

The Adventure



ADVENT
EVANGELICAL
Lutheran Church

APRIL 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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Website: www.adventrichboro.com

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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 pastormattollikainen@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

At the writing of this newsletter article, warmth is seeping into the air outside. The temperature is supposed to reach 51 degrees today; and yet it was threatening to snow this morning. Last week we already had temperatures in the high 70's. Spring is coming. The world is about to wake up. The tree sap runs, and buds are swelling. Grass will begin to green, and seeds unseen will awaken. Gardeners are thinking about preparing their soil to plant. The church lawn mower has been readied for the season. Migrating birds are heading north. It has been hard to miss the dramatic changes in the weather as of late, but have you noticed all the other changes happening all around us? It is no wonder that the celebration of Easter, by which we are given life through God's love, occurs at a time when new life springs forth all around us in natural world. It is a miraculous time of year.



“Soak in the promises of new life that abound all around us!”

Yet, for many of us, it can be all too easy to miss the wonder. We may only catch glimpses of the beauty of this world, instead of pausing for a long while to soak up that beauty, so that life itself feels beautiful again. Likewise, our celebration of Easter can be just a fleeting moment, just one Sunday



morning that comes and goes. Yes, we proclaim, “Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia,” yet Monday comes, and we are back to the daily grind. The good news is this: just as Spring comes whether we notice or not, so too the resurrection occurs whether we recognize it or not. In fact, the promise of our baptism is that every day we encounter sin, death and our human

limitations; so too, through Christ's death and resurrection, there is new life to be encountered as well! Spring is here and we celebrate Easter! Take a moment. Take a long, loooong moment to soak it all in, to soak in the promises of new life that abound all around us.

Peace,

Pastor Matt

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

APRIL 2: MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service
with Holy Communion

APRIL 5: EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
with Holy Communion
No Sunday School
10:30 AM Fellowship: Open

APRIL 19: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

APRIL 3: GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

12:00 PM Ecumenical Stations of the Cross
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Richboro
7:00 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service

APRIL 12: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

APRIL 26: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*

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 – APRIL 2026 SCHEDULE

	LAY READER	COMMUNION ASST		
Thu 4/2 7:00 PM	George Henry	Joyce Heiss		
Fri 4/3 7:00 PM	David Elkin	N/A		
	8:00 AM	9:30 AM		
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Sun 4/5	George Henry	Janice Hoffmann	Bruce Eklund	Kristi Ward
Sun 4/12	David Elkin	Kristi Ward	John Flint	Megan Ward
Sun 4/19	George Henry	Janice Hoffmann	Bruce Eklund	Joyce Heiss
Sun 4/26	David Elkin	Kristi Ward	John Flint	Megan Ward

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE on **THURSDAY, APRIL 2, at 7:00 PM**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81363266317> Passcode: MAUNDYTHU

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE on **FRIDAY, APRIL 3, at 7:00 PM**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82565125031> Passcode: GOODFRIDAY

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 & OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS FOCUS ON JESUS



April 5 is the celebration of Easter, the highlight of the Christian calendar. In Sunday school class in March, we learned about the events leading up to Easter Sunday: Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, Jesus' Crucifixion on *Good Friday* and the Resurrection of Jesus. This month, we will continue to look at how these events guide us as we follow God's plan for our lives. We are learning *The Lord's Prayer* as Jesus taught us and we know that God hears our prayers, too.

We welcome new students between age 4 thru grade 6 to our class! We gather at 9:30 AM in the worship service and proceed to our classroom following the children's sermon. Our curriculum features music, lesson videos, books and discussion, and creative time.

Reminder – There will be no class on Easter Sunday.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUMMER DATES SET!



Advent Vacation Bible School will be **Monday, July 13 through Thursday, July 16**, from **9:00 AM to noon**. Children, age 4 thru grade 6, set your calendar and invite your friends! There will be Bible lessons, games and activities; plus, snack and outdoor playtime, all with friends, old and new! We'll be happy to see you!

Registration forms are available in the foyer and narthex
or by email from the church office.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday In-Person Adult Bible Study

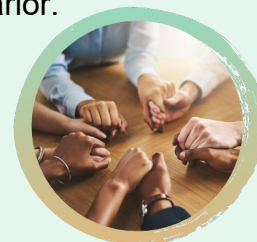
Sunday in-person Bible Study with George Henry is held most Sundays after the 9:30 AM service. Check the weekly bulletins for the most up-to-date information. Meet in the Parlor.

Thursday Night Zoom Bible Study –will resume April 23, at 7:00 PM

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 Praise Band and Vocal Choir are held weekly September through May.

♪ **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.

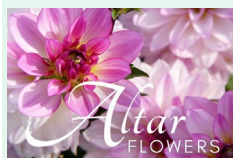
Thank you on behalf of all the hungry snackers!

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 – APRIL EVENTS



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.



MEN'S BREAKFAST – Saturday, April 11, 8:30 AM

The next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday April 11. Since everyone will be concerned about their taxes, the Board of Governors for the Men's Breakfast Association thought it might be appropriate to have some soothing music during breakfast time. After checking the finances, we may ask Ray Heiss to circulate with his accordion.

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



Men's Breakfast,
Saturday,
March 14, 2026



ADVENT WOMEN'S CIRCLE– Next Meeting Tuesday, April 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. 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. There is no outing scheduled for April. Stay tuned for information on future outings!

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
A Vision. A Mission.

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: vegetable oil, broth, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, ramen noodles, pancake mix, syrup, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard

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 – April Update

As we prepare for the next round of Caring for Friends donations, we're asking for your support. If you have an extra holiday ham or turkey you won't use, please consider donating it.


Your contribution helps provide warm meals to individuals and families facing food insecurity in our community. We are accepting frozen hams and turkeys in original packaging, and all donations go directly to those in need. April date coming soon.

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.

Sincerely,
Kevin Welsh

SAMPLE LABEL

 Caring for Friends Sharing food and friendship	Use By <u>11 / 27 / 2026</u> <small>Frozen meals are good for 1 year after preparation</small>		
	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			

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES



Ronald McDonald
House Charities
Philadelphia Region

Thanks to the efforts of many, we had assembled a large collection of aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. We thank Marie McCool and her son James, who recently turned them in. Your contribution will benefit the families staying in this wonderful facility while their loved one undergoes medical care nearby. United Scrap Metal recyclers weighs the donation of aluminum tabs to determine their value, based on the average value of around \$.75/pound of tabs. They then send Ronald McDonald House Charities/Philly a check for the total amount, which directly benefits the families! Keep bringing those tabs!
<https://rmhcephilly.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Recycle-for-RMHCphilly.pdf>

MARCH EVENTS

THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER/PRAYER SERVICE



The theme of this year's Midweek Lenten Prayer Service was "With Awe and Love." The prayer service was built around Luther's Small Catechism. The Small Catechism was designed as a teaching tool of the faith, not just within the church, but in the home. Each week featured a different focus: the Ten Commandments, Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and Holy Communion. Thank you to all who participated in person and online. Thank you to everyone who provided the soup supper components. A special thank you to Mike Dettra and Jeanne Gryska who provided the musical accompaniment for the prayer services each week.



PALM SUNDAY & VOCAL CHOIR – SUNDAY, MARCH 29



MARCH EVENTS – CONTINUED

SPAGHETTI DINNER/CARING FOR FRIENDS MEAL ASSEMBLY – MARCH 21

The Strategic Mission Plan continued on Saturday, March 21 with a Spaghetti Dinner. Our Congregational Activity was **Asset Mapping** where we brainstormed assets in the congregation and in the community. This activity will inform us moving forward in making decisions to continue and create new ministries.

Thank you to those who provided bread, drinks, and desserts for the meal. Thank you to Pastor Matt for making the wonderful sauce and pasta. At the end of the event, donations were made to the Warminster Food Bank. Meals were also assembled for Caring for Friends. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

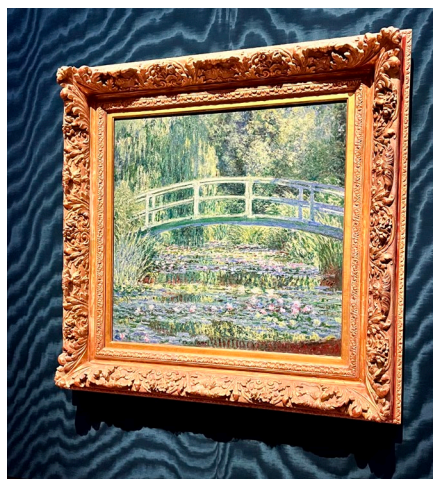
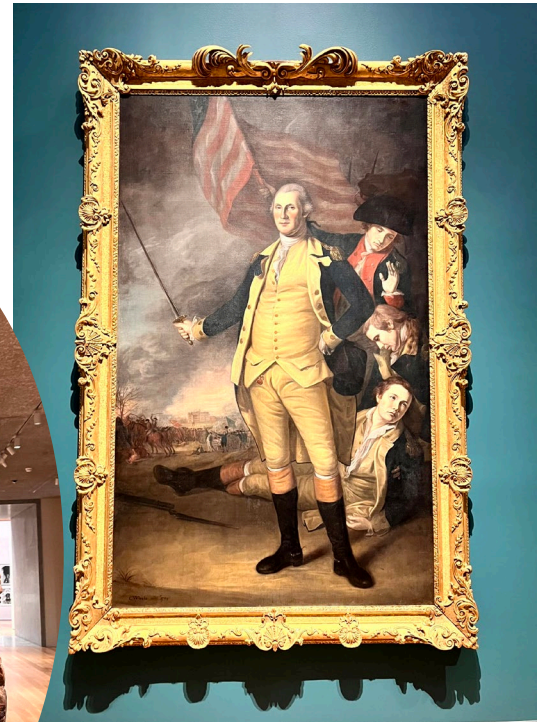
MARK YOUR CALENDAR: On Sunday, April 26, we will have a potluck lunch following services to continue the Strategic Mission Plan. More information will be available soon.



MARCH EVENTS – CONTINUED

ADVENT WOMEN'S CIRCLE MARCH OUTING – PRINCETON ART MUSEUM

In mid-March, our women's group experienced the newly-built Princeton University Art Museum, constructed between 2021-2025 to replace the former building, built in 1890. The design of the new structure allows it to serve as a dynamic public space with free admission, inviting students and visitors to stroll through on their way across campus or relax in a variety of common areas. The vast selection of local and international art and antiques offers amazing variety in style, scale, age and materials, all displayed beautifully to enhance the viewer experience. The museum's collection rotates periodically, with many works connected to local history, including The Battle of Princeton in 1777 and others attributable to endeavors of the university. <https://artmuseum.princeton.edu/>



MARCH EVENTS – CONTINUED

ADVENT EASTER EGG HUNT – SUNDAY, MARCH 29

We had a wonderful church egg hunt with 13 excited kids enjoying fun-filled time together! In addition to searching for colorful eggs, the children enjoyed coloring activities and games, made a special craft, and spent time playing on the playground in the beautiful weather. We also collected donations for the Warminster Food Bank. It was a joyful day filled with laughter and connection.

A heartfelt thank you to our congregation for your generous donations and for helping make this day so special. Your support, time, and kindness truly made a difference and created a memorable experience for our children. We are so grateful for such a caring and giving church community!



MARCH EVENTS – CONTINUED

LEIDY MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY, MICROMOUNT SYMPOSIUM – MARCH 13 & 14

Dear Members of Advent Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Leidy Microscopical Society, I would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for allowing us to rent the narthex of your church for our annual Micromount Symposium.

Your generosity and hospitality in providing such a welcoming and comfortable space helped make our event both enjoyable and successful. Our members and guests truly appreciated the opportunity to gather, share specimens, and celebrate the fascinating world of microscopic minerals in such a pleasant setting.

We are very grateful for your support of our society and for helping make this special event possible. Please extend our thanks to everyone at Advent Lutheran Church who helped accommodate our group.

With sincere appreciation,

Don McAlernen, Treasurer
Leidy Microscopical Society



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

The final topic for the current academic year is Caring for Souls in a Wounded World: Spiritual Care in the Context of Climate Change, April 13 and 16.

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 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.

In our prayers...

Pastors, deacons, lay worship leaders, church administrators, and musicians preparing for Holy Week and Easter.

Those serving in the military

Protection, compassion, and dignity for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers

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>



NURTURING KIDS WITH WORSHIP AND PRAYER

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.

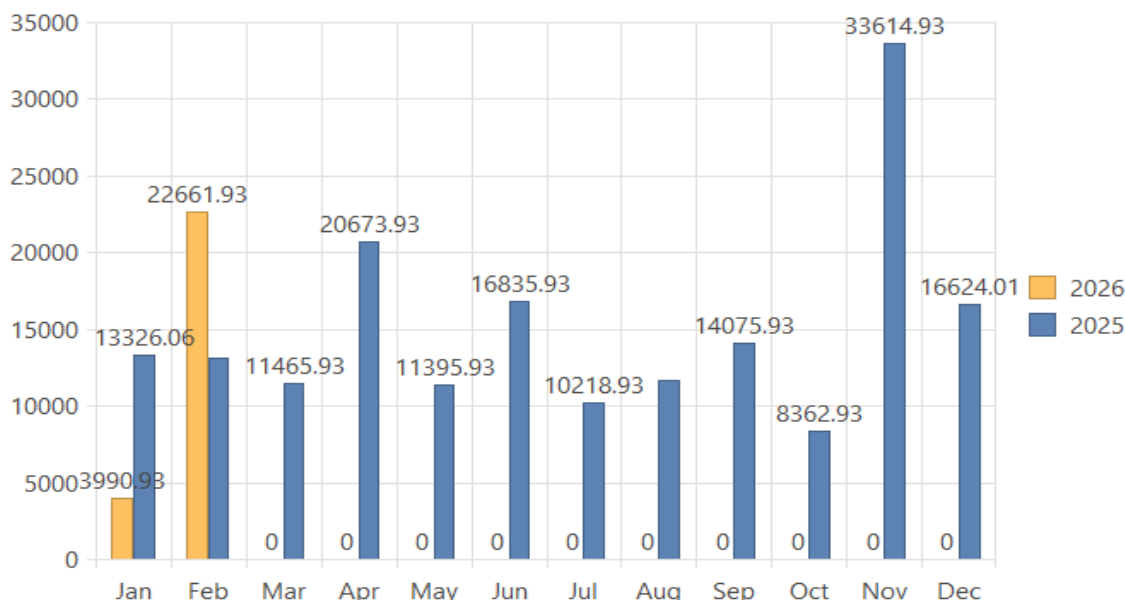
<https://ministrylink.org/congregational-vitality/faith-alive/>

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 February 2026

	Rec'vd for February 2026	Budget for February 2026
General Fund	\$20,106.93	\$19,805.00
Mortgage	\$1,790	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$165	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$600	
Total	\$22,661.93	\$21,836.00
	Rec'vd 1/1/26-2/28/26	Budget 1/1/26-2/28/26
General	\$23,497.86	\$39,610.00
Mortgage	\$2,260.00	\$3,796.00
Bene-Synod Only	\$205.00	\$266.00
Other Benevolence	\$690.00	
Total	\$26,652.86	\$43,672.00

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

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

Again, thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions concerning your offering, please call Cindy Frey, Financial Secretary 267-205-0713.

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April
Birthdays!

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17 Gail Oines
19 Marie McCool
21 Amy Breig
28 Erik Urbaniak

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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Email: adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE

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!

Phone: 215-355-2529

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April is National Poetry Month

The Quiet Garden

*In a garden where whispers roam,
Healing blooms, far from home.
Softly under the leafy trees,
Gentle breezes hum with ease.
In stillness, we hear a voice,
A whisper that makes the heart rejoice.
Petals unfold, bright colors gleam,
In quiet spaces, we can dream.
A butterfly flutters, a secret shared,
A soft, sweet moment, no one dared.
Close your eyes, let worries fly,
In the hush of the garden, we learn to try.
With every sigh, the world feels light,
In silent corners, hearts take flight.
So come and rest beneath the trees,
In healing spaces, find your peace.*

-Author Unknown

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Palm Sunday 29 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion Sunday School 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt	30 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	31 6:30 PM Ping Pong	1 <i>No Praise Band or Vocal Choir Practice</i>	Maundy Thu 2 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service with Communion	Good Friday 3 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross (St. Vincent) 7:00 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	4
Easter Sunday 5 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion <i>No Sunday School</i> 10:30 AM Fellowship <i>No Adult Bible Study</i>	6 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	7 6:30 PM Ping Pong	8 5:30 PM Praise Band Practice 6:15 PM Vocal Choir Practice	9	10 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	11 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
Second Sunday of Easter 12 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 10:30 AM Council Meeting	13 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	17 11:00 AM Holland Village Communion Service 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	18
Third Sunday of Easter 19 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	20 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	21 6:30 PM Ping Pong	22 5:30 PM Praise Band Practice 6:15 PM Vocal Choir Practice	23 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study resumes	24 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	25
Fourth Sunday of Easter 26 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion Sunday School 11:00 AM Potluck Lunch – hosted by the Strategic Mission Team	27 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	28 6:30 PM Ping Pong	29 5:30 PM Praise Band Practice 6:15 PM Vocal Choir Practice	30 <i>Church Office closed</i> 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	May 1	2