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THE REFORMATION

Luther had powerful friends among the princes of Germany, one of whom was his own prince, Frederick the Wise, Elector of Saxony. The prince arranged for Luther to be seized on his way from the Diet by a company of masked horsemen, who carried him to the castle of the Wartburg, where he was kept about a year. He grew a wide flaring beard; took on the garb of a knight and assumed the pseudonym Jörg. During this period of forced sojourn in the world, Luther was still hard at work upon his celebrated translation of the Bible, though he couldn't rely on the isolation of a monastery. During his translation, Luther would make forays into the nearby towns and markets to listen to people speak, so that he could put his translation of the Bible into the language of the people.

Although his stay at the Wartburg kept Luther hidden from public view, Luther often received letters from his friends and allies, asking for his views and advice. For example, Luther's closest friend, Philipp Melancthon, wrote to him and asked how to answer the charge that the reformers neglected pilgrimages, fasts and other traditional forms of piety. Luther's replied: *"If you are a preacher of mercy, do not preach an imaginary but the true mercy. If the mercy is true, you must therefore bear the true, not an imaginary sin. God does not save those who are only imaginary sinners. Be a sinner, and let your sins be strong, but let your trust in Christ be stronger, and rejoice in Christ who is the victor over sin, death, and the world. We will commit sins while we are here, for this life is not a place where justice resides. We, however, says Peter (2. Peter 3:13) are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth where justice will reign."* [Letter 99.13, To Philipp Melancthon. 1 August 1521.]



Michael Ryan-11th
Catherine Powell-11th
Christian Carroll-11th
Grace Donnell-12th
Cindy Woodward-20th
Christopher Owens-20th
Elaine Singletary-22nd
Adam McAnany-29th
Golden Agers
Forrest Greer-18th
Bill Barnett-20th
Ruthie Padgett-22nd
Judy Miller-19th

Our Sponsorship through Compassion International

Advent has received our information on Kabarin Gee, the 15 year old that we have sponsored from Indonesia. We are asked to send letters. You can leave in collection plates or give to Lin. They will be forwarded to Kabarin. (they call him Barin). Information will be posted on bulletin board for those who are interested in writing and becoming part of Barin's life. He is looking forward to hearing from us, and his letters will be placed in newsletters as we get them.

Some tips for writing: Encourage and uplift, share about yourself, ask questions about his life, home, family, and be sensitive. We can also include bookmarks, photos or stickers. Any questions please call office. Looking forward to becoming part of this young man's life.

You must include his number [07744863] and our number [10055600016]



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Altar Guild:

7/2 Thelma Horres
7/9 Barbara & Forrest Greer
7/16 Ron & Ruthie Padgett
7/23 Margaret Harken
7/30 Barbara & Forrest Greer

Lay Readers

7/2 Lin Donnell
7/9 Joliene Bowers
7/16 Cameron Buskirk
7/23 Tracey Atwood
7/30 Jane Beam

Greeters: All Members of Advent

Audio Assistant: Jade Jones

Ushers: Douglas Barnett, Mark Hammersmith, Beth Meyer, Forrest Greer

Flowers and Lamps for June

In memory of Wade Dyson given by Ed Guerry, David & Henrietta Collins, Russ & Cathy Collins, Gary & Joy Collins, Lynn Ray, George Zinser Family, Sandra Harvey, Jane Hanekamp, Sam McFadyen, Everhart Family, Blondine & Susan Still, Joliene Bowers, Betty Jean Huggins, Ron & Ruth Padgett, Jane & Jim Beam, Harold Dyson, Sarah Pinkerton, Judy Goff, Hank & Caroline Catey, Jan Heaton.

In memory of the losses in the Pinkerton Family given by Tommy & Ann Long

Dear Women of Advent,

Thank you so much for your gift to support Stand By Meø Ministry in SC Dept. of Corrections. Your timing is just perfect as we have just added two other institutions. With the addition of these two facilities Stand By Me is now in six correctional facilities. Your gift will help address the needs of our growing ministry.

Thank you again for your partnership in ministry to the incarcerated.

In Christ, Susan

Candelabras!

Advent is in need of two candelabras. Our present ones are becoming shaky and unsafe. We have researched our options and they cannot be repaired. Therefore we will be ordering from Almy, the replacements. The cost is \$580.00 each, plus a \$50.00 lighter. Total commitment will be \$1210.00 plus shipping. If you would like to designate any amount towards this need, it will be appreciated. Ruth Circle has begun by donating \$300.00. Please feel free to call office with any questions.

To Advent Family...

Thank you for your cards, prayers and support during the time of Ursula Gaither's passing. We appreciate all that you do.
The Gaither Family

To Advent & the Ladies,

Thank you for all the flowers, cards, and the delicious meal you prepared for our family after the service. Also, for the many prayers. The Service was beautiful.
In God's love,
The Dyson Family

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