

Advent Logs

We hope this instruction guide helps you to create and use your advent log to enhance your advent worship experience.

In Hope and Joy, The members of the Lundeen Small Group

A Little History:

From Wikipedia: The concept of the Advent wreath originated among German Lutherans in the 16th Century. However, it was not until three centuries later that the modern Advent wreath took shape. The modern Advent wreath, with its candles representing the Sundays of Advent, originated from an 1839 initiative by Johann Hinrich Wichern, a Protestant pastor in Germany and a pioneer in urban mission work among the poor. In view of the impatience of the children he taught as they awaited Christmas, he made a ring of wood, with nineteen small red tapers and four large white candles. Every morning a small candle was lit, and every Sunday a large candle. Custom has retained only the large candles.



Community of Hope History:

Several years ago, the Lundeen Small Group gathered together to make ornaments for members Dick and Salome Miller, who had lost their home and possessions to a fire. It was a great time of fellowship and sharing. We decided to do it again the next year, adding other Advent and Christmas crafts. We soon realized we wanted to share the joy with more people and expanded the event to include the congregation. It has grown through the years, and we are excited to continue offering this special time this year, too.

Why Have One:

Advent means “coming...” The Advent Log or Wreath is a tangible element to remind us of the coming of Christ. It is a tool to help us focus on various aspects of the gift God has given us in his Son. And besides that, they look great!

Focus of the 5 Candles:

1. **HOPE:** Isaiah 2:1-5, Micah 5:2-5, Luke 1:26-45, Romans 15:12-13
2. **PEACE:** Luke 1:67-79
3. **JOY:** Luke 1:46-55
4. **LOVE:** Ephesians 1:4, John 3:16
5. **CHRIST CANDLE:** John 1:5, John 8:12



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Supplies Needed:

- Log with 5 candle size holes or wreath frame (metal, foam, wood)
- 4 red candles and 1 white candle
- Fresh Greenery (fir, pine, holly, whatever needs trimming in your yard) or Artificial Greenery
- Ribbons, Bows, Pipe Cleaners, Decorative Picks, Small Ornaments



Tools Needed:

- Staple Gun with U-Shaped Staples (works better than flat staples for holding branches)
- Glue Gun and Glue
- Pruners, Wire Cutters, Wire (especially if using a metal frame)
- **Your Imagination!**

Steps to Create:

1. First rule - there is no right or wrong way - whatever you like is great!
2. Locate the holes for candles, be sure to keep them clear while decorating
3. Attach greenery with staples and / or glue
4. Attach ribbons and bows; pipe cleaners are helpful for making and attaching bows
5. Attach decorative picks and ornaments
6. Insert candles, the white one, the Christ Candle, in the middle
7. For a wreath, set a separate candle holder in the middle for the white candle

Using your Advent Logs:

Have a family time to prepare your hearts and minds for the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Light the candle(s) each week. The first week, light one. The next week, light two, etc. Be sure to light the white candle on Christmas Day (or Eve).

Read the appropriate verses each week. Discuss what they mean to you and to the Christmas season. What do those verses teach us about God? Pray together.

