



Advent Lutheran Church

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SEPTEMBER 2025 MINISTRY CALENDAR

- September 1** Labor Day, church office closed
- September 2** 6pm REST (devotional time in the sanctuary)
7pm All Team Night
- September 7** 9:30am worship (in person and livestreamed)
featuring Barbershop Quartet—Bill Kesack, Barb Taylor, Ron Moritz, Rich Lantz
10:30am God's Work. Our Hands Day service projects
- September 9** 7pm Council Meeting
- September 11** 7pm Chancel Choir
- September 14** **Fall Schedule Resumes**
8:30am worship (in person and livestreamed)
9:45am Rally Day, Sunday Church School, Adult Forum
11am worship
- September 17** 7pm 7-8th graders Confirmation class
- September 18** 7pm Chancel Choir
- September 21** 8:30am worship (in person and livestreamed)
9:45am Fair Trade Sale, Sunday Church School, Adult forum
11am worship
- September 25** 7pm Chancel Choir
- September 27** 8am Church Yard Sale
- September 28** 8:30am worship (in person and livestreamed)
9:45am Sunday Church School, Adult Forum
11am worship
6pm 9th grade Confirmation class

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Bruce Rhoades,
Rich Lantz, Carrie Johnson,
Helen Nace
Pastor Mark Singh-Hueter

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



TRANSITIONS AND NEW BEGINNINGS

Moving from Summer into the Program Year

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There's an old joke about a group of explorers hacking their way through a dense jungle as they try to find a nearby town. They pause as one guy carefully climbs up the tallest tree in the area to take a sighting. He climbs back down and announces, "I've got good news and I've got bad news."

The group asks, "What's the good news?" With a smile on his face, he replies, "We're making great time." They follow up. "What's the bad news?" Sadly, he shares, "We're heading the wrong direction."

Which direction are you heading? We have some choices this fall.

We often talk of the New Year as a time of resolutions and new things, but at least in the church (and in much of our society), it is Autumn that is a time of new starts. And choices.

School is starting up, with families transitioning...into days with kids at school...with a parent alone at home...with the stress of after school activities...with empty nests again, or for the first time.

Sunday mornings at church are transitioning...from one service to two...from occasional special events to weekly Sunday Church School and Adult Forum...

The rest of the week gets busier at church...with choir rehearsals...and confirmation classes...and youth nights...and adult Bible Studies...and the Fall Stewardship mission focus and invitation...

We add a few more special events, like...a yard sale...Trunk of Treat...bringing back the Progressive Dinner...

There are special opportunities like...youth retreats...a women's retreat at Bear Creek Camp...maybe a service trip event?...

It's also a time to try some new things. I'm hoping to plan for...a Blessing of the Animals (on a new day/time) ...perhaps a spiritual gifts workshop for those who didn't attend yet...maybe young parents gathering to share ideas and ways to bring devotions and Bible into the home...

Lots of ideas and opportunities.

Here are a couple of suggestions from me. (Not to overwhelm with more stuff and busier schedules, but to invite to some healthy choices and balance for body, mind, spirit, and relationships.)

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARK CONTINUED

1 – Get involved. *This is more for newer worshipers, or people less active.* Try something new.

Maybe you've been here for years but never tried ushering or helping with communion.

Maybe you are newer, and don't know that many people, and an event like Trunk or Treat or the Progressive Dinner would expand those relationships.

You might be dealing with some loss or transition, or you're just ready to grow, and a Bible Study or small group (Tuesday REST or book club or...) might be a needed experience and community.

Perhaps you're ready to roll up your sleeves and get involved in a ministry team.

Dare to step into something new.

2 – Don't assume. *This is more for leaders and people who have been around for a while.* When you advertise, or announce, or invite, "tell the impact story." Go beyond the facts and share the experience, the impact, the blessing. (The longer we have been here, the easier it is to assume everyone knows.)

I have talked with a couple newer members recently and mentioned the Progressive Dinner. "Do you know what that is?" I'll ask. "No." So, I tell the impact story.

We might just make the announcement that, "We're doing the Progressive Dinner again, so make sure you sign up." Some people will excitedly sign up, some might ask about it, but some won't even consider it because they don't understand, and so it seems like this event is not for them.

When I talked with newer members about it, I shared the experience...going to several homes...meeting a different group at each place...perhaps a chance to host one of them...laughter and community and good food and making or deepening friendships. The impact story.

Consider how we might tell that impact story with our ministries, with service projects, with small groups and worship opportunities. How can you let someone know, not just what is happening when (There's a Women's Retreat at Bear Creek Camp), but what the impact is (here are some of the activities, and here's how someone from last year's retreat described the experience).

Returning to my opening illustration, as fall gears up, it's easy to just get busy, reacting, with no particular vision. We might be "making good time" but going in the wrong direction. How might you step into something new that might step the right direction – deepening relationships, growing in Christ, living out your faith in a new way? And how might we invite each other in ways that share the impact stories and point to what God is doing in our midst?

Let's grow together.

Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,

Pastor Mark

Pub Theology – Thursday, August 28 at 7pm

You are welcome to join a group of Advent members, and guests and friends, for a monthly gathering at Branch Creek Taphouse, in Souderton, 30 W. Chestnut St. Souderton, PA 18964.

What is Pub Theology?

It is an open gathering (you don't have to be a church member, or even regular worshiper, so bring that friend or neighbor)

where we pour a pint (you can pour your own at the taphouse)

and discuss a faith-related question (NOT a Bible study or teaching, but a conversation).

The setting is public, the atmosphere is welcoming of all viewpoints, the invitation is to be yourself and welcome others as we listen and share.

For regular members, we come trusting that God's presence and spirit is there inviting and caring in a non-judgmental setting. For others, it's a safe place to ask questions or share perspectives and step into some faith conversations. For all of us, it is a time of honest sharing and questioning and pondering together.

Past topics we've discussed are Space for Faith, the Power of Symbols, and Traditions.



TUESDAY REST, Tuesday, September 2, 6:00pm

We offer a short half-hour 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).

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

Contact Pastor Mark for more information.

NEWS FROM OUR SEPA SYNOD



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

A Message from Bishop Bryan Penman



Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Dear beloved in Christ,

As August arrives, the air begins to shift ever so slightly—school supplies fill store shelves, calendars get updated with new schedules and families prepare to return to more regular rhythms of daily life. There's something about this season that invites reflection. A turning of the page. A beginning again.

In the church, we mark our beginnings at the waters of Baptism. Whether we were splashed as infants or immersed as adults, we carry those waters with us. We are marked with the cross of Christ forever—and that mark shapes how we live, how we love, and how we move through the world.

This fall, as life picks up speed again, I want to invite you to consider: What spiritual rhythms shape your daily living? When the calendar fills up and the pace of life quickens, it becomes even more important to ground ourselves in the practices that give life.

In Baptism, we make promises—not just once, but every day we rise and remember we belong to God. So how might we live them more fully this season?

- **How do we live among God's faithful people?** Maybe it's returning to worship regularly or connecting with a small group. Community is not a luxury; it's a lifeline.
- **How do we hear the Word and share the meal?** Could you carve out time each week to read Scripture or join a Bible study? Or simply come to the Table on Sunday and let grace nourish you?
- **How do we proclaim Christ through our words and actions?** A kind word, a generous gesture, an act of forgiveness—they preach louder than most sermons.
- **How do we serve all people?** Look around. Where is God calling you to show up—with hands ready, and a heart open?
- **How do we strive for justice and peace in all the earth?** This world is aching. Don't underestimate the power of your voice, your vote, your presence at the margins.

Yes, life is busy. I get it. Kids to school, work deadlines, appointments, aging parents, news cycles. It's overwhelming.

But here's what I know: Tending to your spiritual life won't drain you. It will ground you. It may be the very thing that saves you when everything else seems to fall apart.

So this fall, fall back into church. Fall back into rhythms of grace. Fall back on Jesus—and see just how strong those arms can be.

With you on the journey,

+The Rev. Bryan Penman

Bishop, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

September 14 - Fall Schedule Begins

Worship at 8:30 and 11am

Rally Day @ 9:45am

Learning and fun for all ages



Adult Forum

The Adult Forum is a Sunday morning gathering between worship services for adults to discuss topics related to faith, our community, the church, and the world. It is a gathering to encourage lively dialogue in our faith and life and a place where all are welcome.



September 14 – Rally Day Kick Off with food and fellowship

September 21 - A Talk with our Mennonite Neighbors on the 500th Anniversary of the Anabaptists. Joel Nofzier, Director of the Mennonite Heritage Center will be preaching in worship and leading the Adult Forum.

September 28 – Advent is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation What does this mean? How is the Spirit moving us today in the work of welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy?"



The purpose of the RIC Program is to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist work and support the national program.

The **Adult Forum Planning Team** meets throughout the year to plan themes, topics and schedule guest speakers for the forum. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Carrie Ryan.

“At the Table”

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The church was full of laughter, singing, playing and learning during VBS!
Thank you to all our volunteers - adult and youth - who helped each day.

2025 VBS Statistics

81 participants
18 adult helpers - 22 youth helpers
7 young adult helpers
53 backpacks collected for Martin Luther
School from VBS and Advent families –
Thank you!

2025 VBS Extended Care Statistics

46 participants
7 lunch buddies - 6 adult volunteers
18 youth and young adult volunteers
Participating families were asked for
monetary donations and \$1,159 was
raised for Advent's Youth Funds!



What Really Matters?

a SEPA Youth Retreat

November 8-9 @ Bear Creek Camp

This retreat for youth in grades 6–9 is designed to help young people explore what truly matters in living a Christ-like, faith-filled life. Through engaging activities, worship, and small group discussions, participants will grow in their understanding of God's love and how to follow Jesus in their everyday lives. Don't miss this opportunity to discover what really matters!

Registration is OPEN, contact Carrie Ryan to sign up.

All Youth Night @ Advent's Pavilion Sunday, October 5, 6-8pm

Who: Youth in 5th-12th Grades and their friends

Menu: Pizza, veggies, fruit and s'more

What: All Youth Night is held once a month and includes dinner and a social, service and spiritual activity.

Spiritual -Bible Skits

Service -Trunk or Treat preparation

Social - Outdoor games



Food donations and adult volunteers are needed to make All Youth Night a success.

[All Youth Night Sign Up](#)



If you are a young adult, or if you know of a young adult who is looking for a community of friends and a way to express faith, consider campus ministry. Young adults experience unique spiritual, intellectual and emotional challenges. Campus Ministry seeks to strengthen and support them as they learn and grow.

You can use this referral tool to find a ministry near you. If you are looking for a school that is not listed, we will direct your referral to the nearest ELCA Lutheran church.

<https://luminelca.org/refer-a-student/>



Fall Bible Study – The Corinthian Correspondence

Wednesdays, starting September 24 at 10am

Beginning on Wednesday, September 24 at 10:00, Pastor Steve will lead a Bible Study on the Corinthian Correspondence (were there more than two letters).

We will focus on 1 and 2 Corinthians that appear in our Bibles, but we will explore a lot that was going on in this diverse congregation in a 'cosmopolitan' city of Ancient Greece.

Like Paul, we will touch on many topics – marriage, communion, gifts (including speaking in tongues), resurrection, reconciliation, critiques of Paul and the 'koinonia' – special offering on behalf of the saints. We will try to get it all done by the end of October (the 29th)

Hope to see you, it's BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible) or BOOS (Borrow One Of Ours).

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

- Vince Ryan led a Council discussion on the condition of the organ and considerations for future investment/repair options.
- A draft update to the Welcome Statement was presented in order to continue to align Advent as a Reconciling in Christ congregation (RIC). Also, additional updates are being considered that address other areas that are important to our church. There will be an Adult Forum on 10/19 to review and discuss.
- Several members have recently joined the Mutual Ministry Team - Daryn Bergey, Dave Lutcher and Jenise Rhoades - thank you for support.



FELLOWSHIP



Advent Adult Progressive Dinner 2025

Advent's Adult Progressive Dinner is back! Save the date for **Saturday, October 18.**

Advent's annual Progressive Dinner has always been a great deal of fun and a good way to get to know each other better. This year's event is dedicated to the memory of Betty Schantz, Advent's organizer extraordinaire of many years and originator of the church's annual Progressive Dinner.

What is a Progressive Dinner?

An evening consisting of a three-course dining experience as we 'progress' from one house to the next for each course.

We sign up in 'twos'. This facilitates the number of homes participating, keeping the planning of this event on an even keel. For example, we need participant pairs for 'appetizer host', 'dinner host and co-host', and 'dessert host'.

If you are hosting at your home, you will have a total of eight people at your house, including yourselves.

The best part is that the same people will not visit any home twice, or for any course, until we all meet back at the church together for dessert!

Stay tuned for more details! There will be a Sign-Up Genius available as well as a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall.

Mark your calendar for this enjoyable occasion!

Any questions, please call Judi Greene at 215-390-3283.

ADVENT YARD SALE

Saturday, September 27 at 8am

Advent Lutheran's Welcome Team will be hosting our first annual yard sale, selling tables are only open to members of Advent. There is no charge for you to host a table, and the tables/chairs will be provided by Advent, or you may bring your own table.

Set will be on Saturday morning starting at 7am. We will be using the parking lot for both tables and visitor parking.

If you have already sign up on SUG, there is no need to sign up again.

If you are interested in signing up to host a table, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4FADA92CAAF58-57077810-advent>

Requests for tables will close on Wednesday, September 24 so we can determine the layout and number of the tables.





This year's Corn Roast was a wonderful success! We had a group of 39 join us for music, fellowship and a great time. A big thank you to everyone who joined us, especially The Machine Shed Band, our musicians. We also raised \$804 dollars for Shepherd's Shelf. Looking forward to seeing all of you again next year!



WORSHIP AND MUSIC



Congratulations to Jeremy Evans, the 2025-2026 Music Scholarship winner.

Jeremy is a junior at Souderton High School. He is active in Troop 137 Boy Scouts in Harleysville (his Eagle project was the Little Free Library out front), and also competes in the local and regional science fairs for school. He plays the trumpet in the Souderton HS Jazz Band, and is looking forward to continuing his musicianship at Advent.



Welcome back musicians!

Opportunities abound for you to share your talent. We love to hear you play or sing. Chancel Choir rehearses every Thursday evening and special ensembles are formed for instrumentalists or handbells. Please see Vince Ryan for details.

Beginning on Sunday, September 14 we will begin our two worship service schedule of 8:30am (which is also livestreamed) and 11am with Christian Education between services.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

God's Work. Our Hands Day

September 7, 2025

This year, the ELCA is celebrating its 12th anniversary of the annual ECLA Day of Service. 12 years of Lutheran congregations joining together to serve! On September 7, our Advent members will be gathering to assemble:



Disaster Relief Buckets for Lutheran Liberty Services – are filled with items needed to help a family after a flood.



Snack bags for The Welcome Church – this “church without walls” serves those experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia.



Health and Wellness Neighbor Kits for Global Refuge – support both new arrivals and those in need of a helping hand and show refugees and other immigrants that they are a critical part of our communities.



60 Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches for the Bread Drop/E-Meal Ministry –for those in our community facing food insecurity.



Advent's Meadow Project – help prepare the area where Advent will have a wildflower meadow!

PLEASE JOIN US for God's Work. Our Hands Day as we turn Advent's Fellowship Hall (and outside) into a music-playing, assembling PARTY to serve others!



There is Hope! Pinwheel Display

Advent has once again been asked by the Montgomery County Suicide Prevention Taskforce to set up a THERE IS HOPE Pinwheel Display during Suicide Prevention Month. Each pinwheel in the display equals a life lost to suicide last year in Montgomery County, PA. If you or someone you care about is in a mental health crisis call the Montgomery County Mobile Crisis Office, 24/7 at 1-855-634-HOPE(4673).



**American
Red Cross**

The **Red Cross Blood Drive** held at Advent on Tuesday, August 19 was a **great success!!** 39 pints of blood were collected, exceeding our goal, and helping the emergency blood shortage.

A HUGE **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who took time to donate. You have made an **important difference** in the life of someone who needed blood!

Our next drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 18, 2025**. Please save the date!

~ Advent Social Ministry Team

BREAD DROP SERVICE PROJECT:

September & October Slots Available

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. Please consider volunteering as a service activity.

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**](#)





Salford Mennonite-Advent Lutheran Garden

Our partnership with Salford Mennonite provides much needed food to groups who serve those facing food insecurity. The garden produced **14,493 lbs.** of fresh, organic produce in 2024!

Please join us on Saturdays at any time between 8:00am and 11:30am. The garden is located at 480 Groffs Mill Rd in Harleysville. All are welcome and no experience is needed! Just bring a water bottle and be sure to wear sunscreen, a hat, and some gloves.

Below is a list of Saturdays assigned to a specific Ministry Team. If you can't make the Saturday your team is assigned, don't worry, feel free to come on another Saturday. The garden is a stress-free zone!

The gardening group looks forward to seeing you there. **Bonus:** Sweat Equity - You can even bring home some fresh veggies for yourself. We also take a well-deserved break around 10:00 which usually includes some delicious baked goods!

Date	Ministry Team
8/9	Welcoming
8/16	Worship and Music
8/23	Property
8/30	Finance
9/6	Fellowship
9/13	Social Ministry
9/20	Christian Education
9/27	Stewardship
10/4	Mutual Ministry
10/11	Welcoming
10/18	Worship and Music
10/25	Property



FAIR TRADE SALES

Our next sale will be held **Sunday, September 21** after each worship 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, 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



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 - 8:15 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 10:30-1:00pm or Thursday nights from 6:00-8:00pm.

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

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!



Bradley Evans	09/01	Kara Stover	09/18
Carrie Ryan	09/02	Michelle Kurosz	09/19
Stephen Godsall-Myers	09/02	William Sansoucie	09/19
Harper Mendel	09/03	Amy Coll	09/20
Breleigh Mendel	09/04	Dylan DaLuz	09/22
Eileen Solomon	09/07	Sophia Foglio	09/22
Jessica Kraus	09/08	Eileen Filice	09/22
Nancy Bergey	09/09	Rachel Barth	09/23
Jennifer Brown	09/13	Connor Grunewald	09/23
Erin Solomon	09/14	Bev Warner	09/24
Maeve Dahlgren	09/15	Janet Kreiss	09/24
Henry Foley	09/15	Shirl DeVoll	09/27
Aly Hassett	09/16	Chase Taylor	09/30
Diana Shearer	09/16	Peg Bamford	09/30
Susan Stratton	09/16		
Joshua Morasco	09/17		

Hannah Bailey	Julea Foley
09/??	09/14
Adam Dahlgren	Eileen Solomon
09/??	09/17
Vincent Ryan Jr.	Rachel Hammond
09/03	09/17
Matthew Ryba	Ezra Boyer
09/03	09/24
Ethan Ribelin	Norma Lugar
09/08	09/30
Calvin Ribelin	
09/08	

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! If you would like to volunteer or donate birthday cards, please contact Judy Patti at grandmum4367@gmail.com

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.



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

Sandi Fisher, Paul Fisher, Aaron Ali, Sy Ali, Sue MacFadden

Kim Sekiya, Betty Johnson, Lauren Ryan, Gail Wightman, Carrie Johnson, Jo Wilhelmson

Families that are Grieving

Paul and Sandi Fisher and family and friends at the death of Sandi’s mother, Anita Sykes

Teresa Feeser and family and friends at the death of her sister in law, Sherry Feeser

Dave Brown and family and friends at the death of his brother Donald Brown

Pat Haberman and family and friends at death of husband Arthur Haberman (neighbors of Jo Ann Gilbert)

Friends and Families in our Prayers

Jack Ryan (cousin of Eileen Solomon)

Patty Gallagher (best friend and ‘Little Sister’) of Pat Hufnagle

Theresa Kerlin (mother of Emily Vincent)

Anne (neighbor of Cindy James)

Mary Eckert (neighbor of Advent Lutheran Church)

Prayers for those in the Military and Abroad

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



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

WORSHIP ROLES

Please consider signing up for worship leadership and volunteering. Not only will you be serving and helping your congregation in worship; many people find some of these roles to be opportunities to deepen faith and become more invested in the worship service.

If you volunteer for something you haven't done before, we can pair you up with someone who's a "pro" (e.g. with ushering or altar guild) or provide some training for you (e.g. lector or worship assistant).

Here are some of the roles, and a brief description:

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: You will be robed, and have your own binder which includes hymns and prayers. Partner with the pastor in being up front and leading worship, with both liturgy and sharing the bread in communion.

LECTOR: You will receive a copy of the Bible reading (and intro) for Sunday, and will come forward to share that reading after the Psalm.

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Two of you will come forward to receive communion, then will be offering the wine or grape juice to worshipers as they come by. After the first service, prepare communion for the second service. After second service, clean up – instructions and training are available.

ALTAR GUILD: You will set up communion (for the first service), and make sure all is attended to afterwards. There are additional opportunities to help with Sunday prep as you wish and are able. This is a great role to do with a partner, including being paired with a "pro" your first time.

USHERS: You two will welcome people and hand out bulletins, make sure the room is prepped (windows etc), count the attendance, usher people for communion, secure the offering, and clean up after worship. There are detailed instructions.

ACOLYTE: You will be robed, and will light the candles at the beginning of the service, and put them out at the end. Open to younger youth, but certainly not limited to any age.

WELCOME TABLE: You will welcome worshipers, especially those new to Advent. (The pastor can help identify people for you.) Give out a gift and invite them to sign our guest book if they are new.

BREAD: Bake and provide bread to be used for communion. We have a special recipe you can use, but you can also provide your own choice of bread.

NURSERY: Join our nursery attendant in watching children during the worship time, including bringing them to the sanctuary for the children's sermon, and again at communion time.

September COUNTERS: Deb Haig and Janine Nevin.

October Advocate articles are due to office@adventharleysville by September 15th.

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.