

# THE ADVENTURE APRIL, 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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### EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 1

- 8:00 am Festive Service of Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Festive Service of Holy Communion  
NO Sunday School
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Group Effort!!
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class

### PASTOR ON VACATION

Sat., April 7 to Sat., April 14

### EASTER II - SUNDAY, APRIL 8

#### Guest Worship Leaders

#### Carl & Jennifer Schoch

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship  
Sunday School ages 4 - grade 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Kelly & Sarah  
Welwood
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class  
Church Council

### EASTER III - SUNDAY, APRIL 15

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion  
Cole Baker Baptism  
Sunday School ages 4 - grade 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Waninger Family
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class  
First Communion Class
- 12:30 pm George Slawter Baptism

### EASTER IV - SUNDAY, APRIL 22

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

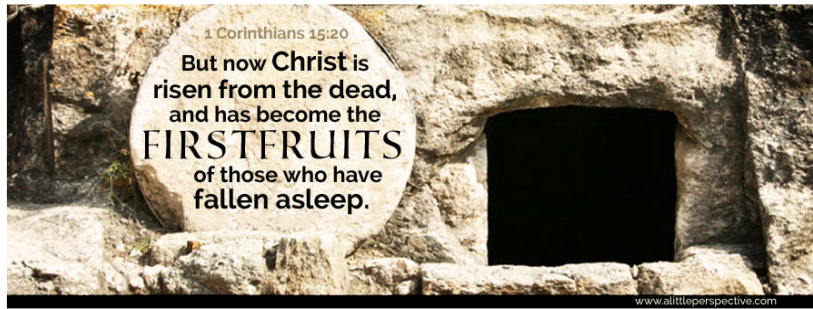
### LOWER BUCKS CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, April 24, 6:45 p.m. at Advent

### EASTER V - SUNDAY, APRIL 29

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





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

*"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits  
of those who have fallen asleep." 1 Corinthians 15:20*

Bill Hybels in a sermon on First Corinthians 15 entitled "Easter and the Hope of the Resurrection" notes the disparity about how Christmas and Easter are celebrated. "Globally, far more countries and cultures celebrate Christmas than Easter. In the US the Christmas holiday starts firing up the day after Thanksgiving and does an almost month-long build to Christmas Day. During that time are endless parties, house decorations, tree-lighting ceremonies, gift exchanges, caroling, eggnog and ugly sweaters. We throw the kitchen sink at Christmas every single year."

"Compare that to Easter. For starters, no one even knows what month Easter is going to be in, and they don't know if it's going to mess with spring break that is almost as holy as the holiday. For Easter we boil a dozen eggs for the kids to paint and lose in the backyard. We might get a new outfit. We make an appearance at a church for an hour and have a little Easter dinner. But, usually, by three o'clock in the afternoon, Easter is in our rearview mirror for another 12 months. Why the huge disparity between how we treat Christmas as compared to how we treat Easter?"

Might it be that it is easier to celebrate the birth of a small child than to ponder a death and then the reality of new life emerging from that death. More is required of us in the way of belief. And yet, the birth means naught without the cross and the resurrection. The child that was born that we celebrate at Christmas came to fulfill a mission and purpose that was accomplished on Good Friday and shown for all the world to see on Easter Sunday.

Easter lacks the wrapping paper, the candles and the sentimentality of Christmas that the world so likes. However, for the Christian, Easter is the crowning celebration of the church year. Even if the world does not celebrate it as ought we as Christians should make the celebration of Easter a priority in our lives. The fact that Christ died and was raised means that we too have the promise of eternal life with God. May we with Paul exult "...Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep."

Yours in the name of the crucified and risen Saviour,

Pastor Sorcek



## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

On Maundy Thursday March 29 at 7:30 pm we will have a service of Holy Communion that remembers our Lord's Last Supper and struggle in Gethsemane's Garden.

Then on Good Friday, March 30 we have two opportunities to remember the sacrificial death of our Lord. At 12 noon there will be an ecumenical "Stations of the Cross" at St Vincent DePaul's Roman Catholic Church in Richboro.

At 7:30 p.m. at Advent we will celebrate Tenebrae, the "Service of Shadows". This is one of the most dramatic services of the church year.

Having recalled the events of Jesus' last week, we are prepared to celebrate his resurrection from the dead. Join us on Easter Sunday, April 1 at 8 am or 9:30 am for Festive Services of Holy Communion.

## **PASTOR ON VACATION**

Pastor and Ruby will be on vacation Saturday, April 7 through Saturday, April 14. If there are any emergencies while Pastor is away please contact Fran Zanis in the church office 215-355-2529 or Kathryn Urbaniak of Church Council, 215-968-2675.

## **GUEST WORSHIP LEADERS - APRIL 8**

While Pastor is away we thank Jen Gardener Schoch for serving as our Liturgist and her husband Salvation Army Major Carl Schoch for serving as Preacher on April 8. We thank them for serving the Lord in this way.

## **LOWER BUCKS CONFERENCE ASSEM.**

Advent will host the Lower Bucks Assembly on Tuesday, April 24 at 6:45 p.m. Representatives from 16 Lutheran Congregations will gather for worship and to elect a new Dean to replace Pastor Sorcek who is retiring from that position. We can use some members of Advent to handle registration and to provide refreshments. There will be sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who wish to help make something for the meeting.

## **SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

The Southeastern Pennsylvania of the ELCA will gather in assembly on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 & 5. The highlight of the Assembly will be the

election of a new Bishop. Advent is entitled to send a lay male and lay female delegate. If interested in serving please speak with Pastor.

## **FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

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!)



## **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, April 14 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.

**WARDROBE NEED UPDATING? Need some new warm weather clothes? Tired of the same old sweaters and don't want to keep them for next winter?**

Worthwhile Wear, an international organization that exists to reach and restore girls from forced prostitution and to prevent girls from being forced into it, runs thrift stores and boutiques in Fountainville and Pipersville. They serve as a financial support and a place of employment for women rescued from this horrific situation. The store features Worthwhile Wear merchandise as well as gently used donated items. From April 8 – April 29 Advent will collect gently used clothing, accessories, and shoes to help in this worthwhile endeavor. Thank you in advance for your generous consideration and don't forget to visit the stores to find some great bargains!

**PRAAYER REQUESTS**

Please remember in your prayers the following Advent member and friends who are ill, hurting or homebound.  
Vickie Flint at Twining Village  
Jeff Jobses recovering at home after tendon

surgery.  
Louise Ritchie at Bridges, Jamison.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

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

Stephanie and Mario Evangelist IV, on the death of Stephanie's grandmother Dorothy Powers. Pastor officiated at services at the Evangelist's residence on March 17.

Christel Hoffmann and family on the death of Christel's cousin's nephew, Air Force Captain Mark Weber who died in the helicopter crash in Iraq.

Sue Jafar and family on the death of Sue's husband Dr. Mohammed Ali Jafar. Pastor Sorcek will officiate at services at Joseph A. Fluehr, III Funeral Home on Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. Calling time is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Jeff Jobses and family on the death of Jeff's mother, Helen Jobses.

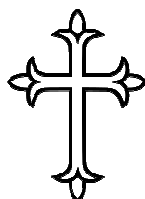
Liz Stephenson and family on the death of Liz's mother Carol Judson.

May God's comfort be with each of these families at their time of loss

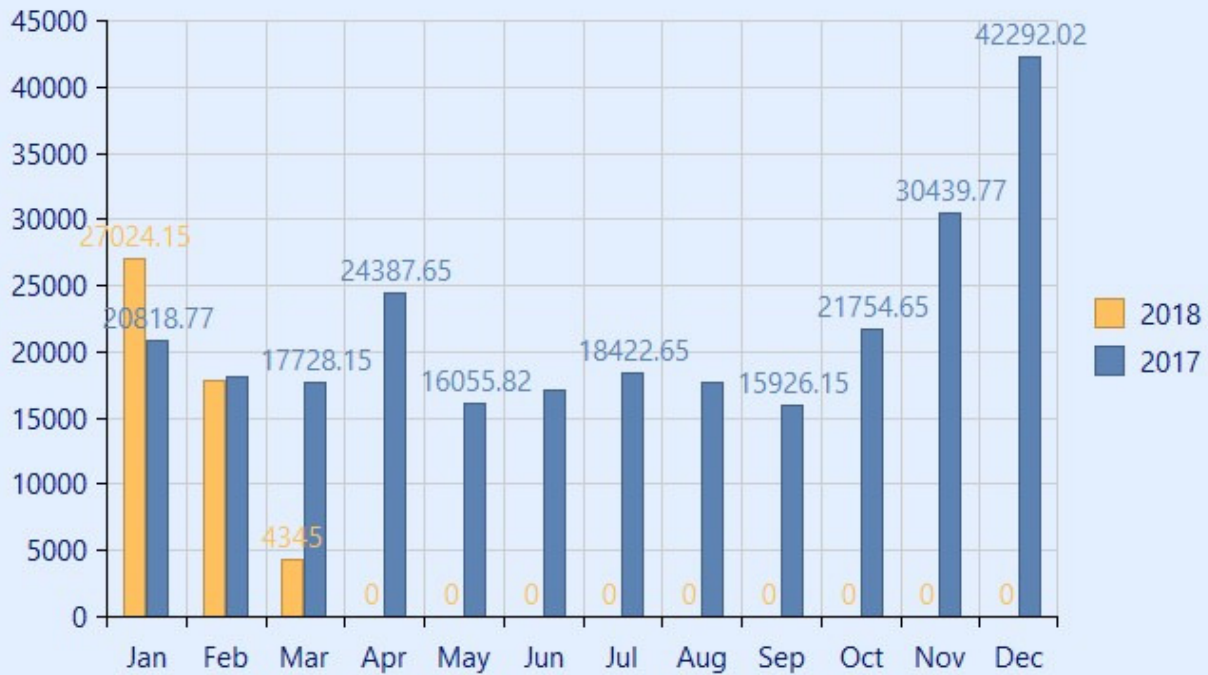
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**Save the Date!**

Pastor Sorcek's Retirement Celebration  
Sunday, September 9, 2018  
1:00 p.m.  
Northampton Valley Country Club  
Richboro, PA  
More information will follow.



### Contribution Totals



2017		2018	
January	\$20,818.77	January	\$27,024.15
February	\$18,167.88	February	\$17,790.84
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 February 2018**

Benevolence (LWR, Mission Support, etc.)	\$ 1,364
General Fund	\$12,081
Mortgage Fund	\$ 4,345



**ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER**  
**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**



<b><u>APRIL</u></b>			
2	Lisa Ciurley Glass	8	Frank Lattal
	Brandt Stirzel		Bill Pearson
6	Mike Dettra	9	Elizabeth Gracey
	Ruby Solt	14	Carl Breig
7	Shannon McQuiggan		Gretta Lattal
	Kristen Morley	16	Susan Jafar
		17	Gail Oines
		18	Alexandra Jones
			Samantha Jones
		21	Amy Breig
		22	Mark Jafar
		24	Rick Wagner
		28	Erik Urbaniak

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**  
**APRIL SCHEDULES**

**ACOLYTES**

4/01	9:30 am	Courtney Korn
4/08	9:30 am	Andrew Slawter
4/15	9:30 am	Erik Urbaniak
4/22	9:30 pm	Joey Vanderstine
4/29	9:30 pm	Courtney Korn

**ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

4/01	Kathy Sitler
4/08	Melissa Pasch
4/15	Victoria Vassello
4/22	Audrey Savchuck
4/29	Rhona Slawter

**ALTAR GUILD**

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

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

4/01	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
4/08	9:30 am	Gail Oines
4/15	9:30 am	Tony Gryszka
4/22	9:30 am	Karen Matlack
4/29	7:30 pm	Jennifer McQuiggan

**FELLOWSHIP TIME**

4/01	Group Effort!!
4/08	Kelly & Sarah Welwood

**FELLOWSHIP (CONT'D)**

4/15	Waninger Family
4/22	Open
4/29	Open

**LAY READERS**

4/01	8:00 am	Open
	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
4/08	8:00 am	Open
4/15	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Benicia Meyers
4/22	8:00 am	Open
4/29	9:30 am	Kathy Sitler

**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
5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Ron Brown, Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Tony Gryszka, Bob Pancoast, Mike Vassello

# APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 EASTER SUNDAY</b> 8:00 AM Festive Service of Holy Communion 9:30 AM Festive Service of Holy Communion 10:30 AM Fellowship Time-Joint Effort!!  <b>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	2 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	3 7:00 PM Finance Commit.	4 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir Practice	5 6:30 Planning Meeting 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	6 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	7 10:00 AM Stitch Club
<b>8 EASTER II</b> <b>Guest Worship Leaders Carl &amp; Jennifer Schoch</b> 8:00 AM Trad. Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Cont. Worship Sunday School ages 4 - gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time-Kelly & Sarah Welwood 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study Church Council  <b>PASTOR ON VACATION</b>	9 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting  <b>PASTOR ON VACATION</b>	10  <b>PASTOR ON VACATION</b>	11 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir Practice  <b>PASTOR ON VACATION</b>	12 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group  <b>PASTOR ON VACATION</b>	13 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.  <b>PASTOR ON VACATION</b>	14 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Stitch Club  <b>PASTOR ON VACATION</b>
<b>15 EASTER III</b> 8:00 AM Trad. Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Trad. Holy Com. Cole Baker Baptism Sunday School ages 4 - gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time-The Waninger Family 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study First Communion Class 12:30 PM George Slawter Baptism	16 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	17	18 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir Practice	19 9:30 AM Deans Meeting at ULS 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	20 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	21 10:00 AM Stitch Club
<b>22 EASTER IV</b> 8:00 AM Trad. Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Cont.. Holy Comm. Ella Manco Baptism Sunday School ages 4 - gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time-Open 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study	23 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	24 6:45 P.M. Lower Bucks Conference Assembly at Advent	25 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir Practice	26 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	27 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	28 10:00 AM Stitch Club
<b>29 EASTER V</b> 8:00 AM Trad. Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM BLENDED Holy Communion Sunday School ages 4 - gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time-Open 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study	30 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	1	2 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir Practice	3 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	4	5 10:00 AM Stitch Club