

ADVENTure



Advent Lutheran Church

January/February 2018



On December 9 Advent celebrated the Ordination and Installation of our new pastor, Elaine Boone. See additional photos inside.

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Choir practice resumes on Sunday, January 7, at 9:00 a.m. in the loft.

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Congregational Council Update

The major event to highlight at Advent is to welcome our new Pastor Elaine Boone who officially began her Call with us on December 1. Actually, she began her planning at the time of accepting the Call. Many of you have had the opportunity to meet her at the ordination service, by phone, or personally.

At the end of November we said farewell to Pastor Skujins who served us very well as our Interim Pastor for the past year. We thank all of you who contributed to his gift.

This will be my last newsletter report to you as Council Chair, a position I held for the past five years. I appreciated the opportunity to work with you during the past six years on Council and most likely will be continuing some of my responsibilities.

As we are looking forward to our Annual Meeting and elections, we need to elect a number of persons to Congregational Council. We already received agreement from some members for nominations but would appreciate more so we can have a full, functioning Council. Because of the shortage of volunteers, some of us, both on and off Council, have had to take on extra duties to see that as many of our responsibilities as possible are covered.

Constitution Review

Our National Bishop recently sent all congregations information requesting us to review our constitutions and bylaws.



This is certainly a timely request for us. Council has appointed a sub-committee to begin work on the constitution and work will start in January. Members of the sub-committee are Pastor Boone, Adele Buckley, Jim Doak, Martin Gangadeen and Judy Baribeau.

Building Clean-up

With a new regular user coming into the building, we had to get rid of a lot of material that has been accumulating over the years. I remind everyone that nothing should be brought into the building that requires storage space without approval of Council. This decision was adopted by Council many years ago and is included here as a reminder. We have also notified all our user groups that no more storage space will be permitted for their materials.

Thank You

I thank everyone who helped with preparation, hosting and participating in Pastor Boone's Ordination and Installation service on December 9. It was a beautiful service and we were pleased to host it. The offering received at the service was designated for Waterloo Lutheran Seminary's Reform Capital Campaign.

For anyone at church in the evening, you will notice the start of improvement of our outdoor lighting and thank Gerard Baribeau for installing a new entrance light which was donated.

I also thank everyone who donated to provide Christmas flowers for our sanctuary. I thank Gerard Baribeau for getting and setting up the tree and Walter

Rothenburger for decorating it, as well as placing other decorations in the church. The sanctuary looked beautiful for our Christmas services.

Judy Baribeau

Annual Meeting – February 18

Advent's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 18, immediately following the worship service. Annual Reports will be available prior to the meeting. We are still interested in hearing from members who are willing to accept nominations for Congregational Council. At the meeting, in addition to election of Council members, we will approve the budget for 2018 and review reports of our activities during 2017. We need a quorum to conduct the meeting, and we encourage all voting members to be present. ♦

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy goes to the family of Thylamay Munro who died on December 29. She is the widow of Pastor Victor Munro and is survived by her children Victor Jr., Mark, Kevin, Leland, Lauren and their families. Her funeral is being held at Advent on Monday, January 8. Burial will be in Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery, Unionville.

*Rest eternal grant her, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

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Webmaster Needed

With regret we accepted George Tang's resignation as our webmaster. As our congregation's communication is important, we need someone to replace him in this significant role as soon as possible. Please contact me if you are interested in discussing taking over this need.

Judy Baribeau

Pastor Elaine Writes...

*The vision will be fulfilled
In its own time.
If it seems slow in coming,
Wait for it,
For it will surely come.
(Habakkuk 2:3)
And as we wait,
May all things work together
For good. (Romans 8:28)*

*May we be blessed
With wisdom
And discernment
And determination
And patience,
May we take the time
To grow in grace
Day by day.
Amen*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I am so happy to be at Advent as your new Pastor. Over the next few weeks and months I am looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you a little bit better. I will be calling and emailing you to introduce myself to you and to ask a little bit about you.

I would like to thank you for calling me as your Pastor and for all the support and welcome that I have received. I was so pleased to see so many of you at my ordination and installation December 9. This is an exciting time as we begin our journey together. This is a time for spiritual renewal and growth – together.

Bible Study

This year the revised common lectionary is year “B” and will focus on the Gospel of Mark. I will be offering an introduction to the Gospel of Mark. Please mark your calendars for January 10, 17 and 31 and

February 7 at 1:30 p.m. Please join me as you are able.

Lent Devotions

February 14 is Ash Wednesday and will begin our journey through Lent. Lutheran’s Connect offers a daily devotional in Advent and Lent. If this is something you are interested in, please email them at lutheransconnect@gmail.com to be added to the list and have the devotional sent daily to your inbox.

Office Hours

(Beginning in the New Year)

Monday – 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 12 noon-4:30 p.m.

Thursday – 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

My days off will be Friday and Saturday. I am happy to arrange other times to meet with you if this schedule does not work for you.

*Peace be with you,
Pastor Elaine*



Assisting Minister Erika Schurr with Bishop Michael Pryse



Walter Rothenburger carried the processional cross



Bishop Pryse and participating vested clergy.



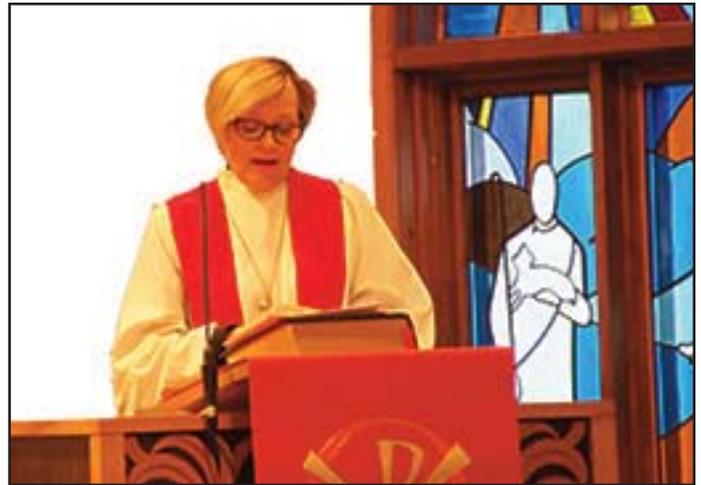
Pastor Elaine with husband Ross Danaher and daughters Maud (left) and Leah (right)



Torch Bearers Samantha and Elizabeth Walther with Maud Danaher who served as Bible Bearer



Bishop Pryse and sponsors, Rev. Doug Reble and Rev. Steve Hoffard lay hands on Ordinand Elaine Boone



Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Riitta Hepomaki preached the sermon



The Ordination service involved many other participants (and others behind the scene) in addition to the ones pictured. We thank Brit Missirlian for altar care and members of the GWA for the reception that followed the service. Martin Gangadeen and Gabi Schickedanz served as readers. Trevor Hicks gave musical direction and Advent's choir sang. Gabi Schickedanz sang a solo. Area Dean Pastor Christian Ceconi installed Pastor Boone. Gary Jacobs and Elias Yousefi served as ushers. The offering was designated for Waterloo Lutheran Seminary's Reform Capital Campaign. We thank all the members of Advent, friends and relatives of Pastor Boone and many visiting clergy for joining us for this special celebration. ♦

Thank You from Pastor Boone

"Thank you so much for the wonderful reception that you did for my ordination on Saturday (December 9). It was a tremendous amount of work and I am deeply grateful.

It was a wonderful afternoon.
Thank you.

Pastor Elaine"

From the Loft

Pastor, Choir, Congregation – We Work in Harmony

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” This quote by Helen Keller perfectly describes the spirit of communal worship. Whether you are a congregant, a lay leader or a church employee, collaboration is vital to our what exactly goes on in church.

The example I like to use is that I could select the most beautiful choir anthem to use in church, but without a choir to sing it and breathe their own distinctive voices into the song, there is no point. A choir is needed to complete the equation and without a choir, choral music is not choral music. Music isn’t enough and serves merely a vehicle for a group of people to sing to God.

This example is a microcosm for worship in general, because without all of the various people and their unique talents coming together and collaborating, worship would look completely different and wouldn’t live up to its biblical mission. Ephesians 4:16 tells us that “from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

The pastor and music director share a unique and very important bond in collaborative ministry. It takes cooperation, and understanding of each other’s views and most importantly, a mutual respect for one another, our respective fields and our opinions. Pastors and music directors who collaborate in the spirit of collaborative ministry and work together create the necessary atmosphere for worship: an atmosphere of care, respect and celebration of our diversity. There are inevitably going to be disagreements, but taking a collaborative approach and borrowing from each other’s ideas is how even disagreements foster an inspirational worship. Both pastors and music directors

who take ideas offered to us through committees we serve on and from the congregations we serve add a whole new dimension to worship.

Pastor Elaine and I regularly communicate with each other, even before she started her ministry at Advent, and put our ideas on the table for one another to comment on. There is no “I” in our collaboration. We both understand the calls

We are invited to blend our voices and talents together to do our work.

that we have answered to and work together to make worship all about what that calling entails.

I know that the plea has been made for people to come forward to volunteer, whether it be on Congregational Council, to sing in our choir or to host a coffee hour. Everybody has gifts to offer and everybody is welcomed and encouraged to use those gifts. Being part of the collaboration only adds to the benefits you receive from the collaboration of others. Keeping us in the realm of church music, if you enjoy hearing the choir, being part of it and adding your own distinctive voice makes it even more special. Opening it up to the greater church is that if you enjoy worship, being part of the council that governs it makes worship even more sacred and inspiring.

To use the choir example once more, not everyone in a choir sings the main melody. A choir is a mix of different vocal ranges and timbres singing together, but singing different parts. We often think only of the main melody of a piece of music as being the main focus of a piece of music, but without the foundations of the basses (the lower male voice), the rich harmonies of the tenor (higher male voices) and alto (lower female voices) and the melody being carried by the sopranos, not to exclude the soaring



descant solos and instrumental interludes, the piece misses its full potential. The exact same thing applies to worship: we need lay leaders and church administration roles because, simply put, there is only so much that the music director and pastor can accomplish in our own collaborative relationship.

To continue using the choir as a metaphor, even though we only sing at Advent at one point in the service, can you imagine worship without the choir? The same importance of the choir here is the same as each and every one of you reading this – without you, worship would be completely different. And without the offering of your God-given gifts, the church doesn’t run like a well oiled machine. I therefore invite you all to take this into consideration when you’re asked to sing in choir, serve in a worship role, either in sight or behind-the-scenes, or any other way you think that God is calling you to serve Him in His holy house the mission that we are all called to take part in.

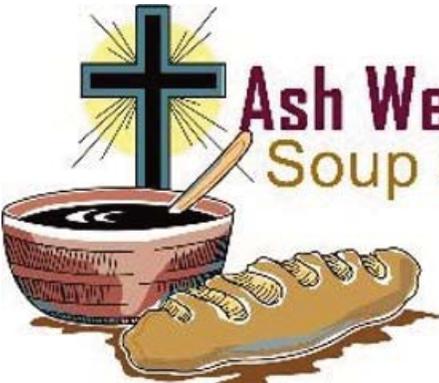
Happy singing and musically yours,

Trevor Hicks
Music Director

Egg Cartons



Thank you for bringing your empty egg cartons to church. The food bank receives eggs in bulk and uses the cartons for their distribution to families. The cartons are “gold” to the food bank and they thank everyone, and please continue bringing your empty egg cartons. ♦



Ash Wednesday
Soup Supper

February 14
6:00 p.m.

Please join us on Wednesday, February 14, for our annual Soup Supper. We will start eating at 6:00 p.m. and finish around 7:00 p.m. to give us time to clean up the kitchen before the worship service starts at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Meetings and Events

- Sunday, January 7, Worship and the Arts, following worship
- Sunday, January 14, ESO, following worship
- Monday, January 22, 7:30 p.m., Congregational Council
- Monday, January 29, 7:30 p.m., Constitution Sub-Committee
- Monday, February 5, 7:30 p.m., Congregational Council
- Sunday, February 18, Annual Meeting, following worship



- *Epiphany begins 12 days after Christmas.*
- *Epiphany is derived from the Greek word meaning to show or reveal, when Christ was revealed to non-Jews.*
- *This time also celebrates the arrival of the Maji (Three Wise Men) who visited Jesus. As the Maji were non-Jews, Christians see their visit as a sign that Christ's message is for all nations.*

Volunteer Schedule

Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board for the Sundays you wish to read and usher. Please check the bulletin for coffee hour hosts.

	Altar Care	Greeter	Assisting Minister Communion Assistant	Counters	Coffee
January 7	Brit Missirlan	Indira Beekie	Nalini Beekie Judy Baribeau	Erika Schurr Nalini Beekie	Coffee only
January 14	Carol Peck	Elias Yousefi	TBA Olga Cosburn	Judy Baribeau Tracy McPherson	
January 21	Brit Missirlan	Elizabeth & Samantha Walther	Bill Wesioly Karen Doak	Carol Peck Erika Schurr	Doak family
January 28	Judy Baribeau	Cynthia Stewart	Lester McLean Indira Beekie	Judy Baribeau Bob Schickedanz	
February 4	Brit Missirlan	Joan McLean	Gabi Schickedanz Olga Cosburn	Judy Baribeau Bob Schickedanz	Coffee only
February 11	TBA	Adele Buckley	Nalini Beekie Jim Doak	Carol Peck Bob Schickedanz	
February 14 Ash Wednesday	TBA		TBA	Carol Peck Judy Baribeau	Soup Supper
February 18	Judy Baribeau	Olga Cosburn	Bill Wesioly Sonita Dillon-Rhodus	Nalini Beekie TBA	Janet Singh
February 25	Carol Peck	Joe Hunt	Lester McLean Indira Beekie	Judy Baribeau Nalini Beekie	