



# Advent Lutheran Church

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## NOVEMBER 2025 MINISTRY CALENDAR

- November 2** 8:30am worship (in person and livestreamed)  
9:45am Sunday Church School, Adult Forum  
11am worship  
6-8pm All Youth Night
- November 4** 6pm Tuesday REST devotional time  
7pm All Team Night
- November 5** 10am Bible Study  
7pm Confirmation Class
- November 6** 7pm Chancel Choir
- November 9** 8:30am worship (in person and livestreamed)  
9:45am Sunday Church School, Adult Forum  
11am worship
- November 11** Church Office closed for Veteran's Day  
7pm Council Meeting
- November 12** 10am Bible Study
- November 13** 7pm Chancel Choir
- November 15** 12noon Advent Meadow Luncheon and Meadow Planting
- November 16** 8:30am worship (in person and livestreamed)  
9:45am Sunday Church School, Adult Forum, Fair Trade Sale  
11am worship  
3pm Jazz Café with Pete Smyser and Ted Lis
- November 18** 1-7pm Red Cross Blood Drive
- November 19** 10am Bible Study  
10am Birthday Card Ministry  
7pm Pub Theology
- November 20** 7pm Chancel Choir
- November 23** 8:30am worship (in person and livestreamed)  
9:45am Sunday Church School, Adult Forum  
11am worship
- November 26** Church office closes at noon for Thanksgiving, reopens on Monday December 1 at 9am  
7pm Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service at Salford Mennonite
- November 30** 8:30am worship (in person and livestreamed)  
9:45am Sunday Church School, Adult Forum  
11am worship

***AVOID THE HORROR OF BEING  
FIRST TO CHURCH  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN  
YOUR CLOCKS BACK ON  
SATURDAY NIGHT !!!***

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## Church Council

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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



## WORSHIP ROLES

### *Some stories and observations*

Dear siblings in Christ,

When I used to do training of acolytes, I would usually start by asking them,

“What is the most important thing for you to remember before you go up and light the candles?”

I remember asking that once, and a girl said,

“To not burn the place down?”

Wise girl. I have decided her answer IS the most important, so I now ask,

“What is the second most important thing to remember.”

Here is the answer I give.

“You are helping to create an environment where people can worship.”

When an acolyte does their responsibilities smoothly and with purpose, it points to something bigger. The candles remind us of God’s presence. Reverencing the altar (bowing to where the sacrament will be celebrated) is a way to remind us of God’s sovereignty. The flame carried out from the candles at the end of the service reminds us that the light of God is brought out into the world.

I remind acolytes to be reverent and deliberate in all their movements, not drawing attention to themselves. If they mess something up, continue as calmly as possible. Keep the attention on worship, and God.

I remember one acolyte years ago, stepping out (too soon) to receive the offering. There was special music first. A solo. She might have reacted in horror, hurrying back to her chair to wait, and

then coming back a second time, looking around to see who noticed. People would have watched her. Instead, she quietly folded her hands and turned slightly to face the musician, then just quietly stood there, listening to the music, refocusing the whole congregation on worship. When that was done, she turned back to the ushers and received the offering. Brilliant! One of my favorite acolyte moments ever.

Acolytes are not the only ones leading us in worship, and focusing our attention on God. We have a whole host of volunteers in a variety of roles, leading us, supporting us, and providing for us, as we gather each week in worship.

There are those who are up front, assisting in worship or reading the Bible reading of the day. I love seeing the brand-new volunteer, whether youth or adult, step up and read for the first time. I love the seasoned veteran who makes God’s word live for us in the reading. I love having youth joining the adults as worship assistants, leading the congregation in worship. I remember, before I was a pastor, loving those opportunities to be worship assistant; I see that same passion in others. I’m not saying they are future pastors. I am saying there is a joy and purpose we can experience in leading worship.

There are behind-the-scenes roles like those who bake Communion Bread, and people who set up the Altar for communion. We have a bunch of bread-bakers who do a fabulous job and make that experience of the sacrament more real and earthy, God’s promise in something tangible and tasty. And I have heard people who set up the altar in advance talk about a quiet reverence they experience, pausing to providing something so holy, and discovering a spiritual focus sometimes

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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARK CONTINUED

in the midst of a chaotic week. There is meaning in that sort of service.

I reflect on ushers, doing a variety of things that help prepare for worship, direct us in the midst, and clean up afterwards. I think about the teamwork I've seen, whether a mentor and a confirmation youth volunteering together, or a family with a bright, energetic, young child who beams as she greets and welcomes everybody and hands out bulletins, or a woman who dispenses hugs and smiles as people come into the sanctuary. There is something extra holy about such regular work done for such a special reason.

I think about those who assist with communion, sharing the wine and grape juice, cleaning up after the second service, helping to provide an experience of Christ in a special way each week. That is holy work.

I think of probably our biggest need (behind the scenes except for a short moment after the reading of the gospel and before the sermon) – the nursery care people. These youth or adults volunteer each service to help our Nursery attendant, Morgan, as she provides a safe and comfortable and fun place for children during the worship service. *By the way, I always want to be clear that we welcome children in worship even as we fully know they are not going to be perfect little angels for that full-time. But I also want parents to feel totally comfortable having their children in Nursery if that helps them concentrate and participate a little more fully.* The Nursery volunteers allow that to happen and, almost without exception, seem to love that special role - that holy work - of caring for God's beloved children.

So... A lot of people helping out with worship. A variety of roles, a variety of gifts being used, a

variety of personalities and experiences joining together to help lead and support and focus us in worship.

If you are part of that great assembly of volunteers, thank you, thank you, thank you. I hope you find it rewarding and fulfilling. Please know that you are an immense blessing to this congregation!

For those of you who have not tried out volunteering in a worship role, or have considered expanding your involvement with another opportunity, I invite and challenge you to take the plunge. Let me know you are interested. Sign up in a week when the December sign-up genius goes live. *I have rarely seen anyone try out a new role and not be smiling or nodding when they are done.*

By the way, this whole topic is about good stewardship - using the time and talents and abilities God has given in a way that honors God. And... when people do that, like just about any other example of good stewardship, it tends to deepen their sense of belonging, and increase an experience of spirituality and of God. Getting involved "for the sake of God and others" ends up making a difference in our own lives. How cool is that?

To all those good stewards – thanks for your service. And to those considering – now is the time.

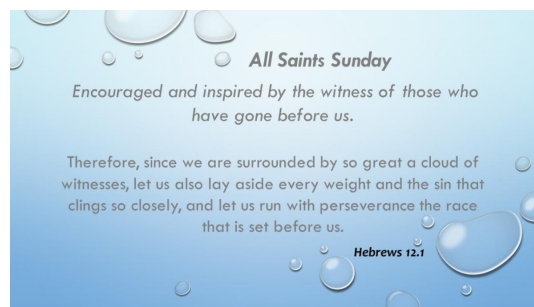
Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,

**Pastor Mark**

## All Saints Observance Sunday, November 2.

Join us this Sunday for an All Saints observance. For those members who died in the past year, we will say their name, toll the bell, then light a candle. Then there will be an opportunity for worshipers to come forward and light a candle in memory of those loved ones no longer with us, “saints departed” who continue to inspire and encourage through their life and example. And, even as we remember those saints departed or “saints triumphant,” we also name and celebrate our newest saints, those who were baptized this past year.

Come join us in worship this All Saints Sunday, Nov 2.



## Bible Study – Starting Nov 5, with some Psalms

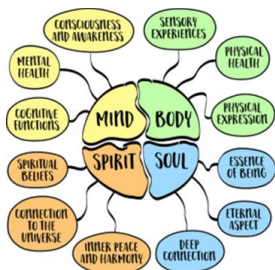
You are invited to three weeks deep-diving into three familiar Psalms – the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, then Psalms 46 and 8. Join us on Wednesday mornings in November, and learn some background, understand more about the texts and context, and perhaps find a way to have these Psalms draw you into a deeper relationship with God.



We will spend three weeks on these Psalms, then another four moving into Advent texts which connect with our Sunday worship themes.

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## TUESDAY REST, Tuesday November 4, 6:00pm



On the first Tuesday of the month, an hour before All Team, we will offer a short (20-30 mins) devotional and centering worship service. It is called Tuesday R.E.S.T. (Restore Each-other’s Spirit & Time).

The service is 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.



## CONGRATULATIONS, MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

*A chance to share some fun facts and achievements*

**Greg Heck:** Congrats to Greg Heck who just participated in the 2025 USTA League National Championships in the Adults 40 and over 4.0 Men's division. Out of perhaps 1,000 teams, his team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally. Greg and his doubles partner went undefeated in the tourney.



## THE ARCHIVIST

Jean Godsall-Myers has been joining Deane Werley in going through some old records and files, reviewing, sorting, and cataloging. As you can see, we have a lot of books and binders and files. Thanks Deane and Jean for bringing more order from these records.

If YOU have an interest in this sort of work, please contact Deane or Jean or let the office know. We don't need help with this phase, but there's more to do, and there are things you can do which would be wonderfully helpful to this effort.



# 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*

We hope you enjoyed and found meaningful the stewardship series of sermons in October. The Bible has many stories of Jesus healing and teaching – hugging followers to life. Pastor Mark’s preaching focused 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 legalistic 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.

If you have not already done so, please review the information in the Stewardship brochure you received 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.

We are requesting that you return your Estimate of Giving forms provided in the Stewardship packet on or before Commitment Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Forms may be placed in the regular offering plates or mailed to the church office. We thank you for your generosity in support of our staff, ministries, and building.

### Systematic Giving Options

- **Simply Giving:** For most people, we can grow significantly in our giving just by making our gift on a regular basis. Please consider signing up for this electronic giving program. **In 2025, 63 Advent families are using the automatic giving program.**
- **IRA Minimum Required Distributions:** Give in a tax efficient way. If you are age 70.5 or older, you can give directly from a traditional IRA/401k to the church and have that distribution qualify as your Required Distribution. **In 2025, 9 families or individuals are utilizing IRA giving. See info on the next page for more details.**

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## Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD)

The current tax law indicates that when a person reaches 73, they must take their required minimum distribution (RMD) from their traditional IRA accounts. The amount of the distribution is determined by the balance of the account and your life expectancy determined by the IRS.

In the past, the RMD age was 70 ½.

Under the new law, a person can make a charitable contribution from their IRA account at 70 ½, they do not have to wait until 73. The taxpayer must inform the trustee of the IRA (i.e. the bank or investment company where the IRA is held) that they want to make a charitable contribution from their IRA. This is called the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). The trustee will be given the name and address of the nonprofit organization. By doing this, the amount of the QCD is deducted from the total distribution and sent to the nonprofit organization.

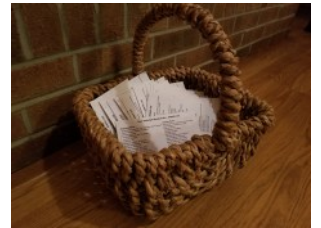
For instance, if your RMD is \$25,000 and you decide to give \$10,000 of that to your church or other nonprofit, you will only be taxed on \$15,000. This reduces your adjusted gross income; you cannot deduct a charitable contribution as an itemized deduction, since it has already been deducted from income.

Please discuss this further with your tax advisor and/or investment professional.

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### **“GOD’S CREATION, ADVENTS MEADOW” - ADVENT’S MEADOW GARDEN UPDATE**

#### **MEADOW GARDEN LUNCHEON AND PLANTING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 @ 12NOON**



Please join us at noon on Saturday, November 15 for a luncheon and meadow planting. We invite all those who are interested to join us! After lunch, thanks to a Thrivent grant, we will uncover the meadow areas and hopefully find that the grass is gone. We will plant and like all gardeners—we will wait—patiently wait.

Some curious Advent members joined us at Adult Forum to learn about how changing these areas of mowed lawn to wild meadow will attract and shelter the creatures of God's creation. We also gave out meadow seed mix packets and so, in addition to the two meadow areas at Advent, there will be some meadows sprouting in backyards and front yards all over our community. We're going to be learning and growing together.

Here's an update on our meadow areas:

The mowed lawn was successfully eliminated for the areas under the tarp, but the area that was tilled and then lightly covered in compost grew grass back even greener than the surrounding lawn! We learned that covering the area works best. So, we covered the entire area and it should be ready to plant.

If you missed the Adult Forum and would like some seed mix to plant a mini-meadow in your yard, we will still have some to share on our planting day.

Come let us sow together—join us in pulling the tarps and cardboard off then FINALLY sowing the seeds.



## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

**Pete Smyser, guitar**  
**Ted Lis, saxophone**  
**Madison Rast, bass**



***November 16, 3:00pm***

***Jazz Café***

***Great music, food and coffee***



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## Minister of Music Trip Report

In October, I had the pleasure of visiting my friend David Furniss at his home in Oaxaca, Mexico. David and I have been friends for nearly 30 years (since I first began working at Advent). In 2020, he retired from his long career as Director of Music at St John's UCC in Lansdale, and now spends his time equally here and in Oaxaca. There is a strong organ culture in Oaxaca, with some beautiful historic instruments - a few of which I heard and played. In addition, I met some fantastic young organists who play these instruments regularly; they freely shared their expertise, knowledge and music.

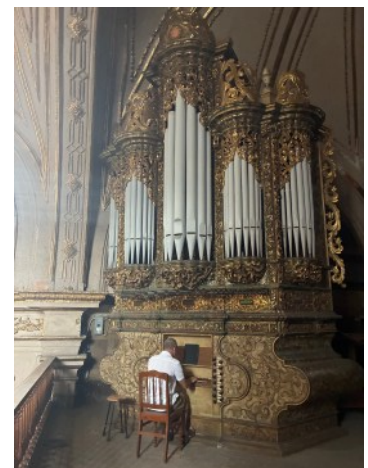
About the organs:

Basilica de la Soledad. This 1719 instrument, by an unknown builder, is one of the oldest and most imposing organs in all of Mexico. The profile and dimensions, as well as the exquisite carved, painted, and gilded decoration, resemble those of the organ of Yanhuitlán, which may have been built around the same time. I am pictured playing this instrument.

The organ of San Jerónimo Tlacoahuaya is one of the most beautiful and also one of the most enigmatic of Oaxaca's baroque instruments. Unfortunately its provenance is unknown, but it is believed to have been built around 1725-30. The case and facade are exquisite! In the picture you can see the bellows to the right. (Both instruments in the photos can be dually operated, either with a blower or manually. This organ is exactly built like our Orgelkids organ, only bigger.

Besides the organ visits, I also saw overwhelming colors - everywhere! On the streets, in the lights, restaurants, clothing, rugs. Of course, there was mezcal (a tequila made from the agave plant) - a drink that I didn't care for... but it flows very freely. Oaxaca is the mezcal capital since the agave plants abound. Some of my favorite experiences were the parades. They happen almost daily, for any reason: wedding, funeral, Marian or Patron Saint feast, you name it.

Finally, I was thrilled by seeing all the VW Bugs! They're ubiquitous. In every color imaginable. With no rust. Very. Cool.





# 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. It is a WONDERFUL opportunity to meet other members of Advent! It is a safe place to learn, ask questions or just listen.

### November 2 – SE PA Mission Trip

Last July, Steve Godsall-Myers joined a SE PA Synod Mission trip. The group of 20, representing 6 congregations, traveled from Pennsylvania to Asheville, NC where Hurricane Helene had caused significant flooding and wind damage on September 27, 2024. They were housed at Camp Lutheridge located in Arden, just outside of Asheville. The team worked under the direction of LDR Carolina in a variety of tasks. Steve will share some highlights of his work week experience.

### November 9 – Honoring Veteran's Day: Witting Tree Ceremony and Conversations with Friends of Advent currently serving in the military

After learning about the epidemic of suicides among veterans and active-duty military, we will proceed outside for a “witting tree” ceremony. During the Witting Tree ceremony, we will hang sets of dog tags on a tree to represent the veterans who take their lives by suicide each day. Following the Witting Tree Ceremony, we will hear from 3 friends of Advent: Corey Clark, Carlton Christie and Emily Christie who are currently serving in the US military.

### November 16 – Advent’s Angel Tree: Supporting Gemma Services and Martin Luther School

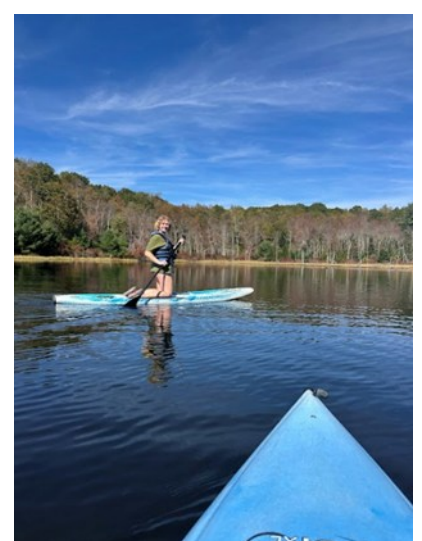
Amanda Bryant, Director of Donor and Volunteer Engagement from Gemma Services, will join us to share information about Gemma Services and Martin Luther School. Located in Plymouth Meeting, Gemma Services provides behavioral health, child welfare, and special education services to children and youth.

### November 23 – Food Traditions

It’s time to share our special recipes once again! Do you have a food that your family eats on special occasions? Perhaps a recipe that has been passed down for generations? Bring your food and your recipe to the share! We will do some tasting and sharing of why these foods are important to us. Please sign up [online](#) or on the fellowship hall bulletin board if you would like to bring an item. Thank you.

## Bear Creek Camp Women's Retreat

Jen Forwood, Carrie Ryan, Karen Evans, Amy Coll, Lindsay Coll, Judi Greene and Deane Werley attended the Bear Creek Camp Women's Retreat in October. It was a faith-filled weekend of hiking, laughing, learning, crafting, relaxing and enjoying God's creation. Mark your calendars for a spring retreat April 10-12, 2026, and a fall retreat October 2-4, 2026 at Bear Creek Camp.





# Sunday Church School – Children’s Church—Confirmation



## All-Youth Night

Sunday, November 2, 6-8pm

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

**Menu:** Breakfast for Dinner, including a Build Your Own Waffle Bar

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

- **Spiritual** – We’ll learn about All Saints Day
- **Service** – Thank you cards for those donating blood at Advent’s Blood Drive
- **Social** – Chair Basketball and other games



Food donations and adult volunteers are needed to make each 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 9<sup>th</sup> graders



Sunday, November 2 – All Youth Night @ 6pm (5th-12th)



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



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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)



Saturday, January 24 @ 8am – Pancake Breakfast – tentative (all ages)



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 5<sup>th</sup> grade; 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older helpers)



Invite your friends!

## FELLOWSHIP

Vince and Carrie Ryan invite you to a Thanksgiving Day dinner at Advent from 3-7pm on November 27.

Don't celebrate alone...join us for a meal, games and fellowship. All are welcome.

Contact Vince or Carrie by November 20 so we can make accurate plans and share details.



### SINGLES DINING OUT

Single adults of all ages are welcome to join us for a meal and fellowship on Wednesday, November 19 at 6pm.

We will meet at Margaritas, 1650 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446

Sign up in the fellowship hall or contact Judi Greene at [judi\\_ken@verizon.net](mailto:judi_ken@verizon.net).

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

## CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

Council met on Tuesday October 14th. Our main agenda topic was planning and budgeting for Pastor's upcoming sabbatical.

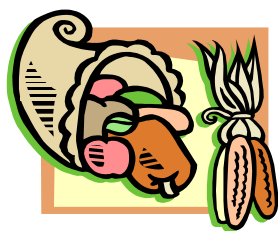
Council would like to extend a sincere thank you to Rick Kreiss for his years of dedicated service to Advent as our Financial Secretary. This role is critical to keeping our congregation's finances running smoothly and we are all indebted to Rick for his hard work. Over the last two months, Rick has diligently trained Bret Neese to assume the Financial Secretary position. We are grateful that Bret is willing to share his talents with Advent in this way.



Moving forward, if you have any questions about your financial giving to Advent, including checks, Simply Giving and VANCO payments, you can reach Bret at [bretneese@gmail.com](mailto:bretneese@gmail.com).



## SOCIAL MINISTRY



*O GIVE THANKS...* and share your blessings with others in our community! Advent will be collecting Thanksgiving Meal Bags for Keystone Opportunity Center to distribute to local families.

To participate, please sign up on the link below. Shopping lists and tote bags will be located in the office vestibule and narthex.

Please return the filled bag to Advent by **Sunday, November 9th**. Feel free to donate an entire bag or team up with another family! Our goal is to donate at least 30 bags for our neighbors facing food insecurity. Thank you for your generous support! ~ Advent Social Ministry Team

[SIGN UP HERE to Donate a Thanksgiving Meal Bag](#)



**American  
Red Cross**

Become a Blood Donor!

Our next **Red Cross Blood Drive** at Advent Lutheran is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 18, 2025 from 2:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Facts about donating blood**

The need for donors is great. Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

One donation can help to save the lives of up to three people.

The number one reason donors say they give blood is because they “want to help others.”

**Who can give?**

If you are at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in general good health and feeling well on the day of the donation. you will be eligible to give blood. Eligible donors can give every two months.

**Helpful Reminders**

Please bring a photo ID and names of medications that you take.

Make sure that you had a light meal and plenty to drink.

**Choose a convenient time to donate blood. You can sign up on the American Red Cross website link below. Thank you for donating!** <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

### **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. Thank you!!

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







## FAIR TRADE SALES – Just in Time for the Holidays!

Looking for meaningful gifts to empower our global neighbors AND encourage environmentally sustainable production? Our next two Fair Trade Sales will be held on **Sunday, November 16th** and **Sunday, December 14** after each worship service. We invite you to purchase products from **Lutheran World Relief** (coffee) and **Equal Exchange** (chocolate, nuts, mangoes, tea, cocoa). **Thank you for your willingness to partner with farmers, workers, and families in need of our support!** ~ Advent Social Ministry Team



## Fall Chrysanthemum Sale Update for Peaceful Living

With many thanks to our generous members, Advent raised **\$330 (with more coming in)** for **Peaceful Living**, a local, faith-based organization serving individuals with intellectual disabilities in our community, at our Fall Mum Sale in October. **Thank you for supporting the programs of Peaceful Living!**



## Fall Care Packages Update:

**MANY THANKS** to Advent members for your generous donations!!

**35 care packages** were shipped to our college students this semester – filled with snacks, gift cards, school supplies, and **handmade cards** from the **Advent Youth Group**. **Thank you** for supporting our college students while they are at school! ~ Advent Social Ministry Team



## ADVENT ANGEL TREE for Silver Springs - Martin Luther School:

This holiday season, Advent will be participating in a wish list program for **Silver Springs Martin Luther School** (Gemma Services) which provides residential care for students with emotional and behavioral challenges. Members will be able to select a gift from the Angel Tree or from an online sign-up genius. Gifts will be due in early December. Thank you for making the holidays brighter for many children! **Look for the Tree in November!** ~ Advent Social Ministry Team



## HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING

If you are searching for **more meaningful** gift ideas this holiday season, the **2025 ELCA Good Gifts Catalog** has many ideas that **support ministries, fight hunger, and save lives!** Catalogs will be available in the narthex and in the office entrance hall.



For more information, please see <https://goodgifts.elca.org>

## 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!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Samuel Stratton 11/01	Dave Lutcher 11/20
Colleen Latchic 11/02	Dan Slemmer 11/21
Aidan McClure 11/04	Penelope Padlaszek 11/22
Paxton Padlaszek 11/07	Reagan Taylor 11/23
Ava Latchic 11/07	Caroline Kelly 11/23
John Whitner 11/11	Eric Fusco 11/23
Rachael Strayer 11/13	Bruce Rhoades 11/24
David Klepfer 11/13	Will Miller 11/25
Charlotte Douglas 11/13	Karl Gottlieb 11/26
Sarah Hufnagle 11/15	Amy Hammond 11/26
Mathew Foley 11/15	Linda Booth 11/26
Wendy Taylor 11/16	Don Roessler Jr 11/26
Carrie Johnson 11/17	Craig Forwood 11/29
Ashleigh Miller 11/19	
Dolores Bowlan 11/19	

Nina Coll 11/??	Olivia Ryba 11/07
Dylan DaLuz 11/??	Jenna Douglas 11/11
Scott LaCava 11/??	Becky Fisher 11/14
Lauren Ryan 11/??	Christopher Sekiya 11/18
Jackson Self 11/??	Nathan Woodbury 11/19
Bill Taylor 11/??	M. Clare Hassett 11/21
Rob Taylor 11/??	Ethan Heck 11/21
Maeve Dahlgren 11/01	Jackson Kelly 11/23
Erin Solomon 11/01	Skylar Bergey 11/30
Susan Stratton 11/01	
Chase Taylor 11/02	
Connor Grunewald 11/04	
Liam Kelly 11/07	

## 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](mailto:grandmum4367@gmail.com)

Our next gathering is Wednesday, November 19 at 10am



# 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, Paula Slemmer, Kim Sekiya, Betty Johnson, Lauren Ryan

## Families that are Grieving

Eric and Nicole Fusco and family and friends at the death of her brother-in-law, Mike Vitale

June Walker and family and friends at the death of her brother, Bud Slemmer

## Friends and Families in our Prayers

Bob Fad (brother of Kathy Tucholski)

Betty Owens (friend of Judi Greene)

Patti Dille (friend of Trish Barth)

Gary Schoonover (friend of Pastor Mark)

## Prayers for those in the Military and Abroad

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



### **THANKSGIVING EVE, WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26, 7pm.**

You are invited to our joint Advent Lutheran & Salford Mennonite worship service (hosted this year by Salford Mennonite, **480 Groffs Mill Rd. Harleysville, PA 19438**). Connect with each other, give thanks...and help others. **Special offerings** – Financial offerings go to disaster relief agencies from both congregations. Food offerings (click [HERE](#) for helpful items) will go to Keystone Opportunity Center. **Online Service** – click [HERE](#) to worship live Thanksgiving Eve, or watch/worship on Thanksgiving Day.