

Mid-August 2018

THOUGHTS FOR THE JOURNEY

“For Everything There is a Season”

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven”.

-Ecclesiastes 3: 1

A season in the life of Advent Lutheran Church will be completed on 26 August. Peyton Strouth will end his time as Director of Worship and Music for the last 6 years. We have benefitted by his strong leadership and music skills and his passion for the ministry he has led. I have enjoyed being a colleague and working together to construct meaningful worship for the congregation during this period of time. Peyton has also been a wonderful member of staff having good relationships with other staff members and those he has worked most directly with in the music program at Advent.



The only certainty is change and it will be happening. I want first to ask for your prayers during this transition. It's only as we pray for God's intercession that we actually hear God's direction and guidance. We all ask for that "good hearing" during this time of discernment.

Second, after prayer, there is a process that will happen over the next 6-9 months as we look for the next person to be the Director of Worship and Music at Advent, a congregation that has always enjoyed a leadership position in worship in this Synod. The first part of the process was to sit down with Peyton and talk a little about his time here and then reflect on the resources he might be able to offer as we look for our next director.

Peyton has been very helpful in that process. Next a Search Team has been selected. That group will look at the job description we currently have, the finances in interviewing and calling a new director, and look at any new directions we might want to consider in this staff position. During this time, we will be hiring 1 or more interims to continue the music program during this transition time.

As that is being completed, the Search Team will start interviewing individuals for this position. It is hard to tell how long this process will take. My hope is that the right person will be in place by February or March at the latest, so that we will be able to prepare together for the Lenten/Easter season.

As I said in the beginning, please be in prayer. This is a very important "season" in Advent's history. We have been blessed during my time here with two exceptional music directors, Noralyn Carpenter and Peyton Strouth. I also ask that during this time, you make a special effort to either help out and offer your service in the music ministry at Advent, and if not that, to be regular in your worship and to support those who will continue to "make a joyful noise to the Lord". If you have further questions about this process, please contact me or the Search Team co-leaders, Meg McCann or Karen Dittmar.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Joel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

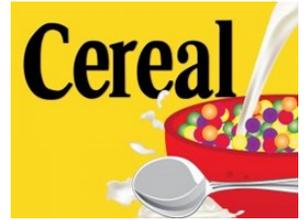
Pastor Joel

CHILDREN'S UPDATE

Summer 2018



This Summer, make Sunday a fun day by spending a hour with the young people here at Advent. I'm looking for 12 adults to each lead one week of Summer DiscipleLife. The lessons are easy to lead, and you will be provided with all the supplies needed for your lesson. Pick a week and sign-up on the bulletin board in the CGC building.



The commercials always tell us that cereal is a "part of a complete breakfast." This series will show kids how, unlike cereal, Jesus is all we need to have a complete and joy-filled life.

Lesson: August 19th 2018 - Frosted Flakes – *Luke 8:40-56, A Dead Girl and a Sick Woman*



**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS,
BRIEFCASES AND TEACHERS**

ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 19TH



Because we sooooo Love to Eat!....

THE FUN4 LUNCH BUNCH WILL BE AT RED LOBSTER RESTAURANT ON AUGUST 16TH @ NOON.

Next Men of Advent meeting will be on September 5th @ 6:30 pm @ Steven's Garden & Grill
223 Depot St, Mansfield

Please join us for fun, food & fellowship.



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PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

MEMBERS REQUESTING PRAYERS

HEALING: Louise Julius, Gary Aspelin, Abby Thigpen, Don Geist, Phil Howard, Bruce Chrystie, Jan Jaquish, Jack Davis, Kathy Clay, Gottfried Weber, Earl Horn, Nikki Ribitzki, Dee & Tom Riggelman, Dave Lindell, Maddie Johnson, Doris Heikkinen, Cambri Collins, John Staehle, Gil Ginn

WISDOM/STRENGTH/GUIDANCE: Gloria Cramer, Gwen Oller

CONTINUED GUIDANCE: as Rebecca McClean goes to college

LONG-TERM CARE: Dolores Trokey, Allen Sowle, JoAnn Kelley, Vivian Jacobson

MILITARY: Cpt. Jeff Horn Jr., Ben Bailey



Prayers requested for Non-Member Friends, Relatives

MOURNING LOSS: family of Weldon Osborne, family of Warren Flood, family of Benjamin Jones

HOSPITALIZED: Donna Leverson, Sharen Harris, Tom Wirebach

HEALING: Janet, Nick, Nena, Barbara, Scott Ellard, Susan Mertes, Susan Beal, Wayne & Barbara Brown, John Vreekeen, Luke Stewart, Warren McGhee, Anne Smith, Kathy Westerfield, Kenneth Jones, Kay Carroll, Stephen Nelson, Betty Joines, Craig Cook, Larry Colwick, Wally Sudet, Kelly Agorichas, Louise & Rick Whiteside, Donda Richardson, Bill Pinnin, DC & Jo Yount, Bella Bly, Gracie, Savra, Ann, Roberta Dennis, Frank Turk, Shawn Fiset, Judy Sparks, Briella Foskett, Susie Reid, Mike Luttrell, Laura Broyles, Jerry Sumbra, Vincent Kane, Jacquie Escajeda, Paul Builtron, Judy Thomas, Lillian Kirk, Doug Parker, Debbie Alkhashvilly, David Latatalo, Fred Keville, Brian Chinchilla

COMFORT/WISDOM/STRENGTH/GUIDANCE/SAFETY: Brandon & Kassydee Ivey, Janet Walker, Carol Bushee, Patti Hollingsworth, Nena Borah, Mary Turk, Terry & Jane Liegey, Emily Neill & family, Dolores Sumbra, Janie & Fred Keville, Amy Hodge, Nick, Jean Streyle, Ron & Sherry Cook, Crystal Ivey, Brian Wazac

MILITARY: Dylan Hoog, Mike Kelly, Avery Shaw, Ben Reswick, Andrew Musfeldt, Travis Guidry, Matt Dennis, Brandon Ivey

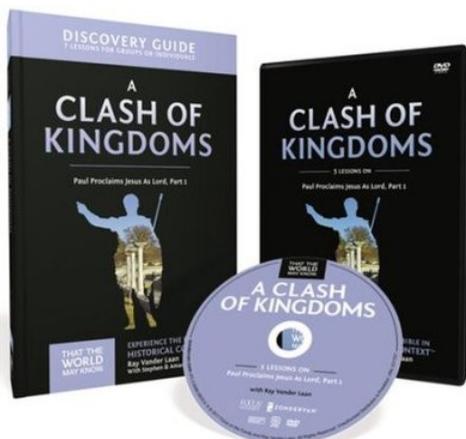
PRAYER PARTNER: Green Oaks School, Malaika Children's Orphanage Foundation, UTA Lutheran Center, APD Officer Darren Vercruyse, Kairos Prison Ministry

Lord, hear our prayer!

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**A member has a walker, wheelchair, bedside commode and bed rails that are free to a new home.
If you have need of any of the items please, contact Lynn at the church office. 817.465.6793**

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Thursday Morning Bible Study begins September 6th @ 10:00am

All are invited to the Gathering Room for prayer and Bible Study, starting at 10am on Thursday, 6 September. We will be using the video-based Bible Study called "A Clash of Kingdoms" learning more about Paul's struggle in his day with the secular authorities and what that means for us today. **YOU ARE INVITED!!!!!!**

Pop in any week or come regularly. Pastor Joel, leader

Greetings Advent Friends,

As many of you already know, we will soon be saying goodbye to Peyton Strouth, Director of Music & Worship. He will be moving on to a new position at Christ Lutheran Church in Highlands Ranch, CO in September.

Peyton's last Sunday with us will be August 26th. We invite you all to join us for a reception following the 11am service on August 26th to show our appreciation for Peyton. We would also like to show our appreciation by giving Peyton a monetary gift to help with moving costs and such. If you would like to participate you can send your gift to the church, drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or give it to our worship co-chairs (Katie Mangum & Meg McCann).

Please keep Peyton in your prayers as he prepares to move and pray for Advent as we begin to put processes in place for the interim period and begin the search for a new Director of Music.

Peace, *Katie Mangum & Meg McCann*, Worship Team Co-Chairs



Many , Many Thanks to the Prayer Shawl Team for all their work!

Advent's Prayer Shawl Team has been busy knitting and crocheting Prayers Shawls. If you have a friend or family member in need of comfort, healing, or for a special occasion, please consider giving them a prayer shawl. They are available in the Gathering Room and are packaged in bags with a card for the recipient included. Please write in the notebooks provided who is receiving the shawl and who is giving it.

If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, and looming, please feel free to join us. We meet the first Wednesday of each month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm., in the Gathering Room at church.

In addition to the prayer shawls, we make red hats for Cooks Childrens' Hospital; hats of all sizes, scarves, lap robes, etc. All of the items we make are donated to local charities.

Please see Judy Randol, Sue Gabrielson, Pat Minto, Lois Paulsen, Linda Wentzel, Anna Getzoff or Lynn Courtney for help.