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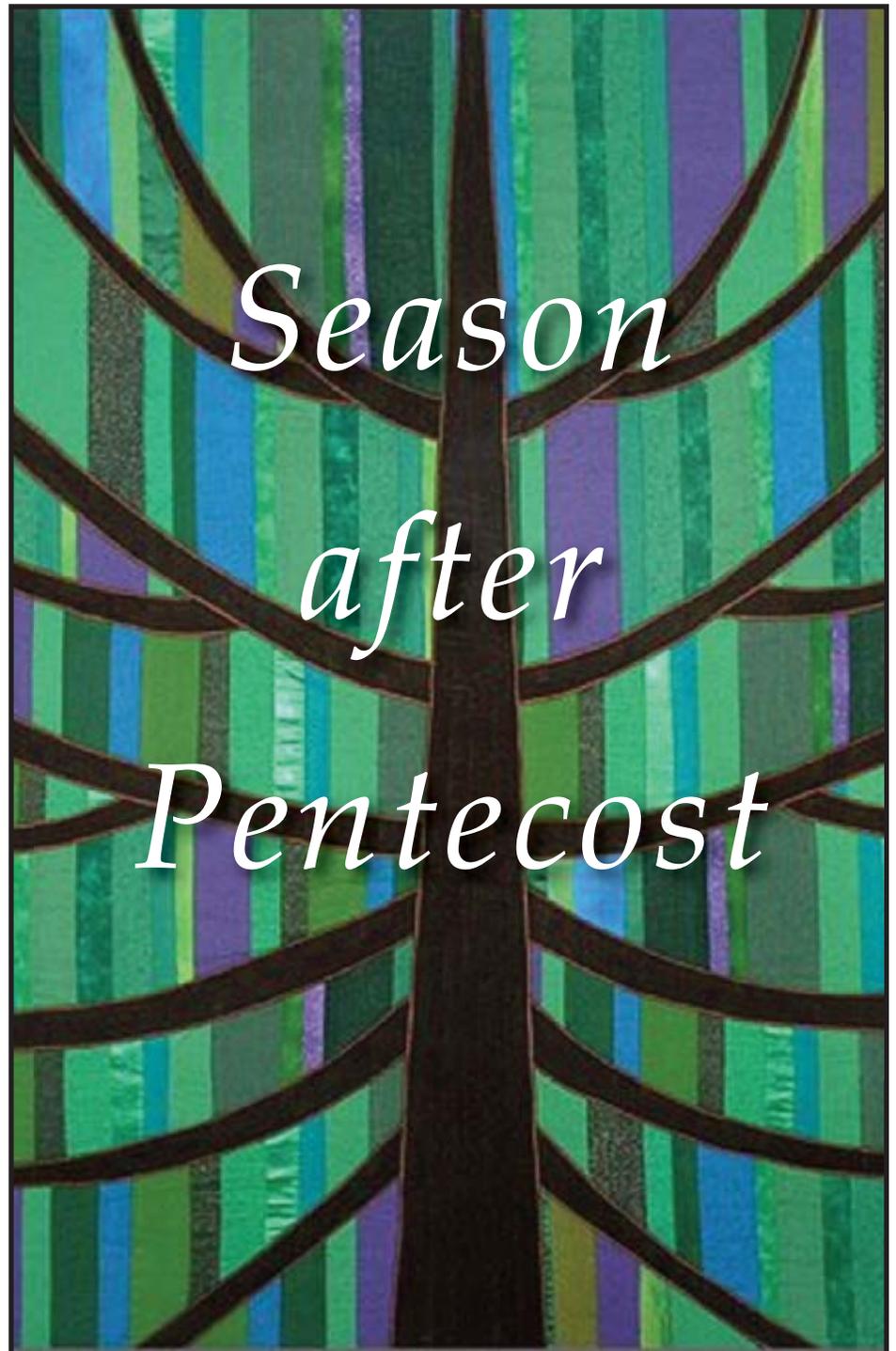


Advent Lutheran Church

Summer 2019

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Summer Worship

We continue to worship each Sunday at 10:00 AM during the summer in the Sanctuary. Please worship with us (no switching to Cedar Hall this year).

Congregational Council Recap – June 2019

Your Congregational Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 18. Here are some of the highlights of the meeting:

- We thank the ladies of the GWA and the ESO committee for preparing the Confirmation celebrations on Pentecost Sunday.
- Pastor Elaine will be on vacation July 2-3; August 4-7; and August 19-September 7.
- We will be putting in a Mission Grant Application with Synod requesting funding for outdoor seating. Council is suggesting four benches to be placed outside in front of the church and in the garden. If anyone has other suggestions, please let Pastor Elaine know before the end of July.
- Stella Gangadeen and Sonja Brown have been released from Sunnybrook. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.
- The ESO committee is planning a variety of events throughout the fall, which will be communicated as the time approaches.
- We have an opportunity for someone to be an intake person for user requests. This would include taking calls from potential users and providing fee and availability information. If you are interested, please talk to Tracy McPherson for further details.

As we move towards Canada Day, we all wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful summer.

*Gabi Schickedanz
Council Chair*

Let the Bells Ring



There is a beloved German Christmas carol *Suesser die Glocken nie Klingen* (*The Bells never ring as Sweetly*) that details how the bells never sound as sweet as they do at Christmastime. For our mother (Anneliese Schickedanz) this was especially true. She often would say to us that the chiming of the bells was one of the things she missed the most about her homeland. Hearing the bells peal from her church especially at Christmas time was one of her fondest memories.

When mom passed away in 2017 we collected money for Advent in lieu of flowers. We considered long and hard about what was the best way to honour her memory in a meaningful way. It was dad who suggested getting bells for Advent.

So after some time and planning this tribute is about to come to fruition. We are hopeful to have two bells (one over 300 pounds) installed in the steeple and dedicated to her memory on Sunday, July 28. This will already be a special day for our family as Mom and Dad's youngest great-grandchild Carter John Jelinski will be baptized. Nothing was more important to my parents than family, followed closely by our church. This occasion will allow us to combine those foundational beliefs in one joyous event.

We hope to hear the bells ring for many years to come, calling us to worship in times of sorrow and most especially times of joy.

Gabi Schickedanz

Sumer Worship Schedule

During Pastor Boone's vacation Sundays this summer, the Worship and Music Committee has planned the following services:

- August 4 – The Men's group will lead the service.
- August 25 – the GWA will lead with a Praise Appeal service.
- September 1 – Trevor Hicks will give the sermon.

These will all be Service of the Word with no communion.

Emergency Pastoral Care

If anyone needs pastoral care during Pastor Elaine's vacation, please call Pastor Pamela Korman at St. Ansgar. She can be reached at 416 321 2727.

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Pastor Elaine Writes...

As we enter the summer months, things seem to slow down a little. We move a bit slower we eat a little later. Maybe we take some vacation time or just some time to savour the warm weather and the sunshine.

In a sense that is what is happening at Advent. Confirmation and Christian Education classes have wrapped up. Committees are taking a break for the summer. The Ministerial and Clericus meetings that I attend are also done until the fall.

But in another sense there is a great deal of Activity at Advent. The community garden has expanded to 147 plots. This is an enormous gift to the community by the people of Advent. The gardeners are planting and weeding and looking forward to what their hard work will bring.

The last Sunday in May I invited the congregation to “come and see” the possibilities and the potential and the growth of the garden. As the summer continues, perhaps you will have an opportunity to “come and see”. Come and see what the garden looks like.

Advent is a place of abundance – in the garden, in worship, in fellowship, in volunteering, in witness, in evangelism and in community.

Over the summer I will be planning for the fall and working on a new Christian Education program. The program will focus on how the Bible was put together. I will take some vacation time at the end of the summer. I look forward to continuing this adventure that we are on.

*Peace,
Pastor Elaine*



Toronto Ministry Area Video Project

A new project in our Ministry area is to share the good news of things happening in our congregations. Advent will be the focus of one of these video projects. The garden will be filmed over the course of the summer. The project will include some interviews. Once the video is complete we will be able to share this on our website and perhaps through the Ministry area and the Synod.

Pastor Elaine

Bishop Pryse to Visit Advent

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 29, when Bishop Michael Pryse will visit Advent. It is one of our “fifth Sundays” so we will not celebrate Holy Communion. We will follow the service with a pizza lunch. Please join us as we welcome the Bishop.

ELCIC Convention Information

The ELCIC will meet in convention in Regina July 11-13. The theme of this year’s convention is “Called to Journey Together – The Ministry of Reconciliation. To get the latest updates, please subscribe to Countdown to Convention (email enfo@elcic.ca) with “Countdown to Convention” in the subject line). You can also follow the convention on social media – Facebook (facebook.com/CanadianLutherans/), Instagram (instagram.com/canadalutherans) and twitter (twitter.ca/ELCICinfo) or through the livestream (elcic.ca/In-Convention/2019-Regina/) visit the convention website: elcic.ca/In-Convention/2019-Regina/.

Eternity for Today

Copies of *Eternity for Today*, the ELCIC’s quarterly devotional booklet for July-September are available at church. Please pick up a copy.

Confirmation

On Pentecost, June 9, four young people were confirmed: Timothy Doak, CeeJae Khan, Elizabeth Walther, and Samantha Walther. CeeJae Khan was also baptized on April 28.

Gardening Opportunity

This will be my last year to take care of the garden beds at the entrance to the church. I’ve done it for about the past 14 years. If anyone is interested in taking over, please speak with me.

The advantage of these three beds is that they are weed free and have good soil. You will need your own tools and supply the plants – your choice. The work takes a few hours a week.

These beds are completely separate from the community garden plots and those that are the congregation’s responsibility.

Judy Baribeau

The Healing Power of Music

It has been a very difficult period of time for me since June 6. On that date – the seventy-fifth anniversary of D-Day – my grandfather passed away at the age of 93. In fact, he was just 22 days shy of his 94th birthday.

Members of Advent in particular know of the closeness I felt to my grandfather; and no doubt, a number of you felt a closeness to him as well. Four years ago, we recognized his 90th birthday at Advent during divine worship, sang happy birthday to him, and a great many of you attended a birthday party after church at his brother's home.

I'm so touched by the cards and outpouring of support in my time of grief, and I'm touched by the volunteers who helped us in the funeral liturgy. Thank you for all that you've done for my family and me.

In my career as a church musician, I've participated in and helped plan a number of funerals, but the service I planned and played for my grandfather was by far the hardest I've ever encountered. These were hymns and songs that he loved, pieces of the vast array of church hymnody and secular music that we often discussed.

I love all of the pieces too, and the music at the service was music that has been with me since as far back as I can remember – 30 years. And it's music that will forever have his imprint on it. The music is music that will forever remind me of him. For a while, yes, it will remind me of his funeral, but as his fu-

neral date increasingly becomes more distant, "Eternal Father, Strong To Save" will remind me of his military service; "Onward, Christian Soldiers," will remind me of his faith as a soldier of Christ; "I Vow To Thee My Country," will remind me of his patriotism; and "For All The Saints" will remind me that his earthly labours are over and he is now a saint in God's golden paradise with my grandmother and his family and friends who went before him.

While the candlelight singing of "Silent Night" always reminds me of my grandmother on Christmas Eve, memories so strong that it's like she is sitting with me on the organ bench. "O Holy Night" will remind me of my grandfather. Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 will remind me of his living room and his listening to his recording of it. "Moonlight Serenade" will stir up images of my grandfather and my grandmother dancing to it in heaven as they embraced upon meeting each other once more after 16 years of separation after her death in 2003. This image is even more poignant when you understand that my grandmother was confined to a wheelchair since before I was born, living in constant pain due to rheumatoid arthritis.

Perhaps this sounds dramatic, but to me, it's the way music has helped me as I grieve, and, as I heal. Music is powerful force, one that cannot and should not be underestimated.

One of my most recognizable traits is

my talkative nature. I like to talk. I like to express my views, be they shared opinions or divergent. In spite of this, I chose to eulogize my grandfather through song, singing "Jerusalem – The Holy City" at his funeral service, rather than delivering a spoken eulogy. Who'd have ever guessed that someone who likes to talk as much as I do would opt not to speak? The choice was very consciously made and was no accident. In fact, it iterated to me that while writing and giving presentations always yielded good results in school and I'm an able public speaker, my higher calling and my strongest emotional medium is, was, and always will be music. I can't guarantee that I would have made it successfully through a spoken eulogy, but I got through the solo, hard as it was to do, feeling that it told people, and more importantly showed people, the connection between my grandfather and I that no prepared speech could ever have done.

Music being the strong force that it is, it's no wonder we sing in church. It's no wonder that music, be it attending a KISS concert or singing a favourite hymn in divine worship unifies people on a mass level. Whether you're a bit tipsy singing "Rock and Roll All Night" with your friends after leaving the concert venue or discussing how great the hymn fit with the gospel at coffee hour, music is what connected you to another human being, or a great many of them. Forget how powerful music is, think now of how vital it is to our lives.

Music had helped me along these past difficult days, just as it did when I lost my grandmother sixteen years ago. And I know and have faith that God will use it to push me onward. While the pain of death will sting, music will be the balm and the bandage that eventually heals me.

Thanks be to God for music, and for you, my steadfast Advent family.

*God's blessings,
Trevor Hicks, Music Director*

Our Sympathy



- To George McLean and his family on the death of his brother Edwin
- To Trevor Hicks and his family on the death of his grandfather Jim Hicks, on June 6. His funeral was held at Advent on June 12.
- To Dani Schickedanz and the Schickedanz family on the death of Dani's brother Gustav.

Financial Update

	2019 May YTD	2019 Budget	% to Budget	2018 May YTD	% to 2018 May YTD
Current Envelopes	\$ 26,709	\$ 73,000	36.6%	\$ 26,436	101.0%
Other Current/Loose, Festivals, Other Charities	3,092	15,025	20.6%	2,689	115.0%
Sub Total Current	29,801	88,025	33.9%	29,125	102.3%
Benevolence	5,692	10,100	56.4%	4,789	118.9%
Facilities	32,054	94,800	33.8%	36,371	88.1%
Sub Total Revenue	67,547	192,925	35.0%	70,285	96.1%
Designated					
Outdoor Lighting	1,874			2,514	74.5%
Memorials	7,000			1,565	447.3%
Other – Endowment/Stewardship Vanier, etc.	522			454	115.0%
Total Revenue	\$ 76,943	192,925	39.9%	74,818	102.8%

As per the May 2019 Year to Date Revenues, the really good news is that we are ahead of last year's Revenues in pretty well all areas. Although we are lagging in Facilities Revenues, this is more of a timing issue and should resolve itself in the next couple of months.

Going forward into the summer, we have to remain diligent with our offerings as they tend to tail off.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy summer.

Bill Wesioły, Treasurer

Volunteer Schedule

Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board for the Sundays you wish to read and usher. Please speak with Olga Cosburn if you would like to host a coffee hour.

	Altar Care	Assisting Minister Communion Assistant	Counters	Coffee
July 7	Judy Baribeau	Nalini Beekie Olga Cosburn	Erika Schurr Nalini Beekie	Coffee Only
July 14	Carol Peck	Erika Schurr Sonita Dillon-Rhodus	Adele Buckley Brit Missirlian	No Coffee
July 21	Monica Ramdowar	Nalini Beekie Indira Beekie	Michael Lenzner Tracy McPherson	Coffee Only
July 28	Monica Ramdowar	Erika Schurr Karen Doak	Carol Peck Erika Schurr	No Coffee
August 4	Elias Yousefi	TBA N/A	Adele Buckley Carol Peck	Coffee Only
August 11	Judy Baribeau	Nalini Beekie Jim Doak	Nalini Beekie TBA	No Coffee
August 18	Elizabeth Lancia	Martin Gangadeen Indira Beekie	Carol Peck Brit Missirlian	Coffee Only
August 25	Carol Peck	Lester McLean N/A	Erika Schurr Michael Lenzner	No Coffee