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Choir Rehearsals

Advent's choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Rehearsals will resume on May 14. 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

Congregational Council Update

Our Council began its new year by appointing members to serve in various capacities for the next year. They are listed on Page 4. We appointed Carol Peck as a Council member to serve until our 2018 Annual Meeting. We appointed Ragavan Tharmarajah on contract to serve as Bookkeeper assisting Bill Wesioly in the Treasurer's role.

In each of our areas of responsibility we need additional volunteers to assist in carrying out our various duties. I encourage you to say "Yes" if you are asked, or to just volunteer in an area where you are interested.

Invitation from St. Ansgar

We have received an invitation from the members of St. Ansgar to join them in a congregational picnic on June 18. Council has agreed and we look forward to meeting their members and encourage as many members of Advent as possible to join us. As we receive details, we will give them to you.

In the future, "church" may not always be the way we have known it; and meeting and working with other congregations may be an option as we move forward. Please take advantage of opportunities to join with members of other congregations in events and meetings that are available.

Donation Opportunities

We thank Erika Schurr for arranging with CanadaHelps for our members to donate to Advent through our website. If this option works for you, please check our website to make your donations. You can also arrange to make your donations through PAR (a monthly transfer from your bank account to Advent). If you have not yet picked up your offering envelopes for this year, please see Gary Jacobs at church to pick up your box.

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

Clean-Up Days

Council has arranged for both indoor and outdoor cleaning events and invite as many of you as possible to participate. Our church home – inside and out – needs sprucing up just the same as our homes.

Our inside cleaning day is May 31 and our outside clean-up will be on June 6. Both of these days apply to men and women. So bring your favourite cleaning supplies and tools. Students from Georges Vanier High School are also being invited to come to our outside clean-up to earn community service hours.

Other

We thank the Schickedanz family for the washroom and other plumbing repairs recently. We are in discussion with a Montessori School hoping to relocate to Advent early in 2018.

Our next Council meetings are May 15 and June 19 before we break for the summer. However, special Council meetings can be called if required.

Judy Baribeau

Call Committee

Members of the Call Committee are Judy Baribeau, Sonita Dillon-Rhodus, Jim Doak, Martin Gangadeen, Brit Missirlian (Chair), Carol Peck, Walter Rothenburger, Gabi Schickedanz (Secretary).

The committee met with Pastor Doug Reble (Assistant to the Bishop) in February and has since held two meetings. They have now identified three candidates (for consideration) who will be contacted for interviews as soon as possible.

Brit Missirlian

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy goes to:

■ **The Schickedanz family** on the death of Anneliese Schickedanz. She died on March 27 and her funeral was held at Advent on March 31.

■ **The Weltner family** on the death of Heinz Weltner. He died on April 6 and his Celebration of Life was held at Advent on April 11.

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

Baptisms

We welcome the following children through the Sacrament of Baptism:

■ On April 23, **Emily Jean Schickedanz**, daughter of Samantha and David Schickedanz.

■ On April 30, **Ava Isabella Kachru**, daughter of Stacy and Amit Kachru.

*May the Holy Spirit of God be with
them in their lifelong journey of faith.*

Welcome New Member

On March 30 we welcomed Denish Babu Selvanathan as a new member of Advent through Affirmation of Baptism.

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From the Loft

The Liturgy of the Word

My last *From the Loft* article in a series on the liturgy focused on the Gathering Rite. In this installment we will focus on the next section of the liturgy, but also how the Word of God in actuality is the basis for the liturgy as a whole.

From the perspective of the music director, there are only three distinct musical parts of this part of the liturgy: the Psalm, the Gospel Acclamation and the Hymn of the Day. The Psalms, as I have mentioned before, are the original hymnal of the church. Intended and indeed marked for singing, I'm very pleased that we will be singing the Psalm throughout the Easter season. There are a variety of methods to sing the psalm, from call and response chanting (as we do at Advent), to adding a choral or solo refrain at designated points, or even metrical – that is, hymn-like – settings of the text. Singing the Psalm is in my mind the most intimate way to really concentrate on the words of these ancient hymns.

The Gospel Acclamation is the canticle we sing before the reading of the Gospel. As the *Manual on the Liturgy (Lutheran Book of Worship)* states: “The First Lesson, Psalm, and Second Lesson form a unit.

The Gospel Acclamation is to be understood not as a response to the Second Lesson but as a preparation for the Gospel and a welcome to it, and (except in Lent) replaces the Easter song, Alleluia, as a principal element (p. 220). Much like the Psalm, there are a number of ways that the Gospel Acclamation can be proclaimed.



The Alleluia verse itself can be sung by the congregation with or without the added verse chanted by a cantor, assistant, or the choir, or a generic verse can be sung by all that includes the Alleluia. The verse is taken from scripture.

Finally, the Hymn of the Day is what I like to call a musical complement to the sermon. Sometimes, the hymn of the day chosen extends on something in more depth that the Pastor just touched on. Sometimes it adds a new dimension the sermon by focusing on the main theme of the pastor's words and all other ways in-between. One of the most intense and inspiring feelings that can happen in the relationship between music director and pastor is when the hymn and sermon compliment each other

without any communication between the two. I truly believe these moments to be divinely inspired.

The musical aspects of the Liturgy of the Word aside, the Word of God is indeed the basis of our liturgy. As I mentioned in the article last newsletter, “This is Feast” borrows from the Book of Revelation. “Glory to God” embellishes on the song of the angels at Jesus' birth, and oftentimes a greeting or prayer will be read that is found in some form in the liturgy. Just as the Word of God is the foundation of our belief as Christians, the Word of God is the foundation of our worship.

Trevor Hicks

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

Volunteers Needed

With regret we have accepted George Tang's resignation from preparing our weekly worship bulletins and monitoring the sound system.

We would also appreciate a volunteer to put the hymn numbers on the board each Sunday.

Please let me know if you would like to take over any of these important ministries for our congregation.

Judy Baribeau

Congregational Council Officers and Appointments

At its March 20 Council meeting, the following persons were elected/appointed to serve during the next year. They were installed on March 26.

Chair	Judy Baribeau
Vice Chair	Bob Schickedanz
Secretary	Nalini Beekie
Treasurer	Bill Wesioly
Christian Education	vacant
ESO Liaison	Mona Marcobelli
Financial Secretary	Gary Jacobs*
GWA Liaison	Carol Peck
Mutual Ministry	appointment delayed until a pastor is called
Property	Bob Schickedanz
Property Manager	Tracy McPherson
Resource Development/Stewardship ...	Erika Schurr
Worship and the Arts Liaison	Carol Peck
Youth	vacant
Bookkeeper	Ragavan Tharmarajah*
Newsletter	Judy Baribeau
Payroll	Sonita Dillon-Rhodus*
Website	George Tang*
Worship and the Arts Chair	Trevor Hicks*

* Not a Council member.

GWA News

The GWA will meet on May 24 for a Handicraft meeting. Some of the members have knitted small teddy bears and these will be assembled (stuffed, head and ears shaped and faces embroidered).

On June 16 the GWA invites the congregation to a barbecue. The hosts are Jim and Karen Doak. More information will be available later.

Brit Missirlian

Men's Breakfast Group

All men in the congregation are invited to a good breakfast, conversation and fellowship the first Saturday every month, 9:30 a.m. at Rosemary & Thyme Restaurant, southwest corner of Van Horne and Victoria Park. Please speak with Jim Doak for further information. ♦

Volunteer Schedule

We will have "Coffee Only" during May and June. No coffee on June 18 as we have been invited to join St. Ansgar at a joint congregational picnic. If anyone would like to host coffee during May and June, please let Olga Cosburn know. We will not have coffee during July and August.

	Altar Care	Greeter	Assisting Minister/ Communion Assistant	Counters
May 7	Judy Baribeau	Joan McLean	Nalini Beekie Sonita Dillon-Rhodus	Nalini Beekie Mona Marcobelli
May 14 Mother's Day	Elizabeth Lancia	Adele Buckley	Gabi Schickedanz Judy Baribeau	Judy Baribeau
May 21	Brit Missirlian	Mona Marcobelli	Lester McLean Indira Beekie	Judy Baribeau
May 28	Cynthia Stewart	Joe Hunt	Bill Wesioly Olga Cosburn	Tracy McPherson Nalini Beekie
June 4	Elizabeth Lancia	Yvonne Cumberbatch	Erika Schurr Judy Baribeau	Erika Schurr Carol Peck
June 11	Judy Baribeau	Indira Beekie	Gabi Schickedanz Jim Doak	TBA
June 18 Father's Day	Elizabeth Lancia	Elias Yousefi	Lester McLean Olga Cosburn	Judy Baribeau Nalini Beekie
June 25	Brit Missirlian	Elizabeth and Samantha Walther	Bill Wesioly Indira Beekie	Carol Peck Judy Baribeau

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.