



ADVENT NEWSLETTER 2021

18b "Be filled with the Spirit, 19 as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, 20 giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." **Ephesians 5: 18b-20**

This past month in Bible Study at Advent, both classes finished the book of Ephesians. One verse that stood out in Ephesians, was the above verse which is central to who we are as Christians. It is a reminder from Paul to the Church at Ephesus of the need to gather together for worship. As we recently celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we too are reminded that in worship we are filled with the Spirit as we sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs while giving thanks to God.

On June 13th, we will be returning to inside worship. It will be a time of great celebration while still participating in safe practices with COVID-19. Zoom will still be an option for those who want to continue to worship from the safety of their home. The Advent Reopening Committee has been hard at work putting together a plan to gather safely and effectively indoors following the guidelines put forth by Advent's COVID-19 Taskforce and Council. The Reopening Committee will be putting out important information soon on how to move back inside the sanctuary at Advent. We will use all avenues at Advent's to best communicate this change. We will be sending out Calling Posts, Church Emails, Regular Mailings, and Facebook posts. Please continue to check these areas for the most up to date information.

Upcoming June Worship opportunities:

- June 6th – Worship will be outside using Service of the Word. Chaplain Vicki Kohler will lead and give the message for the day. Tara Schafer will operate Zoom and Peter Kohler will be the lector. Over this weekend, the Pastors are usually away for the Southeastern Synod Assembly. With the event being digital this year, the pastors are taking the opportunity while digitally participating to get away as they normally would.
- June 13th – Return to inside Worship! Worship will continue to be inside unless the Taskforce and Council see a rise in COVID cases and need to make a change. On this Sunday we will install Advent's New Church Council while recognizing the outgoing Council members. It will be a day of great celebration for all.
- June 20th – We will commemorate Juneteenth in worship. We will also recognize graduates and offer a special Father's Day blessing.

June is looking to be an exciting month. Come and join together singing psalms and hymns while giving thanks to God for all things!

In Christ's love, Pastor Andrea and Pastor Jason

JUNETEENTH COMMEMORATION

The ELCA commemorates June 17 as a **day of repentance and commemoration for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine**. We also recognize June 19 as **Juneteenth**, the day that marked the effective end of slavery in the United States.

During the week of June 14-20, 2020, the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA and the African Descent Lutheran Association Southeastern Chapter have planned several activities to recognize these important moments in our communities and to work towards the Beloved Community. You can find more information for how to sign up and participate here: <https://www.elca-ses.org/juneteenth-commemoration>

On Wednesday, June 17, you are invited to consider taking part in the **NINE ACTION STEPS** that you (adults and children) can take to bring about the Beloved Community. Click on the link above for a PDF of the Steps.

At Advent, we will conclude the week of June 14-20 with worship on Sunday, June 20th. During worship we will use resources for the Commemoration of the Emanuel Nine including Confession and Forgiveness along with prayers of lament. We also understand that June 20th is Father's Day. During the service there will be a special Father's Day blessing.

We hope that together, we all can find ways to participate in the many different events to commemorate Juneteenth culminating with worship on June 20th.

EMANUEL 9 COMMEMORATION JUNE 14-20, 2020



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SUNDAY, JUNE 14

9:30am - Pr. Bonner Book Study
2pm - Watch Emanuel 9 movie
3:45pm - Emanuel 9 discussion

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 @ 10AM



Children's time with Bishop Strickland on Facebook Live
'Teach Your Dragon about Diversity' by: Steve Herman

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

9:00am - Bishop Kevin Strickland
FB Live! Morning Prayer / Commemoration
12:00 noon - ELCA and ecumenical partners
Prayer Service for Commemoration of the Emanuel 9
7:00pm - Southeastern Synod of the ELCA
FB Live! Worship Service
>>> See ACTION STEPS in comments <<<

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 @ 10AM



Children's time with Bishop Strickland on Facebook Live
'I can Do Hard Things: Mindful Affirmations for Kids' by: Gabi Garcia

FRIDAY, JUNE 19 - JUNETEENTH

ELCA worship resource available
(see description for Juneteenth history)

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 @ 3PM

ADLA -Southeastern Chapter presents
'The Musical Heritage of the African Diaspora' 

 Southeastern Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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All Times listed in Eastern Time

SOUTHEASTERN SYNOD NEWS



The Southeastern Synod will be releasing videos and social media posts throughout the month of June 2021.

These will be shared as a way to show our support to all who consider themselves within the LGBTQIA+ spectrum. This will be a chance for allies to walk alongside the LGBTQIA+ community, as well as a way to create safe and affirming spaces for those who are still uncertain about where and to whom they should their thoughts on their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

Keep an eye on the Southeastern Synod social media accounts for posts:

[FACEBOOK](#)

[INSTAGRAM](#)



[AFFIRM - ONE-DAY Digital Event - June 26](#)

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!

In keeping with safety guidelines, we are going to gather via ZOOM on Saturday, June 26, 2021, for AFFIRM. This premiere youth event will include an opportunity to gather our youth (6th through 12th grade) according to their age group, and will give us time to grow closer to God and to one another.

Sign up TODAY for this FREE youth event.



[Have YOU Become Part of the Herd?](#)

As members of the Lutheran church we belong to a herd of people with a multifaceted common bond. One of these bonds is in caring for others and in doing so we also must care for ourselves. Foremost on our minds in caring for others and ourselves over the past 14 months has been protection from contracting Covid-19. A major gift for assisting all humans in recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic, the vaccine, is now ours to take and join the herd if we will just do it.



JUNE CALENDAR

June 1 – 6:30pm Advent Reopening Committee Meeting

June 4 – All Day SE Synod Council Meeting

June 5 – Southeastern Synod Assembly – Pastors with Paul and Mary Filpus-Luyckx (Advent Delegates)

June 6 – 9:30am Worship with Service of the Word (Chaplain Vick Kohler Leading and Preaching)

June 8 – 6:30pm Advent Reopening Committee Meeting

June 12 – 9am Property Meeting

June 13 – 9:30am Inside Worship with Holy Communion & Council Installation

June 14-20 – Juneteenth Commemoration Week

June 15 – 6:30pm Church Council Meeting

June 20 – 9:30am Inside Worship with Holy Communion and Juneteenth Commemoration

June 27 – 9:30am Inside Worship with Holy Communion



June Birthdays

6-2 Janice Richardson
6-5 Dieter Beck
6-6 Pastor Jason Peterson
6-6 Zachary Hubble
6-9 Ramona Galloway
6-10 Gina Hammock
6-10 Elizabeth Ostendorff
6-12 Dylan Anderson
6-13 Tara Schafer
6-16 Helen Schuneman
6-17 Frank Easton
6-18 Kim Aiello
6-19 Donna Carlson
6-19 Emma Fischer
6-19 Hunter Krog
6-19 Robert Rankin
6-20 Mary Suprek
6-21 Sam Taylor
6-22 Pastor Andrea Windsor -Peterson



June Anniversaries

6-20 Sid & Kathy Roper
6-26 Jim & Barbara Williams
6-28 Matthew & Lisa Krog
6-30 Juergen & Linda Jaath

