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Congregational Council Installation

The new Congregational Council meets on March 13 and will be installed at the worship service on March 19.



Choir Rehearsals

Advent's choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. If you like to sing, enjoy music and would like to join our choir, please speak with me. No musical knowledge is required. All are welcome.

Trevor Hicks

A Lenten Journey TO EASTER

Your Invitation to Worship Lent through Easter

Ash Wednesday, March 1

Join us for our annual Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m.
and worship at 7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 9, 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 13, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16, 10:00 a.m.



Please join us every Sunday
for worship at 10:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting Highlights

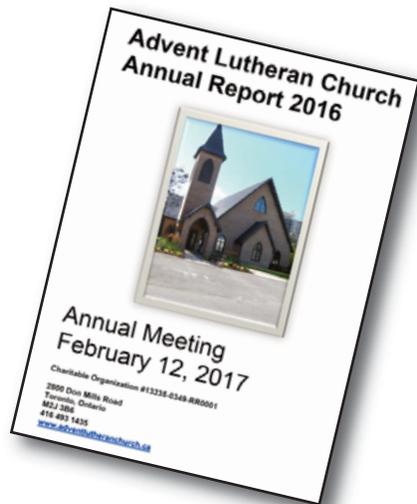
Advent's Annual Meeting was held on February 12. It was the stormiest day of the winter so far, but we had a quorum and held the meeting. The quorum for this year is 22 and we had 23 voting members attending. There was very little information added to what is printed in the Annual Report.

Financial

Bill Wesioly presented an oral Treasurer's Report. He noted that we ended 2016 in a better financial situation than 2015. As well, we are close to paying off the parking lot debt and only about \$6,000 is still owing. We thank everyone for their contributions to make this end in sight. We will now be able to start planning for many of the capital and property projects that have been on hold. Our Capital Reserve Fund has about \$35,000 and we are in good shape there.

Our Benevolence donations were lower in 2016 than 2015 and we need to encourage increased donations in this area. It is very important that we support the Synod and its work. Our Operating Expenses were lower than 2015 mainly due to Pastor Lisinski's leaving.

The 2017 Budget was presented and we noted that the pastor's housing allowance is increased to \$12,000 and travel allowance increased to \$1,600. These are changes from what is printed in the Annual Report. The pastor's compensation package will be reviewed at the time a recommendation for Call is presented to the congregation. The current budget is based on six months Interim and six months for a new Pastor. The budget was approved at \$141,690.



Erika Schurr reported that we now have a "donate" button on our webpage to make it easier for people to make donations to Advent. These donations go through CanadaHelps.

Elections

We have a number of vacancies on Congregational Council. Bill Wesioly, Nalini Beekie and Mona Marcobelli were elected by acclamation. Council has the opportunity to appoint additional persons during the year to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

As there has been little activity in the Endowment Fund area and a low balance, we are making no changes on the Endowment Committee for this year.

Congregational Council's next meeting is March 13 at which time the Officers/Chairpersons will be elected/appointed.

Annual Reports

The Annual Report was emailed to those who are on our email list. Printed copies are available in church; and if you do not have one, please pick one up.

Judy Baribeau

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy goes to the family and friends of Ted Winslow who died on February 10. His funeral was held on February 17.

Welcome New Member

On February 19 we welcomed Janet Singh into membership at Advent through Affirmation of Baptism.

Men's Breakfast Group

All men in the congregation are invited to a good breakfast, conversation and fellowship the first Saturday every month, 9:00 a.m. at Rosemary & Thyme Restaurant, southwest corner of Van Horne and Victoria Park. Please speak with Jim Doak for further information. ♦

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.

Judy Baribeau

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Weekly News Updates

Each week I send an email including the readings for the upcoming Sunday and any other news items of importance that are applicable between newsletters. If I don't have your email, please give it to me so you can be included as well and not miss out on any news distributed weekly.

Judy Baribeau

From the Loft

The Gathering Rite

The gathering rite in our liturgy has always had a special significance for me. I remember the first time I attended divine worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church when I was seven years old and being astounded at the ceremonial nature of the procession with the candles, banners, the gigantic Bible and the cross of Jesus leading the way. The music was the liturgical setting that we've been using over the past few months that we used then, albeit in its *Lutheran Book of Worship* form. This is why this setting has particular significance for me.

To a seven-year-old, it might be no surprise that the actual meaning of what was happening didn't dawn on me, or

even come close to. It's the combination of music and calculated movement that I found attractive. As I grew older and forayed into composing for assembly song as well as leading it from the loft, the memories I have of that time have only grown more special. Even back then, without knowing it, I was a participant.

In my experience, the *Kyrie* has taken many different forms. The form that we use now use is a technique of chanting, whereby the cantor chants the petitions while the assembly responds similarly. Most Kyries are in fact in the call/response form, but there are hymns that can easily stand alone to fulfill the same purpose. It is not the style that matters,

but the meaning of the liturgical pieces that matter, and so, the *Kyrie* (or whatever hymn replaces it) must be penitential in nature and ask for God's mercy.

The Hymn of Praise is a song of praise that contrasts the *Kyrie* in nature. We are accustomed to using two: "Glory to God," based on the traditional "Gloria in excelsis," and "This is the Feast," a creation that made its first appearance in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*. While both of these pieces are used at various appropriate times of the church year, Lent and sometimes Advent are when the hymn of praise are traditionally omitted.

"Glory to God" follows a distinctive and traditional organization: the first verse is addressed to God, the Father; the second, to Jesus as the Son of God; and the third, to Christ, referencing the Holy Spirit, returning to the overall theme of glory to God the Father. The style and structure musically of this canticle of praise varies from setting to setting, and indeed we have used a variety of musical expressions to sing it.

"This is the Feast" uses imagery from the Book of Revelation, offering a "glimpse of the eschatological Kingdom" (*Manual on the Liturgy*, 213). It is interesting to note that while "Glory to God" makes us reflect on the incarnation cycle with the words of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth." "This is the Feast" makes us reflect on the paschal cycle — that is, the triumph of Jesus Christ's victory over death and the coming of his kingdom.

What are your impressions of the gathering rite of our liturgy? Do have another interpretation?

Trevor Hicks

Advent's Call Update

Our Congregational Council has been moving slowly into the Call Process for a new pastor. We have recently completed our Congregational Mission Profile and filed it with the Synod office. The Synod uses this document, which we can refer to as our resumé, to review with pastors who have filed an Availability for Call form with the Synod office. The Synod uses these two documents to select the most appropriate candidates for Call recommendation to a congregation.

We were pleased to welcome Pastor Doug Reble, Assistant to Synod Bishop Pryse, to Advent on February 26. Pastor Reble led the worship service and met with the Congregational Council and Call Committee following the service to review the procedures and gave an overview of potential candidates.

Brit Missirlian will be our Call Committee Chairperson and Gabi Schickedanz will be Secretary of the Committee. Other members of the Call Committee are Judy Baribeau, Sonita Dillon-Rhodus, Jim Doak, Martin Gangadeen, Carol Peck and Walter

Rothenburger. The Committee will be meeting shortly to review the interview format, prepare questions to ask the candidates and other concerns. All of the information regarding candidates is confidential to the Call Committee. After the Call Committee interviews the candidates, the Committee will make a recommendation of one Pastor to the Council. If the Council approves, a Congregational Meeting will be called to present the candidate's name for approval for Call. If the candidate accepts the Call, the timing of the start and other details will be put in place. Depending on the timing, a revised budget amount for pastoral compensation may be presented to the congregation as we were not able to provide specific details at our Annual Meeting.

The Committee will keep the congregation informed as much as possible as to how the status of the process, but keeping the confidentiality of details.

Please pray for the Call Committee as the members carry out their work in preparing to call a new pastor to Advent. ♦



Easter Flowers



Beginning March 19 through April 2 we will again provide donation envelopes for you to donate for Easter flowers for the church. We invite you to donate the amount you would spend on an Easter plant and designate your dona-

tion "In Memory of...", "In Honour of" or other. Please pick up an envelope for your donation from an usher on Sunday mornings and place it in the offering plate. Following the Easter service, those who donated may take a plant home with them. A list of those who donated will be included with the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please help beautify our church for Easter.

Volunteer Schedule

Please contact Olga Cosburn if you would like to serve as coffee host on a particular Sunday. On Sundays where we provide "Coffee Only", volunteers are needed to help with the cleanup after coffee. Also, any offerings of goodies are welcome.

	Altar Care	Greeter	Assisting Minister/ Communion Assistant	Counters	Coffee Hosts
March 5	Brit Missirlian	Adele Buckley	Bill Wesioly -	Bob Schickedanz Erika Schurr	Erika & Mark Callon & Hannelore Matthews
March 12	Judy Baribeau	Olga Cosburn	Lester McLean Indira Beekie	Bob Schickedanz Judy Baribeau	Coffee Only
March 19	Walter Rothenburger	Joe Hunt	Nalini Beekie Olga Cosburn	Bob Schickedanz Nalini Beekie	TBA
March 26	Judy Baribeau	Yvonne Cumberbatch	Gabi Schickedanz Karen Doak	Mona Marcobelli Bob Schickedanz	TBA
April 2	Carol Peck	Indira Beekie	Gabi Schickedanz Judy Baribeau	Judy Baribeau Nalini Beekie	Sonita Dillon-Rhodus Janet Singh
April 9 Palm Sunday	Walter Rothenburger	Elias Yousefi	Lester McLean Indira Beekie	Bob Schickedanz Nalini Beekie	Coffee Only
April 14 Good Friday	Walter Rothenburger		Lester McLean -	Bob Schickedanz	
April 16 Easter	Walter Rothenburger	Elizabeth & Samantha Walther	Bill Wesioly Olga Cosburn	Bob Schickedanz Nalini Beekie	Carol Peck Olga Cosburn
April 23	Judy Baribeau	Olga Cosburn	Lester McLean Jim Doak	Mona Marcobelli Bob Schickedanz	Theresa Ajothia
April 30	Brit Missirlian	Cynthia Stewart	Gabi Schickedanz Judy Baribeau	Judy Baribeau Erika Schurr	Joan & George McLean

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

The Assisting Ministers will read the lessons. If anyone would like to read on a particular Sunday, please contact Olga Cosburn.