

# THE ADVENTURE OCTOBER, 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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### PENTECOST XVII - OCTOBER 1

#### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

- 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 - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Study

### PENTECOST XVIII - OCTOBER 8

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion  
Sunday School-ages 4 -gr. 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Study  
Church Council

### PENTECOST XIX - OCTOBER 15

#### Gift of Warmth Sunday

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

### PENTECOST XX - OCTOBER 22

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion  
Sunday School-ages 4 -gr. 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class

### REFORMATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 29

#### 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reformation

- 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 - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Study
- 2:00 pm Reformation Program at  
St. Stephens in Feasterville

### WOMEN'S BRUNCH SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4 - 10 AM TO NOON

Kelly Sitler Brum - Presentation on  
"Skin Care"

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

*"A mighty fortress is our God. A sword and shield victorious..."*

*LBW 229*

During this month of October we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. It was on October 31, 1517 that Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. This ushered in a time of seeking to reform the Roman Catholic Church of Luther's day. During this month of October we will be lifting up our heritage as Lutheran Christians.

On Sunday, October 29, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with festival services of Holy Communion at 8 and 9:30 am. Then at 2:00 p.m. the Lower Bucks Conference will offer a special free program at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Feasterville. Steve Seyfried will present on "Luther 500: A Layman's Guide to the Protestant Reformation". It should be a very informative and uplifting event. We hope many from Advent will participate in this program.

Also, the ELCA has provided us a DVD of Rick Steves' "Luther and the Reformation". This one hour program is also an excellent look at these events that transformed the church and world. If there is interest I would like to arrange a time at church where we can project the DVD on our screen.

In these and other ways we want to highlight what Luther and the Reformers did and accomplished. Watch the Sunday Bulletin for more and updated information.

The celebration of the Reformation is not the only special event we observe in October. On October 1, we will observe World Communion Sunday at both services. Then on October 15, we have our own congregational emphasis on "Gift of Warmth". A monetary collection will be taken to help provide blankets and sweaters to the frail elderly. Checks should be made to Advent Lutheran Church and designated to "Gift of Warmth. All donations will go to Aid for Friends for that purpose.

Please worship with us regularly and often in this coming month.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sorcek

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## **HURRICANE RELIEF**

Our hearts go out to those whose lives have been impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. We thank all who have given special donations to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas. Others have expressed interest in helping the victims of Hurricane Irma. You can support either by simply making your check to Advent and noting Hurricane Relief. You can also designate either Hurricane Harvey or Hurricane Irma and your donation will go as you designate to Lutheran Disaster Response.



## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

For many years the first Sunday in October has been designated World Communion Sunday. We are mindful today of Christians around the world who gather as One at the Lord's Table. We give thanks this day for all the people of God and for God's special gift of Himself to us in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

## **MEN'S GROUP WILL RESUME**

Advent's men's group will resume its monthly breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. All men of the congregation are invited to attend. For more information please speak with Men's Group Coordinator, Dave Shearer.

## **GIFT OF WARMTH SUNDAY**

On Sunday October 15 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.



## **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

We will celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation on Reformation Sunday, October 29. Festive services of Holy Communion will be held at both 8 and 9:30 am. At 2:00 p.m. that day the congregation is invited to St. Stephen's Feasterville for a free Lower Bucks Conference event. Steve Seyfried will present on "Luther 500: A Layman's Guide to the Protestant Reformation". All are invited to attend.

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Advent's Youth Group for grades 5 and above will meet on Sunday, October 15 at 6 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, Christel Hoffman or any of the other participants.



## **BLOOD DRIVE**

Advent expresses its thanks to Blood Chairman Audrey Savchuck and Nancy Slight for serving as volunteers. Also thanks to our blood donors on September 19 for giving the "Gift of Life". Eleven units of blood were collected.

## **OCTOBER FOOD COLLECTION**

During the month of October through the first Sunday of November Social Ministry will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Warminster Food Cupboard as part of our Harvest Home observance. It is hoped that the food can be delivered prior to Thanksgiving for our neighbors to enjoy! Please consider taking a blue Advent grocery bag as a reminder to make a donation. All contributions will be greatly appreciated. Again, thanks for your continued support in reaching out to our neighbors in need.

## **ADVENT WOMEN - SAVE THE DATE!**

A special program for Advent Woman and friends will be held on Saturday, November 4 from 10 am to noon. Kelly Sitler Brum of our congregation who is also a representative for L'Oreal will be doing a free presentation on skin care. All women are invited to attend. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for more information.



**CONGRATULATIONS ON WEDDING**

Advent expresses its congratulations to Advent member Thomas Michael McQuiggan, Jr. and Kearston Leigh Heilman on their wedding on September 16 in Etters, PA. Pastor Sorcek had the pleasure of officiating at the ceremony. May God's blessings be with the McQuiggan and Heilman families on this joyous occasion.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Advent expresses its sympathy to Liz and Bob Holford on the death of Liz's cousin, Mary Coyne. May God's blessings of comfort and peace with the LeGierse and Holford families in this time of loss.

We also express our sympathy to Carl & Jennifer Gardener Schoch on the death of Carl's brother Robert Schoch. May God's comfort and peace be with the Schoch and Gardener families in their time of loss.

**VIETNAM SERVICE PIN**



We also congratulate Bob Holford on receiving a special pin for his service in Vietnam. The ceremony was held for him and others on August 30 at Richboro Swim Club. See the picture and article posted on the bulletin board next to the nursery.

**PRAAYER REQUESTS**

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

- Pat Brown at home.
- M. A. Jafar recovering at home.
- Ray Michaels recovering after stroke.

- Norm Smith at home.
- Keith Wills recovering after tendon surgery.



**SIGN-UP SHEETS**

Please sign up in the narthex for Mission Support, Altar Flowers and Lawn Mowing.

**FELLOWSHIP**

We need committees or individuals to sign up for Fellowship to provide refreshments after worship. The sign-up sheet for October is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (e.g. coffee & tea) and all paper products.

**INCOME FOR JULY 2017**

Benevolence	
(LWR, Mission Support, etc)	\$ 543
General Fund	\$13,535
Mortgage Fund	\$ 3,634

**2017 BUDGET**

Budgeted to date for General Fund	\$121,800.00
Received to date for General Fund	110,834.00
	<b>-\$10,966.00</b>
Budgeted to date for Mortgage Fund	<b>\$43,190.00</b>
Received to date for Mortgage Fund	<b>\$31,331.00</b>
	<b>-\$11,859.00</b>

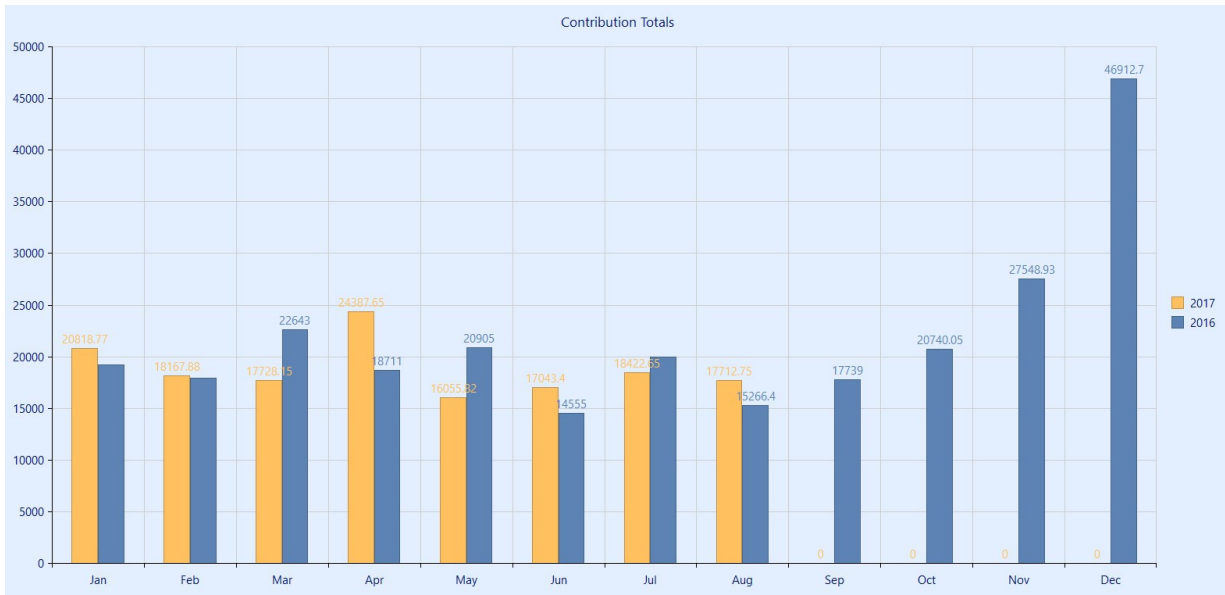
**A NOTE FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY:**

As you can see from my report above, we have fallen behind in the amount of money needed to meet budget. For general fund we are behind \$10,966. The mortgage fund is behind \$11,859.

Please consider giving a little more, or if you have not been able to make it to church you can always mail in your offering.

Many thanks to all of you who give faithfully! Please keep our/your family here at Advent in your prayers.

Respectfully,  
Kathryn Urbaniak



2016		2017	
January	\$19,225.50	January	\$20,818.77
February	\$17,964.00	February	\$18,167.88
March	\$22,643.00	March	\$17,728.15
April	\$18,711.00	April	\$24,387.65
May	\$20,905.00	May	\$16,055.82
June	\$14,555.00	June	\$17,043.40
July	\$19,951.00	July	\$18,422.65
August	\$15,266.40	August	\$17,712.75
September	\$17,739.00	September	\$
October	\$20,740.05	October	\$
November	\$27,548.93	November	\$
December	\$46,912.70	December	\$

**MISSION MINUTE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

On Sunday September 24, we observed at both services the Day of Awareness of Human Trafficking. Jennifer Gardener Schoch of the Salvation Army and Gail Oines for “Worthwhile Wear” presented about this societal problem. Our prayers go out to all who are trapped in situations of slavery.



**DAY OF SERVICE**

On Sunday, September 10, we observed the ELCA emphasis on “God’s Work, Our Hands”. Adults and children stayed after the late service to assemble 100 breakfast bags for the Warminster Food Pantry. Thanks to all for your service to others.





## ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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

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**  
**OCTOBER SCHEDULES**

**ACOLYTES**

10/01	9:30 am	Eric Urbaniak
10/08	9:30 am	Andrew Slawter, Jr.
10/15	9:30 am	Joey Vanderstine
10/22	9:30 am	Eric Urbaniak
10/29	9:30 am	Andrew Slawter, Jr.

**ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

10/01	Audrey Savchuck
10/08	Rhona Slawter
10/15	Kathryn Urbaniak
10/22	Melissa Pasch
10/29	Kathy Sitler

**ALTAR GUILD**

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

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

10/01	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
10/08	9:30 am	Karen Matlack
10/15	9:30 am	Tony Gryszka
10/22	9:30 am	Gail Oines
10/29	8:00 am	Janice Hoffmann
	9:30 am	Tony Gryszka

**LAY READERS**

10/01	8:00 am	Open
	9:30 am	Benicia Meyers
10/08	8:00 am	Open
10/15	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Kathy Sitler
10/22	8:00 am	Open
10/29	8:00 am	Open
	9:30 am	Ken Meyers

**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
5 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Oines

**USHERS**


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

**FELLOWSHIP TIME**

10/01	Open
10/08	Open
10/15	Christy Korn
10/22	Open
10/29	Open





<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>PENTECOST XVII</b> <u>World Communion Sunday</u> 8:00 AM Tradi. Holy Comm. 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Trad. Holy Communion Sunday School - ages 4 to grade 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time - Open 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study	2 6:00 PM Confirmation Class 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	3 7:00 PM Finance Com.	4 No Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:45 PM Bell Choir	5 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	6 8:45 AM Pastor at Opiod Conference at Abington Hospital 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	7 10:00 AM Stitch Club
8 <b>PENTECOST XVIII</b> 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Cont. Holy Communion Sunday School - ages 4 to grade 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time - Open 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study Church Council	9 <b>Columbus Day Observed</b> 9:00 AM Pastor at KCIP Willow Grove 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting 	10	11 No Bible Study Rehearsals: 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:45 PM Bell Choir	12 8:30 AM Pastor at CISM, Doylestown 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	13 8:30 AM Pastor at CISM, Doylestown 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	14 8:30 AM Men's Group 10:00 AM Stitch Club
15 <b>PENTECOST XIX</b> <u>Gift of Warmth Sunday</u> 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Trad. Holy Communion Sunday School - ages 4 to grade 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time - Christy Korn 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM Youth Group	16 6:00 PM Confirmation Class 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	17 7:00 PM Pastor at Diakonia, Yardley	18 10:00 AM Bible Study Rehearsals: 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:45 PM Bell Choir	19 9:30 AM Deans Meeting, LTSP 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	20 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	21 10:00 AM Stitch Club
22 <b>PENTECOST XX</b> 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Cont. Holy Communion Sunday School - ages 4 to grade 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time - Open 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study	23 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	24 7:00 PM Pastor at Diakonia, Yardley	25 9:15 AM Interfaith Prayer Service at Twining Village 10:00 AM Bible Study Rehearsals: 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:45 PM Bell Choir	26 8:30 AM LBLP @ Emmaus Rd., Levittown 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	27 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	28 10:00 AM Stitch Club
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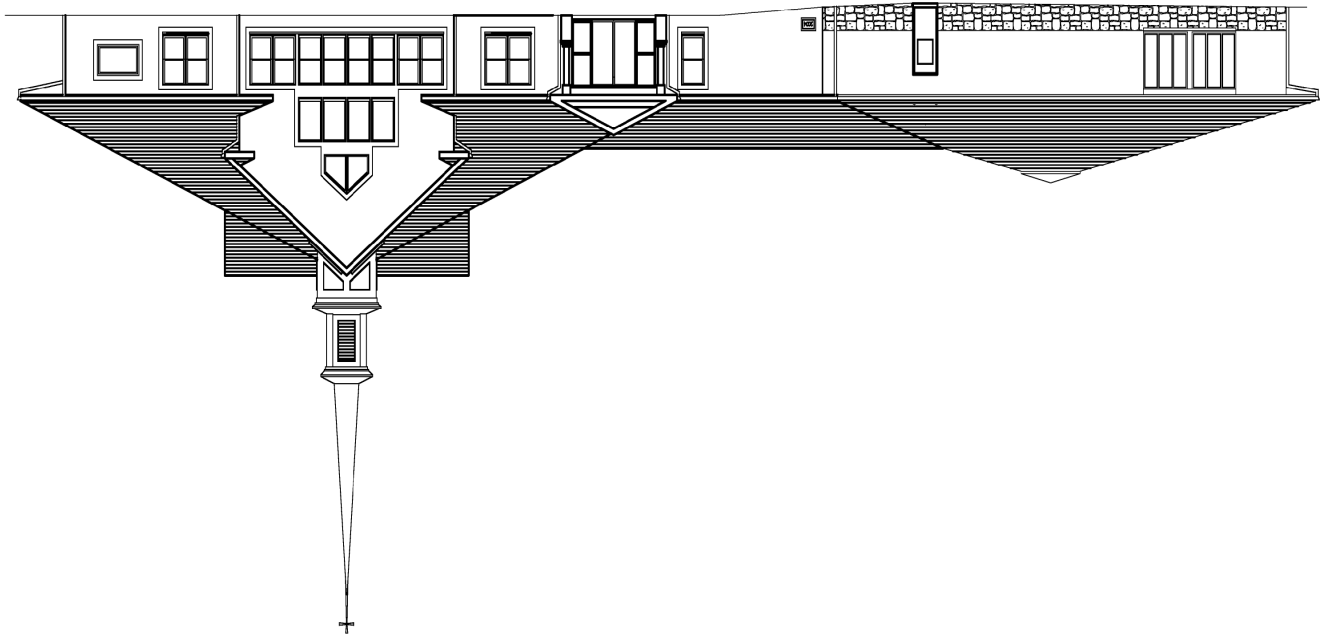
## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

Sunday, November 5 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 29.

Name of deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Relation of deceased to you \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. father, mother, son, daughter, cousin, friend, etc)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_



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