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Advent Lutheran Church

May/June 2015

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Peanut Peace Project Monthly Vigil

Saturday, May 2, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Seminar Presenter: Anne Creighton,
President PLAG Toronto

Health and Happiness Group

Monday, May 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Thank You

We thank Joyce Strebel for purchasing the painting of Christ, which was on display in the Sanctuary during Lent, and donating it to Advent. It will be hung in the Narthex.

Summer Worship Schedule

For the summer, we will worship in Cedar Hall starting July 5 through September 6. We will return to our Sanctuary on September 13.



In April we received delivery of our new green altar paraments which are used during the Pentecost and Epiphany seasons. The style chosen for the altar covers is *antependium*, rather than the superfrontal style which covers the width of the altar as in the past.

We have ordered the blue (used during Advent) and red paraments (used on Pentecost, martyrs' days and certain other celebrations such as Reformation, ordination, church dedications and anniversaries).

The white ones will be ordered shortly. White is used for festivals such as Christmas, Easter and Sundays of Easter, Epiphany and Transfiguration. We thank everyone who has contributed to their purchase and the donors for the ones being ordered now.

Advent's Giving to March 31, 2015

Commitments	Received to 31/3/2015	Received to 31/3/2014	Difference
Current, Festival & Loose and Recd' Other Charities	\$20,581.70	\$21,987.65	-\$1,405.95
Sunday School	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sub-total	\$20,581.70	\$21,987.65	-\$1,405.95
Facilities	\$15,385.92	\$12,934.75	\$2,451.17
Regular Benevolence	\$ 2,412.00	\$ 2,349.00	\$ 63.00
Total Received	\$38,379.62	\$37,271.40	\$1,108.22
Other Giving			
Global Hunger	\$990.00	\$789.00	\$201.00
Parking Lot Fund	\$3,203.00	\$2,333.73	\$869.27

Current, Festival and Loose Giving

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. Our total for these items for January-March was \$20,581.70, a decline of \$1,405.95 or 6.4%. It should be noted that both the 2014 and 2015 amount include a one-time donation of \$2,853.00 Received from Other Charities.

Facilities

Facilities revenue for January-March was \$15,385.92, comprised of revenue from extra hours, in addition to revenue from our regular users. The revenues show an increase of \$2,451.17. Bear in mind that Facilities revenue fluctuated considerably as rental payments were received in 2014; however, the 2015 increase can be attributable to Brenda Kroeker's organization of the User Contracts, and the collection of post-dated cheques for 2015.

Benevolence Giving

Regular Benevolence giving for January-March 2015 increased slightly by \$63.00 from 2014. 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 March, 2015, total receipts for the New Parking Lot Fund totalled \$3,203.00, a significant increase from \$2,333.73 in 2014.

*Fred Roth
Treasurer*



Advent Clean-up Day Thursday, May 14 Starting at 10:00 am.

We invite everyone to help us with our annual spring clean-up in the church. Please bring your cleaning supplies and some refreshment. If you are so inclined, we can also use some help to clean up outside. Please bring your strong garden tools to do this work.

We thank everyone for their help.

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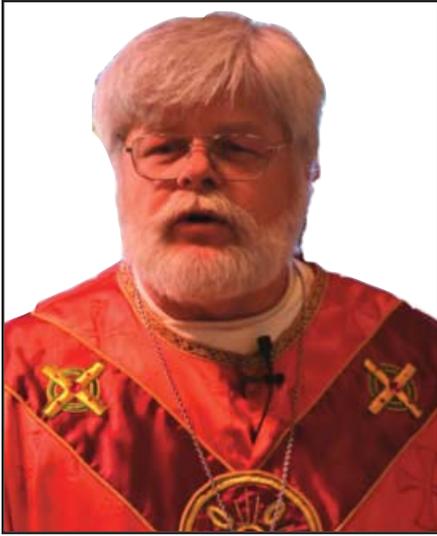
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Pastor Peter Writes



Christ is risen! Alleluia!

“immorality of same-sex marriage, for which our nation will be judged by God.” I emphasized our national church’s support – as well as our congregation’s pioneering leadership on the issue, and my personal affirmation – of the gay community’s equal right to share humanity’s sacred rite of marriage. For me the primary moral concern for which our nation will be judged by God was Canada’s military mission in Iraq, now extended to Syria.

Mr. Daniel’s opposition to same-gender marriage and my support for it, in contrast to his support for Canada’s military mission in the Middle East and my opposition to it, illuminates the difference between cultural religion and biblical religion. Cultural religion encourages a private, individual faith, while encouraging a public morality defined by the idolatry of patriotism characterized as national honour. Mr. Daniel dismissed my suggestion that the current persecution of Christians in predominantly Muslim societies may be inspired by a confusion between western – and predominantly Christian – civilization’s aggressive foreign policy and

Christian missionary zeal as “naïve.” Perhaps.

But biblical religion holds human beings accountable to the one true God – known as Jehovah among Jews, Allah among Muslims, and Jesus Christ among Christians – who calls faithful people in all nations to live in the midst of a suffering world as instruments of God’s love, expressed in personal self-sacrifice, and reflected in social justice and global peace.

In this Easter season, God’s Holy Spirit again calls us – us. You and me. We, the people of God in Advent Lutheran Church are called to reconsider the spiritual vision and repent of the social values espoused by a cultural religion that crucifies Jesus. We are to renew our citizenship in the biblical community that transcends all national borders and overcomes all superficial barriers of race or creed, gender or family, to welcome all – A-L-L – all people into humanity’s true “home and native land” in God’s eternal and universal holy communion.

Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed!

Pastor Peter

Easter Thank You

The Lent and Easter seasons are very busy times in the life of Advent. We want to give special thanks to:

- Trevor Hicks for his many original music creations for our worship services
- Our Choir for the special music at our services
- Walter Rothenburger for all the set-up and decoration for our services
- Everyone who brought flowers to beautify our sanctuary for our Easter services ◆



ELCIC
Praise
APPEAL 2015

Liberated by God's Grace: Creation – Not for Sale Advent's Goal is \$750

The theme for the 2015 ELCIC Praise Appeal, *Liberated by God's Grace: Creation – Not for Sale*, echoes The Lutheran World Federation theme for the commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. You will see the ELCIC lift up this theme of *Liberated by God's Grace* and its three subthemes (*Creation – Not for Sale*, *Salvation – Not for Sale*, and *Human Beings – Not for Sale*) over the next three years as we participate in the international and ecumenical commemoration. The commemoration gives us the opportunity to remember and reflect on the Reformation and what it means for us now, living as Lutheran people within the whole body of Christ.

The Praise Appeal theme, *Liberated by God's Grace: Creation – Not for Sale*

invites us to explore the Lutheran understanding of the doctrine of justification and sets us free to serve our neighbours, to be responsible citizens in the world and faithful stewards of all God's creation. Through your gift to the Praise Appeal, you help us fulfill this work through:

- Our partnerships with KAIROS and the Anglican Church of Canada as we work in the areas of homelessness and affordable housing and responsible resource extraction;
- Our partnership with The Lutheran World Federation and Canadian Lutheran World Relief as we work to support refugees around the world;
- Our partnership with churches in Argentina and Peru as we help support ministry in indigenous communities within these churches;

■ Continuing the Call to Spiritual Renewal, working to deepen the discipleship of all our members and learning new ways to reach out in faith to those around us; and

■ Building better relationships with other denominations and faiths here in Canada, through the Canadian Council of Churches, and around the world through the World Council of Churches.

Our Congregational Council has designated \$750 as Advent's goal for this year. You may make your donations at any time. Just mark your donation for the Appeal on your offering envelope. We will designate a special Sunday this year for Praise Appeal emphasis when the GWA will lead our worship service. ♦

Advent's Congregational Council

At Council's March meeting, the following Council members were appointed as officers and chairpersons for 2015:

Judy Baribeau	Chair
Nalini Beekie	Secretary
Peter Buckley*	Financial Secretary
Sonita Dillon-Rhodus	Mutual Ministry
Pastor Peter Lisinski	Youth
Brit Missirlian	Vice Chair, ESO, GWA
Fred Roth	Interim Treasurer
Bob Schickedanz	Property
Erika Schurr	Finance/Stewardship
George Tang	Worship and the Arts
Elias Yousefi	Christian Education

* Appointed by Council, not a Council member

Council meetings for the next year have been set as follows: May 11, June 8, September 14, October 19, November 9, December 14. In 2016: January 11, February 1. The Annual Meeting will be held February 7, 2016.



Congratulations to George and Joan McLean who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 17.

We Care Kits for CLWR



The GWA invites the congregation to participate in their project to collect items for We Care kits for CLWR. There is a box in the narthex for you to place your donations. Please bring whatever you are able, or you can donate \$5 per bag to cover the shipping costs. Each kit will contain:

- Three lined notebooks
- One metric ruler (30 cm)
- One pencil sharpener
- One eraser
- One pack of crayons or pencil crayons
- One bar of soap (new and wrapped)
- One toothbrush (new in original package)
- One tube of toothpaste (expiration date no earlier than one year)

Please contact Brit Missirlian if you have any questions.

Brit Missirlian



Volunteer Schedule

Altar Care	Greeter	Assisting Minister/ Communion Assistant	Reader	Counters	Coffee Hosts
May 3 Elizabeth Lancia	Indira Beekie	Gabi Schickedanz Judy Baribeau	Peter Buckley	Judy Baribeau Nalini Beekie	Qi Chen and Sophia Lui
May 10 Elizabeth Lancia	Elias Yousefi	Lester McLean Indira Beekie	Brit Missirlian	George Tang Brit Missirlian	Coffee only
May 17 Rosarie Lisinski	Jim Hicks & Ted Winslow	Gabi Schickedanz Wavney Kanhai	Nalini Beekie	Nalini Beekie Sonita Dillon-Rhodium	Latchman Family
May 24 Brit Missirlian	Mona Marcobelli	Nalini Beekie Sonita Dillon-Rhodium	Mona Marcobelli	George Tang Judy Baribeau	Sonita Dillon-Rhodium
May 31 Judy Baribeau	Cynthia Stewart	Erika Schurr Karen Doak	Jim Doak	Erika Schurr Elias Yousefi	Coffee only
June 7 Rosarie Lisinski	Joan McLean	Bill Wesioly Carol Peck	Olga Cosburn	George Tang Brit Missirlian	Coffee only
June 14 Rosarie Lisinski	Adele Buckley	Lester McLean Judy Baribeau	Erna Krause	Judy Baribeau Elias Yousefi	Coffee only
June 21 Judy Baribeau	Olga Cosburn	Gabi Schickedanz Wavney Kanhai	Indira Beekie	Erika Schurr Sonita Dillon-Rhodium	Lisinski Family
June 28 Elizabeth Lancia	Joe Hunt	Erika Schurr Indira Beekie	Carol Peck	George Tang Judy Baribeau	Olga Cosburn

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