

# Tuesday Note

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

The advent of our King our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing in strains of holy joy.

## ADVENT APPEAL

Hopefully, all of our families received our Advent Appeal flyer in the mail this week. We are praying that you will consider supporting this very important donation appeal this year, as our operating budget depends very strongly upon it. You are likely aware from news reports that publicly funded schools received much needed funds to help with COVID-19 mitigation costs which are considerable. **Private schools, such as First Lutheran Christian Academy are not eligible for any of this help, and must find their own resources to cover the additional expenses of our pandemic response.** As well, due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold our Readathon and Eagle Run fundraisers in 2019. Understanding how essential donations are for our operations, especially with these added costs, won't you prayerfully consider a gift?



## THE GIVING TREE

You can participate in providing Christmas gifts for children in need in our community this Christmas season.

If you wish to join us, email Mrs. Johnson at [mrsjohnsonflca@gmail.com](mailto:mrsjohnsonflca@gmail.com) expressing your interest in supporting a child and she will email particulars to you. Unwrapped gifts, with the identifying number included, may be placed on the table outside the main doors. We'll take it from there and make sure it gets to the Children's Aid Society. Thank you for your support of our service projects.

Last day to request a name: Friday, December 4  
Last day to drop off a gift: Tuesday, December 8

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<b>December 18</b>	Last day of school
<b>December 21 To January 1</b>	Christmas Break
<b>January 4</b>	First Day of school
<b>January 22</b>	PA Day (no school)
<b>February 15</b>	Family Day

## DAILY COVID-19 SCREENING

The Windsor Essex County Health Unit is recommending an **interactive COVID-19 Daily Screening Tool** for use by parents, students, staff and school visitors. To make it easier for you, there is a link on the Home page of our website at [www.flca.ca](http://www.flca.ca). The screening tool indicates different groupings of symptoms and gives advice about next steps. In addition, the WECHU has published a flow chart (included with this Tuesday Note), which clearly outlines their protocol for Students With Any Symptoms of COVID-19.

All FLCA staff and students must use the screening tool daily before coming to school each morning.

## SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER - "SNOW DAYS"

In the event of an emergency (loss of heat during the night, weather so inclement that it would be dangerous for students and staff to travel), school will be closed. This year, you will be notified via email as early as possible in the morning by your child's teacher. Notification will also be given on the school voicemail as well as on area radio stations. **If we do declare a rare "snow day", there will be no school for those attending in school classes as well as those learning from home.**

## ALL ABOUT ADVENT

This past Sunday, November 29th, was the first Sunday in Advent, as well as the first Sunday in the liturgical (church) year. The word “advent” comes from the Latin word “adventus” a form of the word “coming”. In Advent, we celebrate not only the upcoming commemoration of the birth of the baby Jesus in the manger at Christmas time but also the “second coming”, when Christ our triumphant Saviour will come again in glory and take us to live with Him for all eternity.

While the weeks leading up to Christmas are often overtaken by preparations for our Christmas celebrations, the church fathers intended that Advent also be a season of reflection and penitence, in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity on Christmas Day. The church season of Advent gives us an opportunity to focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

We change the liturgical vestments in our churches to violet, the colour of penitence. Another Advent tradition is the lighting of candles on an advent wreath. At First Lutheran Church, we have a magnificent fresh wreath each year, hanging from the high rafters of the church (a tradition brought by early Swedish-born members of the congregation). May God bless and keep us as we prepare our hearts and homes to welcome the Christ Child during this Advent season.



*Comfort, comfort my people says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; and make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*

*Isaiah 40: 1-5*