



Advent's Events

February 2017

ROAD TO THE REFORMATION

Perhaps Christianity has never been explained more simply and eloquently than in the words Martin Luther wrote to explain the **Apostles' Creed**. Here is his timeless explanation that is a superb summary of what the theology of the Reformation was all about then and is all about today.

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Volunteers for February

Lay Assistant:

Altar Guild:

2/5 Margaret Harken
2/12 Thelma Horres
2/19 Hanna & Bill Monogan
2/26 Ruthie & Ron Padgett

Lay Readers

2/5 Hannah Bowers
2/12 Forrest Greer
2/19 Sherry Sherfese
2/26 Thelma Horres

Ushers

Doug Barnett
Mark Hammersmith
Vasa Jones
Beth Meyer

Greeters: All Members of Advent

Audio Assistants: Jade Jones, Lance Harrelson

FEBRUARY

Happy Birthday!

Robin Smith - 2nd
Jonathan Atwood - 2nd
Elizabeth Mason - 4th
Michelle Long - 5th
Cindy McAnany - 6th
Hannah Bowers - 17th
Pastor Melinda Jones - 18th
Cindy Gaither - 21st
Caylen Bohanan - 24th
Kylie Williams - 27th
Edwin Greer - 28th

Golden Agers

Pat Twite - 21st
John Withrock - 28th
Rae Wolfensberger - 8th

Happy Anniversary!

Rocky & Tammy Mohler 14th
Jim & Pastor Jones 24th



Pastor,

I am so thankful to God the Father for you, my church family, I give thanks and praise to God for you lifting me up in prayer and for the prayer shawl, which I will treasure. I am thankful for the visits and kind and encouraging words. I have felt the comfort and strength in your prayers for Hanna and me. It is a gift from God to have confidence in knowing that in all our life circumstances, we are never alone, as children of God and members of the body of Christ. We can endure all things in Him who has given us the gift of grace for all eternity...Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In His Love, Bill and Hanna

Prayer Lists...

Pat, Bill, Cameron, Peg, Mary, Vivian, Rae, Virginia, and Barbara, Jim M.

We have been faithfully paying on our air conditioner and are closing in on the balance. Please remember to continue designating A/C to help us finish with this responsibility.

Thank You

FLOWERS & LAMPS DEDICATED IN January



1/1 *In memory of Betty McConnell given by Greg Righter Family*

In honor of Aileen Long given by Tommy & Ann Long

In memory of Betty McConnell

In memory of Furman Fulmer

In memory of Frankie Helgert

In memory of Betty McConnell given by Betty Jean Huggins

1/8 *In memory of Sarah's Uncle Furman Fulmer given by Bill & Hanna Monogan*

1/15 *In memory of Betty McConnell given by Barbara & Robert Righter*

1/22 *In meomory of Beverly McConnell given by Judy Goff*

In memory of Furman Fulmer given by Judy Goff

In memory of Al Hooker given by Judy Goff

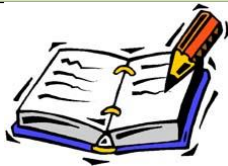
In memory of my cousins, Douglas Shealey and Colleen Shields given by Judy Goff

In memory of Al Hooker given by Ron & Ruthie Padgett



We deeply appreciate your thoughtful expression of sympathy which was of the greatest comfort to us in our sorrow.

The family of Mrs. Annie Davis



From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Jones will be giving a 4 week Pastor's class starting Wednesday, Feb. 1st through Wednesday, Feb 22nd at 630 pm. New member Sunday will be February 26th. Classes are for anyone to attend and will focus on membership in the Lutheran Church's faith, life, teaching, and interpretation of the scripture. Please call office (843-554-1181) should you have any questions or concerns.

**Congregational
Meeting
after Service
Feb. 12th**

Luther Fact: After completing his studies in Magdeberg and Eisenach, Luther entered the university in Erfurt to study Law. He was 18 years old. In 1505, while traveling in Erfurt, he was in a terrible storm and feared for his life. He prayed to St. Anne and vowed that if she would save him, he would become a monk. He kept his promise and entered the Augustinian Monastery in Erfurt. He took his vows in 1506. He was very devout, often not sleeping or eating, but spending time in prayer. He thought of God as a severe judge and did not believe he would ever gain salvation



Family Cross Update.....We will be ordering our name plates for the crosses in the next few days. When they arrive, we will begin the display. They should be completed in February.

**Souper Bowl Sunday will be Feb 5th.
All are welcome...hope to see you there.**



Our website is up and running, so check it out at www.adventnalc.org. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see added to this please contact Pastor Jones or Lin at 554-1181.



**Pancake Shrove Tuesday
Advent and Zion Olivet
7pm Feb. 28th
DJ and massive celebration!!!**

Altar Guild Training

**On Saturday , Feb.
4th at 9am**

**Lay Assitant
Training on Feb. 4th
at 10am**

Life Changes

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to family and friends of...

Mrs. Ann McKenzie (Aunt of Jim Jones) who passed to the Church Triumphant on January 9, 2017.

Mr. Al Hooker (Rodney Hooker's Father & Jenny Hooker's Father-in-law) who passed to the Church Triumphant on January 14, 2017.

Bensil Cole (Christine Cole's brother-in-law and Elaine Singletary's Uncle) who passed to the Church Triumphant on January 16, 2017.

Beverly Dyson's brother and brother-in-law who passed to the Church Triumphant last week.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

So that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life"

Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort: Deal graciously; we pray, with those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer from the Lutheran Book of Worship