

THE ADVENTURE MAY, 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 VI - MAY 6

- 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 Class

EASTER VII - SUNDAY, MAY 13

MOTHER'S DAY

Baby Manna Collection

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

TUESDAY, MAY 15 - PRIMARY ELECTION

Please vote for the candidate of your choice.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - MAY 19

7:30 PM - WONDER WOMAN



PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 20

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion
Rite of Confirmation
Last day of Sunday School
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time -
Congregational Life
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Mitchell McVicker - Live Concert
7:00 p.m. at Advent



HOLY TRINITY - MAY 27

MEMORIAL DAY

COMMEMORATION

Recognition of Veterans, Military,
& Emergency Services Personnel
Start of Summer Schedule

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Contemporary Communion
No Sunday School
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class

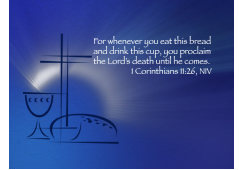


ADVENT BLOOD DRIVE

Advent will again host a Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 29 from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. Blood donors and volunteers are always welcome. More information will follow.

Pastor's Message for the Month . . .

“Every time you eat this bread and drink from this cup you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”
1 Corinthians 11:26



It has been a wonderful time of the year to rejoice in God’s gift of himself to us in Word and Sacrament. These past few weeks of April we have celebrated the baptisms of George Preston Slawter, Ella Grace Manco, Jake Benjamin Welwood and Benjamin Robert Welwood. God comes to us in the waters of baptism and makes us His child.

One of the exciting moments of our life and growth in faith is 1st Communion. This year we will have seven youths making their 1st Communions at the 9:30 am service on May 6:

William Michael Dettra
Jeremy Reis Rayher
Tea Marie Santiago
George Preston Slawter

Sydney Louise Waninger
Jake Benjamin Welwood
Benjamin Robert Welwood



Even after our first communions we continue to grow in faith. We are blessed this year to have four youth who will confirm their faith on Pentecost, Sunday, May 20 at the 9:30 am service:



Confirmation

Lindsey Marie Korn
Nicholas Rocco Masciotro

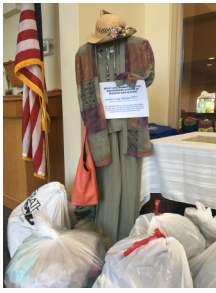
Wyatt Matthew Pasch
Erik Michael Urbaniak

We congratulate these youth on making these steps of faith. We too need to be nourished regularly by Word and Sacrament. As we participate in the Lord’s Supper and as we affirm our faith in the Rite of Confirmation and indeed as we grow in our Christian lives “we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sorcek

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WORTHWHILE WEAR

Thanks to all who donated clothing to Worthwhile Wear. Your gifts to help women who have been rescued from horrific situations is greatly appreciated.



CARL & JENNIFER SCHOCH

We thank Salvation Army Major Carl Schoch and his wife Jennifer for leading worship on April 8 while pastor was on vacation.



EASTER CHILDREN'S SERMON

THANKS FOR HELPING WITH LOWER BUCKS ASSEMBLY

We thank the Congregational Life Committee and the many members of Advent who contributed baked goods or helped in other ways to make the Assembly on April 24 a real success. Pastor Norbert Hahn of Immanuel, Somerton was elected to be the new Dean starting June 1 to replace Pastor Sorcek.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Pastor Sorcek and Janice Hoffman will be representing Advent on Friday and Saturday, May 4 & 5 at the Synod Assembly in Franconia. A highlight of the Assembly will be the election of a new Bishop to replace Bishop Claire Burkat who has served two six year terms and has chosen not to run for re-election. Please keep our Synod in your prayers.



RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION

We look forward to 7 of our youth making their First Communions at the 9:30 am service on Sunday, May 6.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Four of our youth will affirm their faith during the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 20 at our 9:30 am service. Pray for these young people that they draw closer to God and serve him faithfully.



MOTHER'S DAY/BABYMANNA

On Sunday, May 13th 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.

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us Saturday, May 19 at 7:00 pm for a fun filled family movie night. The movie Wonder Woman will start at 7:30 in the multipurpose room. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Christy Korn at christy8korn@gmail.com or 215-499-5476 with comments or questions. Be sure to tell a friend! Sign up sheet will be in the narthex.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/ SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 20 will be our last day of Sunday School. On May 20 we will go to our summer schedule of a single worship service at 9:30 a.m. with no children's Sunday School.



MITCHELL MC VICKER CONCERT

Advent is again pleased to have Mitchell McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 7 p.m. Come out for an evening of enjoyable and inspirational music. A free will offering will be taken.



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SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS

Advent's Vacation Bible School program will be held August 6 through 10 from 9 am to noon. Our theme is "Jesus the Storyteller". We will learn about the Parables of Jesus. We invite children age 4 through completion of grade 6 to join us for a fun week of Bible lessons, music, outdoor play, games and crafts with friends. We hope you can join us. More information will follow.

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, 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 through August 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, May 12 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.

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 BLESSING

Advent expresses its congratulations to the Baker and Buttil families on the blessing on Cole Joseph Baker on Sunday, April 15. We look forward to Cole's upcoming Baptism on August 19.



CONGRATULATIONS ON BAPTISM

Advent expresses its congratulations to the Slawter Family on the Baptism of George Preston Slawter, child of Alan V. Slawter, Jr. and Kristie Ferguson on April 15. George was born on July 30, 2006 at Abington Memorial Hospital.

Advent expresses its congratulations to the Manco and Kline Families on the Baptism on April 22 of Ella Grace Manco, child of Ralph and Tara Manco. Sponsors were Amy Kline, Janet Manco and Louis Manco.



Advent expresses its congratulations to the Welwood and Lafferty Families on the Baptisms of Jake Benjamin Welwood and Benjamin Robert Welwood on April 29. Jake was born on March 7, 2007 at St Mary Medical Center in Langhorne. Ben was born April 17, 2008 at St. Mary Medical Center in Langhorne.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

John Flint recovering at Twining Medical after heart surgery.

Dick Hofer recovering at home after hospitalization at Doylestown Hospital.

Jeff Jobs recovering at home after tendon surgery.

Benicia Meyers recovering at home after surgery at Abington Memorial Hospital.

Kathy Sitler recovering at home after hospitalization at St. Mary Medical Center.

THANK YOU FROM JEFF JOBES

I would like to thank everyone for their cards thoughts and prayers in the loss of my mother. Your sympathy is greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls and calls and prayers, as well as all the visits and assistance with my daily chores, during my continued recovery from surgery. It is still a long road ahead but I know your assistance will help me through it. Thanks! Jeff Jobs

WITH SYMPATHY

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

Rick and Renata DeJames on the death of their niece Rebecca Retter.

Mark & Lisa Frey & family on the death of their son Derek. A Memorial Service is planned for Friday, May 4. Calling time will be 10AM - 12:00 with the service at 12:00 PM

Ron McKenna and Family on the death of Thora Jane McKenna. Memorial Service was held here at Advent on April 21.

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

Save the Date!

Pastor Sorcek's Retirement Celebration

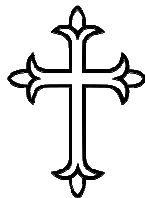
Sunday, September 9, 2018

1:00 p.m.

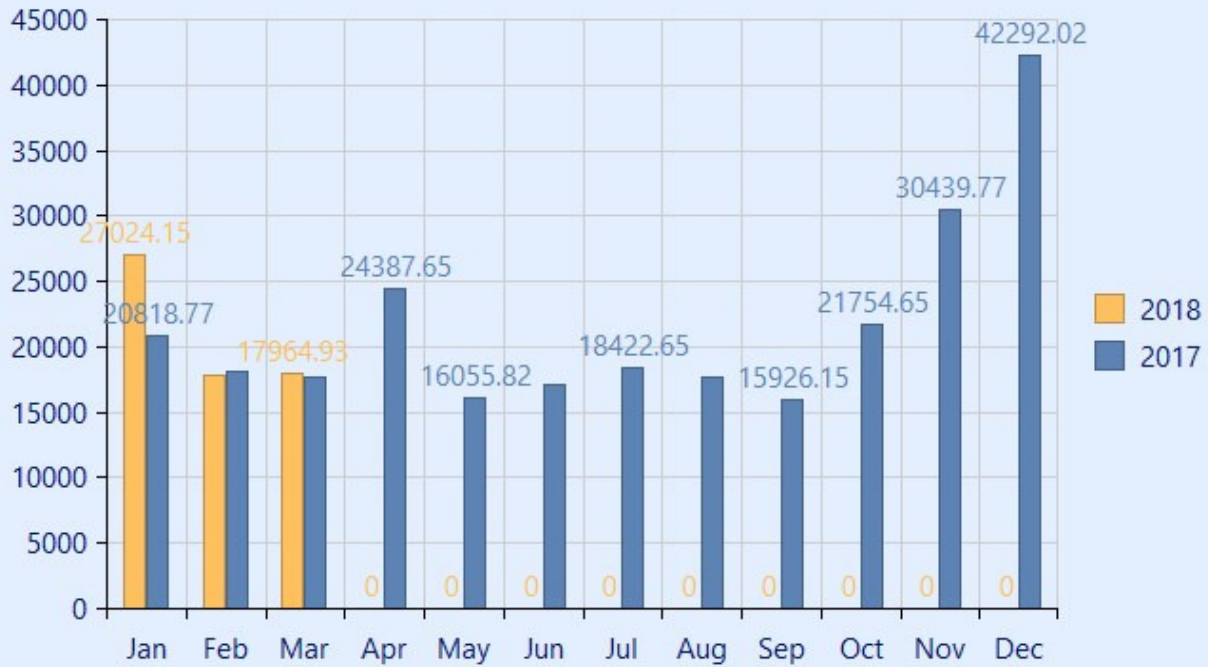
Northampton Valley Country Club

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 | \$17,964.93 |
| 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 March 2018

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| Benevolence (LWR, Mission Support, etc.) | \$ 272 |
| General Fund | \$13,987 |
| Mortgage Fund | \$ 3,706 |



ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER MAY BIRTHDAYS



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|----|--------------------------------|----|------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| 2 | Renate DeJames | 15 | George Spahn | 25 | Donald Hoffmann |
| 5 | Amanda Earle | 16 | Craig Wills | 27 | William Dettra |
| 6 | Joan Lenox | 17 | Tony Gryszka | 28 | Helen Shearer |
| 8 | Alyssa (Matlack) Fell | | Michele (Oines)
Sanderlin | 30 | Taylor Hollis |
| 10 | Linda Weaver | | | | |
| 11 | Daniel McGee
Jessica Sorcek | 21 | Ron Brown | | |

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.

Air Force Captain Dana Roccograndi 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
MAY SCHEDULES

ACOLYTES

| | | |
|------|---------|------------------|
| 5/06 | 9:30 am | Courtney Korn |
| 5/13 | 9:30 am | Andrew Slawter |
| 5/20 | 9:30 am | Erik Urbaniak |
| 5/27 | 9:30 pm | Joey Vanderstine |

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

| | | |
|------|--|-------------------|
| 5/06 | | Kathy Sitler |
| 5/13 | | Melissa Pasch |
| 5/20 | | Victoria Vassello |
| 5/27 | | Audrey Savchuck |

ALTAR GUILD

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

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

| | | |
|------|---------|--------------------|
| 5/06 | 8:00 am | Janice Hoffmann |
| | 9:30 am | Tony Gryszka |
| 5/13 | 9:30 am | Gail Oines |
| 5/20 | 8:00 am | Dave Shearer |
| | 9:30 am | Jennifer McQuiggan |
| 5/27 | 9:30 am | Karen Matlack |

FELLOWSHIP TIME

| | | |
|------|--|--------------------------|
| 5/06 | | Congregational Committee |
| 5/13 | | Donna Duffy |
| 5/20 | | Congregational Committee |
| 5/27 | | Open |

LAY READERS

| | | |
|------|---------|---------------|
| 5/06 | 8:00 am | Open |
| | 9:30 am | Ken Meyers |
| 5/13 | 8:00 am | Open |
| 5/20 | 8:00 am | Dave Shearer |
| | 9:30 am | Mike Vassello |
| 5/27 | 8:00 am | N/A |

MONEY COUNTERS

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 st | Janice Hoffmann, Dianna Strauss |
| 2 nd | Cindy Frey, Bob Holford |
| 3 rd | Ray & Joyce Heiss |
| 4 th | Tony Gryszka, Tom Herbert |
| 5 th | Gail Oines |

USHERS

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

MAY 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| 29 | 30
6:00 PM. Confirmation Class
7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting | 1 | 2
No Bible Study
6:30 PM Praise Team Practice
7:00 PM Vocal Choir
7:30 PM Bell Choir Practice | 3
Synod Assembly
7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group | 4
Derek Frey Memorial Service
10:00 AM-noon Calling time
12:00 Memorial Service

Synod Assembly
7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg. | 5
10:00 AM Stitch Club |
| 6 EASTER VI
8:00 AM Trad. Holy Comm.
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Trad. Holy Comm.
<u>Rite of First Communion</u>
Sunday School
ages 4 - gr. 8
10:30 AM Fellowship Time-
Congregational Committee
10:45 AM Adult Bible Study
Church Council | 7
6:00 PM Confirmation Class
7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting | 8 | 9
10:00 AM Bible Study
No Choir Practice | 10 Ascension Day
9:30 AM Lower Bucks Pastors at Twining Village
7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group | 11
7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg. | 12
8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
10:00 AM Stitch Club |
| 13 EASTER VII
MOTHER'S DAY
<u>Baby Manna Collection</u>
8:00 AM Trad. Worship
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Cont. Holy Com.
Sunday School
ages 4 - gr. 8
10:30 AM Fellowship Time-
Donna Duffy
10:45 AM Adult Bible Study | 14
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class meets with Church Council
7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting | 15
Primary Election | 16
10:00 AM Bible Study
6:30 PM Praise Team Practice
7:00 PM Vocal Choir
7:30 PM Bell Choir Practice | 17
7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group | 18
7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg. | 19
10:00 AM Stitch Club
7:00 PM MOVIE NIGHT
WONDER WOMAN |
| 20 Pentecost
8:00 AM Trad. Holy Comm.
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Trad. Holy Comm
<u>Rite of Confirmation</u>
Sunday School
ages 4 - gr. 8
10:30 AM Fellowship Time-
Congregational Committee
10:45 AM Adult Bible Study | 21
7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting | 22
9:00 AM NEFF Symposium
BCCC | 23
10:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Mitchell
McVicker Concert | 24
9:30 AM Deans Meeting at ULS
7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group | 25
7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg. | 26
10:00 AM Stitch Club |
| 27
PENTECOST II
<u>Memorial Day Comm.</u>
<u>Start of Summer Schedule</u>
<u>No Sunday School</u>
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Cont. Holy Comm
10:30 AM Fellowship Time-
Open
10:45 AM Adult Bible Study | 28
7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting


<i>Memorial Day</i> | 29
Red Cross Blood Drive
2:30 PM - 7:30 PM


<i>BLOOD DRIVE</i> | 30
No Bible Study | 31
7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group | 1 | 2
10:00 AM Stitch Club |