

The Adventure



ADVENT
EVANGELICAL
Lutheran Church

MARCH 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:

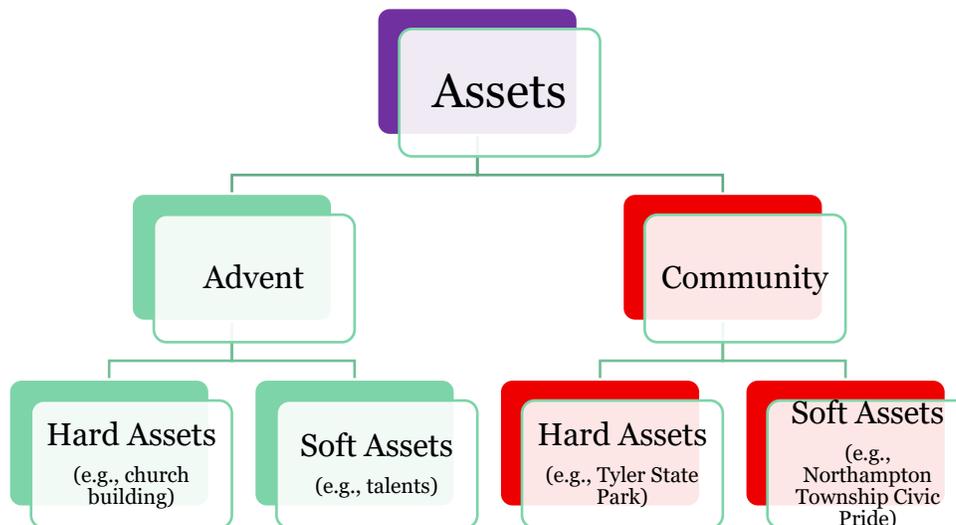
- Respect for those who choose to mask and/or social distance.
- Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone who is ill.
- Worship is available online.
- Those distributing communion will mask. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
- Advent shares the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MATT

Strategic Mission Plan Update

The Strategic Mission Plan continues on **Saturday, March 21** with a **Spaghetti Dinner**. Our Congregational Activity will be **Asset Mapping**.

What is Asset Mapping? Asset Mapping is an activity where we brainstorm all the assets for doing ministry. There are two types of assets: hard assets and soft assets. A hard asset is a physical resource. A soft asset is a relational resource, talent or ability. We will brainstorm two categories of assets, Advent assets and community assets. So, for example, a hard asset for Advent is the church building. Soft assets for Advent are the top 5 results of the Spiritual Giftabilities survey of the congregation: Teaching, Administration, Serving, Mercy and Wisdom. A hard asset of the community is Tyler State Park. A soft asset of the community is Northampton Township's civic pride.



Why do Asset Mapping? Asset mapping is essential for organizing the gifts that God calls us to use to love our neighbors. The Asset Mapping activity will transition us from the second step to the third step of the Strategic Mission Plan. As you may remember the steps are as follows:

1. Spiritual Growth
2. What are our Gifts?
3. What are the Needs of the Community?
4. Where do the Gifts and Needs Intersect?
5. What is God calling us to do?

As mentioned in the November Newsletter last year, I have already started step three through community outreach over the past five years of my ministry. In the coming weeks, the Strategic Mission Team and I will continue to assess the needs of the community through community leader interviews and a demographic study of our area. The last set of data on the needs of the community will come from you. We will survey the top five needs of the community as identified by the congregation.

After worship on April 26, we hope to start step four “Where do the Gifts and Needs Intersect?” at a Potluck Lunch. The Strategic Mission Team (SMT) will introduce the Ministry Brainstorm Packet. We will pull together the results of the **Giftabilities Inventory, the Asset Mapping, the community interviews, the demographic data** and **the congregation survey** so all the data can be seen side-by-side. The Ministry Brainstorm Packet will then have a space to list church gifts and needs that seem to match up and for ministry ideas to be written down.

We will then host another Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, June 6, where we will present the results of the Ministry Brainstorm Packets. We will then decide, as a congregation, which of the ministry ideas might be started by the Fall of 2026.

Peace,

Pastor Matt

STRATEGIC MISSION TEAM UPCOMING EVENTS

Spaghetti Dinner: Saturday, March 21, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Congregational Asset Mapping

Potluck Lunch: Sunday, April 26, following worship

Ministry Brainstorming

Spaghetti Dinner: Saturday, June 6, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Results of the Ministry Brainstorming



MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MARCH 1: SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

MARCH 15: FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

MARCH 29: PASSION 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

MARCH 8: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 AM Single Worship Service
with Holy Communion
Sunday School *students age 4 to grade 6*
10:00 AM Annual Congregational Meeting



MARCH 22: FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

TECH CREW: Pastor Matt, Mike Dettra, Tony Gryszka, Gary Zimmerman

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION: Linda Brownlee, Audrey Savchuck, Nancy Sclight, Rhona Slawter

SERVING IN WORSHIP – MARCH 2026 SCHEDULE

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

	LAY READER	COMMUNION ASST	LAY READER	COMMUNION ASST
3/1	David Elkin	Janice Hoffmann	Bruce Eklund	Joyce Heiss
3/8 – 9:00 AM	John Flint	Kristi Ward	--	--
3/15	George Henry	Janice Hoffmann	Bruce Eklund	Joyce Heiss
3/22	David Elkin	Kristi Ward	John Flint	Megan Ward
3/29	George Henry	Janice Hoffmann	Bruce Eklund	Kristi Ward

LENTEN and HOLY WEEK DATES

Passion Sunday – March 29

Maundy Thursday – April 2

Good Friday – April 3

Easter Sunday – April 5



SOUP SUPPER and LENTEN PRAYER Service

Thursdays

February 26 to March 26

6:00 PM Soup Supper

7:00 PM Prayer Service, "With Awe & Love"

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89416052406>

Passcode: Lent2026

WORSHIP-RELATED INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship services may be attended by [Zoom](#) and they will also be live streamed on [Facebook](#). A recording of services will be 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

SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE, **SUNDAY, March 8, at 9:00 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83696929966> Passcode: SINGLE2026

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (rescheduled from 2/22), **SUNDAY, March 8, at 10:00 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89908636467> Passcode: ANNUALMTG

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE SEASON OF LENT



The season of Lent has begun.

On upcoming Sundays, we will learn of Jesus' trials and triumph:

March 1 – Prayer

*March 8 - Jesus Rides through Jerusalem

March 15 - The Last Supper

March 22 - Jesus' death on the Cross

March 29 - The Resurrection of Jesus

April 5 - No Sunday School - Easter Sunday

We hope you will be present for these important lessons! New students, friends and visitors age 4 through grade 6 are welcome to attend. We begin our Sunday School hour in the 9:30 a.m.* worship service and proceed to the classroom following the children's sermon. Students will enjoy music, Bible lessons with videos and crafts.

Please note these dates:

* On **March 8**, Sunday School will begin at **9:00 a.m.**, concurrent with the single worship service.

There will be **NO** Sunday School class on **Easter Sunday, April 5**.

Wishing all a blessed Lenten Season as we look forward to Easter!

- 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.

Lenten Soup Supper & Prayer Service

Please see page 6 for more information.

Thursday Night Zoom Bible Study –will resume after Easter



WORSHIP-RELATED INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & PRAYER SERVICE

Thursdays through March 26, 2026

6:00 PM Soup Supper

7:00 PM Prayer Service, "With Awe & Love"



Advent will once again host the Thursday night Soup Supper and Prayer Service, beginning on February 26. Soup will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by the Lenten Prayer Service, at 7:00 PM. The prayer service will also be available online via Zoom. Please RSVP for the Soup Supper so we can have an approximate head count. A response sheet and a sign-up sheet to provide soup, bread, and/or drinks are on the round table in the narthex. You may also call the church office to respond or sign up.

Lenten Prayer Service Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89416052406> Passcode: Lent2026

EASTER LILIES – Sign up by March 29



The sign-up sheet to place lilies on the altar for Easter Sunday is on the table in the narthex. Cost is \$15 per plant. You may also contact the office via phone or email with your request. Make checks payable to Advent Lutheran and write "Easter Lilies" in the memo line of the check. Please mail payment to Advent at 45 Worthington Mill Road, Richboro, PA 18954 or use a Flowers envelope available in the narthex by the sign-up sheet and drop it into the collection plate.

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



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 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)

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!

If you have any questions, please contact 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.

ADVENT COMMUNITY – MARCH EVENTS

ADVENT EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Volunteers & Donations Needed!

We are excited to celebrate Easter together with another joyful **Easter Egg Hunt** for our children and families! This year's egg hunt will be on **Sunday, March 29th**. Activities will begin at 10:45 AM and the Egg Hunt will be at 11:00 AM.

To register your child, please fill out the following form: <https://tinyurl.com/adventegg hunt26>.

To make this event run smoothly, we need the help of our wonderful church family.

We are looking for **volunteers** to help with:

- **Set-Up Crew** – help prepare tables, stations, and the hunt area
- **Craft Table** – assist children with a simple Easter craft
- **Coloring Table** – help keep coloring activities organized and welcoming
- **Snack Table** – help distribute snacks and keep the area tidy
- **Game Table** – run fun, age-appropriate games
- **Egg Stuffing** – help stuff plastic eggs ahead of time
- **Clean-Up Crew** – assist with tearing down and cleaning up after the event



We are also accepting **donations of individually wrapped chocolates and goodies** to fill Easter eggs. Your generosity helps make this event special for our kids!

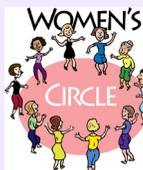
If you're able to volunteer or donate, please write your information on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or contact **Christine Welsh** at welsh0914@gmail.com or **267-566-6299**. Thank you for serving and supporting our church community this Easter! 💖

ADVENT COMMUNITY – MARCH EVENTS (continued)



MEN'S BREAKFAST – Saturday, March 14, 8:30 AM

The suggestion was made to import a couple of chefs from Ireland to properly celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the March Men's Breakfast. Unfortunately, the person who made the suggestion was too young to remember that we did try that approach many years ago. Sad to say it didn't work out as the Irish chefs got involved in celebrations in Philadelphia and never made it to cook at our breakfast. **We serve at 8:30 AM, coffee ready by 7:30 AM.**



ADVENT WOMEN'S CIRCLE – Next Meeting Tuesday, March 10, 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. 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.

March Outing: Tour of the Princeton Art Museum, Sunday, March 15.



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.

THE LEIDY MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY hosts its 50th Annual Micromount Symposium Friday March 13 and Saturday March 14 in the narthex at Advent.

Interested in rocks and minerals? You may want to check this out!

Friday March 13, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Saturday March 14, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Silent Auctions Give-Away Tables*

Lunch is provided on Saturday with paid admission

Table space for two days: \$35.00 for ½ table; \$45.00 for full 6-ft. table.

Visitor's Fees: \$5.00 for Friday, \$10.00 for Saturday – includes lunch.

Speakers

Friday: "Peru: A Mining Country" by Leidy Member Juan Proano, Mining and Exploration Geologist.

Saturday: "It's a Small World After All" by Ron Sloto Author, Curator of West Chester University Mineral Collection also served 41 years with the U.S. Geological Survey.

Questions: Email donmcalarnen@outlook.com Phone: 610 - 247-5097

Make checks payable to: The Leidy Microscopical Society

Mail to: Don McAlarnen, 916 Senator Road, East Norriton, PA 19403, or pay when you attend

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

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

Joseph Vanderstine, grandson of Rhona and Alan Slawter, was honorably discharged as he completed his military service. Please continue to keep Joseph in your prayers as he adjusts to civilian life. Thank you for your service!

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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

WARMINSTER FOOD BANK

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: macaroni and cheese, instant oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, taco shells, salsa, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, baked beans, gravy

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 – March Update

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

We are planning an Advent community meal prep session in April. In the meantime, we continue to encourage volunteers to prepare meals at home. 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, ham, or other protein donations**, please speak with Kevin or Christine Welsh. These items are especially helpful 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.

SAMPLE LABEL

 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			

FEBRUARY EVENTS

ADVENT WOMEN'S CIRCLE IN FEBRUARY

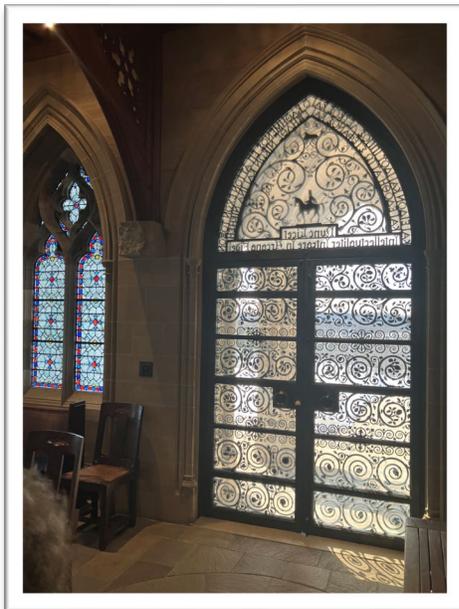
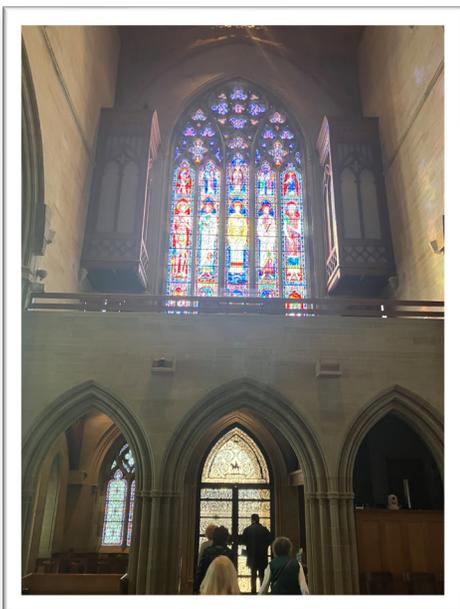


Our women's group ventured out in winter to tour the nearby Bryn Athyn Cathedral, which was constructed in the early 20th century based on the motivation of industrialist John Pitcairn. He had become a follower of The New Church, which had developed in England and expanded to Pennsylvania. Its beliefs are based on the philosophy of Emanuel Swedenborg, born in Stockholm in 1688. Pitcairn's goal was to establish a landmark church surrounded by a settlement of worshippers, for which he selected acreage situated for future growth. The Gothic-style cathedral is the work of skilled craftsmen funded by Pitcairn and overseen by his son John. Intricate architectural and artistic designs embellish the sanctuary. Notice the colorful glow of sunlight streaming

through stained glass windows crafted with primarily blue and red glass.



Bryn Athyn Church



Bryn Athyn Cathedral
900 Cathedral Road
Bryn Athyn, PA 19009

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



Kindling Faith
Center for Sabbath
Rest and Formation

UPCOMING KINDLING FAITH EVENTS

www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu/calendar

Online Pastoral Care Series with Rev. Dr. Beth Toler continues in 2026!

Here are the remaining topics for the current academic year:

- 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

Save the Date! Lutheran Night at the Phillies, June 5, 2026 Use Code LUTHERAN

Join with your family and friends to cheer on the Phillies.

https://mlb.tickets.com/schedule/?agency=MLB_MPV&orgid=21#/sales_group_code:salesGroupId=7455



BEAR CREEK CAMP

<https://bearcreekcamp.org/>

**Spring Family Nature Retreat
March 20-22**

This nature-filled weekend gives families the chance to unplug, slow down, and enjoy the peaceful environment of Bear Creek Camp. Guided activities, open time to explore, shared meals, and comfortable accommodations create a refreshing retreat centered on nature, community, and rest.

**Spring Women's Retreat
April 10-12**

This retreat offers women the gift of rest, space, and presence in the beauty of God's creation. With flexible programming and ample free time, the weekend fosters gentle connection, creativity, and renewal.

Introducing A New Music Webinar Series!

Serving Through Song

A WEBINAR SERIES FROM Augsburg Music

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 two more 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:

- **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>



RESOURCES from the FAITH ALIVE WORSHIP LEARNING LAB on January 10 – now available online!

Resources shared at Faith Alive's Worship Learning Lab on January 10, 2026, are now available on their webpage. Explore the resources and begin considering how your congregation might take part in this initiative.

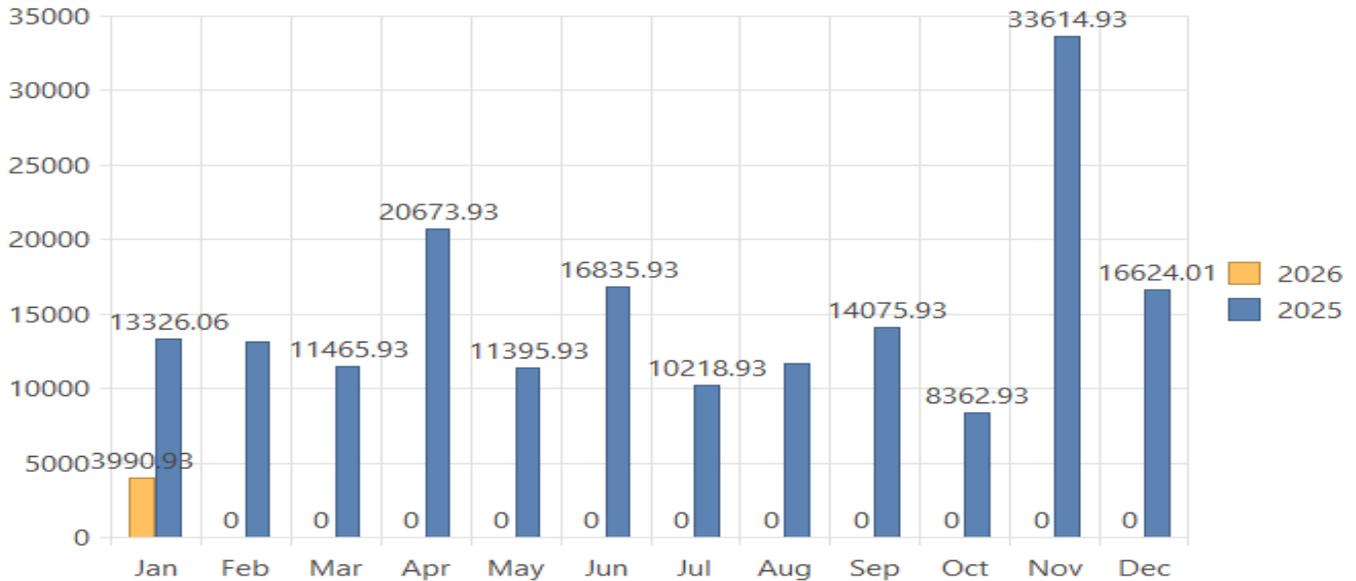
<https://ministrylink.org/congregational-vitality/faith-alive/>

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



Financial Report For January 2026

	Rec'vd for January 2026	Budget for January 2026
General Fund	\$3,390.93	\$19,805.00
Mortgage	\$470	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$40	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$90	
Total	\$3,990.93	\$21,836.00

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

- Drop off your offering at the church office. The office is usually open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Call to confirm hours.
- Mail a check to the church. The mailing address is "Advent Lutheran Church, 45 Worthington Mill Road, Richboro, PA 18954"
- Contribute online at www.adventrichboro.org. At the top right of the page, click the "Donate" link to see the Giving Platform. You may choose to set up recurring donations or a one-time donation.

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10 David Breig
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28 Tom Herbert
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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

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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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Cill Aodáin by Antoine Ó Raifteirí

Translation by Frank O'Connor (with a daptation by Niamh Hamill)

And now, Spring! The days grow longer
After St. Bridget's day, I'll raise my sail
I'll head off, and nothing will stop me
Till I find myself back in the County Mayo.
I swear that my heart swells
Like the wind and the mist rises,
Thinking of Carra and Gallen beneath it,
Scahaveela and all the wide plains of Mayo;
Cill Aodan's a town that's lush and verdant,
Berries and fruits of all sorts
And if I were amongst my own kin,
Old age would vanish, I'd be young again.

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Second Sunday in Lent 1 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	2	3	4	5	6	7
Third Sunday in Lent 8 9:00 AM Single Worship Service with Communion Sunday School 10:00 AM Fellowship/Annual Congregational Meeting	9	10	11	12	13	14
Fourth Sunday in Lent 15 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	16	St. Patrick's Day 17  6:30 PM Ping Pong	18	19	20	1st Day of Spring 21  5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner – Cong. Asset Mapping
Fifth Sunday in Lent 22 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	23	24	25	26	27	28
Passion Sunday 29 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion Sunday School 10:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt	30	31	April 1	Maundy Thursday 2	Good Friday 3	4