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Sunday School 9:20 am September - May  
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# ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## FROM PASTOR JOSEPH

Movie night in the Schattauer Paillé household is usually a three-hour affair: two hours to watch the movie and an hour of negotiations to decide which film to watch. The other weekend we watched the new Dev Patel movie *Lion*. *Lion* is based on a book about a young Indian boy named Saroo who mistakenly takes a train to Calcutta, ends up in an orphanage, and is adopted by an Australian family. In his twenties, Saroo sets out to find his mother using Google Earth and some hazy memories of what the train station looked like. *Lion* raises some interesting questions about motherhood, culture, and technology. But the question I've been thinking a lot about is how particular places form our identities.

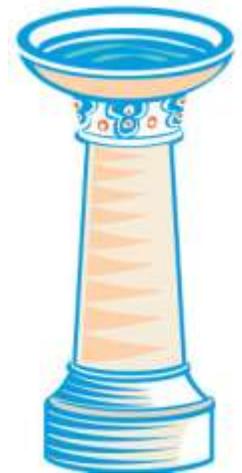
Every week, we gather for worship in the sanctuary. The word "sanctuary" comes from the Latin *sanctus* or "holy." (This is why the "Holy, Holy, Holy" we sing every week is called the "Sanctus.") We often think of sanctuaries as being removed from the rest of the world, a kind of neutral space. The famous Rothko Chapel in Houston, for example, claims to offer an "escape from the outside world." Enter the doors of the church, the argument goes, and you leave the world behind.

The idea that churches are escapes from the world has some interesting judicial implications as well. From the fourth century until the sixteenth, it was fairly common for people accused of crimes to be given sanctuary in churches. In eighth century England, fugitives were given sanctuary in churches if they paid a fine. If they were unable to pay, they would work for the church. (No doubt an early attempt to find more assisting ministers.) During the 1980s, hundreds of churches took

in refugees from Central America so they wouldn't be deported. Courts ruled that there was no legal right to sanctuary per se, but the optics of dragging refugees out of churches was so bad that a kind of de facto sanctuary did exist.

The Orthodox theologian Alexander Schmemmann was fond of saying that the "dimension of the Kingdom of God" was made present in the Eucharist. To put it another way, our liturgy isn't an escape from the world; it reveals what's really true about God and about us. The "real world" isn't outside the church's doors. The "real world" is the promise we hear in the readings, the fellowship we embody by praying together, and the grace we experience in the sacraments.

For Saroo, returning to his birth mother and village are central to his understanding of himself. To help us remember how our identities are formed by our liturgical practices, we've moved the baptismal font to the rear of the sanctuary, a more central place in our worship. Whenever you enter or leave the sanctuary, I invite you to return to the ways your baptism brings you into communion with God and fellowship God's people. No matter where you are, you can always come back to the font. It isn't an escape, but it is holy.



Peace and courage,  
Joseph Schattauer Paillé, Pastor

## AUGUST TREASURER'S UPDATE

Positive news to report again. Set forth below are the total income and expenses figures for the period January 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017.

Total Income	\$ 179,686
Total Expenses	\$ <u>185,315</u>
<b>Deficit YTD</b>	<b>(\$ 5,629)</b>

Year to date income is about \$11,000 MORE than anticipated in our budget for the period (we had budgeted \$168,637 in income at this point), so giving has been very positive so far and held up over the summer months. On the expense side, we have spent about \$7,000 MORE than budgeted, due primarily to early spring expenditures. Our expected deficit at this point in the year was \$9,500, so the good news is that we are now running about \$3,800 ahead of budget.

Our electronic giving program now totals about \$2,935 per month and continues to grow. Please consider this form of giving as it greatly levels out our contribution patterns and reduces the burden on our volunteers who count the offering each week.

Peter Rutherford, *Treasurer*



### LIVING FAITHFULLY, GIVING GENEROUSLY

Last year, when Advent was in transition and our future seemed less than certain, the theme of our Stewardship campaign was **Forward in Faith**. The congregation responded faithfully with continued support for the church's mission. This year, with a new pastor to lead us, the future looks bright. We recognize God has been generous to Advent and to all of us as individuals – we are richly blessed! As we go forward together, we encourage everyone to respond to God's generosity by giving generously of our time, talent, and treasure. You'll hear more on this in the weeks ahead.

*The Stewardship Committee*

## From Pastor Joseph

### Wednesday Night Study + Podcast

There are two more Wednesday evening studies, October 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, in our series on the Lutheran Reformation. We have been reading something from the sixteenth century and something from the past twenty-five years and talk about what it means to be a Lutheran today. You can also follow along with some short podcasts, available by searching for "Advent Wyckoff" in the podcasts app on your mobile device.

### BLESSING OF THE PETS

The Feast of St. Francis is Wednesday, October 4. Advent will have a *Blessing of the Pets* service (weather permitting) on the lawn outside the church office at



**11:30 a.m. Sunday, October 1.** Bring your pets to receive a blessing. Pets must

be on a leash or contained in their usual habitat.

### UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

#### Confirmation Class Horseback Riding

**Sunday, October 15 after class**

**Echo Lake Stables. The cost is \$40.00.**

Parents/sponsors/chaperones are invited as well. Please let Pastor know if you plan on attending and need a permission slip. If cost is an issue, you can speak to Pastor.

#### NJ Synod Confirmation Retreat:

Long Beach Island, New Jersey

November 17 – 19, 2017

#### ELCA Youth Gathering:

Houston, Texas

June 27 – July 1, 2018

If you want more information or are interested in attending, please speak to Pastor Joseph.

## THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: A DIFFERENT KIND OF GOSPEL

Four gospels comprise an account of Jesus Christ's life. Three of them share common stories, biblical accounts, and style. Mark, written first, examines Jesus' life as a servant, complete with healings, miracles, and a passion narrative. Matthew and Luke add genealogies, a birth story and additional materials focusing on Jesus the man (Luke) and Jesus the King (Matthew). So far, so good. In fact, these three books are known as the "synoptic" Gospels, because they share so many similarities. Then there is John, the "maverick" gospel.

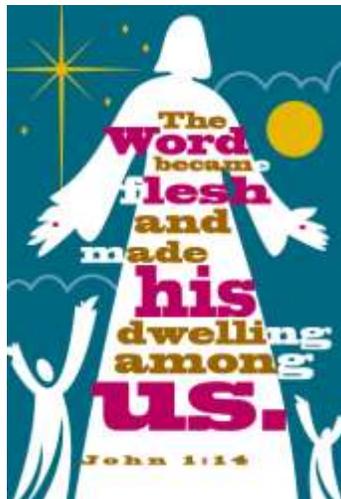
As you start reading John, you immediately notice that it shares little in common with its "synoptic" brethren. 1:1 reads, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God"....alright, that is as clear as mud. It continues in this fashion for 14 verses, with 1:14 reading "and the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen its glory as of a father's only son". The tone (to me) is solemn: it sounds like an enormous pipe organ should be playing in the background, while James Earl Jones reads the words. No genealogy, no birth narrative. As you read on, you will find no parables, no demons cast out, no transfiguration, no trial by Jewish authorities, and no temptation in the wilderness. You will find miracles (called "signs in John) such as the "water into wine" (2:1-12) not mentioned earlier. You will find some discrepancies with the synoptics, and you will see a complete change in attitude of Jesus. When he performed healings in the synoptics, he urged people not to tell others. In John, miracles are performed as a "sign" of his divine nature, and proof of his status as the Son of God.

What should we make of all this? Why are we getting something so out of step with the prior gospels? Scholars think John was the gospel written last, finished in approximately

95 AD. As with most Biblical text, the author remains uncertain. Perhaps some history might reflect this shift. The Jewish world in 95 AD was a much different place than when Jesus walked 60 years prior. The Temple in Jerusalem, central to Jewish worship, had been destroyed by the Romans, ending a savage rebellion against Roman rule. Many Jews were killed by the Romans, who never took kindly to threats to their sovereignty. The destruction was so great that Josephus, the Jewish historian, wrote the *History of the Jews*. He wanted to leave a record of their existence, since he felt the Jews and their culture would shortly disappear.

In contrast, the Christian community's growth had blossomed by this time. Due to Paul and others, it had evolved away from the Jewish origins of the faith, embraced Gentiles, and began progress toward what we call Christianity today. Part of that shift was a consideration of Jesus as the son of God. In the opening passages of John, Jesus is called the "son of God", the "Word made flesh". Since 1:1 states that "the Word was God", philosophical thought moved toward Jesus as a dual natured being, both man and God. The Jewish community, fiercely monotheistic, would have rejected that out of hand. What might have been unthinkable 30-40 years prior when Mark was written now entered into mainstream thought. John, in contrast to the synoptics, might represent the evolution of Christian theology.

I see John as the gospel that treats Jesus as the son of God. Following Mark (servant) Matthew (king) and Luke (perfect man) we get a much more nuanced and layered look at Jesus and his ministry. We have four gospels for a reason. There have been attempts in history (most recently by Thomas Jefferson, of all



people) to consolidate all four books into one. They have all failed, because Jesus and his ministry are bigger than a single account. Just as we have many different aspects to our lives, so does the life and ministry of the son of God.

In the coming months, we will discuss many of the aspects of this powerful gospel, and as always, we will discuss why we should care.

Gerry Lauro

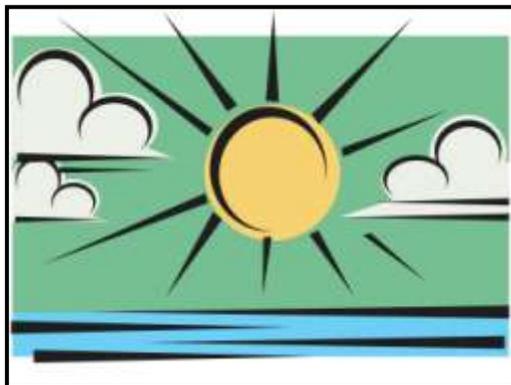


### ADVENT'S BOOK GROUP

Join us on Monday, October 16 at 1:00 pm in the church library as we review:

*Lady Cop Makes Trouble* by Amy Stewart (the follow up book to *Girl Waits with Gun*).

November's selection is *To the Bright Edge of the World* by Eowyn Ivey.



### ALL SAINTS DAY

As is Advent's tradition, there will be a special insert the weekend of November 4 and 5 with the names of our members, family and friends, who have died since all Saints Day 2016. Please submit the name and relationship to the church office by Monday, October 30 to be included on the list. You can email Sharon at [adventlutheranwyckoff@verizon.net](mailto:adventlutheranwyckoff@verizon.net) or leave a note on her desk.



### SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, October 28 ♦ 6:00 – 9:00 pm**

### Advent's Reformation Commemoration!

You are invited to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Come socialize with your fellow church members while enjoying German themed food, beer, and wine. Try your hand at some Luther Rose inspired crafts and dessert.

Children are welcome to come with their parents. Thank you in advance for signing up in the narthex so we know how much food to order. Signup deadline is Monday, October 23.

***This will be a free will offering event.***

Questions or want to help? Janice Reynen: 201-693-5262.

### COFFEE HOUR SIGNUP

Fellowship is a ministry that gives us the chance to get to know each other in a casual setting. Please consider hosting a Sunday fellowship hour soon. The coffee is pre-measured, water and juice are supplied; hosts just need to set up the coffee and bring milk and goodies. Contact Linda Ganger with any questions: 201-444-4993. Thanks.



***October is Pastor Appreciation Month!***



## From SOCIAL MINISTRY

### It's Advent's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual PRICELESS TREASURES!!

**Saturday, October 21 ♦ 9 am – 2 pm**

Please bring your gently used items to sell starting Wednesday, October 11 between 7 and 9 pm. Please refer to the church calendar for specific drop-off times each day. **The final drop-off day is Thursday, October 19.** This is a huge job that cannot be done by just a few people. It is very helpful if everyone can sort his or her own donations. Instructions and signs will be up in the fellowship hall. We need many people to come help sort and price items each night from the 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> so everything will be in order in time for the sale. If you have any time to help, even an hour here and there, it is much appreciated! A signup sheet will be posted after Labor Day. We need snacks for our bake sale and volunteers to work throughout the day on October 21, including cleanup and disposal from 2–3 pm. All proceeds are used to purchase books and Christmas gifts for the children of the Nurturing Place and Star of Hope Ministries.



***Thank you everyone for your continued support!*** If you have questions or offers of help, contact Kathy Zinn 201-370-7610.

## College Care Packages

We are sending off care packages to our college students as they hit the books for midterms and finals. If you want to contribute snacks and goodies for them, please feel free to choose from this list or brainstorm something fun!

granola ♦ trail mix ♦ nuts ♦ dried fruit  
protein bars ♦ breakfast bars ♦ Kind bars  
Cliff bars ♦ Goldfish ♦ pretzels ♦ crackers  
snack crackers ♦ peanut butter/honey/jelly in  
plastic containers ♦ candy of any kind (have  
fun with that!) ♦ Sleepytime or Green tea  
sinus soother ♦ throat coat spray ♦ straws  
fun plastic cup or mug ♦ plastic plate or bowl



plastic utensils ♦ Lysol wipes  
color catchers ♦ laundry  
detergent pods ♦ hand soap  
Swiffer dusters ♦ hand  
sanitizer ♦ Febreze ♦ solid air  
fresheners ♦ fun napkins  
string of lights ♦ silly  
decorations ♦ note cards ♦  
inspiration cards ♦ gift cards for  
Starbucks/Dunkin Donuts/Panera/small  
bank gift card

You get the idea: anything consumable and non-perishable and/or fun that can provide a bit of protein and/or a touch of home! Packages will be sent by October 6 and November 6. Please forward names and addresses to Kathy Zinn at [KLLZ@optonline.net](mailto:KLLZ@optonline.net) or text at 201-370-7610.

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## Bergen County Council of Churches 45<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Recognition Awards & Benefit Dinner

*Join us in honoring the outstanding  
adults & youth volunteers  
from Bergen County Churches  
and Organizations.*

**Monday, November 6, 2017**

**6:30 PM**

**The Fiesta, 255 Rte 17 South,  
Wood-Ridge, NJ**

**\$45 per person ♦ Honorees are Free**

**To make a reservation send congregation name,  
attendee name(s), and payment to:**

**Bergen County Council of Churches**

**58 James Street**

**Bergenfield, NJ 07621**

**201-384-2585 fax**

**Questions? Call: 201-403-4341**

Reservation Deadline is:

Friday, October 13, 2017

*No tickets are issued.*

*Your name will held at the door.*

Payment due in advance of the dinner.

No tickets sold at the door.



### Happy October Birthday to:

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|----|---------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Chris Reynen        | 17 | Lorraine Freimuth |
| 4  | Karen Arnone        | 17 | Aubrie McTigue    |
| 4  | Susanna Makela      | 19 | Barbara Lauro     |
| 5  | Ray Makela          | 22 | Matthew Hammond   |
| 7  | Mary Blazin         | 24 | Owen Macke        |
| 7  | Jessica Weir        | 24 | Matt Reynen       |
| 9  | Christie Rutherford | 26 | Chris Bannan      |
| 15 | April Kirk          |    |                   |

### Happy October Anniversary to:

- |    |                             |
|----|-----------------------------|
| 7  | George & Jessy Swatek       |
| 9  | Patrick & Alexandra McTigue |
| 11 | Clint & Susan Poff          |
| 16 | Anthony & Melissa Rizzo     |
| 19 | Carl & Laine Skonberg       |
| 22 | Daniel & Carol Weaver       |
| 30 | Philip & Vivian Rugani      |

### WOMEN OF THE REFORMATION

Although the names most often associated with the Reformation are male, women also played key roles in maintaining the integrity of the church. “Most were wives and mothers, professor Justin Holcomb writes. “Some were also authors, apologists, ex-nuns, and queens. All were faithful servants of Jesus.”

Women who made notable contributions include:

- ♦ Katherine von Bora, the former nun who married former-priest Martin Luther
- ♦ Argula von Grumbach, a Bavarian noblewoman who published letters and debated with university faculty
- ♦ Olympia Fulvia Morata, an Italian scholar who lectured on the teachings of Luther and Calvin – and was persecuted and imprisoned
- ♦ Jeanne d’Albret, queen of Navarare and a leader in France’s Huguenot movement, who tried to peacefully resolve tensions between Catholics and Protestants
- ♦ Marie Dentièrre, an aristocrat who left an Augustinian monastery to speak in public – even on street corners! – about church reform



### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH...

#### October 1

- Assisting Minister** Jody Eiden  
**Reader** Gerry Lauro  
**Ushers** John Havens & Chris Reynen  
**Communion Prep** Jean Olenich  
**Fellowship** *Please sign up*

#### October 8

- Assisting Minister** Bill Whitney  
**Reader** Janice Reynen  
**Ushers** Mary & Frank Pensallorto  
**Communion Prep** Bethel Borgeson  
**Fellowship** *Please sign up*

#### October 15

- Assisting Minister** Bob Schoendorf  
**Reader** Diane Havens  
**Ushers** Gerry Lauro & George Collard  
**Communion Prep** Kim Salerno  
**Fellowship** *Please sign up*

#### October 22

- Assisting Minister** Linda Ganger  
**Reader** Mary Pensallorto  
**Ushers** Bill Whitney & Anthony Rizzo  
**Communion Prep** Liz & Lisa Fastuca  
**Fellowship** *Please sign up*

#### October 29

- Assisting Minister** Carolyn Tedesco  
**Reader** Carolyn Tedesco  
**Ushers** Roy & Bethel Borgeson  
**Communion Prep** Barbara Lauro  
**Fellowship** *Please sign up*

- Teller (Council)** Bob Schoendorf  
**Counter** Rich Zinn