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Help us celebrate
Advent's 50th
Anniversary Year

Sunday School classes will be held June 15 and June 29. Please bring your children.

Worship Location Changes

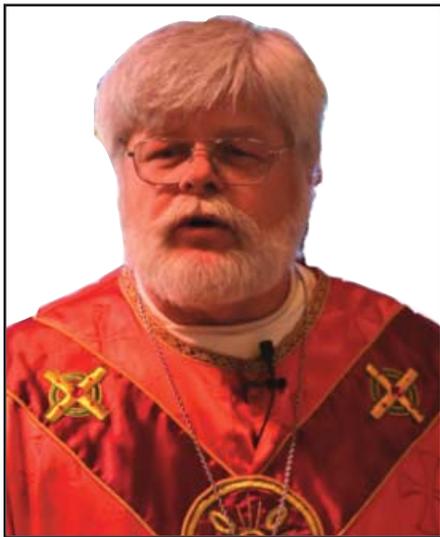
We will worship in Cedar Hall on June 8.

We will worship in Cedar Hall as well starting July 6 through August 31.



Pentecost

Pastor Peter Writes...



Dear Sisters and Brothers of Advent,

Chatting with our assorted sisters and brothers of Advent while waiting to have their pictures taken for our Golden Jubilee Photo Directory over the past few weeks, the topic of hymns was raised. The word “hymn” – like so many words of our faith – comes from the Greek word *hymnos*, which means “song of praise”. The singing of hymns within the Christian worship liturgy traces its origin all the way back to the very first celebration of Holy Communion. In their stories of Jesus’ Last Supper, both the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report: “When they had sung the

hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives...”.

The hymn Jesus and his disciples sang as they celebrated the Jewish Passover was most likely from the synagogue hymnbook we today know as the Bible’s book of Psalms. The hymn appointed for the ancient Passover liturgy began with Psalm 115:1: “Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name give glory”. The traditional hymn ended with the well-known words of jubilation (Jubilee!) which Christians employ to proclaim the Easter triumph of the risen Christ: “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24)

As was true of God’s ancient people in Israel, and the earliest Jewish followers of Jesus, the identity and piety of God’s people in the Christian church continue to be profoundly shaped by the words and music of our rich collection of hymns – old and new.

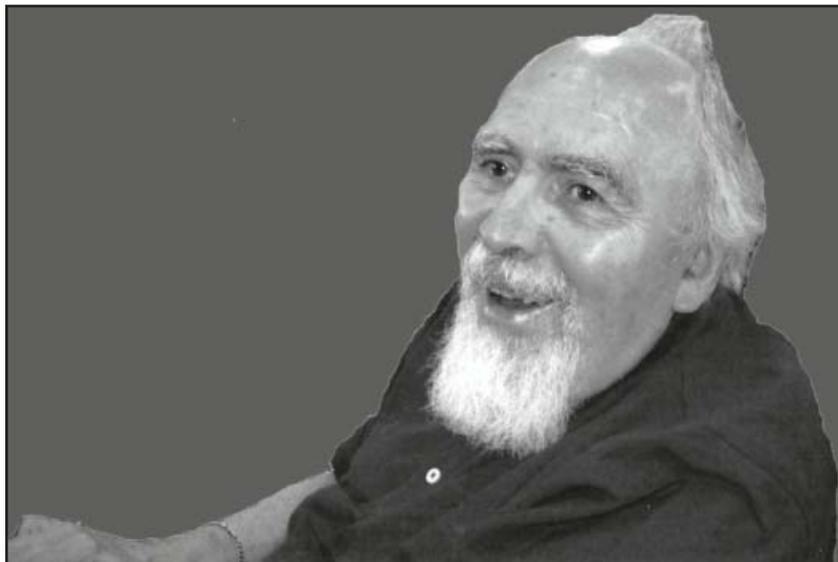
Over the past few years, as I have become familiar, and slowly more comfortable, with our *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* book (after 25 years immersed in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*), I have lamented the exclusion of some of my – and perhaps your – favourite hymns, and applauded the inclusion of many exciting new ones (in spite of some challenging melodies).

As God’s Spirit continues to challenge us to grow in worship and in mission, God’s Spirit continues to call us to “Sing unto the Lord a new song” (Palm 95) without forgetting the old songs that shape our understanding and proclamation of “the faith once entrusted to the saints” (Jude 1:3). To help us remain faithful to the Spirit’s call, I invite each of you to reflect on some of your favourite hymns in our current hymnbook (after all, you’ve been using it longer than me), and submit them to me, or to our Minister of Music, Trevor Hicks, over the next few weeks. We will incorporate them into our Sunday worship – as scripturally and seasonally appropriate – over our continuing pilgrimage toward the festive celebration of our Fiftieth Anniversary – to the glory of God, for the edification of God’s people of Advent, and for the benefit of our Peanut Parish community.

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Pastor Peter

PS: As part of our Golden Jubilee festivities, Pastor Earl Albrecht has been invited – and has agreed – to provide the sermon for Trinity Sunday, June 15 (also Father’s Day). Though health challenges will not permit him to be present personally, his wife Sandra, and their children, Elizabeth and Stephen, plan to worship with us. I hope all of you will join us, and invite others to share this special day. ♦



Pastor Earl Albrecht

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Advent's Giving to April 30, 2014

Commitments	Received to 31/04/2014	Received to 31/04/2013	Difference
Current, Festival & Loose & Recd' Other Charities	\$29,552.46	\$25,110.46	\$4,442.00
Sunday School	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sub-total	\$29,552.46	\$25,110.46	\$4,442.00
Facilities	\$18,192.67	\$27,334.25	-\$9,141.58
Regular Benevolence	\$3,244.00	\$3,285.00	-\$41.00
Total Received	\$50,989.13	\$55,729.71	-\$4,740.58
Other Giving			
Global Hunger	\$1,152.00	\$1,336.00	-\$184.00
New Parking Lot Fund	\$2,963.73	\$4,206.53	-\$1,242.80

Current, Festival and Loose Giving and Received from Other Charities

Current giving corresponds with the "Current Budget" line of your offering envelopes. Festival donations are those from the pink envelopes at Easter, Christmas, etc., and loose are miscellaneous funds not specifically indicated from a specific member or envelope. Received from Other Charities are essentially Current donations to Advent from members that are received through another charity. Our total for these items for January – April was \$29,552.46, a significant increase of \$4,442.00.

However, it should be noted that the 2014 amount includes Received from Other Charities of \$5,541.00, whereas the 2013 total was only \$1,888. Our Current, Festival and Loose giving was therefore actually \$24,011.46, up \$789.00 from the 2013 total of \$23,222.46.

Facilities

Facilities revenue for January-April was \$18,192.67, comprised of revenue from extra hours, in addition to revenue from our regular users. The revenues show an alarming decrease of \$9,141.56. Bear in mind that Facilities revenue fluctuates considerably as rental payments are received. However, this is not a one-time

occurrence; our property revenue has declined drastically. Additional revenue from users during the Easter season could help us out a bit.

Benevolence Giving

Regular Benevolence giving for January-April 2014 decreased by \$41 from 2013. Global Hunger giving is forwarded directly to Synod, and does not affect Advent's financial position. The amounts are included for information only.

Parking Lot Fund

To the end of April, 2014, total receipts for the New Parking Lot Fund totaled \$2,963.73.

Fred Roth, Treasurer

Come to the GWA Barbecue



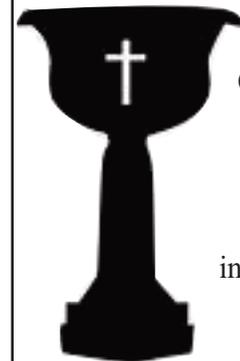
Where: Carol Peck's place
(4 Delverton Place)

When: June 20 2014, 6:30 p.m.

Hamburgers and hot dogs with fixings will be provided.

Bring a salad or dessert and a chair.

Look for the poster at church and sign up
(indicate what you'll bring)



Baptism

On May 11 we celebrated the baptism of Addison Rose Schickedanz, infant daughter of Jonathan and Jeannine Schickedanz.

The ELCIC Beyond Advent's Doors

The Toronto Conference held its final Spring Meeting on May 10 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Richmond Hill. Twenty-one congregations were represented with a total of 38 persons.

Pastor Riitta Hepomaki, Assistant to the Bishop, presented the Synod Report, reviewed the work of the Synod in the past year and discussed the Bishop's role. She noted that the Synod will be split into 17 Areas (rather than the eight Conferences in the current structure). The Bishop will be appointing Deans and the leadership teams.

She also asked all congregations to distribute the electronic version of *The Eastern Synod Lutheran* with their congregational newsletters as the printed version will no longer be produced.

Alven Choi from the Rhenish Church described its outreach initiatives, particularly the Alpha program, which have been successful in reaching new people.

Camp Edgewood is beginning a \$2 Million campaign over the next three years to upgrade its facilities and is

asking for donations for its "70 x 7" Campaign. Details can be found on their website.

We held the final elections for clergy delegates for the 2015 National Convention. Sixteen clergy were elected and Pastor Lisinski is one of the elected clergy. There were no elections for Toronto Conference Council, and the current Council will be dissolved following the Synod Assembly this June.

We held a brief discussion about communication needs following restructuring. Those present indicated the need to keep sharing congregational information. *The Lutheran Connection* will be discontinued following the June issue.

Our Dean, Pastor Linda Douglas, presided at the closing eucharist. We closed the service with singing "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth".

The Eastern Synod Assembly will be held June 26-29. Watch for updates during the Assembly on the Synod website (www.easternsynod.org/content/assembly-2014). ♦

Congregational Council Update

Our Property Committee has scheduled a clean-up day for both the inside and outside the church on May 29. There is a lot of work that needs to be done, particularly in the garden area. This work will be ongoing throughout the summer.

The Eastern Synod is no longer publishing *The Eastern Synod Lutheran* because of the cost. We will be including the electronic version with our newsletter and printing it to attach to the printed copies.

Members are encouraged to make donations to the 50th anniversary appeal to help cover the cost of the Peace Pole.

July 20 is the date we set for your donations to the ELCIC's Praise Appeal 2014. Council has set \$500 as Advent's goal. Please help us meet our 2014 goal and mark your donations "Praise Appeal". In the past two years we have exceeded our goal.

Advent has space available for community meeting use. If you are aware of any community groups needing space for their meetings, please ask them to contact Brenda Kroeker or request it through our website. Since we have lost some of our user groups, it has made a significant change to our finances.

Judy Baribeau



Volunteer Schedule

Altar Care	Greeter	Assisting Minister/ Communion Assistant	Reader	Counters	Coffee Hosts
June 1 Rosarie Lisinski	Jim Hicks & Ted Winslow	Gabi Schickedanz Judy Baribeau	Mona Marcobelli	George Tang Bob Schickedanz	Cynthia Stewart & Brit Missirlian
June 8 Elizabeth Lancia	Mona Marcobelli	Peter Reble Sonita Dillon-Rhodus	Carol Peck	Brit Missirlian Elias Yousefi	Peck Family
June 15 Elizabeth Lancia	Cynthia Stewart	Nalini Beekie Judy Baribeau	Michaela Ehring	Nalini Beekie Judy Baribeau	Joan & George McLean
June 22 Judy Baribeau	Joan McLean	Fred Roth Olga Cosburn	Mercy De Silva	George Tang	Olga Cosburn Heinz & Hildegard Weltner
June 29 Brit Missirlian	Adele Buckley	Peter Reble --		Judy Baribeau Erika Schurr	Khan Family

Please check the Usher and Reader sign-up sheets on the bulletin board and volunteer for Sundays you are available.