



THE ADVENTURE



OCTOBER 2026

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

by PASTOR KATIE HOLEMAN

Grace and peace to you dear siblings in Christ,

Leaves are changing colors, the breeze seems to be gracing us more often, and we can give thanks that our Transition Team has been formed and installed! Please keep these individuals as well as all of our congregation and neighbors in prayer during this time.

We find ourselves in a season of transition. Some changes arrive with anticipation, while others come with uncertainty or a sense of loss. Often, both are present at once. The familiar is shifting, the new is not yet fully visible, and we are invited to live faithfully in the space between.

Ecclesiastes reminds us, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Scripture does not promise that every season will be easy, but it assures us that no season lies



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beyond God's presence. The God who has guided us in the past is already at work in what comes next.

Transition asks us to practice three holy habits: remembering, listening, and trusting. We remember with gratitude the people, ministries, and moments that have shaped us. We listen carefully—to one another, to our neighbors, and to the quiet movement of the Holy Spirit. And we trust that God's future is larger than our plans and more gracious than our fears.

In the weeks ahead, I encourage each of us to remain rooted in prayer, generous in conversation, and patient with one another. Let us make room for honest questions without rushing toward easy answers. Let us notice those for whom

change feels especially difficult. And let us continue to worship, serve, learn, and care for our community with steady hearts.

A season of transition is not merely an interruption; it can also be an invitation. God may be calling us to release what has completed its purpose, to deepen what remains essential, and to welcome new forms of faithfulness. We do not walk this path alone. Christ is before us, beside us, and within us, drawing us together in hope.

May God grant us courage for the journey, wisdom for each decision, and grace to meet one another with love.

Blessings,

Pastor Katie

DID YOU KNOW...

The last two to three weeks in October (and, occasionally, the first week of November) are normally the only time of the year during which all of the "Big Four" major professional sports in the U.S. and Canada schedule games; the NBA begins its preseason and about two weeks later starts the regular season, the NHL is in the first month of its regular season, the NFL is about halfway through its regular season, and MLB is in its postseason with the League Championship Series and World Series. Days on which all four leagues play are commonly known as a sports equinox.



COUNCIL CONNECTION

by JEFFREY BELCHEM

I could always justify my actions with the excuse of there being nobody else doing this or that, or that I am doing it because I am one of the “younger” ones still able to do those things requiring physical ability. Linda can also attest to the numerous times I mentioned that it was God calling me to do so.



For example, since March of this year, I took on improving our sanctuary entrance with plants in the planter boxes (with compensation), painted the pastor's office before she arrived, helped with repairs to the sprinkler systems, and in general worked towards keeping the church property in decent shape. At our last Council meeting, I was even thanked for all I was doing!

Now I find that I am currently physically and financially unable to drive to church several times a week. Therefore, I need to put things on “PAUSE”. In recent months I have repeatedly pointed out that the Tuesday Crew are no longer able to do the same tasks as they used to in the past. We're working towards finishing up some of the outstanding tasks still on our list, after which we will be dissolved. That means many of the tasks now need to be covered by others. While I may have trouble letting go, one of my closest friends has advised me that if someone else wants to do something, or has a better idea, just let them do it.

I need to step back—and hopefully will have a little more time to finish my home garden project which I started so many months ago.

While I am slowing down some, I will still continue being involved in many aspects of church life (such as Assisting Minister and Dominoes to name a couple) and will continue to prayerfully consider what God wants me to be during this phase of my life.

Jeffrey



HART HAPPENINGS

BY BARBARA OLSON

On October 23 COME AND JOIN THE FUN! Advent Lutheran has two tables booked for the Spaghetti Fest Fundraiser at the Citrus Heights Community Center. This is your chance to spend time with your Advent friends as you enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner and listen to live music. You will also learn what our community is doing to help homeless families and individuals as HART presents its annual awards.



Your dinner is free, and you will have a chance to bid on our Silent Auction items or vie with others to win one of the raffle baskets, many items donated by local merchants and companies who support the HART mission.

To take advantage of this great opportunity, use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or talk to Barbara Olson or Lanny Johaneck.

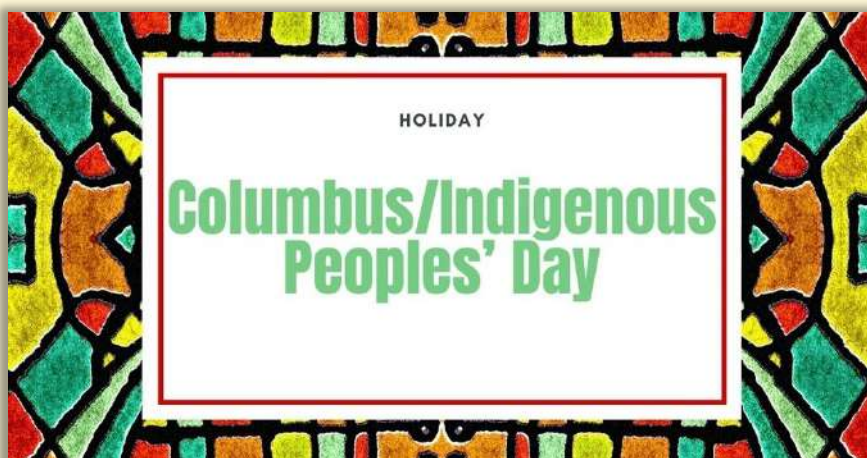
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Citrus Heights HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team) serves individuals and families in our community who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness. This includes those facing eviction, living paycheck to paycheck or navigating housing instability due to unexpected life events, as well as individuals currently without stable shelter.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY / COLUMBUS DAY

Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, October 12 in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day / Columbus Day.

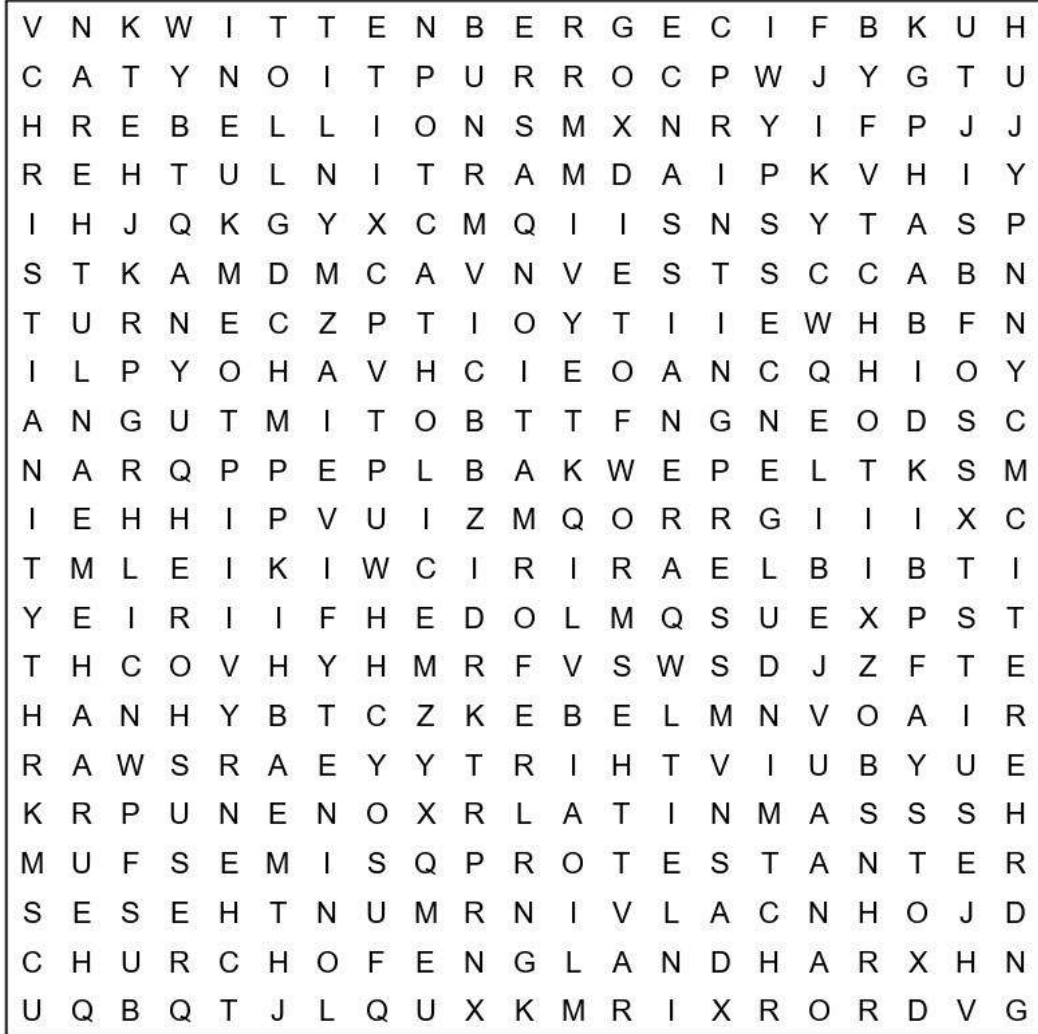
The counters will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 9:30 AM.



JUST FOR FUN!

The Reformation

Look for the words below in all directions, including backwards and diagonally.
(Solution is on page 9)



BIBLE
CATHOLIC
CHRISTIANITY
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
CORRUPTION
DIET OF WORMS
HENRY VIII
HERETIC
INDULGENCES

JESUITS
JOHN CALVIN
LATIN MASS
LUTHERAN
MARTIN LUTHER
MONK
NINETY-FIVE
PAMPHLET
PRINTING PRESS

PROTESTANT
REBELLIONS
REFORMATION
RENAISSANCE
SCHISM
THESES
THIRTY YEARS WAR
WITTENBERG

THANK YOU!



Thank you so much for the reception, cake, cards and well-wishes upon my move to Paso Robles! I am settling in well to my new home and loving it! I am joining you in worship online each week, so I am still connected to my Advent Family.

In Christ,

Dorothy Michaelis

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Dear Advent Lutheran Church,

Thank you for surrounding us with your love and prayers as we celebrated our
Marvelous Mother Marie's beautiful life.

We are deeply grateful for your presence, cards, flowers, and memorial gifts. We also want to thank everyone that helped organize the service for her. It was truly special.

With heartfelt gratitude,

The Buhler Family



Quotables:

“Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity.”

~ Simone Weil

BRING YOUR LUNCH AND JOIN US!

Brown B.A.G. Fellowship



Wednesday, Oct. 7, 12:30 PM

B.A.G. = Being and Growing
Accompanying each other in
who we are and who we are
becoming!

Please join us at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 7! All are invited to bring a lunch (including something to drink) and come participate in conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION

Mark your calendar and plan to join us following worship on Sunday, October 11, for our "Quarterly" Congregational Conversation. These gatherings are an opportunity for the congregation and council to give and receive feedback. Your input is important! A partial list of what we will be discussing: Financial Updates, the formation of a Property Exploration Group, and more.



ADVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00am - 2:00pm Underground Clothing Connection - Appt. Only 5:30pm - 8:30pm Knitters Guild	2 1:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	3 10:00am - 2:00pm CPR Class
4 9:30am PET BLESSING OUTDOOR Worship Service with Holy Communion www.youtube.com/@Advent_Citrus_Highlights/streams 10:45am Adult Study 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 1:00pm Finance Committee ZOOM Meeting 1:30pm Social Knitters 3:30pm Grace House Distribution 4:00pm Executive Committee - Zoom 5:45pm CPR Class 7:00pm Christian Education Committee (ZOOM)	7 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 12:30pm Brown B.A.G. Fellowship 3:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm NA Meeting - Here Try This	8 10:00am - 2:00pm Underground Clothing Connection - Appt. Only 6:00pm Church Council Meeting 	9 10:00am - 2:00pm CPR Class 1:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	10 8:30am Stern- Johnson Bike Club
11 9:30am Worship Service with Holy Communion www.youtube.com/@Advent_Citrus_Highlights/streams 10:45am Congregational Conversation 6:00pm Sunday Night HOW AA Group	12 Columbus Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 11:00am Bunco Babes 6:00pm AA Meeting	13 9:30am Offering Counters 12:00pm AA Meeting - One Day at a Time 1:30pm Social Knitters 3:30pm Grace House Distribution 4:00pm Transition Team Meeting 5:45pm CPR Class	14 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 3:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm NA Meeting - Here Try This	15 10:00am - 2:00pm Underground Clothing Connection - Appt. Only 6:30pm Park Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting (Area 5, PONA)	16 10:00am - 2:00pm CPR Class 1:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	17 5:00pm Mexican Train Dominoes 
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25 9:30am Worship Service with Holy Communion www.youtube.com/@Advent_Citrus_Highlights/streams 10:45am Reformation Potluck 6:00pm Sunday Night HOW AA Group	26 9:30am Offering Counters 10:00am Serve Lunch @ St John's Program for Real Change 6:00pm AA Meeting	27 12:00pm AA Meeting - One Day at a Time 1:30pm Social Knitters 3:30pm Grace House Distribution 5:45pm CPR Class	28 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 3:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm NA Meeting - Here Try This	29 10:00am - 2:00pm Underground Clothing Connection - Appt. Only	30 1:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	31 10:00am - 2:00pm CPR Class

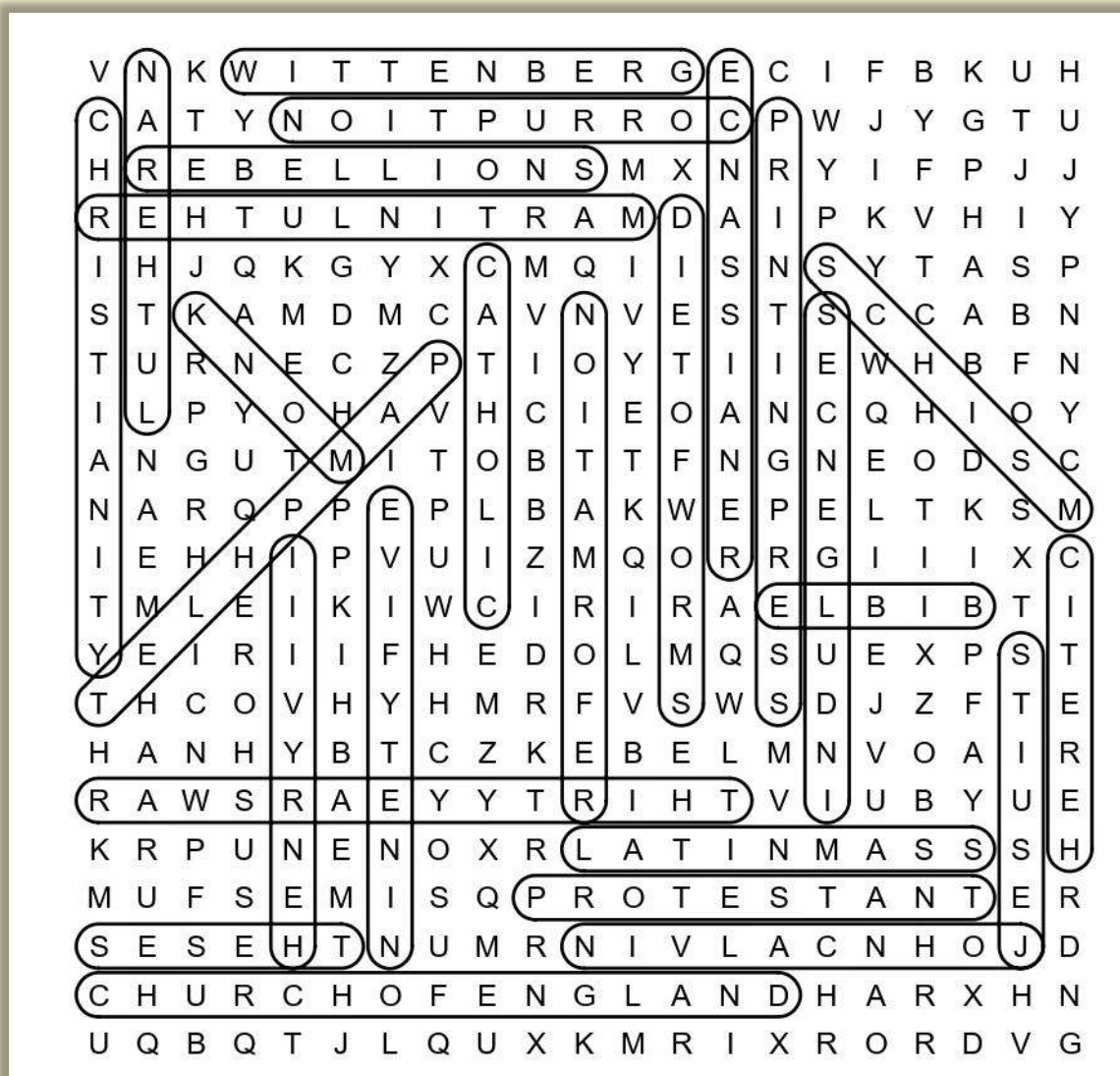
ORGAN CONCERT

All are invited to join us on Saturday, October 24, at 3 PM for an Organ Concert by Jamal, his daughters and his instructor. Don't miss this afternoon of incredible music and fellowship! A free-will offering will be received.



JUST FOR FUN!

(SOLUTION)



OCTOBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

DATE	10/4	10/11	10/18	10/25
GREETER	Maggie Ciak	Leslie Scheurer	Linda Mathews	Debbie & Ernie Leporini
PASTOR	Rev. Katie Holeman			
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Luke Patterson	Pat Johnson	Melanie Chancellor	Dean Henricks
LECTORS	Barbara Olson	Tolman Family	Cornelia Chancellor	Phil Davidson
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
ALTAR FLOWERS	Barbara Olson	Lorna Mymka	Available	Frank Vouri
AV TECH	Nolana Mymka	Bruce Hansen	Nancy King	Joyce Montag
LIVESTREAM TECHIE	Adam Pollock (Nolana Mymka on 10/18)			
USHERS	** Steve Cook, Dean Henricks			
ALTAR GUILD	TEAM D: **Lorna Mymka, Carol Kent			

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn YoungquistOct. 3
 Tom Kent Oct. 4
 Cheryl Adams.....Oct. 5
 Beth Mora Oct. 12
 Charles Williams Oct. 12
 Tony Gariano Oct. 13
 Shirley Cleveland..... Oct. 14
 Noah Qalliu Oct. 18

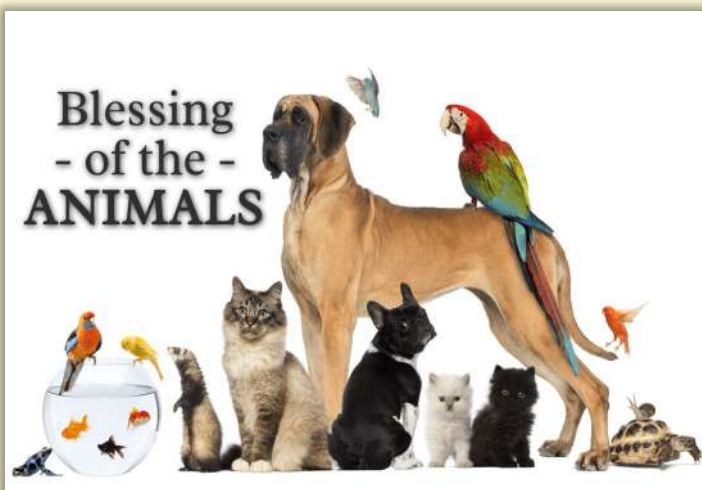
Linda Mathews..... Oct. 22
 Nancy King Oct. 23
 Carol Keehner..... Oct. 29
 Margaret Johnson Oct. 30
 Sienna Tolman Oct. 30
 Ernie Leporini.....Oct. 31
 Steven CookOct. 31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Robin Bevier.....Oct. 5
 Rick & Marilyn Hermanson.....Oct. 6
 Jeffrey & Linda Belchem.....Oct. 11
 Michael & Natalie JonesOct. 12



PET BLESSING—OCTOBER 4



Our Annual Pet Blessing Worship Service will be held on Sunday, October 4, on the front plaza area. Please bring a lawn chair, if you'd like (some folding chairs will be provided) and your pet (furred, feathered or scaled!) for a special blessing. Invite your friends and their pets, too!

REFORMATION SUNDAY—OCTOBER 25



REFORMATION POTLUCK



Did someone say
“Potluck”?!?!

REFORMATION POTLUCK

- Sunday, October 25, following worship
- Please bring a dish or dessert to share
- Drinks will be provided

TREASURER'S REPORT

PROFIT & LOSSES AUGUST 2026

	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Budgeted Offering	13,579.57
Total 4030 Facility Use	800.00
4035 Interest Earned	4.35
4050 SCFM Rent	1,200.00
4056 Other Income - Misc	40.00
4057 Other Income - Maintenance	200.00
4060 Grants	75.00
Total Revenue	\$15,898.92
GROSS INCOME	\$15,898.92
Expenditures	
Total 6000 Personnel	12,111.42
Total 6220 Payroll Taxes and Benefits	1,114.21
Total 7030 Finance	146.20
7050 Property	276.00
Total 7080 Worship & Music	89.90
Total 8190 Office Expense	435.53
8260 Church & Casualty Insurance	1,007.45
Total 8280 Service Contracts	1,745.77
Total 8330 Utilities	1,673.93
8345 Bank Charges	7.07
Total 8350 Benevolences	1,604.54
Total Expenditures	\$20,212.02
NET OPERATING REVENUE	-\$ 4,313.10



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PRAYER CHAIN INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVING

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

All those serving as caregivers for a loved one, that they may experience God's comfort and renewal.

Patty Barnes, sister of Russell Beeck and Carol Whyte, who continues treatment for kidney cancer. Prayers for the success of her cancer treatment.

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

Russell Beeck, who continues to deal with medical issues. Please pray that he is able to find comfort and healing.

Charles Gamble, father of Charles Williams, following brain surgery on 9/24. Please pray that Charles has a smooth and quick recovery.

Marianne Harper, Margaret Johnson's sister-in-law, who underwent extensive cancer surgery on 9/15. Please pray for comfort as Marianne recovers, and strength for her family.

Jeff Henry, Kathy and Ken Johnson's son-in-law, who is now facing extended treatment for newly found cancer issues. Please pray for positive results from the treatment.

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

Jann Knutson, as she continues to struggle with Parkinson's and related issues. Let us pray for Jann's comfort and peace.

Patt Kregelo, who is making great strides in her recovery after a long hospital stay. Please pray for Patt's continued healing.

PRAYERS CONTINUED...

Bill McCoy, Nancy King's dad, who is hospitalized with congestive heart failure and an infection. Please pray for a full recovery for Bill and a return to his normal activities.

Beth Mora, whose weekly chemotherapy treatments for pancreatic cancer will continue indefinitely. Please pray that Beth's treatment will be effective in keeping the cancer from growing.

The family of Jo Morrison, following her death on 9/18. Please pray that they may know God's comfort during this time.

The family of Donna Murphrey, Bill Bevier's sister, who passed into life eternal on 9/27. Let us pray that they feel God's peace in the midst of their grief.

Michelle O'Dell, Suzane Henderson's niece, undergoing chemotherapy for colon cancer. Let us pray for the success of the treatments.

Sherry Reed, who is recovering from a broken elbow after a fall. Please pray that Sherry's healing goes smoothly.

Dan Sellers, who remains hospitalized with an infection at Mercy Folsom Hospital. Please pray for Dan's recovery and comfort.

Carol Whyte, who is recovering from a broken elbow and wrist after a fall. Please pray for Carol's quick healing and full recovery.

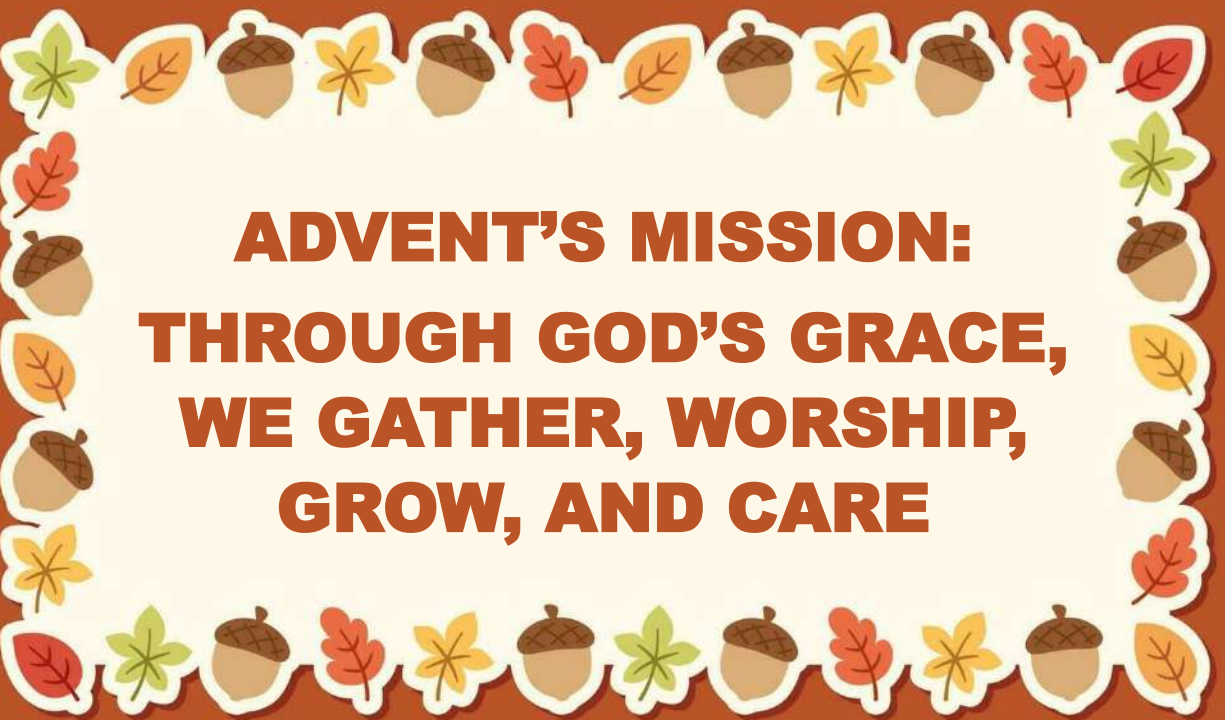
Carolyn Youngquist, as she transitions and adjusts to her new home in the Memory Care Unit. Please pray that Carolyn feels the constancy of God's love during this time.



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

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