

THE ADVENTURE JULY, 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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PENTECOST VI - JULY 1

Independence Day Commemoration

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Jennifer McQuiggan
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class



PENTECOST VII - JULY 8

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Comm.
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class
- 4:00 am Bishop Claire Burkat-Retirement Gala- Philadelphia

PENTECOST VIII - JULY 15

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class

PASTOR AND RUBY ON VACATION THURSDAY, JULY 19 TO WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

PENTECOST IX - JULY 22

Liturgist - Christy Korn

Preacher - George Henry

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Tanja Santiago
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class

PENTECOST X - JULY 29

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Blended Holy Communion
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class

Pastor's Message for the Month . . .

*“⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD....
⁸ And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended....⁹ And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.”*
Deuteronomy 34:5, 8, 9

The time will come in every institution where there will be a change in leadership. When Moses' ministry came to an end his appointed successor Joshua took over. Similarly, Jesus commissioned Peter and The Twelve to provide leadership after his Ascension into heaven.

I suspect that there may be some anxiety in the congregation with my ministry coming to an end on August 31 after 36 years with you. Since there was not anyone to groom to take over the ministry, our Denomination and Synod have a different process when it comes to finding a new pastor.

We have been a bit concerned about the transition because we have had some significant vacancies on council. As we look to the future we are pleased to note that George Henry has volunteered to serve as Council President, Tony Gryzka as Financial Chair and Bob Matlack as Evangelism Chair. All three have significant experience as Council Presidents and will help the congregation with its negotiations with Synod. In addition, Planning Committee Chairman Mike Sitler has had a lot of experience in his secular job as Provost with Temple University in dealing with transition and will assist our very able Council in this regard.

By the time you receive this newsletter Church Council will already have had a special meeting to review the procedures for times of transition and for calling a new pastor. As a rule of thumb, there will be an interim period before a full-time pastor is called. Council will be addressing what model of ministry to use during the interim period. Later in the month Council will meet with our new Dean, Pastor Norbert Hahn of Immanuel Somerton. He will conduct an “Exit Interview” with the Pastor and Council and then will talk with the Council about future needs and staffing during the interim period. Church Council will work to make as smooth a transition as possible with the hope of moving quickly to the call of a new pastor.

Unfortunately, our process is a bit more complicated than that of Moses passing the mantle to Joshua. We have confidence that God will guide our Council Leaders and provide the right person to work with the congregation during the interim period as well as in the call of your future pastor. May God bless Council and congregation as it moves into the future confident that God will provide.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sorcek

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JAZZ CONCERT ON JUNE 15



DONATION WITH A SMILE

Advent was issued a donation of \$13.11 for the months of January - March from the Amazon Smile Foundation. This makes a total donation of \$131.57 since we started. Thank you for your continued support. Every little bit helps. Please remember to shop at Amazon Smile and each eligible purchase benefits Advent Lutheran Church.



JULY PERSONAL CARE COLLECTION

During the month of July Social Ministry will be collecting personal care items to benefit "A

Women's Place in Doylestown".

All items collected will be assembled during Vacation Bible School in August by the students. Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, brushes, lotions, powder, etc. would all be greatly appreciated! Thank-you for your continued support throughout the year.

CONGRATULATIONS ON WEDDING

Brianna Smith and Corey Hunter wedding June 9.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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. Registration forms can be found in the narthex.

PASTOR SORCEK'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Pastor Sorcek is retiring at the end of August after 36 years at Advent! His retirement celebration will take place on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 9, 2018, at Northampton Valley Country Club, Richboro, PA. If you're interested in attending this 1 p.m. buffet luncheon please reply by August 1 to the written invitation previously mailed out. Additional copies of the response form are located in the church narthex or you may contact any of the following persons for additional information: Karen & Bob Matlack (215-932-1283), Nancy Sclight (215-595-7671), Rhona Slawter (215-518-4097), or Tony Gryszka (267-408-3255). All contact numbers are for both phone and text messaging. Thank you!



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.

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.

GRASS CUTTERS NEEDED

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Jeff Jobs recovering at home.
Benicia Meyers recovering at home.

WITH SYMPATHY

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

Linda Weaver on the death of her brother-in-law Jim Weaver.

Dot Masciotro on the death of her brother-in-law Bud Rein.

May God’s comfort be with each of these individuals at their time of loss.

FINANCIAL NOTE

With the summer months here we need your continued and regular support. We need to maintain or increase our level of giving to the General Fund and to the Mortgage Fund. Try to worship with us as often as possible in the summer months. If you are going to be away on vacation for an extended period of time, consider mailing your offerings to the church office before you leave for vacation. This will help us maintain adequate cash flow during the lean summer months. And remember while away to worship in a Lutheran or other Christian church in the community where you are staying. Thank you in advance for your continued support of God’s ministry and work through Advent Lutheran Church. May Christ richly bless us as we assist in doing His Kingdom work.

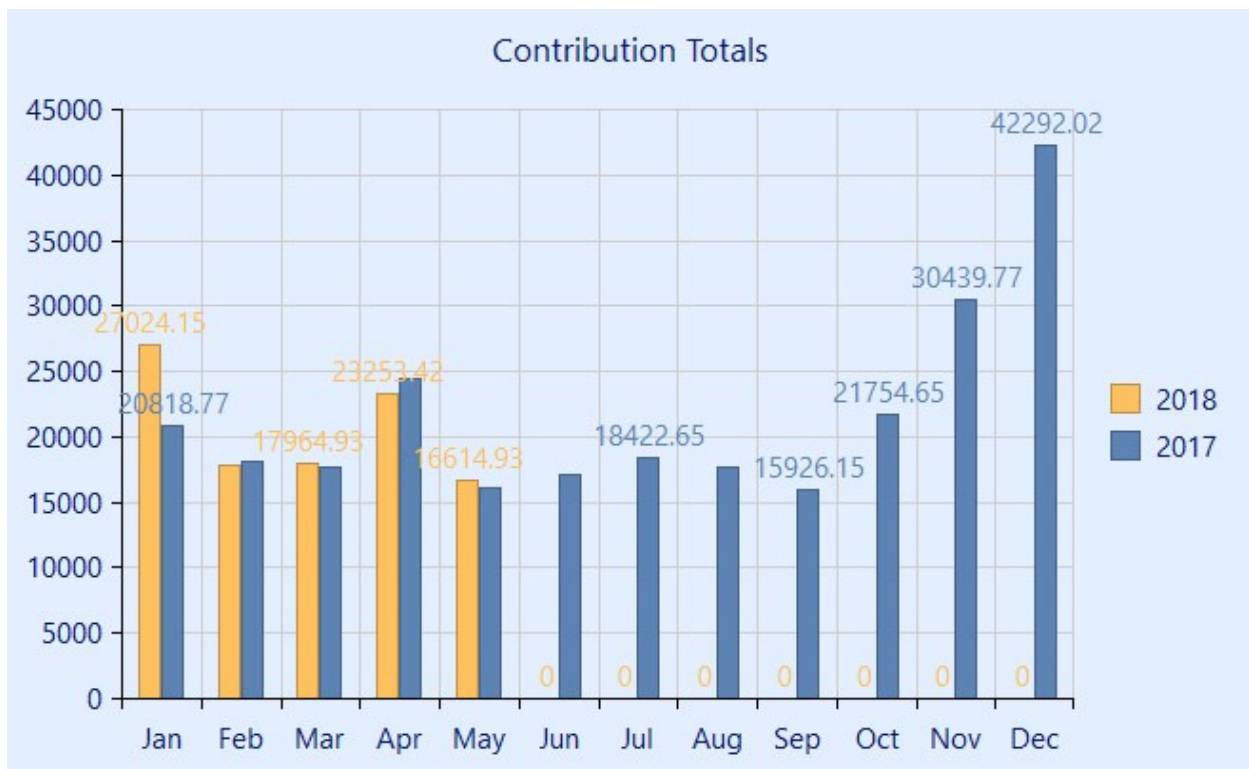
HAVE YOU REMEMBERED ADVENT IN YOUR WILL?

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.

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.





| 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 | \$23,253.42 |
| May | \$16,055.82 | May | \$16,614.93 |
| 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 May 2018

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| Benevolence (LWR, Mission Support, etc.) | \$ 1,052 |
| General Fund | \$12,540 |
| Mortgage Fund | \$ 2,822 |

Note: Did you know that there are three ways to give an offering to Advent Lutheran Church.

1. Offering envelope. Note: If you are going to be away on vacation you may mail your offering to the church office.

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 and click on the Give Now button.

Respectfully,

Kathryn Urbaniak, Financial Secretary



ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER JULY BIRTHDAYS

| | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Jenna Geragi | Joyce Heiss | Tyler McGee |
| 4 Liz Holford | 11 Angela Janet Casale | Fred Wagner |
| 5 Judy Rilling | 12 Laszlo Kovacs | 22 Pat Brown |
| 6 Andy Frey, Sr. | 13 Charles Stirzel | 24 Raffaele Manco |
| 7 Karen Breig | 15 Allison Kirschner | 25 Andrew Frey, III |
| Bernadette Pearson | Lindsey Kirschner | 27 Andrew Breig |
| 8 Joshua Hanlon | 20 Larry Kovacs | 29 Kathleen Pearson |
| 10 Andy Frey, Jr. | 21 Scarlet Belle Betz | 31 Steve Sanderlin |

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 SCHEDULE

ACOLYTES

| | | |
|------|---------|------------------|
| 7/01 | 9:30 am | Courtney Korn |
| 7/08 | 9:30 am | Andrew Slawter |
| 7/15 | 9:30 am | Erik Urbaniak |
| 7/22 | 9:30 pm | Joey Vanderstine |
| 7/29 | 9:30 pm | Courtney Korn |

FELLOWSHIP TIME

| | |
|------|--------------------|
| 7/01 | Jennifer McQuiggan |
| 7/08 | Open |
| 7/15 | Open |
| 7/22 | Tanja Santiago |
| 7/29 | Open |

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

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|------|------------------|
| 7/01 | Audrey Savchuck |
| 7/08 | Donna Duffy |
| 7/15 | Nancy Slight |
| 7/22 | Kathryn Urbaniak |
| 7/29 | Kathy Sitler |

ALTAR GUILD

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

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

| | | |
|------|---------|--------------------|
| 7/01 | 9:30 am | Tony Gryszka |
| 7/08 | 9:30 am | Gail Oines |
| 7/15 | 9:30 am | Janice Hoffmann |
| 7/22 | 9:30 am | Karen Matlack |
| 7/29 | 9:30 am | Jennifer McQuiggan |

LAY READERS

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|------|---------|---------------|
| 7/01 | 9:30 am | Kathy Sitler |
| 7/15 | 9:30 am | Ken Meyers |
| 7/29 | 9:30 am | Mike Vassello |

MONEY COUNTERS


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|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 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

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|-----------------|---------|--|
| 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 |

JUNE 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1
PENTECOST VI
INDEPENDENCE DAY
COMMEMORATION
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Trad. Holy Comm
10:30 AM Fellowship Time-
Jennifer McQuiggan
10:45 AM Adult Bible Study | 2
Fran on Vacation .
Returns to office on 7/10

7:30 PM A.A. Open
Meeting | 3 | 4


HAPPY 4TH
OF JULY | 12
7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group | 13
7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg. | 7
10:00 AM Stitch Club

2:00 p.m.
Gevaras/Menzak
Wedding |
| 8 PENTECOST VII
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Cont. Holy Comm
10:30 AM Fellowship Time-
Open
10:45 AM Adult Bible Study
4:00 PM Bishop Claire
Burkat Retirement Gala -
Philadelphia | 9
7:30 PM A.A. Open
Meeting | 10 | 11 | 12
7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group | 13
7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg. | 14
10:00 AM Stitch Club |
| 15
Pentecost VIII
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Trad. Holy Comm
10:30 AM Fellowship Time-
Open
10:45 AM Adult Bible Study | 16
7:30 PM A.A. Open
Meeting | 17 | 18 | 19
7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group

PASTOR ON
VACATION | 20
7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.

PASTOR ON
VACATION | 21
10:00 AM Stitch Club

PASTOR ON
VACATION |
| 22 Pentecost X
Guest Speakers
Liturgist - Christy Korn
Preacher - George Henry
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Cont. Worship
10:30 AM Fellowship Time-
Tanja Santiago
10:45 AM Adult Bible Study

PASTOR ON
VACATION | 23
7:30 PM A.A. Open
Meeting

PASTOR ON
VACATION | 24

PASTOR ON
VACATION | 25

PASTOR ON
VACATION | 26
7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group | 27
7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.
6:00 PM Wedding
Rehearsal at Advent | 28
10:00 AM Stitch Club

Stark - Wade Wedding
at Normandy Farms |
| 29
PENTECOST XI
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Blended Holy
Communion
10:30 AM Fellowship Time-
Open
10:45 AM Adult Bible Study | 30
7:30 PM A.A. Open
Meeting | 31 | | | | |
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