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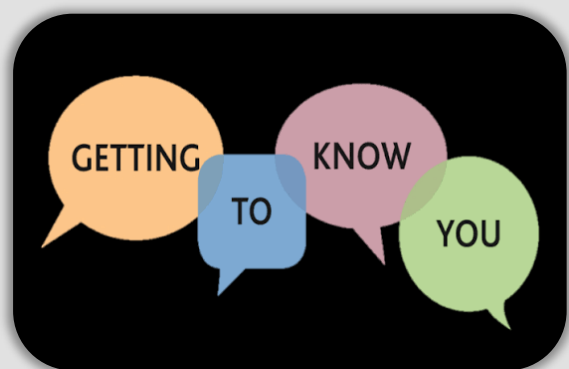
PASTOR'S ARTICLE

by PASTOR KATIE HOLEMAN

Grace and peace to you dear Siblings in Christ and thank you for the very warm welcome to both myself and our family. We are thrilled to be here with you during my time as Bridge Pastor. I am excited to get to know you all and continue your work of imagining where God is calling not only Advent but each of you as well.

As we get to know each other, I pray we all have a lot of grace and generosity because life is hard and

we never know where the other person is coming from. As this week's Gospel tells



us we need to welcome those who feel unwelcomed. What I experienced in my first few weeks at Advent is this is a very welcoming community. Also, we can always grow and listen to the needs of our community around us. Let us all

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grow in grace and love and let us also learn to listen to others with fully open ears. No matter our age or where we are in life God always calls us to new places and spaces if we are willing to be open.

If you would like to set up a meeting, please do not hesitate to reach out to the office.

Blessings,

Pastor Katie



RWANDA COMPANION CONGREGATIONS

For many years, most congregations in the Lutheran Church of Rwanda (LCR) were led by non-ordained evangelists, due to a severe shortage of seminaries and rostered pastors. Currently, pastors and preachers in Rwanda, including those in the LCR, must comply with strict regulations enforced by the Rwandan government and the Rwanda Governance Board (RGB). To serve as a licensed preacher, individuals must meet mandatory educational, legal, and operational standards. The congregations they lead are also strictly regulated.

Pastor George has shared with us that he will be traveling to Kampala beginning August 3 to attend classes to finish fulfilling his equivalency diplomas. Please keep Pastor George and his family in your prayers as he undertakes this endeavor.

He and Pastor Jackson continue to be very appreciative of all the prayers and support they receive from Advent, and say that our congregation is held in their prayers during worship gatherings, as well.



PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

by KARYL CIMINI

Cake

I don't know about you, but I love a good cake. I have my favorites - lemon jello cake, wine cake, German chocolate, strawberry shortcake, dump cake...the list is extensive. A well made cake just seems to make the day better. Life can be a lot like a cake - when things are mixed together in just the right way, the



outcome is delicious and delightful. But, if we try the ingredients separately, the experience will not be as positive. Have you ever considered eating cake ingredients separately - a spoon of flour? A raw egg? A little oil? a teaspoon of baking powder? Not quite as appetizing, is it? But, each of these are essential in baking a cake and when mixed together in just the right proportions and baked, the result can be delicious!

Think of some "untasty", tough times you or others may have experienced. Life is full of disappointments, pain, suffering, and hurts. We may ask God why, and that's okay. The good news is God is able to use these for good as we trust Him; He can give them purpose.

Yes, bad things happen to everyone; no one is immune. We live in a sin-filled world. Some ingredients of a cake don't taste very good alone either, but they can serve a good and important purpose.

Think of some good times! Would we really appreciate these as much if we never had any tough experiences? We appreciate the sunshine more after several days of rain. A warm blanket is even more cozy when it's bitter cold.

God is able to blend the good and the bad experiences in our lives together for our good and for His good purpose. All together they create a life that is meaningful, useful, and tasty...like a yummy cake!

Romans 8:28 is a beautiful promise: *"God causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His good purpose."*

Remembering God is at work even during

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the hard times when we may not sense His presence helps us persevere. We can trust Him; He is faithful. He is working out His good purpose for those who love Him.

The Bible is full of great examples!

Joseph - If he had not been sold into slavery, he may not have later been in the position where he could save his family from a famine.

Esther - "For such a time as this" God used Esther to save the Hebrew people from being killed.

Paul - Paul experienced beating and spent a great deal of time in prison; even in these times God used him to write thirteen books of the Bible.

John - He was exiled to the Isle of Patmos, but here God used him to write the Book of Revelation.

No - all things are not good, but in God's hands they can be mixed and blended along with the good into a beautiful creation. It's during the bad times that we see how BIG our God is. He loves each of us and He is in control; we can trust Him!

Some time this week - bake a cake! As

you do, take a little taste of the ingredients. Take time to thank God for being able to use both the tasty and "yucky" experiences in life. Then share the cake and this message of hope with someone else.

Make a list of the top ten worst experiences in your life and the top ten best. Take time to look back and see some ways God used both for your good and His good purpose.

I encourage you to write Romans 8:28 on a notecard or sticky note or create a phone background so you have it with you throughout to serve as a reminder of how great our God is!

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your faithfulness in our lives. We trust that You are working behind the scenes on our behalf. Give us Your strength and peace today and fill us with Your faith to overcome. In Jesus' Name. Amen .

Karyl



HART HAPPENINGS

BY BARBARA OLSON

Save the date and see how *you* might be able to help with this year's event!



Spaghetti Fest

SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, October 23, 2026

SINCE 2016, CITRUS HEIGHTS HART HAS BEEN WORKING TO PREVENT AND REDUCE HOMELESSNESS RIGHT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY - SUPPORTING LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, AT-RISK STUDENTS AND INDIVIDUALS FACING HOUSING INSTABILITY.

How You Can Help

BE PART OF SOMETHING MEANINGFUL - THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

-  **BECOME A SPONSOR** (SEE LEVELS)
-  **PURCHASE A TABLE**
-  **DONATE A RAFFLE BASKET/ITEM** (\$50-\$75)
-  **DONATE A SILENT AUCTION ITEM** (\$80+)



Your Support Makes a Direct Impact

 RENTAL ASSISTANCE Preventing eviction and keeping families housed.	 STUDENT & FAMILY SUPPORT Ensuring local students have clothing and resources to stay in school.
 WINTER SANCTUARY Safe shelter, meals and resources during cold months.	 NAVIGATOR SUPPORT Connecting individuals to critical resources.

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POTLUCK PICNIC



**Celebrate
America's 250TH
Anniversary!**

Potluck Picnic!

July 5th Following
Worship – bring a dish
to share.

Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee

Please join us after worship on Sunday, July 5th for a fun-filled celebration of America's 250th Anniversary! Bring a dish to share and invite a friend!

THANK YOU!



Many, many thanks to the family of Herb Lindner, Jr. for donating the proceeds of their Estate Yard Sale to Advent! They generously gifted us with \$1,540—what a thoughtful way of honoring Herb's love for Advent!



BRING YOUR LUNCH AND JOIN US!

Brown B.A.G. Fellowship



Wednesday, July 1, 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, July 1! All are invited to bring a lunch and come participate in conversation and fellowship. **This month we will spend some time getting to know Pastor Katie—come join us!**

REMINDER!





ADVENT CALENDAR

JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 12:30pm Brown B.A.G. Fellowship 6:30pm NA Meeting - Here Try This	2 10:00am - 2:00pm CPR Class 5:30pm - 8:30pm Knitters Guild	3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED in observance of Independence Day	4 Independence Day
5 9:30am Worship Service with Holy Communion www.youtube.com/@Advent_Citrus_HeightsStreams 10:45am America's 250th Anniversary Potluck 6:00pm Sunday Night HOWAA Group	6 9:30am Offering Counters 6:00pm AA Meeting	7 12:00pm AA Meeting - One Day at a Time 1:30pm Social Knitters 3:30pm Grace House Distribution 4:00pm Executive Committee - Zoom 5:30pm CPR Class 7:00pm Christian Education Committee (ZOOM)	8 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 2:00pm Finance Committee ZOOM Meeting 6:30pm NA Meeting - Here Try This	9 10:00am - 2:00pm Underground Clothing Connection - Appt. Only 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	10	11 8:30am Stern-Johnson Bike Club 10:00am - 2:00pm CPR Class
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19 9:30am Worship Service with Holy Communion www.youtube.com/@Advent_Citrus_HeightsStreams 1:30pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Sunday Night HOWAA Group	20 9:30am Offering Counters 6:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm Zoom Book Club	21 12:00pm AA Meeting - One Day at a Time 1:30pm Social Knitters 3:30pm Grace House Distribution 5:30pm CPR Class	22 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 6:30pm NA Meeting - Here Try This	23 10:00am - 2:00pm Underground Clothing Connection - Appt. Only	24	25 8:30am Stern-Johnson Bike Club 10:00am - 2:00pm CPR Class
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WHAT'S NEW?

Well, in the Fellowship Hall kitchen, there's quite a bit that's new! Thanks to a couple very generous donations, and then many more donations that added to them, we now have filtered water (it actually tastes really good!) and a new refrigerator/freezer!

Thanks to the Montags and Chancellors, as well, for doing the legwork of shopping for the refrigerator; and to Linda Belchem for researching the water filter!



Getting the old unit out was no small task! It weighed about 775 pounds and was top-heavy (the motor/compressor sit on top).

JULY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

DATE	7/5	7/12	7/19	7/26
GREETER	Karen Franz	Phil Davidson	Lorna Mymka & Nolana Mymka	Dorothy Michaelis
PASTOR	Rev. Katie Holeman			
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Ernie Leporini	Dean Henricks	Jeffrey Belchem	Debbie Leporini
LECTORS	Bruce Hansen	Linda Belchem	Bill Bevier	Carol Crespo
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
ALTAR FLOWERS	Phil Davidson	Maggie Ciak	Available	Maggie Ciak
AV TECH	Nolana Mymka	Nancy King	Bruce Hansen	Bruce Hansen
LIVESTREAM TECHIE	Adam Pollock (Nolana Mymka on 7/19)			
USHERS	** Ken Johnson, Bill Bevier			
ALTAR GUILD	TEAM B: **Kathy Johnson, Maggie Ciak, Joyce Montag			

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Tony Bubba July 2
Jennifer Tolman July 3
Carolyn Brian July 4
Josh Tolman July 6
Dorothy Michaelis..... July 14
Bette Squier July 17
Erick Ammons..... July 18
Kris Heath July 23
Amy Gariano July 24
Rebecca Williams..... July 25
Jenny Stern July 27
Britta Peterson July 27



DID YOU KNOW...

The July birthstone is the ruby, widely considered the "King of Gems". The ruby symbolizes passion, protection and good fortune.

Quotables:

Freedom is not the absence of commitments, but the ability to choose and commit to what is right.

~ Paulo Coelho



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND TOWN?

There are a lot of fun opportunities provided by the various Recreation and Parks Districts right around us! Here's a partial list of events coming up in July for Fair Oaks (FORP), Citrus Heights (SRP) and Roseville (R'ville PRL):

July 3 & 10—Family Swim Night at the Antelope Aquatic Complex; \$3/person; 5:30-7:30 PM (SRP)

July 4—Fourth of July Parade—Vernon Street/Royer Park; 9 AM (R'ville PRL)

July 9—Concert in the Park—Ideateam (Funk, Soul, R&B) at the Village Park Bandshell; 7-9 PM (FORP)



July 10—Amphitheatre Show—Queen Revisited (tribute concert to Queen) - FO Amphitheatre; 7:30 PM (FORP)

July 11—Movie with Live Orchestra—"Teenagers from Outer Space"; FO Amphitheatre; 8:15 PM (FORP)



July 18—Concerts on the Square—Maroon Vibes (Maroon 5 tribute); Free music, Food Trucks, Beer Garden; 8 PM (R'ville PRL)

July 18—Amphitheatre Show—Bobby Darin Experience (celebrates the life, music of the entertainer) - FO Amphitheatre; 7:30 PM (FORP)

July 22—United by Art: Chalk and Art Festival; Watch skilled artists create live chalk art while exploring a marketplace featuring original art for sale by local artists; Free event; Royer Part; 10 AM—1 PM (R'ville PRL)

July 24—Family Swim & Movie Night at the Antelope Aquatic Complex; 5:30-7:30 PM swimming, Movie starts at dusk (SRP)



Get out and have some fun!



TREASURER'S REPORT

PROFIT & LOSSES MAY 2026

	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Budgeted Offering	12,896.56
Total 4030 Facility Use	510.00
4035 Interest Earned	3.78
4050 SCFM Rent	1,200.00
4056 Other Income - Misc	3,816.06
Total Income	\$18,426.40
GROSS INCOME	\$18,426.40
Expenditures	
Total 6000 Personnel	6,994.82
Total 6220 Payroll Taxes and Benefits	1,039.48
Total 7030 Finance	140.80
7050 Property	3,646.68
8100 Synod and Assembly Expense	183.88
Total 8190 Office Expense	224.68
8260 Church & Casualty Insurance	1,007.45
Total 8280 Service Contracts	1,957.05
Total 8330 Utilities	1,561.52
8345 Bank Charges	5.93
Total 8350 Benevolences	1,663.04
Total Expenditures	\$18,425.33
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$1.07

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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, recovering from a fall that resulted in 4 broken ribs. Please pray for comfort and healing for Russell.

Lou Braafladt, Twila Engler's son-in-law, who continues chemotherapy for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Please pray that the treatment is successful .

Patricia Daoust, Nolana's former mother-in-law, who has been placed on comfort care after a heart attack and stroke. Please pray for comfort and peace for her and her family.

Burrell DeVine, Melinda Malaspino's cousin, who has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Let us pray for Burrell's comfort during treatment.

Marianne Harper, Margaret Johnson's sister-in-law, who will be undergoing surgery for stomach cancer. Please pray for the success of the surgery and for peace as she awaits.

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.

Keith Johnson, who has returned to Citrus Heights Post Acute after hospitalization for a neurological episode. Please pray for serenity for Keith and for strength for Pat.

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

PRAYERS CONTINUED...

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

Patt Kregelo, following several weeks of hospitalization after heart surgery and internal bleeding. Please pray for healing and strength as she begins her long road to recovery.

Beth Mora, who is undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer. Please pray that Beth's treatment will be effective in fighting the cancer.

Jo Morrison, an extended family member of Kathy Henricks, whose cancer has returned. Please pray for Jo's comfort and the successful treatment of her cancer.

Lawrence Presto, diagnosed with Bells Palsy. Please pray that Lawrence's healing is quick and complete.

Kim Robison, Melinda Malaspino's cousin, following a recurrence of lung cancer. Please pray that Kim's treatment plan will be successful in fighting the cancer.

Sally Smith, who is going through a series of transitions. Please pray for peace of mind for Sally as she navigates the changes.

Jenny Stern, who is undergoing radiation treatment. Let us pray for the success of the treatment and for Jenny's comfort and full recovery.

Paul Streeter, Pat Johnson's brother, following surgery, a spinal stroke and a MRSA infection. Please pray that Paul has a smooth, 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.

Rolf Zschoernig, following spinal surgery on June 17 after enduring several months of severe pain. Please pray that the surgery went well and has brought Rolf relief.



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

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