

The Adventure



OCTOBER 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 pastormattollikainen@gmail.com.
If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.

Pastor on Vacation:

Pastor Matt will be away **Friday, October 10 through Sunday, October 12**. In case of a pastoral emergency while Pastor is away, please contact Pastor Bo Bannister at 765-426-0500.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MATT

There is a worship practice that we do not include in our services at Advent that is part of the liturgy in many churches. After the offering collection during a communion service, the ushers carry the offering plates and the communion elements from the back of the sanctuary and down the aisle to be offered up at the worship altar. Why would this be done? Both the money in the offering plate and the bread and wine for communion are gifts of God given to us. In bringing these things to the altar, we are giving of ourselves in response to all the gifts God has given us and expressing our gratitude. We are also participating in the further spread of God's love, as these physical things are then used to proclaim God's love: the money in the offering plate in support of the church's ministries and the bread and wine in the distribution of communion.

So often when we think of stewardship, we tend to think of giving of time, talent and treasure. We also think of sacrifice. By bringing the communion elements forward with the offering plates and then distributing those elements in communion, we make a statement that God's love should be recognized as part of that stewardship list. We are called to share God's love just as we are called to share of our time, talent and treasure. Therefore, in this sense, doing evangelism is a form of stewardship. We can share abundantly of God's love because God's love never runs out.



What about that sense of sacrifice? We are inclined to think of stewardship so much as our time, talent and treasure, that we can overlook that these things are gifts from God. When we feel these things come from us and not God, we can easily feel less generous or less joyful in our giving. As limited as our resources can seem, even when we truly have little, that little bit is still a gift from God. If we have limited time or talent, we can give more of our treasure. When we have limited treasure, we can give more of our time or talent. Either way, God continues to love us abundantly. Therefore, we can always give more through our expression of God's love.



By bringing the elements with the offering and using those elements in distributing God's love, one final statement is made. God takes our offering and multiplies it. Those elements are blessed. As the body and blood of Christ, they multiply as an expression of God, distributed to God's people in communion. So too, when we minister by offering up the time, talent and treasure with which God has blessed us, the encounter of God's love is multiplied.

I encourage you to consider your stewardship. How do you see God active in your life? What time, talent, treasure and expressions of God's love can you offer up to God to see them multiply?

May God bless you abundantly,
Pastor Matt

OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 5

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
with Holy Communion
Sunday School *students age 4 to grade 6*
10:30 AM Fellowship: Open
10:45 AM Bible Study with George Henry

OCTOBER 19

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
with Holy Communion
Sunday School *students age 4 to grade 6*
10:30 AM Fellowship: Open
10:45 AM Bible Study with George Henry

OCTOBER 12

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 AM Service of the Word
No Holy Communion
9:30 AM Service of the Word
No Holy Communion
Sunday School *students age 4 to grade 6*
10:30 AM Fellowship: Open
10:45 AM Bible Study with George Henry

OCTOBER 26

REFORMATION SUNDAY

8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
with Holy Communion
Sunday School *students age 4 to grade 6*
10:30 AM Fellowship: Open
10:45 AM Bible Study with George Henry

SERVING IN WORSHIP – OCTOBER 2025 SCHEDULE

8:00 AM		9:30 AM	
LAY READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	LAY READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
10/5 David Elkin	Janice Hoffmann	Bruce Eklund	Joyce Heiss
10/12 David Elkin	N/A	John Flint	N/A
10/19 David Elkin	Janice Hoffmann	Bruce Eklund	Kristi Ward
10/26 David Elkin	Janice Hoffmann	John Flint	Megan 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

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 occur on most Wednesdays.

♪ **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!



Advent's Sunday School students are a creative bunch. We enjoy working together as we learn our Bible lessons in class. We use our detective skills to follow the facts and assemble them into those important events in history that *formed the world we live in*. Add to that: songs, videos, our Bible storybook and crafts with-a-message . . . We are busier than bees! New students from age 4 through grade 6 are invited to join or visit. Registration forms are available in the foyer, narthex or by contacting the church office.



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. Thank you to all who have already signed up! Volunteers require a background check. If you can help by serving as an assistant to our teacher in Sunday School at 9:30 AM on one or more Sundays during the school year, please sign an empty space. Feel free to contact me for more information. Thank you.

-Jeanne Gryszka, Sunday School Director

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY IN-PERSON ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday in-person Bible Study with George Henry is held most Sundays after the 9:30 AM service. Check the weekly bulletins for the most up-to-date information. Meet in the Parlor.

THURSDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY RESUMING IN THE FALL

Thursday Night Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt will be held on most Thursdays at 7:00 PM, but NOT on the first Thursday of each month.

Thursday Night Bible Study offers you an opportunity to "Stump the Pastor!"

Submit scripture-related questions via email to adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com with "Stump the Pastor" in the subject line OR handwrite your questions on the Stump the Pastor slips located on the round table in the narthex. George Henry will tabulate the questions and select those to be answered each week during the Zoom Bible Study.

A weekly commitment is 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>



GOD SIGHTINGS – INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Please take the time to reflect on how God is seen in your life through actions and/or spiritual gifts that you or someone in your life has done. On the paper chain link (available in the narthex), please identify the person (if applicable) and the action/spiritual gift through which God is being seen. For example, "Grandmom taught me how to bake a pie." The person who is displaying God should be underlined and the action or spiritual gift should be underlined twice.



WORSHIP-RELATED INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNION RECIPIENTS

Fiona Kathleen Brum
Essie Beatrice Brum

May the grace of this sacrament strengthen your faith and fill your hearts with a lasting joy and peace as you grow closer to Jesus each day.
God bless you!

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BAPTISM OF BROOKS MCQUIGGAN

Congratulations to **Brooks McQuiggan** and his family on his baptism on Sunday, September 28.
May you always feel God's grace in your heart and His love shining down upon you!

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: November 2

Remembrance submissions due by Monday October 27

The first Sunday in November is All Saints Sunday. We will celebrate our services of Holy Communion remembering family and friends who have died this past year. If you have someone you wish included in our prayers, please contact or leave a message with the church office via phone 215-355-2529 or email adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com **no later than Monday, October 27**. Please include the name of the deceased, the relationship or the relation of the deceased to you (i.e., father, daughter, cousin, friend, etc.) and your name. Forms are also available in the narthex.



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, stationed at Fort Drum, New York

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

A PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR SOLDIERS

*O Lord, our Protector and Guide,
thank you for the men and women who have stepped up to serve and
protect our country. May they know the blessing of serving well.
Thank you for your promise to never leave or forsake your people.
We pray for the protection of our Armed Forces serving our country at
home or abroad, whether in drills or in deployment.
Help them to be strong and to feel Your presence.
Help them to stay morally strong and free from untoward influence.
Keep them healthy and free from sickness and injury. Guide them as
they move about and carry out their orders and missions.
We ask this in your name. Amen.*

PROPERTY UPDATE

Round Two Tree Work Project Completed

In December 2025, we had dead and/or dying trees taken down on our property due to safety concerns. With that work behind us, we could now “see the trees for the forest” and determined that additional trees needed to be removed on the back side of our property, adjacent to the NHT water tower. This second round of tree work was completed on September 9, 2025 by Warwick Tree Company, who removed 9 dead/dying pine trees and a “junk” mulberry tree. In addition, they removed several large piles of dead branches. They were a pleasure to work with throughout the project and provided excellent service, both in the tree work and in taking great care to ensure minimal disruption to the lawn during the work. Church Council authorized the work after having received quotes from 3 different companies. Warwick had the lowest quote (\$2,000) and provided the highest comprehensive services of the companies considered for the work. Funding for the project was taken from the reserves from the land sale. Our mortgage company Mission Invest Fund has restricted the use of this money for capital projects such as the cost for this tree work project.



We have several people to thank for guiding this project through to its completion. First, are Property Committee Chair Keith Wills, Tony Gryszka, and Mike Sitler for assessing the scope of the tree work that needed to be addressed. Second, is

Church Council for their work in reviewing the quotes and approving the project. And lastly, thanks to Mike Sitler for his work on contract talks and on-site monitoring of the work being done.

All of this is a true blessing for our congregation at this point in our history. 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.



ADVENT COMMUNITY – OCTOBER EVENTS

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



Thank you to all who came to see Mitch McVicker in concert at Advent. McVicker's concerts are a little bit Mark Twain meets MacGyver. His quirky and inventive approach includes insightful song lyrics, unconventional instruments, and profound storytelling. His concerts connect 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. For more information about his music and upcoming performances, please visit his website at: www.mitchmcvicker.com.



PING PONG – Most Tuesday evenings, at 6:30 PM

All are welcome to come and enjoy an evening of Ping Pong at the church on Tuesday evenings 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, October 14, 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.

Upcoming Outings:

Lunch at King George Inn followed by Bristol Riverside Theater: "The Rat Pack" – Sunday, October 26

November Meeting (BYO-Lunch) – Tuesday, November 11, at 12:00 PM

Peddlers Village Visit/Gingerbread House Displays – Tuesday, December 2



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

We plan to start the fall season of Men's Breakfast on Saturday, October 11, at 8:30 AM.

Since we failed our test at the gourmet cooking school in Paris, do not expect any change in our cuisine. We have heard the the Board of Directors are talking about bringing in new chefs because of this. Good luck as we haven't had a raise in 25 years. Coffee ready by 7:30 AM.



BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, October 28, 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Harvest Hope Blood Drive will take place at Advent on Tuesday, October 28th from 2:00 to 7:00 PM. Please consider donating and asking your family, friends and neighbors to join you. All those participating will receive a \$10 e-gift card, and a chance to win one of three \$5000 gift cards. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex or sign up online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code "AdventLutheran", or call 1-800-red-cross or Audrey Savchuck at 215-913-1037.

Please see Audrey if you are able to volunteer - either an hour or two the day of the drive or to donate treats for our snack table.

ADVENT COMMUNITY EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 2025

FLEA MARKET 2025

The Flea Market, which was held on Saturday, September 13th, was a runaway success! It was a beautiful, sunny, comfortable day with 18 vendors participating and well over 200 people browsing and purchasing items being sold at our Flea Market. Advent Church Brochures, regarding our worship services/times, program offerings and church activities, were disseminated to the many people milling through the Flea Market. Many questions regarding our church were addressed by Pastor Matt and members of our congregation who participated in the Flea Market.



Beyond Flea Market purchases, there were many opportunities to engage socially with people who stopped in, both in the community and from the surrounding neighborhoods. Many vendors expressed interest in participating in our Flea Market again next year as did attendees browsing and purchasing at the Flea Market.

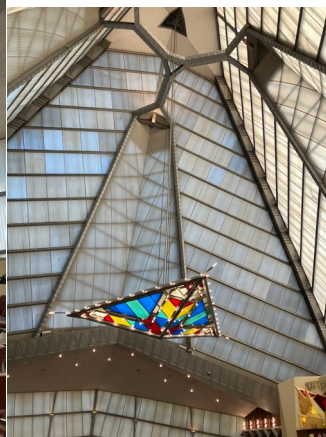
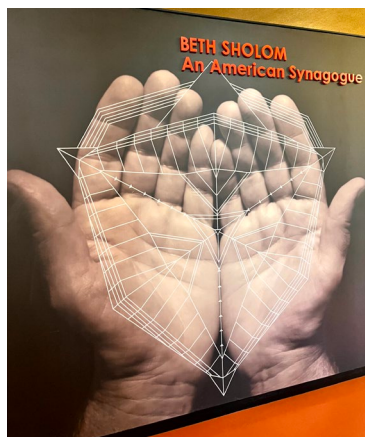
We'd like to thank all the vendors that participated in the event, our Flea Market Coordinators Cime Eklund and Kathy Sitler for all their hard work, Pastor Matt for proofing the new brochure and his presence at the Flea Market and Marie McCool for creating and running off the updated Church Brochures and keeping the connection between the office and Flea Market coordinators current throughout the process. After expenses, the church netted \$166.00, which will be added to our general fund.



ADVENT COMMUNITY EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

ADVENT WOMEN'S CIRCLE VISITS BETH SHOLOM – Friday, September 26

Our women's group toured Beth Sholom synagogue in nearby Elkins Park, PA. It is one of America's architectural treasures, designed by famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Its dramatic elements were crafted as enhancements to the worship experience: The history of the building's design is based on the collaboration of Wright and long-serving Rabbi Mortimer J. Cohen, who politely submitted ideas to add religious symbolism. Together, they created a welcoming worship space with a lasting cultural impact.



FIRST COMMUNION – Sunday, September 14



BROOKS' BAPTISM – Sunday, September 28



THE HONEYMOON CONTINUES...



Terrain Café 9/13/2025



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...



Magens Bay, St. Thomas
8/7/2025



The information and events below are excerpts from the MinistryLink Newsletter from SEPA



PRESIDING BISHOP YEHIEL CURRY'S INSTALLATION

The Installation of the Rev. Yehiel Curry as Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held on Saturday, October 4, at Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN. Worship will begin at 3:00 p.m. (EST) and will be livestreamed.

More Information about Presiding Bishop-Elect Curry and the Installation can be found at www.elca.org/about/churchwide/office-of-the-presiding-bishop/presiding-bishop-installation. The livestream of the service will be from this same webpage.



Kindling Faith
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Rest and Formation

UPCOMING KINDLING FAITH EVENTS

www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu/calendar

Come to the Well: Tools for Revitalizing Your Soul and Ministry, October 8–10 on the Philadelphia campus for rostered women with Rev. Dr. Stacey Brady. Gather around the following topics: compassion fatigue and burnout; moving from compassion fatigue to compassion satisfaction through acquiring resilience skills, trauma-informed caregivers, and Jesus' invitation to abundant life. Registration coming soon. Save the date!

Online Pastoral Care Series with Rev. Dr. Beth Toler returns this fall! Registration will go live soon. Here are the topics for the coming academic year:

- October 13/16 - Healing with Grace: Trauma-Informed Approaches to Spiritual Care
- November 10/13 - Grace in the Final Chapter: Spiritual Care and the Death with Dignity Movement
- January 12/15 - This is What Spiritual Care Looks Like: Community Activism and Engagement
- February 9/12 - Walking the Road to Recovery: Spiritual Care for those Facing Addiction
- March 9/12 - Standing in the Storm: Spiritual Care as Crisis Response
- April 13/16 - Caring for Souls in a Wounded World: Spiritual Care in the Context of Climate Change

Advent Icon Workshop. Monday, December 1 – 5. The Rev. Bonnie Oplinger leads a week-long workshop of growth and artistic expression as participants create/write an icon of the Madonna and Child. Registration coming soon.

Women of the ELCA
Annual Women's Day
When You Lead, Others Will Follow
Sunday, October 12 + 3:00 pm

Mediator Lutheran Church
2832 N. 28th Street, Philadelphia

Speaker: The Rev. Linda Manson
Director of Evangelical Mission and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

KEEP UP WITH SYNOD NEWS AND RESOURCES

Subscribe to the MinistryLink newsletter to keep up with the latest news, events and resources offered through SEPA. Sign up using the QR code or visit:

<https://ministrylink.org/mission-interpretation/subscribe/>



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.



**Warminster
Food Bank**

A Vision. A Mission.

Check the food bank's web site for the most up-to-date needs:

<https://warminsterfoodbank.org/>

Most Needed Food Items (as of 9/28/2025):

Cereal, Instant 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 – next meal preparation date coming soon!

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 are working on the next meal preparation date. 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.



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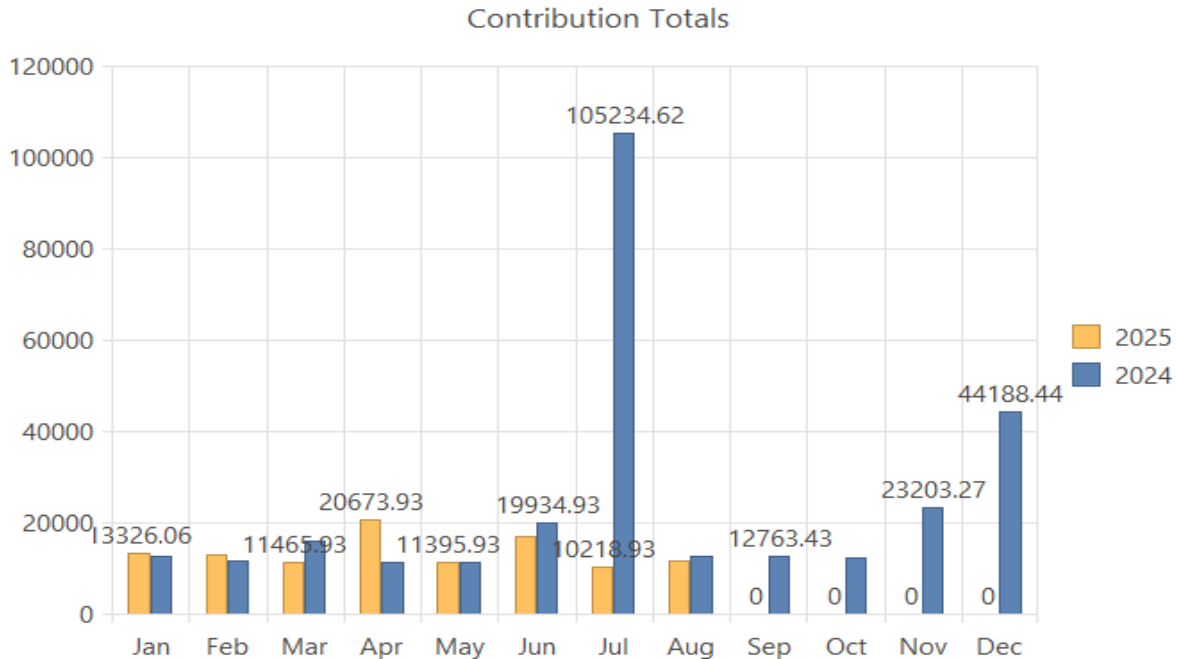
RECYCLING CAN TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

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 August 2025

	Rec'd for Aug 2025	Budget for Aug 2025
General Fund	\$9,573.93	\$18,609.00
Mortgage	\$1,620	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$150	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$345	
Web Upgrade		
Total	\$11,688.93	\$20,640.00
	Rec'd YTD 1/1-8/31/25	Budget YTD 1/1-8/31/25
General Fund	\$91,601.28	\$148,872.00
Mortgage	\$11,841.00	\$15,184.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$632.00	\$1,064.00
Other Benevolence	\$4,161.00	
Web Upgrade	\$450.00	
Total	\$108,685.28	\$165,120.00

Thanks to everyone for your continued financial support of the church this year. We greatly appreciate it. There are numerous ways to continue your offerings.

- Drop off your offering at the church office. The office is usually open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10 AM and 1 PM. Call to confirm hours.
- 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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

6 – Lynn Roccograndi

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A Year Filled with Gratitude

October 20 marks my one-year anniversary of being with Advent. I want to take this opportunity to express how very much this position, and more importantly this congregation, has changed me.

I came into this position near the end of the most difficult year of my life to date. My family and I experienced a lot of pain and loss in 2024. We lost many loved ones, dealt with some major health issues within the family, and I left a career that I loved and to which I had dedicated over a decade of my life. Personally, I struggled, feeling lost and untethered.

Then came the fateful decision to apply for and eventually accept a position in a church (pretty far from my veterinary background) whose denomination wasn't even the one in which I was raised. I was ready to tackle a new opportunity, excited for a change. This is where you all come into the story. As enticing as the position was, it was the people I met through the hiring process that truly excited me. It was very apparent that this was a community imbued with love and generosity. I was not wrong. From my first day, I was welcomed with open hearts and kindness by everyone I met. I have experienced a level of support and encouragement that continues to revive my hurting soul. I am eternally grateful for the welcome I was given and the continued thoughtfulness and love you have shown me.

Thank you for this past year. I look with joy and anticipation to our future together here at Advent.

With much gratitude and love,
Marie



October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 28 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion Sunday School Brooks McQuiggan Baptism 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	2 <i>Preaching Class will be rescheduled</i>	3 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	4
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12 8:00 AM Service of the Word - no Communion 9:30 AM Service of the Word – no Communion Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Bible Study	13 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting via Zoom 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	14 12:00 PM Advent Women's Circle Meeting 6:30 PM Ping Pong	15 5:30 PM Praise Band Practice 6:15 PM Vocal Choir Practice	16 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	17 11:00 AM Holland Village Communion Service 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	18
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