

# THE ADVENTURE - 2023



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As I think about my citizenship to this nation and how much I care for this nation, as a Christian I cannot help but think of a citizenship that has a greater claim on my soul than my citizenship to the United States of America. This citizenship is to the Kingdom of God. This citizenship calls me to love my neighbor as myself. It calls me to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to welcome the stranger into my home, to clothe the naked, to tend to the sick and visit the imprisoned. I am to do these things because to do them for the least of people is to do them for my true king who is Jesus. Who are the least of people? The least of people are those we are tempted to think of as being less than ourselves. Certainly, the poor and those who face adversity are often thought of being less than. It can be tempting to ask if they deserve or have earned their calamity. Maybe if they had worked harder or had taken better care of themselves, their life would be better. We can also be tempted to think less of those who are different or think differently than us. Our way of living and thinking can seem so right to us, that it can seem impossible that anyone could live or think differently from us without being less than us.

There is discord in our society this Fourth of July. Yet, I believe we will survive it. In the past two centuries there have been many such Fourth of July's. As a nation we will work out our differences and be a better nation for it. In that process, let us remember that our Christian citizenship can inform our United States citizenship. Indeed, many of the founders of our nation drew from their Christian faith the notions of liberty which we strive to live by today. It is tempting to let our passions deepen into rancor for those who see things differently from ourselves and think less of them. Nonetheless, as Christians we are called by a higher citizenship to love one another. Our Christian love can guide us in assuring the inalienable rights our society holds so dear of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for everyone.

Peace,  
Pastor Matt

## PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Matt will be on vacation starting **Sunday, June 25**, returning **Wednesday, July 5**. Pastor Matt will also be out of the office from **Thursday, July 20** returning **Tuesday, July 26**. Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt. His contact number is 267-884-1195.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24 – 28

Children aged 4 through completion of grade 6 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Advent the week of July 24 – 28 on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.– noon. Our theme is **OPERATION RESTORATION**. Students will learn about God’s world and its people. Our Bible stories will inspire us to care for those who need food, healing, prayer and forgiveness.

We’ll enjoy crafts, activities, music and snacks with our friends at VBS!

A suggested donation of \$15 for the first child in the family and \$10 for each additional child in the family is requested - but not required.

Registration forms are available in the church narthex, foyer or by an email the church office.

### PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY



Vacation Bible School is set for July 24-28. We will continue our popular **Peanut Butter vs. Jelly** competition. Families will be asked to bring one or more of these to Vacation Bible School. We’ll tally the number of jars of **Peanut Butter** and containers of **Jelly** each day to find out which one is “ahead” in the competition. You can participate right now by bringing either or both of these favorites, as we’ll begin filling our collection baskets through July 28. All will be donated to the Warminster Food Bank, just in time for the start of the upcoming school year. And...they are often discounted in the summer months. Thank you!



### MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT – THURSDAY, JULY 27, 7:00 P.M.

Advent is again pleased to have Mitch McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on **Thursday, July 27, 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.



### SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Come to Advent Lutheran church for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner hosted by Pastor Matt, who will be preparing his family’s homemade sauce recipe. The event will take place on the evening of **Saturday, August 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Proceeds from the free will offering will go to benefit the Warminster Food Bank. Suggested offering is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. To go meals will be available.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Children's Sunday School classes will begin on September 17, concurrent with the 9:30 a.m. worship service. New students are welcome! Our weekly Bible lessons will be based on the popular *Holy Moly* curriculum. Its creative short videos bring the Bible stories to life for students age 4 through grade 6. The lessons are written in rhyme and illustrated in graphic novel style.

Learning together is fun! Look for a registration form in the church foyer or narthex to sign up, or you may request a form via email or mail. Student books and crafts will be ordered in August. Please contact the church office with any questions: [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org) or 215-355-2529.

Jeanne Gryska, Sunday School Director



## COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a group affirmation of baptism during the 9:30 service. You are welcome if you were baptized as an infant or as an adult. During the ceremony, we will learn the significance of our baptism. We will also learn what it means in our walk with Christ and our relationship with the Holy Spirit. If you have not been baptized or do not know if you were baptized, please talk to Pastor Matt. We want everyone to be a part of this joyful event. So, save the date – September 24.

## ADVENT'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023



Please plan to attend as we will be celebrating this milestone with a single worship service that morning, followed by a meal and brief program in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend, so inform your family and friends! More information will be shared during the summer.

## 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. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

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

Nancy Sclight



## A NIGHT WITH MIKE DETTRA AND THE DETTRA MENTAL TRIO (AND FRIENDS)



The concert of "Music of the World" performed by Mike Dettra and the Dettra Mentals (and friends), was enjoyable. The audience was taken musically to Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Uganda and many other countries. Mike delighted the audience with stories about the song, the writer, and/or performer. Thank you to Rhona Slawter for delicious refreshments.



### CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS – READY TO GO

Thank you to the 15 volunteers who worked together to assemble 88 turkey dinners and 8 containers of turkey noodle soup for **Caring for Friends** on June 25! To all who provided and prepared food, portioned the meals into trays or said a prayer for the recipients of these meals, you have shared God’s love with distant neighbors! Once the meals are frozen, we will take them to **Caring for Friends** to be delivered to grateful recipients. <https://caringforfriends.org>



### STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

The 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, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149.



### DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the Food Bank’s most needed items is in the narthex or on the website [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2023 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.



### 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 December is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e., coffee & tea) and all paper products.



**NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up sheet is found on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.



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! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House Charities** of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC** has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See [RMHCphilly.org](http://RMHCphilly.org).



**JULY**

- |                 |                      |                           |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jen McQuiggan | 12 Laszlo Kovacs     | 22 Pat Brown              |
| 4 Liz Holford   | 15 Allison Kirschner | 25 Andrew Frey, III       |
| 5 Judy Rilling  | Lindsey Kirschner    | 29 Kathleen Pearson       |
| 7 Karen Breig   | 20 Larry Kovacs      | 30 George Preston Slawter |
| 8 Joyce Heiss   | 21 Fred Wagner       |                           |

**AUGUST**

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|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Nancy Hill | 10 Diane Kirschner | 17 Dorothy Masciotro |
| 4 Jeff Jobes | 14 Jessica Baker   | 27 Kristi Ward       |
| Megan Ward   | 16 Janice Hoffmann | 29 Joanne Kelly      |
|              | Jack Walsh         |                      |

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:

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 - JULY/AUGUST SCHEDULE**

**JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – 9:00 AM**

- 7/02 David Elkin – No Holy Communion
- 7/09 Jennifer McQuiggan
- 7/16 Rose Herbert
- 7/23 John Flint
- 7/30 George Henry

**ALTAR GUILD**

Hannah McCollum, Gail Oines,  
Nancy Sclight, Rhona Slawter

**OUR TECH CREW**

Pastor Matt, Mike Dettra, Tony Gryszka, Gary  
Zimmerman

**AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00**

**A.M.**

- 8/06 David Elkin Hannah McCollum
- 8/13 Jennifer McQuiggan
- 8/20 Rose Herbert
- 8/27 John Flint

**FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

Linda Brownlee, Audrey Savchuck, Nancy  
Sclight, Rhona Slawter

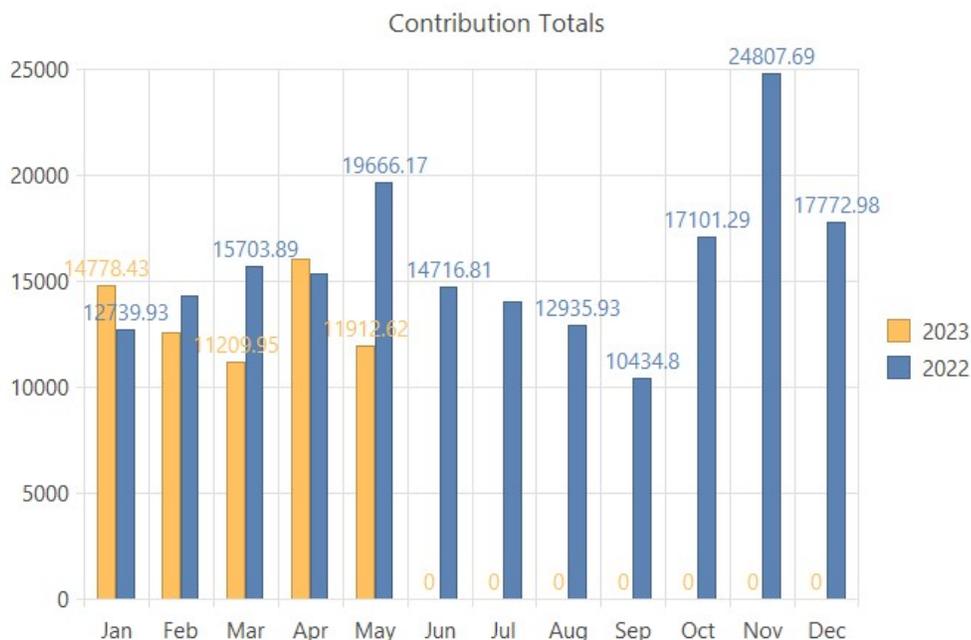
**FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

As I previously reported this year, Advent has had a challenging financial year. The *General Fund* offering envelope category, which supports everyday operating expenses and ministries, continues at a large deficit. Your regular increased giving is an opportunity to strengthen our mission at Advent. Please remember Advent during the summer months, even when you are not able to attend worship services. Thank you.

Tony Gryszka, Chairperson, Finance Committee

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2023



	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
General Fund	\$8,811.62	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,361	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$15	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$725	
Total	\$11,912.62	\$19,313.00

	Recv'd YTD 1/1-5/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-5/31/23
General Fund	\$51,115.46	\$86,405.00
Mortgage	\$12,109.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$320.00	\$670.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,978.00	
Total	\$66,522.46	\$96,565.00

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.
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- 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.

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## **ADVENT'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023**



Please plan to attend as we will be celebrating this milestone with a single worship service that morning, followed by a meal and brief program in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend, so inform your family and friends! More information will be shared during the summer.

## **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. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

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

Nancy Sclight



## **A NIGHT WITH MIKE DETTRA AND THE DETTRA MENTAL TRIO (AND FRIENDS)**



The concert of "Music of the World" performed by Mike Dettra and the Dettra Mentals (and friends), was enjoyable. The audience was taken musically to Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Uganda and many other countries. Mike delighted the audience with stories about the song, the writer, and/or performer. Thank you to Rhona Slawter for delicious refreshments.



### CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS – READY TO GO

Thank you to the 15 volunteers who worked together to assemble 88 turkey dinners and 8 containers of turkey noodle soup for **Caring for Friends** on June 25! To all who provided and prepared food, portioned the meals into trays or said a prayer for the recipients of these meals, you have shared God’s love with distant neighbors! Once the meals are frozen, we will take them to **Caring for Friends** to be delivered to grateful recipients. <https://caringforfriends.org>



### STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

The 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, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149.



### DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the Food Bank’s most needed items is in the narthex or on the website [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2023 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.



### 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 December is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e., coffee & tea) and all paper products.



**NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up sheet is found on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.



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! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House Charities** of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC** has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See [RMHCphilly.org](http://RMHCphilly.org).



**JULY**

- |                 |                      |                           |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jen McQuiggan | 12 Laszlo Kovacs     | 22 Pat Brown              |
| 4 Liz Holford   | 15 Allison Kirschner | 25 Andrew Frey, III       |
| 5 Judy Rilling  | Lindsey Kirschner    | 29 Kathleen Pearson       |
| 7 Karen Breig   | 20 Larry Kovacs      | 30 George Preston Slawter |
| 8 Joyce Heiss   | 21 Fred Wagner       |                           |

**AUGUST**

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|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Nancy Hill | 10 Diane Kirschner | 17 Dorothy Masciotro |
| 4 Jeff Jobes | 14 Jessica Baker   | 27 Kristi Ward       |
| Megan Ward   | 16 Janice Hoffmann | 29 Joanne Kelly      |
|              | Jack Walsh         |                      |

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:

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 - JULY/AUGUST SCHEDULE**

**JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – 9:00 AM**

- 7/02 David Elkin – No Holy Communion
- 7/09 Jennifer McQuiggan
- 7/16 Rose Herbert
- 7/23 John Flint
- 7/30 George Henry

**ALTAR GUILD**

Hannah McCollum, Gail Oines,  
Nancy Sclight, Rhona Slawter

**OUR TECH CREW**

Pastor Matt, Mike Dettra, Tony Gryszka, Gary  
Zimmerman

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**A.M.**

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**FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

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Sclight, Rhona Slawter

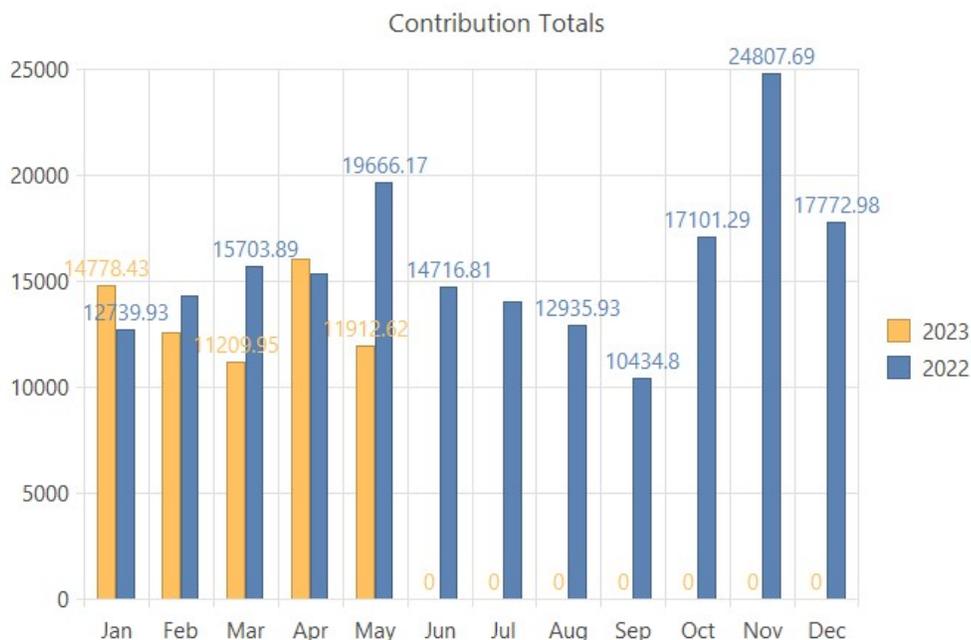
**FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

As I previously reported this year, Advent has had a challenging financial year. The *General Fund* offering envelope category, which supports everyday operating expenses and ministries, continues at a large deficit. Your regular increased giving is an opportunity to strengthen our mission at Advent. Please remember Advent during the summer months, even when you are not able to attend worship services. Thank you.

Tony Gryszka, Chairperson, Finance Committee

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2023



	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
General Fund	\$8,811.62	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,361	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$15	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$725	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,912.62</b>	<b>\$19,313.00</b>

	Recv'd YTD 1/1-5/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-5/31/23
General Fund	\$51,115.46	\$86,405.00
Mortgage	\$12,109.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$320.00	\$670.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,978.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,522.46</b>	<b>\$96,565.00</b>

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.
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- 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.

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On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) changed the recommended precautions the government makes to citizens, business, institutions, and agencies. You may have noticed an elimination or considerable easing of precautions in most places. You may also have noticed that in some places a few precautions continue to be observed, such as food servers' wearing masks in some establishments. It is important to note that, although the level of illness from COVID-19 in our society has diminished to justify the lifting of the PHE, there are still people who are getting infected and some people who are more vulnerable than others.

At the May Council meeting our leadership updated our precautions in light of the PHE being lifted. Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask.
  - Respect for those who choose social distance.
  - Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
  - Worship will continue to be available online.
  - Those distributing communion will continue to mask but will no long wear gloves. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
  - We will continue to share the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.
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Bible Study Staff  
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**ZOOM INFORMATION**

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

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



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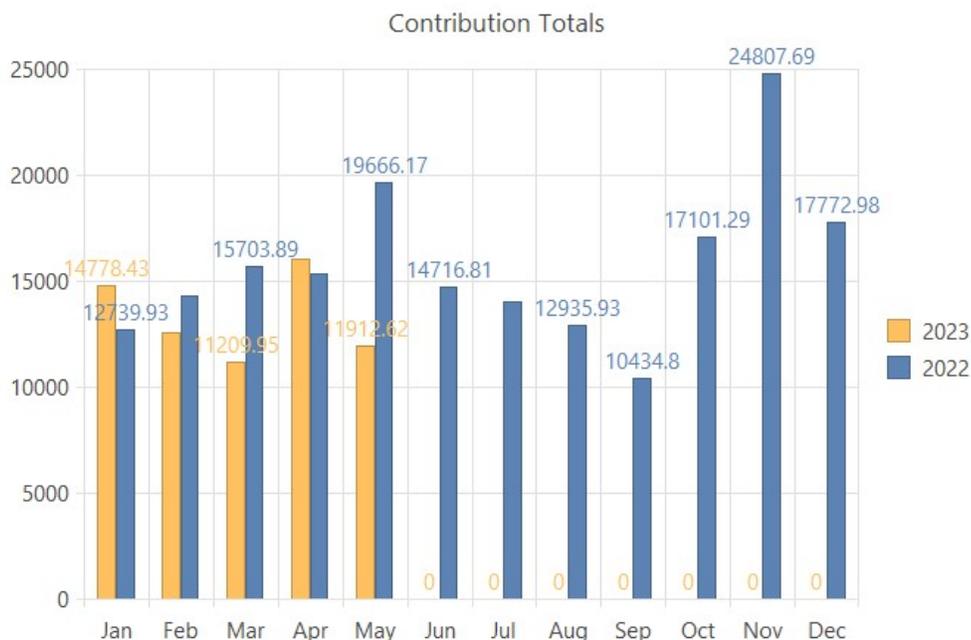
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	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
General Fund	\$8,811.62	\$17,281.00
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Bene. - Synod Only	\$15	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$725	
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General Fund	\$51,115.46	\$86,405.00
Mortgage	\$12,109.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$320.00	\$670.00
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### UPDATE ON COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) changed the recommended precautions the government makes to citizens, business, institutions, and agencies. You may have noticed an elimination or considerable easing of precautions in most places. You may also have noticed that in some places a few precautions continue to be observed, such as food servers' wearing masks in some establishments. It is important to note that, although the level of illness from COVID-19 in our society has diminished to justify the lifting of the PHE, there are still people who are getting infected and some people who are more vulnerable than others.

At the May Council meeting our leadership updated our precautions in light of the PHE being lifted. Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask.
  - Respect for those who choose social distance.
  - Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
  - Worship will continue to be available online.
  - Those distributing communion will continue to mask but will no long wear gloves. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
  - We will continue to share the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.
- Our leadership will continue to gauge the situation week by week and will keep the congregation informed of any adjustment to our precautions.



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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.

**ZOOM INFORMATION**

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

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



## PASTOR MATT'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

As the Summer Newsletter goes out it will be about the same time as the Fourth of July. Many of us will go see fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday and the liberty we enjoy as its citizens. Yet with this celebration of our nation's birth, I cannot help but think of the discord within our society. We citizens of United States have deep passionate disagreements with one another over policies that would affect our future, our life with each other and the world. How are we to deal with one another?

As I think about my citizenship to this nation and how much I care for this nation, as a Christian I cannot help but think of a citizenship that has a greater claim on my soul than my citizenship to the United States of America. This citizenship is to the Kingdom of God. This citizenship calls me to love my neighbor as myself. It calls me to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to welcome the stranger into my home, to clothe the naked, to tend to the sick and visit the imprisoned. I am to do these things because to do them for the least of people is to do them for my true king who is Jesus. Who are the least of people? The least of people are those we are tempted to think of as being less than ourselves. Certainly, the poor and those who face adversity are often thought of being less than. It can be tempting to ask if they deserve or have earned their calamity. Maybe if they had worked harder or had taken better care of themselves, their life would be better. We can also be tempted to think less of those who are different or think differently than us. Our way of living and thinking can seem so right to us, that it can seem impossible that anyone could live or think differently from us without being less than us.

There is discord in our society this Fourth of July. Yet, I believe we will survive it. In the past two centuries there have been many such Fourth of July's. As a nation we will work out our differences and be a better nation for it. In that process, let us remember that our Christian citizenship can inform our United States citizenship. Indeed, many of the founders of our nation drew from their Christian faith the notions of liberty which we strive to live by today. It is tempting to let our passions deepen into rancor for those who see things differently from ourselves and think less of them. Nonetheless, as Christians we are called by a higher citizenship to love one another. Our Christian love can guide us in assuring the inalienable rights our society holds so dear of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for everyone.

Peace,  
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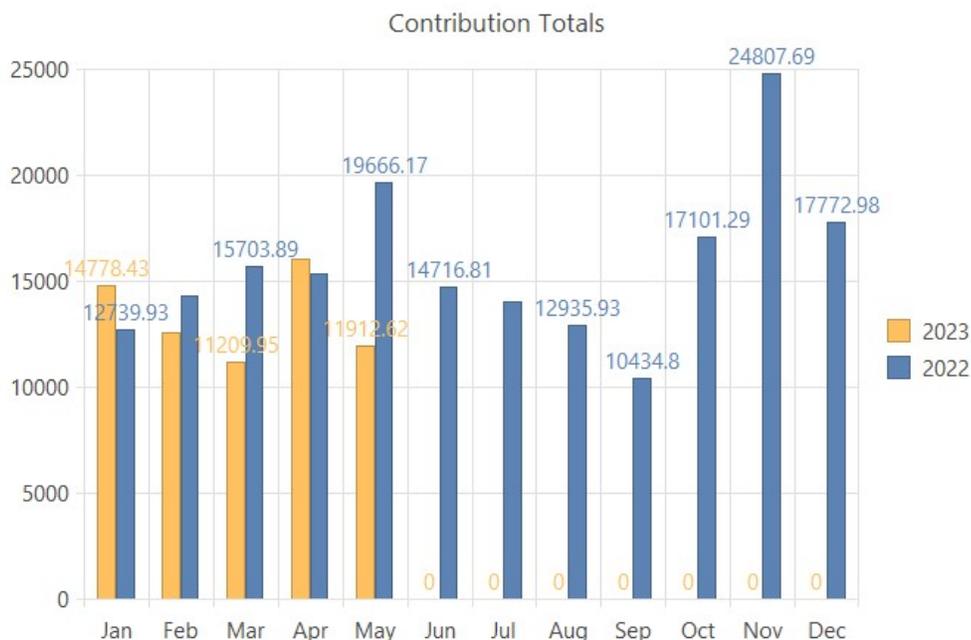
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- + To **know** the Word of God.
- + To **grow** in faith, love, and service.
- + To **go** into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.



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### UPDATE ON COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) changed the recommended precautions the government makes to citizens, business, institutions, and agencies. You may have noticed an elimination or considerable easing of precautions in most places. You may also have noticed that in some places a few precautions continue to be observed, such as food servers' wearing masks in some establishments. It is important to note that, although the level of illness from COVID-19 in our society has diminished to justify the lifting of the PHE, there are still people who are getting infected and some people who are more vulnerable than others.

At the May Council meeting our leadership updated our precautions in light of the PHE being lifted. Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask.
  - Respect for those who choose social distance.
  - Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
  - Worship will continue to be available online.
  - Those distributing communion will continue to mask but will no long wear gloves. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
  - We will continue to share the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.
- Our leadership will continue to gauge the situation week by week and will keep the congregation informed of any adjustment to our precautions.



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**Independence Day Commemoration**

9:00 a.m. Service of the Word  
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**JULY 16 - 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
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**JULY 23 - 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Service of the Word  
Worship Leader: Gail Oines  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
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**JULY 30 - 9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

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

**AUGUST 6 - 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

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with Holy Communion  
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PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
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**AUGUST 20 - 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

**AUGUST 27 - 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

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

**ZOOM INFORMATION**

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

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



## PASTOR MATT'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

As the Summer Newsletter goes out it will be about the same time as the Fourth of July. Many of us will go see fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday and the liberty we enjoy as its citizens. Yet with this celebration of our nation's birth, I cannot help but think of the discord within our society. We citizens of United States have deep passionate disagreements with one another over policies that would affect our future, our life with each other and the world. How are we to deal with one another?

As I think about my citizenship to this nation and how much I care for this nation, as a Christian I cannot help but think of a citizenship that has a greater claim on my soul than my citizenship to the United States of America. This citizenship is to the Kingdom of God. This citizenship calls me to love my neighbor as myself. It calls me to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to welcome the stranger into my home, to clothe the naked, to tend to the sick and visit the imprisoned. I am to do these things because to do them for the least of people is to do them for my true king who is Jesus. Who are the least of people? The least of people are those we are tempted to think of as being less than ourselves. Certainly, the poor and those who face adversity are often thought of being less than. It can be tempting to ask if they deserve or have earned their calamity. Maybe if they had worked harder or had taken better care of themselves, their life would be better. We can also be tempted to think less of those who are different or think differently than us. Our way of living and thinking can seem so right to us, that it can seem impossible that anyone could live or think differently from us without being less than us.

There is discord in our society this Fourth of July. Yet, I believe we will survive it. In the past two centuries there have been many such Fourth of July's. As a nation we will work out our differences and be a better nation for it. In that process, let us remember that our Christian citizenship can inform our United States citizenship. Indeed, many of the founders of our nation drew from their Christian faith the notions of liberty which we strive to live by today. It is tempting to let our passions deepen into rancor for those who see things differently from ourselves and think less of them. Nonetheless, as Christians we are called by a higher citizenship to love one another. Our Christian love can guide us in assuring the inalienable rights our society holds so dear of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for everyone.

Peace,  
Pastor Matt

## PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Matt will be on vacation starting **Sunday, June 25**, returning **Wednesday, July 5**. Pastor Matt will also be out of the office from **Thursday, July 20** returning **Tuesday, July 26**. Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt. His contact number is 267-884-1195.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24 – 28

Children aged 4 through completion of grade 6 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Advent the week of July 24 – 28 on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.– noon. Our theme is **OPERATION RESTORATION**. Students will learn about God’s world and its people. Our Bible stories will inspire us to care for those who need food, healing, prayer and forgiveness.

We’ll enjoy crafts, activities, music and snacks with our friends at VBS!

A suggested donation of \$15 for the first child in the family and \$10 for each additional child in the family is requested - but not required.

Registration forms are available in the church narthex, foyer or by an email the church office.

### PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY



Vacation Bible School is set for July 24-28. We will continue our popular **Peanut Butter vs. Jelly** competition. Families will be asked to bring one or more of these to Vacation Bible School. We’ll tally the number of jars of **Peanut Butter** and containers of **Jelly** each day to find out which one is “ahead” in the competition. You can participate right now by bringing either or both of these favorites, as we’ll begin filling our collection baskets through July 28. All will be donated to the Warminster Food Bank, just in time for the start of the upcoming school year. And...they are often discounted in the summer months. Thank you!



### MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT – THURSDAY, JULY 27, 7:00 P.M.

Advent is again pleased to have Mitch McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on **Thursday, July 27, 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.



### SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Come to Advent Lutheran church for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner hosted by Pastor Matt, who will be preparing his family’s homemade sauce recipe. The event will take place on the evening of **Saturday, August 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Proceeds from the free will offering will go to benefit the Warminster Food Bank. Suggested offering is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. To go meals will be available.



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER**

Children's Sunday School classes will begin on September 17, concurrent with the 9:30 a.m. worship service. New students are welcome! Our weekly Bible lessons will be based on the popular *Holy Moly* curriculum. Its creative short videos bring the Bible stories to life for students age 4 through grade 6. The lessons are written in rhyme and illustrated in graphic novel style.

Learning together is fun! Look for a registration form in the church foyer or narthex to sign up, or you may request a form via email or mail. Student books and crafts will be ordered in August. Please contact the church office with any questions: [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org) or 215-355-2529.

Jeanne Gryska, Sunday School Director



## **COMING IN SEPTEMBER**

Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a group affirmation of baptism during the 9:30 service. You are welcome if you were baptized as an infant or as an adult. During the ceremony, we will learn the significance of our baptism. We will also learn what it means in our walk with Christ and our relationship with the Holy Spirit. If you have not been baptized or do not know if you were baptized, please talk to Pastor Matt. We want everyone to be a part of this joyful event. So, save the date – September 24.

## **ADVENT'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023**



Please plan to attend as we will be celebrating this milestone with a single worship service that morning, followed by a meal and brief program in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend, so inform your family and friends! More information will be shared during the summer.

## **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. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

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

Nancy Sclight

## **A NIGHT WITH MIKE DETTRA AND THE DETTRA MENTAL TRIO (AND FRIENDS)**



The concert of "Music of the World" performed by Mike Dettra and the Dettra Mentals (and friends), was enjoyable. The audience was taken musically to Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Uganda and many other countries. Mike delighted the audience with stories about the song, the writer, and/or performer. Thank you to Rhona Slawter for delicious refreshments.



### CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS – READY TO GO

Thank you to the 15 volunteers who worked together to assemble 88 turkey dinners and 8 containers of turkey noodle soup for **Caring for Friends** on June 25! To all who provided and prepared food, portioned the meals into trays or said a prayer for the recipients of these meals, you have shared God’s love with distant neighbors! Once the meals are frozen, we will take them to **Caring for Friends** to be delivered to grateful recipients. <https://caringforfriends.org>



### STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

The 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, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149.



### DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the Food Bank’s most needed items is in the narthex or on the website [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2023 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.



### 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 December is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e., coffee & tea) and all paper products.



**NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up sheet is found on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.



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! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House Charities** of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC** has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See [RMHCphilly.org](http://RMHCphilly.org).



**JULY**

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jen McQuiggan | 12 Laszlo Kovacs     | 22 Pat Brown              |
| 4 Liz Holford   | 15 Allison Kirschner | 25 Andrew Frey, III       |
| 5 Judy Rilling  | Lindsey Kirschner    | 29 Kathleen Pearson       |
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**AUGUST**

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|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Nancy Hill | 10 Diane Kirschner | 17 Dorothy Masciotro |
| 4 Jeff Jobes | 14 Jessica Baker   | 27 Kristi Ward       |
| Megan Ward   | 16 Janice Hoffmann | 29 Joanne Kelly      |
|              | Jack Walsh         |                      |

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:

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.

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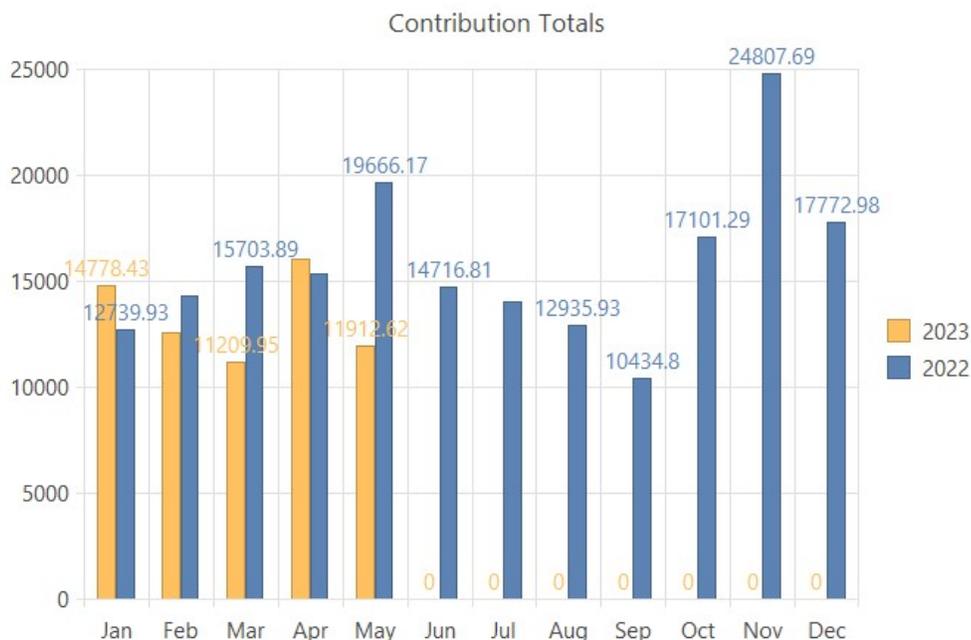
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**JULY 23 - 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

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**JULY 30 - 9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

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PENTECOST**

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**AUGUST 13 - 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
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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.

**ZOOM INFORMATION**

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

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



## PASTOR MATT'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

As the Summer Newsletter goes out it will be about the same time as the Fourth of July. Many of us will go see fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday and the liberty we enjoy as its citizens. Yet with this celebration of our nation's birth, I cannot help but think of the discord within our society. We citizens of United States have deep passionate disagreements with one another over policies that would affect our future, our life with each other and the world. How are we to deal with one another?

As I think about my citizenship to this nation and how much I care for this nation, as a Christian I cannot help but think of a citizenship that has a greater claim on my soul than my citizenship to the United States of America. This citizenship is to the Kingdom of God. This citizenship calls me to love my neighbor as myself. It calls me to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to welcome the stranger into my home, to clothe the naked, to tend to the sick and visit the imprisoned. I am to do these things because to do them for the least of people is to do them for my true king who is Jesus. Who are the least of people? The least of people are those we are tempted to think of as being less than ourselves. Certainly, the poor and those who face adversity are often thought of being less than. It can be tempting to ask if they deserve or have earned their calamity. Maybe if they had worked harder or had taken better care of themselves, their life would be better. We can also be tempted to think less of those who are different or think differently than us. Our way of living and thinking can seem so right to us, that it can seem impossible that anyone could live or think differently from us without being less than us.

There is discord in our society this Fourth of July. Yet, I believe we will survive it. In the past two centuries there have been many such Fourth of July's. As a nation we will work out our differences and be a better nation for it. In that process, let us remember that our Christian citizenship can inform our United States citizenship. Indeed, many of the founders of our nation drew from their Christian faith the notions of liberty which we strive to live by today. It is tempting to let our passions deepen into rancor for those who see things differently from ourselves and think less of them. Nonetheless, as Christians we are called by a higher citizenship to love one another. Our Christian love can guide us in assuring the inalienable rights our society holds so dear of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for everyone.

Peace,  
Pastor Matt

## PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Matt will be on vacation starting **Sunday, June 25**, returning **Wednesday, July 5**. Pastor Matt will also be out of the office from **Thursday, July 20** returning **Tuesday, July 26**. Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt. His contact number is 267-884-1195.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24 – 28

Children aged 4 through completion of grade 6 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Advent the week of July 24 – 28 on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.– noon. Our theme is **OPERATION RESTORATION**. Students will learn about God’s world and its people. Our Bible stories will inspire us to care for those who need food, healing, prayer and forgiveness.

We’ll enjoy crafts, activities, music and snacks with our friends at VBS!

A suggested donation of \$15 for the first child in the family and \$10 for each additional child in the family is requested - but not required.

Registration forms are available in the church narthex, foyer or by an email the church office.

### PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY



Vacation Bible School is set for July 24-28. We will continue our popular **Peanut Butter vs. Jelly** competition. Families will be asked to bring one or more of these to Vacation Bible School. We’ll tally the number of jars of **Peanut Butter** and containers of **Jelly** each day to find out which one is “ahead” in the competition. You can participate right now by bringing either or both of these favorites, as we’ll begin filling our collection baskets through July 28. All will be donated to the Warminster Food Bank, just in time for the start of the upcoming school year. And...they are often discounted in the summer months. Thank you!



### MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT – THURSDAY, JULY 27, 7:00 P.M.

Advent is again pleased to have Mitch McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on **Thursday, July 27, 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.



### SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Come to Advent Lutheran church for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner hosted by Pastor Matt, who will be preparing his family’s homemade sauce recipe. The event will take place on the evening of **Saturday, August 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Proceeds from the free will offering will go to benefit the Warminster Food Bank. Suggested offering is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. To go meals will be available.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Children's Sunday School classes will begin on September 17, concurrent with the 9:30 a.m. worship service. New students are welcome! Our weekly Bible lessons will be based on the popular *Holy Moly* curriculum. Its creative short videos bring the Bible stories to life for students age 4 through grade 6. The lessons are written in rhyme and illustrated in graphic novel style.

Learning together is fun! Look for a registration form in the church foyer or narthex to sign up, or you may request a form via email or mail. Student books and crafts will be ordered in August. Please contact the church office with any questions: [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org) or 215-355-2529.

Jeanne Gryska, Sunday School Director



## COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a group affirmation of baptism during the 9:30 service. You are welcome if you were baptized as an infant or as an adult. During the ceremony, we will learn the significance of our baptism. We will also learn what it means in our walk with Christ and our relationship with the Holy Spirit. If you have not been baptized or do not know if you were baptized, please talk to Pastor Matt. We want everyone to be a part of this joyful event. So, save the date – September 24.

## ADVENT'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023



Please plan to attend as we will be celebrating this milestone with a single worship service that morning, followed by a meal and brief program in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend, so inform your family and friends! More information will be shared during the summer.

## 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. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

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

Nancy Sclight

## A NIGHT WITH MIKE DETTRA AND THE DETTRA MENTAL TRIO (AND FRIENDS)



The concert of "Music of the World" performed by Mike Dettra and the Dettra Mentals (and friends), was enjoyable. The audience was taken musically to Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Uganda and many other countries. Mike delighted the audience with stories about the song, the writer, and/or performer. Thank you to Rhona Slawter for delicious refreshments.



### CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS – READY TO GO

Thank you to the 15 volunteers who worked together to assemble 88 turkey dinners and 8 containers of turkey noodle soup for **Caring for Friends** on June 25! To all who provided and prepared food, portioned the meals into trays or said a prayer for the recipients of these meals, you have shared God’s love with distant neighbors! Once the meals are frozen, we will take them to **Caring for Friends** to be delivered to grateful recipients. <https://caringforfriends.org>



### STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

The 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, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149.



### DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the Food Bank’s most needed items is in the narthex or on the website [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2023 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.



### 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 December is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e., coffee & tea) and all paper products.



**NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up sheet is found on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.



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! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House Charities** of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC** has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See [RMHCphilly.org](http://RMHCphilly.org).



**JULY**

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jen McQuiggan | 12 Laszlo Kovacs     | 22 Pat Brown              |
| 4 Liz Holford   | 15 Allison Kirschner | 25 Andrew Frey, III       |
| 5 Judy Rilling  | Lindsey Kirschner    | 29 Kathleen Pearson       |
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**AUGUST**

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| 1 Nancy Hill | 10 Diane Kirschner | 17 Dorothy Masciotro |
| 4 Jeff Jobes | 14 Jessica Baker   | 27 Kristi Ward       |
| Megan Ward   | 16 Janice Hoffmann | 29 Joanne Kelly      |
|              | Jack Walsh         |                      |

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:

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 - JULY/AUGUST SCHEDULE**

**JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – 9:00 AM**

- 7/02 David Elkin – No Holy Communion
- 7/09 Jennifer McQuiggan
- 7/16 Rose Herbert
- 7/23 John Flint
- 7/30 George Henry

**ALTAR GUILD**

Hannah McCollum, Gail Oines,  
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**OUR TECH CREW**

Pastor Matt, Mike Dettra, Tony Gryszka, Gary  
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**A.M.**

- 8/06 David Elkin Hannah McCollum
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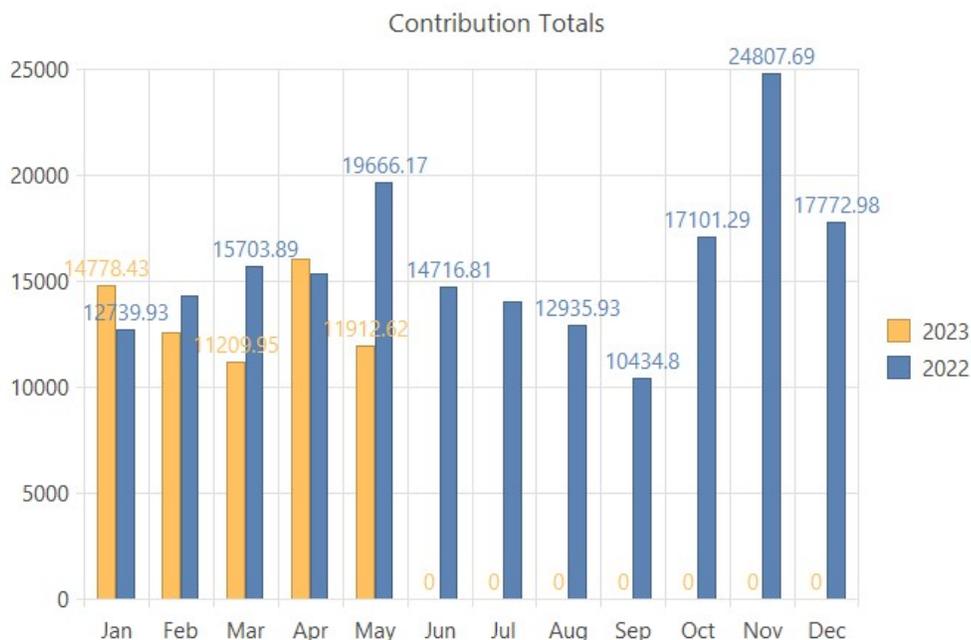
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As I previously reported this year, Advent has had a challenging financial year. The *General Fund* offering envelope category, which supports everyday operating expenses and ministries, continues at a large deficit. Your regular increased giving is an opportunity to strengthen our mission at Advent. Please remember Advent during the summer months, even when you are not able to attend worship services. Thank you.

Tony Gryszka, Chairperson, Finance Committee

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2023



	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
General Fund	\$8,811.62	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,361	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$15	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$725	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,912.62</b>	<b>\$19,313.00</b>

	Recv'd YTD 1/1-5/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-5/31/23
General Fund	\$51,115.46	\$86,405.00
Mortgage	\$12,109.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$320.00	\$670.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,522.46</b>	<b>\$96,565.00</b>

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Registration forms are available in the church narthex, foyer or by an email the church office.

### PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY



Vacation Bible School is set for July 24-28. We will continue our popular **Peanut Butter vs. Jelly** competition. Families will be asked to bring one or more of these to Vacation Bible School. We’ll tally the number of jars of **Peanut Butter** and containers of **Jelly** each day to find out which one is “ahead” in the competition. You can participate right now by bringing either or both of these favorites, as we’ll begin filling our collection baskets through July 28. All will be donated to the Warminster Food Bank, just in time for the start of the upcoming school year. And...they are often discounted in the summer months. Thank you!



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Advent is again pleased to have Mitch McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on **Thursday, July 27, 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.



### SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Come to Advent Lutheran church for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner hosted by Pastor Matt, who will be preparing his family’s homemade sauce recipe. The event will take place on the evening of **Saturday, August 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Proceeds from the free will offering will go to benefit the Warminster Food Bank. Suggested offering is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. To go meals will be available.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Children's Sunday School classes will begin on September 17, concurrent with the 9:30 a.m. worship service. New students are welcome! Our weekly Bible lessons will be based on the popular *Holy Moly* curriculum. Its creative short videos bring the Bible stories to life for students age 4 through grade 6. The lessons are written in rhyme and illustrated in graphic novel style.

Learning together is fun! Look for a registration form in the church foyer or narthex to sign up, or you may request a form via email or mail. Student books and crafts will be ordered in August. Please contact the church office with any questions: [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org) or 215-355-2529.

Jeanne Gryska, Sunday School Director



## COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a group affirmation of baptism during the 9:30 service. You are welcome if you were baptized as an infant or as an adult. During the ceremony, we will learn the significance of our baptism. We will also learn what it means in our walk with Christ and our relationship with the Holy Spirit. If you have not been baptized or do not know if you were baptized, please talk to Pastor Matt. We want everyone to be a part of this joyful event. So, save the date – September 24.

## ADVENT'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023



Please plan to attend as we will be celebrating this milestone with a single worship service that morning, followed by a meal and brief program in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend, so inform your family and friends! More information will be shared during the summer.

## 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. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

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

Nancy Sclight



## A NIGHT WITH MIKE DETTRA AND THE DETTRA MENTAL TRIO (AND FRIENDS)



The concert of "Music of the World" performed by Mike Dettra and the Dettra Mentals (and friends), was enjoyable. The audience was taken musically to Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Uganda and many other countries. Mike delighted the audience with stories about the song, the writer, and/or performer. Thank you to Rhona Slawter for delicious refreshments.



## CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS – READY TO GO

Thank you to the 15 volunteers who worked together to assemble 88 turkey dinners and 8 containers of turkey noodle soup for **Caring for Friends** on June 25! To all who provided and prepared food, portioned the meals into trays or said a prayer for the recipients of these meals, you have shared God's love with distant neighbors! Once the meals are frozen, we will take them to **Caring for Friends** to be delivered to grateful recipients. <https://caringforfriends.org>



## STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

The 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, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149.



## DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the Food Bank's most needed items is in the narthex or on the website [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



## ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2023 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.



## 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 December is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e., coffee & tea) and all paper products.



**NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up sheet is found on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.



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! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House Charities** of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC** has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See [RMHCphilly.org](http://RMHCphilly.org).



**JULY**

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jen McQuiggan | 12 Laszlo Kovacs     | 22 Pat Brown              |
| 4 Liz Holford   | 15 Allison Kirschner | 25 Andrew Frey, III       |
| 5 Judy Rilling  | Lindsey Kirschner    | 29 Kathleen Pearson       |
| 7 Karen Breig   | 20 Larry Kovacs      | 30 George Preston Slawter |
| 8 Joyce Heiss   | 21 Fred Wagner       |                           |

**AUGUST**

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|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Nancy Hill | 10 Diane Kirschner | 17 Dorothy Masciotro |
| 4 Jeff Jobes | 14 Jessica Baker   | 27 Kristi Ward       |
| Megan Ward   | 16 Janice Hoffmann | 29 Joanne Kelly      |
|              | Jack Walsh         |                      |

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:

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 - JULY/AUGUST SCHEDULE**

**JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – 9:00 AM**

- 7/02 David Elkin – No Holy Communion
- 7/09 Jennifer McQuiggan
- 7/16 Rose Herbert
- 7/23 John Flint
- 7/30 George Henry

**ALTAR GUILD**

Hannah McCollum, Gail Oines,  
Nancy Sclight, Rhona Slawter

**OUR TECH CREW**

Pastor Matt, Mike Dettra, Tony Gryszka, Gary  
Zimmerman

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**A.M.**

- 8/06 David Elkin Hannah McCollum
- 8/13 Jennifer McQuiggan
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**FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

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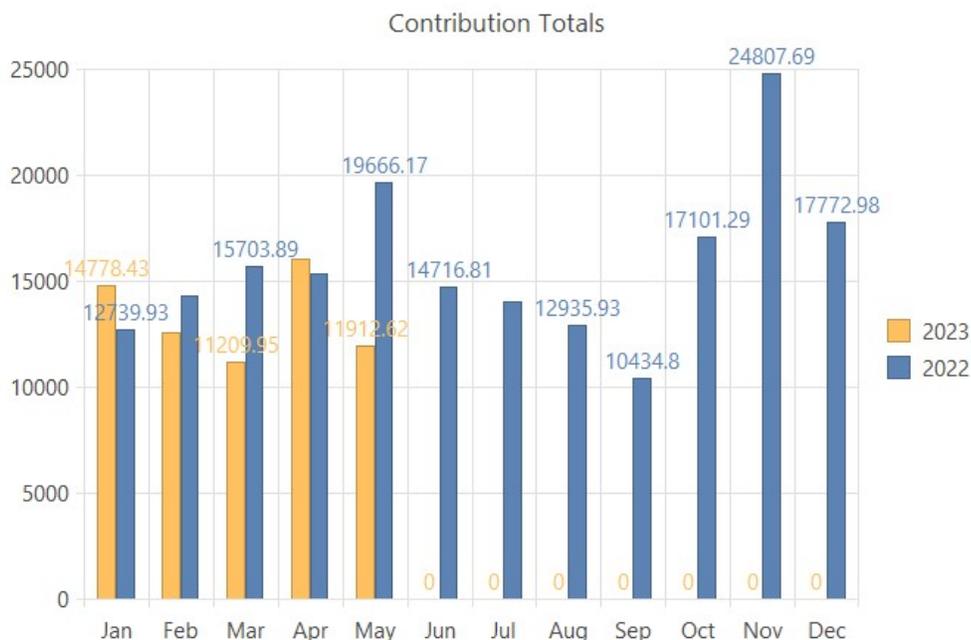
**FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

As I previously reported this year, Advent has had a challenging financial year. The *General Fund* offering envelope category, which supports everyday operating expenses and ministries, continues at a large deficit. Your regular increased giving is an opportunity to strengthen our mission at Advent. Please remember Advent during the summer months, even when you are not able to attend worship services. Thank you.

Tony Gryszka, Chairperson, Finance Committee

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2023



	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
General Fund	\$8,811.62	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,361	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$15	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$725	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,912.62</b>	<b>\$19,313.00</b>

	Recv'd YTD 1/1-5/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-5/31/23
General Fund	\$51,115.46	\$86,405.00
Mortgage	\$12,109.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$320.00	\$670.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,978.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,522.46</b>	<b>\$96,565.00</b>

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.
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- 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.

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On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) changed the recommended precautions the government makes to citizens, business, institutions, and agencies. You may have noticed an elimination or considerable easing of precautions in most places. You may also have noticed that in some places a few precautions continue to be observed, such as food servers' wearing masks in some establishments. It is important to note that, although the level of illness from COVID-19 in our society has diminished to justify the lifting of the PHE, there are still people who are getting infected and some people who are more vulnerable than others.

At the May Council meeting our leadership updated our precautions in light of the PHE being lifted. Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask.
  - Respect for those who choose social distance.
  - Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
  - Worship will continue to be available online.
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Ronald McDonald  
House Charities  
Philadelphia Region

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**JULY**

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jen McQuiggan | 12 Laszlo Kovacs     | 22 Pat Brown              |
| 4 Liz Holford   | 15 Allison Kirschner | 25 Andrew Frey, III       |
| 5 Judy Rilling  | Lindsey Kirschner    | 29 Kathleen Pearson       |
| 7 Karen Breig   | 20 Larry Kovacs      | 30 George Preston Slawter |
| 8 Joyce Heiss   | 21 Fred Wagner       |                           |

**AUGUST**

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|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Nancy Hill | 10 Diane Kirschner | 17 Dorothy Masciotro |
| 4 Jeff Jobes | 14 Jessica Baker   | 27 Kristi Ward       |
| Megan Ward   | 16 Janice Hoffmann | 29 Joanne Kelly      |
|              | Jack Walsh         |                      |

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:

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.

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- 7/30 George Henry

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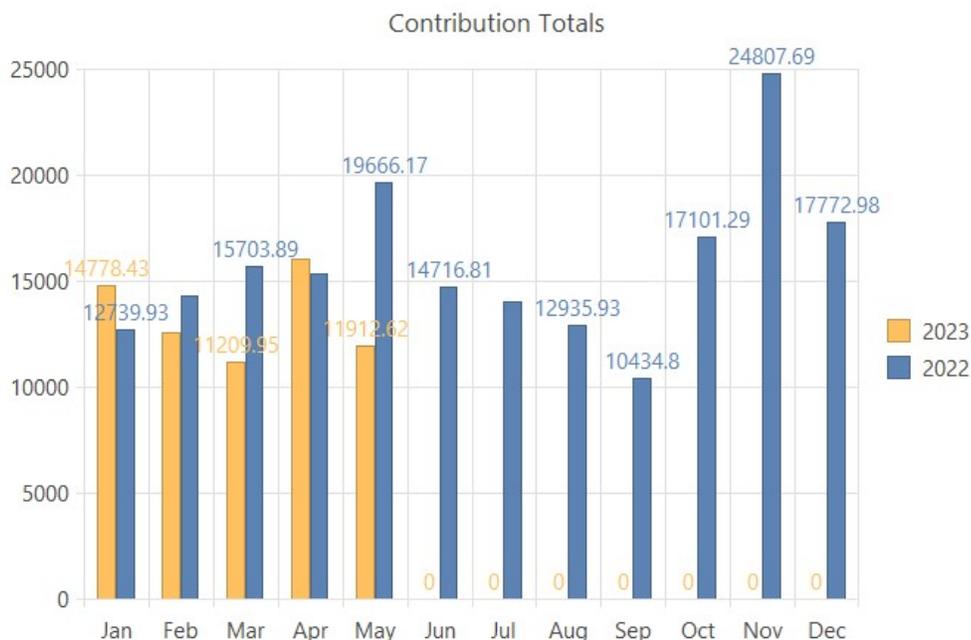
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As I previously reported this year, Advent has had a challenging financial year. The *General Fund* offering envelope category, which supports everyday operating expenses and ministries, continues at a large deficit. Your regular increased giving is an opportunity to strengthen our mission at Advent. Please remember Advent during the summer months, even when you are not able to attend worship services. Thank you.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2023



	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
General Fund	\$8,811.62	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,361	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$15	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$725	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,912.62</b>	<b>\$19,313.00</b>

	Recv'd YTD 1/1-5/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-5/31/23
General Fund	\$51,115.46	\$86,405.00
Mortgage	\$12,109.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$320.00	\$670.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,978.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,522.46</b>	<b>\$96,565.00</b>

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.
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- Mail a check to the church. The mailing address is "Advent Lutheran Church, PO Box 840, Richboro, PA 18954"
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At the May Council meeting our leadership updated our precautions in light of the PHE being lifted. Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask.
  - Respect for those who choose social distance.
  - Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
  - Worship will continue to be available online.
  - Those distributing communion will continue to mask but will no long wear gloves. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
  - We will continue to share the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.
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**ZOOM INFORMATION**

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

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



## PASTOR MATT'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

As the Summer Newsletter goes out it will be about the same time as the Fourth of July. Many of us will go see fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday and the liberty we enjoy as its citizens. Yet with this celebration of our nation's birth, I cannot help but think of the discord within our society. We citizens of United States have deep passionate disagreements with one another over policies that would affect our future, our life with each other and the world. How are we to deal with one another?

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Peace,  
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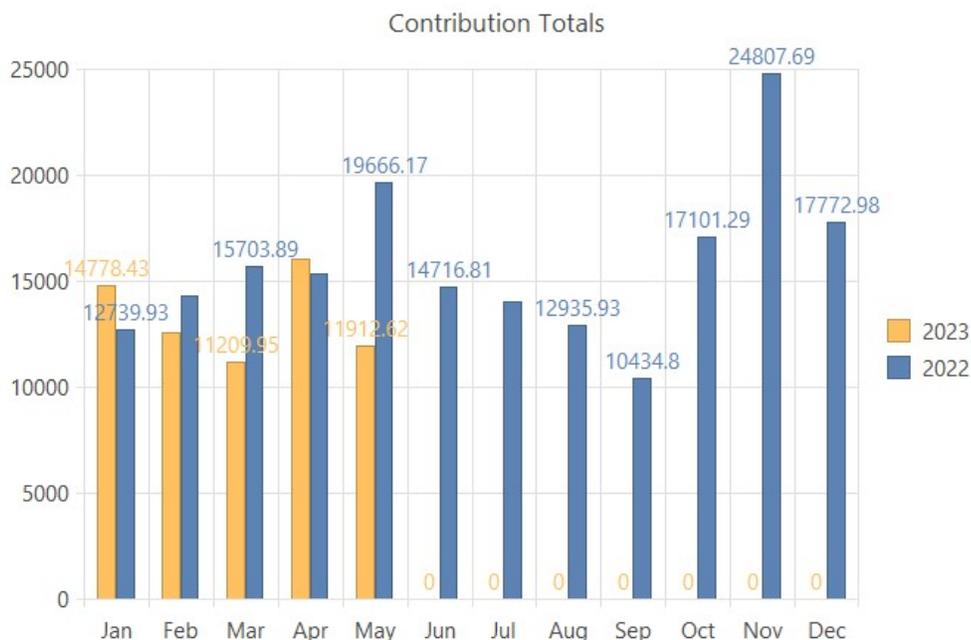
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### UPDATE ON COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) changed the recommended precautions the government makes to citizens, business, institutions, and agencies. You may have noticed an elimination or considerable easing of precautions in most places. You may also have noticed that in some places a few precautions continue to be observed, such as food servers' wearing masks in some establishments. It is important to note that, although the level of illness from COVID-19 in our society has diminished to justify the lifting of the PHE, there are still people who are getting infected and some people who are more vulnerable than others.

At the May Council meeting our leadership updated our precautions in light of the PHE being lifted. Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask.
  - Respect for those who choose social distance.
  - Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
  - Worship will continue to be available online.
  - Those distributing communion will continue to mask but will no long wear gloves. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
  - We will continue to share the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.
- Our leadership will continue to gauge the situation week by week and will keep the congregation informed of any adjustment to our precautions.



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**Independence Day Commemoration**

9:00 a.m. Service of the Word  
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**JULY 30 - 9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
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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.

**ZOOM INFORMATION**

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

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## PASTOR MATT'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

As the Summer Newsletter goes out it will be about the same time as the Fourth of July. Many of us will go see fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday and the liberty we enjoy as its citizens. Yet with this celebration of our nation's birth, I cannot help but think of the discord within our society. We citizens of United States have deep passionate disagreements with one another over policies that would affect our future, our life with each other and the world. How are we to deal with one another?

As I think about my citizenship to this nation and how much I care for this nation, as a Christian I cannot help but think of a citizenship that has a greater claim on my soul than my citizenship to the United States of America. This citizenship is to the Kingdom of God. This citizenship calls me to love my neighbor as myself. It calls me to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to welcome the stranger into my home, to clothe the naked, to tend to the sick and visit the imprisoned. I am to do these things because to do them for the least of people is to do them for my true king who is Jesus. Who are the least of people? The least of people are those we are tempted to think of as being less than ourselves. Certainly, the poor and those who face adversity are often thought of being less than. It can be tempting to ask if they deserve or have earned their calamity. Maybe if they had worked harder or had taken better care of themselves, their life would be better. We can also be tempted to think less of those who are different or think differently than us. Our way of living and thinking can seem so right to us, that it can seem impossible that anyone could live or think differently from us without being less than us.

There is discord in our society this Fourth of July. Yet, I believe we will survive it. In the past two centuries there have been many such Fourth of July's. As a nation we will work out our differences and be a better nation for it. In that process, let us remember that our Christian citizenship can inform our United States citizenship. Indeed, many of the founders of our nation drew from their Christian faith the notions of liberty which we strive to live by today. It is tempting to let our passions deepen into rancor for those who see things differently from ourselves and think less of them. Nonetheless, as Christians we are called by a higher citizenship to love one another. Our Christian love can guide us in assuring the inalienable rights our society holds so dear of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for everyone.

Peace,  
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## PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Matt will be on vacation starting **Sunday, June 25**, returning **Wednesday, July 5**. Pastor Matt will also be out of the office from **Thursday, July 20** returning **Tuesday, July 26**. Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt. His contact number is 267-884-1195.



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Children aged 4 through completion of grade 6 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Advent the week of July 24 – 28 on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.– noon. Our theme is **OPERATION RESTORATION**. Students will learn about God’s world and its people. Our Bible stories will inspire us to care for those who need food, healing, prayer and forgiveness.

We’ll enjoy crafts, activities, music and snacks with our friends at VBS!

A suggested donation of \$15 for the first child in the family and \$10 for each additional child in the family is requested - but not required.

Registration forms are available in the church narthex, foyer or by an email the church office.

### PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY



Vacation Bible School is set for July 24-28. We will continue our popular **Peanut Butter vs. Jelly** competition. Families will be asked to bring one or more of these to Vacation Bible School. We’ll tally the number of jars of **Peanut Butter** and containers of **Jelly** each day to find out which one is “ahead” in the competition. You can participate right now by bringing either or both of these favorites, as we’ll begin filling our collection baskets through July 28. All will be donated to the Warminster Food Bank, just in time for the start of the upcoming school year. And...they are often discounted in the summer months. Thank you!



### MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT – THURSDAY, JULY 27, 7:00 P.M.

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER**

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### CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS – READY TO GO

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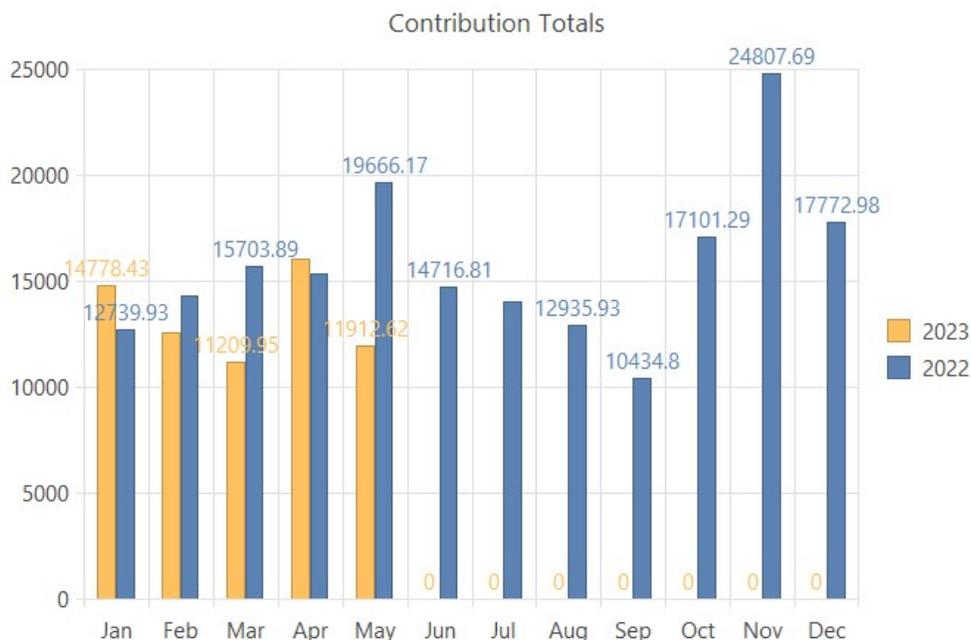
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### UPDATE ON COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) changed the recommended precautions the government makes to citizens, business, institutions, and agencies. You may have noticed an elimination or considerable easing of precautions in most places. You may also have noticed that in some places a few precautions continue to be observed, such as food servers' wearing masks in some establishments. It is important to note that, although the level of illness from COVID-19 in our society has diminished to justify the lifting of the PHE, there are still people who are getting infected and some people who are more vulnerable than others.

At the May Council meeting our leadership updated our precautions in light of the PHE being lifted. Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask.
  - Respect for those who choose social distance.
  - Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
  - Worship will continue to be available online.
  - Those distributing communion will continue to mask but will no long wear gloves. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
  - We will continue to share the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.
- Our leadership will continue to gauge the situation week by week and will keep the congregation informed of any adjustment to our precautions.



**JULY 2 - 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

**Independence Day Commemoration**

9:00 a.m. Service of the Word  
Worship Leader: George Henry  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

**JULY 9 - 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
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9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
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**JULY 16 - 7<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 23 - 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Service of the Word  
Worship Leader: Gail Oines  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

**JULY 30 - 9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

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

**AUGUST 6 - 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
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**AUGUST 13 - 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. Church Council Meeting

**AUGUST 20 - 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
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**AUGUST 27 - 13<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.

**ZOOM INFORMATION**

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

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



## PASTOR MATT'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

As the Summer Newsletter goes out it will be about the same time as the Fourth of July. Many of us will go see fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday and the liberty we enjoy as its citizens. Yet with this celebration of our nation's birth, I cannot help but think of the discord within our society. We citizens of United States have deep passionate disagreements with one another over policies that would affect our future, our life with each other and the world. How are we to deal with one another?

As I think about my citizenship to this nation and how much I care for this nation, as a Christian I cannot help but think of a citizenship that has a greater claim on my soul than my citizenship to the United States of America. This citizenship is to the Kingdom of God. This citizenship calls me to love my neighbor as myself. It calls me to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to welcome the stranger into my home, to clothe the naked, to tend to the sick and visit the imprisoned. I am to do these things because to do them for the least of people is to do them for my true king who is Jesus. Who are the least of people? The least of people are those we are tempted to think of as being less than ourselves. Certainly, the poor and those who face adversity are often thought of being less than. It can be tempting to ask if they deserve or have earned their calamity. Maybe if they had worked harder or had taken better care of themselves, their life would be better. We can also be tempted to think less of those who are different or think differently than us. Our way of living and thinking can seem so right to us, that it can seem impossible that anyone could live or think differently from us without being less than us.

There is discord in our society this Fourth of July. Yet, I believe we will survive it. In the past two centuries there have been many such Fourth of July's. As a nation we will work out our differences and be a better nation for it. In that process, let us remember that our Christian citizenship can inform our United States citizenship. Indeed, many of the founders of our nation drew from their Christian faith the notions of liberty which we strive to live by today. It is tempting to let our passions deepen into rancor for those who see things differently from ourselves and think less of them. Nonetheless, as Christians we are called by a higher citizenship to love one another. Our Christian love can guide us in assuring the inalienable rights our society holds so dear of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for everyone.

Peace,  
Pastor Matt

## PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Matt will be on vacation starting **Sunday, June 25**, returning **Wednesday, July 5**. Pastor Matt will also be out of the office from **Thursday, July 20** returning **Tuesday, July 26**. Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt. His contact number is 267-884-1195.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24 – 28

Children aged 4 through completion of grade 6 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Advent the week of July 24 – 28 on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.– noon. Our theme is **OPERATION RESTORATION**. Students will learn about God’s world and its people. Our Bible stories will inspire us to care for those who need food, healing, prayer and forgiveness.

We’ll enjoy crafts, activities, music and snacks with our friends at VBS!

A suggested donation of \$15 for the first child in the family and \$10 for each additional child in the family is requested - but not required.

Registration forms are available in the church narthex, foyer or by an email the church office.

### PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY



Vacation Bible School is set for July 24-28. We will continue our popular **Peanut Butter vs. Jelly** competition. Families will be asked to bring one or more of these to Vacation Bible School. We’ll tally the number of jars of **Peanut Butter** and containers of **Jelly** each day to find out which one is “ahead” in the competition. You can participate right now by bringing either or both of these favorites, as we’ll begin filling our collection baskets through July 28. All will be donated to the Warminster Food Bank, just in time for the start of the upcoming school year. And...they are often discounted in the summer months. Thank you!



### MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT – THURSDAY, JULY 27, 7:00 P.M.

Advent is again pleased to have Mitch McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on **Thursday, July 27, 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.



### SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Come to Advent Lutheran church for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner hosted by Pastor Matt, who will be preparing his family’s homemade sauce recipe. The event will take place on the evening of **Saturday, August 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Proceeds from the free will offering will go to benefit the Warminster Food Bank. Suggested offering is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. To go meals will be available.



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER**

Children's Sunday School classes will begin on September 17, concurrent with the 9:30 a.m. worship service. New students are welcome! Our weekly Bible lessons will be based on the popular *Holy Moly* curriculum. Its creative short videos bring the Bible stories to life for students age 4 through grade 6. The lessons are written in rhyme and illustrated in graphic novel style.

Learning together is fun! Look for a registration form in the church foyer or narthex to sign up, or you may request a form via email or mail. Student books and crafts will be ordered in August. Please contact the church office with any questions: [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org) or 215-355-2529.

Jeanne Gryska, Sunday School Director



## **COMING IN SEPTEMBER**

Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a group affirmation of baptism during the 9:30 service. You are welcome if you were baptized as an infant or as an adult. During the ceremony, we will learn the significance of our baptism. We will also learn what it means in our walk with Christ and our relationship with the Holy Spirit. If you have not been baptized or do not know if you were baptized, please talk to Pastor Matt. We want everyone to be a part of this joyful event. So, save the date – September 24.

## **ADVENT'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023**



Please plan to attend as we will be celebrating this milestone with a single worship service that morning, followed by a meal and brief program in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend, so inform your family and friends! More information will be shared during the summer.

## **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. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

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

Nancy Sclight

## **A NIGHT WITH MIKE DETTRA AND THE DETTRA MENTAL TRIO (AND FRIENDS)**



The concert of "Music of the World" performed by Mike Dettra and the Dettra Mentals (and friends), was enjoyable. The audience was taken musically to Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Uganda and many other countries. Mike delighted the audience with stories about the song, the writer, and/or performer. Thank you to Rhona Slawter for delicious refreshments.



### CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS – READY TO GO

Thank you to the 15 volunteers who worked together to assemble 88 turkey dinners and 8 containers of turkey noodle soup for **Caring for Friends** on June 25! To all who provided and prepared food, portioned the meals into trays or said a prayer for the recipients of these meals, you have shared God’s love with distant neighbors! Once the meals are frozen, we will take them to **Caring for Friends** to be delivered to grateful recipients. <https://caringforfriends.org>



### STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

The 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, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149.



### DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the Food Bank’s most needed items is in the narthex or on the website [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2023 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.



### 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 December is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e., coffee & tea) and all paper products.



**NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up sheet is found on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.



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! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House Charities** of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC** has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See [RMHCphilly.org](http://RMHCphilly.org).



**JULY**

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jen McQuiggan | 12 Laszlo Kovacs     | 22 Pat Brown              |
| 4 Liz Holford   | 15 Allison Kirschner | 25 Andrew Frey, III       |
| 5 Judy Rilling  | Lindsey Kirschner    | 29 Kathleen Pearson       |
| 7 Karen Breig   | 20 Larry Kovacs      | 30 George Preston Slawter |
| 8 Joyce Heiss   | 21 Fred Wagner       |                           |

**AUGUST**

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|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Nancy Hill | 10 Diane Kirschner | 17 Dorothy Masciotro |
| 4 Jeff Jobes | 14 Jessica Baker   | 27 Kristi Ward       |
| Megan Ward   | 16 Janice Hoffmann | 29 Joanne Kelly      |
|              | Jack Walsh         |                      |

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:

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

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

**JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – 9:00 AM**

- 7/02 David Elkin – No Holy Communion
- 7/09 Jennifer McQuiggan
- 7/16 Rose Herbert
- 7/23 John Flint
- 7/30 George Henry

**ALTAR GUILD**

Hannah McCollum, Gail Oines,  
Nancy Sclight, Rhona Slawter

**OUR TECH CREW**

Pastor Matt, Mike Dettra, Tony Gryszka, Gary  
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**A.M.**

- 8/06 David Elkin Hannah McCollum
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**FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

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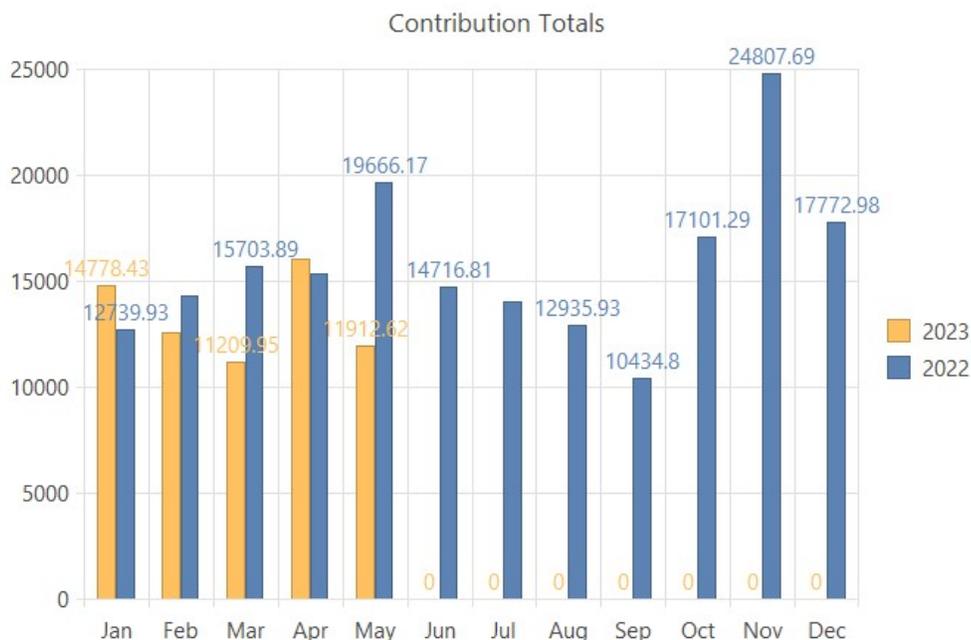
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As I previously reported this year, Advent has had a challenging financial year. The *General Fund* offering envelope category, which supports everyday operating expenses and ministries, continues at a large deficit. Your regular increased giving is an opportunity to strengthen our mission at Advent. Please remember Advent during the summer months, even when you are not able to attend worship services. Thank you.

Tony Gryszka, Chairperson, Finance Committee

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2023



	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
General Fund	\$8,811.62	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,361	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$15	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$725	
Total	\$11,912.62	\$19,313.00

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There is discord in our society this Fourth of July. Yet, I believe we will survive it. In the past two centuries there have been many such Fourth of July's. As a nation we will work out our differences and be a better nation for it. In that process, let us remember that our Christian citizenship can inform our United States citizenship. Indeed, many of the founders of our nation drew from their Christian faith the notions of liberty which we strive to live by today. It is tempting to let our passions deepen into rancor for those who see things differently from ourselves and think less of them. Nonetheless, as Christians we are called by a higher citizenship to love one another. Our Christian love can guide us in assuring the inalienable rights our society holds so dear of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for everyone.

Peace,  
Pastor Matt

## PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Matt will be on vacation starting **Sunday, June 25**, returning **Wednesday, July 5**. Pastor Matt will also be out of the office from **Thursday, July 20** returning **Tuesday, July 26**. Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt. His contact number is 267-884-1195.



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Children aged 4 through completion of grade 6 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Advent the week of July 24 – 28 on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.– noon. Our theme is **OPERATION RESTORATION**. Students will learn about God’s world and its people. Our Bible stories will inspire us to care for those who need food, healing, prayer and forgiveness.

We’ll enjoy crafts, activities, music and snacks with our friends at VBS!

A suggested donation of \$15 for the first child in the family and \$10 for each additional child in the family is requested - but not required.

Registration forms are available in the church narthex, foyer or by an email the church office.

### PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY



Vacation Bible School is set for July 24-28. We will continue our popular **Peanut Butter vs. Jelly** competition. Families will be asked to bring one or more of these to Vacation Bible School. We’ll tally the number of jars of **Peanut Butter** and containers of **Jelly** each day to find out which one is “ahead” in the competition. You can participate right now by bringing either or both of these favorites, as we’ll begin filling our collection baskets through July 28. All will be donated to the Warminster Food Bank, just in time for the start of the upcoming school year. And...they are often discounted in the summer months. Thank you!



### MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT – THURSDAY, JULY 27, 7:00 P.M.

Advent is again pleased to have Mitch McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on **Thursday, July 27, 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.



### SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Come to Advent Lutheran church for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner hosted by Pastor Matt, who will be preparing his family’s homemade sauce recipe. The event will take place on the evening of **Saturday, August 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Proceeds from the free will offering will go to benefit the Warminster Food Bank. Suggested offering is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. To go meals will be available.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Children's Sunday School classes will begin on September 17, concurrent with the 9:30 a.m. worship service. New students are welcome! Our weekly Bible lessons will be based on the popular *Holy Moly* curriculum. Its creative short videos bring the Bible stories to life for students age 4 through grade 6. The lessons are written in rhyme and illustrated in graphic novel style.

Learning together is fun! Look for a registration form in the church foyer or narthex to sign up, or you may request a form via email or mail. Student books and crafts will be ordered in August. Please contact the church office with any questions: [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org) or 215-355-2529.

Jeanne Gryska, Sunday School Director



## COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a group affirmation of baptism during the 9:30 service. You are welcome if you were baptized as an infant or as an adult. During the ceremony, we will learn the significance of our baptism. We will also learn what it means in our walk with Christ and our relationship with the Holy Spirit. If you have not been baptized or do not know if you were baptized, please talk to Pastor Matt. We want everyone to be a part of this joyful event. So, save the date – September 24.

## ADVENT'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023



Please plan to attend as we will be celebrating this milestone with a single worship service that morning, followed by a meal and brief program in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend, so inform your family and friends! More information will be shared during the summer.

## 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. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

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

Nancy Sclight



## A NIGHT WITH MIKE DETTRA AND THE DETTRA MENTAL TRIO (AND FRIENDS)



The concert of "Music of the World" performed by Mike Dettra and the Dettra Mentals (and friends), was enjoyable. The audience was taken musically to Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Uganda and many other countries. Mike delighted the audience with stories about the song, the writer, and/or performer. Thank you to Rhona Slawter for delicious refreshments.



### CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS – READY TO GO

Thank you to the 15 volunteers who worked together to assemble 88 turkey dinners and 8 containers of turkey noodle soup for **Caring for Friends** on June 25! To all who provided and prepared food, portioned the meals into trays or said a prayer for the recipients of these meals, you have shared God’s love with distant neighbors! Once the meals are frozen, we will take them to **Caring for Friends** to be delivered to grateful recipients. <https://caringforfriends.org>



### STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

The 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, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149.



### DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the Food Bank’s most needed items is in the narthex or on the website [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2023 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.



### 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 December is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e., coffee & tea) and all paper products.



**NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up sheet is found on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.



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! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House Charities** of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC** has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See [RMHCphilly.org](http://RMHCphilly.org).



**JULY**

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jen McQuiggan | 12 Laszlo Kovacs     | 22 Pat Brown              |
| 4 Liz Holford   | 15 Allison Kirschner | 25 Andrew Frey, III       |
| 5 Judy Rilling  | Lindsey Kirschner    | 29 Kathleen Pearson       |
| 7 Karen Breig   | 20 Larry Kovacs      | 30 George Preston Slawter |
| 8 Joyce Heiss   | 21 Fred Wagner       |                           |

**AUGUST**

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|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Nancy Hill | 10 Diane Kirschner | 17 Dorothy Masciotro |
| 4 Jeff Jobes | 14 Jessica Baker   | 27 Kristi Ward       |
| Megan Ward   | 16 Janice Hoffmann | 29 Joanne Kelly      |
|              | Jack Walsh         |                      |

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:

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 - JULY/AUGUST SCHEDULE**

**JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – 9:00 AM**

- 7/02 David Elkin – No Holy Communion
- 7/09 Jennifer McQuiggan
- 7/16 Rose Herbert
- 7/23 John Flint
- 7/30 George Henry

**ALTAR GUILD**

Hannah McCollum, Gail Oines,  
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**OUR TECH CREW**

Pastor Matt, Mike Dettra, Tony Gryszka, Gary  
Zimmerman

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**A.M.**

- 8/06 David Elkin Hannah McCollum
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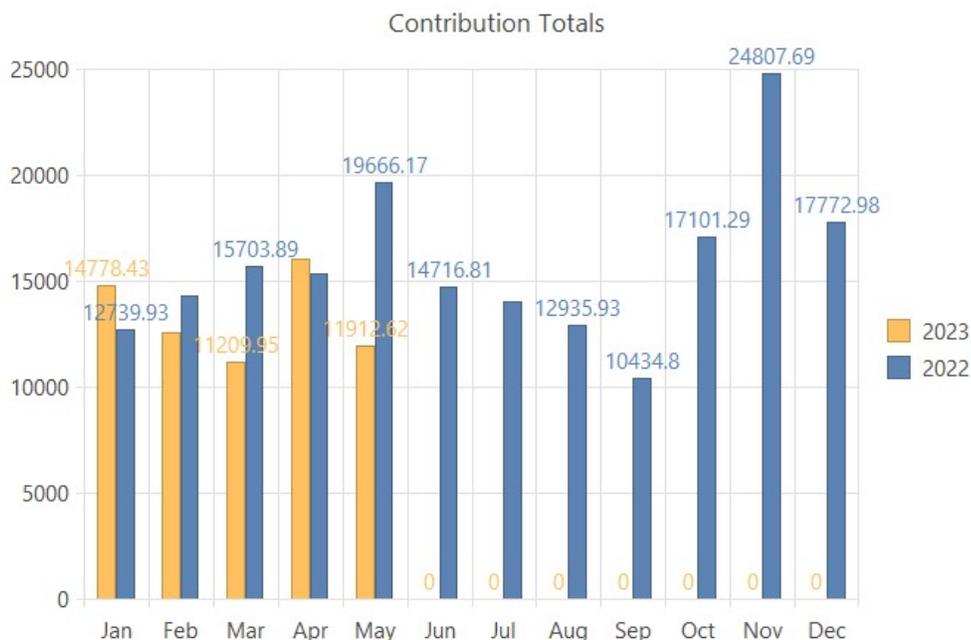
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As I previously reported this year, Advent has had a challenging financial year. The *General Fund* offering envelope category, which supports everyday operating expenses and ministries, continues at a large deficit. Your regular increased giving is an opportunity to strengthen our mission at Advent. Please remember Advent during the summer months, even when you are not able to attend worship services. Thank you.

Tony Gryszka, Chairperson, Finance Committee

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2023



	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
General Fund	\$8,811.62	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,361	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$15	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$725	
Total	\$11,912.62	\$19,313.00

	Recv'd YTD 1/1-5/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-5/31/23
General Fund	\$51,115.46	\$86,405.00
Mortgage	\$12,109.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$320.00	\$670.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,978.00	
Total	\$66,522.46	\$96,565.00

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Nancy Sclight



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### CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS – READY TO GO

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### STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

The 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, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149.



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### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

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



**NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**JULY**

- |                 |                      |                           |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jen McQuiggan | 12 Laszlo Kovacs     | 22 Pat Brown              |
| 4 Liz Holford   | 15 Allison Kirschner | 25 Andrew Frey, III       |
| 5 Judy Rilling  | Lindsey Kirschner    | 29 Kathleen Pearson       |
| 7 Karen Breig   | 20 Larry Kovacs      | 30 George Preston Slawter |
| 8 Joyce Heiss   | 21 Fred Wagner       |                           |

**AUGUST**

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| 1 Nancy Hill | 10 Diane Kirschner | 17 Dorothy Masciotro |
| 4 Jeff Jobes | 14 Jessica Baker   | 27 Kristi Ward       |
| Megan Ward   | 16 Janice Hoffmann | 29 Joanne Kelly      |
|              | Jack Walsh         |                      |

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:

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 - JULY/AUGUST SCHEDULE**

**JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – 9:00 AM**

- 7/02 David Elkin – No Holy Communion
- 7/09 Jennifer McQuiggan
- 7/16 Rose Herbert
- 7/23 John Flint
- 7/30 George Henry

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Zimmerman

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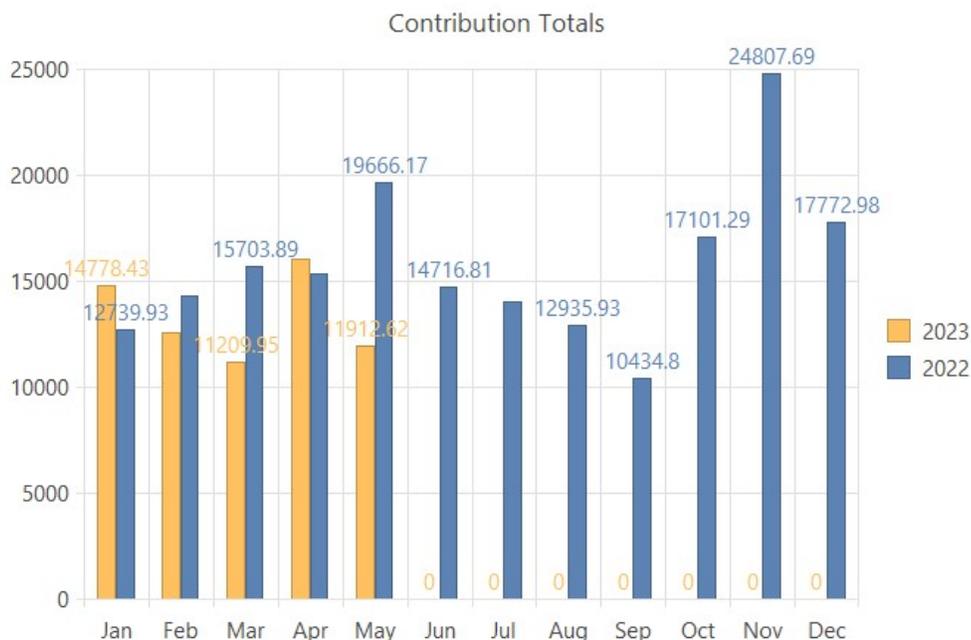
**FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

As I previously reported this year, Advent has had a challenging financial year. The *General Fund* offering envelope category, which supports everyday operating expenses and ministries, continues at a large deficit. Your regular increased giving is an opportunity to strengthen our mission at Advent. Please remember Advent during the summer months, even when you are not able to attend worship services. Thank you.

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*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2023



	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
General Fund	\$8,811.62	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,361	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$15	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$725	
Total	\$11,912.62	\$19,313.00

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General Fund	\$51,115.46	\$86,405.00
Mortgage	\$12,109.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$320.00	\$670.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,978.00	
Total	\$66,522.46	\$96,565.00

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.
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- Mail a check to the church. The mailing address is "Advent Lutheran Church, PO Box 840, Richboro, PA 18954"
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At the May Council meeting our leadership updated our precautions in light of the PHE being lifted. Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask.
  - Respect for those who choose social distance.
  - Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
  - Worship will continue to be available online.
  - Those distributing communion will continue to mask but will no long wear gloves. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
  - We will continue to share the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.
- Our leadership will continue to gauge the situation week by week and will keep the congregation informed of any adjustment to our precautions.



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**ZOOM INFORMATION**

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

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



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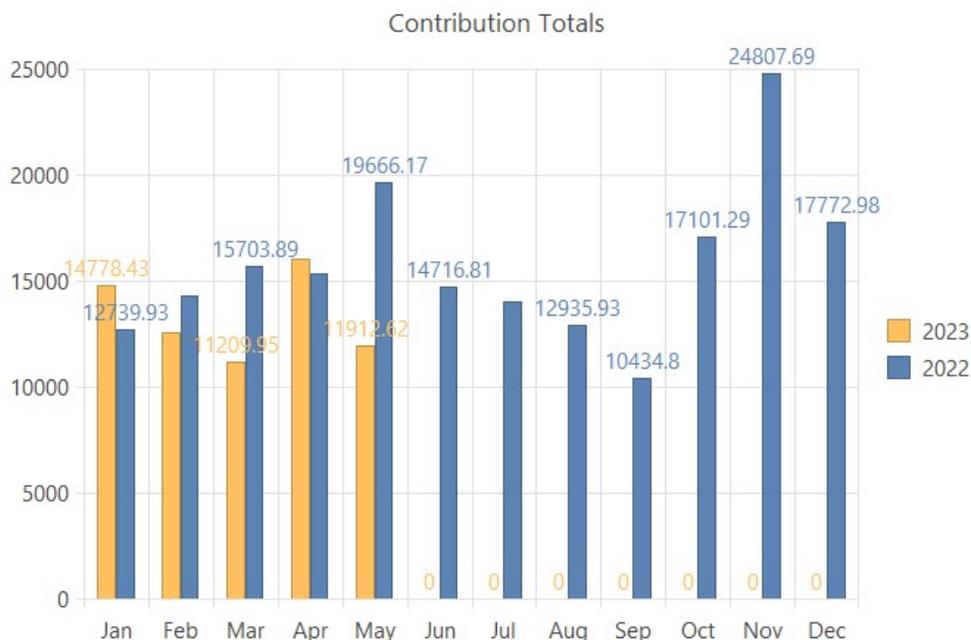
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	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
General Fund	\$8,811.62	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,361	\$1,898.00
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Other Benevolence	\$725	
Total	\$11,912.62	\$19,313.00

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Mortgage	\$12,109.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$320.00	\$670.00
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### UPDATE ON COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) changed the recommended precautions the government makes to citizens, business, institutions, and agencies. You may have noticed an elimination or considerable easing of precautions in most places. You may also have noticed that in some places a few precautions continue to be observed, such as food servers' wearing masks in some establishments. It is important to note that, although the level of illness from COVID-19 in our society has diminished to justify the lifting of the PHE, there are still people who are getting infected and some people who are more vulnerable than others.

At the May Council meeting our leadership updated our precautions in light of the PHE being lifted. Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask.
  - Respect for those who choose social distance.
  - Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
  - Worship will continue to be available online.
  - Those distributing communion will continue to mask but will no long wear gloves. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
  - We will continue to share the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.
- Our leadership will continue to gauge the situation week by week and will keep the congregation informed of any adjustment to our precautions.



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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.

**ZOOM INFORMATION**

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

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



## PASTOR MATT'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

As the Summer Newsletter goes out it will be about the same time as the Fourth of July. Many of us will go see fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday and the liberty we enjoy as its citizens. Yet with this celebration of our nation's birth, I cannot help but think of the discord within our society. We citizens of United States have deep passionate disagreements with one another over policies that would affect our future, our life with each other and the world. How are we to deal with one another?

As I think about my citizenship to this nation and how much I care for this nation, as a Christian I cannot help but think of a citizenship that has a greater claim on my soul than my citizenship to the United States of America. This citizenship is to the Kingdom of God. This citizenship calls me to love my neighbor as myself. It calls me to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to welcome the stranger into my home, to clothe the naked, to tend to the sick and visit the imprisoned. I am to do these things because to do them for the least of people is to do them for my true king who is Jesus. Who are the least of people? The least of people are those we are tempted to think of as being less than ourselves. Certainly, the poor and those who face adversity are often thought of being less than. It can be tempting to ask if they deserve or have earned their calamity. Maybe if they had worked harder or had taken better care of themselves, their life would be better. We can also be tempted to think less of those who are different or think differently than us. Our way of living and thinking can seem so right to us, that it can seem impossible that anyone could live or think differently from us without being less than us.

There is discord in our society this Fourth of July. Yet, I believe we will survive it. In the past two centuries there have been many such Fourth of July's. As a nation we will work out our differences and be a better nation for it. In that process, let us remember that our Christian citizenship can inform our United States citizenship. Indeed, many of the founders of our nation drew from their Christian faith the notions of liberty which we strive to live by today. It is tempting to let our passions deepen into rancor for those who see things differently from ourselves and think less of them. Nonetheless, as Christians we are called by a higher citizenship to love one another. Our Christian love can guide us in assuring the inalienable rights our society holds so dear of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for everyone.

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We’ll enjoy crafts, activities, music and snacks with our friends at VBS!

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Registration forms are available in the church narthex, foyer or by an email the church office.

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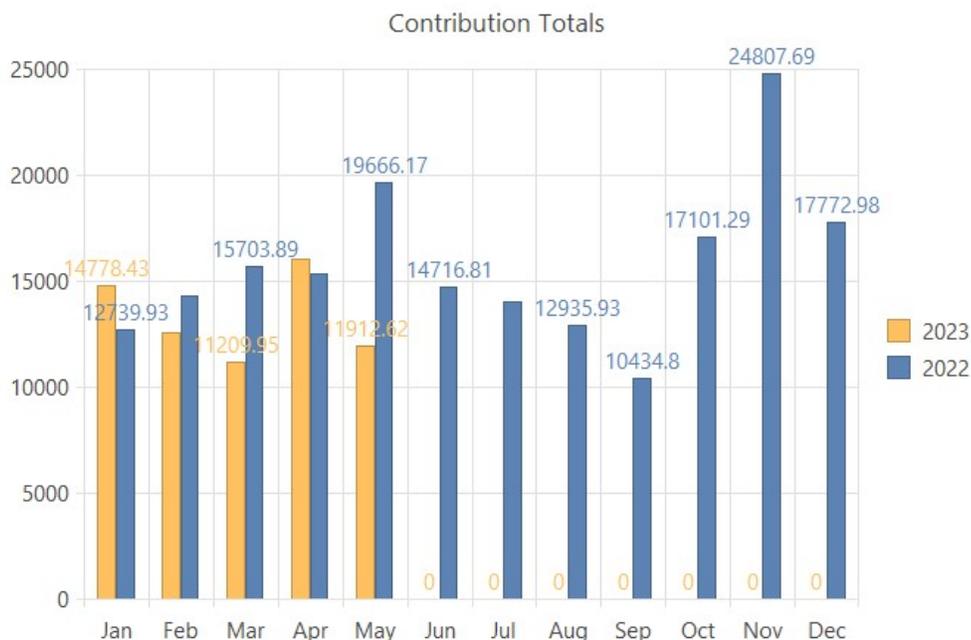
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- + To **know** the Word of God.
- + To **grow** in faith, love, and service.
- + To **go** into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.



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### UPDATE ON COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) changed the recommended precautions the government makes to citizens, business, institutions, and agencies. You may have noticed an elimination or considerable easing of precautions in most places. You may also have noticed that in some places a few precautions continue to be observed, such as food servers' wearing masks in some establishments. It is important to note that, although the level of illness from COVID-19 in our society has diminished to justify the lifting of the PHE, there are still people who are getting infected and some people who are more vulnerable than others.

At the May Council meeting our leadership updated our precautions in light of the PHE being lifted. Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask.
  - Respect for those who choose social distance.
  - Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
  - Worship will continue to be available online.
  - Those distributing communion will continue to mask but will no long wear gloves. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
  - We will continue to share the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.
- Our leadership will continue to gauge the situation week by week and will keep the congregation informed of any adjustment to our precautions.



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**Independence Day Commemoration**

9:00 a.m. Service of the Word  
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**JULY 16 - 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
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10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
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**JULY 23 - 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Service of the Word  
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10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
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**JULY 30 - 9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: Vacation  
Bible Study Staff  
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**AUGUST 6 - 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
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**AUGUST 13 - 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
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**AUGUST 20 - 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

**AUGUST 27 - 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

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

**ZOOM INFORMATION**

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

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



## PASTOR MATT'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

As the Summer Newsletter goes out it will be about the same time as the Fourth of July. Many of us will go see fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday and the liberty we enjoy as its citizens. Yet with this celebration of our nation's birth, I cannot help but think of the discord within our society. We citizens of United States have deep passionate disagreements with one another over policies that would affect our future, our life with each other and the world. How are we to deal with one another?

As I think about my citizenship to this nation and how much I care for this nation, as a Christian I cannot help but think of a citizenship that has a greater claim on my soul than my citizenship to the United States of America. This citizenship is to the Kingdom of God. This citizenship calls me to love my neighbor as myself. It calls me to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to welcome the stranger into my home, to clothe the naked, to tend to the sick and visit the imprisoned. I am to do these things because to do them for the least of people is to do them for my true king who is Jesus. Who are the least of people? The least of people are those we are tempted to think of as being less than ourselves. Certainly, the poor and those who face adversity are often thought of being less than. It can be tempting to ask if they deserve or have earned their calamity. Maybe if they had worked harder or had taken better care of themselves, their life would be better. We can also be tempted to think less of those who are different or think differently than us. Our way of living and thinking can seem so right to us, that it can seem impossible that anyone could live or think differently from us without being less than us.

There is discord in our society this Fourth of July. Yet, I believe we will survive it. In the past two centuries there have been many such Fourth of July's. As a nation we will work out our differences and be a better nation for it. In that process, let us remember that our Christian citizenship can inform our United States citizenship. Indeed, many of the founders of our nation drew from their Christian faith the notions of liberty which we strive to live by today. It is tempting to let our passions deepen into rancor for those who see things differently from ourselves and think less of them. Nonetheless, as Christians we are called by a higher citizenship to love one another. Our Christian love can guide us in assuring the inalienable rights our society holds so dear of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for everyone.

Peace,  
Pastor Matt

## PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Matt will be on vacation starting **Sunday, June 25**, returning **Wednesday, July 5**. Pastor Matt will also be out of the office from **Thursday, July 20** returning **Tuesday, July 26**. Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt. His contact number is 267-884-1195.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24 – 28

Children aged 4 through completion of grade 6 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Advent the week of July 24 – 28 on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.– noon. Our theme is **OPERATION RESTORATION**. Students will learn about God’s world and its people. Our Bible stories will inspire us to care for those who need food, healing, prayer and forgiveness.

We’ll enjoy crafts, activities, music and snacks with our friends at VBS!

A suggested donation of \$15 for the first child in the family and \$10 for each additional child in the family is requested - but not required.

Registration forms are available in the church narthex, foyer or by an email the church office.

### PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY



Vacation Bible School is set for July 24-28. We will continue our popular **Peanut Butter vs. Jelly** competition. Families will be asked to bring one or more of these to Vacation Bible School. We’ll tally the number of jars of **Peanut Butter** and containers of **Jelly** each day to find out which one is “ahead” in the competition. You can participate right now by bringing either or both of these favorites, as we’ll begin filling our collection baskets through July 28. All will be donated to the Warminster Food Bank, just in time for the start of the upcoming school year. And...they are often discounted in the summer months. Thank you!



### MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT – THURSDAY, JULY 27, 7:00 P.M.

Advent is again pleased to have Mitch McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on **Thursday, July 27, 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.



### SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Come to Advent Lutheran church for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner hosted by Pastor Matt, who will be preparing his family’s homemade sauce recipe. The event will take place on the evening of **Saturday, August 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Proceeds from the free will offering will go to benefit the Warminster Food Bank. Suggested offering is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. To go meals will be available.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Children's Sunday School classes will begin on September 17, concurrent with the 9:30 a.m. worship service. New students are welcome! Our weekly Bible lessons will be based on the popular *Holy Moly* curriculum. Its creative short videos bring the Bible stories to life for students age 4 through grade 6. The lessons are written in rhyme and illustrated in graphic novel style.

Learning together is fun! Look for a registration form in the church foyer or narthex to sign up, or you may request a form via email or mail. Student books and crafts will be ordered in August. Please contact the church office with any questions: [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org) or 215-355-2529.

Jeanne Gryska, Sunday School Director



## COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a group affirmation of baptism during the 9:30 service. You are welcome if you were baptized as an infant or as an adult. During the ceremony, we will learn the significance of our baptism. We will also learn what it means in our walk with Christ and our relationship with the Holy Spirit. If you have not been baptized or do not know if you were baptized, please talk to Pastor Matt. We want everyone to be a part of this joyful event. So, save the date – September 24.

## ADVENT'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023



Please plan to attend as we will be celebrating this milestone with a single worship service that morning, followed by a meal and brief program in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend, so inform your family and friends! More information will be shared during the summer.

## 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. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

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

Nancy Sclight

## A NIGHT WITH MIKE DETTRA AND THE DETTRA MENTAL TRIO (AND FRIENDS)



The concert of "Music of the World" performed by Mike Dettra and the Dettra Mentals (and friends), was enjoyable. The audience was taken musically to Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Uganda and many other countries. Mike delighted the audience with stories about the song, the writer, and/or performer. Thank you to Rhona Slawter for delicious refreshments.



### CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS – READY TO GO

Thank you to the 15 volunteers who worked together to assemble 88 turkey dinners and 8 containers of turkey noodle soup for **Caring for Friends** on June 25! To all who provided and prepared food, portioned the meals into trays or said a prayer for the recipients of these meals, you have shared God’s love with distant neighbors! Once the meals are frozen, we will take them to **Caring for Friends** to be delivered to grateful recipients. <https://caringforfriends.org>



### STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

The 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, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149.



### DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the Food Bank’s most needed items is in the narthex or on the website [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



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There are numerous dates available for 2023 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.



### 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 December is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e., coffee & tea) and all paper products.



**NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up sheet is found on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.



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! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House Charities** of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC** has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See [RMHCphilly.org](http://RMHCphilly.org).



**JULY**

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jen McQuiggan | 12 Laszlo Kovacs     | 22 Pat Brown              |
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| 5 Judy Rilling  | Lindsey Kirschner    | 29 Kathleen Pearson       |
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**AUGUST**

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|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Nancy Hill | 10 Diane Kirschner | 17 Dorothy Masciotro |
| 4 Jeff Jobes | 14 Jessica Baker   | 27 Kristi Ward       |
| Megan Ward   | 16 Janice Hoffmann | 29 Joanne Kelly      |
|              | Jack Walsh         |                      |

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:

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.

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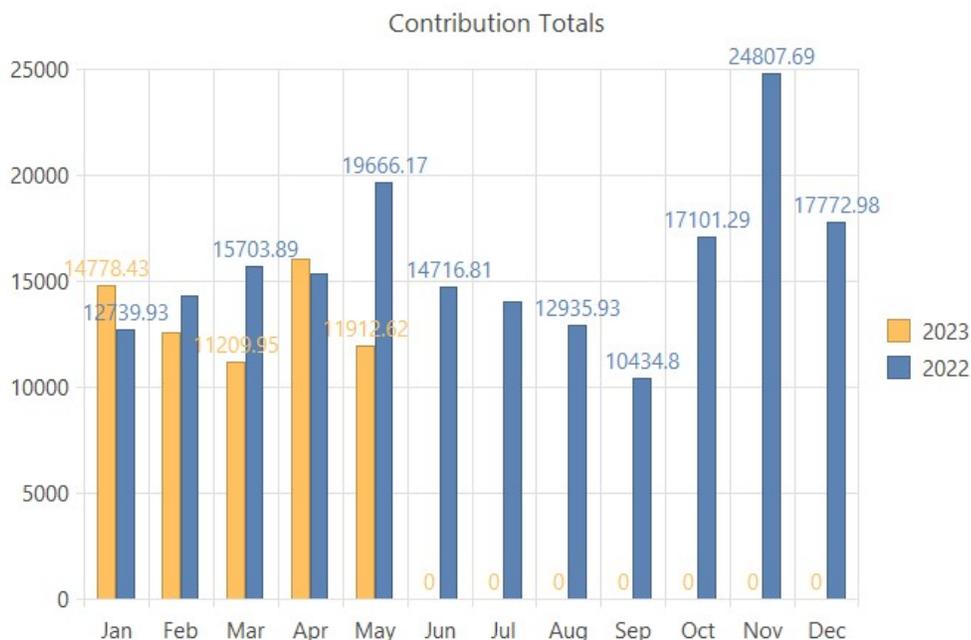
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**SUMMER WORSHIP ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION**

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.

**ZOOM INFORMATION**

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

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



## PASTOR MATT'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

As the Summer Newsletter goes out it will be about the same time as the Fourth of July. Many of us will go see fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday and the liberty we enjoy as its citizens. Yet with this celebration of our nation's birth, I cannot help but think of the discord within our society. We citizens of United States have deep passionate disagreements with one another over policies that would affect our future, our life with each other and the world. How are we to deal with one another?

As I think about my citizenship to this nation and how much I care for this nation, as a Christian I cannot help but think of a citizenship that has a greater claim on my soul than my citizenship to the United States of America. This citizenship is to the Kingdom of God. This citizenship calls me to love my neighbor as myself. It calls me to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to welcome the stranger into my home, to clothe the naked, to tend to the sick and visit the imprisoned. I am to do these things because to do them for the least of people is to do them for my true king who is Jesus. Who are the least of people? The least of people are those we are tempted to think of as being less than ourselves. Certainly, the poor and those who face adversity are often thought of being less than. It can be tempting to ask if they deserve or have earned their calamity. Maybe if they had worked harder or had taken better care of themselves, their life would be better. We can also be tempted to think less of those who are different or think differently than us. Our way of living and thinking can seem so right to us, that it can seem impossible that anyone could live or think differently from us without being less than us.

There is discord in our society this Fourth of July. Yet, I believe we will survive it. In the past two centuries there have been many such Fourth of July's. As a nation we will work out our differences and be a better nation for it. In that process, let us remember that our Christian citizenship can inform our United States citizenship. Indeed, many of the founders of our nation drew from their Christian faith the notions of liberty which we strive to live by today. It is tempting to let our passions deepen into rancor for those who see things differently from ourselves and think less of them. Nonetheless, as Christians we are called by a higher citizenship to love one another. Our Christian love can guide us in assuring the inalienable rights our society holds so dear of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for everyone.

Peace,  
Pastor Matt

## PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Matt will be on vacation starting **Sunday, June 25**, returning **Wednesday, July 5**. Pastor Matt will also be out of the office from **Thursday, July 20** returning **Tuesday, July 26**. Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt. His contact number is 267-884-1195.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24 – 28

Children aged 4 through completion of grade 6 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Advent the week of July 24 – 28 on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.– noon. Our theme is **OPERATION RESTORATION**. Students will learn about God’s world and its people. Our Bible stories will inspire us to care for those who need food, healing, prayer and forgiveness.

We’ll enjoy crafts, activities, music and snacks with our friends at VBS!

A suggested donation of \$15 for the first child in the family and \$10 for each additional child in the family is requested - but not required.

Registration forms are available in the church narthex, foyer or by an email the church office.

### PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY



Vacation Bible School is set for July 24-28. We will continue our popular **Peanut Butter vs. Jelly** competition. Families will be asked to bring one or more of these to Vacation Bible School. We’ll tally the number of jars of **Peanut Butter** and containers of **Jelly** each day to find out which one is “ahead” in the competition. You can participate right now by bringing either or both of these favorites, as we’ll begin filling our collection baskets through July 28. All will be donated to the Warminster Food Bank, just in time for the start of the upcoming school year. And...they are often discounted in the summer months. Thank you!



### MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT – THURSDAY, JULY 27, 7:00 P.M.

Advent is again pleased to have Mitch McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on **Thursday, July 27, 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.



### SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Come to Advent Lutheran church for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner hosted by Pastor Matt, who will be preparing his family’s homemade sauce recipe. The event will take place on the evening of **Saturday, August 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Proceeds from the free will offering will go to benefit the Warminster Food Bank. Suggested offering is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. To go meals will be available.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Children's Sunday School classes will begin on September 17, concurrent with the 9:30 a.m. worship service. New students are welcome! Our weekly Bible lessons will be based on the popular *Holy Moly* curriculum. Its creative short videos bring the Bible stories to life for students age 4 through grade 6. The lessons are written in rhyme and illustrated in graphic novel style.

Learning together is fun! Look for a registration form in the church foyer or narthex to sign up, or you may request a form via email or mail. Student books and crafts will be ordered in August. Please contact the church office with any questions: [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org) or 215-355-2529.

Jeanne Gryska, Sunday School Director



## COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a group affirmation of baptism during the 9:30 service. You are welcome if you were baptized as an infant or as an adult. During the ceremony, we will learn the significance of our baptism. We will also learn what it means in our walk with Christ and our relationship with the Holy Spirit. If you have not been baptized or do not know if you were baptized, please talk to Pastor Matt. We want everyone to be a part of this joyful event. So, save the date – September 24.

## ADVENT'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023



Please plan to attend as we will be celebrating this milestone with a single worship service that morning, followed by a meal and brief program in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend, so inform your family and friends! More information will be shared during the summer.

## 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. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

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

Nancy Sclight



## A NIGHT WITH MIKE DETTRA AND THE DETTRA MENTAL TRIO (AND FRIENDS)



The concert of "Music of the World" performed by Mike Dettra and the Dettra Mentals (and friends), was enjoyable. The audience was taken musically to Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Uganda and many other countries. Mike delighted the audience with stories about the song, the writer, and/or performer. Thank you to Rhona Slawter for delicious refreshments.



### CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS – READY TO GO

Thank you to the 15 volunteers who worked together to assemble 88 turkey dinners and 8 containers of turkey noodle soup for **Caring for Friends** on June 25! To all who provided and prepared food, portioned the meals into trays or said a prayer for the recipients of these meals, you have shared God’s love with distant neighbors! Once the meals are frozen, we will take them to **Caring for Friends** to be delivered to grateful recipients. <https://caringforfriends.org>



### STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

The 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, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149.



### DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the Food Bank’s most needed items is in the narthex or on the website [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2023 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.



### 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 December is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e., coffee & tea) and all paper products.



**NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up sheet is found on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.



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! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House Charities** of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC** has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See [RMHCphilly.org](http://RMHCphilly.org).



**JULY**

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jen McQuiggan | 12 Laszlo Kovacs     | 22 Pat Brown              |
| 4 Liz Holford   | 15 Allison Kirschner | 25 Andrew Frey, III       |
| 5 Judy Rilling  | Lindsey Kirschner    | 29 Kathleen Pearson       |
| 7 Karen Breig   | 20 Larry Kovacs      | 30 George Preston Slawter |
| 8 Joyce Heiss   | 21 Fred Wagner       |                           |

**AUGUST**

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| 1 Nancy Hill | 10 Diane Kirschner | 17 Dorothy Masciotro |
| 4 Jeff Jobes | 14 Jessica Baker   | 27 Kristi Ward       |
| Megan Ward   | 16 Janice Hoffmann | 29 Joanne Kelly      |
|              | Jack Walsh         |                      |

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:

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 - JULY/AUGUST SCHEDULE**

**JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – 9:00 AM**

- 7/02 David Elkin – No Holy Communion
- 7/09 Jennifer McQuiggan
- 7/16 Rose Herbert
- 7/23 John Flint
- 7/30 George Henry

**ALTAR GUILD**

Hannah McCollum, Gail Oines,  
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**OUR TECH CREW**

Pastor Matt, Mike Dettra, Tony Gryszka, Gary  
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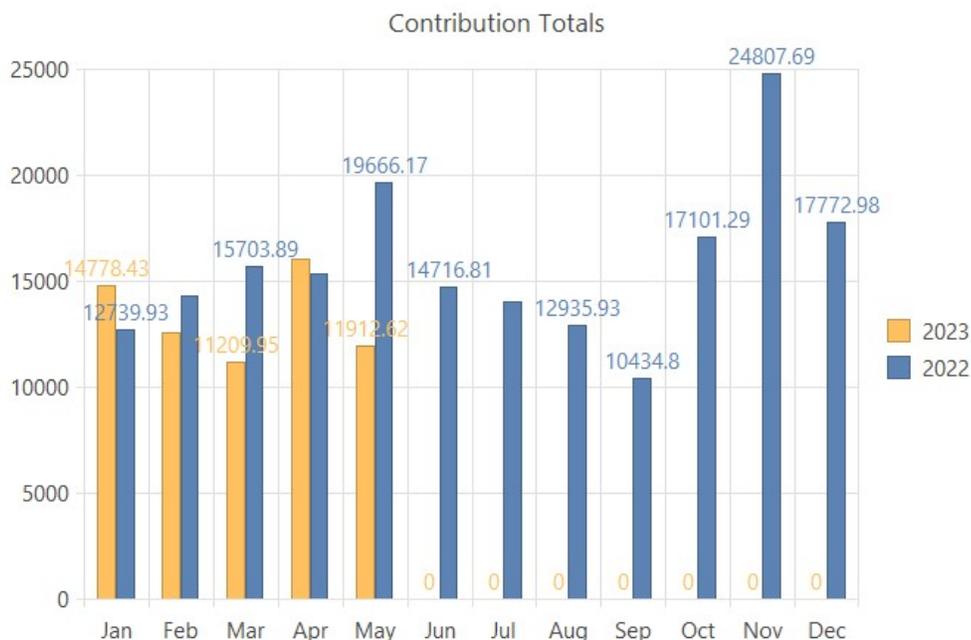
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As I previously reported this year, Advent has had a challenging financial year. The *General Fund* offering envelope category, which supports everyday operating expenses and ministries, continues at a large deficit. Your regular increased giving is an opportunity to strengthen our mission at Advent. Please remember Advent during the summer months, even when you are not able to attend worship services. Thank you.

Tony Gryszka, Chairperson, Finance Committee

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2023



	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
General Fund	\$8,811.62	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,361	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$15	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$725	
Total	\$11,912.62	\$19,313.00

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General Fund	\$51,115.46	\$86,405.00
Mortgage	\$12,109.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$320.00	\$670.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,978.00	
Total	\$66,522.46	\$96,565.00

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- 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.
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### MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT – THURSDAY, JULY 27, 7:00 P.M.

Advent is again pleased to have Mitch McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on **Thursday, July 27, 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.



### SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Come to Advent Lutheran church for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner hosted by Pastor Matt, who will be preparing his family’s homemade sauce recipe. The event will take place on the evening of **Saturday, August 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Proceeds from the free will offering will go to benefit the Warminster Food Bank. Suggested offering is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. To go meals will be available.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Children's Sunday School classes will begin on September 17, concurrent with the 9:30 a.m. worship service. New students are welcome! Our weekly Bible lessons will be based on the popular *Holy Moly* curriculum. Its creative short videos bring the Bible stories to life for students age 4 through grade 6. The lessons are written in rhyme and illustrated in graphic novel style.

Learning together is fun! Look for a registration form in the church foyer or narthex to sign up, or you may request a form via email or mail. Student books and crafts will be ordered in August. Please contact the church office with any questions: [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org) or 215-355-2529.

Jeanne Gryska, Sunday School Director



## COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a group affirmation of baptism during the 9:30 service. You are welcome if you were baptized as an infant or as an adult. During the ceremony, we will learn the significance of our baptism. We will also learn what it means in our walk with Christ and our relationship with the Holy Spirit. If you have not been baptized or do not know if you were baptized, please talk to Pastor Matt. We want everyone to be a part of this joyful event. So, save the date – September 24.

## ADVENT'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023



Please plan to attend as we will be celebrating this milestone with a single worship service that morning, followed by a meal and brief program in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend, so inform your family and friends! More information will be shared during the summer.

## 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. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

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

Nancy Sclight

## A NIGHT WITH MIKE DETTRA AND THE DETTRA MENTAL TRIO (AND FRIENDS)



The concert of "Music of the World" performed by Mike Dettra and the Dettra Mentals (and friends), was enjoyable. The audience was taken musically to Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Uganda and many other countries. Mike delighted the audience with stories about the song, the writer, and/or performer. Thank you to Rhona Slawter for delicious refreshments.



### CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS – READY TO GO

Thank you to the 15 volunteers who worked together to assemble 88 turkey dinners and 8 containers of turkey noodle soup for **Caring for Friends** on June 25! To all who provided and prepared food, portioned the meals into trays or said a prayer for the recipients of these meals, you have shared God’s love with distant neighbors! Once the meals are frozen, we will take them to **Caring for Friends** to be delivered to grateful recipients. <https://caringforfriends.org>



### STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

The 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, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149.



### DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the Food Bank’s most needed items is in the narthex or on the website [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2023 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.



### 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 December is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e., coffee & tea) and all paper products.



**NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up sheet is found on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.



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! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House Charities** of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC** has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See [RMHCphilly.org](http://RMHCphilly.org).



**JULY**

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jen McQuiggan | 12 Laszlo Kovacs     | 22 Pat Brown              |
| 4 Liz Holford   | 15 Allison Kirschner | 25 Andrew Frey, III       |
| 5 Judy Rilling  | Lindsey Kirschner    | 29 Kathleen Pearson       |
| 7 Karen Breig   | 20 Larry Kovacs      | 30 George Preston Slawter |
| 8 Joyce Heiss   | 21 Fred Wagner       |                           |

**AUGUST**

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|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Nancy Hill | 10 Diane Kirschner | 17 Dorothy Masciotro |
| 4 Jeff Jobes | 14 Jessica Baker   | 27 Kristi Ward       |
| Megan Ward   | 16 Janice Hoffmann | 29 Joanne Kelly      |
|              | Jack Walsh         |                      |

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:

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 - JULY/AUGUST SCHEDULE**

**JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – 9:00 AM**

- 7/02 David Elkin – No Holy Communion
- 7/09 Jennifer McQuiggan
- 7/16 Rose Herbert
- 7/23 John Flint
- 7/30 George Henry

**ALTAR GUILD**

Hannah McCollum, Gail Oines,  
Nancy Sclight, Rhona Slawter

**OUR TECH CREW**

Pastor Matt, Mike Dettra, Tony Gryszka, Gary  
Zimmerman

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**A.M.**

- 8/06 David Elkin                    Hannah McCollum
- 8/13 Jennifer McQuiggan
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**FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

Linda Brownlee, Audrey Savchuck, Nancy  
Sclight, Rhona Slawter

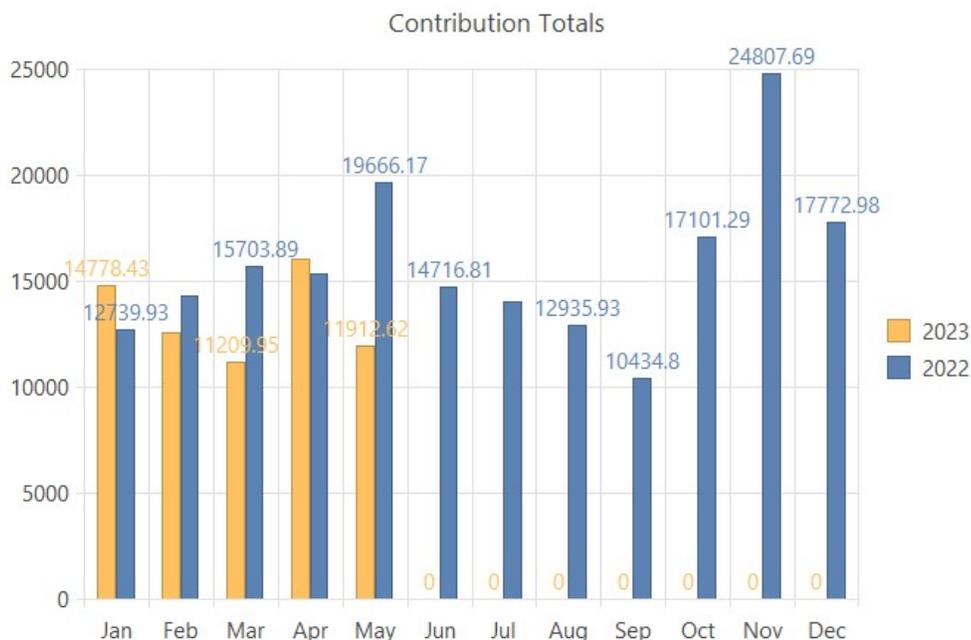
**FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

As I previously reported this year, Advent has had a challenging financial year. The *General Fund* offering envelope category, which supports everyday operating expenses and ministries, continues at a large deficit. Your regular increased giving is an opportunity to strengthen our mission at Advent. Please remember Advent during the summer months, even when you are not able to attend worship services. Thank you.

Tony Gryszka, Chairperson, Finance Committee

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2023



	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
General Fund	\$8,811.62	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,361	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$15	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$725	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,912.62</b>	<b>\$19,313.00</b>

	Recv'd YTD 1/1-5/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-5/31/23
General Fund	\$51,115.46	\$86,405.00
Mortgage	\$12,109.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$320.00	\$670.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,978.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,522.46</b>	<b>\$96,565.00</b>

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.
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- 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.

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On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) changed the recommended precautions the government makes to citizens, business, institutions, and agencies. You may have noticed an elimination or considerable easing of precautions in most places. You may also have noticed that in some places a few precautions continue to be observed, such as food servers' wearing masks in some establishments. It is important to note that, although the level of illness from COVID-19 in our society has diminished to justify the lifting of the PHE, there are still people who are getting infected and some people who are more vulnerable than others.

At the May Council meeting our leadership updated our precautions in light of the PHE being lifted. Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask.
  - Respect for those who choose social distance.
  - Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
  - Worship will continue to be available online.
  - Those distributing communion will continue to mask but will no long wear gloves. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
  - We will continue to share the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.
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**JULY**

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jen McQuiggan | 12 Laszlo Kovacs     | 22 Pat Brown              |
| 4 Liz Holford   | 15 Allison Kirschner | 25 Andrew Frey, III       |
| 5 Judy Rilling  | Lindsey Kirschner    | 29 Kathleen Pearson       |
| 7 Karen Breig   | 20 Larry Kovacs      | 30 George Preston Slawter |
| 8 Joyce Heiss   | 21 Fred Wagner       |                           |

**AUGUST**

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|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Nancy Hill | 10 Diane Kirschner | 17 Dorothy Masciotro |
| 4 Jeff Jobes | 14 Jessica Baker   | 27 Kristi Ward       |
| Megan Ward   | 16 Janice Hoffmann | 29 Joanne Kelly      |
|              | Jack Walsh         |                      |

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Thank you.



**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

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

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- 7/30 George Henry

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Zimmerman

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**A.M.**

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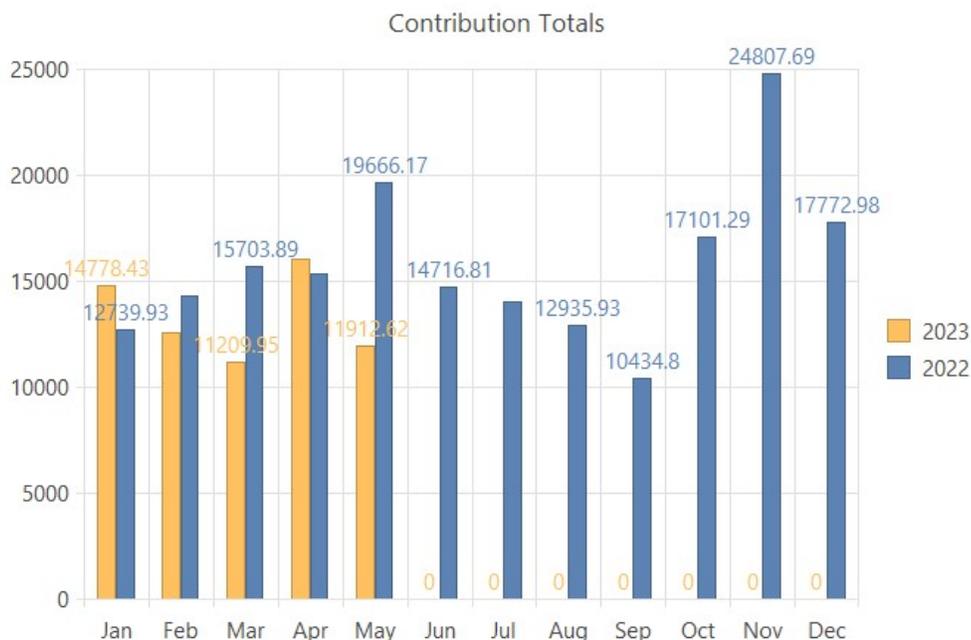
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## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2023



	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
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Mortgage	\$2,361	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$15	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$725	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,912.62</b>	<b>\$19,313.00</b>

	Recv'd YTD 1/1-5/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-5/31/23
General Fund	\$51,115.46	\$86,405.00
Mortgage	\$12,109.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$320.00	\$670.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,978.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,522.46</b>	<b>\$96,565.00</b>

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.
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### UPDATE ON COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) changed the recommended precautions the government makes to citizens, business, institutions, and agencies. You may have noticed an elimination or considerable easing of precautions in most places. You may also have noticed that in some places a few precautions continue to be observed, such as food servers' wearing masks in some establishments. It is important to note that, although the level of illness from COVID-19 in our society has diminished to justify the lifting of the PHE, there are still people who are getting infected and some people who are more vulnerable than others.

At the May Council meeting our leadership updated our precautions in light of the PHE being lifted. Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask.
  - Respect for those who choose social distance.
  - Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
  - Worship will continue to be available online.
  - Those distributing communion will continue to mask but will no long wear gloves. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
  - We will continue to share the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.
- Our leadership will continue to gauge the situation week by week and will keep the congregation informed of any adjustment to our precautions.



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**Independence Day Commemoration**

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Bible Study Staff  
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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.

**ZOOM INFORMATION**

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

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



## PASTOR MATT'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

As the Summer Newsletter goes out it will be about the same time as the Fourth of July. Many of us will go see fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday and the liberty we enjoy as its citizens. Yet with this celebration of our nation's birth, I cannot help but think of the discord within our society. We citizens of United States have deep passionate disagreements with one another over policies that would affect our future, our life with each other and the world. How are we to deal with one another?

As I think about my citizenship to this nation and how much I care for this nation, as a Christian I cannot help but think of a citizenship that has a greater claim on my soul than my citizenship to the United States of America. This citizenship is to the Kingdom of God. This citizenship calls me to love my neighbor as myself. It calls me to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to welcome the stranger into my home, to clothe the naked, to tend to the sick and visit the imprisoned. I am to do these things because to do them for the least of people is to do them for my true king who is Jesus. Who are the least of people? The least of people are those we are tempted to think of as being less than ourselves. Certainly, the poor and those who face adversity are often thought of being less than. It can be tempting to ask if they deserve or have earned their calamity. Maybe if they had worked harder or had taken better care of themselves, their life would be better. We can also be tempted to think less of those who are different or think differently than us. Our way of living and thinking can seem so right to us, that it can seem impossible that anyone could live or think differently from us without being less than us.

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Peace,  
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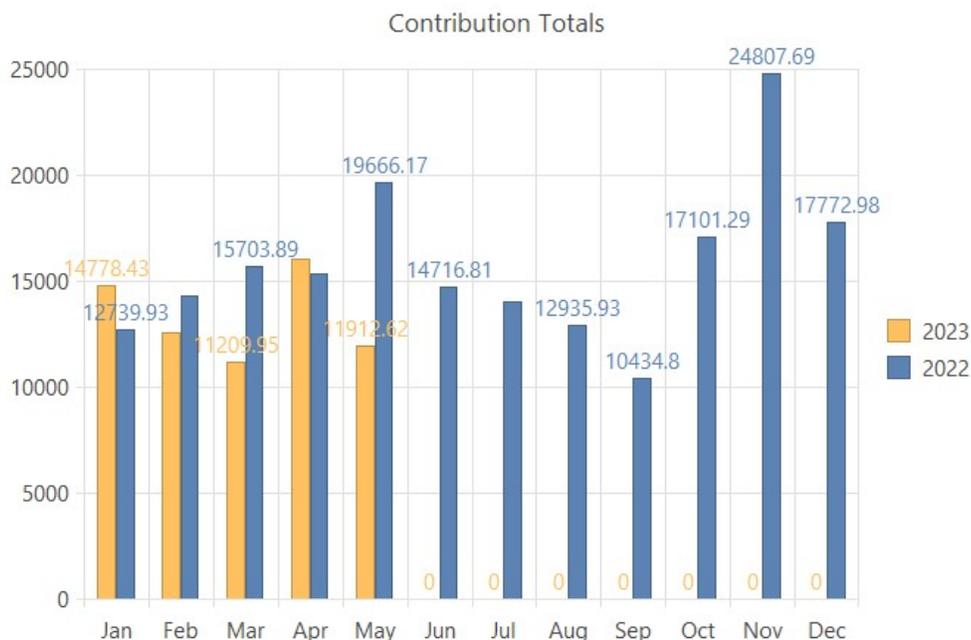
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### UPDATE ON COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) changed the recommended precautions the government makes to citizens, business, institutions, and agencies. You may have noticed an elimination or considerable easing of precautions in most places. You may also have noticed that in some places a few precautions continue to be observed, such as food servers' wearing masks in some establishments. It is important to note that, although the level of illness from COVID-19 in our society has diminished to justify the lifting of the PHE, there are still people who are getting infected and some people who are more vulnerable than others.

At the May Council meeting our leadership updated our precautions in light of the PHE being lifted. Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask.
  - Respect for those who choose social distance.
  - Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
  - Worship will continue to be available online.
  - Those distributing communion will continue to mask but will no long wear gloves. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
  - We will continue to share the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.
- Our leadership will continue to gauge the situation week by week and will keep the congregation informed of any adjustment to our precautions.



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PENTECOST**

**Independence Day Commemoration**

9:00 a.m. Service of the Word  
Worship Leader: George Henry  
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9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service  
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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.

**ZOOM INFORMATION**

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

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



## PASTOR MATT'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

As the Summer Newsletter goes out it will be about the same time as the Fourth of July. Many of us will go see fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday and the liberty we enjoy as its citizens. Yet with this celebration of our nation's birth, I cannot help but think of the discord within our society. We citizens of United States have deep passionate disagreements with one another over policies that would affect our future, our life with each other and the world. How are we to deal with one another?

As I think about my citizenship to this nation and how much I care for this nation, as a Christian I cannot help but think of a citizenship that has a greater claim on my soul than my citizenship to the United States of America. This citizenship is to the Kingdom of God. This citizenship calls me to love my neighbor as myself. It calls me to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to welcome the stranger into my home, to clothe the naked, to tend to the sick and visit the imprisoned. I am to do these things because to do them for the least of people is to do them for my true king who is Jesus. Who are the least of people? The least of people are those we are tempted to think of as being less than ourselves. Certainly, the poor and those who face adversity are often thought of being less than. It can be tempting to ask if they deserve or have earned their calamity. Maybe if they had worked harder or had taken better care of themselves, their life would be better. We can also be tempted to think less of those who are different or think differently than us. Our way of living and thinking can seem so right to us, that it can seem impossible that anyone could live or think differently from us without being less than us.

There is discord in our society this Fourth of July. Yet, I believe we will survive it. In the past two centuries there have been many such Fourth of July's. As a nation we will work out our differences and be a better nation for it. In that process, let us remember that our Christian citizenship can inform our United States citizenship. Indeed, many of the founders of our nation drew from their Christian faith the notions of liberty which we strive to live by today. It is tempting to let our passions deepen into rancor for those who see things differently from ourselves and think less of them. Nonetheless, as Christians we are called by a higher citizenship to love one another. Our Christian love can guide us in assuring the inalienable rights our society holds so dear of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for everyone.

Peace,  
Pastor Matt

## PASTOR ON VACATION

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24 – 28

Children aged 4 through completion of grade 6 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Advent the week of July 24 – 28 on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.– noon. Our theme is **OPERATION RESTORATION**. Students will learn about God’s world and its people. Our Bible stories will inspire us to care for those who need food, healing, prayer and forgiveness.

We’ll enjoy crafts, activities, music and snacks with our friends at VBS!

A suggested donation of \$15 for the first child in the family and \$10 for each additional child in the family is requested - but not required.

Registration forms are available in the church narthex, foyer or by an email the church office.

### PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY



Vacation Bible School is set for July 24-28. We will continue our popular **Peanut Butter vs. Jelly** competition. Families will be asked to bring one or more of these to Vacation Bible School. We’ll tally the number of jars of **Peanut Butter** and containers of **Jelly** each day to find out which one is “ahead” in the competition. You can participate right now by bringing either or both of these favorites, as we’ll begin filling our collection baskets through July 28. All will be donated to the Warminster Food Bank, just in time for the start of the upcoming school year. And...they are often discounted in the summer months. Thank you!



### MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT – THURSDAY, JULY 27, 7:00 P.M.

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER**

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## CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS – READY TO GO

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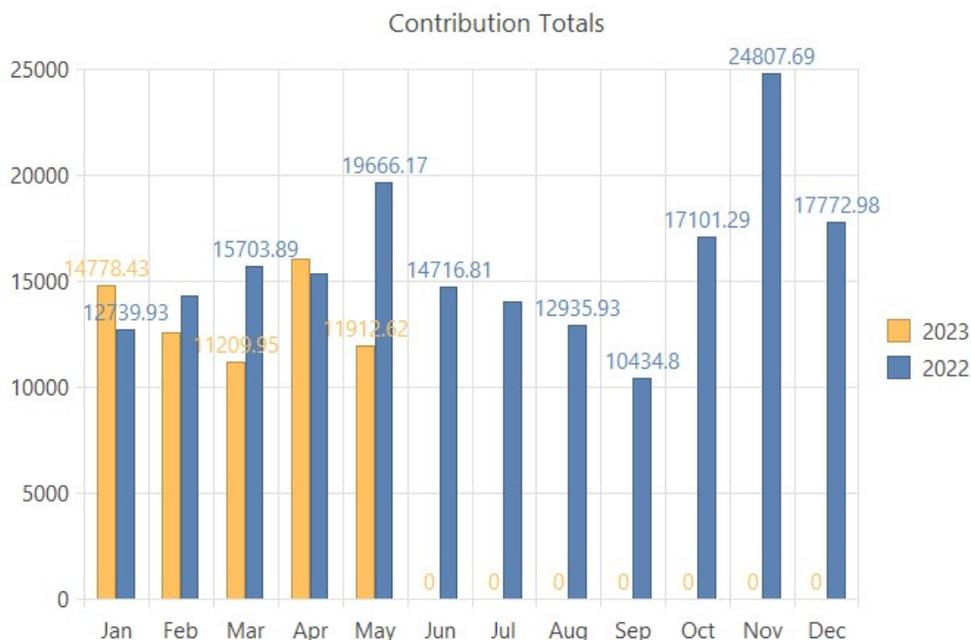
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### UPDATE ON COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) changed the recommended precautions the government makes to citizens, business, institutions, and agencies. You may have noticed an elimination or considerable easing of precautions in most places. You may also have noticed that in some places a few precautions continue to be observed, such as food servers' wearing masks in some establishments. It is important to note that, although the level of illness from COVID-19 in our society has diminished to justify the lifting of the PHE, there are still people who are getting infected and some people who are more vulnerable than others.

At the May Council meeting our leadership updated our precautions in light of the PHE being lifted. Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask.
  - Respect for those who choose social distance.
  - Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
  - Worship will continue to be available online.
  - Those distributing communion will continue to mask but will no long wear gloves. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
  - We will continue to share the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.
- Our leadership will continue to gauge the situation week by week and will keep the congregation informed of any adjustment to our precautions.



**JULY 2 - 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

**Independence Day Commemoration**

9:00 a.m. Service of the Word  
Worship Leader: George Henry  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

**JULY 9 - 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. Church Council Meeting

**JULY 16 - 7<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 23 - 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Service of the Word  
Worship Leader: Gail Oines  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

**JULY 30 - 9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

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

**AUGUST 6 - 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. Adult Bible Study

**AUGUST 13 - 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. Church Council Meeting

**AUGUST 20 - 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

**AUGUST 27 - 13<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.

**ZOOM INFORMATION**

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

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



## PASTOR MATT'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

As the Summer Newsletter goes out it will be about the same time as the Fourth of July. Many of us will go see fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday and the liberty we enjoy as its citizens. Yet with this celebration of our nation's birth, I cannot help but think of the discord within our society. We citizens of United States have deep passionate disagreements with one another over policies that would affect our future, our life with each other and the world. How are we to deal with one another?

As I think about my citizenship to this nation and how much I care for this nation, as a Christian I cannot help but think of a citizenship that has a greater claim on my soul than my citizenship to the United States of America. This citizenship is to the Kingdom of God. This citizenship calls me to love my neighbor as myself. It calls me to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to welcome the stranger into my home, to clothe the naked, to tend to the sick and visit the imprisoned. I am to do these things because to do them for the least of people is to do them for my true king who is Jesus. Who are the least of people? The least of people are those we are tempted to think of as being less than ourselves. Certainly, the poor and those who face adversity are often thought of being less than. It can be tempting to ask if they deserve or have earned their calamity. Maybe if they had worked harder or had taken better care of themselves, their life would be better. We can also be tempted to think less of those who are different or think differently than us. Our way of living and thinking can seem so right to us, that it can seem impossible that anyone could live or think differently from us without being less than us.

There is discord in our society this Fourth of July. Yet, I believe we will survive it. In the past two centuries there have been many such Fourth of July's. As a nation we will work out our differences and be a better nation for it. In that process, let us remember that our Christian citizenship can inform our United States citizenship. Indeed, many of the founders of our nation drew from their Christian faith the notions of liberty which we strive to live by today. It is tempting to let our passions deepen into rancor for those who see things differently from ourselves and think less of them. Nonetheless, as Christians we are called by a higher citizenship to love one another. Our Christian love can guide us in assuring the inalienable rights our society holds so dear of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for everyone.

Peace,  
Pastor Matt

## PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Matt will be on vacation starting **Sunday, June 25**, returning **Wednesday, July 5**. Pastor Matt will also be out of the office from **Thursday, July 20** returning **Tuesday, July 26**. Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt. His contact number is 267-884-1195.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24 – 28

Children aged 4 through completion of grade 6 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Advent the week of July 24 – 28 on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.– noon. Our theme is **OPERATION RESTORATION**. Students will learn about God’s world and its people. Our Bible stories will inspire us to care for those who need food, healing, prayer and forgiveness.

We’ll enjoy crafts, activities, music and snacks with our friends at VBS!

A suggested donation of \$15 for the first child in the family and \$10 for each additional child in the family is requested - but not required.

Registration forms are available in the church narthex, foyer or by an email the church office.

### PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY



Vacation Bible School is set for July 24-28. We will continue our popular **Peanut Butter vs. Jelly** competition. Families will be asked to bring one or more of these to Vacation Bible School. We’ll tally the number of jars of **Peanut Butter** and containers of **Jelly** each day to find out which one is “ahead” in the competition. You can participate right now by bringing either or both of these favorites, as we’ll begin filling our collection baskets through July 28. All will be donated to the Warminster Food Bank, just in time for the start of the upcoming school year. And...they are often discounted in the summer months. Thank you!



### MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT – THURSDAY, JULY 27, 7:00 P.M.

Advent is again pleased to have Mitch McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on **Thursday, July 27, 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.



### SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Come to Advent Lutheran church for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner hosted by Pastor Matt, who will be preparing his family’s homemade sauce recipe. The event will take place on the evening of **Saturday, August 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Proceeds from the free will offering will go to benefit the Warminster Food Bank. Suggested offering is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. To go meals will be available.



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER**

Children's Sunday School classes will begin on September 17, concurrent with the 9:30 a.m. worship service. New students are welcome! Our weekly Bible lessons will be based on the popular *Holy Moly* curriculum. Its creative short videos bring the Bible stories to life for students age 4 through grade 6. The lessons are written in rhyme and illustrated in graphic novel style.

Learning together is fun! Look for a registration form in the church foyer or narthex to sign up, or you may request a form via email or mail. Student books and crafts will be ordered in August. Please contact the church office with any questions: [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org) or 215-355-2529.

Jeanne Gryska, Sunday School Director



## **COMING IN SEPTEMBER**

Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a group affirmation of baptism during the 9:30 service. You are welcome if you were baptized as an infant or as an adult. During the ceremony, we will learn the significance of our baptism. We will also learn what it means in our walk with Christ and our relationship with the Holy Spirit. If you have not been baptized or do not know if you were baptized, please talk to Pastor Matt. We want everyone to be a part of this joyful event. So, save the date – September 24.

## **ADVENT'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023**



Please plan to attend as we will be celebrating this milestone with a single worship service that morning, followed by a meal and brief program in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend, so inform your family and friends! More information will be shared during the summer.

## **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. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

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

Nancy Sclight



## **A NIGHT WITH MIKE DETTRA AND THE DETTRA MENTAL TRIO (AND FRIENDS)**



The concert of "Music of the World" performed by Mike Dettra and the Dettra Mentals (and friends), was enjoyable. The audience was taken musically to Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Uganda and many other countries. Mike delighted the audience with stories about the song, the writer, and/or performer. Thank you to Rhona Slawter for delicious refreshments.



### CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS – READY TO GO

Thank you to the 15 volunteers who worked together to assemble 88 turkey dinners and 8 containers of turkey noodle soup for **Caring for Friends** on June 25! To all who provided and prepared food, portioned the meals into trays or said a prayer for the recipients of these meals, you have shared God’s love with distant neighbors! Once the meals are frozen, we will take them to **Caring for Friends** to be delivered to grateful recipients. <https://caringforfriends.org>



### STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

The 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, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149.



### DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the Food Bank’s most needed items is in the narthex or on the website [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2023 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.



### 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 December is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e., coffee & tea) and all paper products.



**NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up sheet is found on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.



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! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House Charities** of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC** has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See [RMHCphilly.org](http://RMHCphilly.org).



**JULY**

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jen McQuiggan | 12 Laszlo Kovacs     | 22 Pat Brown              |
| 4 Liz Holford   | 15 Allison Kirschner | 25 Andrew Frey, III       |
| 5 Judy Rilling  | Lindsey Kirschner    | 29 Kathleen Pearson       |
| 7 Karen Breig   | 20 Larry Kovacs      | 30 George Preston Slawter |
| 8 Joyce Heiss   | 21 Fred Wagner       |                           |

**AUGUST**

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|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Nancy Hill | 10 Diane Kirschner | 17 Dorothy Masciotro |
| 4 Jeff Jobes | 14 Jessica Baker   | 27 Kristi Ward       |
| Megan Ward   | 16 Janice Hoffmann | 29 Joanne Kelly      |
|              | Jack Walsh         |                      |

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:

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 - JULY/AUGUST SCHEDULE**

**JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – 9:00 AM**

- 7/02 David Elkin – No Holy Communion
- 7/09 Jennifer McQuiggan
- 7/16 Rose Herbert
- 7/23 John Flint
- 7/30 George Henry

**ALTAR GUILD**

Hannah McCollum, Gail Oines,  
Nancy Sclight, Rhona Slawter

**OUR TECH CREW**

Pastor Matt, Mike Dettra, Tony Gryszka, Gary  
Zimmerman

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**A.M.**

- 8/06 David Elkin                      Hannah McCollum
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**FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

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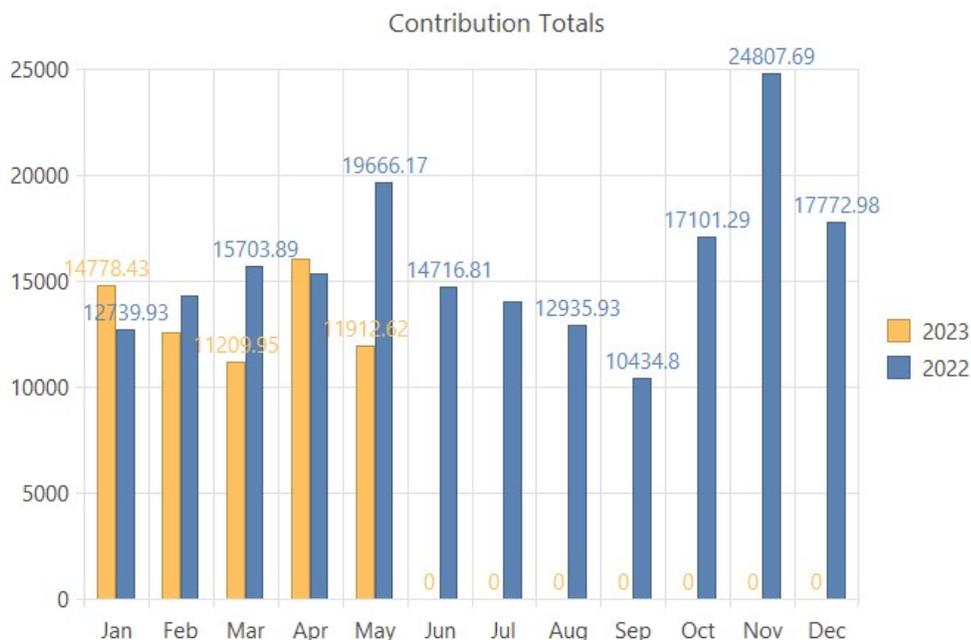
**FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

As I previously reported this year, Advent has had a challenging financial year. The *General Fund* offering envelope category, which supports everyday operating expenses and ministries, continues at a large deficit. Your regular increased giving is an opportunity to strengthen our mission at Advent. Please remember Advent during the summer months, even when you are not able to attend worship services. Thank you.

Tony Gryszka, Chairperson, Finance Committee

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2023



	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
General Fund	\$8,811.62	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,361	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$15	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$725	
Total	\$11,912.62	\$19,313.00

	Recv'd YTD 1/1-5/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-5/31/23
General Fund	\$51,115.46	\$86,405.00
Mortgage	\$12,109.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$320.00	\$670.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,978.00	
Total	\$66,522.46	\$96,565.00

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.

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### UPDATE ON COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) changed the recommended precautions the government makes to citizens, business, institutions, and agencies. You may have noticed an elimination or considerable easing of precautions in most places. You may also have noticed that in some places a few precautions continue to be observed, such as food servers' wearing masks in some establishments. It is important to note that, although the level of illness from COVID-19 in our society has diminished to justify the lifting of the PHE, there are still people who are getting infected and some people who are more vulnerable than others.

At the May Council meeting our leadership updated our precautions in light of the PHE being lifted. Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask.
  - Respect for those who choose social distance.
  - Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
  - Worship will continue to be available online.
  - Those distributing communion will continue to mask but will no long wear gloves. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
  - We will continue to share the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.
- Our leadership will continue to gauge the situation week by week and will keep the congregation informed of any adjustment to our precautions.



**JULY 2 - 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

**Independence Day Commemoration**

9:00 a.m. Service of the Word  
Worship Leader: George Henry  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

**JULY 9 - 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. Church Council Meeting

**JULY 16 - 7<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 23 - 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Service of the Word  
Worship Leader: Gail Oines  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: open  
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

**JULY 30 - 9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

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

**AUGUST 6 - 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. Adult Bible Study

**AUGUST 13 - 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. Church Council Meeting

**AUGUST 20 - 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

**AUGUST 27 - 13<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.

**ZOOM INFORMATION**

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

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



## PASTOR MATT'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

As the Summer Newsletter goes out it will be about the same time as the Fourth of July. Many of us will go see fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday and the liberty we enjoy as its citizens. Yet with this celebration of our nation's birth, I cannot help but think of the discord within our society. We citizens of United States have deep passionate disagreements with one another over policies that would affect our future, our life with each other and the world. How are we to deal with one another?

As I think about my citizenship to this nation and how much I care for this nation, as a Christian I cannot help but think of a citizenship that has a greater claim on my soul than my citizenship to the United States of America. This citizenship is to the Kingdom of God. This citizenship calls me to love my neighbor as myself. It calls me to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to welcome the stranger into my home, to clothe the naked, to tend to the sick and visit the imprisoned. I am to do these things because to do them for the least of people is to do them for my true king who is Jesus. Who are the least of people? The least of people are those we are tempted to think of as being less than ourselves. Certainly, the poor and those who face adversity are often thought of being less than. It can be tempting to ask if they deserve or have earned their calamity. Maybe if they had worked harder or had taken better care of themselves, their life would be better. We can also be tempted to think less of those who are different or think differently than us. Our way of living and thinking can seem so right to us, that it can seem impossible that anyone could live or think differently from us without being less than us.

There is discord in our society this Fourth of July. Yet, I believe we will survive it. In the past two centuries there have been many such Fourth of July's. As a nation we will work out our differences and be a better nation for it. In that process, let us remember that our Christian citizenship can inform our United States citizenship. Indeed, many of the founders of our nation drew from their Christian faith the notions of liberty which we strive to live by today. It is tempting to let our passions deepen into rancor for those who see things differently from ourselves and think less of them. Nonetheless, as Christians we are called by a higher citizenship to love one another. Our Christian love can guide us in assuring the inalienable rights our society holds so dear of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for everyone.

Peace,  
Pastor Matt

## PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Matt will be on vacation starting **Sunday, June 25**, returning **Wednesday, July 5**. Pastor Matt will also be out of the office from **Thursday, July 20** returning **Tuesday, July 26**. Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt. His contact number is 267-884-1195.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24 – 28

Children aged 4 through completion of grade 6 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Advent the week of July 24 – 28 on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.– noon. Our theme is **OPERATION RESTORATION**. Students will learn about God’s world and its people. Our Bible stories will inspire us to care for those who need food, healing, prayer and forgiveness.

We’ll enjoy crafts, activities, music and snacks with our friends at VBS!

A suggested donation of \$15 for the first child in the family and \$10 for each additional child in the family is requested - but not required.

Registration forms are available in the church narthex, foyer or by an email the church office.

### PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY



Vacation Bible School is set for July 24-28. We will continue our popular **Peanut Butter vs. Jelly** competition. Families will be asked to bring one or more of these to Vacation Bible School. We’ll tally the number of jars of **Peanut Butter** and containers of **Jelly** each day to find out which one is “ahead” in the competition. You can participate right now by bringing either or both of these favorites, as we’ll begin filling our collection baskets through July 28. All will be donated to the Warminster Food Bank, just in time for the start of the upcoming school year. And...they are often discounted in the summer months. Thank you!



### MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT – THURSDAY, JULY 27, 7:00 P.M.

Advent is again pleased to have Mitch McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on **Thursday, July 27, 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.



### SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Come to Advent Lutheran church for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner hosted by Pastor Matt, who will be preparing his family’s homemade sauce recipe. The event will take place on the evening of **Saturday, August 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Proceeds from the free will offering will go to benefit the Warminster Food Bank. Suggested offering is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. To go meals will be available.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Children's Sunday School classes will begin on September 17, concurrent with the 9:30 a.m. worship service. New students are welcome! Our weekly Bible lessons will be based on the popular *Holy Moly* curriculum. Its creative short videos bring the Bible stories to life for students age 4 through grade 6. The lessons are written in rhyme and illustrated in graphic novel style.

Learning together is fun! Look for a registration form in the church foyer or narthex to sign up, or you may request a form via email or mail. Student books and crafts will be ordered in August. Please contact the church office with any questions: [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org) or 215-355-2529.

Jeanne Gryska, Sunday School Director



## COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a group affirmation of baptism during the 9:30 service. You are welcome if you were baptized as an infant or as an adult. During the ceremony, we will learn the significance of our baptism. We will also learn what it means in our walk with Christ and our relationship with the Holy Spirit. If you have not been baptized or do not know if you were baptized, please talk to Pastor Matt. We want everyone to be a part of this joyful event. So, save the date – September 24.

## ADVENT'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023



Please plan to attend as we will be celebrating this milestone with a single worship service that morning, followed by a meal and brief program in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend, so inform your family and friends! More information will be shared during the summer.

## 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. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

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

Nancy Sclight

## A NIGHT WITH MIKE DETTRA AND THE DETTRA MENTAL TRIO (AND FRIENDS)



The concert of "Music of the World" performed by Mike Dettra and the Dettra Mentals (and friends), was enjoyable. The audience was taken musically to Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Uganda and many other countries. Mike delighted the audience with stories about the song, the writer, and/or performer. Thank you to Rhona Slawter for delicious refreshments.



### CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS – READY TO GO

Thank you to the 15 volunteers who worked together to assemble 88 turkey dinners and 8 containers of turkey noodle soup for **Caring for Friends** on June 25! To all who provided and prepared food, portioned the meals into trays or said a prayer for the recipients of these meals, you have shared God’s love with distant neighbors! Once the meals are frozen, we will take them to **Caring for Friends** to be delivered to grateful recipients. <https://caringforfriends.org>



### STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

The 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, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149.



### DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the Food Bank’s most needed items is in the narthex or on the website [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2023 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.



### 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 December is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e., coffee & tea) and all paper products.



**NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up sheet is found on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.



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! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House Charities** of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC** has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See [RMHCphilly.org](http://RMHCphilly.org).



**JULY**

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jen McQuiggan | 12 Laszlo Kovacs     | 22 Pat Brown              |
| 4 Liz Holford   | 15 Allison Kirschner | 25 Andrew Frey, III       |
| 5 Judy Rilling  | Lindsey Kirschner    | 29 Kathleen Pearson       |
| 7 Karen Breig   | 20 Larry Kovacs      | 30 George Preston Slawter |
| 8 Joyce Heiss   | 21 Fred Wagner       |                           |

**AUGUST**

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| 1 Nancy Hill | 10 Diane Kirschner | 17 Dorothy Masciotro |
| 4 Jeff Jobes | 14 Jessica Baker   | 27 Kristi Ward       |
| Megan Ward   | 16 Janice Hoffmann | 29 Joanne Kelly      |
|              | Jack Walsh         |                      |

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:

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 - JULY/AUGUST SCHEDULE**

**JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – 9:00 AM**

- 7/02 David Elkin – No Holy Communion
- 7/09 Jennifer McQuiggan
- 7/16 Rose Herbert
- 7/23 John Flint
- 7/30 George Henry

**ALTAR GUILD**

Hannah McCollum, Gail Oines,  
Nancy Sclight, Rhona Slawter

**OUR TECH CREW**

Pastor Matt, Mike Dettra, Tony Gryszka, Gary  
Zimmerman

**AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00**

**A.M.**

- 8/06 David Elkin Hannah McCollum
- 8/13 Jennifer McQuiggan
- 8/20 Rose Herbert
- 8/27 John Flint

**FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

Linda Brownlee, Audrey Savchuck, Nancy  
Sclight, Rhona Slawter

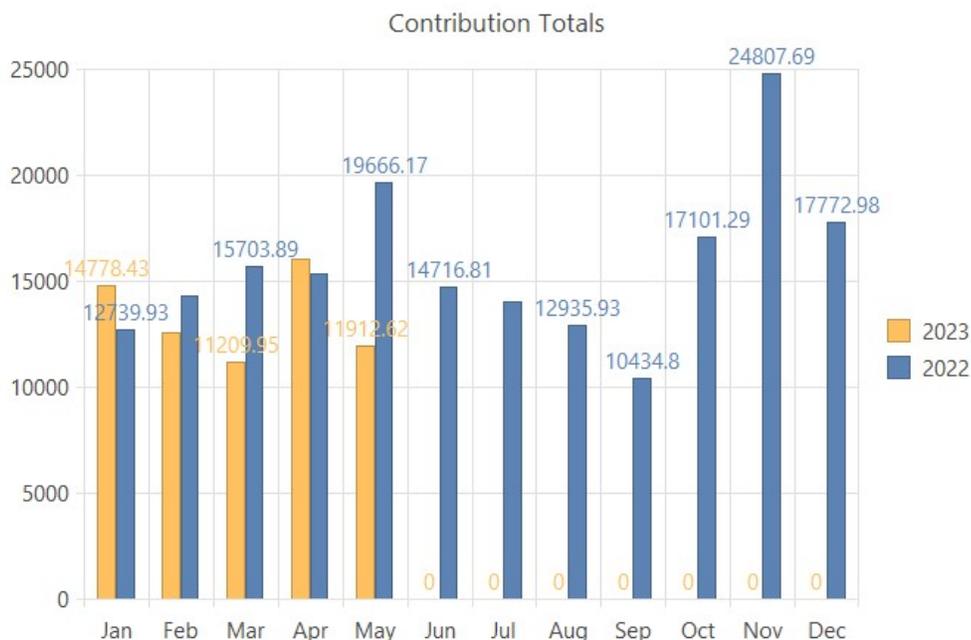
**FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

As I previously reported this year, Advent has had a challenging financial year. The *General Fund* offering envelope category, which supports everyday operating expenses and ministries, continues at a large deficit. Your regular increased giving is an opportunity to strengthen our mission at Advent. Please remember Advent during the summer months, even when you are not able to attend worship services. Thank you.

Tony Gryszka, Chairperson, Finance Committee

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2023



	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
General Fund	\$8,811.62	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,361	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$15	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$725	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,912.62</b>	<b>\$19,313.00</b>

	Recv'd YTD 1/1-5/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-5/31/23
General Fund	\$51,115.46	\$86,405.00
Mortgage	\$12,109.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$320.00	\$670.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,978.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,522.46</b>	<b>\$96,565.00</b>

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.
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- 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



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<b>2</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Service of the Word Worship Leader: George Henry <b>10:00 AM</b> Fellowship Time: open <b>10:15 AM</b> Adult Bible Study	<b>3</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> A.A. Open Meeting	<b>4</b>  <b>HAPPY 4TH OF JULY</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> A.A. Step Meeting.	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b> Summer Worship with Holy Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Fellowship Time: Open <b>10:15 AM</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> A.A. Open Meeting.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> A.A. Step Meeting.	<b>15</b>
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<b>23</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b> Service of the Word, Worship Leader: Gail Oines <b>10:00 AM</b> Fellowship Time: Open <b>10:15 AM</b> Adult Bible Study	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 – Noon VBS</b>  <b>7:30 PM</b> A.A. Open Meeting.	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 – Noon VBS</b>	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 – Noon VBS</b>	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 – Noon VBS</b>	<b>28</b> <b>9:00 – Noon VBS</b>  <b>7:30 PM</b> A.A. Step Meeting.	<b>29</b>
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