

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.

JUNE WORSHIP SERVICES - SUMMER SCHEDULE

JUNE 5 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

JUNE 12 - TRINITY SUNDAY FIRST 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

JUNE 19 - SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Father's Day

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

JUNE 26 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

See page 4 for online viewing information.

Pastor Matt's Message for June 2022

It will start again like it does every year. It will start the first day the temperature gets above 80°. “I wonder how hot it will get this summer”. “Looks like summer is here.” “I can't stand hot weather.” The irony of it all, is that just a couple months ago we were all complaining about the cold. We were wishing and praying for warmer weather. And, of course, once the warmer weather gets here we will be complaining about it. Just in the past week there has been beautiful weather with no cold and no heat and I find myself wishing it would be 70° and sunny year-round. Does such a place actually exist on this planet? Such a climate does exist and you don't necessarily need to go far to get there. Just enter the nearest building with electric lights and central air: it's called climate control.

For most of human history and for much of humanity today, climate and weather are an unalterable fact of life. Down through the ages we have built various shelters to shield us from the elements. Until modern technology, even our best structures required us to adjust life according to the weather. The cold required fire wood. We adjusted our work to stay out of the blistering heat. The amount of work that needed to be done outdoors made not working outside in the elements not an option. The length of day light determined when we worked and slept and for how long. Sure, people would wish and pray for favorable weather. But people also knew that complaining was pointless. You have only so much control and no amount of work can change that fact. Second guessing or complaining accomplishes nothing. You make do and humbly hope to God for the best. For those whose daily lives are still controlled by what's happening with the weather, faith that God will work things out remains the greatest comfort.

For most of us, the weather is not a determining factor of everyday life. Most of the time the weather is a momentary passing curiosity or inconvenience as we pass beneath the sky going from one climate controlled structure, to a climate controlled vehicle, to another climate controlled structure. Our work and our home lives occur for the most part indoors. It has now become out of the ordinary, shocking or even intolerable when the weather changes our schedules and routines.

Our daily climate mastery has given our culture a greater sense of mastery over our daily lives. We have lost some of the intimacy of knowing daily that we live by chance and God's grace in the face of the changing elements. It is then only a small step to assume our daily mastery of our lives might mean mastery of our destiny as well. Yet, all this mastery is an illusion. There are certainly consequences to our actions, both good and bad. Yet there is much that happens in life that is beyond our control. No one can prevent all misfortune in life from striking such as the market collapsing, illness or accidents. The intricate twists and turns of each day have the potential to visit us with the unexpected at any moment.

The changing of the seasons is an overdue reminder that we live by God's grace in the face of the sometimes unfathomable unexpectedness of life. Whether it's a snow storm or a blazing hot day, maybe we would get a bit less annoyed if we simply remember that we don't have as much control of our lives as we would like to think or our mastery of climate control might suggest. That we just might be reminded that our greatest comfort is not by our power but by the power of God.

God's Peace be with you,

Pastor Matt

Bible Lesson for Kids

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

Jesus told many parables, or stories, that helped his listeners understand God's love for them. This lesson is about caring for our neighbors.

We have learned: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

We may ask: Who is my neighbor?



We usually think of a neighbor as a person or family who lives near us. We may know them and see them often. They may be "just like us" in many ways. We say "hi" to each other and we are happy to help one other if help is needed. But how should we act if we meet a person who is not "like us"?

This parable will help us understand that God considers all people worthy of our love, no matter how different they may be from us:

A Jewish man walked from the city of Jerusalem to Jericho, along a dangerous road. Robbers attacked him and took his clothes, leaving him on the ground, badly injured. Would anyone come along soon and help him?

First, a priest, came toward him. He saw the man, but passed by on the other side of the road. Another man came along, also saw him and he, too, kept walking.

Then a Samaritan man, with his donkey, came along and saw the injured man. Jews at that time were known to dislike the Samaritans, but this traveler felt compassion for the suffering man. He cleaned his wounds and smoothed them with oil to ease the pain. Then he helped the injured man onto his donkey and took him to an inn. The Samaritan took care of him there. Later, he asked the innkeeper to check on him and also paid for his stay at the inn.

As Jesus finished telling this parable, he asked one listener: "Who was the neighbor in this story?" He answered: "The one who showed mercy was the neighbor." Jesus said: "Go and do as he did." Luke 10:37

Jesus told this story to teach us how all of us can show compassion, which is caring; and mercy, which is understanding, to people who are not "just like us". If they are a difference race, from a far-away place or practice a different religion, God tells us to show love to all people, just as God loves all people. We are to demonstrate love and care to others, whatever their religious or ethnic background. In this way we teach those around us to be kind, too!

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SUMMER WORSHIP ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

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

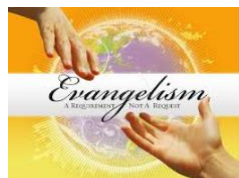
A recording of the service will be uploaded to YouTube and linked to our website immediately after the service concludes.

Join every Sunday via Zoom:

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

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EVANGELISM

It's June! It is the time of graduations, weddings, Father's Day, and summer activities. While it is a wonderful time of the year, we should not put God away and substitute His Worthiness for our enjoyment.

Do you know that only 10% of Americans say they read the Bible every day?

Do you know 39% of Americans say they read the Bible 3-5 times a year?

This is not due to a lack of Bibles as most Americans own 3 or more Bibles, and with technology we have the Word of God at our fingertips.

The excuse most give is "I don't have enough time." This is a perfect time when the sun is rising so early to just get up and spend a few minutes in God's word. It will make your day brighter whether the sun is shining or not. The easiest way is to grab a copy of Our Daily Bread from church and just read the day's message. It will take you less than 5 minutes, and it is a guarantee that your day will be better!

Karen Matlack



SOCIAL MINISTRY

During the month of June we will be collecting Personal Care Items to donate to the Warminster Food Bank. Some of the most sought items include laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, dish detergent, napkins, deodorant,

shampoo, hand soap, diapers, and baby formula if available. Because these items can be high cost items they are not often donated. If each family could donate 1 or 2 items it would be greatly appreciated.

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

Nancy Sclight



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - BOOK TO BE PURCHASED

“By Heart: Conversation with Martin Luther’s Small Catechism” (Study booklets for the curriculum are \$16 and are available at the Augsburg Fortress website.)

Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume **7:00 pm on June 8th** by Zoom (address below). We will be 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. We will pick up studying Jesus’ parable in August. Our curriculum for this summer will be “By Heart: Conversation with Martin Luther’s Small Catechism”

“Studying the Small Catechism together will give us a common language with which to talk about faith, engage scripture, and make sense of our lives in the 21st century” -Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton.

Here is the Zoom invitation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1Ba0VZamZjNG1YMk02MlVvdz09>



MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP SATURDAY, JUNE 11

The breakfast will take place on **Saturday June 11, at 8:30 a.m.** This is the last breakfast of the season, therefore we will ask each participant to describe their plans for the summer. There will be a time limit of 3 minutes per presentation. Coffee is ready by 7:30. Dave



SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 10:00 A.M. MEETING TO DISCUSS SECURITY AND SAFETY AT ADVENT

On **June 11, at 10:00 a.m.** Officer Zach Wyant will be here at Advent to discuss security and safety at Advent Lutheran church.

MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT



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.

THANKS TO MIKE DETTRA AND "THE DETTRA MENTALS" FOR A WONDERFUL SPRING JAZZ CONCERT



A wonderful night of Jazz was enjoyed at Advent on Friday, May 6. Mike Dettra and his group "The Dettra Mentals" - Bill Monaghan on the piano & guitar, Mike McGarry on the Base, Mark Pultorik on the drums and Mike on the steel drum delighted the audience with uplifting songs and music. Thanks to the Congregational Life Committee for delicious refreshments.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED WITH THE SPECIAL SERVICE PROJECT

Thank you to all who came out Saturday May 14th to make drawstring backpacks for Lutheran Settlement House as well as a thank you for all the donations of fabric and cording brought in or dropped off. We had a great turn out and we even had Pastor Matt on a machine sewing away! Special thanks to Fran for her sewing expertise and bringing in extra sewing machines enabling us to have 4 people sewing at a time. We were able to create 32 bags to donate in just 3 and a half hours and I am sure the children who receive them will enjoy them for many more hours. I am hoping to deliver them to the Settlement house myself within the next few weeks pending coordination with their representative with whom I have been in contact. Once again Advent shows our love of Christ by showing love to others, thank you. Jennifer McQuiggan



Look who knows his way around a sewing machine!! “A Pastor of many talents”.



Upper left Rose, Rhona, Linda, Jeanne, Jennifer, Pastor Matt, Joyce, Nancy, Kathryn & Fran

The 32 completed backpacks. Thanks to Jennifer for all that she did to make this a project a success!



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 Jobs 215-355-4149.



ADVENT LAWN CUTTERS NEEDED

Advent is in need of adults who are able to volunteer their time a couple of times this season to cut the church grass. Training will be provided. If you're available or have any questions, please call Tony Gryszka at 267-408-3255 or Lynn Roccograndi at 215-285-0610. Thank you.



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.



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!



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.



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:

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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP - JUNE SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS – 9:00 AM

6/05 Karen Matlack
6/12 Gail Oines
6/19 John Flynn
6/26 Jennifer McQuiggan

ALTAR GUILD

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP- JANUARY'

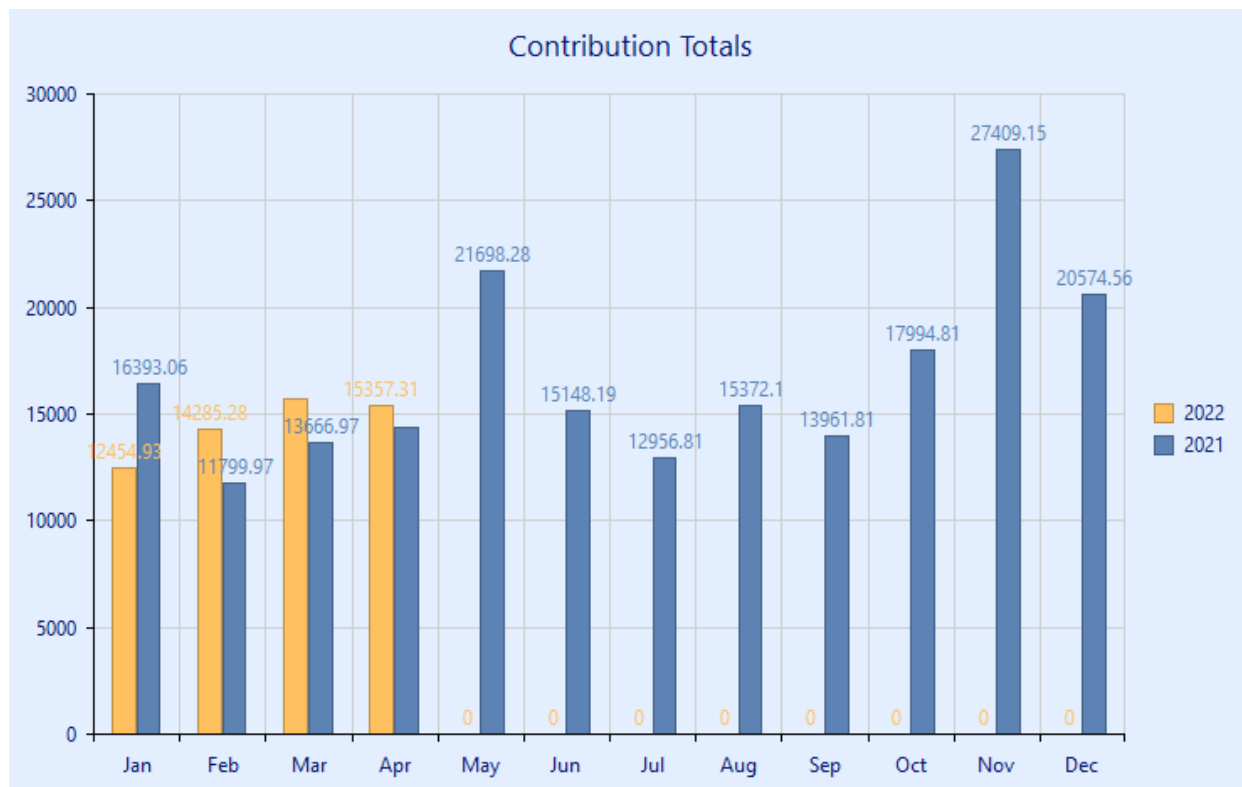
OUR TECH CREW

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

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

Linda Brownlee, Audrey Savchuck, Nancy Sclight, Rhona Slawter

FINANCE REPORT



Income for April 2022

Benevolence (LWR, Mission Support, etc.)	\$ 716.50
General Fund	\$11,967.31
Mortgage Fund	\$ 2,673.50

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. 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



ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER
JUNE BIRTHDAYS



JUNE

9	Angela Wagner Bauer	20	Monika Kovacs	27	George Henry
12	Charlene Henry	21	Lisa Frey	29	Emily Frey
	Kara Henry		Sarah Lattal	30	Eric Buttil
17	Kimberly Starke		Janet Manco		
19	Ray Heiss	23	Christel Hoffmann		

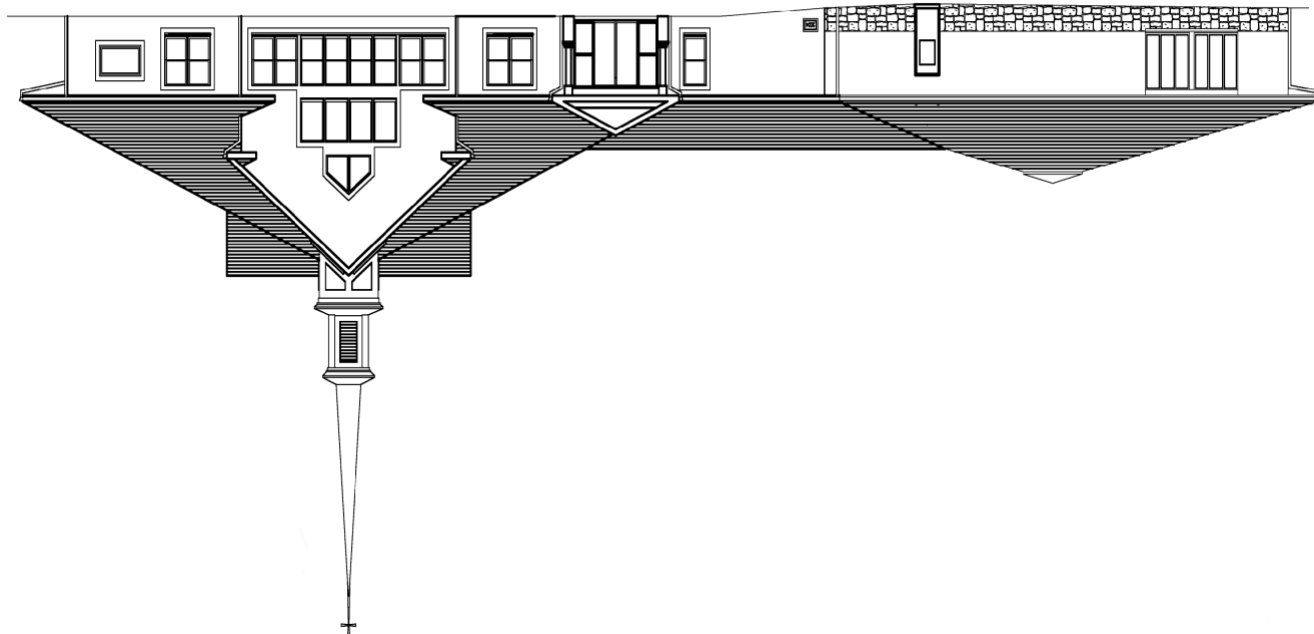
Please contact the church office if you or someone you know has been omitted from the list.
Thank you.

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.**

Draw yourself helping someone who needs a good neighbor.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS			1	2	3 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	4
5 <u>Day of Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Service of the Word with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship Time: open 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	6 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	7 +	8 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom (Information on pg 4)	9	10 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	11
12 <u>The Holy Trinity</u> 1 st <u>Sunday after Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Service of the Word with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open 10:15 AM Church Council Meeting	13 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	14	15 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom (Information on pg 4)	16	17 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	18
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