



# THE ADVENTURE

Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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## MISSION STATEMENT

### OUR MISSION - FAITHFUL IN THE WORD

- + To **gather** as God's people and nurture one another.
- + To **know** the Word of God.
- + To **grow** in faith, love, and service.
- + To **go** into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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## COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS

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 longer 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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## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MATT

What an incredible Holy Week and Easter this year! I haven't looked at the numbers yet, but it feels like we had greater participation in all of our worship services from Palm/Passion Sunday through Easter Sunday. But more important than the numbers is the presence of God's love when we gather. God's love in our midst is palpable. The Holy Spirit is at work!

One highlight of the week was the Easter Egg Hunt. I am not sure where the initial idea's spark came from, but the event was first proposed at the March Council meeting. At many congregations, ministry ideas are expected to originate from the pastor and be implemented by the Church Council. In this case, the idea for the egg hunt did not originate from me, and although the idea sounded like a good one, our Church Council, who do quite a bit already, did not seem to have much energy to make it happen. However, I believe the Holy Spirit works through anyone and everyone who is baptized, not just the Pastor or the Church Council. I basically said, "Let's run the flag up and see who salutes. Let's ask the congregation if anyone feels called to organize an Easter Egg Hunt. If the Holy Spirit is calling us to do this event, then it will happen. And if not, then it won't happen."



The following Sunday, there was an announcement in the bulletin, and I verbally asked the congregation. Low and behold, Christine Welsh volunteered to be the egg hunt organizer, and several other people volunteered to help. Christine took the ball and ran with it. I was in touch with her a few times to offer support. However, the most I had to do was update the digital sign board on the Pike and then show up for the Egg Hunt. The event was excellent! There was plenty of involvement. There were crafts and refreshments. The kids were so adorable as they looked for eggs. There was wonderful fellowship. It was a pleasure to greet several families from the neighborhood. God's love in our midst was palpable. The Holy Spirit was at work!



On the day of Pentecost, Peter recites words from the prophet Joel to the gathered crowd:

"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; yea, and on my manservants and my maidservants in those days, I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." (NSV Acts 2:17-18)

In my opinion, the model of ministry formation where ministry ideas are expected to originate from the pastor and get implemented by the Church Council, is one that has failed congregations. Yes, I have come up with great ministry ideas, but I have also had my share of "crash and burns," too. The Holy Spirit works through everyone's baptism, not just the pastor's baptism. I believe that the primary role of the Pastor and Church Council is to enable the congregation to respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to share God's love with one another and the world. When we respond to the call to share God's love, that is ministry.

Yours in the Spirit,  
Pastor Matt

## MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### MAY 4 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6  
10:30 AM Web site launch party

### MAY 18 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
**Final Sunday School class until fall**  
10:30 AM Wedding Celebration  
for Pastor Matt and Debbie

### MAY 11 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Pastor on Vacation*  
8:00 AM Service of the Word – no Communion  
9:30 AM Service of the Word – no Communion  
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6  
10:30 AM Fellowship Time: Open

### MAY 25 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS**  
9:00 AM Single Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open

#### SERVING IN WORSHIP – MAY 2025 SCHEDULE

	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
	8:00 AM		9:30 AM	
5/4	David Elkin	Janice Hoffmann	Bruce Eklund	Kristi Ward
5/11	Open	N/A	John Flint	N/A
5/18	David Elkin	Janice Hoffmann	Bruce Eklund	Joyce Heiss
5/25	Single Worship Service		9:00 AM David Elkin	9:00 AM Kristi Ward

**ALTAR GUILD:** Kristi Ward, Joyce Heiss, Jeanne Gryszka

**OUR TECH CREW:** Pastor Matt, Mike Dettra, Tony Gryszka, Gary Zimmerman

**FLOWER DISTRIBUTION:** Linda Brownlee, Audrey Savchuck, Nancy Sclight, Rhona Slawter

#### CONTACTING PASTOR MATT

If you need to speak with Pastor Matt when he is not in the office,  
particularly in the case of a pastoral emergency,  
please feel free to call his cell at 215-859-3778  
or email him at [pastor@adventrichboro.org](mailto:pastor@adventrichboro.org).

If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.

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#### PASTOR MATT ON VACATION 5/8-5/17

Pastor Matt will be on vacation starting Thursday, May 8 through Saturday, May 17.

If you have a pastoral emergency while Pastor Matt is away,  
please contact Pastor Sandra Brown at 215-680-3972.

# WORSHIP-RELATED INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES

## ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

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

### ZOOM INFORMATION

#### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 8:00 AM SERVICE (Sundays in May)

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

Meeting ID: 891 9503 9877

Passcode: 443533

#### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9:30 AM SERVICE (Sundays in May)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85405629972?pwd=aGErSFNlbVAvNmZsQkIzWVpTTktlQT09>

Meeting ID: 854 0562 9972

Passcode: 506714

#### SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE on SUNDAYS (May 25 to September 7)

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

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

#### THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Gospel of Matthew

Time: **Thursdays at 7:00 PM, resuming May 29, 2025**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82089110140>

Meeting ID: 820 8911 0140

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

*Phone instructions: Call 1-646-558-8656*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL IN MAY



May 18 is our final day of Sunday School until September. On this day, students will be awarded certificates of attendance to honor them for their accomplishments this school year.

We are proud of our students as they have learned to connect individual Bible lessons into a sequence of events. They are excellent listeners and valuable participants in our discussions each week. They enjoy their crafts and songs and simply have fun learning together!

We are thankful for our Sunday School families and express our appreciation to Rhona Slawter and Eva Ollikainen for serving as assistant teachers when needed during the year.

- Jeanne Gryszka and Rose Herbert

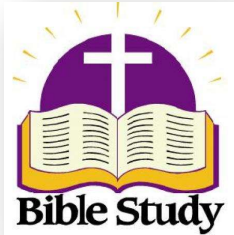


# WORSHIP-RELATED INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES (*continued*)

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY

Sunday in-person Bible Study with George Henry will resume in the fall. More information will be available in the August newsletter.



### THURSDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Night Bible Study will resume on **Thursday, May 29**. Pastor will be leading the study, which utilizes the “The Jewish Annotated New Testament” as one of the resources to delve deep into Jesus’ times and to better understand the Gospel of Matthew written to a Jewish-Christian audience.

**Weekly commitment not needed** – come virtually with your Bible (or just listen and follow along) as your schedule allows.

*See page 4 for Zoom link information.*

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## FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

*Communion is a gift from God, allowing us to receive His grace, nourish our faith, and more fully participate in the life of the Church.*



Advent will offer First Holy Communion instruction every other Sunday for 4 weeks, beginning Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 10:30 AM. Parents of baptized children, grade 5 and older are encouraged to register their child by completing an online registration form at <https://forms.gle/2uNSDtbybWxXktVs7>. Hard copy registration forms are also available in the narthex. Please call the church office at 215-355-2529 with any questions.

*If your child is younger than grade 5, and you would like to discuss enrolling them, please call the church office to speak with Pastor Matt. Decisions on younger children will be made on a case-by-case basis.*

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## RESPONDING TO YOUR BAPTISMAL CALL AT WORSHIP SERVICES

You have many opportunities to respond to your Baptismal Call at worship services. Claim God’s grace and share your gifts as part of the Praise Band or Vocal Choir, as a Lay Reader, Communion Assistant, Acolyte, or Greeter, or by assisting with set up for services.

### CALL FOR PRAISE BAND & VOCAL CHOIR MEMBERS

Practices for the spring are winding down with regular practices beginning again in the fall.

*If you are interested in learning more about either Praise Band or Vocal Choir, please contact Mike Dettra, Music Director, or the church office at 215-355-2529.*



### CALL FOR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Training is provided for those interested in serving as Lay Reader, Communion Assistant, Acolyte or Greeter. Volunteers can also assist behind the scenes with set up prior to services.

*Please contact the church office for more information at 215-355-2529.*

## WORSHIP-RELATED INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES *(continued)*

### DEDICATIONS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

*Payments for dedications may be made using the marked envelopes by the sign-up charts or by mailing payment to the church at 45 Worthington Mill Road, Richboro, PA 18954.*

*Please make checks payable to **Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church** and write **Altar Flowers** or **Mission Support** in the memo.*

CENTRO NUEVA CREACIÓN  
HOME OF THE GOODLANDS®

#### MISSION DEDICATIONS

The 2025 Mission Dedication sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. The Mission Dedication donations benefit our sister church, Iglesia Luterana Nueva Creacion, which does vital work in North Philadelphia. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex on the table by the sanctuary doors. Please include your name and dedication. Dedications cost \$25. You can also call the church office to submit your mission dedication at 215-355-2529.

#### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The 2025 sign-up sheet for Altar Dedications is available in the narthex. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex with your name and dedication.

Two bouquets are available for dedication each week. The cost is \$25 per bouquet. Bouquets are available to take home after the 9:30 AM service to enjoy during the week. If you have any questions, please call Cindy Frey at 267-205-0713. Thank you for helping to beautify the altar!



We need groups or individuals to sign up to provide refreshments for **Fellowship time**. Fellowship is held after the 9:30 AM service or the 9:00 AM service (on Sundays with a single worship service). The sign-up sheet through the end of the year is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e., coffee & tea) and all paper products. If you would like to support Fellowship Time but do not have the time or ability to bake or shop for snacks, please consider donating a few dollars.

*Thank you on behalf of all the hungry snackers!*

### SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Beginning Sunday, May 25 at 9:00 am**

Beginning Sunday, May 25, Advent will have a single worship service at 9:00 AM on Sundays through the summer. Fellowship will continue and be held in the narthex immediately following the service. Summer services will still be available online and in-person.

#### MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, today I pray for mothers all over the world, in heaven and on earth, for the joyful ones and the grieving ones, the tired ones and the thriving ones. You know every story, every burden, every blessing. Strengthen each mother. Encourage their hearts. Fill their homes with peace and their souls with purpose. Let them feel loved, appreciated, and seen not just today, but every day. May they continue to shape generations with wisdom, patience, and prayer. Honor them in ways they never expected. And remind them that motherhood is a calling close to Your heart. Thank You for every mother. In Jesus' name, Amen.



## FALL 2024/SPRING 2025 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

Congratulations to all Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 High School and College graduates and their families!

On **Sunday, June 1**, Advent will recognize new graduates at the 9:00 AM worship service. Graduates will also be recognized in the June/July 2025 Newsletter.

Please send the information requested below no later than Monday, May 26 to be included in the June/July Newsletter. Forms are also available in the narthex.

To submit your information, you may:



Email the church office at [AdventLutheranRichboro@gmail.com](mailto:AdventLutheranRichboro@gmail.com)



Call the church office at 215-355-2529..



Complete the form below and place in the offering plate in the church sanctuary



Complete the form below and mail to the church:

Advent Richboro

45 Worthington Mill Drive

Richboro, PA 18954

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### Fall 2024/Spring 2025 High School and College Graduate Information

Graduate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

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College Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree & Major: \_\_\_\_\_

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Plans for future: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

Information was presented in the February 2025 Adventure Newsletter about the installation of the 2025 Church Council during the late service on January 12 and the election of Council officers. As a recap, returning members Pastor Matt, John Flint, Cindy Frey, Katie Dettra, and Gary Zimmerman were joined by new members Kristi Ward, Keith Wills, Cime Eklund, and Mike Sitler, who are serving the 1st year of a 3-year term.

During its January 12 Council meeting, the following individuals were elected to serve in the **five officer positions**:

President Mike Sitler

Vice President Gary Zimmerman

Council Secretary Cime Eklund

Financial Secretary Cindy Frey

Treasurer George Henry

*George serves as a non-voting member of the 2025 Church Council*

Church Council's leadership/membership on the **Congregation's Standing Committees** for the year have now been determined and are as follows:

Christian Education: John Flint

Property: Keith Wills

Worship and Music: Kristi Ward

Evangelism: Katie Dettra and Cime Eklund

Finance Committee: Tony Gryszka, George Henry, Cindy Frey, and Janice Hoffman

Social Ministry: Open

Congregational Life: Open

Youth: Open

*(Other committees meet, but are not listed.)*

These individuals discerned their spiritual gifts and followed their baptismal call to serve on Council and work on specific committees, and, by extension, the mission and ministries of Advent. What committees and/or ministries are you being called to engage in? Please consider your passions, spiritual gifts and baptismal call, and don't be discouraged by time commitment, all levels are important and appreciated. Please speak with any Council Member concerning current and future opportunities to put your talents into action, and remember that, collectively, we are "doing God's work with our hands".

*The next Church Council meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, May 12, at 7:00 PM.*

## ADVENT COMMUNITY – UPCOMING EVENTS

### LAUNCH PARTY FOR ADVENT'S NEW WEB SITE - Sunday, May 4, 10:30 AM



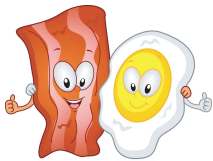
Come celebrate the launch of Advent's new web site!

The new site was designed and developed over the past year with Janus Advertising. This project required a great amount of effort and collaboration. We are truly grateful to Heather, Lisa, Jen, and staff at Janus Advertising for going above and beyond to create our amazing new site. We would also like to extend a special thank you to the web site committee which included Katie Dettra, Mike Sitler and Pastor Matt. Thank you to the many people who spent countless hours assisting the committee, including Cindy Frey, Jeanne Gryszka, and Tony Gryszka. Thank you to the church council for their support and participation. Thank you also to everyone in the congregation who participated in surveys and provided feedback throughout the development. Finally, thank you to all who donated money to help fund this important endeavor. Let's celebrate this wonderful accomplishment! *Light refreshments will be served.*

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### PING PONG – Tuesday May 6 and May 13, 6:30 PM

All are welcome to come and enjoy an evening of Ping Pong at the church on Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM. Please call the church 215-355-2529 if you want to give it a try. *More information on the upcoming schedule will be announced in the coming weeks.*



### MEN'S BREAKFAST - Saturday, May 10, 8:30 AM

Breakfast this month falls on Saturday May 10th. As you know, the next day is a very big holiday. Please rest assured that our Breakfast is scheduled to conclude in time for you to make it to the Dollar Store in case you still need a gift. Unfortunately, I understand that they do not gift wrap. **Coffee ready by 7:30.**

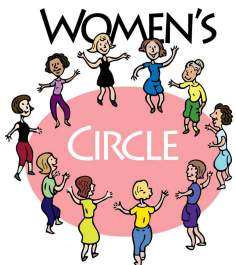
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### ADVENT'S ANNUAL SPRING PROPERTY CLEAN UP - Saturday, May 10, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Advent's annual spring cleanup will be on Saturday morning, May 10, from 10:00 to 12:00 PM. All volunteers are welcome and encouraged to participate! Suggested items to bring include work gloves, brooms, rakes, gardening tools, hedge trimmers, tree pruners, and weed whackers. We will be concentrating on weeding the gardens, applying mulch, and general cleanup. Yard waste bags will be provided. Hope to see you there!



### ADVENT WOMEN'S CIRCLE - Next Meeting Tuesday, May 13, 12:00 PM



Advent Women's Circle meets most months on the 2nd Tuesday at noon. We bring our ideas together to plan various projects that support our church family, as well as outings to refresh and educate our members.

If you are interested in attending or for more information, please contact Fran Zanis at 267-847-5098, or the church office at 215-355-2529.

The next meeting is **Tuesday, May 13, 12:00 PM – BYO Lunch.**



## ADVENT COMMUNITY EVENTS – UPCOMING EVENTS *(continued)*

**CELEBRATION OF PASTOR MATT AND DEBBIE'S WEDDING - Sunday, May 18, 10:30 AM**



## They do!

Advent will host a special celebration of Pastor Matt and Debbie's wedding on Sunday, May 18, following the 9:30 AM worship service. Come and celebrate the newlyweds and surround them with the love and support of Advent!

*Light refreshments will be served.*

# NORTHAMPTON MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY – Monday, May 26, 9:00 AM



The Northampton Township Memorial Day ceremony will be held on Monday, May 26. Pastor Matt will be present to offer an Invocation and Benediction at the Robert H. Dembowski, Jr. Veterans Memorial Park on the corner of Second Street Pike and Almshouse Road. This is an annual ceremony in Richboro, PA to honor PFC Dembowski, Master Sergeant Elwell, and all those who gave their lives in service to our country.

**DETTRA MENTAL SPRING CONCERT – FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025, 7:30 PM**

Come enjoy an evening of music and community! More information will be available closer to the event.

## ADVENT COMMUNITY – APRIL EVENTS

## FAREWELL & GRATITUDE

With celebration and heavy hearts, we wished Gail and Doug Oines farewell and godspeed on April 6 as they moved to their new home in central Pennsylvania. We are grateful for their 31 years of volunteer work, as they strengthened Advent in purpose and worship. With a long list of titles and tasks they've accomplished, we realize how much our church has been enhanced based on their dedication. We wish them joy and relaxation in their new home.



Gratitude





## ADVENT COMMUNITY – APRIL EVENTS *(continued)*

### EGG HUNT RECAP: A DAY OF FUN, LAUGHTER, AND SWEET SURPRISES!

This year's Egg Hunt was a hopping success! Families gathered under cloudy, yet rain-free skies on Palm Sunday morning, ready to search high and low for brightly colored eggs scattered throughout the property. With baskets in hand and smiles on every face, children of all ages dashed through the grass, giggling with excitement as they discovered hidden treasures.

We had 25 children present and over 200 eggs hidden, some filled with candy, stickers, and small toys. In addition to the hunt, families enjoyed crafts, snacks, and photo ops. Volunteers kept everything running smoothly, and we're incredibly grateful for their time and effort.

Thank you to everyone who came out and made the event so memorable. We're already looking forward to next year's egg-cellent adventure!





# ADVENT COMMUNITY – APRIL EVENTS *(continued)*

## EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES





## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

At Advent, we actively pray for those in need by name through the *Prayers of Intercession* during worship and through the *Prayer Chain* during the week.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION DURING SERVICES

To add names of those in need of prayer:

- ❖ *If you are attending worship in-person*, please provide the person's first name to Pastor when he takes names at the beginning of the service.
- ❖ *If you are worshipping online*, please message or chat the name on Zoom or Facebook live stream and we will add the name to the list.



Because services are available world-wide through the internet, we use only baptismal or first names and omit surnames. The list of names gathered for the *Prayers of Intercession* in worship are maintained for just that day.

### PRAYER CHAIN

The Prayer Chain is a group of volunteers at Advent who pray every day, confidentially, for people added to the Prayer Chain. Names are maintained for one month unless asked to be removed earlier.

**To add names to the Prayer Chain:**

- ❖ Complete a Prayer Request Card found in the pews of the sanctuary. Please place completed cards in the offering plate, or
- ❖ Submit names by email to Linda Weaver at [lindaweaver3@comcast.net](mailto:lindaweaver3@comcast.net).

More information may be provided to the allow the Prayer Chain volunteers to pray more specifically for the person added to the list.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY



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

- ❖ **Colonel Andrew M Frey, Jr.**, son of Cindy Frey, serving as Commander of the 2<sup>d</sup> Weather Group at Offutt Airforce Base, Nebraska
- ❖ **Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Aidan Hahn**, nephew of Marie McCool, serving in Kaiserslautern, Germany
- ❖ **Airman Andrew Slawter**, grandson of Rhona & Alan Slawter, stationed at Shepherd Air Force Base, Texas
- ❖ **Sargeant Joseph Vanderstine**, grandson of Rhona & Alan Slawter, deployed to Syria

*Please contact the church office at 215-355-2529 with any omissions or additions to our military prayer list.*

### Prayer for our Military and Veterans

Heavenly Father, thank you for defending your people with your mighty hand. Please hear our prayer as we lift up our military and veterans before you now. They work tirelessly to defend our country. Bless and protect them Lord and use their work for the good of our nation and your glory. May they know your presence with them at this time. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with them always. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## 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.

Check the food bank's web site for the most up-to-date needs: <https://warminsterfoodbank.org/>

### Most Needed Food Items:

Salsa, Taco Shells, Canned Chicken, Oatmeal variety packs, Canned Fruit, Syrup, Jelly, Saltines, Sloppy Joe Mix, Baked Beans, and Beef Stew



### Non-Food Items

Store Gift Cards, Laundry Detergent Pods / or Liquid, Household Cleaning Supplies, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes/ Oral Care, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, and Gently Used Grocery Size Paper Bag



## CARING FOR FRIENDS

Stay tuned! We hope to have our next meal prep for Caring for Friends in June. Date will be decided soon and we will let you know.



## RECYCLING CAN TABS FOR RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

We are collecting can tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities which help alleviate some financial burdens for families along their child's healthcare journey. Last year alone, they helped families save \$736 million in lodging and meal expenses.

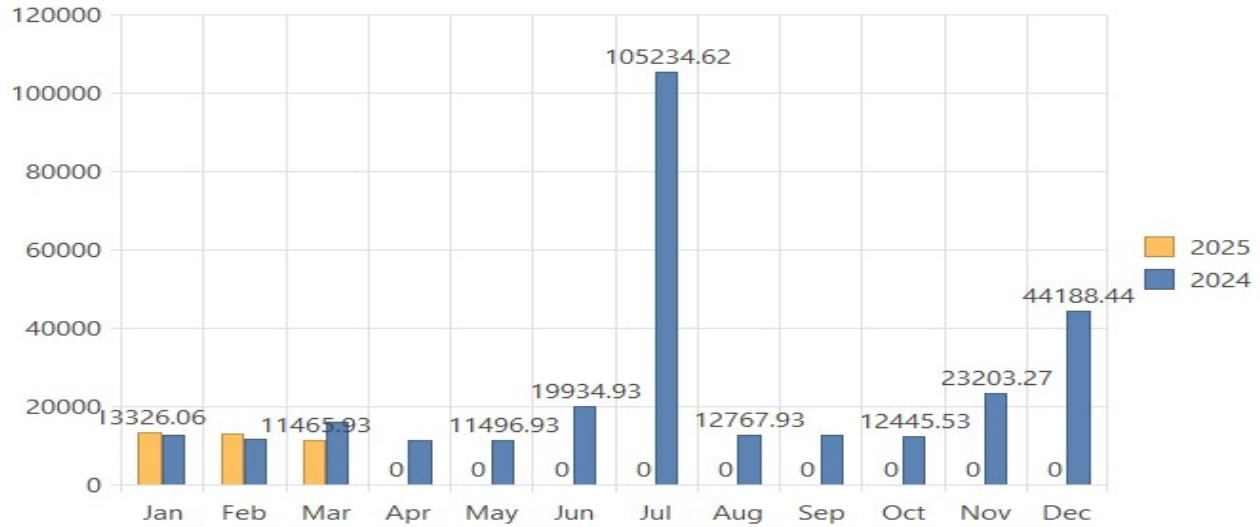
Tabs can be placed in the marked containers in the narthex, on the shelf above the coat rack.  
*No cans, please – just tabs!*





# FINANCIAL REPORT

Contribution Totals



## Financial Report for March 2025

|                    | Rec'vd for March 2025 | Budget for March 2025 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund       | \$9,591.93            | \$18,609.00           |
| Mortgage           | \$1,499               | \$1,898.00            |
| Bene. - Synod Only | \$50                  | \$133                 |
| Other Benevolence  | \$75                  |                       |
| Web Upgrade        | \$250                 |                       |
| Total              | \$11,465.93           | \$20,640.00           |

|                    | Recv'd YTD 1/1-3/31/25 | Budget YTD 1/1-3/31/25 |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| General Fund       | \$31,276.63            | \$55,827.00            |
| Mortgage           | \$4,274.00             | \$5,694.00             |
| Bene. - Synod Only | \$165.00               | \$399.00               |
| Other Benevolence  | \$1,706.00             |                        |
| Web Upgrade        | \$450.00               |                        |
| Total              | \$37,871.63            | \$61,920.00            |

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 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Call to confirm hours.
- Mail a check to the church. The mailing address is "Advent Lutheran Church, 45 Worthington Mill Road, 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

## FROM THE OFFICE

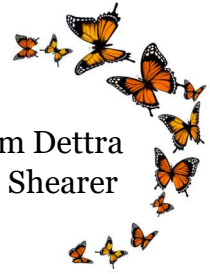
*Happy Birthday*

6 Joan Lenox  
10 Linda Weaver  
15 George Spahn

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

17 Tony Gryszka  
21 Ron Brown  
22 Nikolas Buttil

27 William Dettra  
28 Helen Shearer



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

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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### DID YOU KNOW? MOTHER'S DAY EDITION



*Anna Reeves Jarvis*

The history of American Mother's Day starts with peacemaker Ann Jarvis. Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis was a social activist and community organizer during the American Civil War era. During and following the Civil War, Ann Jarvis made a concerted effort to foster friendship and community between the mothers on both sides of the war. She started a committee in 1868 which established "Mother's Friendship Day," the first iteration of today's Mother's Day.

Ann's daughter, Anna Reeves Jarvis, continued her legacy by helping to create an official holiday. She sought to honor her own mother by first establishing an intimate day of observance in 1908 in West Virginia that is very much the basis of today's holiday in America. The idea quickly spread to other states in the years that followed, prompting calls to Washington, D.C. to create a national day, celebrating mothers. In 1912, Anna created the Mother's Day International Association in order to help streamline the idea as a national observance. As a result of her efforts, Woodrow Wilson signed Mother's Day into law in 1914.

*Adapted from excerpts from articles in  
Town and Country Magazine and Almanac.com*



## May 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Monday                                                                                                                                | Tuesday                                                                       | Wednesday                                                                          | Thursday                                                   | Friday                             | Saturday                                                                                       |
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| April 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 28                                                                                                                                    | 29                                                                            | 30                                                                                 | May 1                                                      | 2                                  | 3                                                                                              |
| 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service<br>Holy Communion<br>9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service<br>Holy Communion & Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Web Site Launch Party                                                          | 4<br>7:30 PM<br>A.A. Open Meeting                                                                                                     | 5<br>6:30 PM<br>Ping Pong                                                     | 6<br>5:30-6:15 PM<br>Praise Band Practice<br>6:15-8:00 PM<br>Vocal Choir Practice  | 7<br>8                                                     | 8<br>7:30 PM<br>A.A. Step Meeting  | 9<br>7:30 AM<br>Men's Breakfast<br>10:00 AM-12:00 PM<br>Annual Advent Spring Property Clean Up |
| 11<br><b>Mother's Day</b><br>9:00 AM Single Worship Service –<br>Service of the Word &<br>Sunday School<br>No Communion<br>10:00 AM Fellowship Time in narthex                                                             | 12<br>7:00 PM<br>Church Council Zoom Mtg<br>7:30 PM<br>A.A. Open Meeting                                                              | 13<br>12:00 PM<br>Advent Women's Circle Lunch Meeting<br>6:30 PM<br>Ping Pong | 14<br>5:30-6:15 PM<br>Praise Band Practice<br>6:15-8:00 PM<br>Vocal Choir Practice | 15                                                         | 16<br>7:30 PM<br>A.A. Step Meeting | 17                                                                                             |
| 18<br>8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service<br>Holy Communion<br>9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service<br>Holy Communion & Final Sunday School class until Fall<br>10:30 AM Wedding Celebration for<br>Pastor Matt and Debbie | 19<br>7:30 PM<br>A.A. Open Meeting                                                                                                    | 20                                                                            | 21                                                                                 | 22                                                         | 23<br>7:30 PM<br>A.A. Step Meeting | 24                                                                                             |
| 25<br><b>Summer Worship Schedule Begins</b><br>9:00 AM Single Worship Service<br>10:00 AM Fellowship Time in narthex                                                                                                       | 26<br><b>Memorial Day</b><br>9:00 AM<br>Benediction/Convocation<br>@ Dembowski Veterans Memorial Park<br>7:30 PM<br>A.A. Open Meeting | 27                                                                            | 28                                                                                 | 29<br>7:00 PM<br>Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt resumes | 30<br>7:30 PM<br>A.A. Step Meeting | 31                                                                                             |