



## Concordia Lutheran Church

*"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"*

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Blessings to you, dearest brothers, and sisters in the Lord!

We have entered the Advent Season. The word *advent* means "the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event." While we do not use the word *advent* in our everyday vocabulary, we do use phrases like the "arrival of spring," or "the appearance of the full moon" and "making an entrance" or "here comes the snow."

The English word *advent* is the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming." *Adventus* is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*. This word was commonly used in the first century to talk about the coming of the emperor, ruler, or king. *Parousia*, in the Bible, refers to the second coming of Christ in Glory.

For Christians, the Season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from two different perspectives. Throughout the Advent Season, we share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and, in keeping with the command of the Christ, we remain vigilant and alert for his Second Coming.

As we engage this year's Advent Season, we will reflect upon the many struggles we face as Christians in the world today. Recognizing that these battles just might continue, our theme for Advent 2021 is "Ready for the Battles Ahead of Us." We will be looking at how the LORD our God prepares us for such struggles by giving us the right and proper "armor." Ephesians 6:10-18 will be our focus.

Many think that Paul is using the Roman soldier as an example to encourage us to engage and remain in the battle-struggles we face. This might be true but seems to diminish the full imagery Paul is drawing from. More likely, Paul, a well-trained and zealous Pharisee (former Pharisee?) is far better trained in Old Testament reality than Roman warfare.

So, we are going to investigate how God makes us ready to face the battle-struggles by dressing us as Warrior-Priests. You can join with us each of the next three Wednesdays (December 1, 8, and 15) to discover how God dresses us in the full "armor" of the "priest of God." Our Soup Suppers will begin at 5:30pm followed by our 6:30pm Advent Service. See you here!

Luv ya'!

Pastor Craig

### Happy December Anniversary

12/20 Kim & Charlyn Vance  
12/23 Ron & Donna Wentzel

### Happy December Birthday

12/01 Judy Sherrod  
12/08 Nancy Mayer  
12/20 Ben Bradfield  
12/28 Rebecca Duryea

12/02 Jeff Oamek  
12/09 Melanie Scheer  
12/21 Raya Duryea

# VOTER'S MEETING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

AFTER SERVICE



## **Christmas Choir Practice**

Join us here on **Saturdays 9:00 am**. We are not limited to members. If the Lord is touching your heart to share your joy of song with others.... **PLEASE** come and lay this gift at **HIS** feet.

# Advent Soup Supper and Service Wednesdays at 5:30pm





# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



This Advent we are helping to support the resettlement of Afghans (**Men, Women, and Children**) being relocated throughout the Country. There are three main ways: **NEW Winter Clothing, Amazon Wishlist, and Cash donations**. Please bring any items you purchase and put under the church's Christmas tree.

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- December 1 • Mens Coats
- December 2 • Mens Hats
- December 3 • Amazon Wishlist: <https://bit.ly/adventconcordia>
- December 4 • Mens Socks
- December 5 • Mens Gloves
- December 6 • Cash donations: <http://opencollective.com/fort-picket>
- December 7 • Mens Scarves
- December 8 • Mens Mittens
- December 9 • Amazon Wishlist: <https://bit.ly/adventconcordia>
- December 10 • Womens Coats
- December 11 • Womens Hats
- December 12 • Cash donations: <http://opencollective.com/fort-picket>
- December 13 • Womens Socks
- December 14 • Womens Gloves
- December 15 • Amazon Wishlist: <https://bit.ly/adventconcordia>
- December 16 • Womens Scarves
- December 17 • Womens Mittens
- December 18 • Cash donations: <http://opencollective.com/fort-picket>
- December 19 • Childrens Coats
- December 20 • Childrens Hats
- December 21 • Amazon Wishlist: <https://bit.ly/adventconcordia>
- December 22 • Childrens Socks
- December 23 • Childrens Gloves
- December 24 • Childrens Mittens