THE ADVENTURE - 2022



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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Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to worship indoors and online. Thank God that COVID infections rates continue to be down. Mask wearing at Advent is optional for the fully vaccinated and recommended for the unvaccinated and immunocompromised. Based on Center for Disease Control, local governmental and church authorities' recommendations, Advent continues to have these precautions:

- -Respect for those who chose to mask or not mask
- -Social distancing
- -Sanitizing hands and objects handled
- -Staying home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
- -The availability of online worship and the use of zoom for meetings.

Our leadership will continue to gauge the situation week by week and will keep the congregation informed of any adjustment to our precautions.

APRIL WORSHIP SERVICES

| <u>APRIL 3 -FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</u> | | APRIL 10 -SUNDAY OF THE | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 8:00 a.m. | Traditional Holy Communion | <u>P</u> | PASSION/PALM SUNDAY | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Adult Bible Study | 8:00 a.m. | Traditional Holy Communion | |
| 9:30 a.m. | Contemporary Holy Communion | 9:00 a.m. | Adult Bible Study | |
| 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Time: Open | 9:30 a.m. | Contemporary Holy Communion | |
| 10:45 a.m. | Adult Bible Study | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Time: Open | |
| | | 10:45 a.m. | Church Council Meeting | |

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES



MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL

14

7:00 P.M. Holy Communion Service



GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 15

12:00 P.M. Community Good Friday Service at St. Vincent de Paul Church (Information on page 2)

7:00 P.M. Service of Tenebrae - Holy Communion

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EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17

8:00 a.m. Festive Service of Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Festive Service of Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Gail Oines

APRIL 24 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open

10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Community Good Friday Service, Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday, April 15, 12:00 p.m. at St Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church in Richboro. Area clergy & lay leaders including Pastor Matt and Gail Oines will be involved. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend.

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Sunday services may also be attended by **Zoom** and will be live streamed on **Facebook**. A recording of the services will be uploaded to **YouTube** and linked to our website immediately after the service concludes.

YouTube: Click on the church website link after 12:00 p.m. Sunday

morning: https://www.adventrichboro.org/

Facebook: Go to the church Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/adventrichboropa/

Zoom:

Smart device/Computer instructions- Click on this link for Traditional Worship at 8:00 a.m.

Click on this link for Contemporary Worship at 9:30 a.m.

The full zoom invitations are pasted below:

Phone instructions: Call 1-646-558-8656

While using Zoom, please mute yourself when you are not speaking.

Scheduled Zoom Meetings:

8:00 a.m. Topic: Advent Lutheran Church Traditional Holy Communion

Meeting ID: 891 9503 9877 Passcode: 443533

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89195039877?pwd=dnVRTlRGamJQVXNZbENlVDJTT0pnUT09

9:30 a.m. Topic: Advent Lutheran Church Contemporary Holy Communion

Meeting ID: 854 0562 9972 Passcode: 506714

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85405629972?pwd=aGErSFNlbVAvNmZsQkIzWVpTTktIQT09

7:00 p.m. Apr 14, 2022 Topic: Maundy Thursday

Meeting ID: 892 6219 2753 Passcode: 576217

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89262192753?pwd=MGRWaE03NjFNclFPWDk5VEZKVFpuUT09

7:00 p.m. Apr 15, 2022 Topic: Good Friday Meeting ID: 880 5811 5219 Passcode: 343336

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88058115219?pwd=MVVRT01hQzRPRThKbHBXNXYyeFBsQT09

Pastor Matt's Message For April, 2022

"Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David." (Isaiah 55:1-3 NRSV)

"Happy Easter!!" "Christ is risen!!" What marvelous words. These are words of hope and new life. They are words of astounding love. They are words of which we drink deep and eat to our nourishment without cost to us because the cost has been paid by Christ on the cross. This means we do not have to earn God's love or the gift of resurrection to new life. It means that no matter how great our sins and mistakes, no matter how the chaos or evils of the world bear down on us, we are loved and given new life. So, eat, drink, be nourished by the resurrection of Christ. This Easter, Christ is risen and so are we.

Yet, as I write these words, not only do I hear the echo of "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come..." from Isaiah, I also hear the question, "Why do you spend money for that which is not bread?" How will we celebrate Easter this year? Will we make space for it? Will we be distracted by all the things for which we work hard yet do not nourish our souls? There a so many deep concerns in this world and in this life. We struggle to recover from the pandemic. There is war and social discord around the world, especially in Ukraine. There are the divisions in our society that span the national stage all the way down into communities and families. There are so many who struggle financially and even more so as inflation goes up. All of this is on top of the day-to-day challenges of simply living life.

There is so much that calls for our attention and concern leaving us hungry and thirsting. Listen to the call of Isaiah this Easter. Make time to celebrate Easter. Delight yourself in the rich promise of new life through Christ. Know hope. Know that through all of today's challenges God's love carries us through. Know the power of the resurrection. Christ is risen and so are we!



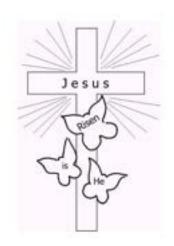
God's Peace be with you,

Pastor Matt

Bible Lesson for Kids Our Faith is Our Strength

In the book of Matthew, we learn about Jesus' miracles. We marvel at his ability to heal those who were sick.

Jesus went through Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases... (Matt 4:23-24)



He drove out fever and evil spirits from suffering people. One woman was cured when she came up behind Jesus and touched the edge of his cloak, believing this moment of contact with Jesus would heal her. In fact, it was true. Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter", he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment. (Matt 4:22)

A faithful man asked Jesus to bring his daughter back to life, as she had just died. . . . Jesus went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region. (Matt 4:25)

When Jesus recognized that HIS life on earth was about to be over, his faith in God continued to direct him and strengthen him. He knew that God had a purpose for him, which was to save his faithful believers from their sins, to provide a place for all of them in heaven. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for all who believe in him. His faith raised him from the dead! His suffering and resurrection are beyond any gift that we could have imagined. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Picture to color on page 10.



MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Prayer is the theme for worship this season of Lent. Prayer is about talking with God. It is also about listening to God and opening ourselves up to God. This year's mid-week Lenten worship services are a worship series called "Open My Life, Lord". Service will be held in

person and online this year **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.**, March 9th through April 6th. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82926096221?pwd=bDd2NkdmVUxZOFQ2VUZXR3p1OWQvdz09



MID WEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Gather at church during the season of Lent for soup and fellowship before the mid week Lenten worship service. The Soup Suppers will begin at **6:00 p.m.** in the social hall on **Wednesdays**, March 9th through April 6th. Please sign up at church to bring soup, bread or

drinks. Please contact Gail Oines with any questions or concerns 215-534-8218.



EASTER LILIES

The sign up sheet to place Easter Lilies on the alter for Easter Sunday is on the table in the narthex until **April 10.** Cost is \$15 per plant. You can call or email the office with your request 215-355-2529/office@adventrichboro.org



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

On Sunday March 20th Emma Wagner from Lutheran World Relief (LWR) joined Advent Lutheran Church for the morning where she preached at both services and met with folks after worship. LWR provides aid to many parts of the world suffering from natural disaster, famine, disease and war. LWR has been helping impoverished communities around the world learn to protect themselves from COVID 19. LWR is currently collecting funds to support refugees from the Ukrainian war. Emma's visit to Advent was intended to express LWR's gratitude to Advent for the many years of support we have

given to LWR and to ask for our continued support, especially in addressing the refugee crisis in Ukraine. Offerings made in support of LWR can be made to Advent Lutheran Church with "LWR- Ukraine" written in the memo line.

EVANGELISM

It is important to remember God throughout the year, not just at Christmas and Easter. Here are some ways to help you keep your focus on Him.

*Read your Bible each day and memorize scripture. By doing this the Holy Spirit can remind us of truth when lies try to invade our thoughts.

*Praise, worship, and gratitude will cause us to recall what God has done for us in the past, and the constant praise will help us be encouraged by His faithfulness to us.

*Keep a journal and the documentation of your prayers and answers to prayer will remind you of how much God answers and gives us His grace.

*Remind each other - 2 Peter 1:12 reminds us that we need to be reminded! "Therefore I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them."

In these trying times, we need to be reminded of God's faithfulness and love for us.

Karen Matlack kmatl22349@verizon.net

SOCIAL MINISTRY



Warminster Food Bank thanks for the generous donations of 330 pounds of food received in March. Please continue donating whatever you can each month either on days that the church office is open or you can deposit your bags in the bench outside the main entrance

anytime. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to www.warminsterfoodbank.org.

Thank-you for your continued support of these important missions. Nancy Sclight, Social Ministry



MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Hope our favorite sausage maker is back. In any case men's breakfast will take place on **Saturday, April 9** starting at 8:30. Coffee is ready by 7:30. **Dave**



PING PONG - APRIL 12 AND 26 AT 6:30 P.M.

All are welcome to join us for an evening of Ping Pong at the church on Tuesdays, April 12 and April 26 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Ray Heiss or Pastor Matt for additional information.



STITCH CLUB SATURDAYS 10:00 A.M.

Stitch club meets on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. (weather permitting). Stitch club is open to all who would like to join. If you like to knit, crochet, or do needlepoint, this is for you! Stitch club items are **available throughout the year**. If you need any of the items made

by the Stitch Club, i.e., blankets, hats, baby items, please contact Hanna McCollum 215-962-9032 or Jeff Jobes 215-355-4149.



SPRING JAZZ CONCERT MAY 6, 7:30 P.M.

Please join our music director Mike Dettra and his group "Dettra Mental" for a jazz concert on Friday, May 6 at 7:30pm here at Advent. Light refreshments will be provided. The event is free, however there will be a free will offering.



FILL A TRAY AT MEALTIME

Look for aluminum trays on the tables in our narthex . . . Take some home to await any meal that has one serving left – or perhaps you've made extra food on purpose! Fill the 3 sections, add the foil cover, plus the label and bag that come with the tray. Voila! A

meal for a shut-in or a person in need! There were a total of 35 meals donated and delivered in February and March. Thanks to those who gave of their time to help those in need.

Advent has a dedicated freezer for meals and we drop them off at Caring for Friends when our freezer fills up. We continue this effort throughout the year. The impact of your food or monetary donation can be viewed on <u>caringforfriends.org</u>.



WE'RE KEEPING TABS

Recycling can tabs for charity is a great idea! If you **bring them in**, we'll drop them off Look for marked containers in the narthex, located on the shelf above the coat rack. No cans, please – just tabs! Thank you.



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2022 to dedicate flowers to beautify the altar each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex with your name and dedication. Two bouquets are available each week. The cost is \$25 per bouquet. In addition to making the altar more beautiful, you take the flowers home after the late service to enjoy during the week. If you have any questions call Cindy Frey 267-205-0713.

MISSION SUPPORT FOR 2022

The sign-up sheets Mission Support dedications for 2022 are in the narthex. The cost to dedicate one bouquet is \$25.00. One week of Mission support is \$25.00. There are many openings available on the Mission Support chart for 2022.

WCENTRO NUEVA CREACIÓN HOME OF THE GOODLANDS

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 an impoverished area of Philadelphia



THE ARMED FORCES

Please keep in your prayers all our service men and women and especially those related to our congregation:

Lt. Col. Andrew M Frey, Jr is serving as Senior Weather Officer, NORAD/NORTHCOM stationed at Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs,

US Air Force Major Fred Gouse is a pilot and instructor stationed at Holloman AFB, New Mexico.

US Army Colonel (Ret.) Jeff Williams is serving in Dubai, UAE as a military advisor.

US Army Ranger Liam McKendry, grandson of Pastor Jo stationed in Fort Benning, GA

If there are any errors or omissions, please notify the church office. Thank you.

Good Friday, 7:00 p.m. Open

SERVING IN WORSHIP - APRIL'S SCHEDULE

| WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 8:00 AM | | ALTAR GU | ALTAR GUILD | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| 4/03 | Nancy Hill | 8:00 A.M. | Hanna McCollum | | |
| 4/10 | Dave Shearer | 9:30 A.M. | Karen Matlack, Gail Oines, | | |
| 4/17 | Open | | Nancy Sclight, Rhona Slawter | | |
| 4/24 | Rose Herbert | OUR TECH | I CREW | | |
| WORS | SHIP ASSISTANTS – 9:30 A.M. | Joel Denis, N | Mike Dettra, Karen Matlack, Tony | | |
| 4/03 | John Flynn | Gryszka, Ga | ary Zimmerman | | |
| 4/10 | Karen Matlack | EL OWED I | NETDIDITION | | |
| 4/17 | Jennifer McQuiggan | | DISTRIBUTION | | |
| 4/24 | Open | Sclight, Rho | nlee, Audrey Savchuck, Nancy na Slawter | | |
| HOLY | WEEK WORSHIP ASSISTANTS | | | | |
| 4/14 | Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Gail O. | | | | |



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ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER APRIL BIRTHDAYS



| 2 | Brandt Stirzel | 14 | Carl Breig | | |
|---|-------------------|----|-----------------|----|----------------|
| 6 | Mike Dettra | | Gretta Lattal | | Samantha Jones |
| 7 | Shannon McQuiggan | 16 | Susan Jafar | 21 | Amy Breig |
| | Kristen Morley | 17 | Gail Oines | 22 | Mark Jafar |
| 8 | Frank Lattal | | Benjamin Robert | 24 | Rick Wagner |
| | Bill Pearson | | Welwood | 28 | Erik Urbaniak |
| 9 | Elizabeth Gracev | 18 | Alexandra Jones | | |

Please contact the church office if you or someone you know has been omitted from the list. Thank you.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Thank you for your continued generosity! Your financial gifts enable Advent to continue all our ministries throughout the year. Advent is also accepting special donations in support of Ukrainian refugees. If you wish to support Ukraine through Lutheran World Relief, please write checks to **Advent Lutheran Church** and indicate "**LWR - Ukraine**" in the memo section. Offerings may be brought to worship services, dropped off in person at the church office (normally Tues-Thurs between 9:00-2:00, please call first), or mailed to 45 Worthington Mill Road, Richboro, PA 18954-0840.

Tony Gryszka, Finance Committee/Stewardship Chairperson

FINANCIAL UPDATE



Income for February 2022

| Benevolence (LWR, Mission Support, etc.) | \$1,417.00 |
|--|------------|
| General Fund | \$9,627.78 |
| Mortgage Fund | \$3,240.50 |

Thanks to everyone for your continued financial support of the church this year. We greatly appreciate it. They are numerous ways to continue your offerings.

- Drop off your offering at the church office. The office is usually open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10 AM and 1 PM. Call to confirm hours.
- Mail a check to the church. The mailing address is "Advent Lutheran Church, PO Box 840, Richboro, PA 18954"
- Contribute online at www.adventrichboro.org. At the top of the page, click the "Give Now" link to see frequently asked questions. At the bottom of the page click the "Give Now" link for our Giving platform. You may also choose to set up recurring donations or a one-time donation.

Again, thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions concerning your offering please call Cindy Frey, Financial Secretary 267-205-0713



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| | | | | | 1 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg. | 2 10:00 AM Stitch Club |
| 3 5 TH Sunday in Lent 8:00 AM Traditional Holy Communion 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Contemporary Holy Communion 10:30 AM Fellowship Time: open 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study | 4 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting | 5 | 6 6:00 PM Mid Week Soup Supper 7:00 PM Mid Week Lenten Service in person and on Zoom | 7 | 8 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg. | 9 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Stitch Club |
| 10 Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Traditional Holy Communion 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Contemporary Holy Communion 10:30 AM Fellowship Time: Open 10:45 AM Church Council Meeting | 11 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting | 12 6:30 PM Ping Pong | 13 | 14 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service | 15 7:00 PM Good Friday Service GOOD FRIDAY 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg. | 16 10:00 AM Stitch Club |
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| 24 2 nd Sunday of Easter 8:00 AM Traditional Holy Communion 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Contemporary Holy Communion 10:30 AM Fellowship Time: Open 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study | 25 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting | 26 6:30 PM Ping Pong | 27 | 28 | 29 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg. | 30 10:00 AM Stitch Club |



Alleluia! Jesus is risen from the dead!