

# THE ADVENTURE AUGUST, 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 XI - AUGUST 5

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



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 6 -10 9 AM TO NOON “JESUS THE STORYTELLER”

### PENTECOST XII - AUGUST 12

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Comm.
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class  
Church Council

### LAST DAY TO ORDER TICKETS FOR PASTOR'S SEPTEMBER 9 RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

### PENTECOST XIII - AUGUST 19

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

### PENTECOST XIV - AUGUST 26 PASTOR'S LAST SERVICE

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Church Council  
and Audrey Savchuck
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class

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

*“What I mean brothers is that the time is short.”*

1 Corinthians 7:29

In a book entitled “Approaching Hoofbeats” Billy Graham draws on the imagery of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse (Revelations 6:1-8) to remind us that the end of the world is coming and that we should be alert. Similarly St. Paul above notes that the time is short. Both of course are speaking of the end times.

However, it is dawning on me more and more that my end time with you is soon approaching. I can hear the hoof beats. It is hard to believe that when I first arrived here in June of 1982, my first major task beyond that of Sunday preaching was to participate in Vacation Bible School. How appropriate that my last major task here at Advent during the month of August will again be Vacation Bible School. This will be my 36<sup>th</sup> year of Bible School. I have been blessed to work with dedicated staff and eager students over the years in Bible School and other Christian education activities like First Communion and Confirmation. It is something that I very much will miss as I move into retirement and a new phase of my life.

I look forward in the last month of my ministry with you to saying goodbyes and thank you to the many people whose lives have intersected with mine these past 36 years. I will miss you very much. I know that the congregation is planning a special retirement luncheon and send off on September 9. I will look forward to seeing many of you at Northampton Country Club that afternoon.

Again, I have been blessed during these 36 years as I hope also that my ministry with you has blessed you. Even as I hear the hoof beats approaching of the end of my ministry with you, know that you will always be in my heart and prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sorcek

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**FAREWELL AND GOD SPEED TO DIANNA STRAUSS ON JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>**



Dianna is leaving us and moving to the Tampa, Florida area. She has been involved in so many ways in our ministry. She will be greatly missed. We pray God's blessings on her in her new home. Dianna can be contacted at 21148 Sky Vista Drive, Land O'Lakes, FL 34637

**CONGRATULATIONS ON WEDDING**



Congratulations to Dale Menzak, nephew of Nancy Hill, and Stephanie Gevaras on their wedding here at Advent on July 7. May God's blessings be with this family on this joyous occasion.



**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. Registration forms are available in the narthex, online, email or by contacting the church office.

**IMPROMPTU PRAISE TEAM**



On July 8 Pastor was the only praise team member at service. We thank Jennifer Gardener Schoch and Tori Gardener for jumping in and assisting.

**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!

**UPDATE ON THE SEARCH FOR A NEW PASTOR**

**Pastor Sorcek's last Sunday** at Advent (August 26) is fast approaching. There will be a special **celebration fellowship time** following the service. His **farewell banquet** will be on September 9 at Northampton Country Club. Further details are included elsewhere in this bulletin/newsletter and on the table in the narthex.

As Advent moves into a new era, we understand that the members of the congregation may have questions and concerns. We have had two meetings to date with the new dean of our area, Pastor Hahn. The meetings were held for the purpose of expressing our needs and desires concerning an interim pastor. This pastor will be assigned to us to serve our congregation during the transitional period. The transitional period starts at Pastor Sorcek's retirement and continues until a

permanent pastor is called. Pastor Hahn will present his findings to the synod which will determine the pastor who will be assigned to us.

We have had a positive relationship with Pastor Hahn and believe that he will act with our best interest in mind.

The following is a list of the church leaders involved in this process. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this process please feel free to contact any one of us with your comments and questions and we will be happy to share with you what we can.

George Henry, Council President 215-970-8523(c)

Bob Matlack, Vice Pres. & Evangelism  
zmatlack@verizon.net

Tony Gryska, Fin. Mgmt/Stewardship  
267-408-3255 (c)

Tom Herbert, Treasurer [therb@comcast.net](mailto:therb@comcast.net)

Christy Korn, Youth 215-499-5476 (cell)

Gail Oines, Worship & Music 215-534-8218 (c)

Nancy Sclight, Social Ministry 215-595-7671 (c)

Kathy Sitler, Council Secretary

[kds56@hotmail.com](mailto:kds56@hotmail.com)

Mike Sitler, Growth Steering Comm.

[sitler@temple.edu](mailto:sitler@temple.edu)

Rhona Slawter, Congregational Life 215-518-4097 (c)

Kathryn Urbaniak, Financial Secretary 610-420-5877 (c)

Mike Vassello, Property 215-208-0289 (c)



## Attention...looking to "declutter" your living space?

Everyone has items they are looking to pass along in order to "declutter" their living space...right? On Saturday, September 29, 2018, Advent Lutheran Church is holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Flea Market in the church parking lot from 9 AM to 1 PM, providing any and all participants an avenue by which to make "decluttering their living space" a reality! This is a rain or shine event (to be held inside the church in the event of rain) for church members, family friends, neighbors and

members of the community to sell, buy or just browse. Food and beverages will be available for purchase during the flea market.

Flea Market Registration forms with detailed information are available on the round table in the Advent Lutheran Church narthex or contact Kathy Sitler (Flea Market Coordinator) at [kds56@hotmail.com](mailto:kds56@hotmail.com) to request a registration form be e-mailed to you. A registration fee of \$20.00 will be collected per space from each registrant upon registration. Registrations will be accepted up until the **deadline** of Sunday, September 16, 2018. We look forward to seeing you at the Flea Market and helping you "clutter" your living space.

Please contact Kathy Sitler at [kds56@hotmail.com](mailto:kds56@hotmail.com) with any questions you may have regarding the Flea Market. Thank you for your interest in this church-sponsored event.



### 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.

Victoria Flint at Twining Village

## **WITH SYMPATHY**

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

Joanne Barth and daughter Samantha Barth on the death of former member Henry Barth. Pastor Sorcek officiated at a Memorial Service at Villanova on June 30.

Steve and Kathryn Urbaniak and family on the death of Steve's mother, Joanne Urbaniak

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

## **THANK YOU FROM THE FREY FAMILY**

"To Our Advent Family,

Your expression of sympathy means more than you know. Thank you all for all you did for our family!

Most Sincerely, Mark, Lisa Kali & Logan

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Thank you for your financial support! Advent's new mortgage refinancing became effective May 1, 2018 and our new mortgage payment is almost \$2,000 per month less than what we had been previously paying. Included in this refinancing were additional funds enabling us to upgrade portions of the heating and air conditioning systems....just in time for the summer season! As you recall, your fantastic responses the last 3 years to year-end financial appeals enabled Advent to meet all of its' expenses. Although this refinancing substantially reduces our annual payments, your continued generosity will enable us to continue all of our ministries without the need for future appeals. "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7.

## **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.

## **FINANCIAL GIVING**

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

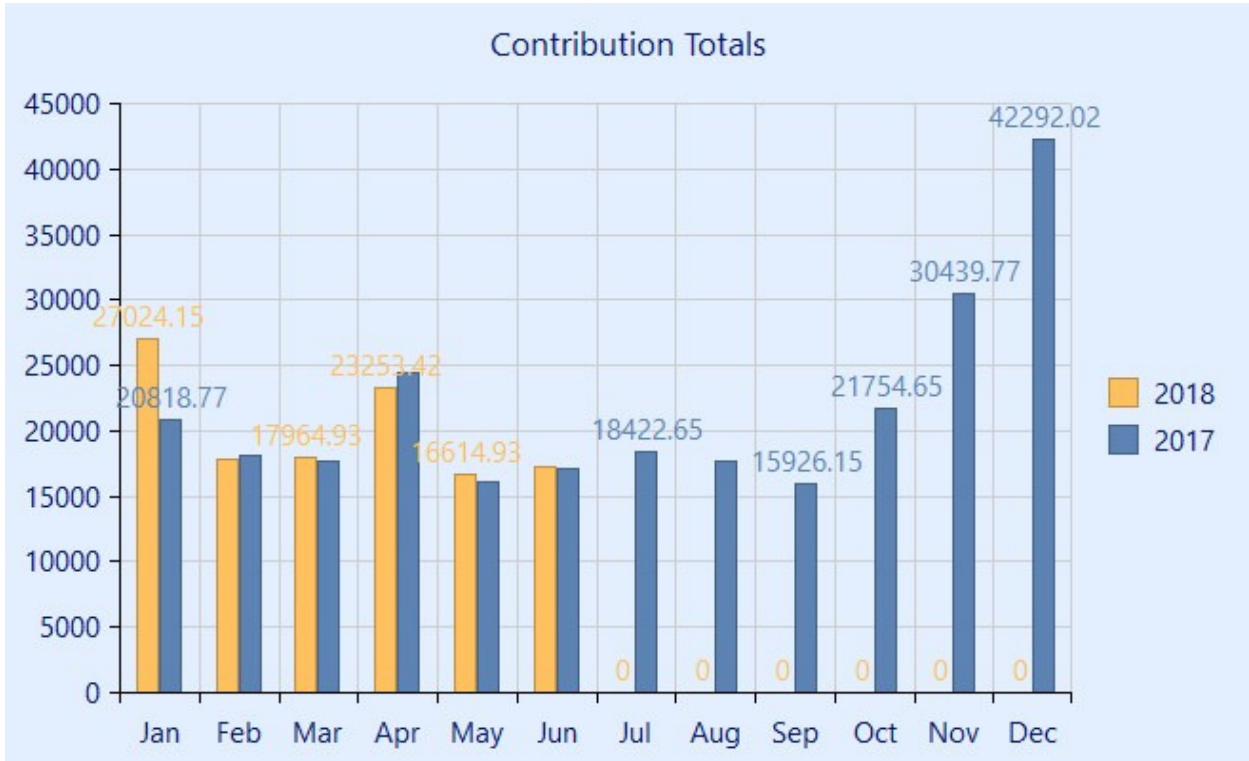
**1. Offering envelope. Note: If you are going to be away on vacation you may mail your offering to the church office.**

**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](http://www.adventrichboro.org) and click on the Give Now button.**

**Respectfully,**

**Kathryn Urbaniak, Financial Secretary**



| 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      | \$17,244.04 |
| 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  |             |

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| Benevolence (LWR, Mission Support, etc.) | \$ 539   |
| General Fund                             | \$11,728 |
| Mortgage Fund                            | \$ 3,697 |



## ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- |                      |                              |                      |
|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Nancy Hill         | 11 Madeline (Pearson) Stiles | 17 Jack Walsh        |
| 2 Amelia Gouse       | 12 Savannah Rose Slawter     | 17 Dorothy Masciotro |
| 4 Aimee Manco Casale | 14 Jessica (Buttil) Baker    | 18 Laura Sanderlin   |
| Peyton Gouse         | Dorothy Hofer                | 21 Carter McGee      |
| Jeff Jobs            | Kenneth Meyers               | 24 Kylie Rayher      |
| 5 Wesley Waninger    | 15 Nancy Starke              | Tom Starke           |
| 8 Paul Sorcek        | 16 Janice Hoffmann           | 25 Richard Hofer     |
| 9 Christopher Starke | Kerry Sitler                 | 28 Tea Santiago      |
| 10 Diane Kirschner   |                              | 29 Daniel Gracey     |
|                      |                              | Joanne Kelly         |

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**  
**AUGUST SCHEDULE**

**ACOLYTES**

|      |         |                |
|------|---------|----------------|
| 8/05 | 9:30 am | Jeremy Rayher  |
| 8/12 | 9:30 am | Andrew Slawter |
| 8/19 | 9:30 am | George Slawter |
| 8/26 | 9:30 pm | Erik Urbaniak  |

**FELLOWSHIP TIME**

|      |                                    |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 8/05 | Christy Korn                       |
| 8/12 | Open                               |
| 8/19 | Open                               |
| 8/26 | Church Council and Audrey Savchuck |

**ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

|      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| 8/05 | Melissa Pasch     |
| 8/12 | Victoria Vassello |
| 8/19 | Rhona Slawter     |
| 8/26 | Audrey Savchuck   |

**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                      |

**ALTAR GUILD**

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

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

|      |         |                    |
|------|---------|--------------------|
| 8/05 | 9:30 am | Tony Gryszka       |
| 8/12 | 9:30 am | Gail Oines         |
| 8/19 | 9:30 am | Jennifer McQuiggan |
| 8/26 | 9:30 am | Karen Matlack      |

**LAY READERS**

|      |         |                    |
|------|---------|--------------------|
| 8/05 | 9:30 am | Jennifer McQuiggan |
| 8/19 | 9:30 am | Benicia Meyers     |

**USHERS**

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



# AUGUST 2018

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                   |
|--|---|--|--|--|---|----------------------------|
|  |   |  | 1  | 2<br>7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group  | 3<br>7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.   | 4<br>10:00 AM Stitch Club  |
| <b>5 <u>PENTECOST XI</u></b><br>9:00 AM Adult Bible Study<br>9:30 AM Trad. Holy Comm.<br>10:30 AM Fellowship Time-Christy Korn<br>10:45 AM Adult Bible Study   | 6<br>7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting<br><br><b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b><br>9:00 AM TO NOON | 7<br><b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b><br>9:00 AM TO NOON | 8<br><b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b><br>9:00 AM TO NOON | 9<br>7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group<br><br><b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b><br>9:00 AM TO NOON | 10<br>7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.<br><br><b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b><br>9:00 AM TO NOON | 11<br>10:00 AM Stitch Club |
| 12<br><b><u>Pentecost XII</u></b><br>9:00 AM Adult Bible Study<br>9:30 AM Cont. Holy Comm<br>10:30 AM Fellowship Time-Open<br>10:45 AM Adult Bible Study Church Council<br><b>LAST DAY TO ORDER TICKETS FOR PASTOR'S RETIREMENT LUNCHEON</b> | 13<br>7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting   | 14   | 15   | 16<br>7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group   | 17<br>7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.  | 18<br>10:00 AM Stitch Club |
| <b>19 <u>Pentecost XIII</u></b><br>9:00 AM Adult Bible Study<br>9:30 AM Trad. Holy Comm. Cole Baker Baptism<br>10:30 AM Fellowship Time-Open<br>10:45 AM Adult Bible Study   | 20<br>7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting   | 21   | 22   | 23<br>7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group   | 24<br>7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.  | 25<br>10:00 AM Stitch Club |
| <b>26 <u>PENTECOST XIV</u></b><br><b>PASTOR'S FINAL SERVICE</b><br>9:00 AM Adult Bible Study<br>9:30 AM Cont. Holy Communion<br>10:30 AM Fellowship Time-Church Council<br>10:45 AM Adult Bible Study  | 27<br>7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting   | 28   | 29   | 30   | 31  |                            |
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