



# THE ADVENTURE

Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church Richboro  
June / July 2025 Issue



## 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.

## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MATT

“Daddy, why is the sky blue?”

“Because God made it that way”

“Why?”

“Because we need oxygen to breath. Oxygen is in the sky. Oxygen absorbs blue light waves from the sun making the sky appear blue.”

“Why?”

“Why we need the oxygen to breath or why oxygen absorbs blue light wave?”

“Both”

“That’s how God made oxygen?”

“Why?”

“I don’t know. Looking at the book of Genesis in the Bible, I guess God thought it would be good if everything was made this way.”

“Oh, okay.”

“Why?” is an important question. It is a question that seeks purpose and yet the answer can be allusive. Why has God created us? Why go to church? “Why” is often ignored, simply assumed or taken for granted. Like answering a child’s question about why the sky is blue, giving the answer of “what” that God made it that way and the “how” of atmospheric physics do not satisfy the question. Why is the sky blue? God thought it would be good this way. That is an answer gives *intent, purpose* and can even *inspire* as you gaze up at the sky. There is a [TED talk video](#) on YouTube by Simon Sinek called “Start with why- how great leaders inspire action”.<sup>1</sup> A link to this video is below if you want to watch it yourself. In Sinek’s presentation he drew an illustration of three concentric circles. The inner most circle he labeled “why”. The middle circle he labeled “how”. The outer circle he labeled “what”. Sinek said just about everyone tends to know “what” they do. Some know “how” they do what they do. Very few leaders and organizations know “why” they do what they do. These leaders and organizations with this understanding happen to be the most inspiring.



What is the “why” of Advent Lutheran Church? Not “what” we do, such as have worship services. Not “how” we do, such as contemporary, traditional and Summer. Again, what is the “why” of Advent Lutheran Church? In general, the simple answer to why God created us and why we go to church can be boiled down to one word: **love**. This answer can be seen throughout scripture and the history of the church. Yet this answer is so simple we can be quick to overlook its depth of meaning or simply take it for granted. The “why” of Advent Lutheran Church needs to be expressed with more than just the word “love”.



Pause for a moment. Think of Advent. What emotions and words come to mind first? Can you think of moments you have experienced at Advent that embody these emotions and words? Please leave your “why” of Advent at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9SXJSXL> or email your reflection to [adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com](mailto:adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com) with **Why Advent** in the subject line.

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<sup>1</sup>[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4ZoJKF\\_VuA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4ZoJKF_VuA)

## JUNE/JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### JUNE 1 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 AM Service of the Word  
No Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time: George Henry

### JUNE 8 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:00 AM Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open

### JUNE 15 – THE HOLY TRINITY

#### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

9:00 AM Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time: The Ward Family

### JUNE 22 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open

### JUNE 29 – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open



### JULY 6 – FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open

### JULY 13 – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open

### JULY 20 – SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time: VBS Sunday

### JULY 27 – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open

## SERVING IN WORSHIP – JUNE 2025 SCHEDULE

*July Schedule TBA*

9:00 AM	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
6/1	John Flint	Janice Hoffmann
6/8	David Elkin	Joyce Heiss
6/15	Bruce Eklund	Kristi Ward
6/22	John Flint	Megan Ward
6/29	David Elkin	Janice Hoffmann

**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 [pastormattolikainen@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattolikainen@gmail.com). **(Note – updated email address)**  
If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.

## 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** after the services conclude.

#### ZOOM INFORMATION

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE on SUNDAYS (May 25 to September 7)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81545186885?pwd=SFA1Q2lISnB4dE9MSzJISjNRNzI4dz09>

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Gospel of Matthew

Time: **Thursdays at 7:00 PM**

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

Meeting ID: 820 8911 0140

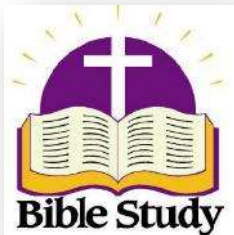
*While using Zoom, please mute yourself when you are not speaking.*

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

### 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 meets via Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. 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 above for Zoom link information.*

### 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.

#### PRAISE BAND & VOCAL CHOIR

Practice for Praise Band and Vocal Choir will resume 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.*



#### 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 Kristi Ward or the church office for more information at 215-355-2529.*

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

### SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Sunday, May 25 through Sunday, September 7, at 9:00 am**

Beginning Sunday, May 25, Advent will have a single worship service at 9:00 AM on Sundays through Labor Day. Fellowship will continue and be held in the narthex immediately following the service. Summer services will still be available online and in-person. Both Bible Study for Adults and Sunday School will resume in the fall. Bible Study via Zoom with Pastor Matt will continue through the summer on select Thursdays.

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### 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.*

#### 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!

CENTRO NUEVA CREACIÓN  
HOME OF THE GOODLANDS®



We need groups or individuals to sign up to provide refreshments for **Fellowship time**. Fellowship is held after the 9:00 AM 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!*

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

**Monday, July 14 through Thursday, July 17, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**



Plans are set for Vacation Bible School at Advent! Children from **age 4** thru completion of **6th grade** are invited to join the fun on **Monday, July 14 through Thursday, July 17 from 9:00 AM - noon**. We'll learn Bible lessons in summertime style! With everyone joining-in for stories, games, songs and crafts, being with friends will make it great, along with snack time and outdoor play! Please complete the registration form on the next page

and send it to the church office by **June 30**. You may also request the form as a Word document from the office and return it by email- or find it on [adventrichboro.org](http://adventrichboro.org). Hard copies are also available in the narthex.



**Advent Lutheran Church**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Mon-Thurs July 14-17 9:00 am - Noon**

**Age 4 to grade 6**

*To insure availability of materials,  
please register by **June 30, 2025***

215-355-2529

45 Worthington Mill Rd. Richboro PA 18954



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

It's **Vacation Bible School** time - featuring **God's word**, which we'll discover in the Bible !  
Look for highlights from the Old- and New- Testament throughout our action-packed curriculum.

You will enjoy lessons, crafts, activities, music and snacks with your friends at **VBS!**

Name(s) of Children (May add names on back)	Grade Completed	Age (Years)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

*NOTE: Children must be potty-trained and able to separate from parent without stress.*

**Parent Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alternate Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Affiliation, if any:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Person: Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Advent requests a donation of \$10.00 for each student for the four-day program to cover the cost of materials. Please mail, drop off or email completed registration form to [adventlutheranrichboro.org](http://adventlutheranrichboro.org) by **June 30**. Payment may be included with form or brought on July 14. Checks may be made payable to Advent Lutheran Church with **VBS** on the note line.

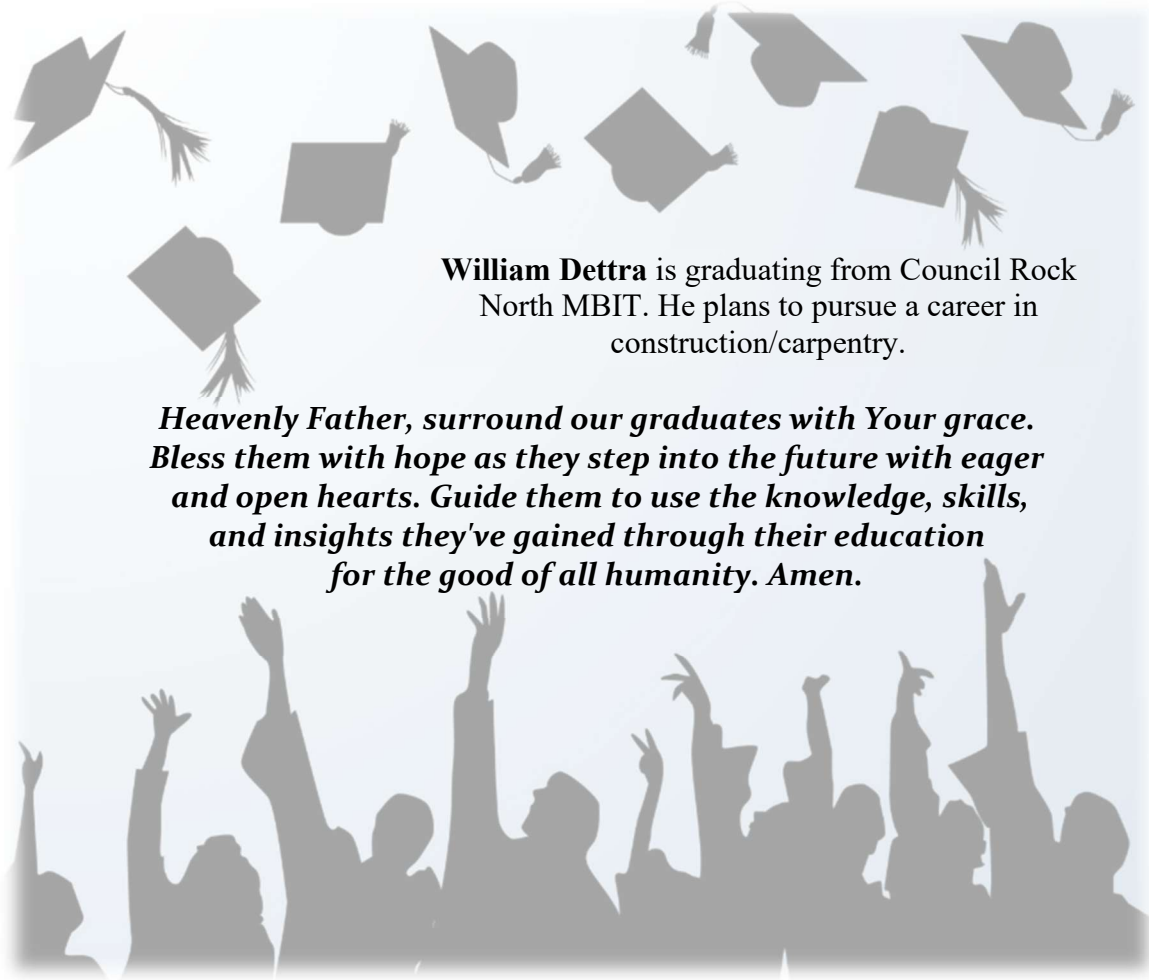


*If the suggested donation causes financial hardship, we will gladly waive all or part of the fee. Simply note this on the form.*

***We want every child to be able to enjoy Vacation Bible School!***

- I grant permission for the VBS leaders to photograph the minor(s) above for any lawful purpose associated with the VBS program. **Please circle:**    Y    N
- Snacks will be served: ***Please note any food allergies on other side.***

## CELEBRATING OUR 2025 GRADUATES



**William Dettra** is graduating from Council Rock North MBIT. He plans to pursue a career in construction/carpentry.

*Heavenly Father, surround our graduates with Your grace. Bless them with hope as they step into the future with eager and open hearts. Guide them to use the knowledge, skills, and insights they've gained through their education for the good of all humanity. Amen.*



### FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,  
you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers  
as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience.  
Support them in the work they have to do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.



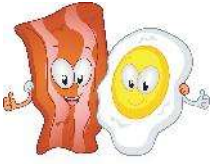
## ADVENT COMMUNITY – UPCOMING EVENTS



### DETTA MENTAL SPRING CONCERT - Friday, June 6, 2025, 7:30 PM

Come and hear the beautiful sounds of the Caribbean and beyond with Advent Music Director, Mike Dettra and The Dettra Mental Quartet. Mike performs popular island music, old and new, with his band on marimba and steel pan. The show is free to attend but free-will cash donations are appreciated!

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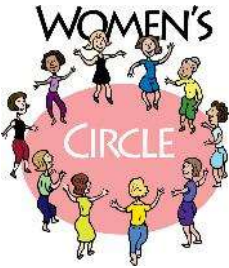


### MEN'S BREAKFAST - Saturday, June 14, 8:30 AM

Our final men's breakfast of the season will be on Saturday, June 14. Since this is also Flag Day, we will try something red, white and blue in the cuisine. Speaking of cuisine, during the summer, we would again ask the support of church council to help fund another trip to Paris to attend the Cordon Bleu school. 😄 Our last trip was most helpful in adjusting our menu plus being a lot of fun. **Breakfast at 8:30 AM, coffee ready by 7:30 AM.**

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### ADVENT WOMEN'S CIRCLE - Next Meeting Tuesday, June 10, 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.

**We have begun a new outreach initiative!** As part of our mission, we are identifying congregants who are sick, hospitalized, in need of other support, or have not been to Advent in a while. We are sending cards on behalf of the congregation to communicate our prayers and support. If you know of anyone who may benefit from being included, please contact Rhona Slawter or the church office.

#### Upcoming Events:

- ✓ Tuesday, June 10, 12:00 PM - next meeting (BYO Lunch)
- ✓ Wednesday, June 18 - Outing to Grounds for Sculpture, Trenton, NJ
- ✓ Wednesday, July 16 – Mystery Trip planned by Fran Zanis

For more information, please contact Fran Zanis at 267-847-5098, or the church office at 215-355-2529.

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### SUMMER CONCERT: BILL MONAGHAN'S GOSPEL OPERA – THE WORD: IN CONCERT



**Saturday, August 9, Time: TBA**

**The Word: In Concert - A concert of praise for the glory of God!**

Featuring songs from Bill Monaghan's original gospel opera, *The Word*, as well as Psalms and Sacred songs from his new book, *Let Us Go Rejoicing!*

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### PING PONG – Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

Ping Pong in the multipurpose room at Advent will continue on select Tuesdays at 6:30 PM through the summer. Please check the weekly bulletin announcements or call the church office at 215-355-2529 for each week's schedule.



## ADVENT COMMUNITY – MAY EVENTS – SUMMARIES AND PHOTOS

### OUR PROPERTY VOLUNTEERS ARE A (LAWN) CUT ABOVE!

Our church family expresses its gratitude to the skilled volunteers who maintain the Advent church lawn and exterior property each week, resulting in a beautiful and welcoming appearance. As summer approaches, the duties of mowing and trimming the lawn are constant and are shared by a dedicated group. A huge thank you to Keith Wills, Mike Sitler, David Elkin, Lynn Roccograndi, Kevin Welsh and Tony Gryska for all of your work.



### WEB SITE LAUNCH CELEBRATION: Sunday, May 4, 2025

As a congregation, we celebrated the launch of Advent's new website on May 4. 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 Gryska, and Tony Gryska. 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.





## ADVENT COMMUNITY – MAY EVENTS – SUMMARIES AND PHOTOS (continued)

### ADVENT PROPERTY CLEAN UP: Saturday, May 10, 2025

The key topics on Advent Clean-Up Day included gutter clearing, mulch shoveling, wheelbarrow rolling, shrub trimming and mulch dispersing, all in constant motion on Saturday, May 10. Thank you to our Property Chairman, Keith Wills, and his band of volunteers, who worked in synchronized order to make every task efficient, with impressive results: Lynn Roccograndi, Ray Heiss, Gary Zimmerman, Rhona Slawter, John Flint, Nancy Sclight, George Henry, Tony Gryska, Cindy Frey and Jeanne Gryska.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS: Sunday, May 11, 2025



Our talented Sunday School students excel in art: Only God can make real flowers, but look at the beauty of these flower pots, designed for our special moms for Mother's Day! We can see one side, and there are three more sides to admire . . . We love our mothers!



## PASTOR MATT AND DEBBIE'S WEDDING CELEBRATION: Sunday, May 18, 2025

Thank You Advent Lutheran Church! Debbie and I were so touched by the outpouring of love from Advent as we celebrated our wedding with the congregation on June 18 after worship. Advent is truly special. Thank you to the Advent Women's Circle for planning the event. Thank you to the congregation for your incredible generosity. The theme of adventures and experiences was brilliant. We are so looking forward to using each gift card to go to delicious restaurants, ax throwing, tubing down the Delaware, and the theater. And then there is the gift card for \$680 to find other adventures to go on. Thank you, Advent for being such a wonderful congregation.



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 allow the Prayer Chain volunteers to pray more specifically for the person added to the list.



### PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

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



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

#### Prayer for our Military and Veterans

O Lord, help our troops be strong and courageous in the tasks that are before them today. Draw them to You so that they delight in Your Word and may they desire to follow You with their whole heart, not turning to the right or to the left and trusting in You alone. Help them to reflect Your righteousness and love where they serve and give them success in their work. Help them carve out time daily to meet with You and to read Your Word to guide them in their actions, thoughts and decisions. Let them feel your comforting presence so that they can carry out their work with strength and courage and fight fear or discouragement. Thank you, Lord, that You are their God and that You are with them wherever they go.

Amen.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH – WARMINSTER FOOD BANK



**New Address:**

495 East County Line Road  
Hatboro, PA 19040  
Warminster Township

**215-323-4797**

**DRIVE IN AND DROP OFF FOOD COLLECTION AT ADVENT**

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank that you or your friends would like to donate, please bring your items into the church narthex during church and office hours. If the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door.

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

**WARMINSTER FOOD BANK: RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

Please look at the sign above our heads, **“Warminster Food Bank, A Vision and a Mission, supported by the John A. Powell Foundation”**.



The John A. Powell Foundation is represented by people that volunteered in our organization, saw good work, and helped us continue it and grow in a way that we never expected. Last year they gave us funding to purchase our food bank van and this year they are providing the funding to make all the lease payments on this location that we dedicate today to five years with an option for five more. Volunteers from the John A. Powell foundation were with us during the COVID period. Before COVID, this organization did 30,000 lbs. of food assistance a year. Now It takes 31,000 pounds a month to cover the needs of our mission. The John A Powell Foundation has seen that growth and supported it with their generosity, and for that, we are all grateful.

**Vision:** To imagine a community where no one struggles with the unconscionable choice as to whether they are going to buy food or pay the rent, buy food or pay the electric bill, buy food or pay for a new prescription medication, buy food or put gas in the car, buy food or buy school supplies, and so on, and so on.

**Mission:** To do something about it. To build awareness and to

marshal the resources of a kind, compassionate, generous, and gracious community to serve those who need food assistance and to do it in a way that preserves dignity and respect.

Your neighbors, the Senior living alone, the Veteran struggling with medical bills, the Single-Parent trying to get two kids off to school may be food insecure. However, more than food, real hunger comes from a lack of seeing those who need our help and allowing them to remain invisible among us.

The mission is simple yes, but the challenges are hard.

Here in Bucks County one in nine people are food insecure. Bucks is the third wealthiest county in the State and ranked in the top 75 in the country with a median household income of \$111,000. How's that possible? That means there's a disconnect somewhere, a breach:

A breach in economic security, A breach in opportunities leading to a livable wage, a breach in rising food costs, a breach in fairness, a breach in access to affordable healthcare and medications, a breach in dignity and respect for those trying to make ends meet. Standing in that breach and working on the front lines of this mission is our army of volunteers and all of you. These missionaries are doing the work of a higher purpose on behalf of our generous community. We are Neighbors helping Neighbors, As the Prophet Isaiah said, they are “Repairers of the Breach”

Thank You for Your Continued Support.

*-The Staff at Warminster Food Bank*

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**





### **CARING FOR FRIENDS**

Stay tuned! Our next meal prep for Caring for Friends is being planned. More information will be available in the near future and will be communicated via email and in both the weekly Sunday bulletins and on the web site.



### **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. They have 1000+ programs around the world. The charity has almost 300,000 volunteers. Last year alone, they helped families save \$736 million in lodging and meal expenses.

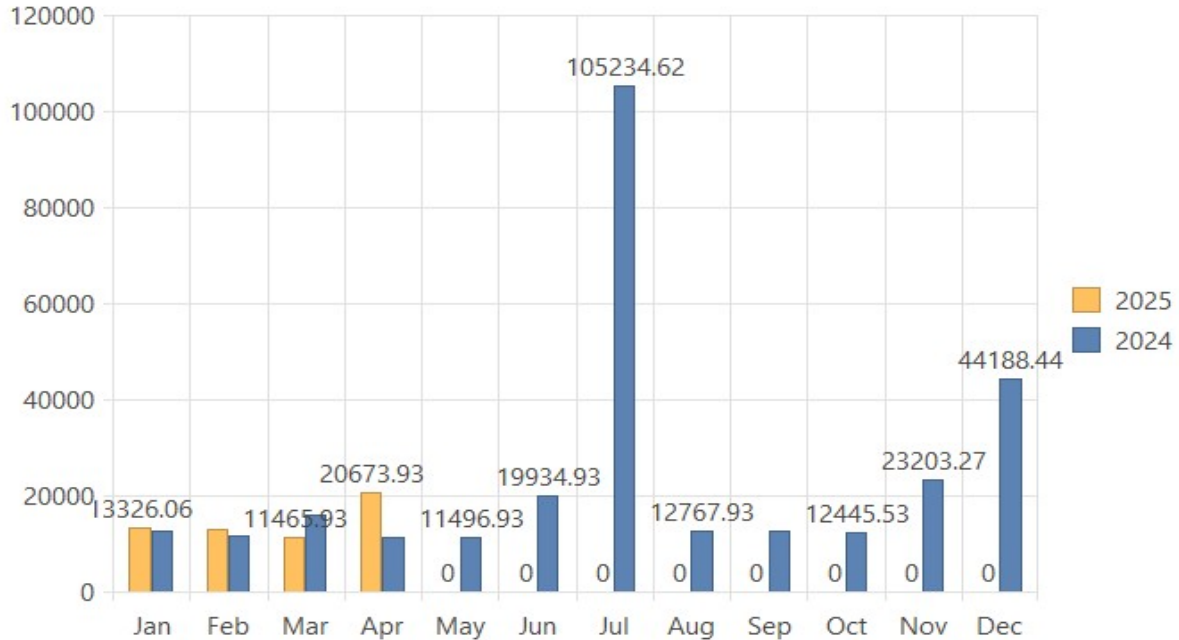
Tabs can be placed in the marked containers in the narthex, on the shelf above the coat rack.

*No cans, please – just tabs!*



# FINANCIAL REPORT

Contribution Totals



*July 2024 total includes insurance reimbursement for church roof*

## Financial Report For April 2025

	Rec'vd for April 2025	Budget for April 2025
General Fund	\$18,739.93	\$18,609.00
Mortgage	\$1,344	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$70	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$520	
Web Upgrade		
Total	\$20,673.93	\$20,640.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-4/30/25	Budget YTD 1/1-4/30/25
General Fund	\$50,016.56	\$74,436.00
Mortgage	\$5,618.00	\$7,592.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$235.00	\$532.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,226.00	
Web Upgrade	\$450.00	
Total	\$58,545.56	\$82,560.00

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 AM and 2 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 right of the page, click the "Donate" link to see the Giving Platform. You may 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

### JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS

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



#### June Birthdays

#### July Birthdays

3 Kim Masciotro  
19 Ray Heiss  
20 Monika Kovacs  
21 Lisa Frey  
21 Sarah Lattal

23 Christel Hoffmann  
27 George Henry  
29 Emily Frey  
29 John Masciotro  
30 Eric Buttil

1 Jennifer McQuiggan  
5 Judy Rilling  
7 Karen Breig  
8 Joyce Heiss  
12 Lazlo Kovacs  
15 Allison Kirschner  
15 Lindsay Kirschner

20 Larry Kovacs  
21 Fred Wagner  
22 Pat Brown  
25 Andrew Frey, III  
29 Kathleen Pearson  
30 George Preston  
Slawter

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Church office hours are typically Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Phone: 215-355-2529 Email: [AdventLutheranRichboro@gmail.com](mailto:AdventLutheranRichboro@gmail.com)

!! Please note that the [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org)  
email address is no longer available. !!

**Office Closed/Marie on vacation:**  
**Thursday, June 19 through Tuesday, June 24**



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

*Who founded Father's Day?*

In 1910, the first Father's Day was held in Spokane, WA. Sonora Smart Dodd is generally credited with the founding of the holiday. While listening to a sermon about the newly created Mother's Day, Sonora felt strongly that fathers deserved a day of recognition as well.

*When did Father's Day become an official observance in the US?*

Observance of the holiday fell off in the 1920s, but gained traction again under the Presidency of Lyndon B. Johnson, who made a presidential proclamation that the United States would celebrate Father's Day on the third Sunday in June. Then in 1972, President Richard Nixon established Father's Day as a permanent observance in the US.



- Why aren't elephants allowed on the beach? *Because they can't keep their trunks up.*
- How many elephants can fit in a Volkswagen? *Four – 2 in the front seat and 2 in the back seat*
- How do you know an elephant is in your refrigerator? *There is a set of footprints in the butter.*
- How do you know 2 elephants are in your refrigerator? *There are 2 sets of footprints in the butter.*
- How do you know 3 elephants are in your refrigerator? *The door won't close.*
- How do you know there are 4 elephants in your refrigerator? *There is a Volkswagen parked out front.*

*Credit (blame) for Dad Jokes: Charlie Bowers, Marie McCool's silly, but very loved Dad*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship Service - Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship Time in narthex 10:30 AM First Communion Instruction - Week 1	2 Parking Lot Repaving <i>No parking in lot</i> 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	3 Parking Lot Repaving <i>No parking in lot</i> Ping Pong canceled due to paving	4 RAIN DATE: Parking Lot Repaving <i>No parking in lot</i>	5 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt	6 7:30 PM Dettra Mental Spring Concert 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	7
8 9:00 AM Worship Service - Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship Time in narthex 10:30 AM Church Council meeting	9 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	10 12:00 PM Advent Women's Circle Meeting 6:30 PM Ping Pong	11	12 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt	13 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	14 8:30 PM Men's Breakfast
15 9:00 AM Worship Service - Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship Time in narthex 10:30 AM First Communion Instruction - Week 2	16 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	17 6:30 PM Ping Pong	18 Advent Women's Circle outing to Grounds for Sculpture	19 Church office closed 6/19 to 6/24 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt	20 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	21
22 9:00 AM Worship Service - Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship Time in narthex	23 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	24 6:30 PM Ping Pong	25 Church office reopens 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	26 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt	27 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	28
29 9:00 AM Worship Service - Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship Time in narthex 10:30 AM First Communion Instruction - Week 3	30 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	July 1 6:30 PM Ping Pong	2	3 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt	4  7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	5

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 29 9:00 AM Worship Service - Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship Time in narthex 10:30 AM First Communion Instruction - Week 3	30 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	July 1 6:30 PM Ping Pong	2	3 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt	 4 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	5
6 9:00 AM Worship Service - Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship Time in narthex	7 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	8 12:00 PM Advent Women's Circle Meeting 6:30 PM Ping Pong	9	10 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt	11 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	12
13 9:00 AM Worship Service - Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship Time in narthex 10:30 AM First Communion Instruction - Week 4	14 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	15 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School 6:30 PM Ping Pong	16 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School	17 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt	18 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	19
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27 9:00 AM Worship Service - Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship Time in narthex	28 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	29 6:30 PM Ping Pong	30	31 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt	August 1 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	2