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SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Bible Study 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am
Exploring Faith 11:30 am

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We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song

Greetings!! We just completed our 50-day celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, culminating in Pentecost and climaxed by our Annual Congregational meeting. Alleluia!



During those 50 days we explored together what it means to live as an alleluia people. We talked about how to live trusting God to give you what you need even through your doubting. Trusting while doubting is something we do regularly in our everyday lives - like when we're driving in traffic, when we're dealing with down

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Opportunities for Ministry

Plan for the coming year at Advent!

You are invited to a morning of sharing visions and planning for their implementation during the coming program year at Advent. The Rev. Mark Olsen, a facilitator from the ELCA, will be our guest.

Join us in the Welcome Center on August 19; breakfast at 9 am.

We need the ideas of everyone - yes, YOU.



The Rev. Mark Olsen



Helping Our Neighbor Kids: There are two summer opportunities

Summer means that kids who get school breakfast need to have food at home, so we will collect low-sugar cereal to distribute through Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). Please bring contributions through July 16 to the Welcome Center. And after summer, kids need supplies to go back to school ready to learn. We will collect them July 30 - August to be distributed by Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing.

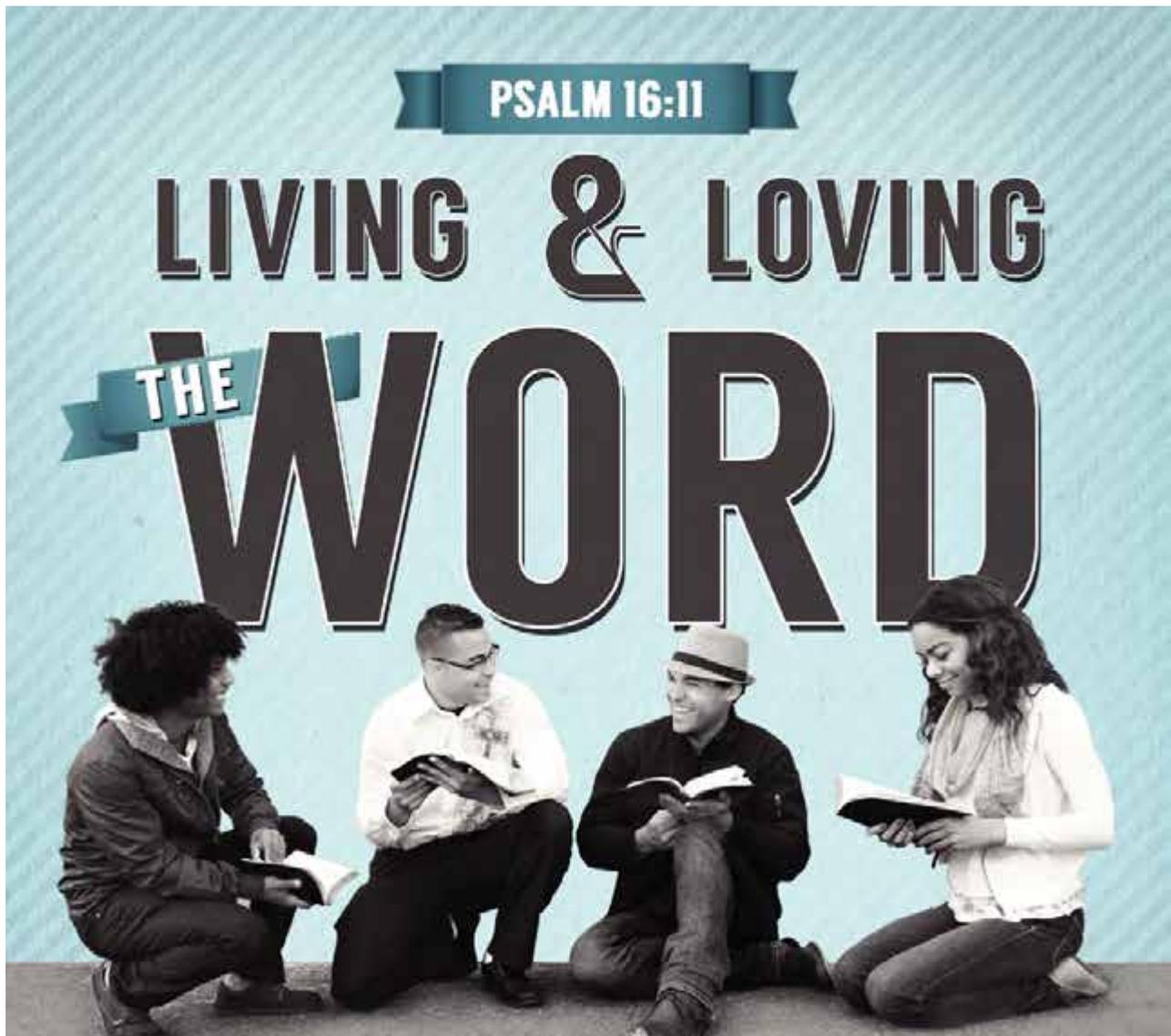
Hosting Social Hour is easier than ever!

New and improved instructions are available in the kitchen or by email from Marianne Hetzer (mwhetzer at comcast dot net). Set-up can be accomplished in 20 minutes or less; providing refreshments is optional – someone usually contributes a treat and cookies are always on-hand; clean-up is likewise quick and easy. AND, you can choose your week to host by visiting www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0445adab2ea13-social or emailing Marianne your preferred week. Currently available weeks include: July 2, July 9 and July 16. You can volunteer up to a YEAR in advance!

A new directory listing will be published soon

If you would like to be added or if there are contact information corrections or updates to be made, please email the church office.

Updates may also include new photos.



BIBLE STUDY NEXT STEPS

Our Sunday morning study of the Book of Acts came to an end June 18. It was quite an adventure to follow Peter, Paul, and the early church in their ups and downs and their encounters with a secular culture much like today's. We are taking a break to plan the next one. If you are interested and would like us to try a different format or time, this would be a great opportunity to make suggestions. We are also looking for ideas on a new course of study: another Bible book or a theme or a program. Please share your ideas with Pastor Anna!



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Celebration will also raise
funds to replace organ



Save the Date: Sunday, October 22. That's when Advent will host an Oktoberfest to honor our German-Lutheran heritage, reach out to our community, and have some fun. We are planning good German food and beverages, music, and—we hope—a visit from Martin Luther to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Reformation and the 65th anniversary year of our congregation.

We will also use this event to raise funds for a new organ.

To cover the costs and to encourage broad participation, Advent members will be asked to buy a table's worth of tickets for themselves and their friends or neighbors to celebrate with us. (Individual tickets will also be available.) Everyone will have an opportunity to participate in the fundraising raffles.

If you can help with planning this event or if you have ideas for food and entertainment, please talk to Judith Zink or Gerry Fuller. We also need a few members to contribute high-value items—including food, entertainment, or personal services—for the raffle.

Be sure to mark your calendars.

- Gerry Fuller

An organ fund has been established so that we will be ready when we need a new one. One family has offered a matching grant of up to \$5,000 for contributions made in 2017. Excerpts from Music Director Michael Lewellan's replacement report are on Page 8.

Year End Celebration and Meeting

The Annual Congregational meeting was held on June 11. The Council members for the coming year are Gerry Fuller (President), Brian Thiel (Vice President), Rosalie Smith, Anna Jacob, Esther Day, Nancy Jairrels, and Shane Gainer. Next year's nominating committee is Rensford Lovell and Linda Vilardo, they would be happy to know if you would like to join the group. We thank Steve Bennet for his service as a Council member, Brian Thiel for his service as President the past two years, and all those who continue to serve in other offices and ministries on the Council and in the Congregation.

After the meeting, we had a pizza party with cupcakes from Judith Zink. A great time of feasting and fellowship was shared by all!



OUR LEADERS

Some are returning, others stepping down. Clockwise from top left are Gerry Fuller, Brian Thiel, Rosalie Smith Juhl, Anna Jacob, Esther Day, Steve Bennett, Linda Vilardo, Rensford Lovell, and Nancy Jairrels.



Debbie Lewis



David Falksen

Thanks to faithful officers and ministers

We are also grateful to the officers and ministers who are continuing to serve: Treasurer Debbie Lewis, Financial Secretary David Falksen, Finance Minister Rensford Lovell, Property Minister Jones Day, and Landscape Minister Ingrid Berdahl.

A special thank you to Abe Abraham, who served as secretary last year. If you are interested in filling this position for the upcoming year, please talk to Gerry Fuller or Pastor Anna.



Ingrid Berdahl



Jones Day



Abe Abraham

As an Alleluia people, we live in joy

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payments or using our credit cards online. Alleluia people are willing to trust God even when things seem to be going wrong and pointed away from the desired outcome.

Living as an alleluia people means living in community with others who both trust and doubt. It means gathering together to be caught in God's abundant life so that we may see God at work in the community and become believing. It means receiving and accepting God's forgiveness so that we can let go of the past, make peace, and forgive ourselves and others.

As an "alleluia" people, we create community here at Advent, and each of you creates it in your own milieu, by offering radical hospitality and by being the answer to the prayers of others. Our hospitality in worship and in our building use, and your hospitality in your kindness to strangers and to newcomers wherever you are, is an "alleluia" to the world.

And so, as an alleluia people, we live in joy while we wait for God's work to come to fruition in the world. And while we wait, we alleluia people are open to new ways of understanding what God is up to and open to the insights of others. Living as an Easter people means entering the relationship of the Trinity and trusting that God works through you to bring new life from what seems dead.

*So sing your "alleluia's" with gusto, for you are an Easter people, and "Alleluia" is your song.
Love, Pastor Anna*



Alleluia people are willing to trust God even when
things seem to be going wrong.

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News & Announcements

Library Corner **What's on the shelf**

A new section on Lutheran Theology

As we prepare for the 500th anniversary celebration of the Reformation, Gerry Fuller has been leading an audio/video study series of lectures during Advent's Exploring Faith period on Sunday mornings. Also available for your use are some reading materials in Advent's library in the Fellowship Hall. To make them more accessible, the books in Advent's library about or resulting from the Lutheran Reformation have been gathered together on the shelf in a separate section labelled Lutheran Theology. If you wish to borrow a book, please remember to sign it out on the check-out form on the clipboard (and fill in the date returned when you put back on the shelf).

- Ellie Holsopple

A place at the table for YOU

When we set the Lord's table for the Lord's Supper, we use linens like you would in your home:

- ◆ The "tablecloth," called the Fair Linen, stretches the whole altar table and is white.
- ◆ When it is time for the meal, we put down a "placemat" in the center (marked with a cross to help those setting the table). It is called a Corporal because it holds any bread crumbs so that the Body (Latin corpus) of Christ doesn't fall on the floor and can be treated reverently. It is thick so that if any drops of wine fall, they will not stain the Fair Linen – which is much harder to clean than the Corporal. It is carefully folded in thirds following the Communion so that the crumbs do not scatter.
- ◆ The "plate," (Latin: Paten) holds the bread, which is wrapped in a dinner napkin, just as bread for your meals is wrapped.
- ◆ The "cup," or Chalice, has a napkin called the Purificator next to it and is used for wiping the rim after each person drinks, and it is also thick for absorbing wine.

One place is set, but that place is for YOU! Welcome.

And thanks to those who serve on the altar care team for laundering the linens and making sure they are all in place for us on Sundays!

PS:

More team members are needed. If you can help, please contact Joy Duncan (in church directory) or Pastor Anna.

Spiritual Summer Camp. It's for grown ups!

Why should kids have all the fun? Join us at Washington National Cathedral this summer as we explore playful practices that nourish the spirit. Bring your friends or make new ones as we dance, sing, create and laugh together. The programs are Thursdays, July 6 through August 10, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. More information can be found at <https://cathedral.org/center-for-prayer-pilgrimage/events-workshops>.

Our own Michael Lewallen will be leading the program on July 27, "Come Sing!" Come explore ways to use your voice for prayer and play. Learn a variety of chants to connect our voices with our hearts and offer them to God. We'll also spend some time having fun with vocal games (ping-pong, anyone?) - it is Summer Camp after all!

The programs are free, but reservations should be made through the website. Click on each program in the series to reserve.

- Michael Lewallen

Organ Project Report

Per information received from R. A. Daffer Church Organs, Inc., who sold and maintain our current instrument, it has approximately five years of usable life left. Dave Yoder, who services our instrument, has told us that it is getting more difficult to find replacement parts, though.

On February 24, 2017, I met with David Lang, the Sales Director at Daffer. He is their representative for the DC Metro Area.

We discussed Rodgers organs, the same brand that Advent has currently. They also carry the Johannus brand, which is substantially more expensive.

We discussed the Rodgers Artist series and Infinity series instruments. Per Mr. Lang, the inner workings of the two are the same. The Infinity series offers larger and fancier instruments which are both more expensive and more organ than we need, so we focused on the Artist series.

There have been great technical improvements made since we purchased our current instrument in 1991. Digital technology has improved the sound quality greatly, so that the instruments sound more like a pipe organ, and less "canned."

In addition to this, all models have greatly-increased capability for a variety of sounds. Each stop tab can be reprogrammed for several different sounds.

I would recommend either the Artist Series 589 or 579 models. The 579 is closest to what we have now. While three manuals would be fun to play, two would sufficient to meet our needs.

* **Hardware**

Console: Available in 3 wood finishes.

Speakers: Arrangement similar to current one, with bass speakers on the floor and others mounted.

* **Pricing**

Model 579 (two-manual with stop tabs): \$52,800

Model 589 (three-manual with stop tabs): \$59,700

Prices include installation. Prices increase an average of 1.5% per year. Daffer has a payment plan in which one can make a deposit to lock in the price, but this requires full payment within a year. So if we are looking at a five-year fundraising plan, this would not work for us at this time. Mr. Lang stated that we could get \$4,000 for trading in our current instrument. The annual document that we received from Daffer on January 30, 2017, stated \$3,900.

- Michael Lewallen



MAY

1st	Ismay Lovell
10th	Scott Hetzer
11th	Sarah Wickre Abe Abraham
13th	Michael Lewallen
17th	Kate Carey
18th	David Day
24th	Jill Williams
26th	Roxie Jairrels
31st	Will Ebel

JUNE

3rd	Wendell Anderson Lucy Matzner
10th	Oliver Thomas
11th	David Pellinen
16th	Lisa & Wayne Church
20th	Sandhya Deo
22nd	Mark Duncan
28th	Linda Vilardo

JULY

1st	Joy Duncan
2nd	Larry Tindal
6th	Anna Jacob
13th	Geraldine Zenteno
16th	Georges Toth
17th	David Church
26th	Noah Herrera
31st	Erin Cashin Geoffrey Falksen

AUGUST

4th	Corey Alvarez Samantha Carey Greg Maly
9th	Marianne Hetzer
11th	Ingrid Berdahl
13th	Susan Maly
16th	Nesta Alleyne
17th	Janet Miller
18th	Susan Alvarez
21st	Susan Toth
26th	Jiitu Abraham
30th	Nancy Cox Jairrels
31st	Merlin Neff

Friendship Snack Mix



Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

What you do:

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!



Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: _____

3-letter words: _____

4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: in, is, hi, he; hip, end, sip, dip, rip, nip, pie, sir, hid, ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, drip, shed, dish, fish, rind, ripe, hide, fried, pride, siren, fresh, ferns, friend, fisher, diners, rinsed, shrive, finish, shiner, insider, hinders, inspired, re/finish, finished

Happenings . . .

International Night: Celebrating the different cultural backgrounds at Advent, we gathered with samplings of foods and drinks from around the world for a party on May 6. We kicked off a paper products drive to benefit refugees being resettled in our area. (Food Stamps do not cover cleaning and sanitary supplies like toilet paper and paper towels.) We enjoyed the fellowship of the event and welcomed five of our neighbors intrigued by the flag decorations. If you missed it, don't despair! Another is planned for the fall.

Sharing our space: Advent has been blessed to be a blessing to a number of groups this spring for one-time events, besides the hospitality we offer to ongoing groups that provide support. We hosted a Synod event attended by people from all over the country. We made our yard available to our former colleagues in ministry, the Thai Church. We have loaned our parking lot to our neighbors in time of need. It is such a joy that we have the resources to share!

Christ Is Risen! Advent hosted the Community Easter Sunrise Service on the labyrinth again this year. It was well received by our neighbors, including one with her dog, which fit right in with the Creation reading. Many thanks to all who made this service a meaningful worship and fellowship experience.

Ensuring our safety: We had an excellent building security briefing from our local police this spring. The most important thing they spoke of was making sure doors are locked. Remember, you can't lock anyone in - the crash bars always open from the inside - so it's a good idea to relock them once your group is inside.

ALERT: the back door in the kitchen is different, it has a button lock. When you leave, be sure it is in the locked position AND make sure the door is FIRMLY shut. It is flush to the sill to keep out vermin, so please check that it fully closes.

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