

2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT



See, I am doing
a new thing!
- Isaiah 43:19

Advent Lutheran Church
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MEETING AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome, Quorum, Meeting Agenda | Karyl Cimini |
| 2. Recite Advent's Mission & Vision Statements | Karyl Cimini |
| 3. Resolutions | |
| Resolution 2026-01:
 Faithful Service | Karyl Cimini |
| Resolution 2026-02:
 Remembering Those Who Have Died | Karyl Cimini |
| 4. Approve Minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting | Melanie Chancellor |
| 5. Receive FY 2025-2026 Treasurer's Report | Bruce Hansen |
| 6. Approve FY 2026-2027 Budget | Bruce Hansen |
| 7. Elections | Karyl Cimini |
| 9. Receive Committee Reports
<i>(please review ahead of time in this Annual Report document)</i> | Committee Chairs |
| 10. Prayer & Adjournment | Karyl Cimini |

MISSION & VISION

Our Mission

Through God's grace, we gather, worship, grow, and care.

Our Vision

To be a congregation that empowers through God's Word, inspires through faithful witness, and accompanies people on their journey to becoming who God intends them to be.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2026-01 Faithful Service

WHEREAS Dean Henricks, Lanny Johanek and Joyce Montag have faithfully and diligently served on the Congregational Council of Advent Lutheran Church;

BE IT RESOLVED that the congregation commend them on their generous and self-giving efforts on the congregation's behalf and in service to God.

Resolution 2026-02 Remembering Those Who Have Died

WHEREAS having given faithful service to their Lord through Advent Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS their faith has given great expression of care, love, and the very grace of God to the community of Advent Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS they have passed into life eternal;

BE IT RESOLVED that the congregation of Advent Lutheran Church remembers with great fondness and thanksgiving Herb Lindner, Jr. and Joan Conklin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we observe a moment of silence honoring their lives of faith.

MINUTES (Annual Meeting June 8, 2025)

1. **The meeting was called to order** by Acting Council President, Karyl Cimini at 10:45 am. A quorum of 36 members were present.

2. **Approve the 2024 Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Suzane Henderson to approve the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting and the November Special Congregational Meeting, seconded by Phil Davidson, passed unanimously.

3. **Receive the FY 2024 Treasurer 'Report**

Bruce Hansen presented the Treasurer's Report. After moving funds from Edward Jones Accounts, the church checking account balance went from \$17,000 to \$61,000. Proposed Budget: Revenue is at \$275,000 and Expenditures are at \$306,446 with \$23,946 transferred from the Edward Jones account. There was discussion on how to keep the budget out of the red. A question was raised about reducing Benevolence giving until the budget is back in the black. Ken Johnson made a motion to approve the proposed budget, seconded by Nancy King. An amended motion was made for the church council to determine the amount of Synod benevolences. Ken Johnson amended his motion, seconded by Robin Bevier, passed 35 yay and 1 nay.

4. **Next Steps for the Campus Improvement Project**

A. Fire Hydrant Inspection/Repair – the inspection will be approximately \$500.
B. Timer for Outside Lights. C. Water Fountain in the Fellowship Hall. D. Tall windows and light fixtures to be cleaned/repared in the office area. Items C and D will be addressed by the council in a future meeting.

5. **CIP Budget**

Income for CIP was \$369,988 and Expenses were \$270,224. Robin Bevier made a motion to split any excess funds (once all projects are completed) 50/50 between the Reserves Account (Edward Jones) and Endowment Fund. Seconded by Jeffrey Belchem, passed 34 yay, 2 nay.

6. **SCFM Lease**

Council is working on finalizing the addendum to the lease with Sunrise Christian Food Ministry.

7. Elections

Council: Karen Franz and Karyl Cimini were nominated to serve on Council. Nancy King made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Bruce Hansen, passed unanimously.

Endowment Committee: Barbara Olson was nominated for the Endowment Committee. AnnaLee Bjork made a motion to approve the nomination, seconded by Cornelia Chancellor, passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee: Nominees for the 2026 Nominating Committee were: Dean Henricks, Lanny Johaneck, Sally Smith, Ernie Leporini, and Carol Whyte. AnnaLee Bjork made a motion to approve the nominations with Council to fill the one remaining vacancy, seconded by Linda Belchem, passed unanimously.

Synod Delegates: Mike and Natalie Jones were nominated as 2026 Synod Assembly Delegates. Ken Johnson made a motion to approve the nominations, seconded by Dean Henricks, passed unanimously.

Audit Committee: Council will appoint an Audit Committee.

8. Prayer and Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Nancy King, seconded by Melanie Chancellor, passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned by Acting President Karyl Cimini at 11:54 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Chancellor

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2026-27

July 2026 - June 2027

	TOTAL
Revenue	
4000 Budgeted Offering	250,000.00
4030 Facility Use	
4030.1 Community Groups	7,000.00
Total 4030 Facility Use	7,000.00
4035 Interest Earned	100.00
4050 SCFM Rent	14,400.00
Total Revenue	\$271,500.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$271,500.00
Expenditures	
6000 Personnel	
6120 Music Director	17,925.00
6130 Organist	14,375.00
6130.1 Substitute Organist	600.00
Total 6130 Organist	14,975.00
6140 Executive Pastor	
6140.1 Pastor's Salary	60,270.00
6140.2 Social Security/Medicare	4,611.00
6140.4 Medical	5,100.00
Total 6140 Executive Pastor	69,981.00
6147 Pastoral Substitute	1,250.00
6150 Congregational Life Director	39,000.00
Total 6000 Personnel	143,131.00
6220 Payroll Taxes and Benefits	
6220.1 Pastoral Pensions/Insurance	6,027.00
6220.2 Pastoral Professional Expenses	2,250.00
6220.3 Pastoral Continued Education	1,000.00
6220.4 Church Mutual - Worker's Comp	2,100.00
6220.5 Employee Payroll Taxes	5,210.00
Total 6220 Payroll Taxes and Benefits	16,587.00
7015 Christian Education	300.00
7030 Finance	
7030.1 Accounting Software	1,680.00
Total 7030 Finance	1,680.00
7035 Personnel Committee	200.00
7040 Outreach	500.00
7050 Property	5,500.00
7050.1 Back-40 Mowing	2,000.00
Total 7050 Property	7,500.00
7055 Wellness Committee	200.00
7080 Worship & Music	
7080.1 Communion Supplies	600.00
7080.2 Misc. Worship Supplies	350.00

	TOTAL
7080.5 Music	200.00
7080.6 Instrumentalists	1,200.00
7080.7 Instrument Repair	500.00
7080.8 Licenses	1,650.00
Total 7080 Worship & Music	4,500.00
8100 Synod and Assembly Expense	500.00
8190 Office Expense	
8190.1 Office Supplies	1,600.00
8190.2 Printing	100.00
8190.3 Postage	350.00
8190.4 Dues & Subscriptions	525.00
8190.5 Janitorial Supplies	500.00
8190.6 Software	1,100.00
Total 8190 Office Expense	4,175.00
8260 Church & Casualty Insurance	12,000.00
8270 Property Taxes	1,600.00
8280 Service Contracts	
8280.01 Foothill - Alarm	2,900.00
8280.02 Atlas - Solid Waste	3,885.00
8280.03 Visual Edge - Copier Maintenance	2,500.00
8280.04 Proclean - Janitorial Services	10,800.00
8280.06 Terminix - Termite Control	2,750.00
8280.07 Cybex/Sonitrol Copper Wire Theft Prevention	800.00
8280.12 Brower - HVAC Maintenance	1,200.00
8280.13 Firecode - Extinguisher Maintenance	1,400.00
8280.14 Powers - Bookkeeping	10,200.00
Total 8280 Service Contracts	36,435.00
8330 Utilities	
8330.1 PG&E	3,200.00
8330.2 Sacramento Area Sewer	3,500.00
8330.3 SMUD	7,500.00
8330.4 Citrus Heights Water	2,500.00
8330.5 Comcast Business (Internet / Telephone)	3,200.00
Total 8330 Utilities	19,900.00
8350 Benevolences	
8350.1 Sierra Pacific Synod	15,000.00
8350.2 Local	5,000.00
8350.3 Rwanda Support	2,400.00
Total 8350 Benevolences	22,400.00
Total Expenditures	\$271,608.00
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -108.00
NET REVENUE	\$ -108.00

ELECTIONS

A heartfelt “thank you” to the Nominating Committee for discerning candidates for our various open Church Council and committee positions!

Thank you to all candidates who have agreed to serve in leadership positions!

Church Council

Council Members	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Jeffrey Belchem					
Bruce Hansen					
Karyl Cimini					
Karen Franz					
to be elected					
to be elected					
to be elected					
Pastor	ex-officio voting church council member				

The following Advent members have been nominated for election as members of Advent’s Church Council:

- **three-year term** (elect 3): Dean Henricks, Robin Bevier

ELECTIONS (continued)

Endowment Fund Committee

Endowment Committee Members	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Keith Montag					
Jenny Stern					
Barbara Olson					
Phil Davidson (appointment to be confirmed)					
to be elected					

The following members have been nominated for election as members of Advent's Endowment Fund Committee:

- **three-year term** (elect 1): Bill Bevier
- **confirm appointment** (2 years remaining): Phil Davidson

Nominating Committee

The following Advent members have been nominated for election as members of Advent's 2026-27 Nominating Committee (*elect 6*):

- **one-year term:**
 - Jeffrey Belchem (2027 outgoing council member)
 - Bruce Hansen (2027 outgoing council member)
 - Nominations from the floor
 - Nominations from the floor
 - Nominations from the floor
 - Nominations from the floor

Voting Members for the 2027 Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly

The following Advent members have been nominated for election as voting members at the 2027 SPS Assembly: Lanny Johaneck, Barbara Olson?

Audit Committee

Council to appoint 3 members

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a unique year in the life of this congregation. We walked into the 25-26 fiscal year celebrating the accomplishment of our campus improvements that had occurred. How proud we were (and still are) of the updating and upgrading of our campus. Things seemed to be flowing fairly smoothly during the year as we tackled other issues that come with an aging campus including removal of 2 of our beloved redwood trees (before they fell down), updating the lights in the fellowship hall, refurbishing the planters at the front entrance to the church, having a water filter faucet installed in the kitchen. To everyone who helped to accomplish all these tasks, I thank you. Just like it takes a village to raise a child, it takes our whole congregation to keep our campus looking clean and welcoming. We know that we have a smaller crew of people who are able to help with physical labor around the campus, but, we also know that those who are unable to do so support this congregation in many other ways. Much like a nuclear family, this congregation is a loving, supporting community in more ways than can be listed here.

With the departure of Pastor Gabi at the end of January, the primary focus of the council has been on our transition process and maintaining things within the church, rather than looking at another deeply involved project. While we aren't planning any large undertakings at this point in time, change is indeed a reality. And we will keep the congregation up to date as things occur.

So, the question we need to look at now is, Where are we going? What does our future look like? During our transition process, we'll be looking at the future of this congregation. We need to be open-minded and willing to accept changes - some may be easy to adjust to, while others may be a little more challenging. There will be many facets of our life as a congregation that we need to examine - not just our physical campus and our financial status, but also our spiritual, social and emotional standings as well.

Let's reflect for a moment on who we are. What is our identity? Many people automatically respond to "The Welcome Place" - which we are. But, how do we go beyond those words? What makes us special in Citrus Heights? What unique gifts do we have to offer? How can we stand out from other churches in the area? We really need to do some deep thinking here. As our congregation decreases in size, we need to look beyond our

walls and find ways to create a more visible presence in our community. Granted, there is a lot of activity here on the campus - the food closet, numerous AA and NA meetings in our fellowship hall, Girl Scouts, monthly PONA (Park Oaks Neighborhood Association) meetings, Grace House weekly meal distribution, our fellowship hall being used for CPR classes, as well as all of our internal meetings and gatherings. Now is the time for us to get more creative and innovative in serving our community. It's time for us to collectively 'Think outside the box'...What will help us to be more visible in our community? Some food for thought as we get the transition ball rolling.

We've been moving forward with improving our outside appearance over the past couple of years. We now need to keep that momentum going and work on utilizing our campus to its fullest potential - Again, we aren't prepared to start any large projects now, but, what can we do with 'The Back 40'? We have a large amount of the property on the back of our campus that is underutilized - our challenge is to determine the best way to benefit ourselves and our community. Ideas? An ADU housing community? Solar Panels? A large community garden? A preschool? The possibilities (and opportunities) are endless. While whatever we decide to do is somewhere in the future, let's begin to dream now - let's look toward the future with enthusiasm and positivity.



As we look forward to the next year in our church, let us remember we are all in this transition together. Life as we know it in the church will not be the same as it has been in the past. We are all going to be challenged to change and grow. May we respond to God's call willingly and openly - may we all join in this journey together as we seek The New Advent Lutheran Church of Citrus Heights.

Karyl Cimini

FY 2025-26 TREASURER'S REPORT

(10 months only; through April 30, 2026)

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue				
4000 Budgeted Offering	208,242.20	212,500.00	-4,257.80	98.00 %
4030 Facility Use				
4030.1 Community Groups	6,455.00	5,000.00	1,455.00	129.10 %
Total 4030 Facility Use	6,455.00	5,000.00	1,455.00	129.10 %
4035 Interest Earned	521.13	83.30	437.83	625.61 %
4050 SCFM Rent	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	100.00 %
4056 Other Income - Misc	1,910.16		1,910.16	
4057 Other Income - Maintenance	1,450.00		1,450.00	
4060 Grants				
4060.2 Thrivent (Synod and Assembly)	250.00		250.00	
Total 4060 Grants	250.00		250.00	
Total Revenue	\$230,828.49	\$229,583.30	\$1,245.19	100.54 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$230,828.49	\$229,583.30	\$1,245.19	100.54 %
Expenditures				
6000 Personnel				
6120 Music Director	14,500.00	14,500.00	0.00	100.00 %
6130 Organist	11,625.00	11,625.00	0.00	100.00 %
6130.1 Substitute Organist	750.00	250.00	500.00	300.00 %
Total 6130 Organist	12,375.00	11,875.00	500.00	104.21 %
6140 Executive Pastor				
6140.1 Pastor's Salary	34,241.69	48,916.70	-14,675.01	70.00 %
6140.2 Social Security/Medicare	4,761.47	6,802.50	-2,041.03	70.00 %
6140.3 Housing Allowance	28,000.00	40,000.00	-12,000.00	70.00 %
Total 6140 Executive Pastor	67,003.16	95,719.20	-28,716.04	70.00 %
6147 Pastoral Substitute	6,856.48	1,250.00	5,606.48	548.52 %
6150 Congregational Life Director	23,790.49	20,416.70	3,373.79	116.52 %
Total 6000 Personnel	124,525.13	143,760.90	-19,235.77	86.62 %
6220 Payroll Taxes and Benefits				
6220.1 Pastoral Pensions/Insurance	9,715.51	11,573.30	-1,857.79	83.95 %
6220.2 Pastoral Professional Expenses	1,349.50	1,875.00	-525.50	71.97 %
6220.3 Pastoral Continued Education	661.33	833.30	-171.97	79.36 %
6220.4 Church Mutual - Worker's Comp	32.00	1,750.00	-1,718.00	1.83 %
6220.5 Employee Payroll Taxes	-98.27	3,750.00	-3,848.27	-2.62 %
Total 6220 Payroll Taxes and Benefits	11,660.07	19,781.60	-8,121.53	58.94 %
7015 Christian Education	166.14	250.00	-83.86	66.46 %
7030 Finance				
7030.1 Accounting Software	1,514.10	1,250.00	264.10	121.13 %
Total 7030 Finance	1,514.10	1,250.00	264.10	121.13 %
7035 Personnel Committee		166.70	-166.70	
7040 Outreach		416.70	-416.70	
7050 Property	4,356.60	4,583.30	-226.70	95.05 %

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
7050.1 Back-40 Mowing		1,666.70	-1,666.70	
7050.3 Grounds Maintenance	3,000.00		3,000.00	
Total 7050 Property	7,356.60	6,250.00	1,106.60	117.71 %
7055 Wellness Committee		166.70	-166.70	
7080 Worship & Music				
7080.1 Communion Supplies	426.78	500.00	-73.22	85.36 %
7080.2 Misc. Worship Supplies	953.01	291.70	661.31	326.71 %
7080.5 Music		166.70	-166.70	
7080.6 Instrumentalists	750.00	1,000.00	-250.00	75.00 %
7080.7 Instrument Repair	360.35	416.70	-56.35	86.48 %
7080.8 Licenses	1,315.00	1,375.00	-60.00	95.64 %
Total 7080 Worship & Music	3,805.14	3,750.10	55.04	101.47 %
8100 Synod and Assembly Expense	380.00	416.70	-36.70	91.19 %
8190 Office Expense				
8190.1 Office Supplies	387.58	1,333.30	-945.72	29.07 %
8190.2 Printing	44.95	83.30	-38.35	53.96 %
8190.3 Postage	386.07	291.70	94.37	132.35 %
8190.4 Dues & Subscriptions	301.44	437.50	-136.06	68.90 %
8190.5 Janitorial Supplies	578.57	416.70	161.87	138.85 %
8190.6 Software	549.91	866.70	-316.79	63.45 %
Total 8190 Office Expense	2,248.52	3,429.20	-1,180.68	65.57 %
8260 Church & Casualty Insurance	10,013.88	9,400.00	613.88	106.53 %
8270 Property Taxes	1,216.54	1,333.30	-116.76	91.24 %
8280 Service Contracts				
8280.01 Foothill - Alarm	1,113.62	2,416.70	-1,303.08	46.08 %
8280.02 Atlas - Solid Waste	2,732.19	3,083.30	-351.11	88.61 %
8280.03 Visual Edge - Copier Maintenance	2,547.91	2,083.30	464.61	122.30 %
8280.04 Proclean - Janitorial Services	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	100.00 %
8280.06 Terminix - Termite Control	1,980.00	2,166.70	-186.70	91.38 %
8280.07 Cybex/Sonitrol Copper Wire Theft Prevention	708.05	666.70	41.35	106.20 %
8280.12 Brower - HVAC Maintenance	620.00	1,000.00	-380.00	62.00 %
8280.13 Firecode - Extinguisher Maintenance	439.67	833.30	-393.63	52.76 %
8280.14 Powers - Bookkeeping	8,189.28	7,500.00	689.28	109.19 %
Total 8280 Service Contracts	27,330.72	28,750.00	-1,419.28	95.06 %
8330 Utilities				
8330.1 PG&E	2,440.47	2,916.70	-476.23	83.67 %
8330.2 Sacramento Area Sewer	2,652.61	2,916.70	-264.09	90.95 %
8330.3 SMUD	6,168.33	5,833.30	335.03	105.74 %
8330.4 Citrus Heights Water	2,422.70	1,083.30	1,339.40	223.64 %
8330.5 Comcast Business (Internet / Telephone)	2,727.26	2,666.70	60.56	102.27 %
Total 8330 Utilities	16,411.37	15,416.70	994.67	106.45 %
8345 Bank Charges	120.50		120.50	

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
8350 Benevolences				
8350.1 Sierra Pacific Synod	12,494.54	12,750.00	-255.46	98.00 %
8350.2 Local	4,164.78	4,250.00	-85.22	97.99 %
8350.3 Rwanda Support	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.00 %
Total 8350 Benevolences	18,659.32	19,000.00	-340.68	98.21 %
Total Expenditures	\$225,408.03	\$253,538.60	\$ -28,130.57	88.90 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$5,420.46	\$ -23,955.30	\$29,375.76	-22.63 %
Other Revenue				
9030 Temporarily Restricted Revenue				
9030.1 Memoriams	550.00		550.00	
9030.2 Restricted Pass-through	25.00		25.00	
9030.5 Campus Improvements	22,000.00		22,000.00	
9030.7 TR Interest/Dividends	1,394.55		1,394.55	
9030.9 Unrealized Gain/Loss	4,028.14		4,028.14	
Total 9030 Temporarily Restricted Revenue	27,997.69		27,997.69	
9040 Endowment Fund Revenue				
9040.2 EF Interest/Dividends	3,847.45		3,847.45	
9040.9 EF Unrealized Gain/Loss	3,574.44		3,574.44	
Total 9040 Endowment Fund Revenue	7,421.89		7,421.89	
Total Other Revenue	\$35,419.58	\$0.00	\$35,419.58	0.00%
Other Expenditures				
9400 Pastor Vacation / Pension	13,250.00		13,250.00	
9500 Temporarily Restricted Expenses				
9500.5 Campus Improvements	16,273.00		16,273.00	
9500.7 Investment Fees	622.91		622.91	
9500.8 Technology	119.00		119.00	
Total 9500 Temporarily Restricted Expenses	17,014.91		17,014.91	
9600 Endowment Fund Expenses				
9600.1 Expenses	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Total 9600 Endowment Fund Expenses	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Total Other Expenditures	\$32,264.91	\$0.00	\$32,264.91	0.00%
NET OTHER REVENUE	\$3,154.67	\$0.00	\$3,154.67	0.00%
NET REVENUE	\$8,575.13	\$ -23,955.30	\$32,530.43	-35.80 %

FY 2025-26 BALANCE SHEET

(10 months only; through April 30, 2026)

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1101 SAFE CU Checking	44,276.01
1105 SAFE CU Savings	750.23
1130 ELCA Credit Union Savings	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$45,026.24
Accounts Receivable	
1200 Accounts Receivable	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	
12000 Undeposited Funds	0.00
1250 Other Receivables	0.00
1255 Prepaid Expenses	930.50
1260 Interfund Receivables	
1260.6 Endowment Fund Due From General Fund	0.00
Total 1260 Interfund Receivables	0.00
1400 Investments	0.00
1400.1 Operating Expense Reserve	49,293.63
1400.2 Temporarily Restricted	92,269.92
1400.3 Temporarily Restricted (closed)	0.00
Total 1400 Investments	141,563.55
Total Other Current Assets	\$142,494.05
Total Current Assets	\$187,520.29
Fixed Assets	
1600 Advent Lutheran Church Property	0.00
1610 Furniture and Equipment	5,000.00
1620 Buildings	763,129.00
1640 Land	170,457.00
Total 1600 Advent Lutheran Church Property	938,586.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$938,586.00
Other Assets	
1800 Endowment Funds	261,132.58
Total Other Assets	\$261,132.58
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,387,238.87

	TOTAL
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 Accounts Payable	5,442.23
Total Accounts Payable	\$5,442.23
Credit Cards	
2050 SAFE Credit Card - 0801	405.64
Total Credit Cards	\$405.64
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 Payroll Liabilities	0.00
2150 Accrued Expenses	400.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$400.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$6,247.87
Total Liabilities	\$6,247.87
Equity	
3000 Net Assets	0.00
3000.1 Net Assests Unrestricted	1,142,829.45
3000.2 Net Assets Temp. Restricted	92,269.92
3000.3 Net Assets Perm. Restricted	261,132.58
3900 Retained Earnings	-123,816.08
Net Revenue	8,575.13
Total Equity	\$1,380,991.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$1,387,238.87

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair: Cornelia Chancellor

Members of our Committee: Cornelia Chancellor, Karyl Cimini, Natalie Jones, Nancy King, [Pastor Gabi Schroeder]

In July 2025, on Sundays after church for several weeks, Pastor Gabi led a class on “How Lutherans Read the Bible” with approximately 22 in attendance.

Also in July, a group of twenty five visited the Llama Farm in Orangevale.

In November, Advent families and friends packaged food for Thanksgiving distribution at Sunrise Christian Food Ministry.

In December youth and older participants presented a Christmas Play, “Stories of the Savior”, directed by Nancy King.

On January 31, 2026 Advent Families were invited to Pastor Gabi’s home for a Farewell Gathering.

During Lent on Wednesdays, in a collaborative effort with the Worship Team, we had worship services and guided discussions on Spiritual Disciplines.



On May 6th we had our first Brown B.A.G. Fellowship (Being and Growing) discussion on New Beginnings with 18 in attendance. These gatherings will continue on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Cornelia Chancellor

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

Elected participants on our committee: Bill Bevier, Phil Davidson, Keith Montag, Barbara Olson and Jenny Stern. Two committee membership actions have been identified to the Council and will be addressed at the upcoming Congregational Meeting.

Activities this past year: This past year has been relatively quiet, activity-wise, with only 4 actual actions. 2 were relatively small distribution of funds and 2 were relatively large income of funds. No other charitable givings have been received this past year.

1. On Sep 8, 2025, \$20,000 was received from Advent. This was partial repayment of the \$100,000 of Endowment Committee principal made in May of 2025—at the end of last fiscal year—to complete the pavement portion of the Capitol Improvement Project (CIP).
2. On Oct 10, 2025, the committee distributed \$1,000 of available interest and dividend funds to Trinity Jones for a college scholarship.
3. On Oct 14, 2025, the committee distributed \$1,000 of available interest and dividend funds to Marley Jones for a college scholarship.
4. On Mar 9, 2026, a 2nd payment of \$20,000 was received from Advent as additional repayment of funds not required for the completion of the CIP.



Account balance: Following these transactions the Endowment Fund balance is approximately \$261,000.

Ongoing activities: At the most recent committee meeting held on Apr 16, 2026 we continued to discuss possible upcoming uses of this fund's interest and dividend yet this FY and into next fiscal year. Although nothing was identified for immediate distribution yet this year, an action involved the HART housing assistance program was discussed and approved in principle and is expected to be submitted in the near future. Additionally, we do expect a couple of scholarship grants requests to be received and acted upon next year.

God's work within our Mission and Purpose: Advent's Constitution provides general guidance to our committee.

Mission – “is to provide for the growth and care of Christ's Church.”

Purpose – “is to provide for funding opportunities beyond the operating budget of this congregation through charitable giving.”

This is a constant reminder to us to stay on course with our review of funding opportunities.

Closing thoughts: The Endowment Committee continues to function well with full participation and I thank our members for that. Our biggest recent challenge has been to find appropriate funding opportunities that are for Advent and other local needs that are within this committee's mission & purpose.

Keith Montag

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

With the help of our 18 members, the Fellowship Committee sponsored many successful events throughout the year.

Church members gathered for 2 potlucks: a picnic in July 2025 and a Heritage Dinner in September 2025 where we shared stories and food items from our family's heritages.

We joined others to spread Christmas cheer to our friends for an afternoon of caroling. There were two groups of singers.

We enjoyed a Christmas Party for past and present members of the Fellowship Committee.

On the Sunday after Christmas, the committee hosted a Breakfast Church morning with casseroles, muffins, and beverages. It was received very well and there is a desire to do this again.



The Committee sponsored an after-church farewell for Pastor Gabi that was well attended.

We offered the Game Day and Super Bowl Watch Party. This is the last time we will be offering this event.

Our delicious Easter Breakfast in April 2026 was enjoyed by many family and friends.



The committee has decided to discontinue the “Getting to Know You” groups. Groups worked out well for those who participated, but we felt it had run its course. Thank you to Linda Belchem for heading up this group.

Committee members hosted one Celebration of Life event this FY.

Our activities appeal to a variety of people with different interests. We encourage members and friends to come together for fun and celebrations in numerous settings. Getting to know each other outside of worship services helps us to grow our relationships and care about each other. Our help with Memorial Receptions provides some comfort to the families during their hardest times.

Many thanks to all of the Fellowship Committee members who volunteered their time and worked hard to make these events happen!

Joyce Montag



HART REPORT

Committee Members: Lanny Johanek, Barbara Olson, Amy Gariano

July-December – Advent hosted the planning meetings for 2026 Winter Sanctuary



October - Began a partnership with Grace House to provide a hot meal and also a to-go bag lunch to area homeless every Tuesday at 3 PM on our campus.

October - Hosted three tables for the HART fundraiser Spaghetti Fest, which raised \$20,000 for HART programs, Rental Assistance (one-time monetary assistance to keep families in housing during a crisis), Winter Sanctuary, Clothing Connection (clothing for school-age children and their families at risk of homelessness).

January 4 – Feb. 22, 2026

Provided volunteers for Winter Sanctuary intake, provided meal and overnight volunteers at Holy Family for one night.

Winter Sanctuary served approximately 60 regular guests during 7 weeks of shelter, building relationships to connect guests with ongoing services and assisting several into permanent housing.

February – May 2026

Collected household items that help newly housed families with needed household items including: bed linens, towels, microwaves, kitchen utensils, dishware and some furniture. Many Advent members contributed to this project.

The work of this committee helps our congregation fulfill its mission to take care of our neighbors in times of need.

Barbara Olson

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair: Nancy King

Through newsletter articles and prayer petitions, we attempted again to keep stewardship a year-long focus, with a special emphasis in late April/early May. It looks as though this year-long emphasis is has been a positive approach – Advent’s community takes stewardship seriously! We have a variety of ways people can give of their time and efforts (Assisting Ministers, Ushers, Altar Guild, Tuesday Crew, setting up for events, etc.) and many have stepped up.

If you are a numbers person, our pledge campaigns also show how important stewardship is to our congregation:

2024-2025 Campaign: 22 households pledged and gave approximately 84% of the amount pledged. In stewardship campaigns, that’s a VERY positive result!

2025-2026 Campaign: 31 households pledged, and (as of this writing, with 8 more weeks in the fiscal year) have already given approximately 84% of the amount pledged. A realistic projected amount that will be received in those remaining weeks of the fiscal year puts us at 89% of the amount pledged!

A HUGE thank you goes out to everyone for taking seriously our call to be stewards of *all* that God has gifted us with. Together our gifts, our time and our talents will lead us into the “new thing” God has in store for us in and through Advent Lutheran Church!

Nancy King



SUNRISE CHRISTIAN FOOD MINISTRY REPORT

With 2026 well underway, the food closet has already accomplished a great deal in the first four months of the year.

As of April 30, we have provided food assistance to 8,500 households, serving more than 23,500 individuals. This total includes 30–40 unhoused individuals each day who receive a to-go meal and snack bag.

During the same period, our food closet recovered 280,000 pounds of food, which was distributed to families both on-site and throughout the community through local distributions and community meal programs.

This year has also brought several exciting improvements to our campus. With support from SMUD, we introduced a new “Snack Shack,” where we serve unhoused clients prior to our drive-thru distribution. In addition, through our partnership with the City of Citrus Heights, the campus now features a three-way stop, along with professional striping and signage to improve safety and traffic flow.

Our outreach and impact continue to grow thanks to the generosity and support of our community partners, including the members of Advent Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry.

April Jacek

SCFM Director of Operations



TUESDAY CREW REPORT

INTRODUCTION:

In February 2026 the Church Council requested that I prepare a comprehensive report on what the Tuesday Crew does and what they do not do. A detailed report was circulated to all council members but never made it to the council's agenda for discussion. I can provide a copy of that report if anyone is interested.

To merely list achievements and some constraints for an annual report would do injustice to all the effort and time put in by a handful of volunteers, often working with limited resources and continuous breakdowns in an aging infrastructure. My thanks go out to Rick Hermanson and Biff Strom who continued to show up week after week to do whatever we could to keep things going. Just recently Don Rinde returned to the Tuesday Crew and immediately started tackling the overgrown "Back 40". All I can say is: "Free at Last" to do those things we volunteered to do with only limited interference or criticism.

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Repair Request Sheet

This mechanism introduced almost two years ago turned out to be a valuable tool, as anything that needs attention can be listed by Nancy or myself, and fixed in the shortest amount of time (e.g. broken/leaking toilet, etc.)

2. Homeless Encampments

This continues to be a major problem, but with an excellent relationship between Advent and Citrus Heights Police, we are able to clean up speedily

3. CIP

After completion of our Campus Improvement Plan, we often had to respond to other problems linked to it, such as water leaks and low hanging tree branches

4. Improved Outdoor/Parking Lot Lighting

The Food Closet was able to secure funding for new lighting in the parking lot and Advent contributed towards the labor cost. At the same time, we also installed new lighting in the Fellowship Hall.

5. Tree Removal

Tuesday Crew recommended using a contractor previously used as we identified the need to remove a large tree by the Fellowship Hall parking lot and another further back, and the work was done at a very discounted price

6. Water Fountain/Filtered Water in Kitchen

After a lengthy process, the Church Council finally agreed to a water purifier in our kitchen with the cost being paid for by Vickie Singleton

7. Routine Tasks

Tuesday Crew regularly cleans up the patio by the Fellowship Hall and was involved in a Campus Clean-up, both last year and again this past January for Pastor Gabi's farewell celebration. Additionally, Tuesday Crew always checks for food donations left in the narthex and takes them directly to the Food Closet. Tuesday Crew has also been spraying the weeds in the "Front 40" in the hope to eliminate many of the weeds that are currently growing there

8. Special Projects

In March the Church Council agreed to pay me for a special project, to clean up the two tall planters outside the Sanctuary, then put in flowers and plants in time for Easter service



CONSTRAINTS:

Without official recognition or clarity on my position as Tuesday Crew leader it can be confusing to many as to who to approach when emergencies arise. I would strongly recommend the establishment of a

recognized Property Committee with representation from the congregation, council and Tuesday Crew (a total of 4-5 members). Any takers?

As always the Tuesday Crew remains committed to keeping things afloat.

Jeffrey Belchem

WAYS TO WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ways to Wellness hosted and/or supported the following events. We were a group of seven that met monthly.

July 2025

13 Led Karaoke singing at Fellowship's Summer Potluck Picnic

September 2025

14 Hosted a Senior Fraud Seminar presented by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department Volunteers.

30 Sent a letter to Church Council requesting new safety protocol on locking church sanctuary doors.

November 2025

11 Joined Education to help Advent youth sort and pack Thanksgiving bags at Sunrise Christian Food Ministry.

23 Hosted Christmas Paper Ornament Making to prepare for the Advent Season



In November, Debbie and Ernie announced they were stepping down from leading the Ways to Wellness Team. New leadership has not come forward, so the committee is inactive at this time.

Debbie & Ernie Leporini

WOMEN OF THE ELCA (WELCA) REPORT

Chair: Pat Johnson

Membership: All the Women of Advent

The major activities of the committee are: the Christmas Tea, December 13, 2025, theme “O Little Town of Bethlehem” and the Mother Daughter Tea, May 9, 2026, theme “A Mother’s Love.”

The major challenge facing our committee is: the aging of our congregation, thus the availability and ability of our members to serve our needs; as a result, we have merged with Christian Education and Youth. We look forward to working together on new programs for our church family.

Thank you to all the women of Advent for their tireless support, especially to Nancy King who has stepped up in so many ways to lead our congregation through our transition.

Pat Johnson



WORSHIP TEAM REPORT

Chairperson: Lanny Johanek

Committee Members: David Wammer, [Pastor Gabi]

This committee, like many others, has gotten so small (only Dave Wammer and myself are current members) and until we get a pastor it probably won't get any larger. We continue to alternate liturgies that suit the church seasons, trying to use ones that are familiar. One addition to the music part of the liturgies is some of the choir members are joining, or taking the place of, the cantor if he is gone. As many of you have noticed, the choir has gotten very small. On occasion there are so few of us that we can't sing on a Sunday. The bell choir, on the other hand, is still going strong. We have ringers who join us from other churches, so it helps. Our worship services have been enriched by the supply pastors we have been using, but we are looking forward to the next step in our search for a new pastor.

Respectfully submitted by the Worship Team Chair,

Lanny Johanek

