

The Adventure



AUGUST 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 and/or 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.

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

PASTOR MATT ON VACATION 7/30 TO 8/11

Pastor Matt will be on vacation from Wednesday, July 30 to Monday, August 11. He will return to the office on Tuesday, August 12. If you have a pastoral emergency while Pastor Matt is away, please contact Pastor Bo Bannister, St. John's Lutheran Hatboro, at 765-426-0500.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MATT

“Touch grass”

The first time I heard this phrase was from my son in reference to spending time with friends online. “Hey, you’ve been online way too long. Maybe you should go touch grass.” The phrase started off in pop culture in 2016 and is defined by The Merriam-Webster dictionary to mean, “to participate in normal activities in the real world, especially as opposed to online experiences and interactions.”¹ The way I heard my son use this phrase, though spoken with humor, was most certainly earnest. The online experience is a virtual reality that can suck you in. You can lose yourself. It can be addictive and can harm health and hurt all your relationships offline. His generation and the coming generations are reaping the benefits and detriments of social media, virtual reality, augmented reality and artificial intelligence in ways beyond anyone’s ability to fully understand.²



The power of the online experience to influence our sense of reality is certainly great and is novel to our brains, but the notation of “touch grass” is not really new. Have you ever heard the phrase, “stop and smell the roses?”

There are more influences in the world beyond those online that would captivate our attention and mold our reality. Commercials, politicians and their parties, news sources, social media influencers, and many more, all want to mold what we value and what we want. Many employers, especially big companies, pour lots of money into promoting a company culture with the primary goal of increasing employee productivity and profits. Not all of these influences on our sense of reality are primarily self-serving or bad. Every group we belong to creates its own sense of reality as our collective perceptions influence each other. This is true of even our friend groups, families and, dare I say, our church. Problems arise when these influences on our sense of reality twist what is truth, work toward our detriment or are contrary to the love of God, sometimes to the point of contradicting each other. As Abraham Lincoln said during the civil war:

“The will of God prevails. In great contests each party claims to act in accordance with the will of God. Both may be, and one must be wrong. God cannot be for, and against the same thing at the same time. In the present civil war, it is quite possible that God's purpose is something different from the purpose of either party...”³

This is why it is important to take time to “touch grass”. Furthermore, as a Christian, it is important to remember that God makes the grass. In the Gospels, Jesus will occasionally step away from everyone to spend time with God. When do you step out of your daily life, as you perceive it, and “touch grass”? When do you spend time in the reality that God has created to pray for the ability to see reality as it truly is? Do you ever take a moment to consider whether you see reality in the way God does? Many of the influences in our lives simply assume their reality is God’s reality. Make time and space in your life to separate yourself from all the influences that desire to mold your reality. Great ways to do this are through prayer, meditation, spending time in nature, or doing God sightings on a regular basis. To truly “touch grass” is to be open to the possibility of encountering reality in a new way.

Yours in the Spirit,
Pastor Matt

¹ [TOUCH GRASS Definition & Meaning - Merriam-Webster](#)

² [The Anxious Generation | Jonathan Haidt](#)

³ [Abraham Lincoln, Mediation on the Divine Will, circa September 2, 1862 | House Divided](#)

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

AUGUST 3 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Service of the Word
No Holy Communion

10:00 AM Fellowship: Open

AUGUST 17 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Summer Worship Service
with Holy Communion

10:00 AM Fellowship: Open

AUGUST 31 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Summer Worship Service
with Holy Communion

10:00 AM Fellowship: Open

AUGUST 10 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Service of the Word
No Holy Communion

10:00 AM Fellowship: Open

AUGUST 24 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Summer Worship Service
with Holy Communion

10:00 AM Fellowship: Open

Advent will continue to have a single worship service at 9:00 AM on Sundays through 8/31. Fellowship will continue and be held in the narthex immediately following the service. Summer services will still be available both online and in-person.

SERVING IN WORSHIP – AUGUST 2025 SCHEDULE

	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
	9:00 AM	
8/3	Jeanne Gryszka	N/A - no Communion
8/10	David Elkin	N/A - no Communion
8/17	Jeanne Gryszka	Megan Ward
8/24	Bruce Eklund	Joyce Heiss
8/31	David Elkin	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

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

SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE on SUNDAYS (May 25 to August 31)

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

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

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

Phone instructions: Call 1-646-558-8656

WORSHIP-RELATED INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES

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.



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



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.



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!

WORSHIP-RELATED INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 21

Children from age 4 through grade 6 are invited to attend Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., starting on September 21. Students will begin their class time in the worship service. They'll join Pastor Matt for the Children's Sermon, then proceed with their teacher(s) to the all-purpose room to gather for their class.

Our weekly Bible lessons are based on the clever **Holy Moly** curriculum. The **Bible Story Book** is written and illustrated in graphic novel style and the creative short videos bring the stories to life. The lessons are real conversation-starters!

Learning together is fun! The registration form is included in this newsletter (page 16) and is also available in the church foyer and narthex, and on our website. This is important, as student books and crafts will be ordered based on the number of registered students. Thank you! Please contact the church office at 215-355-2529 or adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com with any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CO-TEACHER NEEDED



At Advent, we place a high value on Christian education and work together to teach children about the Bible. Our Sunday school program presently has a vacancy that we need to fill. If you would be interested in serving as a co-teacher in Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays during the school year, please contact the church office at 215-355-2529 or adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com for more information. Thank you for your consideration. -Jeanne Gryszka, Sunday School Director

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANK YOUS



Advent's Vacation Bible School was four days of fun from July 14-17. We give thanks for our awesome students, talented teachers, creative staff members, beautiful weather, prayers and encouragement- ingredients for a great week, where learning together was FUN.

Prayer was our theme throughout the week: Prayer in the Morning, at Mealtime and Bedtime; and The Lord's Prayer, all described in Martin Luther's *The Small Catechism*, a guide for Christians. We designed our own chef aprons and were inspired by "Chef Eva" to create our own snacks each day. Music, games, crafts and outdoor play rounded out the days' events. We had fun tallying jars of peanut butter and jelly and thank all who brought those as donations for the Warminster Food Bank.

Thank you to our fine Christian Education chairman and to all who made VBS a success:

Christian Education Chair / Guest Speaker:	John Flint
Pastor / Planner / Teacher:	Rev. Matthew Ollikainen
Celebrity Chef / Teacher:	Eva Ollikainen
Curriculum Planners & Teachers:	Jeanne Gryszka, Megan Ward, Christine Welsh
Prayers & Donations for VBS:	Advent congregation
Registration / Student Support / Slide Show:	Marie McCool
Recreation Staff:	Teachers and Support staff
Student Support / Technology:	James McCool
Student Support:	Nancy Sclight, Rhona Slawter, Fran Zanis
Photographer:	Tony Gryszka and staff
A/C Programming:	Dave Shearer

WORSHIP-RELATED INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



SUNDAY IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY

Sunday in-person Bible Study with George Henry is held most Sundays after the 9:00 AM service. Meet in the Parlor.

THURSDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY RESUMING IN THE FALL

Thursday Night Bible Study will resume in **the fall**. Pastor will be leading the study, which utilizes *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.

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.
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

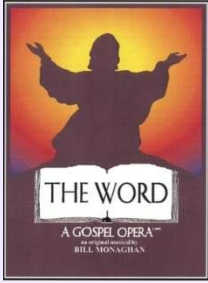
Please keep in your prayers all our service men and women, especially those related to our congregation:

- ❖ **Colonel Andrew M Frey, Jr.**, son of Cindy Frey, serving as Commander of the 2^d Weather Group at Offutt Airforce Base, Nebraska
- ❖ **Private 1st 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
- ❖ **Sergeant 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.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their loved ones for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ADVENT COMMUNITY – UPCOMING EVENTS



BILL MONAGHAN: An Afternoon with the Composer at Advent Richboro **Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 2pm Admission: Free-will offering**

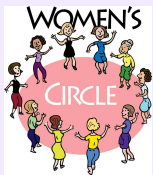
The Word: Song & Scripture features singer-songwriter/composer Bill Monaghan & Friends, as he shares the Scriptural and musical influences behind the songs. Originally presented on the stage in 1995 and enjoying 10+ years and 70+ musical shows, The Word: A Gospel Opera is celebrating its 30th Anniversary in 2025! Bill's original music CDs will be available for purchase by donation. *Family-friendly event*

The Word: A Gospel Opera presents the life and teachings, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus in a vibrant, spiritually uplifting musical. www.TheWordAGospelOpera.com



PING PONG – Returning Tuesdays, beginning September 9

Starting on September 9, 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.



ADVENT WOMEN'S CIRCLE – Next Meeting Tuesday, September 9, 12:00 PM

The Advent Women's Circle's mission is to support Advent through the implementation of projects that fill a need. We bring a simple lunch and discuss ideas and plans, all the while enjoying our time spent together with joy and humor. We celebrate birthdays for that month and write greeting cards to members in need of well-wishes.

Our social outings are an added feature that encourage us to explore local destinations. We thank Fran Zanis for serving as our leader and coordinator. If you would like to attend an upcoming meeting as a new attendee, please contact the church office to confirm the date as it draws closer.



ADVENT FLEA MARKET – Saturday, September 13, 2025, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM **Registration Deadline for Sellers: Sunday, September 7**

Attention...looking to “declutter” your living space? Everyone has items they are looking to pass along in order to “declutter” their living space...right? On Saturday, September 13, Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold a flea market in the church parking lot from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM, providing all participants an avenue by which to make “decluttering their living space”

a reality! This is a rain or shine event (held inside the church in the event of rain) for church members, family, friends, neighbors and members of the community to sell and buy items or just to browse.

Bottled Water and Soft Pretzels will be available for purchase during the flea market at a cost of \$1.00 each.

The Flea Market Registration form with detailed information is included in this newsletter on page 17. Registration forms are also available on the round table in the church narthex or on the church website at www.adventrichboro.org. A Non-Refundable Registration Fee of \$10.00 will be charged upon registration. Registrations will be accepted up until the deadline of September 7, 2025. We look forward to seeing you at the Flea Market and helping you “declutter” your living space.

Please contact Coordinators Kathy Sitler (215-589-5423) or Cime Eklund with any questions that you may have regarding the Flea Market. Thank you for your interest in this church-sponsored event.



MEN'S BREAKFAST – Saturday, October 11, 8:00 AM

We thank church council for their support in sending our cooks to Paris this summer. We just didn't realize we were being sent to Paris, Tennessee. In any case, we hope it helps with the cuisine. 😊 Next breakfast will be **Saturday, October 11**.

ADVENT COMMUNITY – JUNE AND JULY EVENT PHOTOS



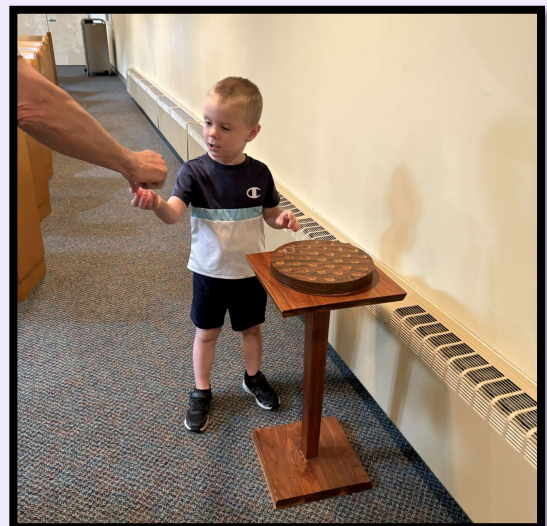
Dettra Mental Quartet Concert Friday, June 6

It was a great night of music and fellowship! The audience enjoyed the beautiful sounds of the Caribbean and beyond with Advent Music Director, Mike Dettra and The Dettra Mental Quartet.



Thank you to Advent's very own (self-appointed) Communion Cup Collector!

Three-year-old Charlie has taken on the very important job of collecting the communion cups during worship service each Sunday. Thank you all for your patience, as it truly makes his day to be able to help. Great job, Charlie!



ADVENT COMMUNITY – JUNE AND JULY EVENT PHOTOS (CONTINUED)

Advent Women's Circle – Grounds for Sculpture, Trenton, NJ

On June 18, some members of the Advent Women's Circle enjoyed a special day at Grounds for Sculpture in New Jersey. It was fascinating meandering through the various paths seeing so many different sculptures and reading the stories that explain them.

On July 23, some of the brave women went on a Magical Mystery adventure. They did not know where they were going ahead of time. Mystery will be revealed in the September Newsletter!



ADVENT COMMUNITY – JUNE AND JULY EVENT PHOTOS (CONTINUED)

Vacation Bible School – July 14-17



ADVENT COMMUNITY – JUNE AND JULY EVENTS – CONTINUED

Vacation Bible School – July 14-17 (continued)



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 (as of 7/31/2025):

Canned Fruit, Gravy Mix, Syrup, Pancake Mix, Saltines, Broth, Baked Beans, and Stuffing Mix

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



Thank you to everyone who has helped prepare meals for **CARING FOR FRIENDS**! Your faithful service is blessing many neighbors in need. In June, we put together 68 meals, and the kitchen was filled with joyful teamwork and love. A big shout out to Tony for delivering the meals - thank you!

Look for more information in an upcoming bulletin for another meal prep date before the summer ends. Let's continue to share Christ's love one meal at a time!

-Kevin and Christine Welsh



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Philadelphia Region

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!

PROPERTY UPDATE

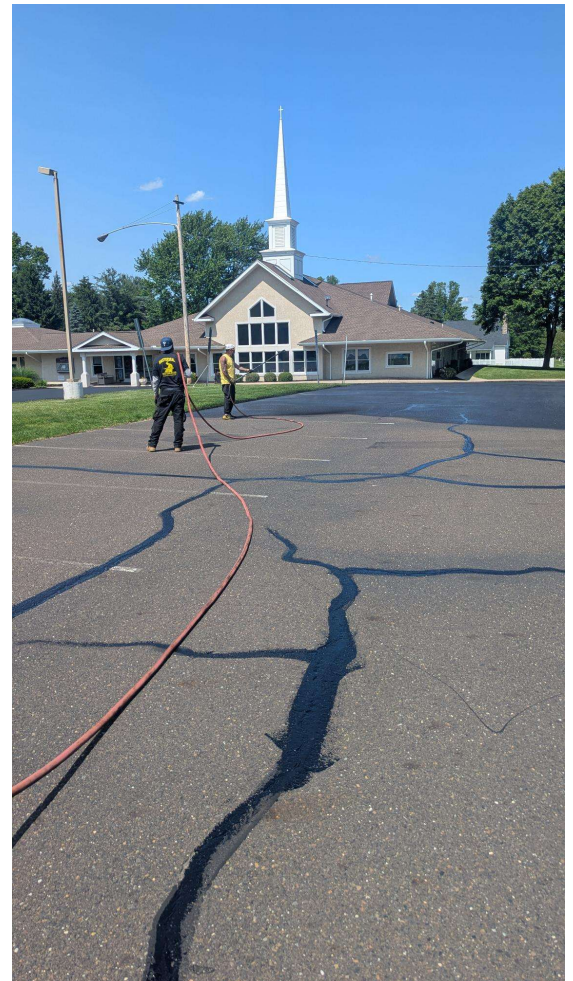
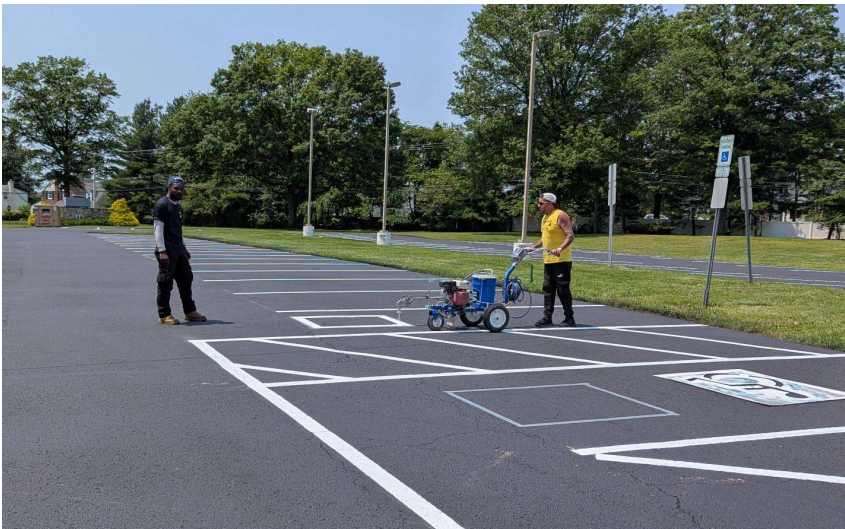
PARKING LOT RE-SEALING/RE-LINING PROJECT COMPLETED

You likely have noticed that earlier in the summer our parking lot was re-sealed and re-stripped. MasterSeal Inc was contracted to do the work, which was completed the week of June 1st. They were a pleasure to work with throughout the project and provided excellent service, sealing large cracks, applying two coats of sealant, and re-lining the surfaces to our specifications.

Church Council authorized the work after having received quotes from 3 different companies. MasterSeal had the lowest quote (\$7,527) and provided the highest comprehensive services of the companies considered for the work. Funding for the project was taken from reserves from the land sale. Our mortgage company Mission Invest Fund has restricted the use of this money for capital projects.

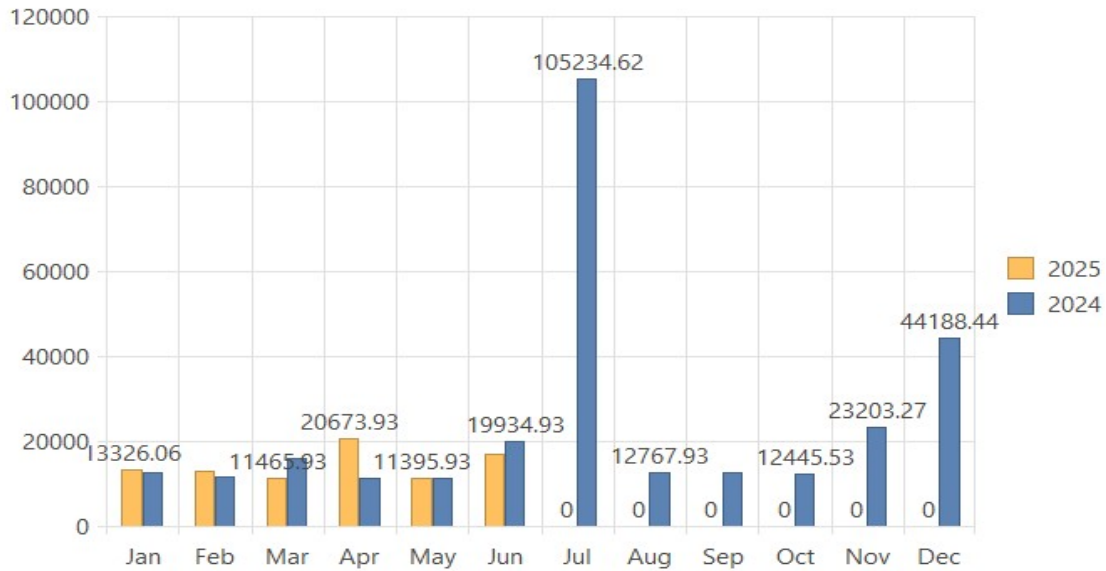
We have several people to thank for guiding this project through to its completion. First, are Lynn Roccograndi and Keith Wills for their work in contract talks and scheduling the work. Second is Church Council for their work in reviewing and approving the project. And lastly, Mike Sitler for on-site monitoring during the week the work was done.

All of this is a true blessing for our congregation at this point in time. We can be thankful that our property is now a little safer and our “curb appeal” to the community is reflecting who we are as a congregation.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Contribution Totals



July 2024 large amount reflects the receipt of insurance funds for the roof replacement.

Financial Report for June 2025

	Rec'd for June 2025	Budget for June 2025
General Fund	\$14,511.93	\$18,609.00
Mortgage	\$1,519	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$80	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$725	
Web Upgrade		
Total	\$16,835.93	\$20,640.00

	Recv'd YTD 1/1-6/30/25	Budget YTD 1/1-6/30/25
General Fund	\$73,328.42	\$111,654.00
Mortgage	\$9,066.00	\$11,388.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$432.00	\$798.00
Other Benevolence	\$3,501.00	
Web Upgrade	\$450.00	
Total	\$86,777.42	\$123,840.00

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. 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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



4 Jeff Jobses
4 Megan Ward
10 Diane Kirschner

14 Jessica Baker
16 Janice Hoffmann
16 Jack Walsh

17 Dorothy Masciotro
27 Kristi Ward
29 Joanne Kelly



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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

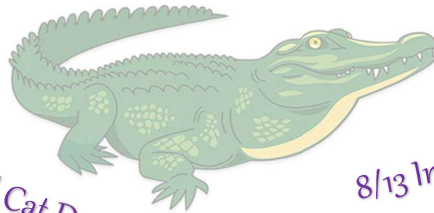
Church office hours are typically Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Marie McCool
Office and Communications Administrator
Phone: 215-355-2529
Email: adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com

Please note that the office@adventrichboro.org email address is no longer available.

AUGUST AND ALLIGATORS

The month of August has many fun holidays as well as some more solemn observances: celebrating different foods, appreciating many different animals, uplifting the Left-Handed people in our lives. We celebrate Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens. We have so much to remember, celebrate, and for which to be thankful. I love these types of Days, though the sheer number of these designations can make your head spin.



8/1 Homemade Pie Day
8/10 National Spoil Your Dog Day
8/12 World Elephant Day
8/9 National Women's Day
8/21 Senior Citizens Day
8/8 International Cat Day

8/4 National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
8/12 International Youth Day
8/22 National Burger Day
8/4 Assistance Dog Day
8/13 International Left Handers Day

A childhood friend and pen pal once sent me a card which read, "When you're up to your ears in alligators, it can be hard to remember that your first objective was to drain the marsh." With all the noise in the world that finds its way into our day-to-day, it's important to recognize and hold close the people and things most important in our lives.

Among all the August "holidays," the week of August 5 to August 11 is designated as "National Simplify Your Life Week." So, in the spirit of this particular week, may we acknowledge and find joy in the simple aspects of our lives. Furthermore, we can evoke the simple and powerful message of Jesus, to love one another as he has loved us.

✠ **Advent Lutheran Church** ✠
Sunday School Registration
2025-2026



Welcome! Complete one form per family and list children separately below.
Please return completed form in time for your students' first day of Sunday School.
Thank you!

Who usually brings child(ren) to Sunday School? (Please indicate)

- ☐ Parent(s)
- ☐ Relative or friend:

Name(s) and relationship

- ☐ Look for me in worship service

Emergency Contact during Sunday School :

Cell phone #1 _____ Whose phone? _____

First name

Cell phone #2 _____ Whose phone? _____

First name

Parent Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____
(please print)

Student Names*: [Please note any health info we should know about.] ➞

#1 Student Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ **Grade:** _____
(include birth year)

#2 Student Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ **Grade:** _____
(include birth year)

#3 Student Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ **Grade:** _____
(include birth year)

* Please list additional students on back of form.



ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH (ALC) FLEA MARKET REGISTRATION FORM & INFORMATION

September 13, 2025 (9:00 am to 12:00 pm) Rain or Shine
Set-Up Time (8:00 am to start)

We welcome your participation in our church sponsored Flea Market open to the Community, to be held in the parking lot of Advent Lutheran Church, located on the corner of 2nd St. Pike & Worthington Mill Rd. in Richboro, PA 18954. In the event of rain, the Flea Market will be held inside the church in various corridors and the social hall. Please read the guidelines below, complete the registration form at the bottom of this page, detach it and return it as soon as possible, no later than the registration **deadline** of September 7, 2025, or until spaces are no longer available. **A non-refundable registration fee of \$10.00 per space** (in the form of a check made payable to Advent Lutheran Church with "Flea Market" notated on the memo line) must accompany your completed registration form. Please retain the top section of this form with the Flea Market Guidelines and other registration information for your future reference.

Completed registration forms and accompanying \$10.00 non-refundable fee should either be:

Mailed to:

Advent Lutheran Church
45 Worthington Mill Road
Richboro, PA 18954-0840

Or place in a:

Sealed envelope marked "Flea Market" and put in the **Flea Market Registration Collection Box** located on the round table in the Church Narthex on Sunday mornings before or after worship service.

FLEA MARKET GUIDELINES:

1. Each participant must provide their own table, blanket/sheet to display their "for sale" wares in their space.
2. Sale items must be pre-priced by each participant and brought to church on the day of the Flea Market only, no earlier than 8:00 a.m. (do not bring sale items to the church prior to the day of the sale).
3. At the conclusion of the Flea Market, participants will be responsible for taking all of their unsold items home with them (no items may be left behind at Advent Lutheran Church).
4. Advent Lutheran Church Informational Flyers will be available at participant tables for distribution to any interested Flea Market attendees.

* Bottled water and Soft Pretzels will be available for sale during the Flea Market at a cost of **\$1.00** per bottle or pretzel.

Complete registration below, detach it, and return form by Sunday, September 7th, 2025 (registration deadline)



ALC FLEA MARKET REGISTRATION FORM



_____ I will participate in the Advent Lutheran Church Flea Market on September 13, 2025. I understand and will abide by the Flea Market guidelines stated above. (initial on left line)

_____ I have enclosed a **\$10.00** non-refundable fee with my registration (check made payable to **Advent Lutheran Church** with "Flea Market" notated on the memo line of the check). (initial on left line)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Contact Kathy Sitler (215-589-5423 or Cime Eklund (Flea Market Coordinators) with any Flea Market questions you may have.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 27 9:00 AM Summer Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship	July 28 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	July 29	July 30 <i>Pastor Matt vacation</i>	July 31 <i>Pastor Matt vacation</i>	August 1 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting <i>Pastor Matt vacation</i>	2 <i>Pastor Matt vacation</i>
3 9:00 AM Service of the Word No Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship <i>Pastor Matt vacation</i>	4 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting <i>Pastor Matt vacation</i>	5 <i>Pastor Matt vacation</i>	6 <i>Pastor Matt vacation</i>	7 <i>Pastor Matt vacation</i>	8 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting <i>Pastor Matt vacation</i>	9 2:00 PM The Word: A Gospel Opera by Bill Monaghan <i>Pastor Matt vacation</i>
10 9:00 AM Service of the Word No Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Council Meeting <i>Pastor Matt vacation</i>	11 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting <i>Pastor Matt vacation</i>	12	13	14	15 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	16
17 9:00 AM Summer Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship	18 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	19	20	21	22 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	23
24 9:00 AM Summer Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship	25 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	26	27	28	29 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	30
31 9:00 AM Summer Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship	September 1 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting <i>Happy Labor Day!</i>	September 2	September 3	September 4	September 5 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	September 6