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A Sanctuary Filled with Joy

Camp in the City Offers a Glimpse of What December 6 Could Be

On Sunday, June 14, 2026, Advent Lutheran Church received a beautiful glimpse of what God can do when His people gather in faith, joy, and fellowship.

More than thirty youth, counselors, and leaders from Camp in the City Atlanta 2026 joined us for worship, transforming our sanctuary into a place overflowing with energy, laughter, song, and praise. Their presence brought a special vibrancy to our service. The voices were stronger, the smiles were broader, and the spirit of celebration was unmistakable. It was one of those mornings that reminded us that the Church is not merely a building—it is a living community where people encounter Christ and one another. The excitement was contagious. Youth sang with enthusiasm, leaders participated with joy, and our congregation warmly welcomed guests from across the Atlanta area.

For a moment, our sanctuary reflected a beautiful vision of God's kingdom—a place where generations worship together, strangers become friends, and Christ is at the center of it all.

As we celebrated this special day, many of us could not help but think ahead to December 6, 2026, when Advent Lutheran Church will host its special Sunday with Our Neighbors. The Camp in the City group gave us a preview of what can happen when people accept an invitation and join a worshiping community. Imagine our sanctuary filled once again with families, friends, coworkers, classmates, and neighbors from throughout LaGrange and the surrounding communities.

If thirty visitors brought such joy and vitality to our worship, imagine what God might do when an entire community gathers to celebrate His love.

Sunday Service

You are warmly invited to worship at Advent Lutheran Church every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Members, guests, and all from the community are welcome to join us for God's Word, fellowship, and a warm church family.

December 6, 2026 Neighbors' Sunday

Mark your calendars now for a special service dedicated to welcoming friends, guests, and the community with warmth, joy, and the love of Christ.

Life Together In Christ

We gather throughout the week to study Scripture, pray, and share life together. Each gathering provides a steady space for reflection, conversation, and encouragement.

You may learn more about these opportunities on this page and find a time that fits your rhythm.

Tuesday and Thursday Bible Study groups — Summer Break

The Tuesday Bible Study is on summer break and will resume in August. Thank you to everyone who shared in fellowship and learning this year. Restart details will be announced soon. May your summer be filled with faith, rest, and reflection.

Imagine the conversations, connections, and opportunities to share God's love with those who may not yet have a church home.

That vision begins now. Every member of Advent has a role to play. Between now and December 6, we are invited to pray, build relationships, and extend personal invitations. A simple invitation to a family member, friend, neighbor, coworker, or fellow student may become the first step in someone's journey of faith.

Camp in the City is a summer ministry of the Southeastern Synod and Lutheridge that brings Christian day-camp experiences into local communities.

This year, the Atlanta camp, hosted by Faith and Grace Lutheran Church in Decatur, brought together children, counselors, and leaders from Lutheran congregations across the region. Their visit to Advent Lutheran Church was a joyful blessing and a reminder that the Church's future is bright when faith is nurtured, shared, and celebrated together



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Advent Book Club — July 16

Join us for our next Advent Book Club discussion on *This Is Not About Us* by **Allegra Goodman**. This engaging novel follows three generations of one family as they navigate relationships, faith, aging, and the joys and tensions of family life. With warmth, humor, and insight, the story invites reflection on family bonds, expectations, and the ways love and faith shape us across generations.

Outreach Opportunities This Summer

Advent Lutheran Church will honor the **Wellstar Cancer Clinic team** with a **Staff Appreciation Luncheon on July 15**. Help share Christ's love through prayer, volunteering, or donating food. To help, **call 706-882-0130** or email **info@adventlutheranlagrange.com**.

Pastor's Reflection:

Each month, the Pastor reflects on the shared life at Advent, highlighting both what is visible in worship and ministry and what is quietly unfolding within each life.

Two Meals, One Mission

Sharing Christ's Love Through Hospitality, Service, and Gratitude

by Pastor Dr. Jasson K Levi

Summer often invites us outdoors, but it also invites us outward—toward our neighbors, our community, and the places where Christ's love is needed most.

This summer, Advent Lutheran Church has been blessed with two meaningful opportunities to put faith into action. On June 19, members of Advent gathered at Branches of Hope to prepare and serve a community dinner for individuals experiencing homelessness. Around a simple meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, and fellowship, we shared something even more important: dignity, compassion, and the reminder that every person is a beloved child of God. Through the generosity of volunteers and donors, our congregation extended Christ's welcome to neighbors who often face difficult circumstances and uncertain days.

On July 15, Advent will continue this spirit of service by hosting a Staff Appreciation Luncheon for the dedicated caregivers of the Wellstar Cancer Clinic. Every day, these healthcare professionals walk alongside patients and families through fear, uncertainty, hope, and healing. This luncheon is our opportunity to express gratitude for their compassion, dedication, and commitment to caring for others.

Though these ministries serve different groups, they are united by one mission: sharing the love of Christ through practical acts of kindness. One reached outward to neighbors in need; the other reaches toward those who faithfully care for our community. Both remind us that ministry often happens through ordinary actions offered with extraordinary love.

Service is rarely about grand gestures. More often, it is found in preparing a meal, serving a plate, offering a smile, washing dishes, or lifting someone up in prayer. These simple acts become powerful witnesses to God's grace when offered in Christ's name.

As we continue through the summer, may we remain open to the ways God calls us to serve. Together, let us be the hands and feet of Christ—one meal, one act of kindness, and one life at a time.



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