

## FAITH BEGINS ADVENT WITH A NEW TWIST



As our society plunged full force into Christmas on so-called black Friday, we hadn't even started Advent yet! In the liturgical church, the four weeks prior has been a time to allow us to prepare spiritually for Christ's coming. One visible reminder of Advent at Faith will be live wreaths with blue bows hung around the building. Although many of us recall other traditions, blue has been the preferred color of Advent among Lutherans for 40 years now and recalls an earlier tradition from Scandinavian countries. This deep blue expresses the yearning and hope of Jesus coming into the world--a much different sentiment than the penitential purple of Lent. On Christmas Eve, golden bows will replace the blue.

Who knows: blue bows in Lexington during December may lead some to believe Faith Lutheran is all in for Big Blue Nation! But even a whimsical comment from a neighbor can lead to a deeper conversation about Advent and our church to those in our community.

For information about Advent and blue as a liturgical color, check out this resource from the ELCA.

[What is the Advent wreath?](#)