

# THE ADVENTURE MARCH, 2018

## 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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### LENT III - SUNDAY, MARCH 4

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion  
Sunday School ages 4 - grade 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Donna Duffy
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class

### LENT IV - SUNDAY, MARCH 11

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

### WOMEN'S DINNER OUTING 3/15 6:30 pm

### LENT V - SUNDAY, MARCH 18

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion  
Sunday School ages 4 - grade 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - The Vassello Fam.
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class  
First Communion Class

### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion  
Sunday School ages 4 - grade 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class  
First Communion Class

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES



### MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 29

7:30 pm Holy Communion Service

### GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 30

12:00 pm Community "Stations of the Cross" at St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic Church



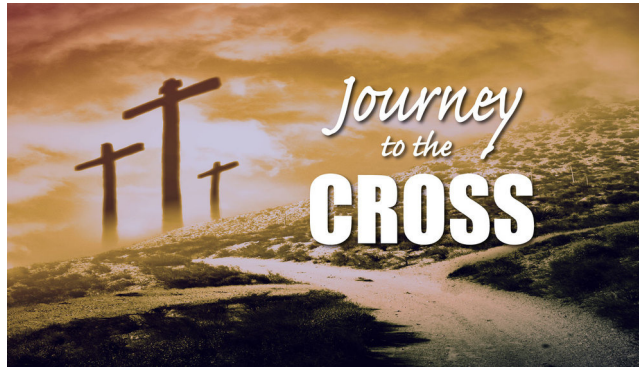
7:30 pm Service of Tenebrae

### EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 1

8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL





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

*And I could never understand your pain,  
As I journey to the cross I think of all that You have done, Jesus,  
You who knew no sin came to die for me.  
Taking on a sinner's death, Humble King of righteousness, Jesus,  
You who knew no sin came to die for me, You came to die for me.*

The words above are from a praise song that we sang in worship on Sunday, February 25. They remind us that Jesus went to the cross for our sake. In this season of Lent and Holy Week we too need to Journey to the Cross.

I encourage you to join us at worship in these last weeks of Lent as Jesus moves closer to His destiny in Jerusalem. Then on Palm Sunday March 25 we will greet our Lord's triumphant entry with palms and praise. We will also be reminded of His passion, suffering and death.

On Maundy or Holy Thursday, March 29 we will remember the events of the Upper Room. We will celebrate Communion in remembrance of that Last Supper. We will recall our Lord's sorrowful prayer in Gethsemane's Garden.

On Good Friday on March 30 we will have two opportunities to follow the path of the cross. At 12 noon there will be an Ecumenical "Stations of the Cross" service at St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church. Then at 7:30 pm we will have at Advent the Tenebrae service which is one of the most dramatic services of the year with the gradual extinguishing of lights. Our lessons and hymns will remind us of Jesus' crucifixion and death.

While our focus this Lent and Holy Week is on the Journey to the Cross we are reminded that the Cross is not the end of the story. On the third day Jesus rose from the dead. Our image is now the Empty Tomb. Come celebrate the joyful resurrection of the Lord on Sunday, April 1.

I pray that each of you have a blessed Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Let us Journey to the Cross and only then to the Empty Tomb.

Yours in the name of the crucified and risen Saviour,

Pastor Sorcek

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### **FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

First Communion class for students in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades (or older if they have not yet made their First Communion) will be held on Sundays March 18, 25 and April 15 from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A \$20.00 donation per child is requested to help defray the cost of materials. Please let Pastor know if your child will be participating. The Rite of First Communion will be held Sunday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m.

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

We are again collecting non-perishable food to benefit the Warminster Food Cupboard. All foods are greatly appreciated but ready to serve soups and spaghetti sauce hit the spot in winter!! Again, many thanks for your continued support of this local community outreach.

### **USHERS NEEDED**

Ushers are needed to serve during both services. The commitment is about once a month. For the late service, we would like at least 3 persons at each service. This will allow for the freedom of movement for one person to fulfill any needs outside the service. Please contact Gail Oines at 215-534-8218 or [alcdeacon@yahoo.com](mailto:alcdeacon@yahoo.com), or talk to pastor if interested. (By the way, women are welcome!)

### **CALLING ALL WOMEN**

The women's group of Advent Lutheran Church invites all women to a dinner outing on Thursday, March 15 at 6:30 pm (place to be determined). After being closed in by the snow, cold, dark, and wet of winter with our spouses, kids, cats/dogs, or maybe just ourselves, we deserve a night out to let someone else do the cooking (and better yet, the cleanup)! There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex, and watch future bulletins for further information. Call Gail @ 215-534-8218 or email [alcdeacon@yahoo.com](mailto:alcdeacon@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

### **EASTER LILLIES**

The sign up sheet to place Easter Lillies on the alter for Easter Sunday has been posted in the Narthex. Cost is \$12 per plant. You may sign up with your dedication or you may email the church office with your name and dedication. Any questions please call Flower Coordinator Cindy Frey at 267-205-0713.



### **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

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

### **SIGN-UPS FOR 2018**

The sign up sheets for altar flowers and for the support of our sister church, Iglesia Luterana Nueva Creacion for 2018 are on the table in the narthex. One bouquet of flowers is \$25 and one week of mission support is \$25.

### **MEN'S GROUP**

Advent's men's group will hold its monthly breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, March 10 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.

### **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.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

Vickie Flint recovering after hospitalization.

Louise Ritchie at home.

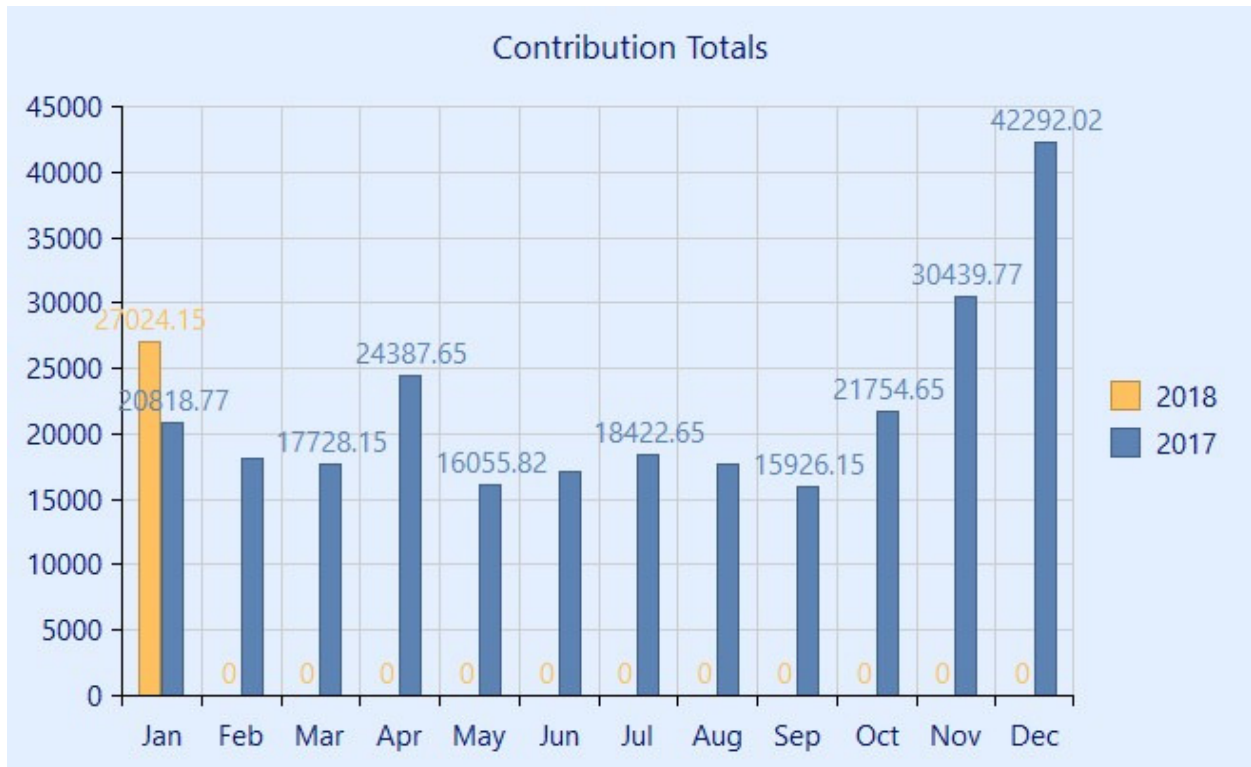
### **WITH SYMPATHY**

Advent expresses its sympathy to the following who recently lost loved ones:

Jim & Cheryl Hollingsworth on the death of Jim's mother Helen Hollingsworth

Michelle & Erich Rayher and Janet & Jeffrey Hansen on the death of Michelle & Janet's father Norman Smith. A service of Resurrection Hope was held here at Advent on February 17.

May God's comfort be with the Hollingsworth and Rayher and Hansen families in their times of loss.



2017		2018	
January	\$20,818.77	January	\$27,024.15
February	\$18,167.88	February	
March	\$17,728.15	March	
April	\$24,387.65	April	
May	\$16,055.82	May	
June	\$17,043.40	June	
July	\$18,422.65	July	
August	\$17,712.75	August	
September	\$15,926.15	September	
October	\$21,754.65	October	
November	\$30,439.77	November	
December	\$42,292.02	December	

Income for January 2018  
 Benevolence (LWR, Mission Support, etc.) \$ 312.00  
 General Fund \$22,512.00\*  
 Mortgage Fund \$ 4,200.00

\*Includes \$10,000 matching funds



## ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER MARCH BIRTHDAYS



5	Justin Segal	13	Donna Duffy	23	Shane Hansen
9	Lauren Ciurley Brooke Creighton	18	John Masciotro Andy Stirzel	28	Tom Herbert
10	David Breig	20	Andrew Slight	30	Rachael McQuiggan,
11	Deborah Creighton English	22	Sally Frost Arielle Segal		

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. Newly commissioned Air Force Captain Dana Roccograndi who serves as Pharmacist at Eglin AFB in Valparaiso, Florida

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**  
**MARCH SCHEDULES**

**ACOLYTES**

3/04	9:30 am	Courtney Korn
3/11	9:30 am	Andrew Slawter
3/18	9:30 am	Erik Urbaniak
3/25	9:30 pm	Joey Vanderstine

**ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

3/04	Audrey Savchuck
3/11	Donna Duffy
3/18	Nancy Sclight
3/25	Kathryn Urbaniak

**ALTAR GUILD**

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

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

3/04	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Tony Gryszka
3/11	9:30 am	Gail Oines
3/18	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
3/25	8:00 am	Janice Hoffmann
	9:30 am	Karen Matlack
3/29	7:30 pm	Tony Gryszka

**LAY READERS**

3/04	8:00 am	Open
	9:30 am	Ken Meyers
3/11	8:00 am	Open
3/18	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Mike Vassello
3/25	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
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, Mike Vassello

**FELLOWSHIP TIME**

3/04	Donna Duffy
3/11	Open
3/18	The Vassello Fam.
3/25	Open



# MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	2 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	3 10:00 AM Stitch Club
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