

# THE ADVENTURE MAY, 2017

## 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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### THURSDAY, MAY 4

#### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Please pray for our Nation and its Leaders

### FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 5 & 6

#### SYNOD ASSEMBLY AT FRANCONIA

Please pray for our Church & Synod

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 7

8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion

9:00 am Adult Bible Class

9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion

#### **Rite of First Communion**

Sunday School ages 4 - grade 8

10:30 am Fellowship Time - Congregational Life

10:45 am Adult Bible Study

### SATURDAY, MAY 13 11:30 AM

#### MEN'S GROUP HOSTING

#### LADIES LIGHT LUNCH

### SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 13 - 7 P.M.

#### JAZZ CONCERT AT ADVENT

"The Raison Dettra Trio"

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 14

#### MOTHER'S DAY

#### **Baby Manna Collection**

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:00 am Adult Bible Class

9:30 am Cont. Holy Com.

Sunday School

10:30 am Fellowship Time - Gail

Oines & Rose Herbert

10:45 am Adult Bible Class



### TUESDAY, MAY 16 - PRIMARY ELECTION

Please vote for the candidate of your choice.

### NEW LOCATION - BLOOD DRIVE, MAY 16 - 2 to 7 P.M.

The Blood Drive will take place at the  
Northampton Township Public Library.

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 21

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:00 am Adult Bible Class

9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion

#### **Rite of Confirmation**

#### **Last day of Sunday School**

10:30 am Fellowship - Congregational Life

10:45 am Adult Bible Class



### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER-MAY 28 MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

#### **Recognition of Veterans, Military, & Emergency Services Personnel**

#### **Start of Summer Schedule**

9:00 am Adult Bible Class

9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion

**NO** Sunday School

10:30 am Fellowship Time - Open

10:45 am Adult Bible Class

## *Pastor's Message for the Month . . .*



May is a wonderfully busy month. Not only do we have celebrations of Mothers Day and Memorial Day, but we have two special celebrations in the lives of our youth.



*“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes again.”*

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

We are pleased this year to have seven 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older youth making their First Communions at the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 7. Congratulations to:



Corin Daisey Crandall  
Taylor Leone Hollis  
Brian Matthew Kropp  
Andrew Michael Slawter, Jr.

Joseph Brian Vanderstine  
Jack Carter Walsh  
Wesley Stewart Waninger

*“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have . . .”*

*1 Peter 3:15*

In a similar way, we are pleased to have seven of our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth affirming their faith in the Rite of Confirmation at the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 21, the Festival of Pentecost. Congratulations to:



Oliver Thomas Adey  
Luke Thomas Adey  
Courtney Ann Korn  
Wilton Samuel Pasch

Joseph Brian Vanderstine  
Adam Foster Welwood  
Sarah Elizabeth Welwood

May God bless all of our youth and each of us as we grow in loving and serving Him.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sorcek

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Southeastern PA Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will have its annual assembly this Friday and Saturday, May 4 & 5 in Franconia, PA. We pray that our Synod may be faithful to God's Word and committed to his mission.

## FIRST COMMUNION

Seven of our youth will be making their First Communion on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 a.m. service. Please keep them in your prayers.



## DESSERT - LADIES OF ADVENT

Well, that got your attention. The Men's Breakfast Association of Advent would like to invite you to a light lunch on Saturday May 13 at 11:30 am. The menu will include sandwiches, salads and of course, **Dessert**. A sign up sheet is available in the narthex for those interested in attending.



## CONCERT AT ADVENT

On Saturday, May 13 at 7 pm our director of music Michael Dettra will offer a Jazz Concert to members of the church and community. Michael's group "The Reason Dettra" will play a variety of instruments. Come and join us for an exciting evening of music. A free will offering will be taken.



## MOTHER'S DAY/BABYMANNNA

On Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day will be observed at both services. Carnations will be distributed to the mothers in attendance. Money will also be collected to provide formula and nutritional supplements for infants in need in the Philadelphia area.

## CONFIRMATION

Seven of our youth will affirm their faith during the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 21 at our 9:30 am service. Pray for these young people that they draw closer to God and serve him faithfully.



## LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/ SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 21 will be our last day of Sunday School. On May 21 we will go to our summer schedule of a single worship service at 9:30 a.m. with no children's Sunday School.



## BLOOD DRIVE - NEW LOCATION

American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, May 16, 2:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Will take place at the Northampton Township Library.

## RESERVE THE DATE FOR TRENTON THUNDERS BASEBALL GAME

Advent has reserved 60 seats for Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at \$8 each. It's the Trenton Thunder vs. Reading Phillies and game time is 7:05 pm.



## SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS

Advent's Vacation Bible School program will be held August 7 thru 11 from 9 am to noon. The theme this year will be "The Power of Love". Registration forms are available in the narthex. If you would like a form emailed to you please contact us at: [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org)

## THANK YOU FOR PROPERTY WORK DAY

Advent expresses its thanks to Property Chairman Mike Vassello and his wife Victoria for coordinating the property work day. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out and supported our spring clean up.

## THANKS FOR EASTER DECORATING

Thanks to Cindy Frey for decorating the altar area for Easter and to all who purchased and placed Easter lilies to beautify the sanctuary.

## RECENT/UPCOMING GRADUATES

We will recognize graduates present at one of the services in June and list them in the June newsletter. Forms may be found on the table in the narthex or e-mail or phone the church office with the information. Please place them in the offering plate or turn them into the church office.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON BAPTISMS**

Advent expresses its congratulations to the following families on the joyous occasions of Baptism.

To the Eagles and Matlack families on the baptism of Hailey Elizabeth Eagles, child of Will and Caitlin (Matlack) Eagles. Hailey was born December 14, 2016 at Doylestown Hospital and baptized here at Advent on April 23. Sponsors are Jessica Sorcek and Peter DePaul.



To the Landgraf and Brehme families on the baptism of twin girls Layla Ermelinda and Olivia Jane Landgraf, children of Mark and Leta (Brehme) Landgraf. Layla and Olivia were born on September 28, 2016 at Abington Memorial Hospital. Layla’s sponsors are Linda and Dan McCloskey. Olivia’s sponsors are Linda McCloskey and Shawn Landgraf.



**GRASS CUTTERS NEEDED**

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

**INCOME FOR MARCH 2017**

Benevolence (LWR, Mission Support, etc.)	\$ 448
General Fund	\$13,669
Mortgage Fund	\$ 3,561

**FIRST QUARTER BUDGET**

Budgeted	\$45,240.00
Received for first quarter General Fund	\$41,751.00
	<b>-3,489.00</b>
Budgeted for Mortgage Fund	<b>\$16,042.00</b>
Received for First quarter Mortgage Fund	<b>\$11, 261.00</b>
	<b>\$ -4,781.00</b>

**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](http://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.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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



Steve Anderson at home after hospitalization.  
Emma Giacomucci at home.  
Megan Henke recovering after surgery.  
Tom Herbert recovering after shoulder surgery.  
Taylor Hollis recovering after illness.

Nick Masciotro recovering after hospitalization.  
Ray Michaels recovering after stroke.  
Marion Schmidt recovering after surgery.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Advent expresses its sympathy to Edward Schmitt and Dianna Strauss on the death of son Adam Schmitt. Pastor Sorcek officiated at the service on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Joseph A. Fluehr III Funeral Home in Richboro with interment following at Union Cemetery in Richboro.

Advent also expresses its sympathy to Bonnie Sykes, Colleen Morrison and Valerie and Bruce Sanders and family on the death of their mother Carolyn L. Morrison, a charter member of Advent. A funeral service was held here at Advent on April 21 with interment following at Union Cemetery Richboro PA.

May God's comfort and peace be with the Schmitt/Strauss and Morrison families in their times of loss.



**ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER**  
**MAY BIRTHDAY**



- |                         |                   |                    |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Renate DeJames        | 13 Jessica Sorcek | 21 Ron Brown       |
| 5 Amanda Earle          | 15 Fred Morley    | 25 Donald Hoffmann |
| 6 Joan Lenox            | 16 George Spahn   | 27 William Dettra  |
| 8 Alyssa (Matlack) Fell | 17 Craig Wills    | 28 Helen Shearer   |
| 10 Linda Weaver         | 18 Tony Gryszka   |                    |
| 11 Daniel McGee         | 19 Michele Oines  |                    |

Please contact the church office if you or someone you know has been omitted from the list. Thank you.





## **THE ARMED FORCES**

Please keep in your prayers all our service men and women and especially those related to our congregation:

US Air Force Lt. Col. Andrew Frey is 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.

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

Thank you.



## **NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please keep Pastor Lyzette Rios Sanchez and our mission congregation Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in your prayers. Your mission support gifts help them to minister in a very impoverished area of Philadelphia.

**SERVING THE LORD AT ADVENT**  
**APRIL SCHEDULES**

**ACOLYTES**

8:00 am (When available)      Nicole Wills  
9:30 am                                      Open

**ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

5/07                                      Kathy Sitler  
5/14                                      Audrey Savchuck  
5/21                                      Victoria Vassello  
5/28                                      Donna Duffy

**ALTAR GUILD**

Early:                      Liz Gracey, Hanna McCollum  
Late:                              Donna Duffy, Lisa Frey,  
   Pam Maurer, Kathy Sitler

**FELLOWSHIP TIME**

5/04                                      Congregational life  
5/14                                      Gail Oines Rose Herbert  
5/21                                      Congregational Life  
5/28                                      Open

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

5/07      8:00 am                      Dave Shearer  
            9:30 am                      Tony Gryszka  
5/14      9:30 am                      Gail Oines  
            8:00 am                      Tony Gryszka  
5/21      9:30 am                      JenniferMcQuiggan  
5/28      9:30 am                      Karen Matlack

**LAY READERS**

5/07      8:00 am                      Gail Oines  
            9:30 am                      Mike Vassello  
5/14      8:00 am                      Open  
5/21      8:00 am                      Dave Shearer  
            9:30 am                      Jennifer McQuiggan  
5/28      8:00 am                      Open

**MONEY COUNTERS**

1<sup>st</sup>                      Janice Hoffmann, Dianna Strauss  
2<sup>nd</sup>                              Cindy Frey, Bob Holford  
3<sup>rd</sup>                              Ray & Joyce Heiss  
4<sup>th</sup>                      Tony Gryszka, Tom Herbert

**USHERS**

1<sup>st</sup>      8:00 am  
            9:30 am                      Ray Heiss, Bob Matlack  
2<sup>nd</sup>      8:00 am                      Open  
            9:30 am                      Tom Herbert, Bob Holford  
3<sup>rd</sup>      8:00 am                      Open  
            9:30 am                      George Henry, Mike Sitler  
4<sup>th</sup>      8:00 am                      Open  
            9:30 am                      Tony Gryszka, Bob Pancoast

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	<p><b>1</b> 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>4</b> National Day of Prayer  7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p><b>5</b> Synod Assembly at Franconia.  7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>Synod Assembly at Franconia</b> 10:00 AM Stitch Club</p>
<p><b>7</b> <b><u>EASTER IV</u></b> 8:00 AM Traditional Holy Communion 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Trad. Holy Com. <b>Rite of First Communion</b> Sunday School ages 4 to grade 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time- Congregational Life 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study</p>	<p><b>8</b> 6:00 Confirmation Class meet with Church Council 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b> PSP Chaplain Conference State College Univ.</p>	<p><b>10</b> PSP Chaplain Conference State College Univ. No Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9:30 AM <b>LBLP at Immanuel Somerton</b> 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p><b>12</b> 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.</p>	<p><b>13</b> 11:30 AM Men's Group Hosting "Ladies Light Lunch"  7:00 PM Jazz Concert at Advent "The Reason Dettra Trio"</p>
<p><b>14</b> <b><u>EASTER V - MOTHER'S DAY</u></b> <b><u>Baby Manna Collection</u></b> 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Cont. Holy Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School ages 4 to grade 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time - Gail Oines &amp; Rose Herbert 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study</p>	<p><b>15</b> 6:00 Confirmation Class 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>Primary Election</b>  <b>BLOOD DRIVE NEW LOCATION:</b> <b>Northampton Township Public Library</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>18</b> 9:00 AM Dean's Meeting at LTSP 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.</p>	<p><b>20</b> 10:00 AM Stitch Club</p>
<p><b>21</b> <b><u>EASTER VI</u></b> 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Traditional Holy Comm. <b>Rite of Confirmation</b> <b>Last Day Sunday School</b> Fellowship Time: Congregational Life 10:45 AM Adult Bible Class</p>	<p><b>22</b> 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	<p><b>23</b> 8:30 AM Neff Symposium @ BCCC</p>	<p><b>24</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>25</b> 12:30 AM <b>Ministerium</b> 630 PM <b>Steering Comm</b> 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.</p>	<p><b>27</b> 10:00 AM Stitch Club</p>
<p><b>28</b> <b><u>EASTER VII</u></b> <b><u>Memorial Day Commemoration</u></b> <b><u>Start of Summer Service</u></b> 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Cont. Holy Communion <b>NO</b> Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship Time - Open 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study</p>	<p><b>29</b> 6:00 PM Confirmation Class 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p>31 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>1 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p>2 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.</p>	<p>3 10:00 AM Stitch Club</p>