



Advent Lutheran Church

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JULY 2026 MINISTRY CALENDAR

- July 3** Office closed for July 4
- July 5** 9:30am Sunday Worship (in person and livestreamed)
10:30am Coffee Fellowship
- July 5-19** Partnering with Family Promise at Salford Mennonite
- July 10** 11am-2pm VBS decorating
- July 11** 10:30am Paula Slemmer funeral at Peter Becker Community
- July 12** 9:30am Sunday Worship (in person and livestreamed)
10:30am Coffee Fellowship and Bread Drop Service Project
- July 14** 9am-1pm VBS decorating
- July 18** 6pm Youth Groups at Salford Mennonite for Family Promise
- July 19** 9:30am Sunday Worship (in person and livestreamed)
10:30 am Fair Trade Sale
11am Book Club
- July 20** 11am-2pm VBS decorating
- July 22** 7pm Pub Theology at Neshaminy Creek Brewing
- July 25** 2-4pm Archive Team Fundraiser
- July 26** 9:30am Sunday Worship Outdoor—Pavilion
(in person and livestreamed)
10:30am Coffee Fellowship
VBS decorating after worship

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Carrie Ryan, Bill Kesack

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Zach Boyer, Vice President
Diana McClure, Treasurer
Rich Lantz, Secretary
Helen Nace, Judi Greene,
Bruce Rhoades, Lora Drenth,
Teresa Feeser
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 – embrace their uniqueness in all aspects of life including race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds and age. We care for the environment and strive for racial equity and social and economic justice. 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!

PASTOR SABBATICAL

Mid-Sabbatical Update Letter to the Congregation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we reach the midpoint of Pastor Mark's sabbatical, we wanted to take a moment to share an update and express our gratitude to the Advent Lutheran Church family.

Nearly six weeks ago, we sent Pastor Mark off on a time of rest, renewal, reflection, and spiritual growth. This sabbatical was carefully planned as an investment in both our pastor and the future ministry of our congregation. We are pleased to report that all is going well, and we look forward to welcoming Pastor Mark back in August refreshed and renewed for the next chapter of ministry together.

During this time, we have been reminded that while pastors provide important leadership, the Church itself is the Body of Christ. Through worship, fellowship, service, and prayer, God continues to work through each member of this congregation. We have witnessed volunteers stepping into new roles, ministry teams continuing their faithful work, and members supporting one another with generosity and care.

We are deeply grateful to our guest pastors and worship leaders, church staff, ministry teams, musicians, and volunteers who have helped ensure that worship and ministry continue smoothly during Pastor Mark's absence. Your dedication reflects the strength of this congregation and the many ways God equips His people for service.

This sabbatical is not only a time of renewal for Pastor Mark; it is also an opportunity for us as a congregation to reflect on our own faith journey. As we continue through these summer weeks, we encourage you to remain actively engaged in worship, fellowship events, and service opportunities. Together, we are learning once again that God's work among us continues through the shared ministry of the whole congregation.

Please continue to keep Pastor Mark and his family in your prayers during the second half of his sabbatical. Pray that this time continues to be one of renewal and spiritual growth. We also ask for your prayers for Advent Lutheran Church, that God would guide us in our mission to connect, grow, and serve in Christ's name.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and faithful participation during this time. Your support has helped make this sabbatical a blessing not only for Pastor Mark but for our entire congregation.

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As the Apostle Paul reminds us: "There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord." — 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

May God continue to bless and sustain Advent Lutheran Church and the ministries that provide support to our congregation and surrounding communities.

Saved by God's grace, renewed through word and sacrament, we are sent as disciples to share the gospel of Jesus.

In Christ's Service,

Amy Coll (Council President) & Steve Nevin (Sabbatical Team Lead)

Pastoral Sabbatical

Just a reminder that while Pastor Mark is on his pastoral sabbatical until August 16, all our worship services are being covered by Pastor Stephen Godsall-Myers and Pastor David Lutchter. If you require any pastoral care, Pastor Jo Wilhelmson or Pastor Sue MacFadden are available by contacting the church office at 215-256-9941.



If you have any questions or concerns related to the sabbatical, please contact Council President-Amy Coll (215-527-0384) or Sabbatical Team Lead-Steve Nevin (267-614-0406).

Congregation Sabbatical Activity

W+W - Wander & Wonder

Pastor Mark is on sabbatical - a time set apart for wandering and wondering. For stepping away from the familiar to refresh his mind, body, and spirit. To deepen his relationship with God.



We're invited to join him from right where we are.

This summer, take your own "mini-sabbaticals."

Step outside and let nature do its work.

Pick up something worth reading.

Make something with your hands.

Take time to pray. Take time to read your Bible.

Sit quietly long enough to hear yourself think. Whatever your soul is asking for, give it a little of that.

Fill out a WOW card and post it on the board in the narthex to share your own moments of wandering and wondering. We'd love to carry this journey together.

SEPA SYNOD

On May 29th and 30th, Travis Nace and Amy Coll attended the SEPA Synod Assembly as representatives of Advent at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale. They, along with Pastor Steve Godsall-Myers and Cassie Singh-Hueter, met representatives of the other churches in our Synod, learned more about opportunities for Advent to grow and voted in elections. The Assembly passed a Resolution and Memorial on Creation Care and a Resolution Rejecting Christian Nationalism. They were all also proud witnesses (along with Stan) to Bishop Penman's recognition of the 40th anniversary of Pastor Jo Wilhelmson's ordination.



CELEBRATING PASTOR JO!

Congratulations to Pastor Jo on the 40th anniversary of her ordination!

We were so happy to celebrate her on Sunday, June 7th!



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Paula Slemmer Celebration of Life
Peter Becker Community
Saturday, July 11

9:30am—Slemmer Family will greet visitors
10:30am—Celebration of Life

All are invited to a celebration of life for Paula Slemmer at Peter Becker Community, 800 Maple Avenue in Harleysville, PA.

The Slemmer Family will host a luncheon following the service.



COUNCIL NOTES

Council is reviewing Capital Expenditures.

Council reviewed and discussed resolutions passed at the Synod Assembly.



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship of Time

Stewardship Principles to live by

Manage Time Wisely

Time is a precious, limited gift from God. We are encouraged to honor God by being intentional, making the most of every opportunity, and living wisely rather than wasting the days we are given.

"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time."

Colossians 4:5:

How do you prioritize your time?

A time management expert was teaching a seminar.

- He placed a large, clear open-mouthed jar in front of the group.
- Next, he put seven or eight large rocks into the jar until it was full. "Is the jar full?" He asked. Everyone nodded.
- Then he took pebbles and filled up the jar with the small rocks until they reached the rim. "Is the jar full?" By now, they didn't answer.
- So, he poured fine sand in. "Is the jar full?" Some nodded.
- He proceeded to take a pitcher of water and filled up the jar again. "What's the lesson about time management?" he asked.
- Hands shot up, and everyone agreed "No matter how busy you are you can always fit more things into your schedule."
- "Wrong." he replied. "The lesson is: unless you put the big rocks in first, they never will fit in. You must figure out what the big rocks are for you."

What are the big rocks in your life? Giving time to God? Giving time to your marriage, to your children, to service for others?

If you don't put those big rocks in first, someone or something else of less importance will fill up your jar.

THE ARCHIVIST

Ageing? It's only a number, according to Abraham and Sarah.



So what? Advent Lutheran turns **294!**

But the two birthday "kids" and the
Advent Archive Group
aren't waiting any longer.

You are cordially invited to join in a celebration!

Saturday, July 25th • 2 - 4 p.m.

The Memorial Pavilion • Advent Lutheran Church

470 Landis Rd. Harleysville, PA

Your presence will be a delight!

- Taste non-alcoholic beers and mocktails
- Munch on soft pretzels (after all, locals are celebrating the 250th in Philly and beyond, right?)
- Sing "Happy Birthday" at least once
- Play some games and win a Raffle Basket!
- Buy something at our Table of Treasure
- Casual dress or vintage attire, as you wish.
- All ages welcome (care for your parents at your own risk, care for children up to parents)
- No rain date – tears from heaven will direct us into the Fellowship Hall

Please, no presents. But a donation towards a fire-resistant cabinet for Advent archival materials is appreciated.

Please R.S.V.P. by July 20 to Deane at deanewerley@gmail.com or Jean at wittjgm@gmail.com.

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or use SignUp Genius to tell us what finger foods you plan to bring by July 20th.

Click [here](#) for the Sign Up Genius to RSVP and let us know what you might bring.

A Brief History of Advent Lutheran Church by Rich Lantz

In the early 1700's, immigrants from Germany who had come to the British colony of Pennsylvania, primarily members of the German Lutheran and German Reformed churches, were moving and settling north and west from their original settlement of Germantown (now part of Philadelphia). They originally started worshiping with their Dutch Reformed neighbors under the leadership of a missionary named Michael Weiss. By the late 1720s, the Lutheran and Reformed groups sought to establish their own Union church in the village of "Old Goschenhoppen," in the area now known as Woxall, Upper Salford Township.

(Yes, there was a "New Goschenhoppen," both a village and a church, about five miles northwest. The village lost its identity as the towns of East Greenville, Pennsburg, and Red Hill grew together, but the church is still there, just west of Pennsburg.)

The Woxall residents formed two congregations, one Lutheran and the other Reformed. They purchased 38 acres from the sons of William Penn, and by 1732 they had erected a small log building where the two congregations held separate worship services.

The log building, known as the "Gemeinhaus" (pictured right—a shortened form of "Gemeinde Haus," "Congregation House") was quickly outgrown and a new stone church was constructed in 1748 on adjacent ground. This building served both congregations for 110 years until it was razed to make way for yet a larger building.



In 1750, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, a Lutheran missionary from Germany who was a central figure in organizing and formalizing the Lutheran mission in the colony of Pennsylvania, visited the Old Goschenhoppen congregation and dismissed its pastor, J. Conrad Andreae, citing "a weakness for wine." Muhlenberg appointed a new pastor, Lucas Rauss, who would also serve congregations at Indianfield (now Little Zion, Telford / Franconia Twp.), Perkasio, and Tohickon (Bucks County). This began a long tradition of the Old Goschenhoppen Lutheran congregation sharing a pastor with other congregations in the area.

Pastor Rauss remained until 1758, but over the following decades the congregation developed a tradition of pastors serving for long periods of time:

Pr. Conrad Roeller, 27 years (1772-1799)

His son, Pr. George Roeller, 40 years (1800-1840)

Pr. Egelbert Piexotto, 23 years (1841-1864, when he left citing "differences of opinion on the issue of slavery." It is not recorded who held the differing opinions nor how Pr. Piexotto was involved.)

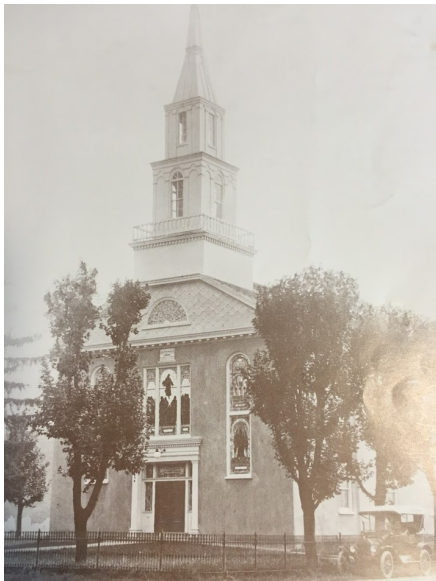
Pr. Frederick Walz, 28 years (1865-1893) during which time the Union Sunday School was formed, along with an annual fundraiser for it: The Oyster Picnic. First held in 1877, it has been held every year since except 2020 (because of the COVID-19 pandemic) and 2022 (because of seafood supply chain issues).

It bears noting that through this time, although the church was in the United States where English had become the primary language, the sermons were still being preached in German.

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The longest pastorate in the church's history belongs to Pr. Clinton R. Fetter. Called following Pr. Walz's departure in 1893, he served 43 years, until his death in 1936. During this time, the worship services transitioned to English, with only the annual Harvest Home service in September continuing in German.

The Women's Suffrage Movement, advocating for women to be allowed to vote, had begun with a convention at Seneca Falls, NY in 1848. Although it took until 1920, when the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution was adopted, for women to receive the vote nationally, Old Goschenhoppen amended its constitution in 1897, allowing women to vote "on all questions."



As the community continued to grow, the church building was remodeled (pictured left) and expanded an additional 18 feet in 1915. This is the configuration of the church today. It housed our congregation until July 1991, and continues to serve the Reformed congregation. The Gemeinhaus still stands behind the Reformed church; under the leadership of a committee of the Reformed congregation, members of both churches, along with local historical organizations, are involved in maintaining and preserving this historic structure.

In 1918, the "Spanish flu," an influenza epidemic, killed more soldiers and civilians than did World War I in North America and Europe. While some church activities were canceled, worship continued on schedule.

Following Pr. Fetter's death, Pr. Mark Owen Heller was elected in 1937; it took 40 years from the time women were allowed to vote to their first opportunity to vote on the election of a pastor! At this point, Old Gosh Lutheran shared a pastor only with Christ (Trumbauersville) with each church holding services on alternate Sundays.

In 1941, another epidemic, this time "polio" (poliomyelitis, a.k.a. infantile paralysis) forced cancellation of many activities, including, for the first time, the Sunday School picnic. But worship continued on schedule.

In 1947, conducting the Harvest Home service in German ended. All worship services are now in English.

In 1959, Pr. Heller left and Pr. Glenn C. Reichley was called. At this point, Christ (Trumbauersville) called their own pastor. Old Gosh ceased being part of a multi-point pastorate, and they and the Reformed congregation (by this time affiliated with the recently-formed UCC denomination, an affiliation that would end in 2003) started holding services at different times every Sunday morning, similar to the original Gemeinhaus arrangement. Which church had the early service and which had the late service alternated each year. Some other interesting arrangements involved one congregation holding an Ash Wednesday service while the other held "Ash Thursday" the following evening!

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During the 1960s, a committee was formed to investigate the possibility of dissolving the union and relocating the Lutheran congregation. Although nothing was done immediately, the movement gained traction in the mid-1980s when there was a call to serve newcomers in the rapidly growing Harleysville – Lederach community in Lower Salford Township. To that end, the Southeast PA Synod, the church body of which Old Gosh Lutheran was a member, purchased a property at Route 113 and Landis Road.

A groundbreaking ceremony for construction of a new 6,900 square-foot building on the Landis Road tract was held in October 1990. In the process of relocation, the name was updated to reflect the anticipation of growth and better serving God and the community, while retaining a portion of its history: Advent Lutheran Church of Goschenhoppen! We celebrated our first worship service in the new location in July 1991, and our 30th anniversary here in July 2021!

The union of the Lutheran and Reformed congregations had lasted for 259 years – making it the oldest Union church in the United States at the time.

The relocation to Harleysville (pictured right) quickly bore fruit: In the following years, many young families and new faces appeared, adding vibrancy to our long-time members who had navigated the challenges of growth and change.

Pr. Richard Mauthe, who had served from 1986 through the time of dissolution of the Union, construction, and moving to Harleysville, left Advent in 1995. (He passed away in May 2026.) The following year, Pr. Jo A. Wilhelmson was called as the first female pastor in Old Gosh / Advent history!



In October 2006, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for a \$1.2 million expansion (pictured below) which added a 3,700 square foot wing with new classrooms, a nursery, and office space along with other improvements. The following September, a dedication service was held to celebrate the expanded facility, which would be used in offering the community greater opportunities for social functions and Christian education programs.



Pr. Jo retired in the fall of 2008, and Pr. Stephen E. Godsall-Myers was called in February of 2010. He would serve for a shorter (by Old Gosh / Advent standards) term of six years before his own retirement, and be followed by Pr. Mark Singh-Hueter in 2018. Following their respective retirements, Pr. Jo and Pr. Steve along with their spouses have returned to Advent as members.

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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, starting in March 2020 Advent shut down in-person gathering at the church for six months, moving initially to on-line-only worship and education opportunities. While live streaming of at least one worship service every Sunday continues, we resumed in-person worship outdoors in the parking lot (weather permitting, which it sometimes did not!) in September 2020, using an upgraded sound system funded by a capital improvement campaign. The following month, our annual Confirmation ceremony of young people affirming their baptism was held outdoors for the first time! By the fall of 2021, the pandemic had run its course to the point that worship and education could move back indoors, albeit with masking and ventilation requirements to which we still adhere to an extent. Whereas the 1918 influenza and 1941 polio epidemics forced cancellation of many church-related activities, the technology of the 21st century allowed us to continue most forms of our ministry.



With the increase in outdoor activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, a need for an outdoor facility (pictured above and below) offering protection from the elements was identified. Once several Advent families suggested that contributions in memory of their loved ones be designated as seed money for construction of a pavilion, a capital campaign to raise the total cost of construction was begun in February 2024. Sufficient funds were pledged within a few months; construction began in July and was complete by early September. The Advent Memorial Pavilion contains plaques honoring those in whose memory the construction was made possible.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Women's Retreat - October 2-4

The Bear Creek Camp Women's Retreat is designed to provide women with an opportunity to participate in creative activities, explore outdoors, have time for rest and renewal, and be in the beauty of God's creation in a peaceful setting. Registration opens in mid-July.



Men's Retreat - October 16-18

We are partnering with Upper Dublin Lutheran Church's annual Fall Men's Retreat at Bear Creek Camp. This laid-back, adventure-filled weekend creates space for real conversation, deeper friendships, and honest engagement with faith through prayer, reflection, and Scripture—together in the fresh air. Registration will open in mid-July.

Through the Woods Fundraiser

Lace up your shoes and hit the trails for Bear Creek Camp's Through the Woods 5K, 10K, and 1 Mile Fun Walk on September 26. Wind your way through peaceful forest paths, over hills, and alongside (and through!) streams as you run—or hike—through the heart of our beautiful 3,000-acre camp. Breathe in the fresh mountain air, listen to the sounds of nature, and enjoy a fun, family-friendly challenge surrounded by the great outdoors. Save the date – registration opens later this summer.





VBS 2026

Monday, August 3 - Friday, August 7 from 9AM-12PM
Extended care is available until 3PM Monday - Thursday
ages 3 (must be potty trained) through entering 5th grade

[VBS Registration](#)



Volunteers needed for Vacation Bible School

There are many ways you can help, even if you work during the day. Any day or time you can give is greatly appreciated.

Interested in helping?

Sign up online: [VBS Volunteer Form](#) or sign up in the fellowship hall

Help decorate the church for VBS!

July 10	11am—2pm
July 14	9am—1pm
July 20	11am—2pm
July 26	after worship

Advent's confirmands and mentors celebrating the end of the school year.



Making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Bread Drop Food Program during fellowship time.



Looking for some summer reading ideas?

Come visit one of Advent's Libraries!

There are books, DVDs and puzzles for all ages to borrow.

Please contact Carrie Ryan if you have library donations.



FELLOWSHIP

MONTCO Trail Challenge

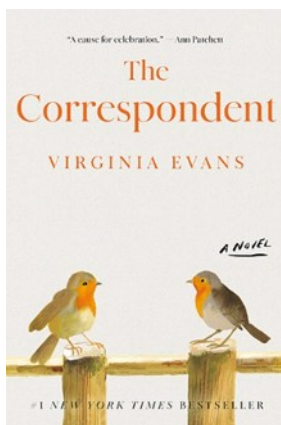
www.montgomerycountypa.gov/TrailChallenge



Did you know that Montgomery County boasts over 100 miles of trails that connect greenways, waterways, and heritage? Most Montgomery County residents are located within a few miles of a wonderful trail experience! Join us this summer and fall as we walk, bike, hike and kayak in God's glorious creation together! We will add events throughout the summer. **Read your weekly emails from the church office.**

You can sign up for the Montco Trail Challenge [here](#) or see the fellowship hall bulletin board for more information.

If you are interested in helping coordinate a walk/bike/hike/kayak event, please contact Carrie Ryan.



Book Club

Our next selection we will be reading is *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. We will meet on Sunday, July 19 at 11am (after worship) for a meal and discussion. Please let Carrie Ryan know if you will be joining so we can be sure to have enough food for all.



Singles Dining Out

Please join us on Wednesday, July 15 at 6pm.

We will be trying a new Chinese restaurant in our area, we welcome you to try it with us!

Please sign up in fellowship hall as we need to know how many people to book our table.

Here is the location information:

Mama Chang

118 Bethlehem Pike

Colmar

Website: mamachangphiladelphia.com

Phone: (215) 822-0299

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Musicians of all ages: The 2026-2027 music scholarship applications are on the music bulletin board.

Apply Now!

The deadline is August 1.

About the Music Scholarship



Established in 2010, the music scholarship has supported 15 Advent students and enhanced our worship. Each year, applicants (of any age) with 2 or more years experience on their instrument, may apply in August. The Worship and Music team reviews the applications and awards one winner whose scholarship year usually commences in September. The winner receives \$700 to use for private lessons with their teacher of choice. They commit to playing in worship twice per month for the duration of the scholarship, until May.

The goal of the scholarship is to foster a nurturing environment for the student to develop their skills of technique, musicianship, leadership, teamwork, and communication. Past scholarship winners have continued music in college and even played recitals at Advent.

If you would like to apply for the scholarship- or support it financially- please see Mr. Ryan.

Summer Bible Bearers for the Children's Sermon

As a "Bible Bearer", you will be asked to bring your personal Bible, and in a brief interview with Pastor Dave or Pastor Steve, tell the children about your Bible. Possible questions include: *How or when did you receive your Bible? Why is it special to you? Are there any special markings or bookmarks of note in your Bible?* Please sign-up in fellowship hall or contact Pastor Steve with any questions.



SOCIAL MINISTRY



Spring Cleaning Essentials

Thank you for your abundant donations of household cleaning products for clients of Keystone Opportunity Center. These products are in short supply at Keystone and cannot be purchased with food assistance programs. Advent donated 20 full bags to our neighbors at Keystone! Thank you again for your generous support!

Family Promise At Salford

Salford Mennonite Church is partnering with Family Promise to host a 2-week shelter this summer from July 5 to July 19, and Advent members are helping by filling volunteer slots. [Click Here to See Details and the Volunteer Sign-Up.](#)



Thank you for helping us provide food and shelter for our neighbors in need!



Fair Trade

Our next Fair Trade sale is on July 19 before and after the 9:30 worship service. We invite you to purchase coffee products from Lutheran World Relief and chocolate,

nuts, cocoa, and tea from Equal Exchange. Your purchases help empower our global neighbors and encourage environmentally sustainable production. Show your loved ones and the world that you care. Thank you for supporting Fair Trade at Advent!



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 members in need. If you or your family are experiencing an illness, hospital stay, or other situation where meals, rides, or other services would be helpful, please let the church office know. We will organize our church family to provide whatever is needed.

Bread Drop Service Project

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. Sandwiches need to be delivered to Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Souderton on Monday OR Tuesday between 9:30am and 12:30pm. Please click on the link below to volunteer. Thank you!



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

Join us after worship on Sunday, July 12 when we will make 60 sandwiches for the Bread Drop Program.



E-Meal Ministry

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Souderton needs volunteers to help with their E-Meal Ministry which supports those struggling with hunger. Volunteers are needed each week, Monday through Saturday mornings. Please click on the link below to volunteer. For more information, contact Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 215-723-7514. Thank you for supporting our neighbors!

[SIGN UP HERE to Volunteer with the E-Meal Program](#)

Shepherd's Shelf

Shepherd's Shelf is a local emergency food cupboard located at Christ Lutheran Church, 2211 Mainland Road, Harleysville. Volunteers (ages 12+) are needed on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Tuesday mornings to distribute food items to those in need. Please click on the link below to volunteer. Thank you for supporting our neighbors!



[SIGN UP HERE to Volunteer at Shepherd's Shelf](#)



Keystone Opportunity Center Immediate Needs

The list of Immediate Needs is updated weekly to include the most current items needed by families. Donations can be delivered to Keystone Opportunity Center at 104 Main Street in Souderton Monday through Thursday from 9am-4pm; money can be donated through the website; and/or pantry items can be purchased from Amazon through the website. Please click on the link below to see the Immediate Needs website. Thank you for supporting our neighbors!

[CLICK HERE to Donate Immediate Needs](#)



Rod Werley	07/01	Jianna Morasco	07/15
Justin Bergey	07/01	Zoey Beam	07/15
Manny Rota-Talarico	07/01	Ethan Ribelin	07/16
Hannah Fisher	07/02	Calvin Ribelin	07/16
Hannah Woodbury	07/02	Christopher Sekiya	07/16
Nathan Werner	07/03	Pearl Oelschlager	07/18
Donna Renner	07/03	Jackson Kelly	07/19
Ezra Boyer	07/04	Tammy Ulmer	07/21
Rachel Hammond	07/07	Everett Self	07/22
Pat Driscoll	07/10	Lori LaCava	07/22
Magnus DaLuz	07/12	Ava Woodbury	07/24
Nina Coll	07/13	Joan Brown	07/25
Amy Bowman	07/13	Morgan Carosi	07/25
Nathan Woodbury	07/14	Adam Dahlgren	07/28
		Lora Drenth	07/30

Lucy DaLuz	07/??	Aaron Heck	07/18
Maria Whitner	07/??	Arlene Knechel	07/20
Virginia Woodbury	07/??	Barbara Bamford	07/24
Rick Kreiss	07/01	Judi Greene	07/24
Jonah Stover	07/06	Jo Gilbert	07/25
Kristen Heck	07/08	Jeremy Evans	07/26
Jim Keenan	07/10	Alex Diaz	07/28
Evan Wightman	07/15	James Gottlieb	07/28
Anna Stratton	07/16	Gerry Smith	07/28

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. Our next gathering is Wednesday, July 15 at 10am.

Advent's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wrapping Others in Comfort, Love, and Prayer. We bring together caring hands and compassionate hearts to knit, crochet, or sew shawls and lap blankets. As we create each piece, we meditate on God's grace and hope these items bless those in need. You may gift them to anyone experiencing illness, loss, or facing a tough time in life. You may also gift them for celebration, or other significant life moments. Anyone may ask for one for themselves, a friend, or a family member. They do not need to be a member of Advent. Contact: Eileen Solomon – galaxy795x@gmail.com

Who Can Participate? All skill levels welcome (beginners to experts!)

How You Can Help—Join us to knit or crochet shawls. Donate yarn or supplies.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members in our Prayers

Sandi Fisher, Aaron Ali, Sy Ali, Betty Johnson, Ruth Swingle, Natalie Allen,
Sue Chomenko, Gary Strayer, Trish Barth, Jo Wilhelmson, Dave Brown

Prayers of Thanksgiving

For the marriage of Don Roessler and Anna Snyder

Families that are Grieving

Deane Werley and family and friends at the death of her sister, Sherry Stence

Friends and Families in our Prayers

Caroline Tringali (cousin of Helen Nace)

Prayers for those in the Military and Abroad

Corey Clark, Carlton Christie, Emily Kavanaugh, Jake Forwood, War in Iran

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

