

The Adventure



JUNE/JULY 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.

Phone: 215-355-2529

Email: adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com

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 pastormattolikainen@gmail.com.

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

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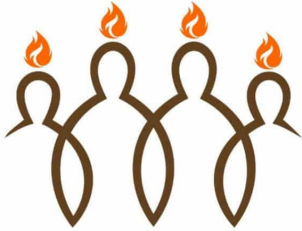
HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS

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

NRS Acts 2:1-15 *When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on*



each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia,

Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs -- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

When was the last time you felt passion in your heart? When was the last time your soul felt on fire so that every muscle and every bone in your body ached with desire? When was the last time you felt so compelled to do something or say something from the depths of your being that you just could not help yourself? When was the last time you felt so driven that consequences, what people might think, how others may react and how you would look



meant nothing? Have you ever felt this way? Maybe it was a moment of anger, anguish or maybe even love. This was the way Peter felt. He could not stand the sneers and poking fun. He could not let this profound moment filled with the Holy Spirit be ignored and written off as men who were drunk. So, Peter speaks up. Peter, who is an uneducated fisherman, who has never done public speaking before and who the crowd sees as a dirty, dumb Galilean from out of town, speaks up. He cannot help himself. Even if it had meant being stoned to death, Peter had to speak and his words, which were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, struck the ears of his listener like a majestic gong and the power of God could no longer be denied.

When was the last time you felt passion in your heart?

When was the last time you felt passion in your heart? Have you ever felt such passion? Would you like to feel such passion? I think the reason reality television series are such a big hit today is because people crave real meaning in their lives more than ever before. So much of life has been turned into a virtual reality that people feel emotionally sterile in the world in which they live. Consequently, the only

things that happen in life, that can break through the din of our over-stimulation and feel real, are the bad things. In our society we are often robbed of feeling any fulfillment even when things do go right.

The truth is, the only thing truly real in this life is the love of God. All else are empty distractions. The season of Pentecost is about catching the Holy Spirit. It is about our religion becoming more than abstract theology or inconsequential facts we claim to believe, as if the Bible were a mere ancient history book. Our faith is about encountering the love of our living God. It is an experience. It is about emotion and passion. For what is love without emotion and passion? It is about finding deeper meaning in life as we are transformed by the creator of life. You may be a Christian, you may believe in God, but when was the last time your heart encountered the reality of God and you were swept off your feet? When was the last time you fell in love with God? When was the last time you knew passion in your life?

Our faith is about encountering the love of our living God.

As we enter the season of the Pentecost, as you look forward to the summer and vacation time, if you desire to know greater passion in your life, take time this season to vacation with God and may your heart be set on fire.

Peace,

Pastor Matt

JUNE-JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<p>JUNE 7: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 AM Summer Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open</p>	<p>JUNE 14: THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 AM Summer Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open</p>
<p>JUNE 21: FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 AM Summer Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open</p>	<p>JUNE 28: FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 AM Summer Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open</p>
<p>JULY 5: SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 AM Summer Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open</p>	<p>JULY 12: SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 AM Summer Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Vacation Bible School</p>
<p>JULY 19: EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 AM Summer Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open</p>	<p>JULY 26: NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 AM Summer Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open</p>

SERVING IN WORSHIP – JUNE & JULY 2026 SCHEDULE

	LAY READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
June 7 - 9:00 AM	Bruce Eklund	Kristi Ward
June 14 - 9:00 AM	Jeanne Gryszka	Megan Ward
June 21 - 9:00 AM	David Elkin	Joyce Heiss
June 28 - 9:00 AM	George Henry	Janice Hoffmann
July 5 - 9:00 AM	Jeanne Gryszka	Joyce Heiss
July 12 - 9:00 AM	Bruce Eklund	Janice Hoffmann
July 19 - 9:00 AM	David Elkin	Megan Ward
July 26 - 9:00 AM	George Henry	Kristi Ward

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 Sclicht, Rhona Slawter

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship services may be attended by [Zoom](#) and they will also be live streamed on [Facebook](#).
 A recording of services will be available on [YouTube](#) and our [website](#) after the services conclude.

ZOOM INFORMATION

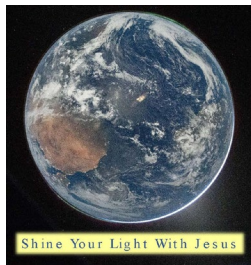
PLEASE MUTE YOURSELF WHEN NOT SPEAKING

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE on **SUNDAYS, at 9:00 AM** (through September 6)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88182250134> Passcode: SUMMER

WORSHIP-RELATED INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, July 13 through Thursday, July 16, 9:00 AM to Noon – Register soon!



Explore outer space at Advent Vacation Bible School! You will learn to **shine your light** as we celebrate space exploration while we also explore the Bible. From Monday, July 13 through Thursday July 16, children age 4 through completion of 6th grade are encouraged to attend and invite your friends. We will have Bible lessons, music, games and crafts, plus snack and outdoor playtime: Fun with friends - old and new, who will be SO happy to see YOU!

The VBS registration form is available on page 7, on the church website and by request via email from the church office at adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com. Hard copies are also available in the narthex.

Please register **by June 30** to allow time for teachers to gather items for our students.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Worship Matters! Deepening Your Faith through Understanding of Lutheran Worship



Pastor Matt will lead a 5-part educational program on the importance of worship and the purpose and patterns in Lutheran worship. The intention of this program

is to develop a richer understanding of the foundations and practices of Lutheran worship and to connect that understanding to God in our daily lives: at home, in our communities, and in the world.

The program will begin on **Sunday, July 19** after 9:00 AM worship and continue via Zoom on the following four **Thursdays at 7:00 PM: July 23 and 30, August 6 and 13**. If you would like to purchase the participant book for the program, it is available on Augsburg Fortress for less than \$10.

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/9781451436051/Worship-Matters-An-Introduction-to-Worship-Participant-Book>

Zoom links for Worship Matters

Sunday, July 19: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85286239003>

Thursdays July 23 through August 13: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88501398586>

Passcode for all classes: IT-MATTERS

Sunday In-Person Adult Bible Study

Sunday in-person Adult Bible Study with George Henry will resume in the fall. More info to come!

Thursday Night Zoom Bible Study – select Thursdays through the summer, at 7:00 PM

Thursday Night Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt will be held on select Thursdays through the summer at 7:00 PM. **A weekly commitment is not needed!** Come virtually with your Bible or just listen and follow along as your schedule allows. Check the calendar and the weekly bulletins for the schedule.

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 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

Call for Praise Band & Vocal Choir Members

Practices for Praise Band and Vocal Choir will resume in September.

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.



We need groups or individuals to sign up to provide refreshments for **Fellowship time**. Fellowship is held after the 9:00 AM service during the summer. 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.

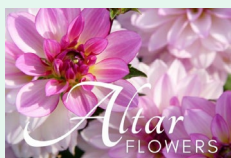
Thank you on behalf of all the hungry snackers!

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 – Each bouquet is \$25



The 2026 Flower Chart for weekly altar flowers is on the table in the narthex. 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 – Dedications cost \$25



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.

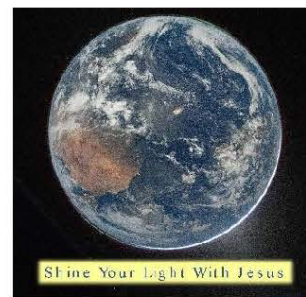
**Advent Lutheran Church
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Mon-Thurs July 13-16 9:00 am - Noon

Age 4 to grade 6

*To insure availability of materials,
please register by **June 30, 2026***

215-355-2529



45 Worthington Mill Rd. Richboro PA 18954

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Take off with us and **Shine Your Light With Jesus**, as we find enLIGHTening history in the Bible ! We'll learn about the light we can share and shine around the world. Look forward to fun as we explore Bible lessons, crafts, games, outdoor play, music and snacks with your friends at VBS !

Name(s) of Children (May add names on back)	Grade Completed	Age (Years)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

NOTE: Children must be potty-trained and able to separate from parent without stress.

Parent Name(s): _____ Phone: _____ Alternate Phone #: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Church Affiliation, if any: _____

Emergency Contact Person: Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent Signature _____

Please mail, drop off or email completed registration form to adventlutheranrichboro.org by **June 30**. Advent requests a donation of \$10.00 for each student for the four-day program to cover the cost of materials. Payment may be included with form or brought on July 13. Checks may be made payable to Advent Lutheran Church with **VBS** on the note line.



If the suggested donation is a financial hardship for your household, then please register without making the suggested donation or make a donation within your means.

We want every child to be able to enjoy Vacation Bible School!

- I grant permission for the VBS leaders to photograph the minor(s) above for any lawful purpose associated with the VBS program. **Please circle:** Y N
- Snacks will be served: **Please note any food allergies on other side.**

PROPERTY UPDATES

CHURCH CLEAN OUT/ORGANIZATION MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 7:00 PM

This is an open invitation for all to attend an in-person meeting on **Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 PM**. The meeting's purpose is to have an exchange of ideas for how to best initiate and move forward with the process of cleaning out and organizing the various rooms within the church.

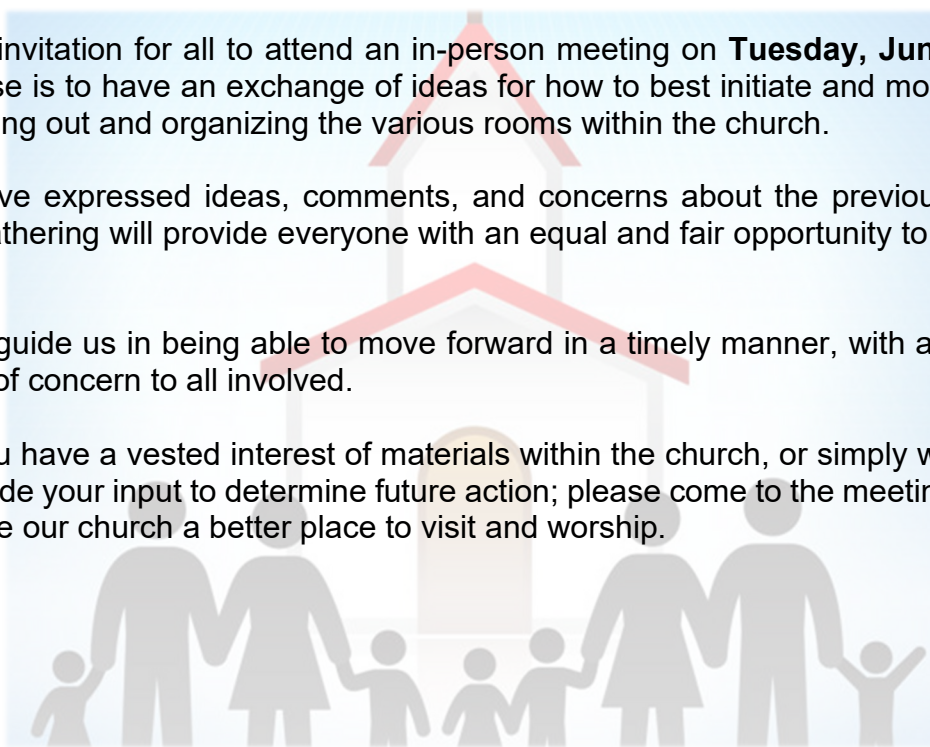
Many people have expressed ideas, comments, and concerns about the previous approach to this action, so this gathering will provide everyone with an equal and fair opportunity to express and share their ideas.

This will help to guide us in being able to move forward in a timely manner, with an understanding of what issues are of concern to all involved.

If you believe you have a vested interest of materials within the church, or simply want to be involved, and wish to provide your input to determine future action; please come to the meeting for this important next step to make our church a better place to visit and worship.

Thank you,

Keith Wills
Property Chair



MAY SPRING CLEAN UP – THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who participated in the Spring Clean Up on Saturday, May 2. Your dedication to the beautification of the property reflects the beauty of the congregation!



PROPERTY UPDATES - CONTINUED

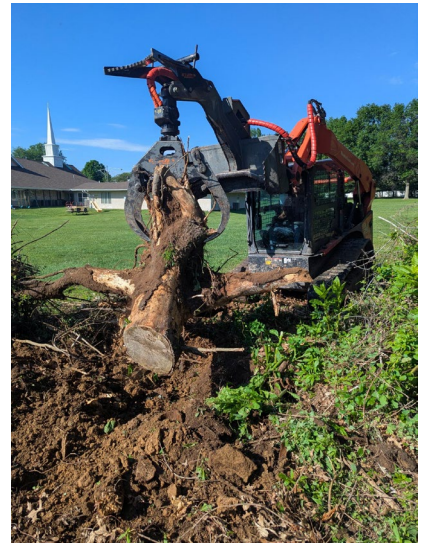
TREE WORK PROJECT COMPLETED



We just completed another, and hopefully the last, round of tree removal and brush pile cleanup in the pine row on the back side of our property. This round consisted of removing several dead and downed pine trees and removing brush piles, which had accumulated and were scattered throughout the pine row. The work also included trimming low-hanging dead branches, which our mowing team will appreciate. The work was completed on May 28, 2026, by Warwick Tree Company, using a 6-man crew. They were a pleasure to work with and provided excellent service. Their use of heavy equipment facilitated getting the work done properly, negating the need for additional rounds (and more expenses).

Church Council authorized the work after having received quotes from 4 different companies. Warwick was awarded the contract (\$1,500), which was a competitive quote. Funding for the project was taken from the reserves from the \$125K land sale. Our mortgage company Mission Investment Fund has restricted the use of this money for capital projects, such as the cost for this tree work project.

We have several people to thank for guiding this project through to its completion. First, are Property Committee Chair, Keith Wills and Council President, Mike Sitler for assessing the scope of the tree work that needed to be addressed. Second, is Church Council for their work in reviewing the quotes and approving the project. And lastly, thanks to Mike Sitler for his work on contract talks and on-site monitoring of the work being done.



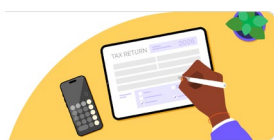
All of this is a true blessing for our congregation at this point in our history. We can be thankful that our property is now a little safer and our “curb appeal” to the community is reflecting who we are as a congregation.

ADVENT COMMUNITY NEWS

2026 TAX UPDATE: NEW BENEFITS FOR YOUR GIVING

Changes to tax laws in 2026 mean more people can get a tax break for supporting our church!

What You Need to Know



For Non-Itemizers: If you take the standard deduction, you can now deduct up to **\$1,000 for single filers** or **\$2,000 for married couples filing jointly** for cash donations to churches and qualified nonprofits. The deduction applies to cash, check, or electronic payment contributions.

Why This Matters: Your generosity enables us to continue our mission, and this new law allows you to support Advent while potentially reducing your federal tax liability. This "above-the-line" deduction reduces your taxable income, even if you don't itemize.

If you have any questions, contact Tony Gryska, Advent's Finance Chairperson. Thank you!

ADVENT COMMUNITY - JUNE & JULY EVENTS



SPAGHETTI DINNER – SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 5:00 to 7:00 PM

The next Spaghetti Dinner, hosted by the Strategic Mission Team (SMT), is **Saturday, June 6, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. The suggested offering is \$15 per adult, \$5 for children 12 and under. To-go meals will be available. Proceeds from the free-will offering will go to benefit the Warminster Food Bank. Sign up on the round table in the narthex. The SMT will share the results of the Community Leadership Interviews and the MissionInsite Demographic Study. The demographics, and especially the interviews, point to many ministry possibilities and partnerships. This information, added to the ministry ideas brainstormed at the last Spaghetti Dinner, will assist the congregation in deciding on what existing and new ministries to pursue.



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All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



ADVENT WOMEN'S CIRCLE – Next Meeting Tuesday, June 9, 12:00 PM

The Advent Women's Circle's mission is to support Advent through the implementation of projects that fill a need. We bring a simple lunch and discuss ideas and plans, all the while enjoying our time spent together with joy and humor. We celebrate birthdays for that month and write greeting cards to members in need of well-wishes.

The Women's Circle will hold its lunch meeting on **Tuesday, June 9, at noon**. Activities for the fall will be discussed, so bring your ideas! There are no meetings or activities scheduled for July and August.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 9, at noon**.

Best wishes to all for a happy and safe summer!



MEN'S BREAKFAST – Saturday, June 13, 8:30 AM

Our final Men's Breakfast until the fall will take place on **Saturday, June 13, at 8:30 AM**. Rumor has it that the men will take turns singing, performing stand-up comedy, and tap dancing to tide everyone over during the summer hiatus.

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

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 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.

WITH GRATITUDE

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANTS

Many thanks from our happy students and grateful teacher to these talented leaders who have assisted in our Sunday School class throughout this school year. You have served Advent's children with enthusiasm and joy. It has been a pleasure to work with you! - Jeanne Gryzka

We recognize our Sunday School volunteers from this school year 2025-2026:



Rhona Slawter
Christine Welsh
Rose Herbert
Joanne Kelly
Megan Ward
John Flint
Linda Weaver
James McCool
Kristi Ward



MEMORIAL WEEKEND WORSHIP

Thank you to David Elkin for leading worship and preaching on Sunday, May 24 while Pastor Matt was on vacation. Advent's congregation is grateful for you sharing your faith and insight!



MAY EVENTS

Advent Women's Circle – Visit to the Pearl S. Buck House on Friday, May 15

On Friday, May 15, women from Advent's Women's Circle toured The Pearl S. Buck House, a National Historic Landmark museum in Bucks County, PA, it was the home of Pearl S. Buck and her family. Ms. Buck was a Pulitzer and Nobel Award-winning author, a humanitarian, and an activist. On the traditional biographic tour of her home, we learned about the life and legacy of this remarkable woman.

A rich, mostly intact collection made us feel as if we were visiting the house at the time Ms. Buck and her family lived there. Objects from the ordinary (a closet full of board games played by the family) to the extraordinary (the typewriter she used to write "The Good Earth") add to the fascinating experience. Other interesting items include rare artwork from around the world, period furnishings, personal clothing, and a library stocked with hundreds of books (including those by her favorite author, Charles Dickens). We continued our day with a delicious late lunch at the Terrain Restaurant in Doylestown. It was a very memorable day for all.



Dettra Mental Quartet Concert – Friday, May 22

The Dettra Mental Quartet - and guests - performed a spring concert on Friday, May 22, at Advent. An array of familiar song selections celebrated the theme of Americana, featuring a variety of themes and musical styles. The audience was delighted with the sound of instrumental collaboration at its finest, with Advent Music Director, Mike Dettra at the marimba as the centerpiece.

Thank you to all in attendance for supporting the band, a source of pride at Advent!

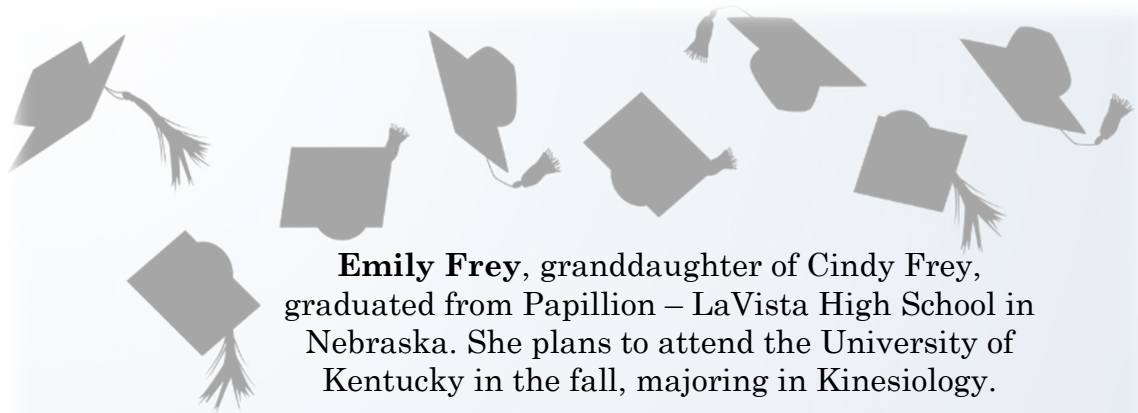


MAY EVENTS – CONTINUED

More from the Dettra Mental Quartet Concert – Friday, May 22



CELEBRATING OUR 2026 GRADUATES



Emily Frey, granddaughter of Cindy Frey, graduated from Papillion – LaVista High School in Nebraska. She plans to attend the University of Kentucky in the fall, majoring in Kinesiology.

Heavenly Father, surround our graduates with Your grace. Bless them with hope as they step into the future with eager and open hearts. Guide them to use the knowledge, skills, and insights they've gained through their education for the good of all humanity. 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: Corn Muffin mix, Cake Mix, Knorr Rice sides, Grated Cheese, Jelly, Breadcrumbs, Egg Noodles, Instant Potatoes, Saltines, Gravy Packets

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



Thank you to everyone who helped prepare meals on May 17 after worship - your hard work and generosity are truly appreciated! Stay tuned for our next Caring for Friends meal prep.

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.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES



Thanks to the efforts of many, we had assembled a large collection of aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Your contribution will benefit the families staying in this wonderful facility while their loved one undergoes medical care nearby. United Scrap Metal recyclers weigh 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://rmhcphilly.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Recycle-for-RMHCphilly.pdf>

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – next donation drive is Tuesday, October 27

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 27. The Red Cross was able to collect thirteen units of blood, including one "Power Red" collection which can be used immediately for trauma patients, newborns and emergency transfusions during birth, people with sickle cell anemia, and anyone suffering blood loss. If your blood type is O+, O-, A-, or B-, please consider a Power Red blood donation.

The next Blood Drive at Advent is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 27**, 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. If you are eligible and want to donate before then, go to www.redcrossblood.org for upcoming donation events.

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

Last Chance! 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



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>



Kindling Faith
Center for Sabbath
Rest and Formation

Kindling Faith Events and Trainings

Kindling Faith of United Lutheran Seminary has a new website with events and training listings updated regularly. Visit their site to register for informative events and continuing education.

**Theological Education with Adults:
Luther's Teaching for Today**
July 12 to July 17

Upcoming Local Concerts

"Favorites from Grand Opera & Broadway"

Friday, June 5, 7:00 PM
Zion Lutheran Church
301 Jefferson Avenue, Bristol

"Sweet Sounds of Spring"

Sunday, June 7, 7:00 PM
Emmaus Road Lutheran Church
2185 Bristol Oxford Valley Road,
Levittown



RESOURCES from the January 10 FAITH ALIVE WORSHIP LEARNING LAB 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

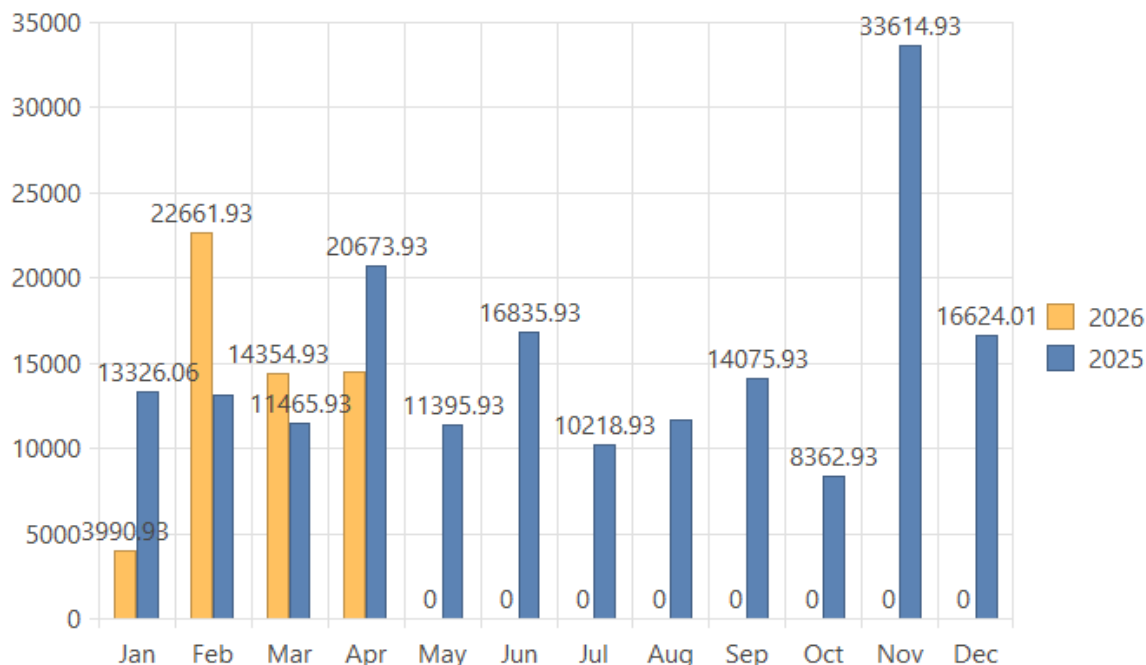
Subscribe to the MinistryLink newsletter to keep up with the latest news, events and resources offered through SEPA. Sign up using the QR code or visit:

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



FINANCIAL REPORT

Contribution Totals



Financial Report for March 2026

	Rec'vd for April 2026	Budget for April 2026
General Fund	\$12,637.93	\$19,805.00
Mortgage	\$1,325.00	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$40.00	\$133.00
Other Benevolence	\$440.00	
Total	\$14,442.93	\$21,836.00

	Rec'vd 1/1/26-4/30/26	Budget 1/1/26-4/30/26
General	\$47,900.72	\$79,220.00
Mortgage	\$5,555.00	\$7,592.00
Bene-Synod Only	\$300.00	\$532.00
Other Benevolence	\$1,695.00	
Total	\$55,450.72	\$87,344.00

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.

FROM THE OFFICE

June Birthdays

3 Kim Masciotro
19 Ray Heiss
20 Monika Kovacs
21 Lisa Frey
23 Christel Hoffmann
27 George Henry
29 Emily Frey
29 John Masciotro
30 Eric Buttil



July Birthdays

1 Jennifer McQuiggan
5 Judy Rilling
7 Karen Breig
8 Joyce Heiss
20 Larry Kovacs
21 Fred Wagner
22 Pat Brown
25 Andrew Frey, III
29 Kathleen Pearson
30 George Preston Slawter

Please contact the church office if you or someone you know has been omitted from the list.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Church office hours are typically Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
*The church office will be closed Wednesday, June 24 through Tuesday, June 30
and will reopen on Wednesday, July 1.*

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FATHER'S DAY PRAYER


Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience.


Support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.



June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trinity Sunday May 31 9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open	June 1 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	2	3	4 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	5 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	6 Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
2 nd Sunday after Pentecost 7 9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open	8 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	9 12:00 PM Advent Women's Circle Lunch Meeting 7:00 PM Building Clean-out & Organization Meeting	10 7:00 PM Church Council Retreat	11 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	12 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	13 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
3 rd Sunday after Pentecost 14 9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open	15 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	16	17	18 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	19 11:00 AM Holland Village Communion Service 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	20
4 th Sunday after Pentecost 21 9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open	22 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	23	24 <i>Office closed</i>	25 <i>Office closed</i> <i>No Zoom Bible Study</i>	26 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	27
5 th Sunday after Pentecost 28 9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open	29	30	July 1	2	3	4
9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open	7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	<i>Office closed</i>		<i>No Zoom Bible Study</i>	7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	 Happy 250 th Birthday, USA!

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 th Sunday after Pentecost 28	29	30	July 1	2	3	4
9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open	7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting			No Zoom Bible Study	7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	 Happy 250 th Birthday, USA!
6 th Sunday after Pentecost 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open	7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting		7:00 PM Church Council Retreat	No Zoom Bible Study	7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	
7 th Sunday after Pentecost 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Vacation Bible School	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School No Zoom Bible Study	11:00 AM Holland Village Communion Service 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	
8 th Sunday after Pentecost 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open 10:30 AM Class with Pastor Matt: Worship Matters	7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting			7:00 PM Worship Matters class via Zoom	7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	
9 th Sunday after Pentecost 26	27	28	29	30	31	August 1
9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship: Open	7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting			7:00 PM Worship Matters class via Zoom	7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	