



2018 Annual Congregational Report

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## **SECTION 1: OPENING DEVOTIONS**

## **SECTION 2: MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING JANUARY 28, 2018**

President Bill Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

Pastor Dave opened the meeting with a reading from 2 Timothy and prayer.

This meeting was called for the purpose of reviewing reports of the 2017 Financials, approving the 2018 Budget, the election of an interim council member, the approval of the call committee, and any other New Business.

President Johnson stated that in accordance with the Constitution, the Congregation had been duly notified of this meeting through the mail, verbal announcements in worship, monthly newsletter, and weekly bulletins. He then announced that a quorum of 79 voting members was required as stated in Article C10.04 of the Constitution. He then asked for a report of the number of voting members who signed in, and there were 95 voting members present. A quorum was declared. A simple majority of 48 is required for all votes.

The President requested a motion to accept the 2018 General Operating Budget as presented. A motion was made by Pastor Hively, seconded by Marvin Traxler to approve the 2018 General Operating Budget as presented.

President Johnson then asked Pastor Rick to summarize key planning assumptions & staff strategic plan and for Bill Stanton to review the 2017 Financials and the 2018 Budget. After Pastor Rick's report, Bill reviewed the changes as a result of the 2016 audit. He then presented a visual presentation of the 2017 financials and the 2018 budget.

President Johnson then called for a vote. The Budget was approved.

President Johnson then called upon Pastor Dave to present the proposed Call Committee, which was assembled and approved by Council. (see below). Pastor Dave then moved that the congregation approve this call committee and to charge it with initiating the call for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Pastor. The motion was seconded by Bill Stanton.

President Johnson then called for a vote. The motion to approve the call committee was approved.

President Johnson again called on Pastor Dave to make a motion to approve Pastor Richard Funk to the congregational council as a member at large. The motion was seconded by Melanie Arnold. The motion was amended by Pete Snyder with a second by Alberta Jo Parker to use paper ballots. A voice vote approved the use paper ballots.

President Johnson then called for a vote. Ballots were provided. The motion to approve Pastor Rick's seat on the congregational council was approved with 83 votes.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Johnson then asked if there was any additional New Business.

There being none, President Johnson asked the secretary to read the Minutes. Doris Jannke moved and Tom Hawk seconded a motion to approve the minutes. M/S/A.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 with prayer by Pastor Rick.

Respectively submitted,

Pat Ferris, Council Secretary

# SECTION 3: 2018 ANNUAL REPORTS

## SENIOR PASTOR'S 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Rev. David M. Jahn, Senior Pastor

*"We are followers of Jesus Christ for the sake of the world."*

I love the fact that this is our mission statement and that we say it every week so that it becomes a part of our DNA, something we all know, the motivation behind our decisions.

If you follow what goes on at Advent on any given week at either of our campuses, you will see days and evenings filled with activities that fall in line with this mission.

From our outstanding worship and learning opportunities, to our diverse opportunities to serve, to our outstanding preschools, to our after-school program, to our concert series, to the many community groups that use our facilities, Advent is making a positive difference in the lives of hundreds of people every week.

Add to our regular activities the special outreach events through which we have blessed our community and the picture emerges of a congregation that is acting as a light, shining with God's love in our community.

In October we had a Blessing of the Animals and a phenomenally successful Oktoberfest.

In November we hosted "United in Thanksgiving", Brevard County's first interfaith Thanksgiving service, which drew nearly 400 people from various faith communities together for prayer, food and fellowship.

In December we met for "Dinner, Drama, and Discussion" each Wednesday evening and had a wonderful opportunity to invite our community to join us as we prepared our hearts for Christ's coming.

In February, on Ash Wednesday, we once again offered our "Ashes and a Prayer" drive-through for our community and saw over a hundred folks stop by for meaningful interaction and prayer.

In March, during Daytona Bike Week, we held a "Blessing of the Bikes" and got amazing and positive news coverage for the event.

On Wednesday evenings during the season of Lent we had a good group of folks meeting at Squid Lips in Eau Gallie for "The Big Questions", a free-form theological discussion group.

And here we are, about to launch into a new year of ministry, worship, and outreach. Exciting things are already on the drawing board!

This was the first year in a long time that Advent has not been facing or recovering from some kind of major disruption or transition. Being fully able to apply our energy to the mission to which God has called us has resulted in very positive growth in every sense of the word.

These past 12 months have been personally very difficult for Lori and me. The long, hard end to my mom's life and the sudden, tragic death of my brother have left us both dealing with a lot of grief.

But I thank God that, even in the midst of these things, the Spirit has been blessing us and Advent.

I am grateful for each one of you and look very much forward to what God has in store for us in the year to come.

Serving with you,



## **EXECUTIVE PASTOR'S 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

Pastor Rick Funk, Executive Pastor

The past year has been quite the unexpected adventure. 16 months ago, I was a hospice Chaplain with VITAS. A year ago, I was the Director of Family Ministry. Today, I am your Executive Pastor. Wow! What a ride! I would like to say it is a privilege and pleasure to serve you. I look forward to more exciting chapters in the future. For now, let's turn back a page or two and see where we have come from.

### **Melbourne Beach Campus**

Last summer when it became clear that our search for an Executive Pastor would come up empty, Pastor Dave and I adjusted our roles and goals to meet the demands of the coming year. I took on more administrative tasks and began in earnest the work of rebuilding the Melbourne Beach Campus. We specifically targeted community engagement events and connections with the Grace Lutheran preschool. We held activities such as Movie night, Melbourne Beach Christmas parade, Boy Scout Sunday, and Shrove Tuesday lunch. We also started a successful after-school program on Wednesdays that has an average attendance of 20 kids. The Lord has blessed us with success. We have seen our average weekly attendance rise from the 80's to the low 100's. On Easter we had 181 people including 30 kids. Our future on the beach looks bright.

### **Administrative Staff**

As Executive Pastor, I implemented monthly staff meetings and a communications loop among the staff and ministry leaders. This has led to greater communication and coordination for our activities. With the retirement of our long time Parish Administrator, Carol Stanton, and the anticipation of her husband, Bill, stepping down from the role of treasurer, we knew we needed to re-organize the staff. Those jobs have been re-vamped and I'm glad to welcome Mindy Middleton as our new Business Manager and Rocky Parker as our new Property Manager. We are well positioned for the arrival of a new Associate Pastor and look forward to the addition of a Pastor's Assistant. This should complete our staff realignment so that we will be ready for new ministry opportunities in the Fall.

## **Family Ministry**

We attempted a new venture called Table Talk in the Fall which, unfortunately, did not blossom as expected. We continue to have a successful Kidstown program during the Suntime 9am service and added Kidstown for the Melbourne Beach 6pm service. We have recently created a Family ministry team at Suntime and will explore ways in which we can capitalize on the Connect hour for expanded ministry.

Blessings,

*Pastor Rick*

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

Pastor Rick Funk

Our Congregational Life and Pastoral Care teams remain strong and are serving the needs of our congregation. We have an experienced and dedicated group of Communion ministers and Stephen Ministers. We celebrated Stephen Ministry Sunday on April 22 and we are grateful for the ways they care for our congregation. Li Klein has served faithfully for 17 years in our flower ministry and we are happy to announce that Lara Trinkaus has volunteered to take the leadership in that valuable ministry.

We have a steady group of volunteers who uphold our prayer team ministry. I am personally grateful for their faithfulness and compassion for our congregation.

## **Faith Formation**

This year we started Confirmation at both campuses with 5 students at Suntime and 3 students at Melbourne Beach. We will celebrate with two of those students who will complete their two-year formation and be confirmed on May 20, 2018. We have had a series of intriguing Bible studies led by a variety of groups to add to our faith formation. I have been challenged to create more opportunities for adults and children alike and will explore those options in the coming months.

I believe that Advent Lutheran Church is on the best path to fulfill our mission of being “followers of Jesus Christ for the sake of the world.” Thank you for your partnership and commitment to this endeavor, and specifically for supporting and encouraging me in my role.

Blessings,

*Pastor Rick*

## **SUNTREE MEN'S GROUP 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

Pete Snyder, President

The men of the church meet on the Suntree campus at 9:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month, except July and August. At the meetings, we serve breakfast, share devotions, and discuss relevant activities in our community. In 2017, we also successfully completed our two main projects, the OKTOBERFEST, which is our main fund raiser, and the Christmas Dinner Dance. We look forward to working OKTOBERFEST again. The men are active in many areas supporting the congregation like setup and take down of special events and holidays, traffic control for drive through ashes, and other ministries requiring man power.

The funds from the Oktoberfest and monthly offerings, have been used on many projects. We look forward to the interesting speakers at our monthly meetings.

Our meetings are open to all men of the church. Please consider coming to a meeting. your suggestion on what the men's club could be doing are welcome.

## **MELBOURNE BEACH MEN'S GROUP 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

No report submitted.

## **SUNTREE WOMENS GROUP 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

Women of the ELCA

Carol Wilson, President

WELCA Purpose Statement: As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

Advent's women's group had a busy and productive year. Our ministry included efforts on behalf of our church, community, and world.

### Church

- Organized and served at 4 memorial receptions and 1 ordination
- Helped serve at Oktoberfest and Thanksgiving Interfaith service reception
- Provided a women's day-long retreat at the Knoedler Center in July
- Purchased a first aid kit for the Knoedler Center kitchen
- Donated \$1000 toward the purchase of a shed for Advent's new golf cart
- Held December and May fellowship events
- Met for monthly business meetings
- Met for monthly women's Bible study
- Held the No-Bake Bake Sale fundraiser

### Community

- Provided a monthly meal for residents of the Haven for Children

- Participated in the Space Coast WELCA Spring Gathering

### World

- Acquired and assembled 129 School Kits for donation to Lutheran World Relief
- Sewed more than 34 quilts for donation to Lutheran World Relief (Quilting Chicks)
- Donated \$165 to ELCA Good Gifts for the church's sustainable development initiative
- Contributed a thank offering to the national WELCA organization

### Advent 2017-2018 WELCA officers:

- President – Carol Wilson
- Vice President – Phyllis Lanoue
- Secretary – Wendy Poffenberger
- Treasurer – Lucile Zimmermann

## **CHRISTIAN SERVICE MINISTRY 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

Shirley Piper, Ministry Team Leader

### Goals and Plans for 2018

To encourage outreach and service that flows from gifts, talents, and passions the Holy Spirit has brought to us in those who are among us.

After evaluating the breadth of our outreach programs, we are striving to focus an awareness to engage the congregation and involve all ages of our congregation in intergenerational involvement. Unfortunately, intergenerational involvement has had limited response. Most of our events now involve many of our ministries, as well as members of the congregation.

### Progress year to date:

- Along with Thrivent and our ministry we purchased and delivered pjs to Genesis House-residential housing for pregnant women or those with young children
- Participated in Octoberfest
- Donated to supply the devotional Christ in our Home
- Purchased items for new Brevard School students relocating from Puerto Rico due to hurricanes
- Family Promise continue to house, and feed participating families as needed and assisting with financial support to purchase food or entertainment
- Weekly Bread Ministry giving bread to Trinity Towers, His Place Ministry, Daily Bread, Trinity Towers, the Dock and Serene Harbor. Additional opportunities have been added with WaWa, Bob Evans, and Starbucks participating.
- Weekly Food Pantry

- GWOH personalize birthday and Christmas cards to residents in Trinity Towers
- Purchased items for Trinity Towers South resident appreciation week
- Participate and support SVAAC
- Sponsor “Faith Comes from Hearing” Biblesticks to our military
- Financial support to the ELCA and World Hunger
- Financial support to our local veterans and their families
- Sponsor the Angel Tree which delivered books and games to those impacted by Hurricane Maria
- Personal hygiene items and tarps will be delivered to His Place for those in need

Volunteers Needed:

We welcome volunteers in all areas of our ministry. Help is always needed in the bread ministry.

## **EVANGELISM MINISTRY 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

Pastor David Jahn, Acting Ministry Team Leader

We have been without a lay leader for this ministry for over a year now, but that does not mean nothing has been happening.

On the contrary, one of our congregational goals, “Community Engagement” has been a key part of our evangelism strategy and has been rather effective this year.

Thanks to two people we have contracted to help us, word of our ministry has gotten out in an unprecedented way over the past twelve months.

Joyce Wilden, of BuzzBiz Communications has been our publicist and has gotten Advent in the public eye through newspapers and other media outlets with amazing effectiveness this year.

Also, Judy Vaughn, a professional photographer, has recently been contracted to “capture” significant life-moments at Advent for use in our website, Facebook page, and other outreach media strategies. She has done a great job.

The net result is that more people are hearing about Advent and being introduced to the Gospel through our ministry than ever before.

We are still hoping God will raise up a volunteer who would like to lead this already exciting ministry and pull together a team of volunteers to make it even more effective.

Please ask God the Holy Spirit if you might be that person. :-)



Acting Ministry Team Leader

## **SUNTREE PRESCHOOL 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

Chris Quavillon, Director

The school year began with Open House on August 2nd and will end on May 24<sup>th</sup> for the VPK Class and on May 23<sup>rd</sup> for the rest of the school. The state is requiring a make-up day due to hurricane closures and we are using May 24<sup>th</sup> as that day. Our annual graduation program will be taking place on May 18th in The Knoedler Center.

All inspections by The Florida Department of Children and Families went smoothly and no violations were found. The annual license will need to be renewed the first week of September, although all paperwork required for the license renewal must be submitted in July. Our VPK contract with the state for next school year has been submitted and signed.

All classes filled quickly this year and registration for 2018-2019 has begun. Our substitute aide from last year became a permanent aide three days a week and we have hired a new substitute aide.

We continue to offer extra enrichment activities for the children such as the Soccer Shots program, a weekly Spanish Class and this year have added Kids' Yoga. These are done by outside contractors and have become very popular.

Tuition and registration fees remain the same for the classes of younger children and the reimbursement from the state for VPK will remain the same for next year.

We collected food for Advent's food pantry at Family Chapel Day in November and collected gifts for the children in Therapeutic Group Foster Care at Devereux at our Christmas Party. We also held our annual Christmas Wreath fundraiser.

We held several other annual events which included a costume party, Pajama and Pancake Party, a Valentine Party, Green Eggs and Ham Party, an Easter Egg Hunt and we will be having a Mother's Day Tea on April 27<sup>th</sup>. We had Chapel each Wednesday in the sanctuary with Pastor Dave and a music class each Wednesday morning with Lori Jahn.

We plan to do those same things next school year as we have found that it encourages families of preschool children to become involved in the school. The first day of next school year will be August 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **GRACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

Debbie Hogan, Director

Grace Preschool currently operates three daily programs for children ranging from two to five years. Our Early Bird program meets from 8:00 to 9:00, our structured school day runs from 9:00 to 12:00, and there are two aftercare (Lunch Bunch) programs available from 12:00 to 1:30 or 12:00 to 3:00.

This school year we had two 2-year-old classes meeting 2, 3 or 5 days a week; three 3-year-old classes meeting 3 or 5 days a week and three VPK classes meeting 5 days a week for a total of 84 students enrolled at Grace. We have seen a dramatic increase in participation in our before and after-care programs.

Grace Preschool employs 12 staff members consisting of two 2-year-old teachers, three 3-year-old teachers, 2 VPK teachers, 3 floating assistants, a VPK Teacher/Director and a dedicated after care teacher/substitute.

The 2017/18 school year ends on May 23. A formal VPK graduation program is scheduled for May 17.

The 2018/19 school year will begin on August 10. An additional VPK class has been added for the following school year. We have some limited openings in all three age groups.

Pastor Dave joins the preschool on Mondays and conducts children's chapel, a joyous time consisting of music, songs, story time and prayer. Lori Jahn offers an in-depth music program to all of our age groups on Wednesday morning.

Grace Preschool, in conjunction with Advent Lutheran Church, developed and implemented an after school Kids' Club for elementary age children on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. This program has been met with overwhelming success and plans are in the works to offer the same program when school resumes in August.

The preschool and church worked together to participate in the Melbourne Beach Children's Christmas Parade as well as hosting two outdoor Family Movie Nights.

## **PROPERTY MINISTRY 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

Tom Hawk, Ministry Team Leader

### ***Melbourne Beach***

- New roof installation should be completed by the time of the annual meeting.
- Conversion of the storage/maintenance closet into a classroom for the preschool is ongoing and should be completed by the start of the school session this Fall.
- The installation of a new shed has been in the works for some time and all the permitting and the purchase of a new shed should be completed in the near future.

### ***Suntree***

- New roof installation for both the sanctuary and the Knoedler Center is ongoing and should be completed soon.
- The hiring of a contractor to repair and refurbish the irrigation system of the property, including the memorial garden is in the works and work should commence soon.

- The new shed, which will house the golf cart, along with providing storage has been installed. Installation of solar panels to provide electricity for the shed is in the works and should be completed sometime this year.
- Much needed work on the landscaping and repair of parking lot and curbing has been temporarily put on hold until both the roofing and irrigation issues are completed.
- Installation of new doors in both the Knoedler Center and Food Pantry storage area are in the planning stages and should be completed soon.

I would like to thank Pam Miller for her hard work and dedication these last few years. Her commitment and hard work has made my position as Property Council Ministry Team Leader a breeze. Wishing her all the best in her future endeavors.

## **STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY 2018 SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

No report submitted.

## **WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

Pastor Dave, Ministry Team Leader

This past year saw the retirement of Karen Hagen, an amazingly effective and dedicated leader for the Worship and Music Ministry of Advent for the past 7 years (or was it longer?).

Karen did so much to lead our Worship and Music Ministry toward a level of excellence that is a blessing for all involved. Her reorganization and skill has made Spirit-filled worship much less likely to be hindered by glitches and gaps and other issues. We are grateful for her service and have truly missed her.

Since last October we have been prayerfully looking for the next leader of this important ministry.

The temptation was to go out and twist arms and plead for someone to take the job so that we would have someone to fill the spot, but instead we waited on the Lord and asked the Holy Spirit to raise up a person who felt called to do this very important job for the sake of the church.

God has answered our prayers in Peter Baron-Krieger, a relatively new member here at Advent. Pete sings in the choir at the Suntree Campus, and has been active in the Lutheran Church for many years. He has extensive experience in the ministry of Worship and Music and will be a great blessing to us as we move to the next chapter in this ministry.

Please welcome and give your prayer and volunteer support to Pete and the Worship and Music team.

Thank you!

*Pastor Dave*

# **YOUTH MINISTRY 2018 SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

Stefanie Canjar, Director of Youth Ministries

This year has been extremely busy for our youth group! Our youth participated in our Big 4 Events (minus our Musical Festival weekend and lock in due to Hurricane Irma) and Super Saturdays, volunteered with a local organization, participated in a local mission trip, and attended youth group each Sunday! Our awesome youth volunteers were also busy attending the Global Leadership Summit, organizing events, attending lock-ins, and creating and leading our middle school and high school groups on Sunday mornings!

## **What were our accomplishments for last year?**

- a. Started middle school and high school groups on Sunday mornings.
- b. Hosted our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual beach retreat where we discussed what prayer is, what Jesus says about prayer, and how to pray.
- c. Participated in Radius Camp where we learned about “Being the light in the darkness”
- d. Offered an opportunity for the youth to host a Thanksgiving luncheon for our food pantry families, pack Thanksgiving food bags, and volunteer at a local organization to help clean up their property after Hurricane Irma.
- e. Started the process of registering youth and chaperones for the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston, TX.
- f. Attended the Global Leadership Summit where we learned valuable information to help us better reach our youth.

## **What are our goals/plans for 2018-2019?**

- a. Engage 40 unique youth in non-worship youth activities each month.
- b. Engage in 3 community service project within 6 months.
- c. Continue to provide the resources, opportunities and knowledge for our youth to continue to grow on their spiritual journey with Christ.
- d. Take all youth interested to the ELCA Youth Gathering to engage and interact with the larger church community.
- e. Host a volunteer orientation for individuals interested in working with our awesome youth!

## **Do we need volunteers in our ministry; if so, in what roles?**

- a. Volunteers play a huge role in our ministry! From helping out during our weekly Bible study to fun events, we definitely need our volunteers! Volunteers are currently needed for the following events and/or roles:
  - i. **Teachers:** (Sundays from 10:00-11:00 AM)
  - ii. **Supporters:** Assist with small groups on Sunday mornings, set up/clean up for events, assist during youth events such as Super Saturdays.
  - iii. **Drivers:** Help with transportation to and from youth events
  - iv. **Planners:** Help plan our Big 4 events (Fall kick off, Youth Beach Retreat, Music Festival Weekend, and Thanksgiving Service Weekend)

- v. **Leadership Team members**
- vi. **Leadership Team Lead:** With our current team lead stepping down, we are prayerfully looking for an individual who would like to serve as our youth team lead.

Thank you for continuing to support our youth and families at Advent Lutheran Church! We are excited about the adventures we are going on this year and continuing to grow as a youth group in our faith!

Respectfully submitted by,

Stefanie Canjar

Youth Director

## **FELLOWSHIP 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

Ann Peterson, Ministry Team Leader

**PURPOSE: TO PLAN AND OVERSEE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF 2017:**

January 2017 – The New Year ushered in a new location and new time for the Fellowship Coffee at Suntree. We moved the “Coffee Café” to the Knoedler Center (KC) and added flavored coffee and creamers and homemade goodies. Based on feedback from the congregation, we moved back to the Narthex in August 2017. The Keurig Coffee pots were well received along with the flavored coffee and homemade goodies when provided.

Fellowship also hosted an ice cream social in January at Suntree for the ALIVE (Advent Leaders Inviting Visitors to Engage) Team. It was attended by potential members interested in joining Advent.

February 2017 – Dan Wilkey and his crew prepared and served a Shrove Tuesday pancake lunch at the Melbourne Beach (MB) campus. It was well attended by both campuses but especially the Grace preschool children and their parents who were on site and able to enjoy the lunch after the preschool got out.

March 2017 – A Ministry Fair was held at both campuses for each Ministry to showcase what their ministry does and provide an opportunity for members of Advent to choose a ministry that might match their gifts and interests.

April 2017 – A very successful Maundy Thursday – Agape Feast was held at our MB Campus. Both campuses were well represented and everyone there had a chance to meet someone they never met before. Betsy Stansifer took the lead in planning, Ellen Williams prepared the delicious meal

and a team of members from both campuses helped with setup, serving and cleanup. The meal was followed by a Maundy Thursday service in the MB sanctuary.

May 2017 - Fellowship hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> ice cream social of the year at Suntree for the ALIVE (Advent Leaders Inviting Visitors to Engage) Team.

Jun 2017 – We honored Bill and Joyce Cowart for their years of service to the Food Pantry.

July 2017 – We had a pot luck luncheon to say farewell and God Speed to Pastor Jake Knoedler who moved out of state to be closer to his family.

August 2017 – The Fall Kick-off included our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Chili Cook-off, a friendly competition with 9 different entries (from both campuses) that took place in the KC. The Youth group had planned activities outside during the same time as the cook-off.

October 2017 – Kathy Ann Funk took the lead for Oktoberfest this year and pulled together the volunteers from the Men’s Group, Women’s Group, Ministry Teams and Thrivent to prepare for and oversee our Oktoberfest Outreach to the community. Fellowship organized the outside activities to include: sno-cones and pretzels, a raffle, photo booth, bottled water (Thrivent), bounce house, water slide, train, face painting, musical instruments, a German Band and craft vendors. The Men’s Group and Women’s Group prepared and served the inside food and outside hot dogs, bratwurst and beer. Many other volunteers from all Advent ministries helped with planning, decorating, setup and cleanup.

October was also when we had our Blessing of the Pets at both campuses. Pastor Dave at Suntree and Pastor Rick at MB together blessed 16-18 families and their pets. Refreshments were provided for pet owners and treats were provided to the pets.

I want to thank the volunteers from both campuses who prepare and setup/cleanup the Coffee Cafe at the Sunday morning services under the heading of “Fellowship”.

Special thanks to Ellen Williams for preparing and serving dinner for those who come to the 6 p.m. service at MB.

Thanks as well to the church staff (especially Carol Stanton, Pam Miller, Cathy Guilford and Patty Cooper) and to Ron and Li Klein, who provide coffee cafe supplies, as well as other ministry teams for their help and participation in contributing to the success of all our fellowship activities.

**Goal for 2018:**

New Ministry Team Leader and a co-leader

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Peterson, Fellowship Ministry Leader, 2016-2018

## **FINANCIAL 2018 MAY ANNUAL REPORT**

Bill Stanton, Treasurer

Advent's financial position is good. The following financial analysis is based on results through the end of March, the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. YTD Net Income from all accounts is \$37,130 as compared to a budget of \$4,984; most of this addition is the result of the Insurance payment for Hurricane Irma roof damage. Both Preschools are operating on budget. Income is above and expenses are below budget for both Ministries and Other Designated accounts. However, that general operating income is 9%, \$17,705, below budget is of some concern and will require monitoring through the rest of the year. Mitigating this concern is that general operating income was 13% below budget at this same time last year and that deficit was overcome by year end giving.

The major financial issue currently being addressed is the repair/replacement of roofs at both the Melbourne Beach and Suntree campuses. The roof repairs required, which will in total cost approximately \$195,000, are due to damage caused by Hurricane Irma in September 2017. The amount of damage was not known at the time of the annual financial meeting in January. As a result, the repairs were not budgeted. The Congregation will be asked at this annual Governance meeting to authorize increasing the budget by \$195,000 to pay for these repairs. Within the Council's authority to spend above budget, work costing approximately \$98,000 has begun on the Melbourne Beach roofs and the Knoedler Center roof.

To date, our insurance company has issued a check of \$55,744 towards the repairs and has indicated the possibility that Advent will receive an additional \$28,000. Depending upon the amount eventually collected in insurance, the cost to Advent will be between \$111,000 and \$139,000. The current balance in reserves is \$129,358, which in our best judgment will cover Advent's share of the costs. Adequate emergency funding above that amount, if required, is possible from Thrivent funds and Undesignated Memorial funds.

The primary concern that we have is that will have used nearly all or all of the reserves to complete these repairs. In my opinion as treasurer, having little or no reserves is an unsatisfactory financial position and leads me to recommend consideration of performing a special campaign that would as a minimum replenish the reserves.

## PROFIT & LOSS SUMMARY

Bill Stanton, Treasurer

	Actuals for March	YTD Actuals through March	YTD Budget through March	Annual Budget
<b>General Operating Contributions</b>	65,322	176,823	193,929	767,716
<b>General Operating Expense</b>	67,315	186,484	186,341	745,365
<b>Net Income Gen Op</b>	-1,993	-9,661	7,588	22,351
<b>Ministry Contributions</b>	5,426	14,650	21,656	86,624
<b>Ministry Expense</b>	3,778	11,552	24,721	98,885
<b>Net Income Ministries</b>	1,648	3,098	-3,065	-12,261
<b>Suntree Preschool Income</b>	\$9,910	\$26,869	\$23,944	\$95,776
<b>Suntree Preschool Expenses</b>	\$10,946	\$24,868	\$23,295	\$93,181
<b>Net Income Suntree Preschool</b>	-1,036	2,001	649	2,595
<b>Grace Preschool Income</b>	\$31,617	\$82,082	\$68,250	\$273,000
<b>Grace Preschool Expenses</b>	\$33,386	\$80,840	\$69,563	\$279,250
<b>Net Income Grace Preschool</b>	-1,770	1,243	-1,313	-6,250
<b>Other Income</b>	\$60,605	\$66,222	\$4,375	\$17,500
<b>Other Expenses</b>	\$20,325	\$22,906	\$3,251	\$13,000
<b>Net Income Other</b>	\$40,280	\$43,316	\$1,124	\$4,500
<b>Total Income</b>	\$172,880	\$366,646	\$312,154	\$1,240,616
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$135,750	\$326,650	\$307,170	\$1,229,681
<b>Net Income Total</b>	37,130	39,997	4,984	10,935