

The Messenger

September 2025

Advent Lutheran Church

STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Stewardship. This is the time of year that churches traditionally have stewardship campaigns, finance teams become very nervous, and that the “end of the year drive” to make budget is put before congregations. It is no coincidence that the Scriptures for the season are heavy on stewardship themes, and offer stories and parables about money. After all, Jesus talked about money a lot!

Stewardship, of course, is about more than money. It has become an accepted language that we give of our “time, talents, and treasures.” We give of our time in our service to the Church by volunteering in the many ministries that we have. We give of our talents, which is actually not to be understood as singing, crafting, or other gifts that we have been given, but rather as a measurement of weight used to determine the value of gold or silver for trade. So, money. And we give of our treasures, which are the Heavenly treasures that we store up: Our Christian joy, our gratitude for God’s grace in our undeserving lives, and our joy of taking care of each other, so that we may share them with the world.

Yet, what is most important in all of this is the word, “and.” Our discipleship in Christ; our call from God to the Church; our, dare I say, “duty,” is to give back freely and generously what has been entrusted to us freely and generously in our time here on earth. Note that the word “and” is there, but not the word, “or.” Our faith leads us, and compels us to give out of our abundance, in not only one or two areas, but in all three! Time, talent, and treasure” gives us a joyous opportunity to give of our whole self, and to do so out of gratitude. Here at Advent, we are interested in having a culture of generosity. Beginning in January of next year, Stewardship will be an all-year event!

“We have a Mission Spending Plan (budget) that allows for the basic operation of our building, and pays our employees, and provides for spiritual support, and offers a space for all of our wonderful ministries to flourish. Maybe it would be a service to our parishioners to nurture an atmosphere of generosity, so that we may all live with the continual joy of giving.

The next two months are historically very tense times, where financial stewardship lowers to scary levels. December, historically, offers a windfall of end-of-year giving that for most churches, takes them into positive numbers. Advent is no different, but we are going through a change. Overall, our giving numbers are down compared to past years. This may be because of the loss of some beloved members, and others who may have left our parish for one reason or another, but we have also gained new members who are giving generously of their time, talents, and treasures. God does provide! However, God provides by putting on our hearts the importance of stewarding our church and its ministries. God asks a lot from us! God also has given us everything that we need and more, and it takes all of us to look after this wonderful church. I am not just going to ask for you to give more of your “time, talents, and treasures” over the next few months. You are a very, very generous group of faithful disciples, and I have faith that the bills will be paid. What I am going to ask, in addition, is that you make stewardship of your “time, talents and treasure” an unmeasured priority in your lives all year, so that investment into our community will increase, and that God’s mission will spread through us. **“And”** is the main word. Give generously, **and** in thankful response to the grace that you have been given. Give of your “time, talents, **and** treasure.” Love God, and one another. Amen.

by: Pr. Larry

Advent happenings

First Week of September Ministry Meetings

September 1st **LABOR DAY, offices/schools closed**

September 2nd **1pm Fellowship Ministry (Parlor)**

6pm Property Board (Parlor)

6pm Youth (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 Finance (Office)

September 3rd **9:30am Quilters (Fellowship Hall)**

2:00pm Community Care (Parlor)

3-5pm Tutoring (Fellowship Hall)

September 4th **10am Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)**

5:45 Gentle Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

September 7th **12pm Stewardship Meeting (Parlor)**

STAY TUNED IN FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

LIVE/IN-PERSON

LOOK FOR US ON FACEBOOK

8am Liturgical Traditional

**10:30am Liturgical
Contemporary**

Weekly Scripture Readings

September 7th 13th week

- 1st reading: Deut. 30:15-20
- Psalm: 1
- 2nd reading: Phil. 1-21
- Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

September 14th 14th week

- 1st reading: Exod. 32:7-14
- Psalm: 98:1-4
- 2nd reading: 1 Cor. 1:18-24
- Gospel: John 3:13-17

September 21st 15th week

- 1st reading: Amos 8:4-7
- Psalm: 113
- 2nd reading: 1 Tim. 2:1-7
- Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

September 28th 16th week

- 1st reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7
- Psalm: 146
- 2nd reading: 1 Tim 6:6-19
- Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Treasurer Update

Total Receipts through July 31, 2025: \$291,800.01

Total Expenses through July 31, 2025: \$339,889.17

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\$-48,089.16

Thank you to everyone who has generously given to Advent this year, whether for your regular tithe or special funds.

If you normally wait until the end of the year to make an annual gift, please consider making that gift earlier, *if possible*.

Remember, if you have an RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) this year, you can ask your financial advisor to make it a QCD

(Qualified Charitable Distribution). If the check is made payable to Advent, your distribution is not taxable, but satisfies the RMD. When did you last consider the amount of your tithe?

Marty Smith

Treasurer

Mark Your Calendars

Advent

save the dates

- **September 14th is Preschool Sunday**, we will have ONE SERVICE @ 9:30. Join us in-person or online as we invite and highlight our preschool children, staff, and parents.
- **September 19th is the Community Spaghetti Luncheon from 5-7pm**. Our Community Care Team has been spreading the word to our local communities- FREE DINNER, wonderful fellowship... we hope to see everyone there in support.
- **September 21 & 28 Communion Classes @ 9:15am in the parlor**. This is a special class welcoming children and families preparing for the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please see Lindsey Kriekel or Pastor Larry for more information.
- **September 27th Stewardship Appreciation Luncheon** Join us on 27th of September 2025 at 11:45 am when Rev. Ana L. Lugo, Gift Planner from the ELCA Foundation to our synod, will show how to discover your life's great joys and make a plan to protect them and pass them along to others.
- **September 28th Consecration Sunday** Your Time & Talent pledge cards will be brought to the altar during this special service. Have you filled yours out? Come prepared!

VIA DE CRISTO Weekend

The Via de Cristo Ministry includes a structured three-day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, bringing them to a new awareness of living in God's grace.

An exciting weekend is planned for the first weekend in May (Thursday evening, Oct. 2nd, thru Sunday evening, Oct. 5th). Both couples and singles are invited to experience a greater understanding of God's love and grace.

This event, held in our own Luther Springs, is not a retreat, but a personal walk with our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Don't miss out on this unique experience. Over 200 people from Advent have attended over the years. Penny Klein is always available to answer any questions between services and after the 10:30 service. You need a sponsor, but that can be arranged. VDC is an ecumenical movement, and the theology is biblically and liturgically based.

If you need a ride, contact Penny Klein (904-505-6243) or call the church office.

TRUNK or TREAT Planning dates!

Fellowship Hall 5-6PM

- **Wednesday, September 3rd**
- **Wednesday, September 17th**
- **Wednesday, October 1st**
- **Wednesday, October 15th**

SET-UP DATES in Fellowship Hall:

- **Friday, October 17th 5pm-8pm**
- **Saturday, October 18th 9am-2pm**

**EVENT IS SATURDAY, October 18th
3-5pm**



**you're!
INVITED**



Advent Christian Education

Faith Formation & Bible Studies at Advent Lutheran Church

Sunday Classes – 9AM

- **PreK-3rd Grade**

Curriculum: Friends and Heroes

Location: Art Room

An engaging curriculum combining animated Bible stories and activities to help children learn and apply stories from the Old and New Testaments.

- **4th-6th Grade**

Curriculum: Whirl

Location: RM 110

Whirl connects with children's lives, teaching about biblical ancestors, gospel messages, and liturgical traditions in a fun, relevant way.

Confirmation Class 7-8th grade

Sundays 11:30 AM

Location: Parlor

Focus: Affirmation of Baptism

Preparing youth for a deeper understanding of their faith and public affirmation of baptismal promises. The class explores Christian beliefs, sacraments, prayer, community, and active church participation.

Songs in The Sanctuary:

Kick off each Sunday School Day with singing Bible songs. Please have your Sunday School kids meet up in the Sanctuary at 9:15am for a Sing Along before breaking out into their respective classes at 9:30am.

Thursday Bible Study Series

For Adults

Thursdays at 10:00 AM

Location: Parlor New weekly series: After the New Testament – The Writings of the Apostolic Fathers from The Great Courses. Explore early Christian writings and their impact on our faith today. Everyone is welcome!

Harmony Adult Class

Current Study: Leviticus (Pentateuch)

Location: RM 200

Studying God's call to holiness through Leviticus using Scripture and concordances, emphasizing historical context and application for today.

The "Older Kids" Adult Class

Current Study: The Bible in Chronological Order

Location: Assembly Room

Following the Bible's timeline from Genesis through Exodus and beyond, this class offers a comprehensive view of God's unfolding story.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

September is here; children are back to school and many plans are being made to prepare for all the fall and winter activities to come. With all that said, it is also Stewardship month. It's a time of reflection on what God has blessed us with, after all, what we have has been by the grace of God.

When I think back of when George and I became a team I was quite shocked when he told me we had to give at least 10% of our income. Of course, I asked "is that gross or net?" because I was in charge of the bills. I can laugh about that now but at the time I had never heard of anyone giving that sizeable of a tithe. I never grew up with that guideline. It was always \$1, \$5 or maybe a \$10, whatever was in your wallet. But when I started making out that gift on the gross to the church, the first check I wrote each month- amazing things happened in our lives. We always had plenty to pay our bills, we never ran short, even when George was out of work for a year studying for his doctorate. When the "first gifts" each month were given there was always more available to give to other charities. Job offers continued to come in one after another when he was consulting. If you know anything about consulting, you don't have benefits like a regular job. If you don't work, you don't get paid. So, when he was "on the bench" between gigs we couldn't afford to take vacations and when he worked, he couldn't take time off to go on vacations. But it was ok. We never had to do without, and many times we had extra for "our wants". When things got tight and I would have a fleeting thought about cutting back I would think of all the blessings that got us to that point, and I was truly afraid to cut back. I just trusted that God would see us through, and He did.

Everyone has a story, this is just ours. Step out in faith that God will see you through with whatever you need if you just trust Him. I know it sounds easy but can be scary and, until you experience it, it's hard to believe.

Hebrews 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Exodus 23:19 Bring the best of the first fruits of your soil to the LORD your God.

In His service,

Helen Howard

Lord, help us to earnestly look for your Kingdom today. Open our eyes to see what you see. Open our ears to hear what you hear. Open our hearts to care about what you care about. Do not let us miss what you are doing in the world around us. Amen.



Advent *Preschool* **news & updates**

Advent Lutheran Preschool 904-644-7416 preschool@adventop.org

It is with great excitement that the church council and I introduce your awesome staff for the 2025-2026 School year:

Our Preschool Theme is: **Noah's Ark**

Early Two's: The Giraffe Class- **Ms. Holly Walden**

Older Two's: The Shark Class- **Ms. Ella Howard**

Three's: The Monkey Class- **Ms. Kim Lee**

VPK: The Tiger Class- **Ms. Traci Green**

VPK: The Llama Class- **Ms. Amanda Dodds**

VPK: The Koala Class- **Ms. Dawn Fulbright**

Resource: *Science, Library, Music, Cooking Assistant and Art Appreciation-* **Ms. Melissa Elsberry**

Additional Staff: **Ms. Pam Penn**

Cooking: **Mrs. Irene Winter**

Jump and Learn: **Coach Sally Ellis**

Director: **Martha Morrow**

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER
FROM THE PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Advent Preschool

Our sweet preschool started on August 15th with children who are going to learn and play in a new way. We are growing and thriving! We have a dedicated group of amazing teachers all working to help these children develop and thrive academically, socially, and spiritually. Our theme is Noah's Ark, and each class is named after one of our Ark animals. Amanda Dodds (Llama class), Traci Green (Tiger Class), and Dawn Fulbright (Koala class) are teaching our VPK classes. Kim Lee (Monkey class) is teaching our three-year-olds. Ella Howard (Shark class) is our two-year olds teacher and Holly Walden (Giraffe class) is teaching our Early Twos and littles. Irene Winter will continue to thrill all the classes with her cooking skills! Melissa Elsberry will wow our little ones with Art Appreciation, Science, Library, Bible and Music, and of course, Pastor Larry will help us with our spiritual education in a fun and uplifting way. Pam Penn will be here to help with our classes and substituting., and Coach Sandy Ellis will handle Jump and Learn. Together, all these ladies and gentleman are working hard to provide a safe, loving and engaging place for our littlest minds to learn and grow.

This month the kids will be learning about themselves, their friends, and families, and how to keep safe. These themes help children understand how they are the same and different, their place in the world, and a little responsibility as well.

A Huge Thank you to the Property Board for helping spread tons of mulch Saturday, August 9th. Our playground looks amazing!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR WISH LIST. WOW- our teachers say it is like having Christmas in August when they receive toys. We have created an Amazon wish list Advent Lutheran Preschool wish list- to help our teachers enhance their classrooms throughout the year. - if you can help us, it would be great. The Preschool Staff would like to thank the congregation for your generosity and support. We appreciate all you do.

We can use your help mostly in prayer for us and if you feel inclined to, please donate to the Preschool Scholarship fund. Over the past three years, your generosity has allowed many children to attend preschool who would not otherwise have been able to take part. We have 2 openings in our VPK program as we added a third class. Our three-year-old room has 1 opening, and 1 opening in our twos program. We have 40 children currently enrolled.

Thank you so much to everyone who has worked to provide our preschoolers with a safe, comfortable, and inviting environment. Whether you changed a light bulb, ordered a part, spread mulch, or donated items; all your work is truly appreciated. We all benefit from your generosity.

We are looking forward to Preschool Sunday on September 14th!

Please contact Martha Morrow 644-7416 or preschool@adventop.org for more information.



COMMUNITY CARE TEAM

*Better is one Day in your courts,
better is one day in your house than thousands elsewhere. Psalm 84:10.*

SAVE THE DATE September 19 5:00 – 7:00pm

Company's coming, and you are invited. Advent is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner for the community. DELICIOUS SAUCE and special entertainment by Pastor Larry, tenor extraordinaire. Watch for sign-up sheets. You do not want to miss this! Bring a friend.

BLOOD MOBILE: Thank you all for your support on Rally Day!

ADVENT GROCERIES: Welcome Sharon Fischl, newest member of the team and lead for Advent Groceries. Thanks, Sharon, for getting our donations to the Clothes Closet Food Pantry in Orange Park. Thanks, Advent, for: 33 cans and jars of vegetables and peanut butter, and 6 cans of meat and boxed food. With over 400 homeless kids in the county and no summer lunch program, we know the need is great; *we can continue to dig deeper* and help meet the challenge. Let's have a goal for 50 cans of vegetables and tuna!!!! Unfortunately, families are living in the woods (Elaine Friedmann can tell you the story) so think of foods that do not need to be cooked. Thanks also for 35 school supplies and 1 purse and 9 pieces of clothing.

ADVENT SHOWERS: Donations have been pouring in, and we thank you. Those same 400 plus homeless kids need to bathe as well as eat (above) so your help with bathing supplies is greatly appreciated. As school has been closed donations are piling up at church; special thanks to Holly Lucas for being the lead with Orange Park High School, and Terry Torrence for being the lead with Orange Park Middle School, Susan Lee will continue to be lead with Project Reach for the county. Special need for deodorant and lotion, hold off on toothbrush and toothpaste for now.

“According to this passage (Matthew 25:41-46) we are bound to each other in such a way that no one may forsake the other in his distress but is obliged to assist and help them as he himself would like to be helped.”
Martin Luther 1527.

Thank you God for giving us a church that gives us the opportunity to BE THE CHURCH AND LIVE THE GOSPEL as we share our blessings with others. AMEN.

IT IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH. LET'S LEARN MORE:

Article provided by our Stewardship Leader, David Heggood

DEFINITION AND OVERVIEW:

STEWARDSHIP OF FAITH REFERS TO THE RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT AND NURTURING OF ONE'S FAITH IN GOD, AS WELL AS THE FAITHFUL USE OF THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND RESOURCES ENTRUSTED TO BELIEVERS BY GOD. THIS CONCEPT IS DEEPLY ROOTED IN THE BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING THAT EVERYTHING A BELIEVER POSSESSES, INCLUDING THEIR FAITH, IS A GIFT FROM GOD AND SHOULD BE USED FOR HIS GLORY AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF HIS KINGDOM.

BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS:

THE BIBLE PRESENTS STEWARDSHIP AS A FUNDAMENTAL ASPECT OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. IN 1 CORINTHIANS 4:2, THE APOSTLE PAUL WRITES, "NOW IT IS REQUIRED OF STEWARDS THAT THEY BE FOUND FAITHFUL." THIS VERSE UNDERSCORES THE EXPECTATION THAT BELIEVERS ARE TO BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF ALL THAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO THEM, INCLUDING THEIR FAITH.

FAITH AS A GIFT:

FAITH ITSELF IS DESCRIBED AS A GIFT FROM GOD. EPHESIANS 2:8-9 STATES, "FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH, AND THIS NOT FROM YOURSELVES; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, NOT BY WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE CAN BOAST." THIS PASSAGE HIGHLIGHTS THAT FAITH IS NOT SELF-GENERATED BUT IS GIVEN BY GOD, EMPHASIZING THE RESPONSIBILITY TO STEWARD IT WISELY.

PARABLE OF THE TALENTS:

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS (MATTHEW 25:14-30) IS A KEY BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATION OF STEWARDSHIP. IN THIS PARABLE, A MASTER ENTRUSTS HIS SERVANTS WITH VARYING AMOUNTS OF TALENTS (A FORM OF CURRENCY) BEFORE LEAVING ON A JOURNEY. UPON HIS RETURN, HE ASSESSES HOW EACH SERVANT HAS MANAGED WHAT WAS GIVEN TO THEM. THE FAITHFUL SERVANTS ARE REWARDED FOR THEIR DILIGENCE AND WISE MANAGEMENT, WHILE THE UNFAITHFUL SERVANT IS REPRIMANDED FOR HIS NEGLIGENCE. THIS PARABLE TEACHES THAT BELIEVERS ARE ACCOUNTABLE FOR HOW THEY USE THEIR FAITH AND RESOURCES.

FAITH IN ACTION:

JAMES 2:17 EMPHASIZES THAT FAITH MUST BE ACTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE: "SO TOO, FAITH BY ITSELF, IF IT DOES NOT RESULT IN ACTION, IS DEAD." STEWARDSHIP OF FAITH INVOLVES PUTTING ONE'S BELIEFS INTO PRACTICE THROUGH ACTS OF LOVE, SERVICE, AND OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S COMMANDS. THIS ACTIVE FAITH IS A TESTIMONY TO THE WORLD AND A MEANS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

BELIEVERS ARE ALSO CALLED TO STEWARD THEIR SPIRITUAL GIFTS. 1 PETER 4:10 INSTRUCTS, "AS EACH HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER, AS GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE." THIS VERSE HIGHLIGHTS THE DIVERSITY OF GIFTS WITHIN THE BODY OF CHRIST AND THE RESPONSIBILITY TO USE THEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS AND THE GLORY OF GOD.

CHALLENGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

STEWARDSHIP OF FAITH INVOLVES SEVERAL CHALLENGES, INCLUDING THE TEMPTATION TO NEGLECT ONE'S SPIRITUAL LIFE, THE PRESSURES OF WORLDLY DISTRACTIONS, AND THE RISK OF BECOMING COMPLACENT. BELIEVERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REMAIN VIGILANT AND PROACTIVE IN NURTURING THEIR FAITH THROUGH PRAYER, STUDY OF SCRIPTURE, FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER BELIEVERS, AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SACRAMENTS.

ENCOURAGEMENT AND HOPE:

THE BIBLE OFFERS ENCOURAGEMENT TO THOSE WHO FAITHFULLY STEWARD THEIR FAITH. HEBREWS 11, OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE "FAITH HALL OF FAME," PROVIDES EXAMPLES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO DEMONSTRATED REMARKABLE FAITHFULNESS. HEBREWS 12:1-2 URGES BELIEVERS TO "RUN WITH ENDURANCE THE RACE SET OUT FOR US, FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS, THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH." THIS PASSAGE ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS TO PERSEVERE IN THEIR STEWARDSHIP, LOOKING TO JESUS AS THE ULTIMATE EXAMPLE AND SOURCE OF STRENGTH.

IN SUMMARY, STEWARDSHIP OF FAITH IS A VITAL ASPECT OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, CALLING BELIEVERS TO RESPONSIBLY MANAGE AND GROW THEIR FAITH, UTILIZE THEIR SPIRITUAL GIFTS, AND LIVE OUT THEIR BELIEFS IN TANGIBLE WAYS. THROUGH FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP, BELIEVERS HONOR GOD AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF HIS KINGDOM.

SEPTEMBER 2025

ADVENT PRESCHOOL
ACTIVITIES
LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Preschool Closed Lighthouse Closed	9:00 a.m. Tellers 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Ministry 6:00 p.m. Property Board 6:00 p.m. Youth 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee	9:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 2:00 p.m. Community Care (P) 3-5:00pm – Tutoring (FH) 5-6:00pm Trunk Or Treat Planning Mtg (FH)	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (FH) 5:45-6:45 p.m. Gentle Yoga (FH)		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:00 a.m. "In Person" Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School – On Line & "In Person" 10:30 a.m. "In Person Facebook Live worship 12 noon– Stewardship Mtg.	9:00 a.m. Tellers 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee	9:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 2:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry (P) 3:00-5:00 p.m. Tutoring (FH)	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (FH) 5:45-6:45 p.m. Gentle Yoga (FH)	6:00-9:00 p.m. Family Game Night (UNO) 	8:00 a.m. Property Workday	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
PRESCHOOL SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. ONLY "In Person" Worship Rally Sunday after service in Fellowship Hall PRESCHOOL SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. Tellers 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting	9:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 3:00-5:00 p.m. Tutoring (FH) 5-6:00pm Trunk Or Treat Planning Mtg (FH)	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (FH) 5:45-6:45 p.m. Gentle Yoga (FH) LIGHTHOUSE - 1/2 day	5-7pm Community Spaghetti Dinner 		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:00 a.m. "In Person" Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School – On Line & "In Person" 9:15 a.m.– First Communion 10:30 a.m. "In Person Facebook Live Worship	9:00 a.m. Tellers	9:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 2:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry (P) 3:00-5:00 p.m. Tutoring (FH)	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (FH) 5:45-6:45 p.m. Gentle Yoga (FH)	6:00-9:00 p.m. Family Game Night (Bunko Tournament) 	11:45am Stewardship Luncheon (FH)	
28	29	30				
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Riley Vinson 9/1
Matthew Marnell 9/3
Donald Cordes 9/5
Kevin Hodges 9/5
Ella Dodds 9/6
Scott Walsh 9/6
Barbara Brown 9/7
Scott Lowden 9/7
Kathy Ordonez 9/8
Korben Rick 9/9
Annalyse White 9/10
Debbie Eastman 9/11
Ron Evans 9/11
Florence Hatcher 9/11
Brittany Wilkinson 9/11
Sarah Lawson 9/12
Kayla Palmer 9/12
Gwendolyn Folsom 9/14
Sandra Gay 9/14
Lauren Morrison 9/15
Amber Rosario 9/15
Adam Palmer 9/16
Shirley Parham 9/16
Ryan Donovan 9/17

Carole Lowe 9/17
Jason Wilkes 9/19
Kimberly Flint 9/20
Paxton Holley 9/20
Sarah Allison 9/22
Nathan Klein 9/22
Nathan LaBranche 9/22
Eddie Lee 9/22
Karina Thomas 9/23
Bruce Gilpin 9/24
Maylynn Burns 9/25
Nathalia Etheridge 9/25
Dennis Sandrik 9/25
Frank Zepka 9/25
Paul Linde 9/26
Karl Rau 9/26
Lydia West 9/26
Megan Hoffman 9/27
Audrey Ramsey 9/27
Wayne Rautio 9/28
Leslie Lee Elms 9/29
Helen Howard 9/30
Cindy Kelley 9/30
Christopher Rick 9/30

HAPPY Anniversary

Robert & Holly Lucas September 3, 1977 48 years!

Tom & Mary Scarbrough September 3, 1971 54 years!

David & Kathy Rowlinson September 4th, 1982 43 years!

Jeff & Kerrie Snyder September 4th, 1993 32 years!

Bill & Cindy Kelley September 5th, 1992 33 years!

Garrett & Stephanie Palmer September 5th, 2009 16 years!

Bette & Arlen Bias September 14th, 1970 55 years!

Marshall & Rosanne Lackey September 15th, 1985 40 years!

James & Wilma Naylor September 15th, 1962 63 years!

Richard & Nancy Patrick September 16th, 1961 64 years!

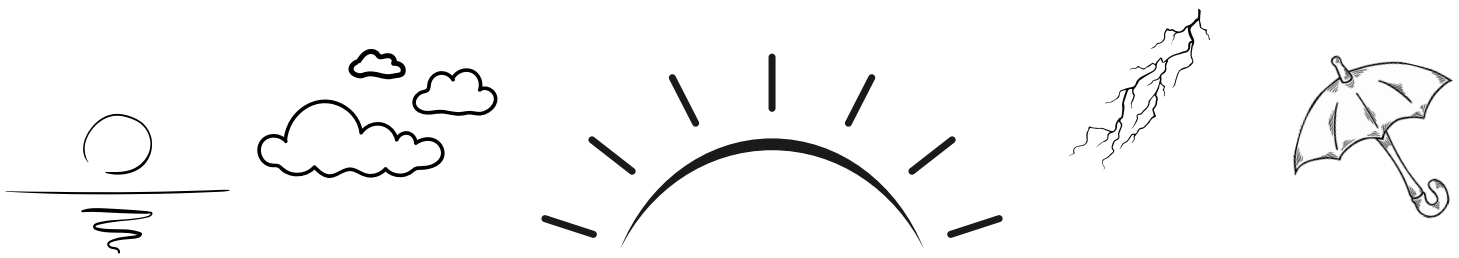
Sean & Leigh Wade September 22nd, 2018 7 years!

David and Lynn Thomas September 25th, 1985 40 years!

Ronald & Sheila Evans September 26th, 1975 50 years!

**“DO EVERYTHING IN
LOVE”**

1 Corinthians 16:14



The Florida-Bahamas Synod have given us tips to help us **best** prepare for this hurricane season.

Important documents to prepare in case of a hurricane:

1. Proof of Identity and Residency: Government-issued photo IDs, Driver's licenses, passports, or state-issued IDs.

Proof of residency: Utility bills, bank statements, lease agreements, or rent receipts.

2. Insurance Information: Insurance policies: Homeowners, renters, flood, and vehicle insurance policies. Insurance company contact information: Agent and agency names, policy numbers, and phone numbers to report claims. *****Have these already saved in your phone along with a picture of your policy's declaration page***

3. Financial and Legal Documents: Bank statements/financial accounts. **Credit card information:** Account numbers, balances, and contact details. **Mortgage and loan documents:** Mortgage statements, loan papers, and related contact information. **Deeds and titles. Wills and other legal documents:** Wills, power of attorney, living wills, and healthcare directives.

4. Medical and Health Information: **Health insurance or Medicare cards. Medical information:** *List of medications, health conditions, allergies, and immunization records.* • **Contact information for medical professionals:** Doctors, specialists, and hospitals.

5. Documentation of Property and Valuables: **Home inventory:** Detailed list of possessions with purchase dates and serial numbers, and receipts for high-value items. **Photos and videos:** Document the condition of your home and belongings *before and after* the storm for insurance claims. **Receipts for repairs:** *Keep receipts for any temporary repairs made to prevent further damage.*

6. Other Important Information: **Emergency contacts:** Phone numbers and email addresses of family, friends, and other important contacts. **Evacuation plan:** Written plan of evacuation routes and meeting locations. **Pet information:** Vaccination records, veterinary contact information, and recent photos of pets. **Safeguarding Your Documents** using digital storage. Scan or take photos of important documents and store them in a secure online cloud service. **Physical copies:** Store physical copies of critical documents in a fireproof and waterproof box or safe. **Portable emergency kit:** Include copies of your most important documents in a "gobag" for easy access during evacuation.

By taking these steps to prepare your essential paperwork before a hurricane, you can be better equipped to navigate the recovery process and access the assistance you may need after the storm.



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