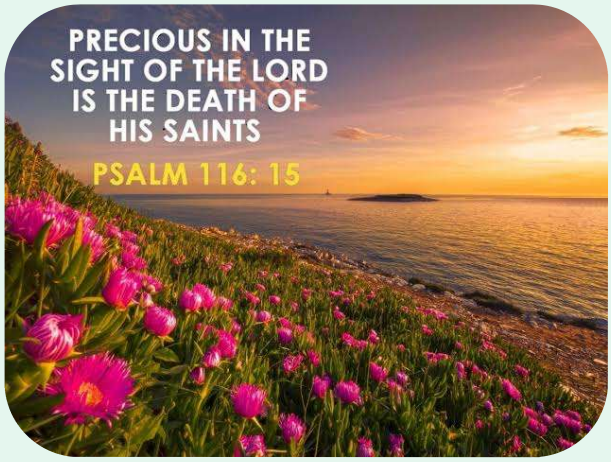
ADVENT EVANGELICAL
Lutheran Church



All Saints Day
Sunday, November 1, 2026
9:00 AM

We Gather in Jesus' Name



Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church
45 Worthington Mill Road
Richboro, PA 18954-1909
215-355-2529
www.adventrichboro.org

Welcome Visitors! Discover God's abundant grace and love.

We extend a cordial welcome to all who worship with us today.
We give thanks that you are here with us.

Zoom Links

Worship Service: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86011284604 Passcode: SINGLESERV

Congregational Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89856368740 Passcode: CONGRMTG

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Prelude *a time for silent meditation*

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and other.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "For All the Saints" LBW 174



Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Children's Sermon

The Reading of God's Word

***First Reading*: Revelation 7:9-17**

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed
in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures,
and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have
they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are
they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in
the blood of the Lamb.

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God, Word of Life,

C: Thanks be to God.

***Psalm*: Psalm 34:1-10, 22**

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 **I will glory in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.
4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.
5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge in God!
9 Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

***Second Reading*: 1 John 3:1-3**

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, Word of Life,
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel*: Matthew 5:1-12**

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

***Hymn of Praise*: "I'll Fly Away" WHM 705**

1 Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

Chorus
I'll fly away, oh glory
I'll fly away (In the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

2 When the shadows of this life have gone
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)
Chorus

3 Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joy shall never end
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

Apostles' Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends with: God, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The Offering

Please leave your offering by scanning the QR code or on our website: https://giving.servantkeeper.com/adventrichboro

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray,

C: Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Sacrament

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Distribution

The body of Christ, given to you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray…
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C: Amen.

***Sending Hymn:* "Oh When the Saints Go Marching In"**

1 Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

2 Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the Lord in glory comes.

3 Oh, when the new world is revealed,
oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the new world is revealed.

4 Oh, when they gather round the throne,
oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather round the throne.

5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him King of kings.

6 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

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The Special Congregational Meeting will begin shortly after the conclusion of the worship service. Please log onto the Zoom Meeting to participate:

Congregational Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89856368740 Passcode: CONGRMTG

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.

OUR MISSION

+ 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

SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor	The Rev. Matthew E. Ollikainen
Music Director	Michael Dettra
Lay Reader	Bruce Eklund
Communion Assistant	Kristi Ward
Fellowship Time	Open

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

Mission Support

Mission Support is dedicated to the Glory of God.

Worship Attendance for **Sunday, October 25**

Total: 31 8:00 AM: 8 + 3 (online) 9:30 AM: 18 + 2 (online) Sunday School: 0

Communion Reminder

The Worship and Music Committee would like to remind the congregation that those going forward to the altar for communion have a few options. There is gluten-free bread in the small clear glass bowl, and white grape juice for those who prefer. Just let the Pastor or assistant know your preference.

Call for Worship Assistants

Advent needs volunteers to assist with worship services! 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.

Contact Kristi Ward for more information: kward1411@yahoo.com or 215-284-2669.

Praise Band and Vocal Choir

Practices for both Praise Band and Vocal Choir will be held this Wednesday, October 28.

5:30 PM Praise Band

6:15 PM Vocal Choir

New members are welcome! Please contact Mike Dettra, Music Director, if interested.

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 directly to Linda Weaver at lindaweaver3@comcast.net.

If you would like to be a Prayer Chain volunteer, please contact Linda Weaver.

Worship Matters! Deepening Your Faith through Understanding of Lutheran Worship
Via Zoom Thursdays in the fall at 7:00 PM, continues on November 5

Pastor Matt will continue leading an educational program and discussion 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 continues via Zoom on **Thursday, November 5, at 7:00 PM**. All are welcome to participate!

Zoom link for Worship Matters: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88501398586

Passcode (if prompted): IT-MATTERS

Sunday School – Sundays, during the 9:30 AM Worship Service



Children from age 4 through grade 6 are invited to attend Sunday School. Students begin their class time in the 9:30 AM worship service (or 9:00 AM when there is a single worship service). They join Pastor Matt for the Children's Sermon, then proceed with their teachers to the all-purpose room to gather for their class. Our weekly Bible lessons are based on the clever ***Holy Moly*** curriculum. The ***Bible Story Book*** is written and illustrated in graphic novel style and the creative short videos bring the stories to life. The lessons are real conversation starters!

Learning together is fun! The registration form is available in the church foyer and narthex. You can also download the form from the church website, www.adventrichboro.org, or contact the church office. Thank you! Please contact the church office at adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com or 215-355-2529 with any questions.

Donations for Fellowship Time

Fellowship Time is held Sundays directly following the last worship service. The sign-up sheet to provide refreshments for Fellowship Time is available in the narthex on the refreshment table. Advent supplies hot beverages and paper products.

If you are looking for a way to assist with Fellowship Time but do not have the time or ability to bake or shop for snacks, please consider donating a few dollars.

Dedications for Sunday Services

Payments for dedications may be made using the marked envelopes by the sign-up charts. Please place payment in the offering plate or mail payment to the church at 45 Worthington Mill Road, Richboro, PA 18954.

Please write check to **Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church**
and write **Altar Flowers** *or* **Mission Support** *in the memo line on your check.*

Altar Flowers Chart

The Flower Chart to dedicate altar flowers each Sunday is on the table in the narthex. The cost is $25 per bouquet, and you are welcome to take the flowers home following the late service. You can also call the church office to submit your mission dedication: 215-355-2529

Mission Support

The Mission Support Chart is available for sign up on the table in the narthex. Mission Support Dedication donations benefit our sister church, Iglesia Luterana Nueva Creacion, which does vital work in North Philadelphia. Dedication donations are $25. You can also call the church office to submit your mission dedication: 215-355-2529

Drive-in & Drop-off Food Collection – Warminster Food Bank

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank and the church is not open, just drive into the parking lot and drop off the food inside the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. Check their website for the most current needs: www.warminsterfoodbank.org. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

Recycling Can Tabs for 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 $0.75/pound of tabs. They then send Ronald McDonald House Charities/Philly a check for the total amount, which directly benefits the families. Tabs can be placed in the marked containers in the narthex, on the shelf above the coat rack. *No cans, please – just tabs!*

Financial Report For August 2026		
	Rec'vd for Aug 2026	Budget for Aug 2026
General Fund	$8,462.93	$19,805.00
Mortgage	$1,625	$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	$160	$133
Other Benevolence	$390	
Total	$10,637.93	$21,836.00
	Rec'vd 1/1/26-8/31/26	Budget 1/1/26-8/31/26
General	$83,822.44	$158,440.00
Mortgage	$11,420.00	$15,184.00
Bene-Synod Only	$800.00	$1,064.00
Other Benevolence	$3,865.00	
Total	$99,907.44	$174,688.00

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MASKING AT WORSHIP/EVENTS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE ADVENT UPDATE

The Church Council discussed and updated the precautions taken at Advent to help maintain the health of the congregation:

- Worship is available online and in person. Please stay home and worship online if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone who is ill.
- Those distributing communion will no longer mask. Personal communion kits will continue to be available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
- Members who are comfortable doing so, may once again Share the Peace with handshakes. Hand waves, peace signs and air hugs are still appropriate, if that is more comfortable or appropriate for your personal situation.
- Please continue to respect those who choose to mask and/or social distance.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day
9:00 AM: Single worship service with Holy Communion and Sunday School
10:00 AM: Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 8 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Harvest Home Blessing
Guest Speaker at both services
Mike Cerino, Executive Director, Warminster Food Bank
8:00 AM: Traditional worship service with Holy Communion
9:30 AM: Contemporary worship service with Holy Communion and Sunday School

Sunday, November 15 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 AM: Traditional worship service with Holy Communion
9:30 AM: Contemporary worship service with Holy Communion and Sunday School

Sunday, November 22 – Christ the King
9:00 AM: Single worship service with Holy Communion and Sunday School
10:00 AM: Annual Congregational Meeting

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Thank you!

Thank you to all the volunteers, donors, and bakers of our Blood Drive on October 27. Our snack/sweets table was given great reviews by all! The Red Cross was pleased to collect 18 units of blood - reaching their projected goal. Stayed tuned for information on the next blood drive at Advent. In the meantime, if you are able and eligible to donate, please visit the Red Cross web site for upcoming local blood drives: www.redcross.org/give-blood.html

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

"SPEED FAITH-ING" EVENT – PRESENTED BY THE LOWER BUCKS CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 1, 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Advent Richboro

An evening of faith and connection, the event begins with dinner at 5:00 PM, followed by a "Speed Faith-ing" program at 6:00 PM. Share your faith with members of Advent and other Lower Bucks Conference congregations in a "speed dating" style format. Hosted by the LBCC Dean, Rev. Heeralal Mukesh Cheedie. RSVP by signing up in the narthex or contact the church office.

FREE COMEDY SHOW AT ADVENT - Friday, November 6, 7:30 PM

The Stand-Up Comedy Class will have a FREE Comedy Showcase featuring headliner Ryan Roe, along with the graduates of the inaugural Comedy Science class at Advent. Please come and support the class members as they perform their own original sets! Please RSVP so the organizers have a general head count. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact the church office.

COAT DRIVE AT ADVENT FOR POINT PREVENTION



We are collecting new and gently worn coats (all sizes) for Prevention Point Philadelphia. This is a non-profit organization that supports the unhoused and addicted in the Kensington area of Philadelphia. Please place donations in the designated bin in the narthex. We are collecting coats until **Sunday, November 25**.

GIFT CARD COLLECTION FOR HOLIDAYS IN NOVEMBER



We once again are collecting gift cards in denominations of $25 or less for our neighbors who depend on the Warminster Food Bank for food each month. The collection envelopes are available by the collection plate in the sanctuary. The gift cards collected in November will be given to our neighbors, beginning in December. Please consider helping our neighbors in need as we have done in the last few years. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

TABLE TENNIS WILL RESUME on Tuesday, November 10



Table Tennis at Advent is back with weekly sessions on Tuesdays.
This year we will offer afternoon sessions from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, in addition to the evening sessions from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. All are invited, no matter the skill level. Paddles and balls are provided.

There will be no sessions on Tuesday, November 3, due to Election Day.

ADVENT WOMEN'S CIRCLE MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, November 10, 12:00 PM



Advent Women's Circle will hold their next lunch meeting at Advent on **Tuesday, November 10, at noon**. Please bring your own lunch.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Saturday, November 14



The next Men's Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, November 14.**
Breakfast will be served around 8:30 AM. Coffee will be ready about 7:30 AM.

CARING FOR FRIENDS MEAL PREP – Sunday, November 15



On **Sunday, November 15**, we will prepare meals for *Caring for Friends,* after the 9:30 AM church service. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve others in our community and share God's love through a simple act of kindness. Volunteers are needed and everyone is welcome. Whether you can stay for the entire time or just lend a quick helping hand, your time and willingness to serve will make a difference. We hope you'll join us as we come together to help those in need. Thank you for being part of this meaningful ministry!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH
Sunday, December 6, immediately following the 9:30 AM service



Advent's annual Christmas Brunch will be held on **Sunday, December 6**, in the Fellowship Hall. The event includes live festive holiday music performed by Advent musicians and it lasts about an hour. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex for additional information and indicate what breakfast, lunch, or dessert dish you can share. All Advent members and friends, as well as their extended families, are welcome to attend!

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

SUNDAY, November 1
All Saints Day

9:00 AM Single Worship Service - with Holy Communion
Sunday School
10:00 AM Special Congregational Meeting

MONDAY, November 2

7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, November 3
Election Day! Make a plan to vote!

7:00 PM Comedy and Science: The Art of Standup class
8:30 PM Strategic Mission Team Meeting, *via Zoom*

WEDNESDAY, November 4

5:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal
6:15 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 5

7:00 PM Worship Matters Zoom Class with Pastor Matt

FRIDAY, November 6

7:30 PM FREE Comedy Showcase
7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting

SUNDAY, November 8
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Harvest Home Blessing
Guest Speaker: Mike Cerino,
Executive Director, Warminster Food Bank

8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service - with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service - with Holy Communion
Sunday School
10:30 AM Fellowship: Open
10:30 AM Adult Bible Study in the parlor