



**Advent**  
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**THIS LITTLE LIGHT...**  
*the weekly LUMINARY*  
 DECEMBER 15, 2024

**REFLECTIONS ON GENEROSITY**

**Philippians 4:4** –Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

*Joy is the theme for the third Sunday of Advent. Philippians reminds us to rejoice – find the joy – in God. Always! Though we live in a world that has many troubles, we can always find joy, in God’s love. Joy is a way of life for steward/ disciples.*

**ADVENT SOCIAL BREAKFAST DECEMBER 17**

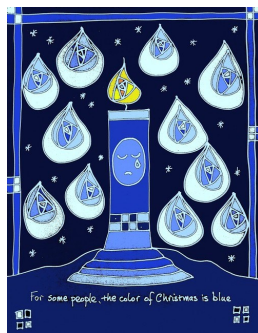


Everyone is invited to the Social Breakfast on Tuesday, **December 17**, sponsored by the Advent Men’s Club and the ACW (Advent Church Women). It’s all about food,

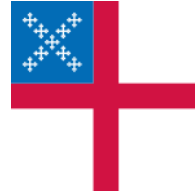
fun, and fellowship! This month’s Social Breakfast will be held at Grandview Terrace at 9:00 AM. The address is 14515 W Granite Valley Drive, Sun City West 85375. Grandview Terrace is next to Banner Del Webb Hospital.

**ANNUAL BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE DECEMBER 18**

This year the Daughters of the King will have the annual Blue Christmas service on **December 18** at 4:00 PM. The Daughters automatically make a Christmas ornament for church members who have died this past year. However, if you have a loved one who has died this past year who is NOT a church member but would like to have an ornament made to hang on the "loved one" tree please call or text Sharon Mather 623.202.7544 or Gayle Flores 757.513 8565.



**RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE**



As many of you know, Canon Jackson will be leaving us at the end of January 2025. We have completed the process for publicizing our clergy opening both statewide and nationally and are waiting to hear from Canon Anita Braden regarding any interested clergy. The Diocese will receive all applications and perform a background check prior to sending us the applicants names. Securing a new clergy person is a long, arduous process and we have completed all the steps required of a congregation, therefore we hope to start the interview process very soon. Please keep this process and our Search Committee in your prayers.

**THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

**Monday, December 16**

9:00 AM Helping Hands

**Tuesday, December 17**

9:00 AM Advent Social Breakfast  
 11:00 AM Exercise Class

**Wednesday, December 18**

8:30 AM It Pays to Lose \$  
 9:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting  
 10:00 AM Infancy Narratives Class  
 10:30 AM Vestry Executive Committee  
 2:00 PM Pastoral Care Meeting  
 4:00 PM Annual Blue Christmas Service

**Thursday, December 19**

2:00 PM Holistic Health Matters—CR  
 3:00 PM Advent Choir Practice

**Friday, December 20**

10:00 AM Loss and Grief Support Group-DH

**Saturday, December 21**

8:30 AM Altar Guild  
 9:30 AM Flower Guild

## Advent Prayer List—December 15, 2024

Please remember those for whom special prayers have been requested. Names will automatically remain on the prayer list for one month. If you wish an individual's name to return to the list after one month, please call the church office at 623.584.0350. *Names are listed alphabetically by last name.*

*\*Denotes Advent members. †Denotes deceased individual.*

Pat S	Kathi Guglielmetti	Peggy Rochan
Mandy	Juanita Horn	Karey Santesteven
Monica	Arlene Janis*	David Schaefer
Steven	Randy Justice	Sue Ann Simon*
Donna Andersson-Davis*	Charles Kissel	Susan Syquia*
Pat Beavin	Patrick Kissel	Larry Taylor
Catherine Bridges	Jaymie Law	Janice Watts*
Matthew Careau	Bill Navratil*	Mike Wolf
Robert & Carolyn Carlson*	Steven Ollestad	Tom Wolfe*
Jim Clark	Grace Overton*	Jim & Gaye Wooldridge*
Donna Contonis*	Julie Percy	The Chapman Family
Gary & Sharon Endean*	Richard Raszkievicz*	The Sizemore Family
Dotty Eubank*	David Raymer*	
Patricia Fishback*	Iris Reed	

*All our servicemen and women, especially those who are deployed in war zones, and their families. Please take the list home and include these individuals in your private prayers.*

### GIVING AWAY THE PLATE - LOVE FOR THY NEIGHBOR

Last week, \$512.00 was donated to the Dysart Community Center. This week, funds collected will help support **A New Leaf**. This unique West Valley Housing Assistance Center supports seven apartment units for families in crisis – giving them a chance to start fresh, find work, and save for a long-term home and apartment.



### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

*December 15*

Brenda Broussard  
Jane Brumagin



*December 16*

Joan Lane

*December 20*

Corena VanRanken

*December 17*

Shirley Mellum  
Christy Necaise

*December 21*

Carol Dockter

### PASCUA YAQUI CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

The annual collection of monetary love-gifts for the **Pascua Yaqui Tribe Elders** has started! Look for the love-gift Christmas tree and instructions in the Narthex. Gifts will be delivered, and lunch will be shared with our Pascua Yaqui friends at the Pascua Yaqui Village in Tucson on **January 8, 2025**. Mark your calendars now to participate in this special annual event. More details will be provided. Questions? Contact **Erica Hutchinson** at **719.354.9053**.

### ADVENT 2025 ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 19

**Ministry Year End Reports Needed**—Time for the wonderful leaders/chairpersons of Advent ministries to submit their year-end reports for inclusion in the 2025 Annual Meeting documents.

**2025 Diocesan Convention Delegates**—The convention will be held in Phoenix on October 10 & 11, 2025. If you are interested in representing Advent please submit a brief biography of your activities at Advent, why you would like to be a delegate, and a photo (head shot).

Please submit your year-end report and/or delegate biography to Kim Stevens (kim@adventaz.org) no later than **Friday, January 3, 2025**.