

The Adventure



SEPTEMBER 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.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MATT

Hurricane season has begun as 'Erin' rages off the coast of North Carolina. Debbie and I are so grateful we finished our Caribbean cruise before 'Erin' came around. This gratitude is accompanied by images of St. Maartin. Visiting the island on the cruise, there are still parts of the island that have not recovered from the multiple hurricanes that struck two years ago. In hurricanes and other natural disasters, people are affected: folks lose homes, livelihoods and even their lives. When this happens, it is often asked by those affected, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Another question asked in the face of such a disaster is, "Why would God let such a thing happen?" These are heart-wrenching questions which can challenge our faith and our sense of security in the world. It seems that we live in a world where these questions get asked more and more often.



"So why do bad things happen to good people?" Of course, it can be argued that no one is perfectly good. We all do bad things. But in the face of the indiscriminate suffering of a natural disaster, it is difficult to say that everyone deserved it. There is a tendency for us to interpret the suffering we face in life as a matter of what we deserve or don't deserve. There is a tendency for us to believe that if we do good, God will reward us and nothing bad will happen to us and if we are bad God will punish us. There is truth in the fact that our negative actions can bear negative consequences in our lives; but this is different from seeing God as primarily a heavenly score keeper, doling out rewards and punishments. Such a view of God ignores Christ's sacrifice on the cross for our salvation and the forgiveness of our sins. God is about more than just keeping score.

"So why do bad things happen to good people?" According to our Christian faith, we live a fallen world. Since the moment Adam and Eve bit of that forbidden fruit, the world has been a mess. We sin. Often, we don't even know it or are unable to stop ourselves, but there are always consequences to our sins. We can be innocent victims of other people's sins. There are evil and destructive forces in the world that lash out at us, and it has nothing to do with us being good or bad. On top of it all, we are each mortal and the worst thing of all, death, will happen to each of us no matter how good we are. Suffering on the gulf coast can be attributed in one degree or another to all of these ways in which we live in a fallen world.

"Why would God let such a thing happen?" Why would God let our world be a fallen world where the suffering that natural disasters bring can ever happen in the first place? If God loves us so much, why doesn't God just make all sin, evil and suffering just disappear? Ironically, the answer to these questions is that God is about love. God's whole purpose in creating us in the first place is so that we can love God and God can love us. When scripture says we are created in the image of God, it in part means that we can love and be in relationships like God. God could force us to be good and love God. God could force the world back to its perfect state as it was in the Garden of Eden. But for God to do these this would require breaking our human wills and taking over our souls. By how we define and experience love, to force someone to love you isn't really love. God wants our love, not soulless puppets or servants forced to show love against our will. It is for this reason God doesn't just force the world and us to be 'perfect'. Yet, because God does love us, God is grieved to see us suffer. God comes up with another solution. Instead of preventing death and suffering, God has promised through the death and resurrection of His Son that whenever we do encounter death and suffering, we can know new life and healing. The ultimate fulfillment of this promise is everlasting life where we dwell in the presence of God's love forever.

When disaster does happen, God has not abandoned the victims.

Just as Christ suffered on the cross, God is with them with the promise of new life and healing. There are two ways God comes to us. One is directly through visions, dreams, prayer and meditation. The second way is through the witness of other Christians around us. This second way becomes all the more important when what one sees becomes disturbing, when the dreams have turned to nightmares and when one's suffering is so great that prayer and meditation seem worthless. We do God's work of fulfilling His promises of new life and healing when, through our words and our deeds, we are witnesses of God love to those who suffer.

Yours in the Spirit,

Pastor Matt

Christian Witness

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 7

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
with Holy Communion
10:30 AM Fellowship: Open

SEPTEMBER 14

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
with Holy Communion
Celebration of First Communion
10:30 AM Fellowship: In honor of First Communion

SEPTEMBER 21

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
with Holy Communion
First Day of Sunday School
10:30 AM Fellowship: Open

SEPTEMBER 28

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
with Holy Communion
Baptism of Brooks Michael McQuiggan
Sunday School
10:30 AM Fellowship: The McQuiggan Family

SERVING IN WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 2025 SCHEDULE

		8:00 AM		9:30 AM	
	LAY READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	LAY READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	
9/7	David Elkin	Janice Hoffmann	Jeanne Gryszka	Megan Ward	
9/14	David Elkin	Janice Hoffmann	Jeanne Gryszka	Kristi Ward	
9/21	David Elkin	Janice Hoffmann	Bruce Eklund	Megan Ward	
9/28	David Elkin	Janice Hoffmann	John Flint	Joyce Heiss	

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

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE on SUNDAYS at 8:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978688226>

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE on SUNDAYS at 9:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85489433054>

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 both Praise Band and Vocal Choir will resume on Wednesday, September 24.

♪ **Praise Band:** Wednesdays, **5:30 PM to 6:15 PM**

♪ **Vocal Choir:** Wednesdays, **6:15 PM to 7:30 PM**

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 15) 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! Feel free to contact Pastor Matt or me for more information. Thank you to all who have signed up!

-Jeanne Gryszka, Sunday School Director



SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Our Sunday school program is presently in need of an assistant for each weekly class. Our policy requires us to have two responsible persons lead a class. At this time, we have one experienced teacher who teaches every week.

In order to provide an assistant, a sign-up sheet will be established in the narthex for volunteers to offer their help, one Sunday at a time. Volunteers require a background check. If you can help by serving as an assistant to our teacher in Sunday School at 9:30

a.m. on one or more Sundays during the school year, please sign an empty space. Feel free to contact Pastor Matt for more information. Thank you.

-Jeanne Gryszka, Sunday School Director

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 Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt will resume September 11, at 7:00 PM. **Weekly commitment not needed** – come virtually with your Bible (or just listen and follow along) as your schedule allows.

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



FALL SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

Beginning **Sunday, September 7**, Advent will resume offering two Sunday worship services:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship service

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service

10:30 AM Fellowship Time

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 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.

A PRAYER FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR SOLDIERS

Almighty and eternal God,
those who take refuge in you will be glad
and forever will shout for joy.
Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties.
Protect them with the shield of your strength
and keep them safe from all evil and harm.
May the power of your love enable them to return home
in safety, that with all who love them,
they may ever praise you for your loving care.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE PHYSICAL SPACE AT ADVENT

Please respond to Keith Wills via email no later than Monday, September 15.

krwills@comcast.net

Please include “Building Clean Up” in the Subject Line.

An intentional plan to downsize and consolidate the items in rooms throughout the church building is being formed. Many of the activity and education rooms have become overcrowded, disorganized, and congested.

Goals of the project:

- Sort items into retain or dispose categories
- For disposal items, identify items that can be donated
- Reconfigure rooms in an organized manner

If you have an active interest in the items contained within the church rooms and would like to provide input to or participate in the decision-making process, please contact Keith Wills at krwills@comcast.net with “Building Clean Up” in the subject line, **no later than Monday, September 15**, after which this project will begin.

Additionally, an effort is being planned to organize and hopefully reduce the quantity of the church’s business documents (e.g., finance, legal, insurance, and property) and other text-based items (e.g., training, educational materials, and music).

Goals of the project:

- Identify, locate, and review these documents for relevance of historical date and level of importance
- Co-locate and store retained documents within a common room, grouped by date and category
- Recycle or shred documents identified for disposal

Anyone who has information about these documents and/or can assist in the identification and/or the sorting process should contact Keith Wills at krwills@comcast.net with “Building Clean Up” in the subject line, no later than **Monday, September 15**, after which this project will begin.

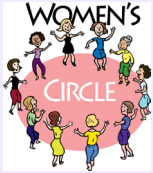


ADVENT COMMUNITY – UPCOMING EVENTS



PING PONG – Returning Tuesdays, beginning September 16 *corrected date from earlier announcement*

Starting on September 16, all are welcome to come and enjoy an evening of Ping Pong at the church on Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM. If you are interested in giving it a try, please contact the church at 215-355-2529 or adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com.



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 WOMEN'S CIRCLE – BETH SHALOM SYNAGOGUE VISIT – Friday, September 26, 10:00 AM

Our women's circle will visit the Beth Shalom synagogue in Elkins Park on Friday September 26 at 10:00 a.m. The synagogue was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, completed in 1959. For all who plan to attend, the cost of the tour is between \$12-\$15 per person, to be paid at the tour. A carpool will depart from Advent at 9:20 a.m. We look forward to learning more about this National Historic Landmark.



FLEA MARKET

ADVENT FLEA MARKET – Saturday, September 13, 2025, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Registration Deadline for Sellers: Sunday, September 7 OR until space is filled

Our Flea Market is just weeks away... If you are still looking to “declutter/downsize items in your living space”, please consider participating in this event.

On **Saturday, September 13**, Advent Church is holding a Flea Market in the church parking lot from **9:00 AM until 12:00 PM**, providing an avenue for you to achieve your goal of selling items you can no longer use. This is a **rain or shine event** (held inside the church in the event of rain) for church members, friends, neighbors and members of the community to sell and buy items or just browse.

Water and soft pretzels will be available during the flea market at a cost of \$1.00 each.

Flea Market **Registration Forms** are available on the round table in the church narthex, on the church's website at www.adventrichboro.org, and on page 16 of this newsletter.

A non-refundable registration fee of \$10.00 must accompany your registration. Flea Market Registrations will be accepted until the **deadline of September 7, 2025, or until spaces are no longer available**. We look forward to seeing you at the Flea Market and helping you “declutter/downsize” items you no longer can use but that others may.

Please contact our Flea Market 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 and participation in this church-sponsored event.



CONCERT: MITCH McVICKER – Wednesday, October 1, 7:00 PM – www.MitchMcVicker.com



Advent is again pleased to have Mitchell McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert. McVicker's concert is a little bit Mark Twain meets MacGyver. His quirky and inventive approach includes insightful song lyrics, unconventional instruments, and profound storytelling. His concert connects the everyday with the otherworldly. McVicker's theology is daringly simple - God's love washes over and through us regardless of our circumstances and situations. Come out for an evening of enjoyable and inspirational music. A free will offering will be taken.



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

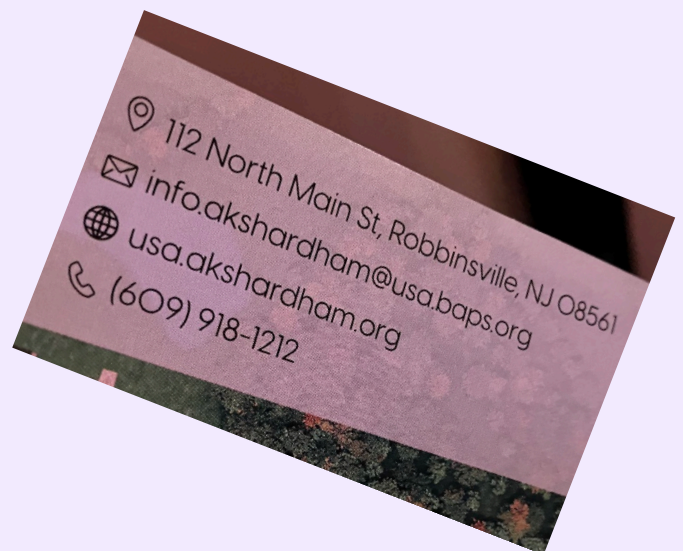
Hate to admit it but we failed the cooking class in Paris, so for the much anticipated new breakfast menus, forget it. 😊 See you on **Saturday, October 11 at 8:00 AM**.

Coffee will be ready at 7:30 AM

ADVENT COMMUNITY – JULY EVENT PHOTOS

Advent Women's Circle – Fran's Mystery Trip, July 23

Members of the Women's Circle enjoyed Fran's Mystery Trip on July 23. It was to a campus devoted to Hindu worship located in Robbinsville, NJ, where the centerpiece is Akshardham, a grand inspiring worship center made entirely of marble in the interior and limestone on the exterior. Our group was educated about the beliefs and the buildings through a guided tour where we learned about the countless hours of design and construction provided by volunteers in their mission to bring this worship center to North America to inspire future generations.

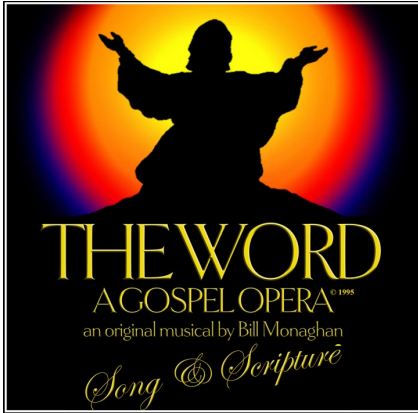


ADVENT COMMUNITY –AUGUST EVENT PHOTOS

THE WORD: A GOSPEL OPERA



We know Bill Monaghan as one of Advent's talented guest musicians and friend of the congregation. On August 9, Bill performed highlights from his own colorful musical ***The Word: A Gospel Opera***. Together he and his bandmates took us through key moments in biblical history, each with its own rhythm and style, driven by the diversity of world music. Imagine learning important Bible stories through original lyrics in song! As always, Bill shared with us his joy and talent throughout the performance. We were also asked to participate as we enjoyed the talent of the band: Mike Dettra on percussion, Mike McGarry on bass and Danielle Sherman on piano, vocals and percussion.



BILL'S MUSIC MAY BE PURCHASED THROUGH HIS WEBSITE. [HTTPS://WWW.MONAGHANMUSIC.COM](https://www.monaghanmusic.com)



Many thanks to **George Henry** for leading worship and to **David Elkin** (pictured left) for preaching the sermon while Pastor Matt was away in early August.

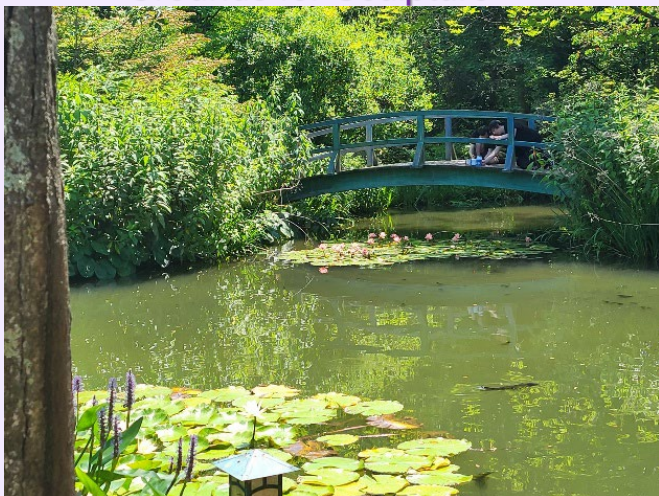


THE HONEYMOON CONTINUES...

On May 18, Advent had a celebration for the marriage of Pastor Matt and Debbie. It was an absolutely wonderful occasion filled with joy and love. Pastor Matt and Debbie were greatly moved by the generous gift of several gift certificates to restaurants, shows, sites and experiences. This past month their adventures brought them to...



Grounds for Sculpture



Washington Crossing Inn



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 8/28/2025):

Cereal, Mashed Potatoes, Oatmeal, Syrup, Broth, Chili, Beef Stew, Ready Serve Soups, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Baked Beans, 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 Bags



CARING FOR FRIENDS PROGRAM UPDATE

Caring for Friends shares food & friendship with homebound, homeless & hungry people in greater Philadelphia. Stay tuned for details on upcoming meal preparation at Advent.

We're grateful for everyone's continued support of our Caring for Friends meal program! At this time, we don't have any upcoming dates scheduled—but stay tuned. We'll share new opportunities to serve together soon. Thank you for helping us extend care and love to our community! If you have questions, please contact Kevin and Christine Welsh or the Church office.



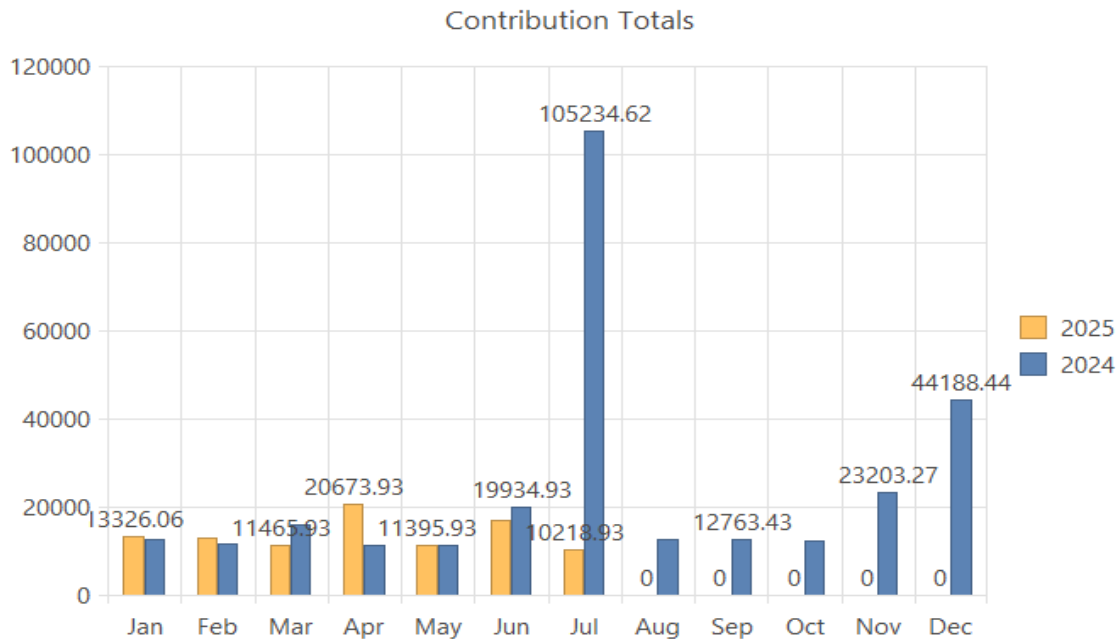
RECYCLING CAN TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

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



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

Financial Report For July 2025

	Rec'd for July 2025	Budget for July 2025
General Fund	\$8,698.93	\$18,609.00
Mortgage	\$1,155	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$50	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$315	
Web Upgrade		
Total	\$10,218.93	\$20,640.00
	Rec'd YTD 1/1-7/31/25	Budget YTD 1/1-7/31/25
General Fund	\$82,027.35	\$130,263.00
Mortgage	\$10,221.00	\$13,286.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$482.00	\$931.00
Other Benevolence	\$3,816.00	
Web Upgrade	\$450.00	
Total	\$96,996.35	\$144,480.00

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 215-355-2529 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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Cindy Frey

5 Paul Shearer

11 Mark Frey

11 Charles Welsh

11 Kayce Welsh

13 Courtney Kirschner



15 Nicholas Masciotro

15 Emma Ward

15 Timothy Ward

16 Steven Urbaniak

17 John Kelly

19 Jeanne Gryszka



20 Luke Urbaniak

22 Teena Hanlon

25 Rose Herbert

26 Christopher Frey

27 Kelly Brum

30 Peggy Spahn

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
The office will be closed on Thursday, September 4.

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.

Prayer for the New School Year

Adapted from faithfortunes.com

Lord of Wisdom, we entrust this school year into Your hands. Guide students to achieve excellence through Your grace. Fill every classroom with peace and understanding. Grant focus and diligence to all as they learn. Strengthen every student to embrace new challenges with courage.

Faithful Friend, bless students with friendships that encourage and inspire them. Guide them to build relationships grounded in love and respect. Protect them from negative influences and help them to be a source of encouragement to others. May their friendships honor You and bring joy to their lives.

Great Teacher, we lift up teachers and educators to You. Bless their dedication and give them wisdom to guide their students with patience and love. Strengthen them for the challenges of teaching and inspire them to lead by example. May their words and actions reflect Your truth, encouraging their students to grow in knowledge and character. Let their work bear fruit that honors You.

Provider God, we pray for parents as they prepare their children for the school year. Grant them wisdom and peace in every decision. Equip them with resources and patience to support their children well. May they find joy in seeing their children grow and flourish academically and spiritually.

Let this school year be fruitful, glorifying Your name in all its achievements. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

- Name(s) and relationship

- Emergency Contact** during Sunday School :

Whose phone? _____
First name

Whose phone? _____
First name

Address:

Phone:

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

Grade:

Grade:

Grade:

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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.

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 31 9:00 AM Summer Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM First Communion Class	September 1 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	2	3	4 Church office closed 7:00 PM Preaching Class	5 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	6
7 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Bible Study Flea Market Registration Deadline	8 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	9 12:00 PM Advent Women's Circle Meeting	10	11 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	12 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	13 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Advent Community Flea Market
14 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion First Holy Communion 10:30 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Bible Study	15 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting Deadline to respond for Building Clean Up	16 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting via Zoom 6:30 PM Ping Pong	17	18 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	19 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	20
21 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion First Day of Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Bible Study	22 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	23 6:30 PM Ping Pong	24 5:30 PM Praise Band Practice 6:15 PM Vocal Choir Practice	25 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	26 10:00 AM Advent Women's Circle – synagogue visit 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	27
28 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion Sunday School Baptism of Brooks McQuiggan 10:30 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Bible Study	29 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	30 6:30 PM Ping Pong	October 1 7:00 PM Mitch McVicker Concert at Advent	October 2 7:00 PM Preaching Class	October 3 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	October 4