

This Week at Advent

Sunday, Jan. 22	Nexus Worship (ELW 8) Education Hour Axis Worship Wonder Bay Teachers' Meeting	8:45 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm
Monday, Jan. 23	Ministry Board	7:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 24		
Wednesday, Jan. 25	Bell Choir Adult Choir	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
Thursday, Jan. 26	Lectionary Lunch (using the Well)	Noon
Friday, Jan. 27		
Saturday, Jan. 28		
Sunday, Jan. 29	Nexus Worship (ELW 8) Education Hour Nexus Worship (ELW 8)	8:45 am 9:45 am 11:00 am

Serving in Worship Today

	8:45 am	11:00 am
Lay Assistant/Reader	Cheryl Kravetz	John Sleasman
Communion Server Communion Server	Doris Johanson	Carol Terry Dennis Terry
Usher/Greeter Usher/Greeter Usher/Greeter	Joan Groening	Jerry Dideon Nick Gambino Gayle Gambino
Nursery Attendants		Lori Buchard & Mary Ann Sima
Altar Guild:	Barb Kubofcik & Joan Hageman	

Weekly Attendance

Last Weekend's Attendance (January 8, 2012)		
8:45 -10	Sunday School—19	11:00—60

The Weekly

1.22.2012
8:45 am / 11 am
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Mission Statement: In response to God's love and grace, we:
Celebrate word and sacrament, **Minister** to all people, and **Nurture** growth in Christ Jesus.

Welcome to Advent

We are so glad to have you join us in worship today!

In worship we encounter the God who created us and all that is. We pray, sing, listen to the word of God found in the Bible and explore in sermons how that word fits with our daily lives. We receive in this place the gifts of God's grace as Jesus offers us himself, body and blood, forgiving us and restoring the relationship between God and humanity. And we respond to this extravagant love by offering what we have, our selves, our time, and our possessions, to love and serve others in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ .

If you are new to worship at Advent, here's some things that may help you worship fully today. If you have other questions, please ask and we'll be happy to help you.

- Be sure to fill out a Welcome card and place it in the offering or give it to the pastor or an usher this morning. These are available in the pew racks and help us better minister to you.
- The responses and lyrics are projected on the screen to assist you in fully participating in worship. A printed bulletin is also available. If you'd like to follow the music it is often in the red hymnals and indicated by "ELW #."
- Children of all ages are always welcome in worship. However, nursery care is available for pre-school children during the 11:00 am service. The nursery is located in the last room on the left in the hallway proceeding from the door to our worship space.

Please keep in your prayers...

Louise Olson, David Walters, Jerry Beatty, Dora Ganzhorn, Barbara Hire, Kathleen Gordon, Arne Magi, Ruth Burke, Don Sutherland, & our homebound...
Doris Singer, Lavonia LaNew, Marie Johanson, Henrietta Fawcett, and Ruth Ungar.

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the chancel today are given by Jim, Dana, Hannah, and Isaac Lewis in honor of Abby's 4th birthday.

the RIVER: *a lifelong journey of Wonder, Discovery, & Passion marked by the promises of Baptism*

Sundays from 9:45-10:45 am in the education wing at Advent.

Come and partner with us in building and experiencing
a growing relationship with Jesus Christ throughout life's journey.

CLASS	today	next week
Wonder Bay (pre--school)	Jesus has power over everything Matthew 8:23-27	Veggie Tales Loving Your Family
Discovery Cove (K-6th grade) <i>Virtue: Self-Control</i>	Game On: Guide Philippians 4:8	Veggie Tales Loving Your Family
High Water Run (7th-12 grade)	Reflection 1 John 4:19	Leading the Veggie Tales event for the younger kids
Adult Christian Education		
the Current	5 Love Languages	Mission Expo
the Flow	Songs of the Faithful	Mission Expo

FAMILY DEVOTION MILESTONE On Sunday, February 5th, during the Sunday school hour we will have a milestone event for all our Wonder Bay and Discovery Cove kids and their parents on Family Devotions. Our goal will be to empower families to have a consistent, effective, successful, positive devotional experience together which will help you to develop a lasting discipline that will be a part of the child's and families rhythm for years to come. During this event you will be given 6 tips to help keep you on track and suggestions for tools to use to get started. A simple blessing service will also be held at both worship services.

DISCOVER YOUR "LOVE LANGUAGE" AT ADVENT Everyone has a love language which affects how we receive and give love to others around us, whether it be parents, sister/brother, kids, co-workers, friends, or spouse. Do you know yours? How about your loved ones? **The 5 Love Languages**. Based on the book **The Five Love Languages** written for couples by Gary Chapman, we will take the principles shared and apply them to all of our love relationships. Join this class today!

SONGS OF THE FAITHFUL: STUDIES IN PSALMS The book of Psalms contains one hundred-fifty prayers, songs, liturgies, and poems that are divided into five smaller books. The Psalms display the highs and lows of the life of faith. In this study we are exploring this complex book thoughtfully together through 6 big questions raised in the Psalms.

THE LECTIONARY @ LUNCH BIBLE STUDY featuring an opportunity to gather together for a brown-bag lunch and time of conversation about the lessons for the upcoming Sunday meets every Thursday at noon. We will begin using *the Well* a study and discussion guide prepared by Pastor Jim, that will also be available on the website. We hope you will join in the discussion with us on Thursdays, host a group in your home, or use *the Well* for personal study.

News and Opportunities

MISSION EXPLORATION SUNDAY; JANUARY 29 You are invited to join us for a special time of learning and conversation about the continuing mission of Christ's church and how we at Advent partner with God and one another to share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed. If you'd like to provide breads, pastries, or fruits for the day please let us know by signing up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

CALLING ALL SOUP CHEFS Fire up your crock pot and let the simmering begin as we gather on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5 at noon for the **SOUPER Bowl Cook-off** to determine Advent's best soup and support our partners at New Covenant Lutheran Hunger Center in the process. Sign up to compete in the Cook-off on the narthex bulletin board. Invite your friends and bring your dollars to vote for the champion.

SUPER BOWL PARTY-FEBRUARY 5 at Gambino's Come enjoy good food and fellowship while watching the big game at Nick and Gayle Gambino's (6611 Andre Lane in Solon). The party kicks off at 5:30 pm, Sunday, February 5. Bring some food to share and your own drinks. Sign up in the narthex today.

VOLUNTEER IN THE NURSERY DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL and help us care for our littlest members so their parents can have the opportunity to grow through our education offerings too. If we get 3 or 4 people to do this you will only need to do it 2 or 3 months out of the year. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex if you are interested.

HOST A LENTEN MEAL THIS LENT for our congregation on a Wednesday evening before our Lenten Evening Prayer service. The Fellowship Committee will again be hosting the meal on Ash Wednesday, February 22. We invite you to consider hosting one of the remaining 5 meals with your Sunday School class, board, or group. A simple main course, lettuce for salad bar and desserts will need to be provided. Salad bar fixings, and drinks will be available at the church and will just need to be mixed and put out each week. Plan to serve 30-35 each week. Dinner begins at 6:00 pm each Wednesday, Feb. 29 - Mar. 28.

HANDS, HEARTS, AND HOMES OUTREACH UPDATE The year-end totals of food and clothing donations delivered by Hearts for Hunger totaled 204 30-gal. bags of clothing, 2,084# of pizza, 1,211# of pasta, 325# of Caribou bakery and 299 gallon bags of Chipotle food. The volunteers of Hearts for Hunger made deliveries on Christmas Day! During the last month, the furniture ministry furnished 6 homes (fulfilled their furniture needs), made 24 pickups and delivered furniture to 18 homes in 14 cities. This was accomplished through 366 volunteer hours. Please call 440-248-7360, to schedule a furniture pick up. This month our goal is to collect 50-60 used or new blankets in addition to new chapstick, disposable razors and men's underwear. A box for these donations will be available in the Narthex.