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MAY 2025 MINISTRY CALENDAR

- May 1** 7pm Chancel Choir
- May 4** 9:30am worship (in person and livestreamed), Youth Sunday
6pm All Youth Night
- May 6** 6pm REST (devotional time) - in sanctuary
7pm All Team Night
- May 7** 10am Bible Study—Meeting Two Heroines of the Bible
7pm Confirmation Class
- May 8** 7pm Chancel Choir
- May 11** 9:30am worship (in person and livestreamed), Mother's Day Flower Sale
- May 12** 6pm Stewardship of Family Seminar
- May 13** 7pm Council Meeting
- May 14** 10am Bible Study—Meeting Two Heroines of the Bible
7pm Confirmation Class
- May 18** 9:30am worship (in person and livestreamed), Mentor Sunday, Fair Trade Sale
- May 21** 10am Bible Study—Meeting Two Heroines of the Bible
6pm Single's Dining Out at Yantze
- May 25** 9:30am worship (in person and livestreamed)
- May 26** Memorial Day, Church Office is closed
- May 28** 10am Bible Study—Meeting of 2 Heroines of the Bible

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Ministry Teams

Stewardship, Social Ministry
Christian Education
Worship and Music
Fellowship, Welcome Team
Property, Finance

ADVENT'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND WELCOME STATEMENT

Advent's Guiding Principles— With Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior:

- We believe salvation is a gift from God, available to everyone
- We strengthen our faith as we develop our discipleship
- We are good stewards of all that God provides us
- We serve the needs of each other, our community and our world
- We follow God's will, not our own



Our Welcome Statement:

Advent Lutheran Church of Goschenhoppen, a welcoming community of God, believes ALL people are made in God's image and boundless love and ALL are valued equally within our congregation. We are empowered by God through faith to nurture and celebrate the vast diversity among individuals – single, married, partnered, divorced – and embrace their uniqueness in all aspects of life including race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds and age. We, at Advent, affirm and welcome you to share life with us and participate in God's ministry.

***Saved by God's Grace, Renewed through Word and Sacrament,
We are Sent as Disciples to Share the Gospel of Jesus.
Thanks be to God!***

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARK



MEMORIES, GIGGLES, AND VOWS

Sharing an experience, and some connections

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I am preparing to write this newsletter article, I am also reflecting on a worship service I attended earlier this week. A worship service with a whole bunch of church leaders including many pastors and our bishop.

This is the perfect time to share that alleged Luther quote about pastors: “Pastors are a lot like manure. You pile them up together and they can stink up the place, but you spread them out and they can do a lot of good.”

On that Tuesday in Holy Week we temporarily all get piled up together for a special annual “Chrism Service,” where we renew our ordination vows, we receive a prayer of blessing and healing, we leave with a small container of oil (the Chrism – consecrated oil) which we use for baptisms and anointing, and of course, as church folk do when we get together, we share a meal.

But... there were some moments in that worship service that were especially significant for me and, in reflecting, might be worth sharing with you. So, let me share.

The first moment, or rather memory, was of the same service last year. I was in a very different place. We were preparing to go with Cassie the following Monday for a major abdominal surgery; a surgery to remove a large tumor which had a likelihood of being cancerous.

In order to get through holy week services without breaking down, I had kept this family crisis private from most Advent people. At the Chrism service with synod rostered leaders, only a couple people knew. I sat in the back corner of the church, alternating between crying and just “being.” It was a difficult service, but I needed it!

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I know of numerous times when some of you came to worship here at Advent in similar situations of grief or anxiety. And I know there are probably so many more times when I was not aware of your hurts. Being with others in worship can be so difficult in times like that, and yet can be so needed.... and nurturing. Being reminded of God’s compassion and presence. Being embraced by a community that may or may not understand how important that is at the time. Being nurtured and held by God.

I am grateful for the opportunities we have to be church for and with each other.

On a lighter note, the second of my reflections at this synod worship service was the moment when the bishop motioned out to us and said, “The Lord, be with you,” and so many pastors and deacons responded, “And also with you.” I had to chuckle. If you have ever watched pastors, especially at a big churchy gathering, you will see that most of them, as they say “And also with you,” will reach out their hands with that response. Cassie jokingly refers to that as *the way pastors “out” themselves*

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARK (CONTINUED)



Cassie jokingly refers to that as the way pastors “out” themselves publicly in a worship service

publicly in a worship service, even if they are not in clergy attire. Almost all pastors and deacons instinctively do that. And so, even as I participated in a meaningful greeting, a little part inside giggled at that.

When you worship regularly, or even not so regularly, there will always be those funny memories, those inside

stories, that can inspire or delight, or maybe even distract for a moment. That’s part of community life. Celebrate those. Giggle a little even. Just don’t make it too loud at an inappropriate time.

A third moment, and perhaps the central purpose of this rostered leaders gathering, was the actual renewal of vows. Group after group, including the big pile of pastors, came forward to once again repeat the words that we had originally promised when we were ordained. Promises of living faithfully as children of God. Promises of carrying out the responsibility of sharing that faith as we lead in the church. Promises to do our best with God’s help. And a moment to be reaffirmed and blessed in carrying out that calling.

You have not made the same formal vows as I did in ordination, but there were promises made in confirmation... to live in this Christian faith and to live out your faith. Pausing at times to remember that, to recommit to that, and to hear words of affirmation and blessing... maybe could be as valuable to you as to me.

Two final insights

First, there is the fun little detail of the oil that I receive each year at this Chrism Mass. I always act melodramatic as I tell people we are using the same oil that they used in Bible times. When they look impressed, I clarify. We are using olive oil. There’s

nothing magical about it. And having oil that has been blessed by the bishop in a special worship service may mean something to some people. For me, the cooler fact is that the oil that we use when I make the sign of the cross on the forehead of a newly baptized person, or I anoint somebody who is near death, is from the same container that provides oil for church leaders throughout the southeastern Pennsylvania area. I love that symbolism. This resource is one we all share as we do this holy work of God together.



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Second, as I renew my vows, I am filled with gratitude at the calling I have, both in the big picture of being in pastoral ministry in the ELCA, and then more specifically to be your pastor here at Advent in this partnership we share in the gospel. I am unbelievably blessed, and I know it. And I pray for years of fruitful ministry to come.

Your Partner in Christ’s Ministry,

Pastor Mark

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship of Family - Estate Planning Seminar

The “What Ifs” of Life and Death

Monday May 12th, 6 - 8 pm

- Pizza and Salad at 6 pm - presentation starts at 6:20 pm
- Childcare will be provided
- Sign-up in Fellowship Hall
- Or on Sign-Up Genius at:

[Advent Lutheran Church Congregation: Stewardship of Family Estate Planning Seminar](#)

- Or participate online with the ZOOM option:

[Stewardship of Family - Estate Planning Seminar](#)

Topics will include:

- Wills and Living Trusts
- Probate process
- Power of Attorney
- Advanced Medical Directive
- Creative ways of planned giving
- Advent's 1732 Society – giving options
- Bring your questions



Presenters:

Libby Wetzler -local estate attorney from Landis, Hunsberger, Gingrich & Weik, LLP

Brook Williams - Financial Planner from Thrivent

**Be a good steward of your family.
Please make time for this important seminar.**

- * How will your family be taken care of upon your death? Do you have a will or estate plan in place that spells out exactly what you want to take place?
- * What do you want to happen regarding your medical care for life sustaining issues?

Stewardship - Thrivent Choice Giving

We would like to thank members and friends that have directed their Thrivent Choice dollars to Advent Lutheran Church over the past 3 months. This is great way to provide support to our ministries and is very much appreciated.

For more information about the Thrivent Choice program:

[Thrivent Choice](#) | [Thrivent](#)

Deborah Balaban

Jon Saul

Dave Brown

Gary and Sharon Strayer

Jean and Steve Godsall-Myers

Judi Greene

Dave Lutcher

Dean Shollenberger

John Brent

Barb Bailey

Valerie Daley

Norma Lugar

Bill Kesack

John Pescatore

Vince Ryan



YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY

A copy of the church directory is in the Fellowship Hall, as pictured here. Check it out to find names for that person you see regularly but can't remember their name. AND...Check out your own information.

If your picture is older or poorer quality, or your information is incorrect, please update it. You can do so yourself with your own access – contact the office if you haven't set that up. (This is a MOBILE DIRECTORY. You can bookmark this directory on your computer, or download an app for it. Again, contact the office if you do not know how.)

It is for you to use. But please never share a copy with people outside the congregation, and never, never share your password. If someone needs access, have them contact the church office.





TUESDAY REST

Tuesday May 6, 6:00pm

Beginning in May, we will offer a short (20-30 mins) devotional and centering worship service on the first Tuesday of the month. It's called Tuesday R.E.S.T. (Restore Each-other's Spirit & Time). A small group met several times on Fridays during Lent, but Tuesday was preferred, and we're moving to monthly gatherings.

The service is based on ELW's "Perfect Love Casts Out Fear: Evening Prayer for Lent." In a time of stress, anxiety, and concern, you are invited to gather in a way that centers your spirit and nurtures your faith.

How to help us PREVENT SCAMS.

Here's what YOU can do.

1 – NEVER give out the password to our directory (or any passwords) via email or text or online messages. If you have questions, call the office.



2 – If someone reaches out to you for help with accessing our information, refer them to the office.

3 – If you get an email or text requesting money or gift cards, text/call Pastor Mark or call the church office. Or email us using an email that you KNOW is real, NOT one provided by the request. Report something like that to us.

4 – NEVER give money or cards unless you are bringing them to this physical church building or using our official online giving. Online giving link will be in a bulletin or our official weekly email or within our online service. If in any doubt, CALL Pastor Mark or our church office, and talk with someone you know.

Online scams happen all the time. We have had several occasions where scammers created fake emails that looked like a congregation member or staff, to ask for gift cards or for password help. Many, many churches and other organizations have reported fake requests in the last couple years. We do well with security, but we need YOU to be careful about opening or responding to emails or texts. Reread #3 above.

God has blessed us, with resources, and technology. We are doing good things with them. Let's keep that good stuff going.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



The Living Lutheran Magazine is in print once again!

The Living Lutheran magazine is the primary publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It ceased printing in December 2023 and became exclusively an online resource in 2024. After hearing from many people across the U.S. that they missed the printed copy, Living Lutheran began production again.

They recently mailed out the March 2025 issue to everyone in their database by mistake, without receiving updated information from congregations. No one will receive an invoice for the March 2025 magazine and we hope you enjoyed this free issue.

Prior to 2023, Advent purchased copies of the Living Lutheran for all Advent households. However, we did not allocate money in the 2025 budget for this subscription. We also know that some members prefer to read the online articles or have no interest in reading the magazine.

A yearly congregational group subscription is \$17 per household.

Please complete this [Living Lutheran Google Form](#) by April 30 so we can update our database with Living Lutheran. There are "yes" and "no" options on the form so we would like all members to fill it out. Paper copies of this form will also be available or you can call the office.

All cash or checks (payable to Advent Lutheran Church) are due by May 4. Please clearly mark "Living Lutheran" on your check and envelope. Contact Carrie Ryan with questions. Thank you.

Meeting Two Heroines of the Bible—now meeting on Wednesdays

Starting Wednesday, April 30th, at 10:00 am, Pastor Steve will start a five-week (ending May 28th), post-Easter Bible Study. First, we will meet **Esther**, the star of the Jewish celebration of Purim – our Jewish neighbors just celebrated this: March 13-14. After considering Esther's story, we will turn to a more obscure Biblical heroine - found in the one of those 'hidden' books (*The Apocrypha*). We will encounter **Judith** and her story. You may have to borrow another copy of the Bible to find the book of Judith. Mark your calendars and remember, there is room at the table for men looking to meet interesting Biblical women.



Picture of Esther from Sweet Publishing / FreeBibleimages.org



YOUTH SUNDAY

May 4 @ 9:30am

It's the BEST Sunday of the year when our children and youth lead us in worship!
Join us for a special celebratory fellowship time after worship. All are welcome!



Tuscarora Youth Retreat 2025

We enjoyed our weekend learning about the 3 essential prayers – Help, Thanks and Wow. The food was great, the weather was a little rainy and the friendships were fabulous! Part of the retreat cost was provided by Advent's Youth Fund. THANK YOU for providing this faith formation opportunity to Advent's youth.

Advent Supports our Bear Creek Campers!

It's not too late to sign up for summer camp!

Register: <https://bearcreekcamp.org/camps/summer-camp/>



Monies in Advent's Bear Creek Camp General and Camperships Funds come from generous donations and fundraising efforts and support our campers by:

- Advent youth attending summer camp can receive **\$150** towards camp registration.
- Advent youth who are FIRST-TIME campers receive an **additional \$150** towards camp registration.
- Advent families attending Family Camp can receive \$300 towards camp registration.
- Camperships for either a full week, \$545 or Try Camp \$370 are available. Please reach out to Pastor Mark, Carrie Ryan or Karen Evans.
- All Advent's campers receive a care package while they are at camp.

Please give Carrie Ryan a copy of your registration and you will be reimbursed your subsidy amount. Have questions about Bear Creek Camp – contact Advent's Bear Creek Ambassador, Karen Evans chemkaren@verizon.net If you are interested in sponsoring a full or partial campership for our Bear Creek Fund, please see Karen Evans or Pastor Mark. Thank you for your generosity!

Come visit Advent's Little Free Library!

Little Free Library book-sharing boxes are open seven days a week, 24 hours a day and are freely accessible to all, removing barriers to book access. Advent's library is located by the playground, along the driveway to church. It has books for adults, youth and children. Come look through and take a book. This outdoor Little Free Library is for our entire community to use, so please share with your friends and neighbors.





Hoagie Coupons make GREAT Gifts!

Wawa coupons are \$6 each and proceeds benefit Advent's Youth Fund. Coupons make a great gift for end of the school year gifts.

Contact Carrie Ryan to purchase coupons.

Thank you for supporting Advent's youth!



At the Table VBS 2025

Monday, August 4-Friday, August 8
from 9AM-12PM

Extended care is available until 3PM

Monday - Thursday

ages 3 (must be potty trained) through
entering 5th grade

[VBS Registration Sign Up](#)

Youth (entering 6th grade and older) and
adult volunteers needed!

[VBS Volunteer Sign Up Form](#)

Being a faithful disciple means we can learn from *everyone's* stories. During VBS we invite kids to grow as storytellers and story hearers in preparation for a life lived on behalf of others. Each day of VBS offers large and small group activities, crafts, games, music, snacks and more!

Extended care is available Monday through Thursday until 3:00 PM. Extended care is a fundraiser for Advent's Youth Fund. Monetary donations will be accepted for extended care. Thank you for your generosity.

Please contact [Becky Fisher \(VBS Director\)](#) or [Carrie Ryan \(Coordinator of Spiritual Development\)](#) with any questions.

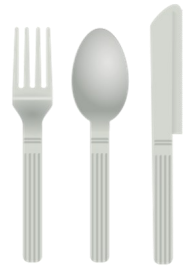
FELLOWSHIP

Next Singles Dining Out

Single adults of all ages are welcome to join us for a meal and fellowship on Wednesday, May 21 at 6:00pm.

We will meet at Yantze Chinese Restaurant, 2333 Welsh Rd, Lansdale.

Advent's Singles Dining Out group meets the 3rd Wednesday each month.



Take me out to the ball game... 🎵

Take me out to the crowd ... 🎵



IRON PIGS BASEBALL GAME IN LEHIGH VALLEY

Baseball is in the air and our Fightin' Phils are off to a great start to their season! Come out on **Friday, June 13th** with fellow Advent Lutheran Baseball fans and help cheer on our

Philadelphia AAA farm team, the Iron Pigs!

It is sure to be a great game, great fellowship, and great weather! 🌟🌞🙏

That evening is FAITH night at the ball park and there will be **FIREWORKS** after the game.

Date of Game: Friday, June 13th @7pm (Gates open at 5:45pm)

Price per person: \$13/ticket

Please RSVP by May 18th

*Questions: Please see/call Jen Forwood. **Please make checks out to Jennifer Forwood**

THANK YOU

Thank You to Becky and Don Hartman and Harry Johnson for creating the beautiful wooden AV Console Table for in the narthex. The new table will provide a secure and lovely area for our audio visual equipment, it also includes a cross picked by Becky's daughter.



Pictured left to right: Don Hartman, Becky Hartman, Harry Johnson



CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

Notes from our council meeting in April:

- Discussed Advent's Reconciling in Christ commitments and the potential need to update our Welcome Statement to confirm our commitment to anti-racism and racial equity. We are establishing a committee to take on this task.
- Approved the planting of 3 trees at the pavilion site that are being donated by church members.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC



First Concert in the Pavilion

Mark your calendars for the 18th Annual American Music Concert, June 29, 11:00am, pavilion.

Ed Fisher and friends will be playing. And you might spot some interesting visitors.



Thank you Easter Musicians

Many thanks to the Chancel Choir for all the extra singing during Holy Week and Easter! Thanks also to handbell ringers Karen Evans, Becky Fisher, Doretta Roessler, Carrie Ryan and Stan Wilhelmson. And thank you to Wade Dahlgren, Ava Detwiler, Lindsay Detwiler, Jeremy Evans and Ed Fisher for playing special music.



SOCIAL MINISTRY



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE *to Benefit Laurel House*

Laurel House is a domestic violence agency serving individuals and children in Montgomery County. The Social Ministry Team will be offering potted pink geraniums on **Mother's Day, May 11** to purchase for the special women in your life! Geraniums will be available before and after the **9:30 service** for **\$6 each**. **All proceeds go to Laurel House!** If you would like to purchase a geranium but will not be at Advent on May 11, please contact the office.



****Guest Speaker:** *On Sunday, May 11, Advent looks forward to welcoming **Emily McCoy**, a representative from Laurel House, who will visit and share information on the services provided. Emily will present a **Temple Talk** during worship. Please join us!*

ADVENT CONGREGATION SERVICE PROJECT:

SEPA Synod Assembly Glove Collection for Lutheran Disaster Response

Our congregation will be collecting work gloves for the **Southeastern Pennsylvania (SEPA) Synod Assembly**, which meets at the end of May. **Lutheran Disaster Response** provides hope, healing, and renewal for people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters. They are in need of two types of work gloves in high demand for their cleanup kits:



1. Pairs of heavy-duty, reusable, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free preferred, durable for multiple uses)



2. Pairs of heavy-duty, reusable work gloves (such as nitrile, cotton with leather palm, or all leather)

From May 1 through May 28, we invite you to donate work gloves for disaster response cleanup kits. Our goal is to donate 100 pairs of gloves! Donations are due by **May 28** and may be dropped off in the narthex or office vestibule.

Please consider participating in the Synod collection – pick up a few pairs of work gloves the next time you head to the hardware store. Thank you for helping **Lutheran Disaster Response** serve those needing relief from storms and flooding! ~ Advent Social Ministry Team



Lenten Appeal for World Hunger: As part of the **ELCA 40 Days of Giving** program, Advent organized an appeal to benefit **ELCA World Hunger**.

****Donations from the Hunger Tree are now due.** If you have not yet done so, please mail your donation to the church office or place in the offering plate. **THANK YOU** for supporting Advent's mission to help others around the world!

Salford Mennonite-Advent Lutheran Garden

The **2025 growing season** is off to a great start at the **Salford Mennonite-Advent Lutheran Garden**! Our partnership with **Salford Mennonite** provides

much needed food to groups who service those facing food insecurity. The garden produced **14,493 lbs.** of fresh, organic produce in 2024!

Come join the fun and see what the garden is about - stay as long as your schedule allows. Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary!



The garden is located at 480 Groffs Mill Rd in Harleysville and volunteers are there most Saturday mornings between 8am to 11:30am.

BREAD DROP SERVICE PROJECT:

Volunteers Needed for June & July!

MANY THANKS to those who are faithfully serving with this ministry!

Advent participates in the **Bread Drop** food program with local churches and organizations to help those experiencing food insecurity.

We invite members to sign up for **1 or more weeks** to make **peanut butter and jelly sandwiches**.

****This could be a meaningful service activity for the summer -- especially for families with children!**

Please click on the **link below** to volunteer. Sandwiches need to be delivered to **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** in Souderton on **Monday OR Tuesday between 9:30am and 1:00pm**.

Please consider sharing your time to help others in need. Thank you!!

[**VOLUNTEER HERE to Provide Sandwiches for the EMeal/Bread Drop program**](#)



ADVENT LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE:

100 Box Challenge Bean Bag Food Program



THANK YOU for putting faith into action by donating to the **Bean Bag Food Program!** Advent members contributed many needed food items for the challenge. This ministry serves students in our school district by providing food for the weekend. Donations were delivered to the **Bean Bag** warehouse in April and will be distributed to students in the Indian Valley area. A **Thrivent** Action Plan was used to support this project. **THANK YOU** for caring and generously sharing with our neighborhood children!



2024-2025 SCS OFFERINGS: LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE



Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

THANK YOU to our SCS students and families who collected SCS offerings in Coin Boxes during Lent for **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE**, which brings hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters.

****Now that Easter is here, please return COIN BOXES to Advent. Thank You!**

For more information, click on the following link:

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>

FAIR TRADE SALES

Thank you for supporting **Fair Trade** at Advent!



Our next sale is Sunday, May 18 after the 9:30am service. **Members** can purchase items using credit or debit cards with their cell phones.



We invite you to purchase products from **Lutheran World Relief** (coffee) and **Equal Exchange** (chocolate, nuts, mangoes, cocoa, tea). Your purchases help to empower our global neighbors AND encourage environmentally sustainable production. **Thank you for your willingness to partner with farmers, workers, and families in need of our support!** ~ Advent Social Ministry Team

Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy Stream Clean-up

THANK YOU to all of our **Advent volunteers** who helped at the **Perkiomen Watershed** clean-up event on Saturday, April 12 – braving the cold and rainy weather! More than 1,000 volunteers worked together to remove litter and other debris from local streams and side areas.



Thanks for volunteering your time to keep our community beautiful! Kudos to Tess Strayer for organizing the Advent team!



Annual Race to End Hunger Update:



Manna on Main Street held its 14th Annual **Race to End Hunger** on **April 5** in Lansdale.

This event is Manna's largest fundraiser of the year. **573** participants signed up -- including **10 members and friends from Advent**. **Over \$155,000** was raised to benefit Manna's programs – a new record!

****Congratulations to Barb Bamford and Bruce Rhoades** who came in first place in their respective age groups for the 5K.

A special shout out to **Peg Bamford**, one of the oldest participants in the 1 Mile Walk!

Thank you for supporting the work of Manna on Main Street!



Opportunity for Advent Members to Serve:



SHEPHERD'S SHELF is a local emergency food cupboard located at Christ Lutheran Church, 2211 Mainland Road, in Harleysville.

On **Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:15 - 8:00 pm**, and **Tuesday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 am**, volunteers (age 12+) are needed to distribute food items to those in need. Available positions are for general helpers, filling bags, and carrying bags to client cars. If you are able to help, please sign up on the link below. Contact Amy Coll on Advent's

Social Ministry team with any questions. Thank you for your support!!

[Click Here to access the Shepherd's Shelf Volunteer List](#)



Opportunity for Advent Members to Serve:

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Souderton needs volunteers to help with their **E-Meal Ministry** which was created to support food shortages due to the pandemic. Meal bags are assembled and distributed to those struggling with hunger.

Volunteers are needed each week - Monday through Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:00am or 10:30-1:15pm.

If you are able to help, [Click Here to Access EMeal Volunteer Schedule](#)

For more information please contact: Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 215-723-7514.

Manna to Go :

The Social Ministry Team looks at specific needs within the **church, community, synod, and world**, and organizes help from our congregation to meet those needs. Our **Manna to Go** program provides meals, transportation, and/or personal care to our members as needed.



If you (or your family) are experiencing an illness, hospital stay, or other situation where meals, rides, or another service would be helpful, please let Pastor Mark or the church office know, and we will organize our church family to provide whatever is needed. ~
Advent Social Ministry Team

Keystone Opportunity Center “Immediate Needs” Weekly Email



The ***Immediate Needs*** is a list of the most current items needed by Keystone families to live a more self-sufficient life. Keystone posts the list every Friday on their website at

<https://keystoneopportunity.org/needs/>

Advent includes the link in our weekly Wednesday email.

Donations may be delivered to **Keystone Opportunity Center, 104 Main St, Souderton** on Mondays through Thursdays from 9am to 4pm, OR can now be ordered through **Amazon Wish List and shipped directly to Keystone.**

Thank you for helping neighbors in our community!



Allison Farrell 05/03	Jeanette Diaz-Gottlieb 05/20
Patrick Nevin 05/03	Daryn Bergey 05/20
Sara Nevin 05/03	Joel Evans 05/22
Vincent Ryan Jr. 05/04	Monica Strawbridge 05/23
Arlene Knechel 05/05	Kathy Farrell 05/23
Maggie Kraus 05/06	Ryan Cairns 05/24
Barb Bailey 05/06	Barbara Bamford 05/24
Lucy DaLuz 05/08	Katie McClure 05/25
Judi Greene 05/11	Jean Godsall-Myers 05/26
Taylor Garges 05/13	Paul Fisher 05/27
Ronald Bowlan 05/13	Evan Wightman 05/27
Marc Holloway 05/13	Sunny Hassett 05/30
Pam Ryba 05/14	Will Kelly 05/30
Aubrey Sansoucie 05/16	Nikki Mendel 05/30
Foreman Smith 05/16	Elliot Smith 05/30
Bob Gottlieb 05/17	Rick Ulmer 05/30
Sandy Freshcorn 05/18	Brad Grunewald 05/31
Betsy Smith 05/19	

Birthday Card Ministry

Each month a small group of volunteers meets to write birthday messages for Advent members. All are welcome to join in this ministry! Please contact Judy Patti to volunteer or donate birthday cards.

grandmum4367@gmail.com

Trish Barth 05/20	Ethan Sague 05/01
Sophia DeVoll 05/19	Monica Strawbridge 05/01
Joel Douglas 05/24	Rachael Strayer 05/09
Sandi Fisher 05/24	Luke Taylor 05/01
Rosemary Forsythe 05/01	Nate Taylor 05/01
Jake Forwood 05/??/2003	Kathy Tucholski 05/14
Amy Garges 05/01	Eryn Werner 05/10
Stetson Hassett 05/24	
Rich Lantz 05/29	
Jae Lutchter 05/30	
Kevin McClure 05/01	
Ashleigh Miller 05/19	
Caleb Miller 05/01	
Kim Ribelin 05/06	
Doretta Roessler 05/26	

Baptismal Remembrance

To celebrate your baptism, labyrinth stickers will be placed in your church mailbox.

These make great stickers for water bottles and laptops or to place in a spot you'll see each day.

Around the circle are instructions for using the labyrinth: Trace inward, release distractions.

Pause in the center, receive peace. Trace outward, return renewed.



Stickers are from Illustrated Ministry

PRAYER CONCERNS

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone,...” [1 Timothy 2.1]

Members in our Prayers

Mark Taylor, Sandi Fisher,

Arlene Kneckel, Aaron Ali, Sy Ali, Nancy Grunewald, Kim Sekiya

Families that are Grieving

Our sibling in Christ in the Roman Catholic Church as they grieve the death of Pope Francis,
and select the next pope.

Friends and Families in our Prayers

David Nieves Jr. (Lori LaCava’s co-worker’s son)

Dina (Doretta Roessler’s cousin)

Prayers for those in the Military and Abroad

Corey Clark, Carlton Christie, Emily Christie, Jake Forwood, Tyler Martucci



MAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

If you have not yet volunteered, and are willing to serve (or just curious about it) please contact our [church office](#) or [Becky Fisher](#). Training is provided. Serving as a worship volunteer is a way to connect with others, connect in worship, and share your gifts.

	9:30am									
	Worship Assistant	Lector	Ushers (2)	Communion Assistants (2)	Acolyte	Welcome Table	Announcements	Nursery	Bread	Altar Guild
5/4	Advent Youth	Advent Youth	Advent Youth	Advent Youth	Advent Youth	Advent Youth	Advent Youth	Lynn Scheckenbach	Advent	Pam White
5/11		Amy Hammond	Amy & Joe Hammond	Judi Greene,					Amy Hammond	
5/18		Jean Godsall-Myers	Jenise & Bruce Rhoiades							
5/25		Helen Nace							Advent	

May COUNTERS: Deb Haig and Jenine Nevin. June Advocate articles are due to office@adventharleysville by May 15th.

Starting May 4, we move to one worship service at 9:30am.