

# 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. 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.

### **JULY 3 - 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

#### **Independence Day Commemoration**

- 9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

### **JULY 10 - 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

- 9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open
- 10:15 a.m. Church Council Meeting

### **JULY 17 - 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

- 9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

### **JULY 24 - 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

#### **- Guest Preacher**

- 9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class

### **JULY 31 - 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

### **AUGUST 7 - 9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

### **AUGUST 14 - 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
10:15 a.m. Church Council Meeting

### **AUGUST 21 - 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

### **AUGUST 28 - 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

### **SUMMER WORSHIP ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION**

Sunday service may also be attended by Zoom and it will be live streamed on Facebook.

A recording of the service will be uploaded to YouTube and linked to our website immediately after the service concludes.

Join every Sunday via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81545186885?pwd=SFA1Q2lISnB4dE9MSzJlSjNRNzI4dz09>

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201



### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

#### **“By Heart: Conversation with Martin Luther’s Small Catechism”**

Wednesday Night Bible Study **7:00 pm on by Zoom (address below)**. We are setting a pattern that during the summer months the Wednesday Night Bible Study will focus on a theological topic, church doctrine or history that engages or references the Bible. Through the rest of the year, the Wednesday night group will study the Bible directly. Our curriculum for this summer will be “By Heart: Conversation with Martin Luther’s Small Catechism”

If you would like a study guide, contact the church office.

Here is the Zoom invitation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1Ba0VZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdz09>

## **Pastor Matt's Summer Newsletter 2022**

This summer the Church Council of Advent Lutheran Church will be sending a letter out to folks who, according to congregational records, have not maintained the requirements of membership at this church. Advent's constitution states:

“...members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a (financial) contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of this congregation as well as the other rights and privileges ascribed to voting members by the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws.”

Our congregation has not reviewed the membership roles in many years. In that time the lives of our many members may have changed. Some of these changes may have affected their participation at Advent such as moving away, being homebound, financial difficulty, finding a new place of worship or the demands of life have simply distracted them from church. I would be remiss to not acknowledge that some people may have stopped participating at Advent because of a disagreement with Advent or even with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America of which Advent is a part.

The letter being sent out by Church Council is intended to reach out to folks with loving care and understanding. It is hoped that the letter inspires renewed relationship with God at Advent or, depending on circumstances, another church. If you happen to receive the letter, please respond with your feedback. Let us know how you are and how Advent can be there for you.

Maybe you haven't been to church for a while, maybe not since the start of the pandemic, but it hasn't been two years yet. I encourage you to come back to worship in person or online. Come be spiritually nourished in the loving fellowship of Advent as you had once before. Maybe you are participating at Advent, but there is someone you have not seen at church for a while. Maybe they are a good friend or even an adult son or daughter or grandchild. Get in touch with them. Invite them back to church. God bless you and your loved ones this summer.

**God's Peace be with you,  
Pastor Matt**

## Bible Lesson for Kids

### Make a Joyful Noise

#### Praise Him, All You Little Children

Folk song



**Summer is here!** We have so much to celebrate! God's creation is all around us and we can experience the beauty and majesty of his work every day!

“O come, let us sing unto the LORD:

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.” Psalm 95:1

God is the rock of our salvation and Jesus has come alive for us! How do you like to celebrate? This summer, let's sing! Sing your own new song, sing along with your favorite music or keep a song in your heart. Listen to sweet songs sung by the birds!



Rejoice, as God is with us. Take time to celebrate his blessings all around us.

“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing,” Psalm 100:1-2.

Musical instruments are fun to make:

- 1 - Find an empty small plastic bottle, add dry beans to it and shake it to the beat of your song!
- 2 – Cover the end of a 4” cardboard tube with a 4” diameter circle of waxed paper, and secure (taught) with a rubber band. Poke one hole in the side of the kazoo and blow into the open end to get your sound!
- 3 – Make a “microphone” using a 4” long cardboard tube. Add a Styrofoam ball or a ball made of foil to one end and sing away!

God has provided so much for us. Let's praise him and follow him!

“O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand...”

Psalm 95:6-7



## **EVANGELISM**

Do you realize that back in 1993 we had a revival at Advent? It was a time of great growth and spiritual seeking. What made it even more powerful was that Billy Graham came to Philadelphia to speak and help people come to Jesus.

There was a team of members, including teens, that took classes to learn how to evangelize and help new believers commit their lives to Jesus. The months leading up to this visit and the months after Billy Graham spoke were spirit filled times at Advent.

Why am I telling you this? Because Billy's son, Franklin Graham, is coming to this area in September.

There will be live music as well as speakers to deliver hope, peace, and purpose in life. The dates are: September 24 in Allentown and September 25 in York.

You can find out more at: [Godlovesyoutour.com](http://Godlovesyoutour.com)

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## **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

**Social Ministry** During the summer months we will switch back to food donations. Since the children are no longer getting meals at school families need support to prepare extra meals. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of our neighbors in need.

Nancy Sclight

## **MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT - THURSDAY, JULY 7, 7 P.M.**



Advent is again pleased to have Mitchell McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on **Thursday, July 7, at 7 p.m.** McVicker's concert is a little bit Mark Twain meets MacGyver. His quirky and inventive approach includes insightful song lyrics, unconventional instruments, and profound storytelling. His concert connects the everyday with the otherworldly. McVicker's theology is daringly simple - God's love washes over and through us regardless of our circumstances and situations. Come out for an evening of enjoyable and inspirational music. A free will offering will be taken.

## **PASTOR MATT ON VACATION**

Pastor Matt will be out of the office for vacation from Thursday July 21 and will return to the office on Thursday, July 28.

Information on Supply Pastor and the emergency pastoral coverage will be provided at a later date.



## **Vacation Bible School**

**July 25 – 29**

**9 am - noon**

We invite children age 4 through completion of grade 6 for a fun week of Bible lessons, music, outdoor play, games and crafts with friends! Deadline to register your child(ren) is next week – July 6, 2022. Call or email the office this week to request a registration form.



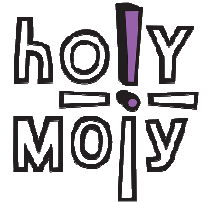
## **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

Advent will be having four New Member Class sessions after the 9:30 Sunday worship service on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The New MemberClass will then be joined to the congregation through the Affirmation of Baptism in worship on Reformation Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in becoming a new member please contact Pastor Matt or the church office.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER**

Here's our plan: Sunday School students will meet in person in September!

New students are welcome! Our Sunday School teachers will teach the Bible lessons based on the popular Holy Moly curriculum. The lessons are written in rhyme and the illustrations are in graphic novel style. Best of all, the creative short videos bring the Bible stories to life for students age 4 through grade 6 !



Let us know if you'd like to join us and we'll order student books and crafts for you! Please contact the church office to sign-up - or with any questions: [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org) or 215-355-2529. We'll see you in September! - Jeanne Gryszka, Sunday School Director

## **BAPTISM**

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Nikolaus Charles Buttil was celebrated on Sunday, June 5. Nikolaus Charles Buttil was born on May 22, 2021 to Eric John Buttil and LaRaine Gabrielle Buttil. Sponsors are Matthew Murphy and Lindsey VanDenMeiracker.



Nikolaus Charles Buttil baptized on Sunday, June 5, 2022.



Nikolaus Charles Buttil presented by Pastor Matt to the congregation



The Buttil family celebrating the Baptism of Nikolaus Charles Buttil.





### **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.



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



### **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

We need committees or individuals to sign up to provide refreshments after the 9:00 a.m. service. The sign-up sheet through August is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e. coffee & tea) and all paper products.



### **STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE**

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.



### **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!

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 [caringforfriends.org](http://caringforfriends.org).



### **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 for the many tabs that have been brought-in!



### **GIVE US YOUR SMILE!**

Do you find that you have gotten used to ordering online and prefer that over endless shopping around for sales? If so, consider using Smile.Amazon.com for your shopping and shipping needs. This acts the same as an Amazon account, but Amazon Smile Foundation will donate .5% of your purchases to the charity of your choice. Simply indicate Advent Lutheran Church, Richboro as your charity and the church will benefit. No cost is added to you. Advent has received donations of \$516.24 as of June, 2022 from the Amazon Smile Foundation since 2016, when we signed up. If you need help setting up your account, call or text me (Gail Oines) at 215-534-8218.

### **FINANCE UPDATE**

Advent's Finance Committee and Church Council thanks you for your financial support throughout the year. For the current calendar year, expenses have exceeded revenue by \$29,640. For the corresponding period last year, expenses exceeded revenue by \$14,493. The difference between last year and this year is a combination of reduced offerings and higher expenses. Advent's expenses have risen, like our own family expenses. This includes categories such as supplies & maintenance, HVAC repairs, and salaries/compensation package. For those who are able, additional offerings that you can make to close this deficit would be most appreciated.

On a positive note, your benevolence donations supporting various causes, such as Ukraine support, Lutheran World Relief, Warminster Food Bank, ELCA/Synod, and other worthy causes have totaled \$7,876 through May. This is more than double what was donated at this point last year. Thank you for your generosity in making a difference throughout the world and in our local community!

Please remember Advent during the summer months, which typically are lean ones financially. If you plan to be away, please consider mailing your offerings to the church office. Thank you.

Tony Gryszka  
Finance Committee Chairperson

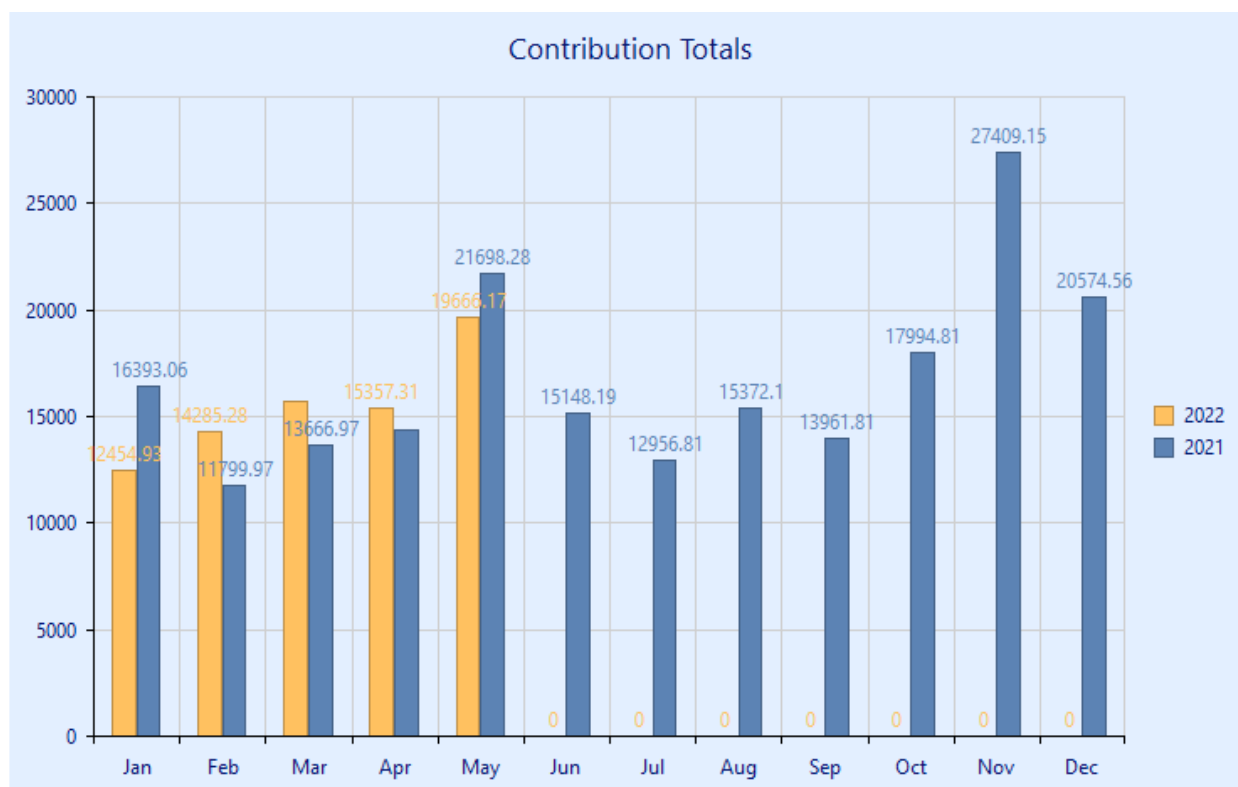
### **CLOSING ON SALE OF PARCEL OF CHURCH LAND**

The closing on the sale of the parcel of church land (approximately 1.25 acres) behind the church building bordering Anselm Drive was finally completed on June 8, 2022. The net proceeds of \$371,000 have been applied as follows: \$246,000 toward our existing mortgage principal, and \$125,000 will be kept by Advent towards a new church roof. We were then able to recast (reconstruct) our mortgage payments, resulting in reduced payments of \$1,500/monthly, or \$18,000 annually. We are also entering into an agreement with our lender, Mission Investment Fund, to extend our current Adjustable-Rate Mortgage (ARM) interest rate of 3.875% for an additional 5 years. This is a great deal for us, considering that the Fed has recently raised the interest rate by 1.25%. Reconstructing the mortgage at the same interest rate will save us \$90,000 over the next 5 years. Thank you for supporting the Mortgage Fund.

Tony Gryszka



## FINANCIAL UPDATE



### **Income for May 2022**

Benevolence (LWR, Mission Support, etc.)	\$ 2,193.00
General Fund	\$14,162.67
Mortgage Fund	\$ 3,310.50

Thanks to everyone for your continued financial support of the church this year. We greatly appreciate it. There 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](http://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



### THE ARMED FORCES

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

Colonel Andrew M Frey, Jr is serving as Command Center Director, NORAD/NORTHCOM, stationed at Peterson SFB, Colorado Springs, CO

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 Wright stationed in Fort Benning, GA

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



### ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



#### **JUNE (update)**

3 Kim Masciotro

29 John Masciotro

#### **JULY**

1 Jenna Geragi  
Jen McQuiggan

4 Liz Holford

5 Judy Rilling

7 Karen Breig

Bernadette Pearson

8 Joyce Heiss

11 Angela Casale

12 Laszlo Kovacs

15 Allison Kirschner

Lindsey Kirschner

20 Larry Kovacs

21 Scarlet Belle Betz

Fred Wagner

22 Pat Brown

25 Andrew Frey, III

27 Andrew Breig

29 Kathleen Pearson

30 George Preston Slawter

31 Steve Sanderlin

#### **AUGUST**

1 Nancy Hill

4 Aimee Manco Casale

Jeff Jobes

5 Wesley Waninger

Megan Ward

8 Paul Sorcek

9 Christopher Starke

10 Diane Kirschner

11 Madeline (Pearson)

Stiles

14 Jessica (Buttil) Baker

15 Nancy Starke

16 Janice Hoffmann

Jack Walsh

17 Dorothy Masciotro

18 Laura Sanderlin

21 Carter McGee

24 Tom Starke

27 Kristi Ward

29 Daniel Gracey

Joanne Kelly

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

Thank you.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP - JULY/AUGUST SCHEDULE**

### **JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – 9:00 AM**

7/03 Karen Matlack  
7/10 Jennifer McQuiggan  
7/17 John Flint  
7/24 Rose Herbert  
7/31 Jeanne Gryszka

### **AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00**

#### **A.M.**

8/07 Karen Matlack  
8/14 Gail Oines  
8/21 John Flint  
8/28 Rose Herbert

### **ALTAR GUILD**

9:00 A.M. Karen Matlack, Gail Oines,  
Nancy Sclight, Rhona Slawter

### **OUR TECH CREW**

Mike Dettra, Karen Matlack, Tony Gryszka, Gary  
Zimmerman, Joel Denis

### **FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

Linda Brownlee, Audrey Savchuck, Nancy  
Sclight, Rhona Slawter



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