

THE ADVENTURE – OCTOBER, 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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PASTOR ON VACATION UNTIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

PENTECOST XX - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Guest worship leaders

Liturgist: Jennifer Gardener Schoch

Preacher: Major Carl Schoch

- 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 - Gail Oines
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Second Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m.
beginning October 8

PENTECOST XXI - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Guest worship leaders

Liturgist: Christy Korn

Preacher: George Henry

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship
Sunday School ages 4 - gr. 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - The Vassello
Family
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class
Church Council

BLOOD DRIVE - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

2:30 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.

PENTECOST XXII-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 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
- 1:00 pm Painting Party
- 6:00 pm Youth Group

PENTECOST XX III - OCTOBER 23

GIFT OF WARMTH SUNDAY

- 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 - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class

PENTECOST XXIV-OCTOBER 28

REFORMATION SUNDAY

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 - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Study

Pastor's Message for this Month . . .

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

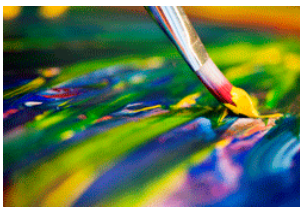
How might we define or express our identity as followers of Jesus? We might begin by talking in general about what it means to be a Christian. At some point in our explanation we might also want to say a few words what it means to be a "Lutheran" Christian. These questions frame our worship during the month of October.



We begin on Sunday, October 2 with a celebration of "World Communion Sunday". I will be on vacation from September 28 through October 10. We are pleased to have Major Carl Schoch of the Salvation Army serving as our guest preacher that day. His wife, Jennifer Gardener Schoch will be our Liturgist. How wonderful to have someone from the broader Christian Community helping to lead worship and bring their perspective on World Communion Sunday.

I will also be away on Sunday, October 9, flying home that day. We want to thank our Christian Education Chairman George Henry for being our guest preacher and our Youth Chairman Christy Korn for being our Liturgist. I am confident that the congregation will be blessed both Sundays that I will be away.

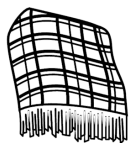
On Tuesday October 11, 2:30 to 7:30, we have the opportunity to put our faith in practice by supporting our Blood Drive. We will need volunteers to donate blood as well as to work the registration and canteen. Please sign up on the charts in the narthex.

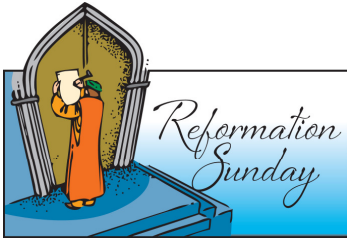


On Sunday, October 16, in addition to worship, there will be a "Painting Party" at 1 p.m. Enjoy Christian fellowship together as a trained artist leads us in creating our own beautiful spiritual painting. See the accompanying article for more details.



On Sunday October 23 we will observe "Gift of Warmth Sunday". This is a special emphasis here at Advent which was begun by deceased member Dot Aldorasi. We take a monetary collection and what is donated is given entirely to Aid for Friends to provide sweaters and blankets to frail elderly whose apartments or houses may lack heat during wintertime.





We have already spoken of the general question of being a Christian and of how to put our faith in practice through loving service and fellowship. On Sunday October 30, we will observe Reformation Sunday. We will celebrate our heritage as “Lutheran Christians”. We will be reminded of the centrality of God’s Grace and forgiveness, summoning us to new life in Christ. Congregational Deacon Gail Oines will lead us i worship that day as I attend my grandson Ethan’s First Communion in West Chester. My thanks to Gail for serving the Lord in this way.

As we move through the various Sundays in October we are reminded in many ways theologically and practically what it means to be a Christian and in particular a “Lutheran Christian”

Yours in Christ,

Pastor

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PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Sorcek and Ruby will be on vacation in New Mexico from Wednesday, September 28th through Sunday, October 9th. We thank the following for serving as guest service leaders while Pastor is away:

Sunday, October 2nd
 Liturgist: Jennifer Anderson Schoch
 Preacher: Salvation Army Major Carl Schoch

Sunday, October 9th
 Liturgist: Kristy Korn
 Preacher: George Henry

We thank them for serving our Lord this way. If any emergencies occur while Pastor is away, please contact Financial Secretary Kathryn Urbaniak at 215-968-2675.

MEN’S GROUP WILL RESUME

Advent’s men’s group will resume its monthly breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, October 8th at 8:30 am. All men of the congregation are invited to come. For more information please

Speak with Men’s Group Coordinator, Dave Shearer.



ADVENT BLOOD DRIVE

Advent will again host a Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, October 11th from 2:30 to 7:30 pm. Blood donors and volunteers are needed. Please speak with Blood Drive Coordinator, Audrey Savchuck or Pastor.

PAINTING PARTY SUNDAY

Come join us on Sunday, October 16 at 1:00 pm for the Artisticwave Traveling Painting Party!



You will be instructed by Ann Schibik, a graphic design artist, who will guide you step-by-step through an original piece of artwork. When you leave you will have a beautiful painting created by you!

The cost for this fun and unique experience is \$25 per person which will pay for all the supplies

needed. Ann will be donating half the proceeds from the event back to the church. All adults and teens, 13 and up, are welcome.

A sign-up sheet is located on the round table in the narthex. Space is limited so sign up early! There are enough supplies and materials for 25 people. Remember the date! October 16 at 1 pm.

PAINLESS CONTRIBUTIONS: THE NO-COST WAY TO GIVE!

Advent Lutheran Church is now participating in the AmazonSmile program. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets our congregation enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop at AmazonSmile (<http://smile.amazon.com>), the AmazonSmile foundation donates .5% of the price of eligible purchases to Advent. There is no cost to Advent or to the congregation. Shop as you would on Amazon.com with the added benefit that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate the above percentage directly to Advent. This donation will be sent by electronic payment directly to our bank on a quarterly basis. You pay no extra money, but the church wins! Simply sign in to <http://smile.amazon.com> and do your regular shopping. Make sure you choose Advent Lutheran Church as your designated charity. This can be found in near the top left corner when you sign in. The site will be ready to use by October 1, so if you try it now and Advent isn't there, it will be really soon. It is a totally painless, no cost way to contribute to the church above your regular contributions. If you have any questions, please call Deacon Gail Oines or e-mail her at deaconago@yahoo.com. I will get back to you ASAP. Thanks!

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Our church will be participating in the 20th anniversary of Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser at Boscov's Department Store at Neshaminy Mall on Tuesday, October 18th. \$5.00 shopping passes will entitle you to a 25% discount for purchases made that day only. The \$5.00 goes directly to our church to help decrease our budget deficit. You are encouraged to offer passes to family and friends who might enjoy the 25% savings on Oct.

18th. Passes will be available for purchase every Sunday after church through Oct. 16th. If you have any questions please speak to Nancy Slight or Rhona Slawter. Thank-you!

YOUTH GROUP

Advent's Youth Group for grades 5 and above will meet on Sunday, October 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. We certainly hope you can attend.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We remind you that every Sunday our Christian Education Chairman George Henry offers Adult Bible Study at 9 and 10:45 am. You are invited to come and share in a half hour adult learning experience. No background in Bible is necessary

STITCH CLUB

Advent's stitch club meets every Saturday morning from 10 am to noon in the church parlor. Female and male participants work on knitting and crocheting various projects. It is a wonderful fellowship group. For more information; please speak with Hanna McCollum, Carolyn Morrison, Christel Hoffman or any of the other participants.



“GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS”

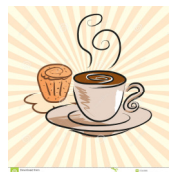
On Rally Sunday, September 11, over one hundred meals for Aid For Friends were assembled following the late service. We thank Hannah McCollum, Nancy Slight and Rhona Slawter for coordinating the event as well as all our members who participated. Thank you for helping to meet the needs of others. What a wonderful way to launch our fall season!

GRASS CUTTERS NEEDED

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



FELLOWSHIP TIME



We need committees or individuals to sign up to provide refreshments after the late service. The sign-up sheet for September to December is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e. coffee & tea) and all paper products.

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.
- Carolyn Morrison with illness.
- Julie Roccograndi recovering after hip surgery.
- Marion Schmidt recovering after hospitalization.
- Madelaine Sjostorm recovering after heart surgery.
- Norm Smith at home after hospitalization.



WITH SYMPATHY

Advent expresses its sympathy to the following on the loss of loved ones:

Michael & Katie Dettra on the death of Mike's grandmother Josephine B. Thistle on August 23. Pastor officiated at the funeral services on August 27 at the James Dougherty Funeral home in Levittown. Internment was at Sunset Memorial Park in Feasterville.

Rebecca Hamilton of the Richboro Community on the death of her husband George on September 4. Pastor Sorcek officiated at the Funeral Service at the Joseph A. Fluehr, III Funeral Home in Richboro on September 8.

Nancy Hill and Gwen Smith and family on the death of their father Bill Moses on September 10. Bill was Advent's oldest member at 98 years of age and was a Pearl Harbor Survivor. Pastor Sorcek officiated at the Memorial Service here at Advent on September 24.

May God's comfort and peace be with each of these families in their time of loss.

INCOME FOR AUGUST 2016

Benevolence	
(LWR, Mission Support, etc)	\$ 635
General Fund	\$ 10,385
Mortgage Fund	\$ 4,246
Deficit Year to Date	
General Fund	\$ -19,050.82
Mortgage Fund	\$ - 5,744.60
Total	\$ -24,795.42

OUR FINANCIAL STATUS

We want to express our thanks to all our members who have faithfully given their financial offerings during the difficult summer months and in some cases have given special offerings beyond their usual amount. While it is not unusual to be running a deficit at the end of summer, our financial situation has worsened.

At the end of July we had a deficit of \$19,348. By the end of August, as seen above, our deficit has grown to \$24,795. 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 final quarter 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 informaton.



ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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| 1 Jennifer (Gardener) Schoch | 14 Michelle Rayher | 21 Matthew Jafar |
| 2 Kathryn Kelly Benjamin Meyers | 15 Jerry Gugger | 22 Louise Froehlich Ritchie |
| 3 Caitlin (Matlack) Eagles | 17 Robert Holford Daniel Lee | 23 Kerry Sitler |
| 4 Alexander Oines | Josephine Morley | 26 Hanna McCollum |
| 6 Stephanie Hansen | 19 Keera Trubiano | 27 Cindy Earle |
| | | 28 Michael Vassello |
| | | 29 Jesse Merk |

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

SERVING THE LORD AT ADVENT
OCTOBER SCHEDULES

LAY READERS

10/02	8:00 am	Gail Oines
	9:30 am	Kathy Sitler
10/09	8:00 am	Open
10/16	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Ken Meyers
10/23	8:00 am	Open
10/30	8:00 am	Open
	9:30 am	Mike Vassello

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

10/02	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Tony Gryszka
10/09	9:30 am	Karen Matlack
10/16	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
10/23	9:30 am	Gail Oines
10/30	8:00 am	Janice Hoffman
	9:30 am	Tony Gryszka

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

10/02	Donna Duffy
10/09	Rhona Slawter
10/16	Nancy Sclight
10/23	Audrey Savchuck
10/30	Kathryn Urbaniak

ALTAR GUILD

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

FELLOWSHIP TIME

10/02	Gail Oines
10/09	Michael & Victoria Vassello
10/16	
10/23	
10/30	

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
5 th	

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 has been selected as the Third Weather Squadron commander 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.

OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		27	28	29 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group PASTOR ON VACATION	30 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg. PASTOR ON VACATION	1 10:00 AM Stitch Club PASTOR ON VACATION
2 PENTECOST XX WORLD COMMUNDAY SUNDAY Guest Worship Leaders Liturgist: Jennifer Gardener Schoch Preacher: Maj. Carl Schoch 8:00 AM Traditional Holy Communion 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Traditional Holy Communion Sunday School ages 4 - gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time-Gail Oines 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study PASTOR ON VACATION	3 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting PASTOR ON VACATION	4 PASTOR ON VACATION	5 10:00 AM NO Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir Practice PASTOR ON VACATION	6 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group PASTOR ON VACATION	7 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg. PASTOR ON VACATION	8 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Stitch Club PASTOR ON VACATION
9 PENTECOST XXI Liturgist: Christy Korn Preacher: George Henry 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Sunday School ages 4 - gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time-Vassello Family 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study Church Council PASTOR ON VACATION	10 6:00 PM Confirmation Class 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting PASTOR RETURNS FROM VACATION	11 2:30 to 7:30 Blood Drive 7:00 PM Finance Com.  PASTOR ON VACATION	12 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir Practice PASTOR ON VACATION	13 9:30 AM Dean's Meeting at LTSP 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group PASTOR ON VACATION	14 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg. PASTOR ON VACATION	15 10:00 AM Stitch Club PASTOR ON VACATION
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23 PENTECOST XXIII GIFT OF WARMTH SUNDAY 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Cont. Holy Comm. Sunday School - ages 4 - gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time - Open 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study	24 6:00 PM Confirmation Class 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting PASTOR ON VACATION	25 PASTOR ON VACATION	26 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir Practice PASTOR ON VACATION	27 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group PASTOR ON VACATION	28 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg. PASTOR ON VACATION	29 10:00 AM Stitch Club PASTOR ON VACATION
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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 _____