

THE ADVENTURE OCTOBER, 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 XX - OCTOBER 7

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Guest Worship Leader: Pastor Jo Wright

- 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 - Mike & Vicki
Vassello
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class

PENTECOST XXI - OCTOBER 14

Guest Worship Leader: Pastor Jo Wright

- 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 - Christy Korn,
Linda Weaver
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class
Church Council

PENTECOST XXII - OCTOBER 21

Guest Worship Leader: Pastor Mary Konopka

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

REFORMATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 28

Guest Worship Leader: Pastor Jo Wright

- 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

Thank you from Pastor Sorcek

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:3-6

I give great thanks for my 36 years of ministry with you and also for the wonderful send off on my retirement. I was blessed to see so many of you during my final weeks at Advent, at my final service on August 26 and then the fantastic reception at Northampton Valley Country Club on September 9. Thanks to Council Leadership and the Retirement Celebration Planning Committee for all the work that went into the coffee hour and reception on August 26 and the celebration on September 9.

Thanks also to the speakers and musicians and skit participants at my retirement celebration. It was an amazing day, one I will always remember. I also want to thank the congregation for the many gifts I received. Thank you for the monetary gift which will help us on our vacation to Europe in November, as well as the beautiful clock, inscribed crystal memento, cup and other gifts to remember my time with you.

Ruby and I and our family and friends were truly touched by your warmth and generosity. I have been blessed so many times by my work with you and by your farewell and Godspeed to me.

Know that Ruby and I will keep you in our prayers. We look forward in the future to seeing you again. Until that time may God continue to bless you richly, in Christ Jesus,

With many thanks,

Pastor Sorcek

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THE DEACON'S DISCOURSE . . .

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Deuteronomy 31:6

“. . . for the times they are a changin’.” I’m showing my age with that song, but how true it is for us at Advent. If you are like me, you hate change. I think most of us do. There are a few who revel in change and I think we need to take a page from their book. We can be afraid of what’s going to happen at Advent, or we can embrace the excitement and look forward to what is next. In everything, we must remember that God is with us, so who can be against us?

During our first 17 years of marriage, Doug and I moved 6 times. I was always scared and apprehensive about what was ahead and sorry to leave what I had. But I also looked to each move as a chance to start over and do things a bit differently and hopefully better. We need to embrace the coming of a new pastor the same way. No one will lead our church the same way, but different doesn’t mean worse and in some ways may be better.

During this transition period, the Church Council is working diligently to make sure that our normal activities are not disrupted. We are committed to keeping our church going and helping it to thrive. We need your help. We need your commitment to making Advent the best that it can be. We need your attendance, your dedication, and especially your prayers that Advent will continue to be a beacon in the community, bringing God’s word and work to all.

There are some exciting opportunities coming up that we want to invite everyone to attend (and bring a friend or neighbor)! The first is the Wine and Cheese Social at George Henry’s home on October 27 at 7:00. Bring your favorite beverage (wine or not), a glass, and an appetizer or desert and join in this wonderful fellowship time. Next, we have a women’s activity in November with time, date, activity to be announced (if you have any ideas, let me know). In December we have the Christmas tree trimming on December 2 and the Christmas brunch on December 9. Ending the month will be a Christmas Open House at the Matlack’s home on December 29.

Other activities in the works for the new year include but are not limited to a Beef and Beer at the Korn’s home in March, a progressive dinner in April, a Jazz night in June and a movie night in August. Again, if you have any ideas, especially for the winter months, please let someone on council know.

While it’s true “. . . the times they are a changin’” you can be certain that Advent is not abandoning its mission **“Faithful to 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, and to Go into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ”**. With God’s and your help, we **will** grow and thrive.

Yours in His Name,
Deacon Gail Oines



CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

Advent's Church Council has been working diligently with our Synod Dean, Rev. Norbert Hahn, in securing a transitional pastor. We've met with Rev. Hahn several times during the summer and have submitted all of the information requested of us. Dean Hahn is now working with the newly elected Bishop, Patricia A. Davenport, in securing a temporary pastor for us. We ask for your patience during this process and appreciate your attendance at services on Sundays, as well as your continued financial support.

We're working hard to continue congregational events and activities that have been successful in the past and we're also planning to add some new ones. These will be announced as they are scheduled. In the meantime, we'll continue to have our Sunday services lead by "supply pastors," who are, for the most part retired pastors, but aren't candidates for the permanent position. Thanks for your support and please pray for our church and Church Council during this transitional period.

Tony Gryszka and
George Henry
Church Council



PASTOR SORCEK'S RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

On September 9, 2018, Advent hosted a farewell luncheon at the Northampton Valley Country Club in honor of our pastor of 36 years, Rev. Dr. Paul M. Sorcek.

It was a wonderful event with 183 admirers in attendance, including his wife Ruby and their family and friends, members of his congregations, both current and past, and fellow clergy members.



A delicious buffet meal was enjoyed by all and we were treated to a slide show of photos from over the years and live music by Advent's own talented musicians. Various speakers reminisced about Pastor's spiritual leadership and ministries during his tenure. There was even some "roasting" of Pastor, including a musical skit. Pastor received several personalized group and individual gifts from both the attendees and from others who could not attend.

The event concluded with an emotional duet by Pastor's daughters, Jamie and Jessica, followed by Pastor addressing the audience, expressing his gratitude for those who coordinated the luncheon; and for the leadership, support and dedication supplied by congregational members over the years.



Thank you to everyone who participated in this milestone event, whether through your attendance or by way of your cards and contributions.

UPCOMING VISITING PASTORS

While the Dean is busy searching for a transitional pastor for Advent, Church Council has been doing everything in its power to ensure that no activities of the church suffer and that we have pastoral coverage. The following pastors will lead worship for the month of October:

October 7, 14, and 28 – Pastor Jo Wright who many remember as our former organist

October 21 – Pastor Mary Konopka, who was here on September 16

Please let anyone on Church Council know if you have any questions or concerns.



PROPERTY FALL CLEANUP

Property Chairman Mike Vassello has scheduled the fall cleanup for Saturday, October 13, starting at 10:00 a.m. There are many projects to be done to maintain and beautify our church property.

MEN'S GROUP WILL RESUME

Advent's men's group will resume its monthly breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, October 13 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL IN OCTOBER

Our lessons for Sunday School in the month of October will feature the highlights of **Moses**: The Birth of Moses, The Burning Bush, The Plagues, The Passover and Crossing the Red Sea.

Students age 4 through 8th grade - Join us for the drama of these Old Testament lessons! We'll see the video version of many of these Bible stories to bring them to life. We have music, crafts and activities to add to each topic. See you at Sunday School!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

It's time for the annual Wine and Cheese Social on Saturday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. It will be at the home of Janice and George Henry.



Bring your favorite bottle of wine (and a glass) or any beverage of your choice. Also sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert. There will be a sign up sheet on the round table in the narthex. Come and join in the fun of this annual event.

BLOOD DRIVE

Advent expresses its thanks to those volunteers at our September 18th drive. A big thank you to our blood donors for giving the "Gift of Life" and making this community outreach a success. Twenty-one units of blood were collected.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We remind you that every Sunday our Church Council President 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. Open dates: 10/21, 10/28 and 11/4.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

We need committees or individuals to sign up to provide refreshments after the late service. The sign-up sheet through December 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 \$25.00.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Russell Sclight is undergoing tests.

Alan Slawter is in the hospitalized.

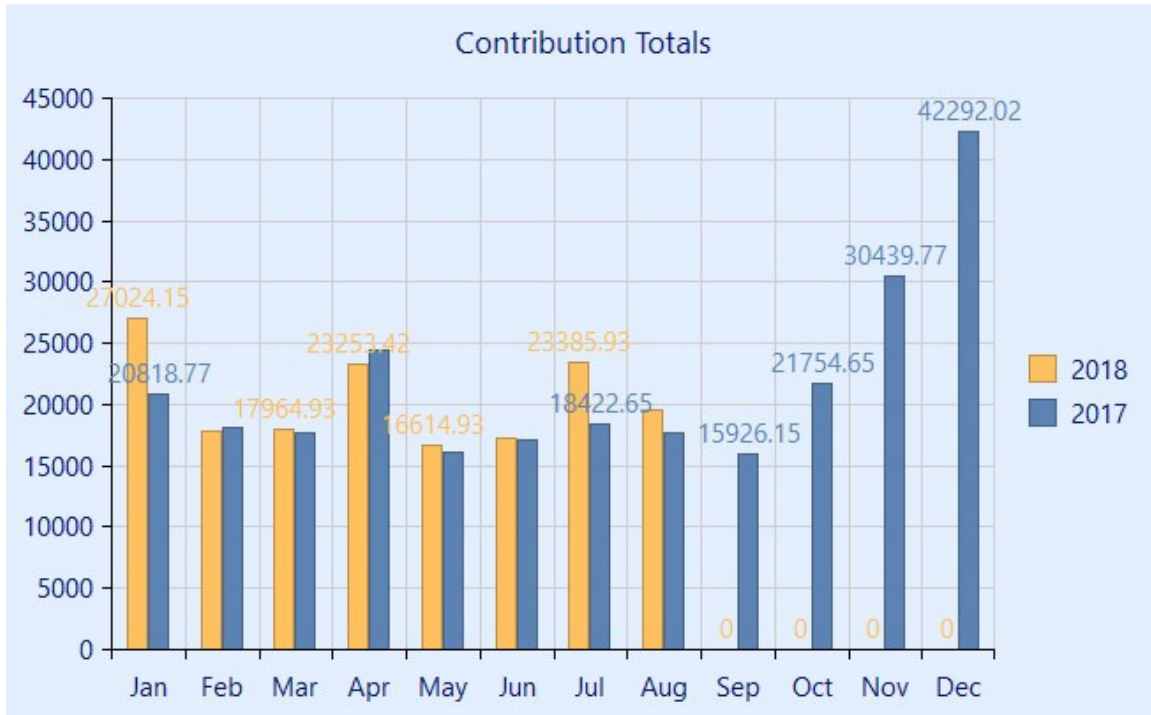
Kathryn Urbaniak is recovering after surgery

WITH SYMPATHY

Advent expresses its sympathy to Janet & Louis Manco and family on the death of Janet's mother Emma Giacomucci, a member of Advent. On Tuesday, October 2, services will be held at Advent at noon. A calling time will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon. May God's comfort be with the Manco Family in their loss.

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 for more information.



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	\$23,385.93
August	\$17,712.75	August	\$19,581.09
September	\$15,926.15	September	
October	\$21,754.65	October	
November	\$30,439.77	November	
December	\$42,292.02	December	

Benevolence (LWR, Mission Support, etc.) \$ 392
 General Fund \$12,595
 Mortgage Fund \$ 4,129

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 OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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| 1 Jennifer (Gardener) Schoch | 14 Michelle Rayher | 21 Matthew Jafar |
| 2 Kathryn Kelly Benjamin Meyers | 15 Mario V. Evangelist V Jerry Gugger | 22 Louise Froehlich Ritchie |
| 3 Caitlin (Matlack) Eagles | 17 Robert Holford Josephine Morley | 23 Kerry Sitler |
| 4 Alexander Oines | 19 Keera Trubiano | 26 Hanna McCollum |
| 6 Stephanie Hansen | | 27 Cindy Earle |
| | | 28 Michael Vassello |
| | | 29 Jesse Merk |

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 the Deputy Director of the Air Force's Strategic Integration Group stationed at the Pentagon."

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
OCTOBER SCHEDULE

ACOLYTES

10/07	9:30 am	Erik Urbaniak
10/14	9:30 am	Joey Vanderstine
10/21	9:30 am	Courtney Korn
10/28	9:30 pm	Andrew Slawter

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

10/07		Melissa Pasch
10/14		Victoria Vassello
10/21		Rhona Slawter
10/28		Audrey Savchuck

ALTAR GUILD

10/07	8:00 am	Hanna McCollum
	9:30 am	Gail Oines
10/14	9:30 am	Donna Duffy
10/21	9:30 am	Jen Gardener-Schoch
10/28	8:00 am	Hanna McCollum
	9:30 am	Kathy Sitler

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

10/07	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
10/14	9:30 am	Gail Oines
10/21	9:30 am	Tony Gryszka
10/28	9:30 am	Karen Matlack

FELLOWSHIP TIME

10/07		Mike & Vicki Vassello
10/14		Christy Korn, Linda Weaver
10/21		Open
10/28		Open

LAY READERS

10/07	8:00 am	Open
	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
10/14	8:00 am	Open
10/21	8:00 am	David Shearer
	9:30 am	Benicia Meyers
10/28	8:00 am	Open

MONEY COUNTERS

1st	Janice Hoffmann
2nd	Cindy Frey, Bob Holford
3rd	Ray & Joyce Heiss
4th	Tony Gryszka, Tom Herbert

USHERS

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

OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 PENTECOST XIX Guest Worship Leader: <u>Rev. Bill Smith</u> Guest Liturgist: Deacon Gail Oines 8:00 AM Trad. Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Trad. Holy Communion Sunday School ages 4 to gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time- Tanja Santiago	1 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	2 Funeral Services for Emma Giacomucci 10:00 AM - 12:00 Calling time 12:00: Service 7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting	3 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:45 PM Bell Choir Practice	4 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	5 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	6 10:00 AM Stitch Club
7 PENTECOST XX WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Guest Worship Leader: <u>Pastor Jo Wright</u> 8:00 am Trad. Holy Communion 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Trad. Holy Communion 10:30 AM Fellowship Time- Vicki & Mike Vassello 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study	8  7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	9	10 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:45 PM Bell Choir Practice	11 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	12 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	13 8:30 AM Men's Group 10:00 AM Stitch Club
14 Pentecost XXI Guest Worship Leader: <u>Pastor Jo Wright</u> 8:00 AM Trad. Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Cont.. Holy Communion. Sunday School ages 4 to gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time- Open 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study Church Council	15 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	16	17 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:45 PM Bell Choir Practice	18 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	19 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	20 10:00 AM Stitch Club
21 Pentecost XVIII Guest Worship Leader: <u>Pastor Mary Konopka</u> 8:00 AM Trad. Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Trad. Holy Communion Sunday School ages 4 to gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time- Open 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study	22 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	23	24 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:45 PM Bell Choir Practice	25 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	26 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	27 10:00 AM Stitch Club 7:00 PM Wine & Cheese Social at Janice & George Henry's Home
28 REFORMATION SUNDAY Guest Worship Leader: <u>Pastor Jo Wright</u> 8:00 AM Trad. Holy Communion 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Cont.. Holy Communion. Sunday School ages 4 to gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship Time- Open 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study	1 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	2	3 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:45 PM Bell Choir Practice	4 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	5 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	6 10:00 AM Stitch Club

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 4 is All Saints Sunday. We will celebrate a service of Holy Communion and will especially remember family and friends who in the last year have died in the Lord. If you have someone you wish included in our prayers, please return this form to the church office, email it to office@adventrichboro.org or you may place it in the offering plate no later than Sunday, October 28.

Name of deceased _____

Relation of deceased to you _____
(e.g. father, mother, son, daughter, cousin, friend, etc)

Your Name _____