

The Adventure



JANUARY 2026 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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CHURCH OFFICE

The church office at Advent is typically open Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Any changes to the office hours are posted in the weekly bulletins.

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CONTACTING PASTOR MATT

If you need to speak with Pastor Matt when he is not in the office, particularly in the case of a pastoral emergency, please feel free to call his cell at 215-859-3778 or email him at pastormattolikainen@gmail.com.

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

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HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS

To help maintain the health of the congregation, Advent follows 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 who is ill.
- Worship is available online.
- Those distributing communion will mask. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
- Advent shares the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MATT

Christmas and New Years are over. The decorations have been put away or are on their way down. The excitement of the Holidays is over. It's time to catch our breath and get back to life as usual. However, some folks have a hard time catching their breath. People can feel emotionally drained after the Holidays and suffer from a condition called the 'post-holiday-blahs'. The short, dreary, cold winter days do not help this condition. Nor does it help if you were feeling the "blahs" before the holidays even started. It is no wonder sunny Florida provides an escape for so many 'snow birds' this time of year. Welcome to January.

In the church, the holidays are not over with New Years Day. There are twelve days of Christmas followed by Epiphany. The season of Epiphany starts with the three wise men bringing gifts to the new born baby Jesus. In some Hispanic traditions, Three Kings Day is the big gift giving holiday, not Christmas. In this tradition, Christmas is only about what God gives us, Jesus Christ.



The season of Epiphany is often called the season of light. With the birth of Jesus, a new light is brought into the world. This new light reveals two great truths about reality:

Jesus experiences everything it means to be human, and there is great evil in the world. Jesus, who is Immanuel or *God with us*, experiences all the joys and pains of life. He experiences suffering from the sins of others. He even experiences death. Jesus' birth and the time he spent walking the earth revealed the truth that there is great brokenness and evil in the world.

"Jesus is born into this world not to condemn it, but to redeem it."

Still, there is another great truth revealed through Jesus. Jesus is born into this world not to condemn it, but to redeem it. God knows what Jesus is going to find on this earth. God has heard the cries of humanity throughout time. The truth of the world's brokenness and evil is revealed through Jesus, not for God's sake, but ours. Once we recognize just how much hurt is in the world, we realize just how much we need God's love. Fortunately, the greatest truth of all is that God chooses to love us, warts, imperfections and all. In fact, God loves us so much that God plans to transform our lives. God plans to mend the brokenness of the world and do away with evil forever.

"The greatest truth of all is that God chooses to love us."

If you are suffering from the post-holiday-blahs, if you need your life brightened, or if there is some reality in your life you do not want to face alone, then celebrating the season of Epiphany, the season of light, at Advent Lutheran Church this January may be just what you need. God's love has the power to transform your life.

Peace,
Pastor Matt

JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JANUARY 4 SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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

JANUARY 11 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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

JANUARY 18 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
with Holy Communion
Special Guest: Mike Cerino, Director of
the Warminster Food Bank
Sunday School *students age 4 to grade 6*
10:30 AM Fellowship: Open
10:45 AM Bible Study with George Henry

JANUARY 25 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP – JANUARY 2026 SCHEDULE

	8:00 AM		9:30 AM	
	LAY READER	COMMUNION ASST	LAY READER	COMMUNION ASST
1/4	David Elkin	Kristi Ward	Bruce Eklund	Joyce Heiss
1/11	George Henry	Janice Hoffmann	John Flint	Kristi Ward
1/18	David Elkin	Kristi Ward	Bruce Eklund	Megan Ward
1/25	George Henry	Janice Hoffmann	John Flint	Joyce Heiss

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 available on [YouTube](#) and our [website](#) after the services conclude.

ZOOM INFORMATION

PLEASE MUTE YOURSELF WHEN NOT SPEAKING

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE on **SUNDAYS at 8:00 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978688226> Passcode: 309955

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE on **SUNDAYS at 9:30 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85489433054> Passcode: 940367

WORSHIP-RELATED INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION

Sunday School news for January

Our Sunday School classes will begin our lessons for the new year on January 4. We'll begin with the description of the magi as they traveled to see the Baby Jesus in Bethlehem, then learn about Jesus as a boy, and how he expanded his impact on others. Jesus' teachings included parables as examples of lives touched by God, so we'll learn several of those notable lessons in upcoming weeks.

Students from age 4 through grade 6 are welcome to participate in Sunday School to enjoy the **Holy Moly** Bible lessons and videos. We invite you to come and have fun learning with friends at Sunday School! Each week, we attend the first part of the 9:30 AM worship service, then proceed to the classroom following the children's sermon. Registration forms are available on the tract rack in the foyer or they may be e-mailed to you. Please contact the church office with any questions. Many thanks to our classroom volunteers who assist with the class!

Christmas Pageant – December 7

We thank our Sunday School students for their portrayal of the Nativity on December 7, the second Sunday of Advent. They welcomed us, sang songs and brought to life the events of the birth of Jesus! The message for all of us was: Keep Christ in our hearts as we celebrate Christmas! Thank you to our talented children for sharing the joy of Jesus with our congregation!

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 has been placed in the narthex for volunteers to offer their help, one Sunday at a time. Thank you to all who have already signed up! 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. Volunteers require a background check. Feel free to contact me for more information.

-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

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.

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>



WORSHIP-RELATED INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

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, January 21.

♪ **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.

If you are interested in learning more about assisting at worship, please contact Kristi Ward or the church office at 215-355-2529

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.*

Altar Flower Dedications

The 2026 Flower Chart for weekly altar flowers is on the table in the narthex. Each bouquet is \$25. A lovely way to beautify the altar with a special dedication. Flowers may be taken home after the late service each week to enjoy in your home. Or you can also give to a family member, friend or neighbor – a great way to brighten someone's day! Questions call Cindy Frey 267-205-0713



Mission Dedications

The 2026 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.



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!

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 worshiping 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
- ❖ **Specialist Aidan Hahn**, nephew of Marie McCool, serving in Kaiserslautern, Germany
- ❖ **Airman Andrew Slawter**, grandson of Rhona & Alan Slawter, stationed at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico
- ❖ **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 OUR SOLDIERS

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR VETERANS

Dear Lord, we pray for all veterans who have bravely served our country. Please continue to shield them from harm and guide them through their journeys of healing and peace. Surround them with a supportive community and remind them of your unchanging love. We ask that you provide them with the strength to overcome any challenges they face, physically or mentally. Thank you, Lord, for the service of these heroes and your unending protection over their lives. Amen.

2026 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Thank You! We are blessed for the generosity of Advent's members and friends for over 62 years, by way of your financial support and the use of your time and talents. We have so much to be grateful for. Please prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to Advent for 2026 by completing the commitment card contained in the Stewardship mailing. For those who are able, cheerfully consider increasing your donations. There are also many opportunities to use your talents within the congregation, whether during the worship services or assisting with programs and events during the year. Thank you and contact me if you have any questions.

-Tony Gryszka, Advent Stewardship Chairperson

PROPERTY UPDATE

Multi-Purpose Room Lighting Upgrade

If you have been in our multi-purpose room lately, you likely have noticed that all of the ceiling lights now work and are uniform in color. Well, this improvement is the outcome of upgrading all of the ceiling lights in the room just before Christmas.



Although we were incrementally doing the work ourselves, it became too burdensome to complete with our “in-house” Advent talent. Accordingly, we hired a local electrical company located in Richboro to upgrade all 36 light units from fluorescent lamps to LED bypass lamps, which required some alterations in the lights’ internal workings. All of the 1 X 4 flat panel lenses were also replaced. The external “box” fixtures of the lights, however, were not replaced, resulting in significant direct and indirect (e.g., spackling, painting of the ceiling) cost savings. The upgraded lights now meet electrical code requirements.

Church Council authorized the work after receiving quotes from 3 different companies. JWK Electric had the lowest quote (\$3,830) and provided the highest comprehensive services of the companies considered for the work. Their quote also included a PECO energy rebate for upgrading to LED lighting and the subsequent reduction in energy costs. JKW Electrical was a pleasure to work with throughout the project and provided excellent service. Funding for the project was taken from reserves from the land sale. Our mortgage company, Mission Investment 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:

- Members of our Church who brought the issue to Church Leadership’s attention, including Ray Heiss on behalf of our ping pong ministry.
- Keith Wills and Mike Sitler for their work on contract talks and in scheduling the work.
- Church Council for their work in reviewing and approving the project.
- Mike Sitler for on-site monitoring of the work.
- An anonymous donor who generously provided a \$1,000 check to help defray the costs of the project.

All of this is a true blessing for our congregation, to include the various ministries that use the multi-purpose room. It is also fair to say that Ray Heiss can no longer claim that he can’t see the ping pong ball (a lame excuse for his performance). We can also 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 – JANUARY EVENTS



Men's Breakfast – Saturday, January 10, 8:30 AM

The next Men's Breakfast will take place Saturday January 10, 2026. This is our regular gift exchange, that is to exchange gifts we can't use or don't want for something someone else doesn't want. It is done in strict confidence so loved ones are not aware.

We serve at 8:30 AM, coffee ready by 7:30.



Advent Women's Circle– Next Meeting January 13, 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 or event as a new attendee, please contact the church office to confirm the date as it draws closer.

Upcoming Outings/Meetings:

January Meeting: Tuesday, January 13, 12:00 PM

Music Mountain Theater "Grease": Sunday, January 25



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.



SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH THE ADVENT COMMUNITY!

Have information or an event you would like to advertise to the Advent community?

Please reach out to the church office with any pertinent information.

215-355-2529

adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

WARMINSTER FOOD BANK THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank you to the Advent community for their generosity to the Warminster Food Bank which helps so many people in our community. In a time of much uncertainty, your donations have been even more impactful. For 2025, Advent donated 1,821 lbs. of food and supplies, \$1,201 in direct monetary donations, and \$1,175 in store gift cards. Thank you so much for helping our neighbors in need!

DRIVE UP 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. Most needed items currently needed include:

Food Items: Instant mashed potatoes, pasta sauce, canned fruit, pancake mix, syrup, taco shells, mayonnaise, salsa, can pasta (ravioli), chili, shelf stable milk

Non-Food Items: store gift cards, laundry detergent (pods or liquid), household cleaning supplies, toothbrushes, toothpaste, other oral care items, toilet paper, paper towels, gently used grocery-size paper bags

To order supplies for direct delivery to WFB, go to their Amazon Wish List: <https://a.co/3JoRQBB>

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

CARING for FRIENDS – January Update


Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Caring for Friends meal ministry this season! We're grateful for the steady flow of lovingly prepared meals that help us serve neighbors in need throughout our community.

A special **thank you to Marie** for encouraging volunteers to prepare meals at home. Because of her enthusiasm and gentle reminders, we've seen more families take home pans and fill their own freezers with ready-to-share meals. This extra effort is making a big difference!

If anyone has **turkey or ham donations**, please speak with Kevin or Christine Welsh. These items are especially helpful during the holiday season and go a long way in supporting our meal program.

As always, pans and instructions are available to take home anytime. Every meal, big or small, helps us brighten someone's day.

Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and commitment to caring for others.

	Caring for Friends Sharing food and friendship	Use By	<u>11 / 27 / 2026</u>
		Frozen meals are good for 1 year after preparation	
		Freezer #	<u>200</u>
Contents		<u>turkey, stuffing, green beans,</u>	
		<u>peaches</u>	
Meal includes:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy	<input type="checkbox"/> Mushrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish	<input type="checkbox"/> Tomatoes
<input type="checkbox"/> Eggs	<input type="checkbox"/> Nuts/Seeds	<input type="checkbox"/> Soy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wheat/Gluten
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onions		
Cooking instructions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Remove plastic bag and menu sheet entirely. Make four (4) small holes in the aluminum foil cover on top of the dinner. Place the dinner in the oven and heat for 35-40 minutes or until dinner is heated thoroughly. DO NOT HEAT IN MICROWAVE OVEN.			
caringforfriends.org			

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER EVENTS



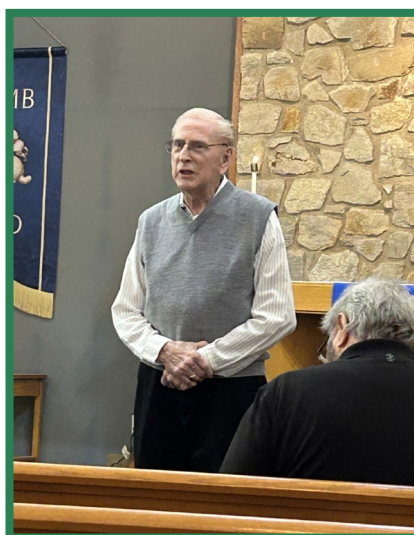
Preaching/Leading Worship

Many thanks to Bruce Eklund, David Elkin, and George Henry for stepping in for Pastor over the last couple of months to preach and lead worship.

Thank you also to all those who assisted at worship while Pastor was on vacation or not feeling well.



Sunday School Christmas Pageant



DECEMBER EVENTS (continued)

Advent's Annual Christmas Brunch – December 7, 2025



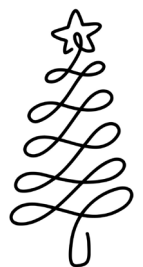
George Henry leading prayer



Thank you to all
who helped
make the
annual brunch
such a great
success!



Live holiday music made spirits merry!



DECEMBER EVENTS (continued)

Christmas Jazz Concert with Dettra Mental Music – Saturday, December 21, 2025



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Wednesday, December 24, 2025



Pastor Matt and David Elkin



Vocal Choir



Guest percussionist, Mark Pultorak
with Music Director, Mike Dettra



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



FAITH ALIVE WORSHIP LEARNING LAB – NEW DATE!

Saturday, January 10, 2026, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lutheran Church of God's Love, Newtown

REGISTRATION IS OPEN: <https://community.ministrylink.org/faithaliveworshiplearninglab>

Faith Alive is a Lilly Endowment funded process in SEPA Synod for creating a wider welcome for children (ages 0-12) to be fully themselves in worship. You are invited to come along on this journey of faith and transformation.



UPCOMING KINDLING FAITH EVENTS

www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu/calendar

Online Pastoral Care Series with Rev. Dr. Beth Toler returns this fall! Registration will go live soon.

Here are the remaining topics for the current academic year:

- 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

PROPHETS, SAINTS, AND KINGS

*Resisting Christian Nationalism and
Building the Beloved Community
with King and Bonhoeffer*

Saturday, January 17, 2026

ULS Gettysburg

Join us for a day with internationally renowned
Bonhoeffer scholars,
Dr. Stephen Haynes and Dr. Reggie Williams.

On MLK weekend, we'll learn about the intersecting legacies and lessons of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King Jr., while deepening our understanding of how people of faith can confront and resist the growing forces of authoritarianism and Christian nationalism in our own time. Being rooted in learning and worship, we'll dream together about how to make a world to best live into our own calls to seek justice and peace.

**Learn more and
register today!!**



**Gettysburg
College**
Public Policy



Augsburg Fortress is offering a free webinar series designed to support and inspire worship leaders, church musicians, and anyone passionate about congregational song. Serving Through Song features three upcoming sessions led by well-known church musicians and composers who will share practical tools, musical insights, and creative approaches for strengthening your congregation's worship life.

Upcoming Sessions:

- **January 27, 2026** – David Cherwien: Venturing Beyond the Page: Hymn Improvisation to Enliven the Assembly's Song
- **February 26, 2026** – Anne Krentz Organ: Loaves and Fishes: Expanding the Reach of Music Ministry in Your Congregation
- **June 2, 2026** – Tom Trenney: Sacred Collaboration: The Holy Ground of Doing Ministry Together

All sessions are free with registration, and recordings will be available afterward.

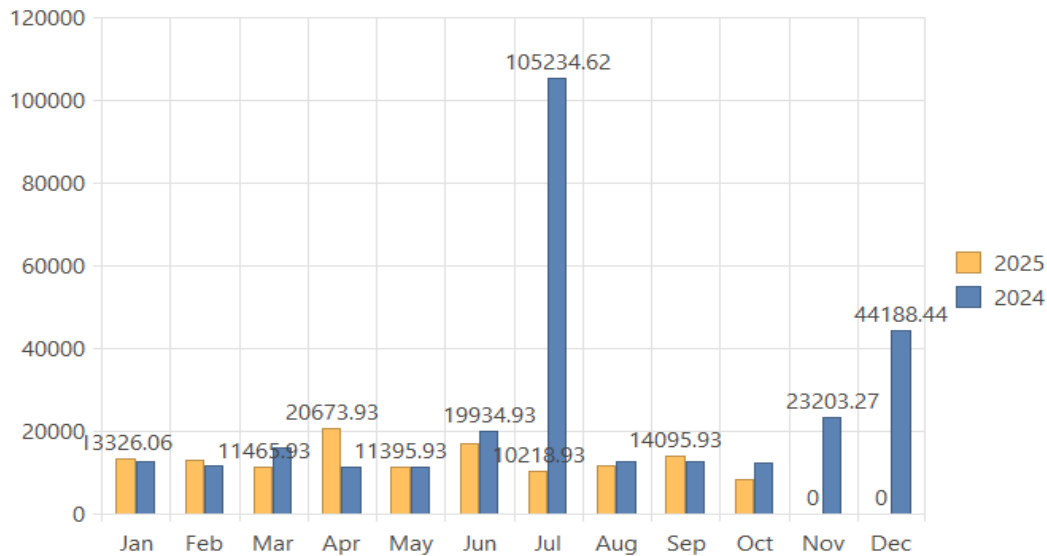
<https://go.augsburgfortress.org/serving-through-song-a-music-webinar-series-from-augsburg-fortress>

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/>.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Contribution Totals



July 2024 large amount reflects the receipt of insurance funds for the roof replacement.
Additional Insurance payment received in December 2024

Financial Report For November 2025

	Rec'd for Nov 2025	Budget for Nov 2025
General Fund	\$28,704.93	\$18,609.00
Mortgage	\$1,790	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$1,110	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$2,010	
Memorial		
Web Upgrade		
Total	\$33,614.93	\$20,640.00

	Rec'd YTD 1/1/-11/30/25	Budget YTD 1/1-11/30/25
General Fund	\$137,295.07	\$204,699.00
Mortgage	\$15,856.00	\$20,878.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$1,822.00	\$1,463.00
Other Benevolence	\$6,821.00	
Memorial	\$2,495.00	
Web Upgrade	\$450.00	
Total	\$164,739.07	\$227,040.00

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 at 267-205-0713.

Envelopes for 2026 are available on the table in the narthex.

If you do not have envelopes and would like to receive a box, please contact Cindy Frey.

FROM THE OFFICE

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan 8 Linda Gordon
Jan 10 Katie Dettra
Jan 14 Nancy Slight
Jan 18 Benicia Meyers



Jan 22 Colleen Morrison
Jan 26 Keith Wills
Jan 27 Kathy Sitler

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

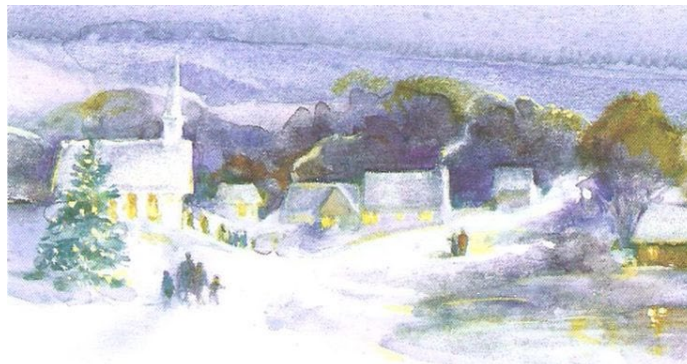
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Please let the church office know if you have any changes to your contact information, including address, phone, and email. Please email or call with your updated information. If you are unsure if your information is correct, please reach out. Marie is happy to hear from you and check your information!

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Prayer for the New Year

Give us the kindness to hear with compassion,
to offer support,
loving comfort, and care.

Give us the courage to do what is needed,
the wisdom to choose
what is right and most fair.

Give us the vision to see what is possible.

Give us the faith
that will help pave the way
for a present that's hopeful,
a future that's peaceful--

give us the heart to bring joy to each day.

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
First Sunday of Christmas Dec 28 9:00 AM Service of the Word – no Communion <i>No Sunday School</i> 10:30 AM Fellowship	December 29 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	December 30 6:30 PM Ping Pong	December 31 <i>No Band and Choir Practices</i>	January 1 <i>No Preaching Class</i>	2 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	3
Second Sunday of Christmas 4 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study	5 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	6 6:30 PM Ping Pong	7 <i>No Band and Choir Practices</i>	8 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	9 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	10 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
Baptism of Our Lord 11 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study	12 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	13 12:00 PM Advent Women's Circle Meeting 6:30 PM Ping Pong	14 <i>No Band and Choir Practices</i>	15 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	16 11:00 AM Holland Village Communion Service 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	17
Second Sunday after Epiphany 18 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion Sunday School Special Guest: Mike Cerino from Warminster Food Bank 10:30 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study	19 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	20 6:30 PM Ping Pong	21 5:30 PM Praise Band Practice 6:15 PM Vocal Choir Practice	22 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	23 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	24
Third Sunday after Epiphany 25 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study	26 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	27 6:30 PM Ping Pong	28 5:30 PM Praise Band Practice 6:15 PM Vocal Choir Practice	29 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	30 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	31