

THE ADVENTURE – NOVEMBER, 2016

ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR MISSION – FAITHFUL IN THE WORD

- + To *gather* as God's people and nurture one another
- + To *know* the Word of God
- + To *grow* in faith, love, and service
- + To *go* into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ



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REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 30

Congregational Deacon Gail Oines

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Blended Worship
 Sunday School ages 4 - gr. 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Mike & Kathy
 Sitler
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Study

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Daylight Savings Ends—Set Clocks Back 1 Hr.

Stitch Club Craft Sale

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion
 Sunday School ages 4 - gr. 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class
- 2:30 pm Installation of Pr. Lisa Jester at
 Emmaus Road Levittown

ELECTION DAY- Tuesday, November

Pray for our country and vote your choice!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - 7 PM

Wine & Cheese Gathering - Lynn & Julie
 Roccograndi



PENTECOST XXVI - SUNDAY,

NOVEMBER 13

Stitch Club Craft Sale

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Comm.
 Sunday School ages 4 - gr. 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Mark & Kelly
 Brum
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class
 Church Council

NOVEMBER 20 -CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY - HARVEST HOME

Dedication of Fall Food Drive & Commitments

Stitch Club Craft Sale

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion
 Sunday School ages 4 - gr. 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class
- 6:00 pm Youth Group

THANKSGIVING EVE - 11/23 7PM

Service of Evening Prayer & Eucharist w/cider
 & refreshments following.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
 Sunday School ages 4 - gr. 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Christy Korn
- 10:45 am Annual Congregational Meeting
 Adult Bible Class

Pastor's Message for this Month . . .

"Give thanks to the LORD for He is good, His mercy endures forever." Psalm 107:1

Some years ago, Pastor Rittenhouse and his family were on vacation traveling down the highway when they saw a suitcase fly off the top of a car going the opposite direction. They stopped to pick it up, but the driver of the other car never stopped. The only clue to the driver's identity was a twenty dollar gold piece inscribed: "Given to Otis Sampson at his retirement by Portland Cement Company". After extensive correspondence, Otis Sampson was located and contacted. He wrote a letter telling them to discard the suitcase and all its contents, and send only the gold piece. Mr. Sampson used the phrase "my most precious possession," several times to describe the gold piece. Pastor Rittenhouse sent the gold piece, and wrote a cover letter telling Otis Sampson about his most prized possession, Jesus Christ. A year later, the pastor received a Christmas package. In it was the twenty dollar gold piece. Mr. Sampson wrote, "You will be happy to know we have become active members of a church. We want you to have this gold piece. I am seventy-four; my wife is seventy-two. You were the first one to tell us about Jesus. Now He is our most prized possession".

Among the many blessings we have received (family, friends, shelter, food...) hopefully the greatest is knowing Jesus. Truly our Lord should be our greatest possession.

During the month of November we give thanks for all the blessings we have received. On All Saints' Sunday November 6 we give thanks for the people of God at all times and places. We especially remember those dear to us who have died in the Lord this past year.

We give thanks that we live in a land where we have the freedom to go to the polls and elect the candidates of our choice. While we may not all be pleased with the options, we do give thanks for the freedoms of this land and the ability to be involved in the political process. Election Day is Tuesday, November 8.

We give thanks for the many opportunities we have for fellowship at Advent. We thank Lynn and Julie Roccograndi for hosting a Fellowship gathering on Saturday November 12 at 7 p.m. It is always good to spend time with fellow members of the congregation.

During the month of November we emphasize our grateful response to God in stewardship for all he has given us. This year our theme is "Live Simply: Take Hold of the Life that Really is Life" (1 Timothy 6:18-19). We will be reminded of our need to Follow Jesus, Face the Truth, Act Together, and Share Enough. Stewardship packets will be available in the next few weeks and we hope to dedicate the commitments we have received on Harvest Home November 20. Prayerfully consider God's blessings in your life as you help us address this year's financial deficit and as we move into 2017.

On Sunday, November 20 we celebrate the festival of Christ the King and also Harvest Home. We will dedicate the canned goods and perishables that we have received for the food pantry, as well as our financial commitments to further the ministry of Advent in the coming year.

On Wednesday evening November 23 at 7:30 P.M. we will have a Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service. In worship, we bless God for all His gifts to us. We pray also that you have a blessed Thanksgiving Day filled with food, family and fellowship.

On the last Sunday of the month November 27 we begin the season of Advent. We give thanks for our Lord Jesus who will come at the end of time even as we celebrate His birth at Bethlehem.

Running through all these events and activities is the constant thread of Jesus as God's gift to us. As Pastor Rittenhouse knew and as Otis Sampson learned may Jesus be your most prized possession.

With thanksgiving to God,

Pastor Sorcek

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

The Festival of the Reformation will be celebrated at both services Sunday, October 30. Pastor Sorcek will be away attending the First Communion of his grandson Ethan Wunder. We thank Congregational Deacon and Worship & Music Chairman Gail Oines for leading worship and preaching.

In recent months there has been massive flooding and disasters in Louisiana and in Haiti. Please remember that you can make a special gift to meet human need in such places. Checks can be made to Advent and noted Lutheran Disaster Response-Floods or - Haiti. Your gifts are always appreciated.

ANNUAL WINE & CHEESE GATHERING



The annual Advent Wine and Cheese Gathering will be Saturday evening, November 12 at 7 pm. Please bring a bottle of wine or your favorite

beverage. The Roccograndis will be our hosts.

PAINLESS CONTRIBUTIONS: THE NO-COST WAY TO GIVE!

Advent Lutheran Church is now participating in the AmazonSmile program. When you shop at AmazonSmile (<http://smile.amazon.com>) the church receives .5% of any eligible money spent (most things are eligible). The direct link to Advent's program is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2081861>

A sign-up sheet will be on the round table in the narthex. Please sign to bring either an appetizer or dessert.

STITCH CLUB BAZAAR

Stitch Club will be having their annual craft sale to benefit Aid For Friends (3) Sundays in November the 6, 13 and 20.

Come and join in the fun and fellowship!

THANKS

We express our thanks to Christie Korn for coordinating our painting party on October 8. A good time was had by all. We also thank Nancy Slight and Rhona Slawter for coordinating the Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" day on Tuesday, October 18. Thanks to all who participated.

YOUTH GROUP

Advent's Youth Group for grades 5 and above will meet on Sunday, November 20 and December 11 from 6 to 7 p.m. We certainly hope you can attend.

THANKS FOR SPONSORSHIP

"I would like to thank everyone at Advent and especially Kelly Brum for sponsoring me on my first debut at the Council rock South performance in the Wizard of Oz". Lily Vassello

GRASS CUTTERS NEEDED

Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please volunteer to help keep our grounds looking neatly manicured.



DISASTER FLOODING

THANKS TO GUEST WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor expresses his thanks to Major Carl and

Jennifer Gardener Schoch who served as Preacher and Liturgist on October 2nd while he was on vacation. Also, his thanks to George Henry who served as Preacher and Christy Korn who served as Liturgist on October 16th. Pastor also thanks Kathryn Urbaniak for chairing the council meeting in his absence.



BLOOD DRIVE

Advent expresses its thanks to Blood Chairman Audrey Savchuck and all who served as volunteers or blood donors on October 11th.

15 persons presented and 13 units of blood were collected. Thank you for giving the "Gift of Life".

THANK YOU FOR GIFT OF WARMTH

Advent expresses its thanks to all who donated to "Gift of Warmth". \$528.00 has been contributed to date.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

The annual Advent Christmas Brunch will be held this year on Sunday, December 4, in the fellowship hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service. This is one of our most popular family events. Please join us in sharing Christmas fun and fellowship including delicious food, music, kids crafts, and decorating the church for Christmas. Please bring a breakfast or brunch item to share and indicate on the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you plan to attend so we know how many to set up for. Hot and cold beverages will be provided.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - DECEMBER 11

Christmas Pageant preparations will begin soon at Sunday School! The pageant will be held on **Sunday, December 11th at 9:30** a.m., as a feature of the worship service. All Sunday School students through grade 8 are invited to take part.



An important date to remember is the dress rehearsal on **Sunday, December 4th from 11:30 am-12:30 pm**. (Students who attend our Christmas Brunch may go directly to the rehearsal.)

Please sign a permission slip (in narthex) for children who plan to participate in the pageant.

WORTHWHILE THRIFT AND FREEDOM BOUTIQUE TURNS 2!

Every birthday needs a party, right? Worthwhile Thrift is a sustainable revenue source aimed at ending modern day slavery and we want to celebrate another year of business! We have lots to offer on Saturday, November 5: 25% off all Worthwhile Thrift and Freedom Boutique purchases, live Music from "[Sandy and the Sneaky Petes](#)", and food available for purchase from "[Pots and Pans](#)" food truck.

Worthwhile Thrift and Freedom Boutique are located at 6516 Easton Road in Pipersville. Store hours are 10am - 5pm. Hope to see you there! (Party hats are optional)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers the following Advent member and friends who are ill, hurting or homebound.

Vickie Flint undergoing tests.

Emma Giacomucci at home.

Dan Gracey with leg problems.

Lynette Hollis recovering after surgery.

Carolyn Morrison undergoing treatments.

Julie Roccograndi recovering after hip surgery.

Carl Schoch recovering after hospitalization.

Madelaine Sjostorm recovering after heart surgery.

Norm Smith at home after hospitalization.

RECENT MEMORIAL GIFTS

Advent expresses its thanks to the following who have recently made contributions in memory of J. Earl Gilbert:

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Frey

Bill V. H. Moses:

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Gryszka

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Henke

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hoffmann

Mr. & Mrs. C. David Tyson

Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Stoetzel

Ms. Mary Crawford

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Sclight

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Matlack

Ms. Hanna McCollum

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Heiss

Ms. Jeanne Lyn Barron

Ms. Dorothy C. Montgomery

Mr. Thomas Dolle

INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

Benevolence



(LWR, Mission Support, etc)	\$ 330
General Fund	\$ 13,328
Mortgage Fund	\$ 3,531
Deficit Year to Date	
General Fund	\$ -20,181.09
Mortgage Fund	\$ - 7,559.05
Total	\$ -27,740.14

A NOTE FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

It is with a heavy heart I report that we are currently in a deficit of \$27,740.14. Many thanks to all of you who give faithfully. If you are not able to attend church please consider mailing your offering to the church.

Please keep our/your family her at Advent Lutheran Church in your prayers as we work through this difficult financial time.

Respectfully,
Kathryn Urbaniak

OUR FINANCIAL STATUS

We want to express our thanks to all our members who have faithfully given their financial offerings during these past months and in some cases have given special offerings beyond their usual amount. Sadly, since summer our financial situation has worsened.

At the end of September we had a deficit of \$ 27,740.14. It does not appear that we are making up ground in October. Some of this is due to the death of faithful members who contributed regularly and generously and who are no longer with us.

What can we do? For us to finish in the black we need an extremely strong last two months of the year. Please continue your regular offerings to the church. If you have fallen behind in giving over the summer months from what you in your heart had agreed to give to the Lord, please try to make that up in the coming months. Consider a special additional gift in the coming month and again at Christmas. We depend upon your tithes and offerings to meet the needs of providing mission and ministry here at Advent.

Know that the Finance Committee and Church Council continue to work to reduce expenses wherever possible. We pray that we can help overcome this deficit and move in a positive direction in our financial giving.

WAYS TO GIVE FINANCIALLY

Did you know that there are three ways to give an offering to Advent Lutheran Church.

1. Offering envelope.
2. Simply Giving. This is an automatic deposit from a checking account into Advent Lutheran Church account that occurs every month. There are two different dates during the month to pick from. If you are interested in setting this up or for more information, please contact me at 215-968-2675.
3. On-line giving. This option is with a credit card. Log onto our website: www.adventrichboro.org and click on the “Give Now” button.

Thank you for your continued support for our Ministry.

Respectfully,
Kathryn Urbaniak

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED ADVENT IN YOUR WILL

Those who have faithfully supported Advent through their regular offerings can also support the church by including it in your will. Gifts can be designated for the endowment fund, mortgage reduction or to support the regular expenses of the church. Remembering your church in your will can help Advent through the difficult economic times. Please speak with a member of the finance or endowment committee or pastor for more information.

TOYS SORTED, SOLD & DONATED

Advent members express a big “thank you” to our group of volunteers who sorted, cleaned and wrapped more than 100 toys and puzzles that remained in storage from the 40 years of life of Advent Pre-School. These items were offered for sale at a local consignment sale. With our remaining items being donated to “Cradles to Crayon” <https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/philadelphia/>. Advent expects a net of \$200 from net of \$200 from the sale, which will be

designated from Sunday School expenses. Our elves include Rose Herbert, Gail Oines, Nancy Slight, Kathy Sitler, Rhona Slawter, Ruby Solt and Jeanne Gryska. Thank you all!!

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

This year our Angel Tree Project will benefit the Salvation Army in Levittown. Tags will be available on two Sundays, November 20th and 27th. Gifts will be due back at church by Sunday, December 4th in order to give the organization plenty of time to service 1800 children!!! Thank-you for your faithfulness in donating to this yearly

holiday outreach. Social Ministry.

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual meeting to adopt the 2017 Budget and to elect persons to Church Council will be held on Sunday, November 27 at 10:45 am. Please plan on attending.



ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY



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| 1 Sarah Pearson McMahon | 7 Victoria Gardener | 26 William Hanlon |
| Bonnie Morrison Sykes | 18 Hank Haaf | Nicole Jafar |
| 2 Timothy Hanlon | Audrey Savchuck | Matt Sitler |
| 3 Rick Buttil | 21 Jayne Manco Messer | 27 Tyler Creighton |
| Christopher Sanderlin | 22 Nicole Wills | Mark Rilling |
| 6 Avery Folz | 23 Chris Lenox | 28 Matthew Hollingsworth |
| Robert Messina | 24 Austin Gardener | 29 Julia Anderson |
| Michael Savchuck | Heather Jafar | |
| Jeanne Wagner | Becky Rilling | |

If there are any errors or omissions, please notify the church office. Thank you.

IN THE ARMED FORCES

Please keep in your prayers all our service men and women and especially those related to our congregation: US Air Force Major Andrew Frey was promoted to Lt. Colonel and is now Commander of the Third Weather Squadron at Fort Hood Texas, which is the largest weather Squadron in the Air Force and supports the Army's First Cavalry's Division.

US Air Force Major Fred Gouse is a pilot and instructor stationed at Holloman AFB, New Mexico.

US Army Colonel (Ret.) Jeff Williams is serving in Dubai, UAE as a military advisor.

Please see our Armed Forces Display in the corridor leading to the ramp down to the fellowship hall.

SERVING THE LORD AT ADVENT
NOVEMBER SCHEDULES

LAY READERS

11/06	8:00 am	Gail Oines
	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
11/13	8:00 am	Open
11/20	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Benicia Meyers
11/27	8:00 am	Open

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

11/06	Audrey Savchuck
11/13	Melissa Pasch
11/20	Kathy Sitler
11/23 (Wed)	Audrey Savchuck
11/27	Victoria Vassello

FELLOWSHIP TIME

11/06	Open
11/13	Mark & Kelly Brum
11/20	Open
11/27	Christy Korn

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

11/06	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
11/13	9:30 am	Karen Matlack
11/20	9:30 am	Tony Gryszka
11/23	9:30 am	Janice Hoffmann
11/27	9:30 am	Gail Oines

ACOLYTES

8:00 am	(when available) Nicole Wills
9:30 am	Volunteers needed

USHERS

1 st	8:00 am	Ron Brown, Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Ray Heiss, Bob Matlack
2 nd	8:00 am	Open
	9:30 am	Tom Herbert, Bob Holford
3 rd	8:00 am	Open
	9:30 am	George Henry, Mike Sitler
4 th	8:00 am	Open
	9:30 am	Tony Gryszka, Bob Pancoast

ALTAR GUILD

8:00 am	Liz Gracey, Hanna McCollum
9:30 am	Donna Duffy, Lisa Frey, Pam Maurer, Kathy Sitler

MONEY COUNTERS

1 st	Janice Hoffman, Dianna Strauss
2 nd	Cindy Frey, Bob Holford
3 rd	Ray & Joyce Heiss
4 th	Tony Gryszka, Gail Oines

NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 REFORMATION SUNDAY <u>Guest Worship Leader</u> <u>Deacon Gail Oines</u></p> <p>8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Blended Worship Sunday School - ages 4 - gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time - Kathy & Mike Sittler 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 7:00 PM Finance Com.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p>4 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg.</p>	<p>5 10:00 AM Stitch Club</p>
<p>6 ALL SAINTS'S SUNDAY COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED <u>Daylight Savings Ends-Set</u> <u>Clocks Back 1 Hour</u> <u>Stitch Club Craft Sale</u></p> <p>8:00 AM Trad. Holy Com 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Traditional Holy Sunday School ages 4 - gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time - Open 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study 2:30 PM Installation of Pr. Lisa Jester at Emmaus Road, Levittown</p>	<p>7 6:00-7:00 Confirmation 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	<p>8 ELECTION DAY</p>	<p>9 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir Practice</p>	<p>10 9:30 AM LB Pastors at St. Stephen in Feasterville 12:30 Ministerium 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p>11 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg.</p>	<p>12 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Stitch Club 7:00 PM Wine & Cheese Gathering - Roccogranti's</p>
<p>13 PENTECOST XXVI <u>Stitch Club Craft Sale</u></p> <p>8:00 AM Trad. Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Cont. Holy Comm. Sunday School ages 4 - gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time-Mark & Kelly Brum 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study Church Council</p>	<p>14 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir Practice</p>	<p>17 9:30 AM Dean's Meeting at LTSP 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p>18 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg.</p>	<p>19 10:00 AM Stitch Club</p>
<p>20 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY - HARVEST HOME Dedication of Fall Food Drive & Commitments <u>Stitch Club Craft Sale</u></p> <p>8:00 AM Trad. Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Trad. Holy Com Sunday School ages 4 - gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time - Open 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>21 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:30 PM THANSGINGVING EVE - Service of Evening Prayer and Eucharist w/cider & refreshments following.</p>	<p>24 THANKSGIVING DAY 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p>25 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg.</p>	<p>26 10:00 AM Stitch Club</p>
<p>27 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>8:00 AM Trad. Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Cont. Holy Comm. Sunday School - ages 4 - gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time - Christy Korn 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study Cong. Meeting</p>	<p>28 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir Practice</p>	<p>1 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p>2 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg.</p>	<p>3 10:00 AM Stitch Club</p>
<p>4 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>8:00 AM Trad. Holy Comm. 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Trad. Holy Comm. Sunday School - ages 4 - gr. 8 10:30 AM Christmas Brunch 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study 11:30AM Dress Rehearsal for Pageant</p>	<p>5 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir Practice</p>	<p>8 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p>9 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg.</p>	<p>10 10:00 AM Stitch Club</p>

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

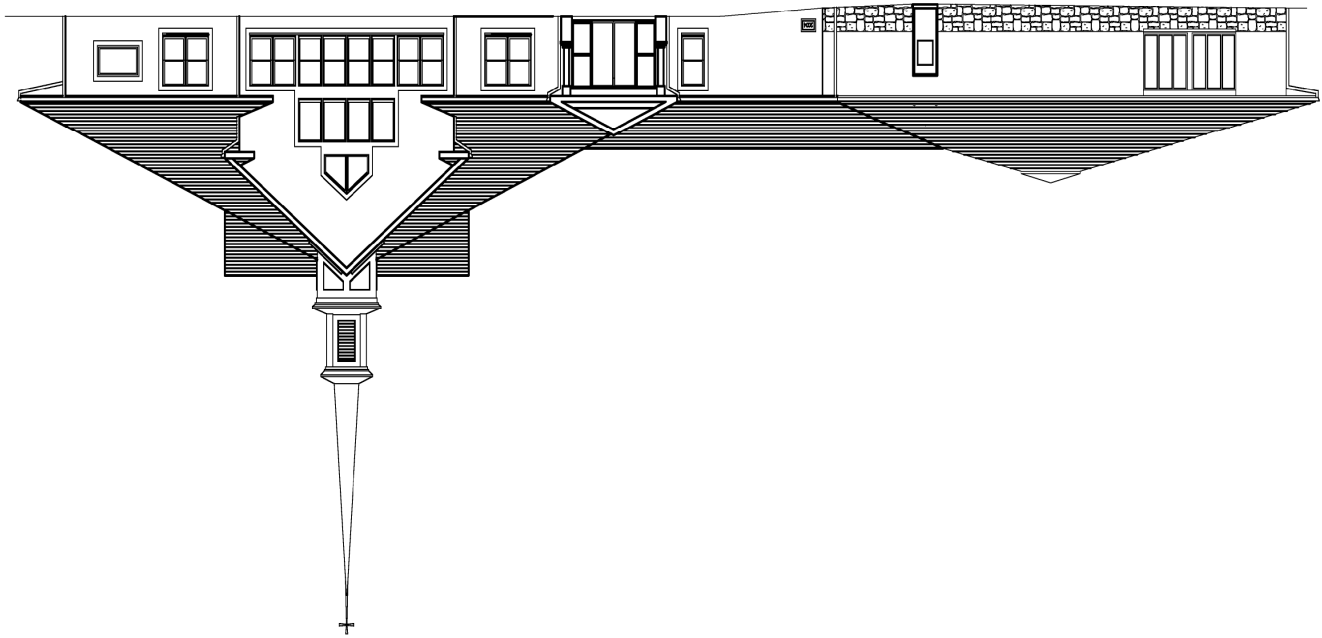
Sunday, November 6 is All Saints Sunday. We will celebrate a service of Holy Communion and will especially remember family and friends who in the last year have died in the Lord. If you have someone you wish included in our prayers, please return this form to the church office or you may place it in the offering plate no later than Sunday, October 30.

Name of deceased_____

Relation of deceased to you_____

(e.g. father, mother, son, daughter, cousin, friend, etc)

Your Name_____



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