



Advent's Events

January 2017

ROAD TO THE REFORMATION

The most enduring symbol of the Lutheran Reformation is the seal that Luther himself designed to represent his theology. By the early 1520s, this seal begins to appear on the title page of Luther's works.

Here is how Luther himself explained its meaning:



First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

The first version was used in Luther's writings in the 1520s for the first time, and was in black and white, with Luther's initials.



A colorized rendition of the seal began appearing as printers began to include color images in Luther's works. Each one was laboriously painted by hand.

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess." Martin Luther

Volunteers for January

Lay Assistant: Sherry Sherfesee

Altar Guild:

1/1 Margaret Harken
1/8 Thelma Horres
1/15 Johanna & Bill Monogan
1/22 Andrea Young & Gwin Poston
1/29 Barbara & Forrest Greer

Lay Readers

1/1 Lin Donnell
1/8 Ruthie Padgett
1/15 Bill Monogan
1/22 Tracy Atwood
1/29 Jane Beam

**Congregational
Meeting
after Service
Feb. 5th**

Greeters: All Members of Advent

Audio Assistants: Jade Jones

If you would be interested in ushering, please see Mark Hammersmith

JANUARY

Happy Birthday!

Lisa Gilmore - 9th
Eve Rhiannon McAnany - 14th
Grier Donnell - 24th
Kayla Holladay - 26th
Dana Gilmore - 26th
Amber Mincey - 27th
Jessica Barnett - 28th
Sonny Kemp - 29th

Golden Agers

Catherine Reeve 13th
Smiley Corbin - 19th
Tommy Long - 20th

Happy Anniversary!

Tommy and Ann Long - 20th

Thank you so much for your kind gifts of food during Advent. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. Have a beautiful Christmas and a happy, successful New Year.

*Blessings & Best Wishes,
Susan Ostendorff*

To Advent Members,

Many thanks for all the beautiful cards given to me on my 90th birthday. The reception given to me by my children was perfect. I was speechless, nervous and excited but loved every minute of the party.

Thank you dear friends—Aileen Long



Eternal Father, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in this New Year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event which gives us joy forever- the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

FLOWERS & LAMPS DEDICATED IN December



12/4 *In memory of Frank & Carolyn Helgert given by Diana H. Acuff
In celebration of Mary Corbin's birthday given by Rae Wolfensberger
In celebration of Mary Corbin's birthday given by Smiley Corbin
In memory of Bailey Jo Clement given by Thelma Horres*

12/11 *In memory of Richard Eaton given by his family
In honor of my sister Jane Mason given by Judy Goff*



12/18 *In memory of Nell & Robert McNaughton given by Thelma Horres
In memory of Eck & Carolyn Clark given by Judy Goff
In memory of Wrigley Woodward, a wonderful 10.5 year companion. D.12/3/16
Given by Cindy Woodward*

12/25 *In honor of Christine Cole on her birthday given by Judy Goff*

Important Note:

Flower and Candle forms are provided near the charts -please complete and turn in as charts are signed. Payment may be made on/near the dedication date. Flowers are \$14.00/vase; Candle is \$4.50

Congratulations to our new Council members for 2017: Cameron Buskirk, Joliene Bowers, Margaret Harken, Mark Hammersmith, and Thelma Horres. Thank you to our members leaving Council this year for all your hard work and dedication Bill Monogan, Michael Gaither, Ron & Ruthie Padgett

Prayer Lists : Ed, Pat, Peg, Jack, Bill, Bill & Vivian, Bunny & Bill, Ernest, Virginia, Barbara, Beth Meyer Family, Mary Garcia

2016-2017 Year Book and Reports !

Yes it's that time of year again!!! I will be working on this starting in January. Please plan to have your reports in **NO LATER than Jan.15**

To Altar Guild members...new schedule is posted ...Please contact Margaret Harken if you cannot make your assigned week. Thank You !

Need volunteers to participate in altar guild. Pls contact Margaret Harken, or Lin. Training time will be provided.

We have been paying faithfully 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

From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Jones will be giving a 4 week Pastor's class starting Wed. Feb. 1 thru Feb 22nd. New Member Sunday will be Feb. 26th. All are welcome, classes are for anyone to attend, they will primarily be geared for membership
Any questions please call the office...843-554-1181

Dear Advent Family...
Pastor and Staff would like to thank everyone for your generosity and gifts throughout this season. They are very much appreciated.
Much Love to All...the Staff

LIFE CHANGES

*Our Christian Sympathy is extended to family and friends of...
Betty S. McConnell, 90, (Beth Meyer's Aunt) who passed to the Church Triumphant on December 18th, 2016.*

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



Thank you to Jade and Stephen for getting our tree in place this year, and to all who participated in decorating our church. It truly is beautiful!

Installation of new Council members will be January 8th. 2nd session of Congregational meeting will be Feb. 12th

Ruth Circle will be meeting Jan. 8.
Hostess: Linda Collie
Program: Ann Long