



Advent Lutheran Church

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OCTOBER 2025 MINISTRY CALENDAR

- October 1** 10am Bible Study
- October 3-5** Women's Retreat at Bear Creek Camp
- October 5** 8:30am worship (in person and livestreamed)
9:45am Sunday Church School, Adult Forum
11am worship
6-8pm All Youth Night
- October 7** 7pm All Team Night
- October 8** 10am Bible Study
7pm Confirmation Class
- October 9** 7pm Chancel Choir
- October 12** 8:30am worship (in person and livestreamed)
9:45am Sunday Church School, Adult Forum, Mum Sale
11am worship
1pm Blessing of Animals at the Pavilion
- October 13** Church Office closed for National Holiday
- October 14** 7pm Council Meeting
- October 15** 10am Bible Study
7pm Confirmation Class
- October 16** 7pm Chancel Choir
- October 18** 4:30pm Progressive Dinner
- October 19** 8:30am worship (in person and livestreamed)
9:45am Mentor Sunday, Sunday Church School, Adult Forum
11am worship
- October 22** 10am Bible Study
7pm Confirmation Class
12pm Confirmation luncheon and rehearsal
- October 23** 7pm Chancel Choir
- October 25** 2-4pm Trunk or Treat
- October 26** 8:30am worship, Confirmation of 9th graders (in person and livestreamed)
9:45am Fair Trade Sale, Sunday Church School, Adult Forum
11am worship, Confirmation of 9th graders
- October 29** 10am Bible Study
7pm Confirmation Class
- October 30** 7pm Chancel Choir

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Judi Greene, Zach Boyer,
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,

Here is an illustration I have been considering using in a sermon or for a children's sermon. Not sure I will do either, but I wanted to share it here.

Imagine Kendra, a third-grader, who has her own bedroom, decorated the way she wants, with an end table and lamp on each side of the bed.

Imagine Kendra taking one of her lamps and selling it, and using the money to buy a bunch of candy. Someone questions her and she simply says,

"It was my lamp. I wanted candy."

What do you think?

Yes, it was Kendra's lamp in her bedroom, but you and I know that as a third grader, the lamp really belonged to her parents. For her to take and sell that lamp on her own was presumptuous and... well... just plain wrong.

Now let's rewind that story with Kendra. This time, there is a community need. Maybe someone's house burned down and people at church are chipping in to replace items. Maybe there is a refugee family being resettled by the church and they need household items.

Kendra goes to her parents and says, "The church said they were needing things for a little girl's room. I have two lamps. Can I give one of my lamps to help that new family?"

Now, how do you feel about that?

Kendra recognizes who owns the furniture, but she also knows her own influence and say in the matter. She wants to use some of what is "belongs to her" in a way that respects and lives out her values and the values of her household, and to help another person.

That is an illustration of Stewardship and Christian living.

We live in God's "economy." As I've mentioned a few times in sermons, the word economy literally comes from the Greek words, OIKO NOMOS (meaning "house rules"). i.e. The rules of the household or the identity and value of the head of the household. We live in God's household, living in God's identity as we live out God's values.

What we have is ours... and yet ultimately belongs to God... sort of like Kendra in the story.

It is our time, our abilities and passions, our resources and relationships, but all entrusted to us by the head of the household. We live in God's household, God's economy (OIKO NOMOS), God's house rules and identity and values.

Kendra's room was to care for herself - clothing, a good night's sleep, games to play with the family.

We are to care for ourselves and our homes.

But Kendra was part of her parents' household, in what she received and what she gave, in her values, in her relationships, and in her identity.

We are part of God's household, in our identity as children of God, managing what we have on God's behalf. We care for ourselves and care for others, loving God and loving the neighbor.

That's what it means to be a disciple (a follower of Jesus), and to live in God's household. And that's what it means to be stewards. We manage what is entrusted to us on God's behalf.

I'm not sure what the equivalent is of Kendra's selling her lamp to buy a big bunch of candy. I do know that we can easily focus or squander what we have - time and talents, resources and relationships - in ways that are selfish and perhaps destructive.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARK CONTINUED

Or...we can be like Kendra, giving up a lamp to help out another, finding ways to use what is entrusted to us in a way that lives in God's economy and loves our neighbor.

So... Be a disciple. Be a steward. Celebrate God's gifts and live in God's economy, with an identity (as a child of God) and the household values (to love God and love the neighbor).

Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,

Pastor Mark

No Tuesday REST in October

Due to scheduling conflicts, Pastor Mark will not offer Tuesday REST (Restore Each-other's Spirit & Time) in October. We will gather again on the first Tuesday of November, in the sanctuary at 6pm on Tuesday November 4. That half-hour gathering is a time for centering, reflection, silence, scripture and sometimes conversation.

Blessing of the Animals

Join us outdoors at Advent's pavilion on Sunday October 12, at 1:00pm, for a short Blessing of the Animals service. With a couple readings, a joyful litany and meaningful prayer, a hands-on blessing for each animal, a prayer of remembrance for those animal companions no longer with us, and a commendation for all vertically and horizontally inclined participants, this is a great event for individuals or a larger household. Come, join in welcoming, and blessing.

(And in case you're wondering, there is no Eagles game that day.)



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS!!!

On Sunday September 7, as we began our "God's Work Our Hands" day activities, we started off by honoring and thanking Carrie for ten years of service at Advent in her staff position as Coordinator of Spiritual Development. Here are some pics of that event.

The funniest part was when the hospitality team all tried to stand in front of the cake to keep Carrie from seeing it, as she reached over them to adjust the thermostat.

The best part was honoring a great leader and servant who blesses our whole community.

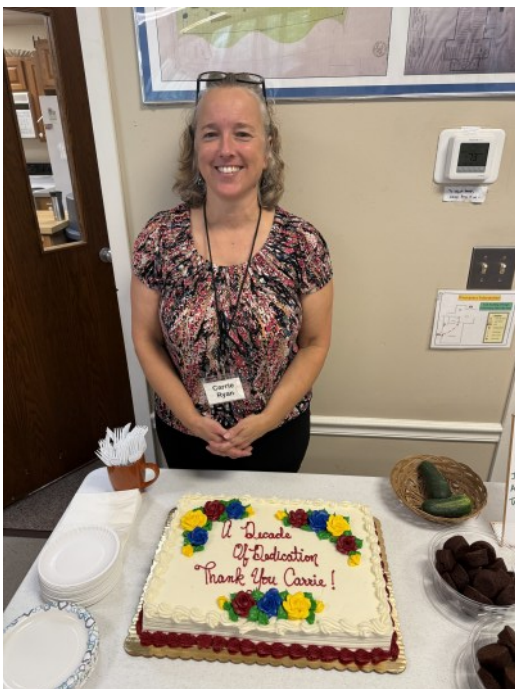
Thanks Carrie



Ten years ago, a new staff position was created

For ten years, Carrie Ryan has led us in ministry and discipleship

**From all of us...
THANK YOU, CARRIE**



STEWARDSHIP

Hugging You to Life

Embraced by God. Embracing Others.

“Do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share” 1 Timothy 6:18

The Bible has many stories of Jesus healing and teaching – hugging followers to life. This fall Pastor Mark’s preaching will focus on how we as followers of Jesus can let go of the things that constrain us in our human life – ownership, greed, the illusion of self-sufficiency and legal rights. By letting go of these constraints we can open ourselves up to the endless possibilities of hugging others into life.

“*Hugging You to Life*” reflects a heartfelt approach to stewardship - one that embraces people, purpose, and resources with love, accountability, and joy. Just as a hug offers comfort, strength, and connection, our stewardship embraces the mission, the community, and the future with intentional care.

Sept 28 – Hugging us out of ownership and into stewardship

As stewards we participate in God’s care for all

Oct 5– Hugging us out of blindness of greed into the perspective of grace

As recipients of grace, we participate in God’s care for all

Oct 12– Hugging us out of the illusion of self-sufficiency and into the attitude of gratitude

As those healed and blessed, we participate in God’s care for all

Oct 19 – Hugging us out legal rights and into God’s justice

As children of Abraham, we participate in God’s care for all

The generosity of our members through time committed, talents shared, and financial gifts given allows us as a faith community to:

- **Providing significant financial support** to the ministry work of the SEPA synod and ELCA
- **Supporting various charities** in our community such as Keystone Opportunity Center & Shepherds Shelf
- **Growing the spiritual life of our congregation** through enriching worship, Fellowship events, Sunday School, Youth Programs, and Adult Education opportunities.
- **Supporting our staff**, ministry teamwork, and our building.

Please review the information in the Stewardship brochure you will be receiving and take time to think, pray, and discuss how you and your family will respond to God’s grace in your life. We strongly encourage all families to provide an Estimate of Giving as this establishes your commitment to our ministry work and allows the church council to properly plan for the coming year. There are many opportunities for you to be engaged in our ministries. Please consider how you might participate and serve in our ministries.

Please complete and return your Estimate of Giving form provided in the Stewardship packet to

Advent Lutheran Church on or before [Commitment Sunday, November 9th](#)

MEADOW PROJECT "GOD'S CREATION, ADVENTS MEADOW"

The meadow project, "God's Creation, Advents Meadow" has broken ground! The soil has been tilled at our two meadow sites and we added compost and covered some areas with tarps to smother the grass. Other areas are uncovered, as an experiment to see if just tilling does the job.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who made it happen with a shovels, rakes and a wheelbarrow on Gods Work Our Hands Sunday.

Next events:

October 12- learn how to start your own native plant meadow at Adult Forum and get some of the same seeds we will be planting in Advent's Meadow.

November 15- Our meadow seeds will be planted! In the late fall or early winter, but before the ground is frozen is the best time to plant a meadow because the seeds will get good soil contact due to the freeze-thaw cycles that happen in mid-winter, then wake up naturally in the spring at exactly the right time.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Christmas Eve instrumentalists and singers!

Advent is very blessed to have many musicians! Past years' orchestras have been nationally recognized in musician's journals. It's time to organize our orchestras for Christmas.

Younger children - even beginners - are invited to play/sing at 3:00 worship. Parents are also welcome side-by-side with your child! This is a great opportunity to make music together. You will create some wonderful memories; please consider be part of this special music ministry.

Older youth typically choose to play/ sing at 9:00pm with our more advanced orchestra. They will offer special music, accompany the choir and play for favorite Christmas hymns.



It's time now to let Mr. Ryan know if you have any questions or would like to participate.

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,

September is always a season of change. The air turns crisp, school doors open, routines shift, and the long days of summer give way to the colors of autumn. The world around us reminds us that change is constant—sometimes gentle, sometimes disruptive, but always present.

Change can be hard. Our church knows this well. We are living in a time when we are being called into new ways of being the body of Christ—experimenting with alternative leadership models, exploring life beyond buildings and budgets, and learning again how to be church with and for our neighbors. Change can feel uncertain and even frightening. And yet, when we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, we discover again and again that God equips us to do more than we ever thought possible.

The seasons themselves are a teacher in this. Autumn reminds us that letting go is part of life. The trees shed their leaves in a glorious display of color, and winter will soon follow. Death and loss are real. And yet, hidden in the soil is the promise of spring. Resurrection always has the final word.

We are also living through a season of change in our wider church. Soon we will give thanks for the leadership of Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Secretary Sue Rothmeyer, and we will welcome Presiding Bishop Curry and Secretary Mills. These faithful leaders will bring new energy and direction to our shared mission as the ELCA. With every goodbye and every hello, the Spirit is at work, refining us, shaping us, and calling us forward in hope.

What if we began to see change not only as loss, but also as invitation? What if letting go is really about laying aside the grave clothes that hold us back, so that we can rise in Christ to something new, something bold, something Spirit-led? Change may always carry grief, but it also carries possibility—the possibility that God is drawing us closer to the kingdom, to each other, and to the fullness of life we are promised in Christ.

This September, may we embrace change with courage, with trust, and with joy. For the God who has changed us through the waters of baptism continues to make all things new.

In Christ's love,
+Bishop Bryan Penman

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Forum – Sundays @ 9:45AM

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.



October 5 – Living Lutheran Magazine Articles Discussion (Reformation of Marriage; An Organ Renaissance; and Deeper Understandings: Enough for Everyone) livinglutheran.org

October 12 – Advent’s Meadow Project

“Fair are the meadows...” is from verse two of the familiar hymn, “Beautiful Savior”, offering a treasure trove of New Testament focusing on Jesus as well as many elements of the Creation story from the Old Testament. In that story, we read that humans are also told by God to be good stewards of the earth God created. Come learn about the portions of mowed grass around the church that are being transformed into meadows- supporting the intricate network between plants, bugs and water quality that support human life.

October 19 – Council is proposing updates to Advent's Welcome Statement to continue to align Advent as a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation and address other areas that are important to our church. We will be voting on these updates at the Annual Congregational Meeting in January, but Council would like to take some time to discuss them with the congregation now. Join us to learn more.

October 26 - Meet our newly confirmed 9th graders

Celebrate with our newly confirmed 9th graders and their mentors and hear about what they learned and experienced during their 2-year confirmation journey.

November 2 – SEPA Servant Trip to North Carolina

This past summer, Pastor Steve Godsall-Myers travelled with other members of the synod to North Carolina to assist with hurricane Helene clean-up. Join us as he shares highlights of this trip.

November 9 – Witting Tree Ceremony, in honor of Veteran’s Day

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.



Fall Bible Study
The Corinthian Correspondence
Wednesdays, 10am throughout October
Led by Pastor Steve Godsall-Myers

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. If you would like to join online, let us know and use this link:

ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84351261352?pwd=N1sek5L0CsoXShdvvfz6Jvy3qNxkZa.1>

Meeting ID: 843 5126 1352

Passcode: 918186

Faith Milestone – Confirmation

On October 26th, our 9th graders will profess their faith in God the Father, God the +Son, and God the Holy Spirit as they affirm their promises made at their baptism. We look forward to seeing where the Holy Spirit will lead them as they continue their faith journeys. We thank the men and women who mentored these young people through the confirmation process. Please join us for a reception in their honor at 9:45AM.

Magnus DaLuz – Bret Neese, mentor

Alex Diaz – Don Roessler, mentor

Lucy Holloway – Kristen Heck, mentor

Caleb Miller – Vince Ryan, mentor

Taylor Moyer – Diana McClure, mentor

Sam Stratton – Kevin Self, mentor

Luke Taylor – Travis Nace, mentor



What Really Matters?

a SEPA Youth Retreat

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.

Details: Retreat is 2pm Saturday - 2pm Sunday. We will depart church at 12:30 on Saturday and return at 3:30pm on Sunday.

Cost: \$20 (Total retreat cost is \$80, Advent will be paying \$60 through monies in Advent's Youth Fund) *Advent's Christian Education Team is committed to providing this opportunity for all our youth. Money should never be an obstacle for your son or daughter to attend a church sponsored event. If you need financial assistance, please speak to Carrie Ryan or Pastor Mark.*

Don't miss this opportunity to discover what really matters! Friends are invited too!

RSVP by October 5. [Youth Retreat Sign Up - What Really Matters](#)

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](#)

Upcoming Youth and Family Events



Sunday Church School – Sundays @ 9:45am (all ages)



Sunday, October 5 – All Youth Night @ 6pm (5th-12th)



Saturday, October 25 – Trunk or Treat @ 2-4pm (all ages)



Sunday, October 26 – Confirmation of Advent's 9th graders



Saturday/Sunday, November 8-9 – SEPA Youth Retreat at Bear Creek Camp (6th-9th)



Saturday, November 22 @ 8am – Pancake Breakfast – tentative (all ages)



Saturday/Sunday, December 6-7 – All Youth Night and Lockin (5th-12th)



Sunday, December 21 – Christmas Caroling @ 3pm (all ages)



Friday/Saturday January 9-10 – Winter Retreat with Christ Lutheran Church (6th-12th)



Saturday, January 31 – Epiphany PJ Party 4-7pm (families with young children)



Saturday/Sunday, February 7-8 – All Youth Night Glow Party and Lockin (5th-12th)



Sunday, February 8 – Souper Bowl of Caring (all ages)



Sunday, February 15 – Prayer and Pretzels All Ages Event @ 9:45am (all ages)



Wednesdays in Lent – 6:30 Soup Suppers and 7:30 Worship (all ages)



Friday-Sunday, March 20-22 – Tuscarora Youth Retreat (6th-12th)



Saturday/Sunday, April 11-12 – Box City at Christ Lutheran Church, Harleysville (6th-12th)



Sunday, May 3 – Youth Sunday (all ages)



Monday – Friday, August 3-7 VBS (for ages 3-entering 5th grade; 6th grade and older helpers)



Invite your friends!



Sunday Church School

9:45-10:45AM

We are so excited for a new year of learning and growing in faith together! We have classes for ages 2 1/2 to 12th grade. Please drop off and pick up your child at their classroom. Thank you to our volunteer teachers and helpers!

PreK - Room 3 – Becky and Hannah Fisher, teachers

Kindergarten-2nd Grade - Room 5 – Kathy Farrell, Jenna Douglas, Karen Evans, teachers

3rd - 5th Grade - Room 7 –Jenise Rhoades, Helen Nace, Susan Stratton, teachers

6th-12th Grade - Room 4 – Kevin Self, Amy Hammond, Margaret Boyer, teachers.

We need additional adult helpers in our younger classes and substitute teachers for all grades. If you are interested in learning about this opportunity to serve, please contact [Carrie Ryan](#).

Children's Church during Worship

Children's Church is for ages K-5th grade and takes place in room 5 during the middle part of worship. Children are dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's sermon with Pastor Mark. They return to worship at communion.



Church Nursery

The church nursery is staffed by Morgan Carosi from 8:15am-12pm. The nursery is for infants – 1st grade only. Older children can sit with their parents in church, utilize the children's worship area in the narthex and participate in Children's Church.

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/>

FELLOWSHIP

Trunk or Treat and Pumpkin Fest

Saturday, October 25 from 2-4pm

This event is free for all! No sign up is necessary, grab a friend and come dressed in your favorite Halloween attire. Enjoy an afternoon full of faith, fun, laughter, and activities!



Volunteers are needed to help make our trunk or treat a success! There are many ways you can help! Bring your car, decorations and candy to pass out to the kids. Help at a pumpkin activity station. Donate prizes or supplies for the event.

[Trunk or Treat Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Please contact Jen Forwood—cjforwood@verizon.net.

SINGLES DINING OUT

Single adults of all ages are welcome to join us for a meal and fellowship on Wednesday, October 15 at 6pm.

We will meet at The Ram, 606 W. Chestnut St., Perkasie.

Sign up in the fellowship hall or contact Judi Greene at judi_ken@verizon.net.



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



Advent Adult Progressive Dinner 2025

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!

FYI—our schedule

The Appetizer course will be from 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

Suggestions for appetizers: shrimp cocktail, fruit cup, hors d'oeuvres with soup, cheese and crackers, etc.

The Dinner course will be served from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

The host should contact the co-host to discuss plans. The co-host is expected to share the work and expense of the dinner. We suggest making a meal that you personally like.

The Dessert and coffee/tea will begin at 8:30 pm at the church.

The dessert hosts will bring 2 desserts each and we will serve them buffet style, so everyone can serve themselves. We suggest hosts set up early Saturday at the church, including preparing the coffee; they should try to be at church a little early to greet those who will be sitting at your table.

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

SOCIAL MINISTRY

God's Work. Our Hands Day – September 7, 2025

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the ELCA Day of Service! We had a terrific turnout and a fun time working together as a congregation. The following 4 projects were completed. And the Advent Meadow is just getting started.

- 28 Health and Wellness Neighbor Kits for Global Refuge
- 100 Snack bags for The Welcome Church
- Advent Meadow Project: Wait until you see what the meadow will look like next year
- 24 Disaster Relief Buckets
- 60 PNB & Jelly Sandwiches for the Bread Drop/E-Meal Ministry all in under 1 hour!!



It was wonderful to watch over 75 Advent members and friends of all ages working together to support these worthwhile ministries. Thrivent Action Teams were utilized for this event. THANK YOU to everyone who gave time, talents, & treasure to help with God's Work, Our Hands Day! We saw a lot of dirty, sticky hands that day.



Fall Chrysanthemum Sale to Benefit Peaceful Living

Peaceful Living is a local, faith-based organization serving individuals with intellectual disabilities in day centers and residential homes within our community.

The Social Ministry Team will be offering 9-inch mums on Sunday, October 12 to purchase for yourself and the special people in your life. Mums will be sold after both services for \$10 each.

Once again they will be purchased from Rays Greenhouse.

All proceeds go to Peaceful Living!

(If you would like to purchase a mum but will not be at Advent on October 12, please contact the office.)





Fall Care Packages for College Students:

The Social Ministry team is collecting donations of healthy snacks, school supplies, candy, and gift cards for our Advent college students. Please help us stay connected and let them know their church family is thinking of them!



To participate, select an item from the link below to contribute. Donations are due no later than Sunday, October 27, and can be dropped off in the narthex or office vestibule.

*If your child is currently a college student, please provide their updated school address to Carrie Ryan or Jen Brown.

THANK YOU for supporting our college students this semester!! ~ Advent Social Ministry

[CLICK HERE to Select Items to Donate for Fall College Care Packages](#)

BREAD DROP SERVICE PROJECT:

Slots open for November & December

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!!

[Sign Up Here to Provide Sandwiches for the EMeal/Bread Drop program](#)



FAIR TRADE SALES



Thank you for supporting **Fair Trade** at Advent!
Our next sale is Sunday, October 26 after each worship service.

We invite you to purchase products from **Lutheran World Relief** (coffee) and **Equal Exchange** (chocolate, nuts, mangos, tea). Your purchases help 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





Manna on Main Street appreciates your support of our annual North Penn/Lansdale Crop Hunger Walk over the years. Your support has raised critical funds for our neighbors in need at home and around the world.

This year, in lieu of a traditional Crop Hunger Walk, Manna is requesting that our faith-based community support our friends at Church World Service<<https://cwsglobal.org/>> by joining another local Crop Hunger Walk such as those in Collegeville<<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/collegevillepa>> and Perkasie<<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/perkasiepa>>. CWS is a faith-based international organization dedicated to fighting hunger and poverty across the globe. The majority of funds raised through Crop Hunger Walks goes to CWS.

More and more people are relying on Manna for food. The following supplies are very needed right now:

- * Baking supplies (mixes, flour, sugar etc.)
- * Cereal
- * Nuts
- * Dried Fruit
- * Feminine Products

Manna is proud to partner with you and Church World Service in hopes that "everyone might be fed."



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 - 8:00 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](#)

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!



Sienna Morasco	10/03		
Becky Fisher	10/03		
Carl Bowman	10/03	Deb Haig	10/15
Deane Werley	10/04	Jake Forwood	10/17
Erin Scheckenbach	10/07	Scott LaCava	10/19
Alex Holloway	10/08	Conner Forwood	10/19
Tess Strayer	10/08	Jenise Rhoades	10/20
Emily Vincent	10/09	Dylan Ribelin	10/21
Kate Coll	10/10	Scott Coll	10/23
Wade Dahlgren	10/11	Joy Clemmer	10/27
Emma Kraus	10/12	Linda Quinn	10/28
Lisa Holloway	10/13	Gail Wightman	10/28
Tim Scheckenbach	10/14	Hannah Bailey	10/29
Lynn Scheckenbach	10/15		

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

Drew Strawbridge	10/01	Janine Nevin	10/15
Sarah Lamberth	10/07	Sienna Morasco	10/20
Morgan Carosi	10/08	Jacob Werner	10/20
Cherie Werner	10/09	Lucy Holloway	10/23
Brennan Foley	10/10	Aaron Ali	10/25
Hannah Fisher	10/12	Lillian Self	10/25
Paul Fisher	10/12	Ava Woodbury	10/25
Katie McClure	10/12	Ryan Cairns	10/27
Aly Hassett	10/14	Ingrid Dale-Ali	10/27

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, Paula Slemmer

Kim Sekiya, Betty Johnson, Lauren Ryan, Jo Wilhelmson

Families that are Grieving

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

Jo Ann Gilbert and neighbor, Pat Haberman and family and friends at death of Pat’s husband, Arthur

Kathy Tucholski and family and friends at the death of her brother, Art Fad

Friends and Families in our Prayers

Bill Kreiss (brother of Rick Kreiss)

Anne (neighbor of Cindy James)

Mary Eckert (neighbor of Advent Lutheran Church)

Mike Deibert (friend of Rich Lantz)

Brian Kerlin (cousin of Emily Vincent)

Beverly Johansson (friend of Judi Greene)

David Nieves (son of Lori LaCava's coworker)

Prayers for those in the Military and Abroad

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



OCTOBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

A note from Pastor Mark about worship volunteers

As many of you remember, a number of years ago worship roles were filled in from a list of volunteers. More recently, we've been just having people sign up. Some have trouble with that, some do it well, some just forget about it. And we have been scrambling each week to try to fill the roles.

As we move back to two services, we are looking at again filling in the worship roles from the volunteer list for this coming month. We hope this will encourage more people to be involved and avoid the Sunday morning scramble.

If you are signed up and you do not want to be on that volunteer list, please contact the office or contact me, by email or phone.

If you are signed up on a date that you cannot do, I hope you will find your own substitute and let the church office know. That is the easiest and best way for us. However, if you can't find someone or are not wanting to search for a sub, again, please contact me or the church office. We want to try and make this work as smoothly as possible.

And if you don't see yourself on a list and are willing to serve (and we have some brand new volunteers helping out this coming Sunday) again contact me or the church office. I am delighted that you have that interest and we will be blessed with your participation and leadership. Thank you.

October COUNTERS: Steve Nevin, Dean Shollenberger.

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