

The Adventure



NOVEMBER 2026 ISSUE

MISSION STATEMENT

OUR MISSION – FAITHFUL IN THE WORD

- To **gather** as God's people and nurture one another.
- To **know** the Word of God.
- To **grow** in faith, love, and service.
- To **go** into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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CHURCH OFFICE

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

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CONTACTING PASTOR MATT

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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 no longer mask. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
- Advent shares the peace with handshakes, hand waves, peace signs and air hugs, depending on individual preference.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MATT

Tradition states that Thanksgiving was first celebrated in North America by the pilgrims at Plymouth in 1621. It was a celebration of God's gifts of the harvest, of survival, and a new home for the settlers. It was a time of coming together as both family and human family as both the pilgrims and the Native Americans celebrated together. In 1863, President Lincoln signed a bill making Thanksgiving a national holiday to be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November every year. Where as many holidays like Presidents Day are purely nationalistic, and Easter is purely religious, Thanksgiving is legitimately a bit of both in this country. Of course, being a Pastor writing a newsletter article, I'll focus on the religious side of Thanksgiving.

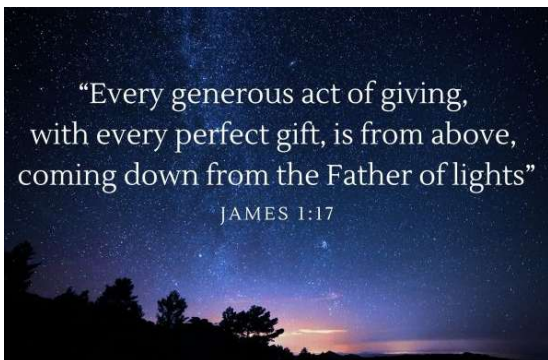


Giving thanks to God is important. It is important because the giving and receiving of gifts is really about love. Unfortunately, the emphasis of love in the exchanging of gifts is easily lost in our society. We have a saying that "nothing is for free". We are suspicious of what strings may be attached when someone does something or gives something to us for no apparent reason. Exchanging things in our society is more often about economic gain. You do not need to have a personal relationship with the cashier to exchange money for an item. Gifts are different. True gifts are not earned, deserved, or exchanged; instead, they are freely given out of love. In cultures of hospitality where gift giving is very

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important, there is a sense that a gift binds people together. A gift is not like a possession you own with which you can do whatever you want. Gifts are usually given with a loving purpose. Instead of owning gifts, the recipient of the gift becomes a steward, or caretaker of the gift, who makes sure that the gift fulfills its purpose. In cultures of hospitality, to truly receive a gift is to eventually give that gift to someone else in the same spirit it was first given to you. There are many gifts like this. Many great teachers teach because of the giving way another teacher touched their life. A family heirloom is a gift meant to serve people in a family, one generation to the next. There is a sense that an heirloom belongs as much to the next generation as it does to the person who currently possesses it.

At Thanksgiving, we as Christians give thanks to God. We give thanks for everything because everything ultimately comes from God as a free gift. In the light of God's righteousness, it is impossible



"Every generous act of giving,
with every perfect gift, is from above,
coming down from the Father of lights"

JAMES 1:17

for us to earn, deserve or purchase from God the air we breathe, the food we eat, the people we love or any of the countless blessings God gives us every single day. The question to ask ourselves this Thanksgiving, is that if God has given us all these things out of love, do we really feel loved by God? Do we treat the gifts God has given us as possessions we have earned or need to earn? There is a statistic that the more people have the less they give by percentage. There are many people who have plenty who feel they have little, who

feel distant from their neighbor and distant from God. I have known many people who give much of the little they do have. It has always struck me that these people see their lives as being abundantly blessed by God. They feel a deep connection and reliance on God. They also feel a deep connection with all the people with whom they are able to share the blessings God has given them. To die with the most toys, more often than not, is not to win, but to be alone. To keep God's blessings as our earned personal possessions, not gifts to be passed on, is to insulate ourselves from the love out of which God gives these blessings to us in the first place. God's love is not meant to be entombed in this manner. To share God's blessings is to spread God's love. These blessings are meant to be deeply savored by all. On this Thanksgiving, let us find ways to give thanks beyond just saying 'thank you,' and we will discover just how abundantly God has already blessed us.

Peace,
Pastor Matt

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HAPPY
thanksgiving

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS DAY

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

NOVEMBER 8 – HARVEST HOME BLESSING TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Special Guest/Speaker at both services:
Mike Cerino, 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

NOVEMBER 15 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

NOVEMBER 22 CHRIST THE KING

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

NOVEMBER 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

Services will continue to be available **in-person**, weather-permitting, and **online** live via Zoom and Facebook. Past services and sermons are available on Advent's YouTube page with new videos uploaded every Sunday after services have concluded.

SERVING IN WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 2026 SCHEDULE

DATE/TIME	LAY READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
11/1 – 9:00 AM	Bruce Eklund	Kristi Ward
11/8 – 8:00 AM	David Elkin	Janice Hoffmann
11/8 – 9:30 AM	John Flint	Joyce Heiss
11/15 – 8:00 AM	George Henry	Kristi Ward
11/15 – 9:30 AM	Bruce Eklund	Megan Ward
11/22 – 9:00 AM	John Flint	Joyce Heiss
11/29 – 8:00 AM	David Elkin	Kristi Ward
11/29 – 9:30 AM	Bruce Eklund	Megan 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 Sclight, Rhona Slawter

WORSHIP-RELATED INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

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

ZOOM INFORMATION

PLEASE MUTE YOURSELF WHEN NOT SPEAKING

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83391027179> Passcode: WORSHIP8AM

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84982959860> Passcode: WORSHIP930

SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICES on **SUNDAY**, **November 1 and 22**, at **9:00 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83391027179> Passcode: WORSHIP8AM

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS on **SUNDAY**, **November 1 and 22**, at **10:00 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89856368740> Passcode: CONGRMTG

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN NOVEMBER - Please note that class begins at 9:00 AM on 11/1 and 11/2!



This year, we began with lessons on prayer, especially *The Lord's Prayer*, as Jesus first taught his disciples. Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist and gathered his disciples from their everyday routines by saying, "Follow me". In the same way, Jesus teaches us to follow him!

We invite children from age 4 through grade 6 to attend Sunday School, at the same time as the 9:30 AM worship service (or 9:00 AM worship on Sundays with a single worship service. Students begin their class time in the worship service. They join Pastor Matt for the Children's Sermon, then proceed with their teachers to gather for their class. We sing a few songs, learn our topic with a short Bible lesson video and lesson book, then follow with creative games or crafts and a prayer. Learning together is fun!

-Jeanne Gryszka, Sunday School Director

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 **setup for services**.



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 setup 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 (5:30 PM) and Vocal Choir (6:15 PM) resumed on **September 30**.

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.

WORSHIP-RELATED INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES (continued)



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Check the weekly bulletins for any changes.

Sunday In-Person Adult Bible Study

Sunday in-person Adult Bible Study with George Henry will be held most Sundays, after the 9:30 AM worship service. Exceptions will be noted on the calendar

Worship Matters! Deepening Your Faith through Understanding of Lutheran Worship Via Zoom most Thursdays, at 7:00 PM

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 **Thursdays, 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

RESCHEDULED SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 10:00 AM

The rescheduled congregational meeting from September to discuss stewardship will take place on **Sunday, November 1, at 10:00 AM**, after a single worship service at 9:00 AM.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 10:00 AM

The congregational meeting to approve a budget for year 2027 and to nominate and elect members to Church Council will be held on **Sunday, November 22**, at 10:00 AM, after the 9:00 AM single worship service. The meeting will be available via Zoom for those not able to attend in person. Your attendance is important, as it is necessary that we have the required quorum of member voters. Thank you in advance for attending this important meeting!

ZOOM INFORMATION for CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Sunday, November 1 and Sunday, November 22, at 10:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89856368740> Passcode: CONGRMTG

MASKING AT WORSHIP/EVENTS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE - 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 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.

WORSHIP-RELATED INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

SPECIAL FOOD COLLECTION FOR HARVEST HOME – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Please consider bringing a food or supply donation as part of the Harvest Home blessing. Donations will be directed to the Warminster Food Bank. Mike Cerino, the Executive Director of Warminster Food Bank, will be speaking at both worship services on **Sunday, November 8**.



Most needed items currently include:

Food Items: Coffee (pods or ground), cereal, bread crumbs, cooking oil, saltines, oatmeal packets, pancake mix, syrup, instant or au gratin potatoes, stuffing, baked beans, mustard, pasta sauce, egg noodles, ketchup, margarine, jelly, broth, chili

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

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE - *Sign up deadline is Sunday, December 13*



A sign-up sheet for dedicating poinsettias for the Christmas Eve worship service will be on the round table in the narthex. Please sign up by **Sunday, December 13**. You may also call or email the church office with your dedication. Poinsettias may be picked up any time after the 7:30 PM service on Christmas Eve. Cost per plant is \$15. Please contact Cindy Frey with any questions.

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.*

You can also call the church office at 215-355-2529 to submit your dedications.

Altar Flower Dedications – Each bouquet is \$25



The 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 give them 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 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.



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!

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 worshipping 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 Chief, Weather Operations Division, at Langley Airforce Base, Virginia
- ❖ **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

Please contact the church office at 215-355-2529 with any omissions or additions to our military prayer list.

A PRAYER FOR OUR SOLDIERS AND THEIR SAFETY

*Almighty God, those who take refuge in you
will be glad and will forever shout for joy!
Protect our soldiers as they discharge their
duties. Protect them with the shield of your
strength and keep them safe from all evil and
harm. Be their constant companion and their
strength in battle, their refuge in every
adversity. May the power of your love enable
them to return home in safety, that, with all
who love them, they may ever
praise you for your loving care.
Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR OUR VETERANS

*Almighty God, we ask that you bestow peace
upon our veterans, worthy people who gave
their best when they were called upon to serve
and protect their country. We pray that you
will bless them for their unselfish service in
the continual struggle to preserve our
freedoms, our safety, and our country's
heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly
for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices
they made. We pray that you will watch over
these special people and bless them
with peace and happiness.
Amen.*

ADVENT COMMUNITY – NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

“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.

ADVENT WOMEN'S CIRCLE



The mission of Advent Women's Circle is to support the Advent community through the implementation of projects that fill a need. For meetings, we bring a simple lunch and discuss ideas and plans, all the while enjoying our time spent together with joy and humor. Our social outings are an added feature that encourage us to explore local destinations.

Next Meeting: We will hold our next lunch meeting on **Tuesday, November 10, at noon**. Please bring your own lunch. If you would like to attend an upcoming meeting or event as a new attendee, please contact the church office to confirm the details as it draws closer.

There will be no December meeting.

Upcoming Outings:

- Music Mountain – “It’s a Wonderful Life” on **Sunday, November 8**
Tickets have been purchased for Music Mountain. If you are interested in going and did not RSVP, please contact the venue directly to inquire about ticket availability.
 - Peddler’s Village Lunch and Gingerbread House Displays, **Tuesday, December 8**
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MEN'S BREAKFAST

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.

All are welcome!



ADVENT COMMUNITY –NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)

TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis at Advent has weekly sessions on Tuesdays, resuming on November 10.



- Afternoon sessions are 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- Evening sessions are 6:30 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 polls being open at Advent.



ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Your local polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Make a plan to vote!

Find your local polling place:

<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx>

ADVENT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Sunday, December 6, at 10:30 AM, following the 9:30 AM worship 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!



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!

SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH THE ADVENT COMMUNITY!

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

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

215-355-2529 adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND NEWS



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. Advent will also have a special collection of food and supplies on **Sunday, November 8**, for the Harvest Home Blessing.

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/>

COAT DRIVE NOW THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15



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. We are collecting coats through Sunday, November 15. Please place donations in the designated bin in the narthex.

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 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! *Please contact Nancy Slight if you have any questions.*

CARING FOR FRIENDS – MEAL PREP ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15



On **Sunday, November 15**, we will prepare meals for *Caring for Friends*, at **10:30 AM**, following the 9:30 AM worship 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!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES



Thanks to the efforts of many, we have been able to donate a large collection of aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Your contribution benefits the families staying in this wonderful facility while their loved one undergoes medical care nearby. United Scrap Metal recyclers weigh the donations to determine their value. 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

Tuesday, October 27, 2026



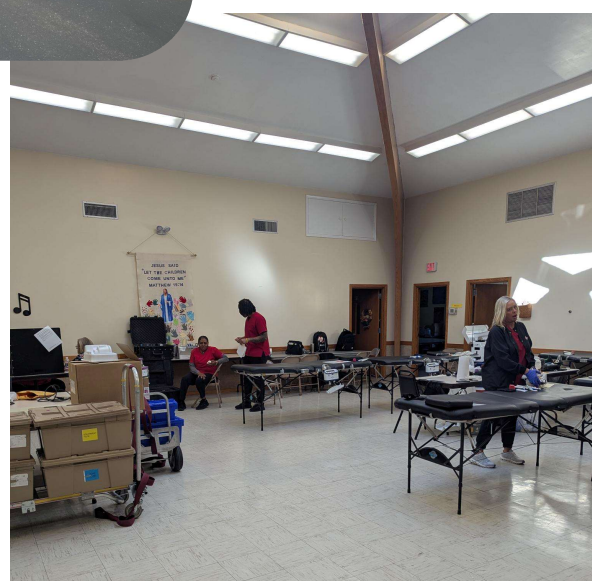
Thank you to all the volunteers, donors, and bakers of our Blood Drive on October 27. Our snack/sweets table was given great reviews by all! The Red Cross was pleased to collect 18 units of blood - reaching their projected goal. Stayed tuned for information on the next blood drive at Advent. In the meantime, 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



Thank



You!





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



LOVE REVOLUTION FALL SYNOD LEARNING DAY

Saturday, November 21, 2026

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia



<https://www.gskop.org>

The event includes worship, a keynote presentation, and a panel discussion.

For more information and to register online:

<https://calendar.boomte.ch/single/tM6wK0zkIO4dK0bdwW2nM6R5>



Doing Community Ministry in the Small Church

Learn how small churches can make a big impact in the world through partnerships, creative use of resources, and a focus on relational ministry.

<https://www.churchleadership.com/to-the-point/point-community-ministry-small-church/>



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE **Relief today. Resilience tomorrow.** **Share God's hope, healing and renewal**

Your gifts through Lutheran Disaster Response make it possible for the church to provide fast and effective support to communities in need, whenever and wherever a disaster may strike. Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

If you designate your gift to a specific disaster, your gift will be used 100 percent for that disaster, unless more funds are received that are needed to fully fund a specific disaster response. If this happens, your gift will be used to address a similar effort.

Current Disaster Responses include:
US Areas - Severe Storms and Wildfires
Nepal Flooding
Venezuela and Colombia Earthquakes
Middle East Crisis

Donate to Lutheran Disaster Response at:

<https://www.elca.org/giving/lutheran-disaster-response>

KEEP UP WITH SYNOD NEWS AND RESOURCES

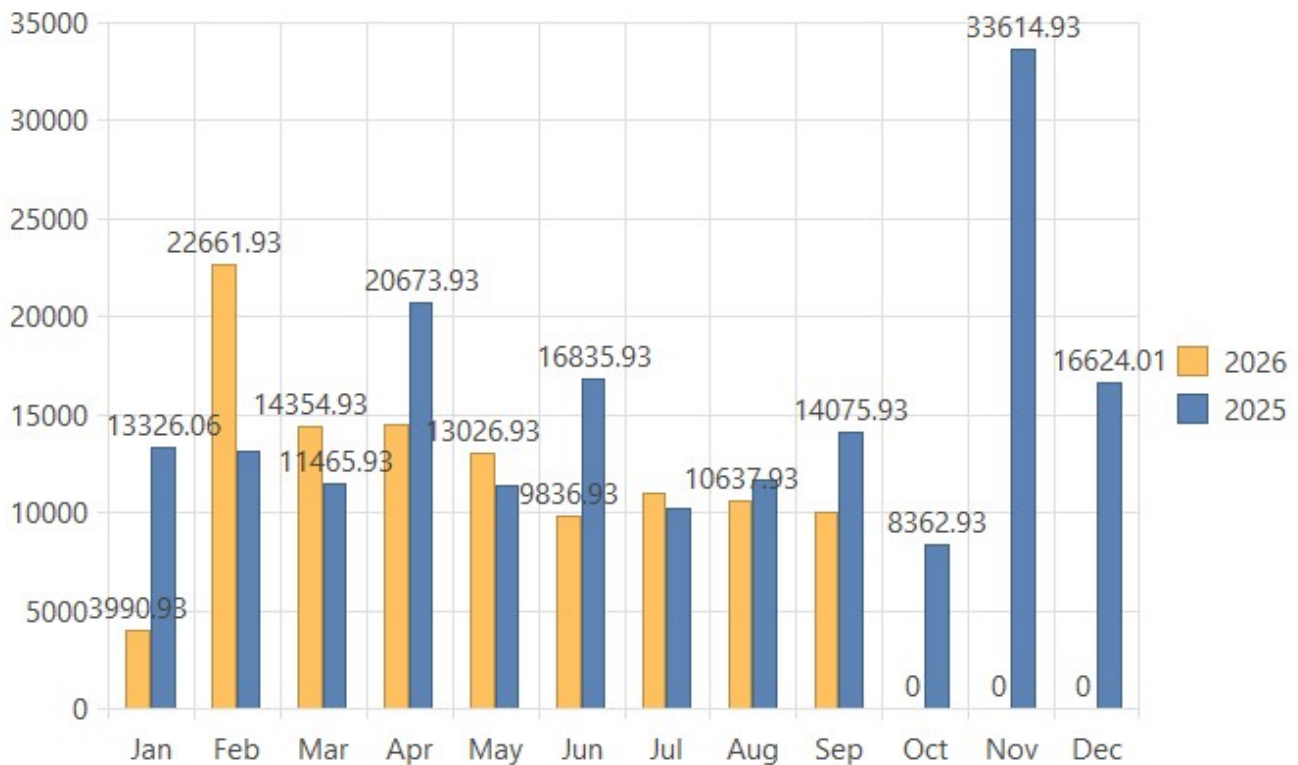
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<https://ministrylink.org/mission-interpretation/subscribe/>



FINANCIAL REPORT

Contribution Totals



Financial Report For September 2026		
	Rec'vd for Sept 2026	Budget for Sept 2026
General Fund	\$7,592.93	\$19,805.00
Mortgage	\$1,880	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$120	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$390	
Total	\$9,982.93	\$21,836.00
	Rec'vd 1/1/26-9/30/26	Budget 1/1/26-9/30/26
General	\$91,415.37	\$178,245.00
Mortgage	\$13,300.00	\$17,082.00
Bene-Synod Only	\$920.00	\$1,197.00
Other Benevolence	\$4,255.00	
Total	\$109,890.37	\$196,524.00

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1 Linda Brownlee
1 Bonnie Morrison Sykes
6 Michael Savchuck
6 Jeanne Wagner
7 Victoria Gardener
17 Rhona Slawter
18 Audrey Savchuck
21 David Hill
22 Nicole Wills
26 Matt Sitler

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Church office hours are typically
Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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215-355-2529

UPDATING YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please consider updating your contact information with the church office as the end of the year approaches. Important communications will be sent from the church office both via mail and electronically.

If you have any new contact information (phone, email, address, etc.), please alert the church office at 215-355-2529 or adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com. You may also update your information using an update form in the narthex. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate in the sanctuary. If you are unsure if your contact information needs updating, please contact the office.

Do You Remember?

As a kid, I distinctly remember (and hated) the interruptions on the tv by the tests of the Emergency Broadcast System. "This is a test of the Emergency Broadcast System..." I can still hear in my mind both the announcement and the sound they would play after the warning. As soon as I heard the announcement, I would put my fingers in my ears or bury my head in the sofa pillows. As an adult, I better appreciate the need for these types of tests, though I still am not a fan of the sound.



So, I am running my own test. "This is a test of the Advent Newsletter Broadcast System..." If you have read this far in the newsletter, can you let me know? Text, email, phone call, poke in the arm... any of these methods work for me. Thank you!

This concludes this test of the Newsletter Broadcast System.

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Saints Day 1 9:00 AM Single Worship Service with Communion Sunday School 10:00 AM Special Congregational Meeting	2 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	Election Day 3  <i>No Table Tennis</i>	4 5:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal 6:15 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal	5 7:00 PM Worship Matters Class via Zoom	6 7:30 PM FREE Comedy Standup Showcase 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	7
24th Sunday After Pentecost 8 HARVEST HOME Guest Speaker at both services: Mike Cerino, Warminster Food Bank 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship: Open 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study	9 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	10 12:00 PM Advent Women's Circle Meeting 2:00 PM & 6:30 PM Table Tennis	Veterans Day 11  5:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal 6:15 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal	12 7:00 PM Worship Matters Class via Zoom	13 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	14 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
25th Sunday after Pentecost 15 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship: Open 10:30 AM Caring for Friends Meal Prep	16 6:00 PM Building Reorg Mtg 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	17 2:00 PM & 6:30 PM Table Tennis	18 5:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal 6:15 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal	19 7:00 PM Worship Matters Class via Zoom	20 11:00 AM Holland Village Communion Service 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	21
Christ the King 22 9:00 AM Single Worship Service with Communion Sunday School 10:00 AM Special Congregational Meeting	23 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	24 2:00 PM & 6:30 PM Table Tennis	25 <i>No Praise Band or Vocal Choir Practice</i>	Thanksgiving 26  <i>No Bible Study</i>	27 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	28
First Sunday of Advent 29 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship: Open 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study	30 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	December 1	2 5:30 PM Praise Band Practice 6:15 PM Vocal Choir Practice	3 7:00 PM Worship Matters Class via Zoom	4 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	5