



THE ADVENTURE



JANUARY 2026

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

by Rev. Dr. Gabriele Schroeder

Dear Advent Community:

A new year has begun, and with it, new changes are coming to your congregation. This month will be the last month that I will serve as your pastor. I hope that you and I will be able to part from one another without feelings of betrayal, anger, regret, or guilt. Eight years is a significant span of time – it falls short of the thirty-eight years Pr. Olsen spent at Advent but is longer than the median tenure of ELCA pastors (that is, six years).

I won't repeat the list of things that I believe we have accomplished together over the past eight years (which I already recalled in my letter to you). Instead, I encourage you to look with joyful anticipation and hope into the future. Whoever you will end up calling as Advent's next pastor will have gifts that are different from mine. No two pastors are alike in their approach to ministry and in the skills that they bring to their sacred calling of proclaiming Christ's Good News.

I encourage you to let go of any preconceived

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COUNCIL CONNECTION

BY KARYL CIMINI, PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!!!

I was perusing old documents on my computer the other day, and came across this message that I shared first with the church council and then in the newsletter several years ago. I don't normally repeat my messages, but this one comes back to me periodically. To all of you in my Advent Family - thank you for joining me on this train of life.

The Train of Life ~ by Ann Goodfellow

At birth we boarded the train of life and met our parents. We believed they would always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant for example, our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of our life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we do not realize that they vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we wish to leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on their train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on your train. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey.

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.

Karyl



WAYS TO WELLNESS

BY DEBBIE & ERNIE LEPORINI

As the new year approaches, we look forward to staying well. But life can (and usually does) bring challenges and stress. I recently received an email from the Coast Guard Employee Assistance Program staff that I think provides some good practical strategies. Here is an edited version of the email.

Focus on What Truly Matters. The pursuit of perfection can lead to unnecessary stress. Instead of striving for the ideal, focus on creating meaningful experiences with those around us. Imperfections can add character to life. Our fondest memories are sometimes found in the things that weren't perfect, not in a flawless presentation.

Prioritize Self-Care. It is essential to care for yourself. Ensure you are taking time to recharge, whether through rest, exercise, or engaging in activities that bring you happiness. Even small actions, such as eating nutritious meals or practicing mindfulness, can have a positive impact on your well-being. Remember, maintaining your own health and morale enables you to better support those around you.



Establish and Maintain Healthy Boundaries. Family gatherings and social events can sometimes lead to heightened emotions or unsolicited advice. To protect your time and energy, set clear boundaries and communicate them confidently. Declining invitations or stepping away from situations that cause undue stress is both acceptable and necessary. By maintaining boundaries, you can focus on what truly matters.

Practice Gratitude. The act of practicing gratitude is a powerful tool for shifting perspective and alleviating stress. Take moments daily to reflect on the positive aspects of your life. Consider keeping a gratitude journal or expressing thanks to those around you. Gratitude fosters resilience and enhances overall well-being.

Embrace Flexibility. Despite careful planning, life often presents us with unexpected challenges. Unforeseen disruptions are common. Approach these situations with adaptability and humor, recognizing that flexibility is key to maintaining a positive outlook. By embracing the unpredictability of life, you can preserve your joy and enjoy the moments that matter.

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Get Support When Needed. Even with these strategies, we can find ourselves overwhelmed. Reaching out to your church family when you find yourself struggling is a strength, not a weakness. Do not try to do it alone. We are there, ready to come alongside when needed.

By focusing on what truly matters, prioritizing self-care, setting boundaries, practicing gratitude, and adapting to challenges, you can approach the new year with resilience and confidence.

And throughout it all, commune daily with the Father, who loves us and wants only the best for us. Go to Him in prayer often and let Him be your guide.

Happy New Year!

HART HAPPENINGS

BY BARBARA OLSON

Thank you for your response to the call for volunteers to assist Holy Family during the first of their two weeks of hosting Winter Sanctuary this year. The St. John's lunch ladies will be serving the meal. Lanny, Suzane and Cornelia have volunteered to be hospitality hostesses and the overnight shifts will be staffed by Barbara Wammer, Frank Vouri, Luke Patterson and Barbara Olson.



The Winter Sanctuary House listing items needed for the breakfast bags that we hand to the guests as they leave in the morning was posted for the first time at church on Dec. 28th. Just take a post-it from the house and bring the item to the kitchen between January 4-7. Here are some of the things that will be needed: sandwich baggies, mandarins, pudding cups, chips, sandwich meat, sliced cheese, and plastic spoons. Quantities will be noted on the post-it notes.

Cash donations will be used to purchase dinner ingredients and to support the showers offered each week. Put your donation in an offering envelope designated for Winter Sanctuary.

Thank You and Blessed New Year from Citrus Heights HART!



Women's Christmas Tea December 14, 2025





JANUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

DATE	1/4	1/11	1/18	1/25
GREETER	Lorna Mymka & Nolana Mymka	Dorothy Michaelis	Jenny Stern	Tom & Audrey Werth
PASTOR	Rev. Dr. Gabi Schroeder (Rev. Mark Vance on 1/4)			
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Karen Franz	Luke Patterson	Josh & Cole Tolman	Jeffrey Belchem
LECTORS	Bill Bevier	Suzane Henderson	Qalliu Family	Mary Grivna
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
ALTAR FLOWERS	Available	Available	Available	Available
AV TECH	Nolana Mymka	Bruce Hansen	Bruce Hansen	Noah Qalliu
LIVESTREAM TECHIE	Adam Pollock (Nolana Mymka on 1/18)			
USHERS	** Ken Johnson & Bill Bevier			
ALTAR GUILD	TEAM B: **Kathy Johnson, Maggie Ciak, Joyce Montag			

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Tanya Bowers Jan. 8
Karen Strom Jan. 14
Kayla Cimini Jan. 14
Marilyn Hermanson Jan. 18
Herb Lindner Jan. 29



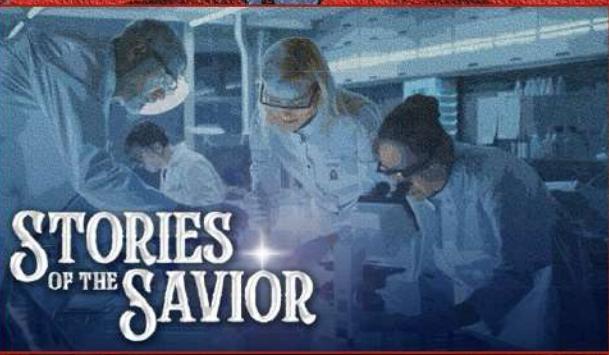
*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Cornelia Chancellor Jan. 11



Stories of the Savior Rehearsal – Thank you to all!







THE LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM TODAY A CITY STILL UNDER OCCUPATION

For the first time in 3 Years, Christian Churches held their customary public celebration of Christmas in Bethlehem's Manger Square with leaders of Orthodox, Catholic, and Lutheran Churches present on the stage.



Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb,
"Hope is
what we do."



ADVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:30am Worship Service with Holy Communion www.youtube.com/@Advent_Citrus_Hights/streams 1:30pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Sunday Night HOW AA Group	5 9:30am Offering Counters 6:00pm AA Meeting	6 12:00pm AA Meeting - One Day at a Time 1:30pm Social Knitters 3:00pm Finance Committee ZOOM Meeting 3:30pm Grace House Distribution 4:00pm Executive Committee - Zoom 5:30pm CPR Class 7:00pm Christian Education Committee (ZOOM)	7 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 3:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm - 8:30pm Knitters Guild	1  2 1:00pm Ways to Wellness 1:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	3 10:00am - 2:00pm CPR Class	
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We received this beautiful letter in December—what a gift to know that another ELCA congregation is praying for us and our ministry!

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church



December 16, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ—

At St. John we have a practice of praying for our fellow beloved disciples of Jesus at churches both near and far to us. Here is what we prayed for you on Sunday, November 30, in which we recognized the First Sunday of Advent during morning worship:

We ask your guidance, strength and blessing on our brothers and sisters at Advent Lutheran Church in Citrus Heights, CA, fellow members with us of the Body of Christ, sharing one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, and one God and Father of all. Protect and prepare us all to be the Bride of Christ your Word tells us we are to become.

You may even have received a note of encouragement from one or more of our members, as we listed your church's address in our bulletin that morning. Either way, we wanted to let you know that we have been praying for you all.

God go with you as together we seek to proclaim the Good News of Jesus and the Kingdom of God in both word and deed!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul Offhaus
On behalf of the entire St. John congregation

We envision a world fed and led by God

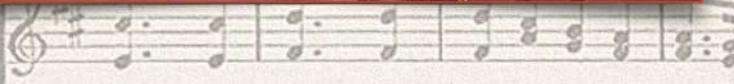
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Joy to the World!



And won - ders of HIS love,
And Heav'n and na



His right-eous - ness,

**Caroling at the homes of
Audrey & Tom Werth
and Linda & Bob Mathews**





**Caroling at the homes of
Linda & Bob Mathews,
Russell Beeck, and
Carol & Tom Kent**



BUNCO BABES

You may know that The Bunco Babes, who meet monthly for an afternoon of Bunco and lunch together (and quite a few laughs!) had their Annual Christmas Celebration on December 8th. What you may **not** know is that they each donate every time they meet,



then, at the end of the year, they decide together where these funds will be directed. This year (like last year) they donated \$140 to Advent's group that hosts monthly lunches at St. John's Program for Real Change, led by Jenny Stern! Thank you to both of these groups for their giving hearts!

THANK YOU FROM THE WERTHS!

Tom and Audrey would like to say "Thank you" to all those who came to their new home to sing Christmas carols! I believe they speak for all those who were visited in being appreciative of the Christmas Cheer and Love that were shared!



Quotables:

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

C.S. Lewis

TREASURER'S REPORT

PROFIT & LOSSES NOVEMBER 2025



	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Budgeted Offering	32,839.01
Total 4030 Facility Use	468.00
4035 Interest Earned	3.80
4050 SCFM Rent	1,200.00
Total Revenue	\$34,510.81
GROSS INCOME	\$34,510.81
Expenditures	
Total 6000 Personnel	14,386.31
Total 6220 Payroll Taxes and Benefits	1,756.24
Total 7030 Finance	146.20
7050 Property	184.60
Total 7080 Worship & Music	61.13
Total 8190 Office Expense	147.40
8260 Church & Casualty Insurance	1,007.45
Total 8280 Service Contracts	1,329.87
Total 8330 Utilities	1,374.21
8345 Bank Charges	8.06
Total 8350 Benevolences	1,520.53
Total Expenditures	\$21,922.00
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$12,588.81

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Christmas Eve 2025





OUR RWANDAN SISTERS AND BROTHERS

by Gabriele Schroeder

Thanks to the diligence and dedication of Melanie and Cornelia Chancellor (Advent's current liaisons to our companion parishes in Rwanda) and thanks to the marvels of the digital age, we recently have been receiving regular news about the challenges that our two companion parishes (Matimba-Bwera and Nyagashanga) are facing.

Being companions to these two parishes means that we accompany each other through the unique trials we each are facing, learn from each other, and uphold each other in prayer.

This article intends to share some of those news with you ... *not* in the hope to send more funds from Advent to Rwanda, but to help you pray for these two parishes.

As reported in a previous newsletter article, the political system of Rwanda is best described as "benevolent dictatorship." Rwanda's president, Paul Kagame, has held his office since 2000. Between 1994 and 2000, while serving as Vice President and Minister of Defense, Kagame already was the nation's de facto leader. Prior to 1994, Kagame served as one of the commanders of the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF), a rebel armed force which invaded Rwanda in 1990.

The *benevolence* of Kagame's dictatorship manifests itself in a series of government-controlled public-health campaigns. All Rwandan homes, for example, have metal roofs instead of their previous thatched roofs that don't keep the rain and critters out. All

Rwandans are required to wear footwear (sandals or shoes) to prevent parasites from entering their bodies. Rwandans are also encouraged to establish micro-savings accounts. All Rwandans enjoy universal health coverage, vaccinations, HIV prevention and treatment. Village community health workers provide decentralized care at the village level.

The Rwandan government's latest public health campaign involves churches and other faith communities. A few years ago, churches were put on notice that their leaders must have adequate professional education and their facilities must meet minimum standards. Rwanda is one of the world's poorest countries (no. 28 on the World Bank's list of poorest countries, with a GDP-PPP (gross domestic product based on purchasing power parity) of \$4,103 (US: \$89,105 as of 9/1/2025). The supposed goal of these requirements is to protect Rwandans from religious groups that prey on their money but do not offer tangible spiritual benefits in return.

Sadly, these requirements have led to the temporary closure of all but one church building of the Lutheran Church of Rwanda (LCR). Neither the people of Matimba-Bwera Parish nor Nyagashanga Parish are currently permitted to gather in their sanctuary. Instead, Pastors Musafiri Jackson and Twesige George are holding small worship gatherings at people's homes. As few Rwandans own smartphones, it is currently

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not possible to hold virtual worship services. The simple phones that most people use do not support apps like WhatsApp or FaceTime. Let us pray that a solution can be found and church life will thrive again in the near future.

Let me now share some of the recent developments in the two pastors' own words:

Pastor George/Nyagashanga Parish

[12/10/25]

Good morning, pastor Gabriele. Yes I visit door to door at home and preach, sometimes because laws and regulations of the government, and these days, we meet every Sunday in one home then we pray and preach, but few people come from village to village. We shall take photos on Sunday that I will send to you.

WhatsApp cannot yet be used for preaching, but we need to try. I have only four Christians with smartphone; the others have small phone. Then [we'll have to do repairs,] all those things we need to do, but these days, [we] do [the] floor inside the church and outside the church within foundation. And [a few] other things.

[12/10/25]

Youth we have many, but almost the secondary-school students have not yet come back home, so we have primary-school students and children from very poor families.

[12/10/25]

Material for construction it is very expensive here, and constructors also, so we collect money from members. If it costs too much, we wait a bit, we wait another season, then we collect again and again; just like that. That's our strategy. Thank you so much for supporting us. We received the funds from you. God bless you.

[12/11/25]

There are repairs outside and inside. [Next, we will have to install] water tanks, in order to collect rain water from the roof.

[12/13/25]

Construction items for the church that are remaining are gutters on the roof to collect water, water tanks for water, ceiling-board within the church, sound-proofing the church, cement pavement, and some other things. We are doing this slowly slowly. Thank you.



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Top Row:
The church building
of the Lutheran Parish
in Nyagashanga; photos
taken at two different
times

Middle & Bottom Rows:
photos from recent
Nyagashanga Parish
house church gatherings.

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Pastor Musafiri Jackson/Matimba-Bwera

Hello, dear Cornelia, praise God. It's a great pleasure to have this opportunity to communicate to you by wishing you a merry Christmas and a new year of 2026.

At Matimba Parish, we are doing well, and as you know we are not gathering as Sunday services, because we are still in the process of fulfilling the Government's requirements for the Churches to open.

Re. the Matimba congregation, we were advised by the Government to [tear the building] down and we start afresh because the building is old and does not meet the current standard.

Re. the Bwera congregation, the building is not yet completed; it is now on finishing stage and it requires much money that the congregants can't manage in the short time.

Re. the Bwera primary school, it is now operating but recently the Government

closed it because of the insufficient classrooms.

We are now lacking two class rooms to offer all primary-level grades as it is required by the government. Due to the abrupt school closure, many pupils went to other schools.

But we later negotiated with the government leaders to re-open our school and we proceed with the construction process.

We thank God that now the school is working and the pupils are still few but expecting that next year, they will increase.

We closed the first term with 70 Pupils and we are looking forward to have more.

We are under pressure from the government to add those two remaining class rooms and other requirements to complete the school accreditation. So keep on praying for us and with time, things will come to settle.

Blessings.



Students and teachers at the Bwera School

PRAYER CHAIN INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVING

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Patty Barnes, sister of Russell Beeck and Carol Whyte, who was diagnosed with kidney cancer in mid-2024. Prayers for the success of her cancer treatment in stopping the progress of the disease.

Marcia Becwar, a close friend of Jenny Stern, who is undergoing treatment for recurring cancer. Please pray for Marcia's comfort and successful treatment.

Greg Bell, the husband of Steve Cook's niece. Greg has been diagnosed with a tumor on his leg, but—for now—his doctors are just observing it. Let us pray that Greg's tumor won't grow or turn malignant.

Lou Braafladt, Twila Engler's son-in-law, following surgery on 12/15 for an abdominal tumor and biopsy. Let us pray that Lou's healing goes smoothly and that he is surrounded by God's peace as he awaits the results of the biopsy.

Robin Burke, Raeanne Barrs' sister, whose surgery on 12/22 went well. Please pray that Robin knows God's comfort as she waits for the biopsy results.

Cathy Carlstrom, Pat Johnson's friend, whose husband, Loren, passed into life eternal suddenly. Please pray that Cathy may know God's comfort and peace during this time.

Mike Devine, Winnie Parish's son-in-law, recovering from a broken pelvis. Please pray for comfort for Mike.

Ted Hansen, who has been placed on hospice care. Please pray for God's comfort and peace for Ted and his family.

Jeff Henry, Kathy and Ken Johnson's son-in-law, who has begun chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer. Please pray that the treatments are effective and that Jeff is able to adjust to his new lifestyle without a pancreas and spleen.

PRAYERS CONTINUED...

Tom Kent, prayers for increased physical strength and mobility, and the optimal functioning of his main medical devices.

Chris Lafontaine, Lanny Johanek's nephew, who is in the ICU for liver failure. Let us pray that Chris' condition improves and that those who are concerned for him may know God's peace.

The family of Herbert Lindner, Jr., who passed into life eternal on Christmas Eve morning. Let us pray that they may be comforted in their grief and be at peace.

Mark, Winnie Parish's youngest son, who is hospitalized and undergoing tests after a fall due to passing out. Let us pray that Mark's medical team can discover the cause of the incident and get Mark the treatment he needs.

Val McGuire, a friend of Phil Davidson's daughter, Karen. Val was diagnosed with terminal cancer and has recently started hospice care. Please pray that Val and family may know God's peace during the days ahead.

Betty Rockwell, as she lives with the long-term effects of a stroke. Please pray for comfort and patience for Betty.

Joy Rowland, who has finished radiation treatments for uterine cancer. Let us pray that the treatments Joy endured will be successful in fully eliminating the cancer.

Wayne Swanson, Raeanne Barrs' dad, who is now home after another hospitalization and has begun dialysis. Please pray for comfort for Wayne and peace for Raeanne and her family.

Carol Whyte, who is now home following a stay in rehab for a mild stroke. Please pray that Carol has a full recovery with no lasting side effects.





NEW YEAR'S DAY

Word Search

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notions of what makes a good pastor, to remain flexible in your expectations, and to continue being an active and engaged member of the Advent community during this period of transition. I invite you to use the interim period to take stock and to reflect deeply on the gifts that you are looking for in your next leader and on the specific leadership gifts that God has equipped you with. Please remember that the future of churches in this rapidly changing cultural context will be very different from the previous religious landscape. I truly believe that God is up to a new thing, and that congregations willing to discern that new thing and embrace change will thrive.

Having walked with you through a global pandemic and the renovation of parts of our church campus, I feel I have come to a fork in the road – in one direction, the road grants access to familiar ways of doing ministry. In another direction, unknown challenges lie ahead. God willing, I hope that I can work for maybe 5 years before retiring. By moving to a new congregation, I hope that I can press a professional and personal reset button.

Additionally, my departure will also afford Advent the opportunity to call a leader whose fresh perspective will guide you in

developing a sustainable vision for the future in which Advent will serve the surrounding community in novel ways.

My future life will be different from what my life was like when I first came to Advent. My marriage of 30 years has mostly fallen apart, my two adult daughters have either moved out or are about to do so in 2026, and I plan to move out of my home and rent it out by September of 2026. In short, my new life has changed significantly and is bound to change even more. I therefore treasure the lasting relationships and friendships that I have formed and the encounters that I have had while serving at Advent. Those relationships and memories won't go away; they will forever stay with me and inform how I live my life.

I want you to know that the members of Faith Lutheran Church in Meadow Vista



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PASTOR'S ARTICLE CONTINUED...

have been praying for you over the past few weeks, asking God to grant you peace and wisdom as you grieve the loss of your current pastor and begin a new chapter in your congregation's journey. I will continue to hold the Advent community in my prayers, with prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude for the

hospitality and warm welcome my family and I have received here. I wish you God's blessings and peace for the new year 2026.

Pastor Gabi





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THROUGH GOD'S
GRACE, WE GATHER,
WORSHIP, GROW,
AND CARE**

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