be located.

ESO (Continued)

I promised the recipe for lentil soup that we ate for the dinner, so here it is:

Lentil Soup (Mediterranean Style)

5 cups water
1 cup red (pink) lentils
2 tsp. salt
*1 pinch of safflower spice (saffron alternative)
½ cup chopped white onion
2 tbsp. olive oil
1 tsp. cumin
½ cup very thin noodles (I didn't use this)
Juice from 1 lemon

In a 4 liter pot add the water, salt, olive oil, safflower spice, chopped onions and the lentils. Bring to a boil and reduce the heat to medium/medium low. Cook for 15 to 20 minutes until the lentils starts to get mushy. Add the cumin (and noodles if using). Cook another 5 minutes. Add the lemon juice for extra flavor (you may not want a whole lemon)

*I could not find this safflower spice, so I bought saffron and used that. Maybe I didn't add enough, but I couldn't really tell any difference with or without saffron.

Brit Missirlian

GWA (formerly ELW)

The GWA had enjoyed a very informative evening in November, Mona Marcobelli arranged for an Estate Planning Seminar with three of her colleagues. We had learned about the importance of not only having a testament, but various types of testaments, and power of attorney in place.

We were explained about the RRSP transfer options, various types of insurance available as our need for coverage changes and the difference in various types of investing. And finally we were given information about help available in transition and relocation for seniors, as well as Home Care and Community Resource Centers.

Our next meeting will be the Christmas get-together on December 10th. Look for the sign-up sheet, with details on the bulletin board.

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GWA (Cont.)

MATS FOR HAITI

On November 9, 2010 some of the G.W.A. attended a workshop on "Mats for Haiti" at the Bridlewood Presbyterian Church. The G.W.A. met with the other women's church group to work on preparing the outer 3 Liter Milk Bags that were collected. The group will meet in January of 2011 to continue to make these balls of plastic.

There are two sizes of mats made, one for an adult that uses 250 milk bags and a child mat that uses 150 milk bags. We are asking anyone who uses the 3 Liter outer Milk bags if they could save them and bring them to church and place them in the box in the kitchen. All these mats are then shipped to Haiti to help those in extreme need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SYNOD:

This Announcement was forward from the Waterloo Seminary to anyone interested in attending this Study Travel Program Event that is being offered from May 1-14, 2011 as a part of the WLS Centennial celebrations.

An open invitation has been extended to join the study tour being led by Dr. Robert Kelly. Bob has taught courses on Martin Luther Reformation and Church history, and Systematic Theology at WLS for over twenty-five years. He brings a wealth of knowledge and insight to the places the tour will visit. Other member of the faculty will be participating in this travel seminar. This study tour is also being offered as a course for graduate students. If you want to know more about the Martin Luther, the Reformation and the impact that it continues to have today, this is a study tour you will want to consider.

For those who wish to earn Masters-level credit for the study tour, you can register for TH628A, "From Wittenberg to Waterloo: Rediscovering Our Reformation Roots." The class will prepare you to participate more deeply in the tour by providing preparatory reading and by giving the opportunity for reflection about your experience after returning home.

Dr. Bob Kelly, leader of the tour, will be the instructor for the course. For more information about registering for the course, contact Sarina Wheeler (swheeler@wlu.ca) at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary

If you are interested, I would encourage you consider joining us. If you know of students, friends and others who may be interested, I would ask you to forward this email to them.

If you have any questions, please contact; Dr. Robert Kelly, Bishop William D. Huras Professor of Church History and Ecclesiology, Waterloo, Lutheran Seminary www.seminary.wlu.ca (Ph: (519) 884-0710 Ext. 3853 email: rkelly@wlu.ca). Details for the trip can be found at <http://www.seminary.wlu.ca/Wittenberg.php>

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We Pray: For the following individuals who are currently ill and in recovery; Pastor Mills, Joe Hunt's father who is ill and in hospital following a stroke.

We mourn for the following:

Stephan Lenzner, beloved father of Michael Lenzner who had passed away peacefully on November 11, 2010,. The Funeral services were held on Tuesday November 16, 2010.

Virginina Deonarine a beloved aunt of Eric Azeez, who passed away. The funeral service was held on Saturday November 13, 2010 and was conducted by Pastor Lisinski.

Last Words for Reflections of The Year 2010

Ode to My Teacher

I used to be shy,
You made me sing.

I used to be naughty,
You reasoned with me.

I used to stray,
You set me straight.

In my youth full wisdom,
I knew it all.

In your immense Patience,
You turned the tables around.

I was playful,
You prepared me daily.

To face the world and my future,
Grooming and shaping me, to be the best I can be.

Mercy deSilva