



Advent Lutheran Church

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OCTOBER 2026 MINISTRY CALENDAR

Friday October 2-4	Bear Creek Camp Women's Retreat
Sunday October 4	8:30am and 11am Worship (8:30 is also livestreamed) 9:45am Sunday Church School, Adult Forum
Tuesday October 6	7pm All Team Meeting
Wednesday October 7	7pm Confirmation Class
Thursday, October 8	10am Bible Study, 7pm Chancel Choir
Sunday, October 11	8:30am and 11am Worship (8:30 is also livestreamed) 9:45am Sunday Church School, Adult Forum
Tuesday October 13	7pm Council Meeting
Wednesday October 14	7pm Confirmation Class
Thursday October 15	10am Bible Study; 7pm Chancel Choir
Sunday October 18	8:30am and 11am Worship (8:30 is also livestreamed) 9:45am Sunday Church School, Adult Forum, Fair Trade Sale 12pm Confirmation Luncheon and Rehearsal
Wednesday October 21	10am Birthday Card Ministry; 6pm Singles Dining Out; 7pm Confirmation Class
Thursday October 22	10am Bible Study; 12pm Prime Timers Luncheon; 7pm Chancel Choir
Sunday October 25	8:30am (also livestreamed) and 11am Worship with Confirmation of 9 th Graders 9:45am Sunday Church School, Adult Forum 12pm Chili at the Pavilion; 2-4pm Trunk or Treat
Wednesday October 28	7pm Pub Theology at Neshaminy Creek Brewing
Thursday October 29	10am Bible Study; 7pm Chancel Choir

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Ministry Teams

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

ADVENT'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND WELCOME STATEMENT

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

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



Our Welcome Statement:

Advent Lutheran Church of Goschenhoppen, a welcoming community of God, believes ALL people are made in God's image and boundless love and ALL are valued equally within our congregation. We are empowered by God through faith to nurture and celebrate the vast diversity among individuals—single, married, partnered, divorced – 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.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARK

THE CATCH-ALL DRAWER

Looking through my (newsletter) clutter drawer

Dear siblings in Christ,

You know how you might have a drawer in your kitchen that's really organized – the cutlery, all sorted out? And another drawer that is the clutter drawer, or the catch-all? It's not unimportant. It has all those things you need, or you might need, close at hand. But it's not very organized.

Some months my newsletter article is like that cutlery drawer – clear, organized, writing with one central purpose. And some months (like this one) it is more like going through that catch-all drawer, and reminding and planning ... “Oh yeah, I need to remember that.”

Welcome to my October clutter drawer. 😊

There's a little Bible section in that clutter drawer. Reminders of the last month, where our gospel readings from Matthew were directed to community, real community, imperfect community.

Matthew shared some words from Jesus about dealing with conflict and disagreement.

“When a sibling sins against you... .”

Community, listening and sharing, appropriate boundaries. Whew!

Then, Matthew shared Jesus' words about forgiveness, and the reminder of how much we have been forgiven (tons and tons) and the call to be people who practice forgiveness. That does NOT mean we allow abuse or oppression. It DOES mean we don't hang on to grudges and hurts. That's tough!

Finally, Matthew challenged us with the gift and scandal of God's grace and forgiveness; gift when it's for us, and scandal when we hear God loves the people we ... well ... strongly dislike! And a vision of God's grace where God's generosity is not about how much we “deserve” or how we stack up to others, but about God providing what people need, and inviting us to join in that work.

My newsletter clutter drawer has a generosity section. Actually, that part of the drawer is so stuffed, it keeps jamming the drawer (you know how that works at home) and makes it hard to close. In a world where so many pastors avoid talking about money or stewardship, I get excited about it.

I just returned from the Stewardship Kaleidoscope annual conference, this year in Baltimore. That provided me with ideas and inspiration and challenges, but it was also a chance to reflect on why stewardship is so important to me. I think it started with my parents, teaching me (with allowance, and discussions) that we give back a portion of what we get, to God as a way to say thanks and to remember God's blessings. That view was

nurtured by an excellent ELCA stewardship director during my first call in Metro New York. And it was challenged and developed more fully by a teacher of the church, John Maxwell, who helped me to grow and get excited about giving and teaching. *Is there a person who has influenced you in responding to God, and being generous? Think about that person, and give thanks.*

This summer, several of the skits I wrote were about stewardship, including one about good and bad reasons to give, and another entitled, "Investment Strategies for your Heart." (I reflected on the words of Jesus, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," and thought about investing treasure where I want my heart to be. *Where do you want your heart?*)

I've been working with our stewardship team in preparing for this year's series, using a theme connected to our three foci from Covid times, and highlighted each Friday in our CGS email. Connect, Grow, Serve, and then Respond. *Don't miss our worship, and the fun and practical ideas our stewardship team has for connecting, growing, and serving.*

My clutter drawer also has some other odds and ends that are fun to look through and think about. There are a variety of gatherings and opportunities, with invitations to be part of them.

Faith in Action. If you've watched (or read) the news and gotten stressed and not known what to do, gather with a group of us on the **third Tuesday of the month** (at noon, or at 7pm) to consider a few things we might discuss, learn about, and perhaps get involved in advocacy. I've found that we can be

overwhelmed alone, but can gather and be more empowered (and comforted and motivated) in living out our faith together. [Click HERE](#) to sign up to be part of Faith in Action.

Bible Study. You missed our first study, including one of the most R-rated passages in the Bible, but with a very real and helpful message for us. We have five more weeks looking at some apparent contradictions or paradoxes in the Bible. Our next one deals with deceitful women saving the day. [Click HERE](#) to sign up for our **Thursday 10am Bible study**.

Confirmation is starting up this month. We have a brand-new class of 6 youth beginning their two-year journey, and a smaller (but awesome) group of 3 youth who will be confirmed on Sunday October 25. They chose the second service for confirmation, but y'all can see and hear from them at the Adult Forum between services that day. And there is cake!

There's one final part of my newsletter clutter drawer, right near the front where I see it all the time, and that has a bunch of people represented.

We have a number of people from our household of faith who are going through difficult times, and major medical issues, some public, some not. At times I am filled with deep sadness. At times I am inspired by the faith of others, and at times I am encouraging faith. I wish I could fix everything. I can't. I'm called to walk alongside, and share God's presence, and pray and care. And share God's promises. And YOUR cards and expressions of love, your prayers and your caring, are experienced in very real ways by these people. THANKS.

And we have so many awesome people stepping up, putting your faith in action in our community, whether filling in during the administrator vacancy and helping us find a new person for that job, or leading or working in the many ministries that help us to BE the church God has called us to be. It's exciting to see so many people around on a Sunday morning, and people getting back into groups and ministries, into worship and response.

That clutter drawer is a bit too full to close properly. Good thoughts, challenging

thoughts, sad thoughts, exciting thoughts, real life in God's community. I am glad you are part of that. THANKS.

Your partner in Christ's mission,

Pr. Mark

COUNCIL NOTES

Council is preparing for the next annual audit and is actively seeking volunteers from the congregation. If you would be willing to help with the annual audit one Saturday morning in the winter, please reach out to Zach Boyer.

Council approved hiring Diana McClure as Interim bookkeeper until June 30, 2027.

Council asked mutual ministry to post for a new office administrator on Indeed and is reviewing job applicants.

Council reviewed and discussed upcoming expenses for parking lot repairs, organ console repairs, and new air conditioning units.

***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!***

Faith in Action

Tuesday October 20th, 12:00pm or 7:00pm

Gather monthly at Advent to discuss issues and support each other in putting our Faith in Action.



LAMPa (Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania) provides information about local, state and national issues, and invites citizens to respond as a way of living out their (our) faith. Pastor Mark and other Advent members attended the annual “Lutheran Day at the Capitol” this past spring, hosted by LAMPa.

There’s a lot going on. Some we might all (most) agree on. Some not. But as Christian citizens, we ought to be thinking about how we put our Faith in Action. At the same time, it can be overwhelming or frustrating to try to do that alone. So... here’s the idea.

Might a group of interested people gather monthly, to look together at the LAMPa resources (and other faith-based information)? Might we discuss, as people of faith, and then help and support each other to put our Faith in Action?

Let’s try it. On the third Tuesday of the month. (Next Gathering is October 20.)

Two options: At noon. Or at 7pm. [Faith In Action Sign Up](#)

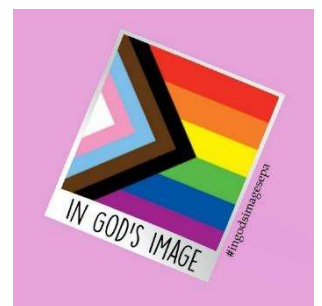
Gathering for about an hour, to review some resources, ask questions and discuss, and then each figure out how we will put our Faith in Action.

In God’s Image

Saturday, October 10, 2026 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Reformation Lutheran Church

102 West Rose Tree Road Media, PA 19036



Advent is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, welcoming all people. This annual event ("In God's Image") is a way to help us more effectively do that. ***It is a learning day to help congregations explore how to fully welcome LGBTQIA+ persons.***

Pastor Mark and several others will be attending. And, scholarships are available for anyone who requests that. Cost is \$15. [Register Here](#) Or contact the church office.

If you need free childcare please email: ingodsimagesepa@gmail.com

Preparing to Move to Retirement Living

Considering retirement? Or a move to a place of retirement?
Or perhaps helping a family member make those preparations?

Join with your Indian Valley Cluster of Lutheran Churches for brunch & program which will provide some helpful advice and information about choosing a retirement community.

What are you looking for? What features do you value?
What options exist in care, finances, and living arrangements?
... and then add a wonderful and helpful guide on “What to do with your stuff”

Tuesday, October 6, 10:30-12 Noon - Lutheran Community in Telford,
12 Lutheran Home Drive, Telford

[Retirement Brunch and Program Sign Up](#)



THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the archive fundraiser in July. Seventy-two people attended, and together we raised \$5,056.01. We are especially grateful to those who helped with setup on Friday evening and stayed afterward to assist with cleanup. The beautiful weather and delicious food made the event even more enjoyable. Thank you for your generous support; we will keep you updated on our progress. – Jean Godsall-Myers, Deane Werley and the Archive Team

Thank you to Eileen Solomon, Kim Ribelin, Becky Hartman, Teresa Feeser, Kim Kesack, Eileen Filice, Cassie Singh-Hueter, Dean Shollenberger, Jean Godsall-Myers, Rich Lantz, Deane Werley, Lynn Scheckenbach, Sue Macfadden, Cindy Torres and Rick and Janet Kreiss for helping in the church office while we are without an office administrator.

Thank you to everyone who serves during worship. A special thank you to Kim Sekiya for creating our worship volunteer list each month and Joe Kelley for calling our worship volunteers each week.

Thank you to our Eileen Solomon, Nancy Grunewald, the Morasco Family, the Mendel Family and Lora Drenth for taking care of our rt 113 sign.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Message

The goal of our Stewardship Ministry at Advent is to help God's people to grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talent and finances God has entrusted to them. Each one of us, as a disciple at Advent plays a major role in living out our vision statement...

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



Our stewardship theme this year is **Connect – Grow – Serve...** *Responding to God's blessings and joining in God's mission.* Each week we will focus on one of these areas with each of us having an opportunity to reflect on how we might try something new in the way we Connect, Grow or Serve over the next few months here at Advent, in the community, or at home.

September 27 - How has God gathered and blessed us? (CONNECT)

October 4 - How are we nurtured in this faith? (GROW)

- The Stewardship Packets for each household will be available.
- Join us in Fellowship Hall for the Adult Forum session as we discuss this year's program and request your feedback regarding how Advent conducts our annual program so we can adjust and continue to improve the information that is shared.

October 11 - How do we love our neighbor? (SERVE)

And on October 18, how then do we RESPOND through the giving of our time, our talents and our finances in joining God's mission for the world as an active disciple.

We invite every member to consider how God may be calling you to become more involved - through worship, volunteering, inviting others, serving in ministry, engaging in educational opportunities, and continuing to grow your faithful financial support.

Wandering & Wondering Activity – Summary

During the sabbatical we invited members of the congregation to share how you take time to rest and renew yourself. Below is a summary of the responses we received.

We thank those members that shared their thoughts.

Remember to take care of yourself and take time to be still, find your quite place, and be in awe of all that God has created.

- Swimming and playing soccer.
- Reading a book poolside
- Watching a Phillies game. I find the pace of the game to be calming, and it allows me to relax after a busy day.
- Taking long walks and just standing and watching the pollinators at work.
- Walks with friends – nourishes me emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Challenging hikes- the views and waterfalls are worth it! Reading at Advent's Book Club. Campfires – mesmerizingly peaceful. Making puzzles.
- Reconnect with high school classmates some of whom I have not seen in decades. I wonder/marvel at the stories we share about how our lives have unfolded (and are still unfolding)
- Reading and reflecting on my daily devotional.
- Gardening helps me relax. Spending time outside, tending to plants, and getting my hands in the dirt is both calming and rewarding.
- Taking a walk along the Perkiomen creek and being unplugged! Seeing ducks, turtles, crayfish, blue heron, deer, green heron, fish and a muskrat!
- Making a bracelet for my mom and playing soccer.
- I wander and wander each and every morning to start my day by walking barefoot in the grass no matter the weather. Just a couple minutes or a good 20 minutes to start my day.
- Listening to birdsong with my morning coffee.
- Seeing the moonrise over the ocean - reflecting a trail of light from the beach to the horizon.
- Watching fish and wading through a lake in Breakheart Reservation near Boston.
- Weekend getaway with the ladies, sitting by the campfire and laughing a lot.
- Watering the plants each day to keep God's beauty growing.
- I'm in awe of the magnificent cloud formations throughout spring and summer. The variations of colors and shapes and how they continually change are inspiring.
- Working in the garden and watching the plant grow. The bees and butterflies visiting blooms. Finding a bird's nest. Watching hummingbirds come and go. All reminders of God's work.

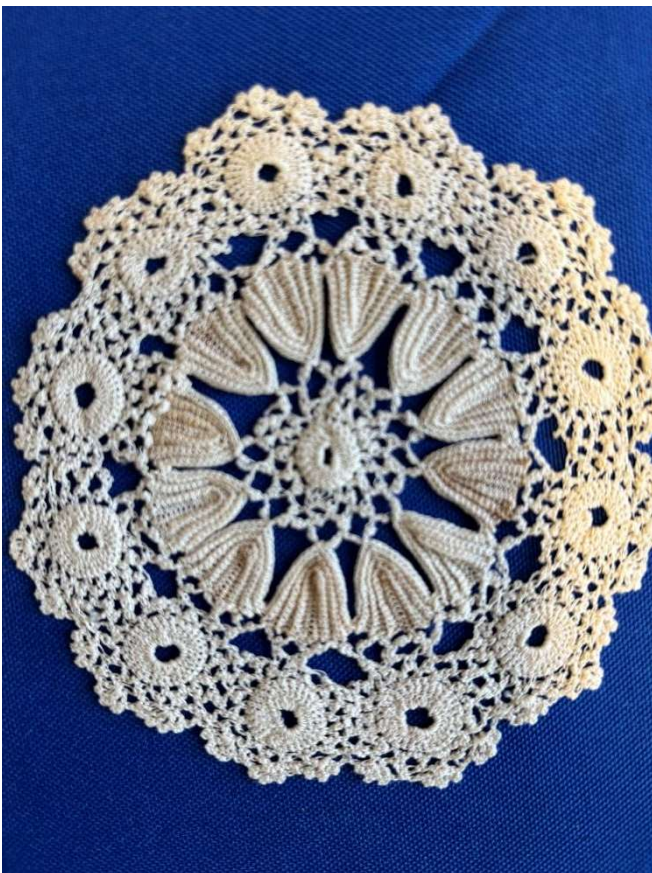
THE ARCHIVIST

India Lace

written by Deane Werley

At the Archive Presentation on Sunday March 22nd, I talked about Old Goschenhopp Women's Missionary Society and the various fundraisers and charities they supported. I mentioned India Lace which the Lutheran Missionaries in India taught the women to make as a home industry. Unfortunately, we didn't have a sample to show. Thanks to Peg Bamford (who grew up attending Trinity Lutheran Church in Germantown) we have more information and a picture.

The lace pictured below belonged to Peg's grandmother Edith Stamm who was a member of The Women's Missionary Society at Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Pottstown. Most likely she got it at the India Lace Industry at the Muhlenberg Building on Spruce St. in Philadelphia.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Forum

Sundays at 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 4 – Stewardship Program

Join us to review and discuss this year's stewardship theme "Connect, Grow, Serve". We would like to request your feedback regarding how Advent conducts our annual program so we can adjust and continue to improve the information that is shared. Bring your own ideas or things you have seen done at other congregations that we might want to consider for Advent.

October 11 – Advent's "Mini-Ministries"

Come learn about three of Advent's "Mini-Ministries": Advent's meadow, Advent's Route 113 sign and Advent's Blessing Box.

October 18 – Living Lutheran Discussion

Living Lutheran is your source for news, reflections and stories from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and its local and global companions. The magazine covers religious news and social issues, congregational life, global and domestic mission, family matters, spiritual practices and resources, and more.

October 25 – Meet our Newly Confirmed 9th Graders

Celebrate with our newly confirmed 9th graders (Sam, Charlotte and Chase) and their mentors (Andy, Deane and Carl) and hear about what they learned and experienced during their 2-year confirmation journey.

Fall Bible Study

Which is it?

Tensions and Paradoxes

Join us for a new 6-week Bible Study this fall, meeting on **Thursday mornings at 10:00am from Sept 24 through Oct 29.**

This one-hour study, led by Pastor Mark, will look at some paradoxes, tensions, and apparent contradictions in the Bible.

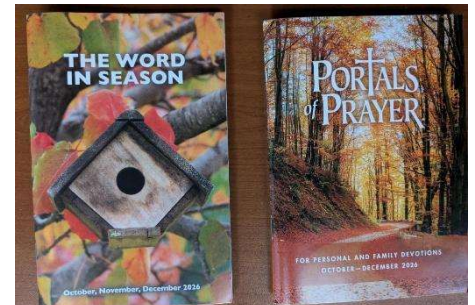
Deceptive women in Exodus save the day- are they to be praised or criticized? Is the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew a pedigree or scandal? What is the difference between a thorn in the flesh and “my cross to bear”? Join us and find out. No Bible experience necessary.

Sign up in the fellowship hall or online. [Fall Bible Study Sign-Up](#)



Daily Devotionals

Portals of Prayer and Word in Season devotionals are available for October - December in the office vestibule and narthex.

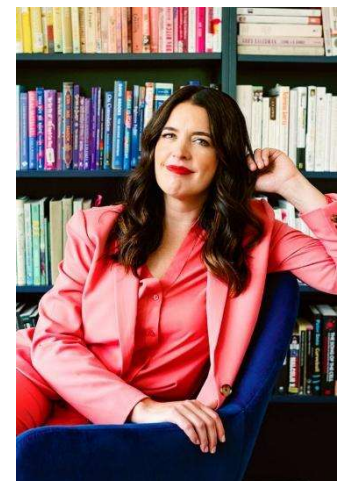


Aging Gracefully

A special Livestream with author Kate Bowler
November 12 @ 1:30pm

Kate Bowler, PhD is a four-time New York Times best-selling author, award-winning podcast host, and an Associate Professor of American Religious History at Duke University. She studies the cultural stories we tell ourselves about success, suffering, and whether (or not) we're capable of change. Her latest book, Joyful Anyway, reveals the surprising magic of joy – and how we can access it even when happiness feels out of reach.

Join us for refreshments and this special presentation. Friends and guests are welcome! [Aging Gracefully Livestream Sign Up](#)





Sunday Church School Classes

We are so excited for a new year of learning and growing in faith together at 9:45am on Sunday mornings! We have classes for ages 2 1/2 to 12th grade.



Children's Church

Children's Church is for Kindergarten - 5th graders and takes place during the middle part of worship. Children are dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's sermon. They return to worship during the peace.



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.



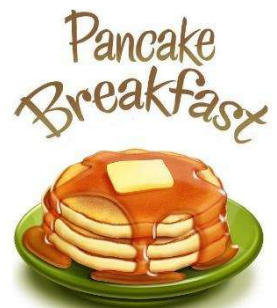
Children's Worship Area

The children's worship area is in the narthex and free for all to use. There are coloring activities, games, books and toys for all ages. If you are interested in helping to organize and maintain this area, please contact Carrie Ryan.

Volunteers are always needed in all the above ministries. Please contact Carrie Ryan if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you.

Fall Pancake Breakfast Youth Fundraiser Saturday, November 21, 8-10am

Advent children, youth and parents will be ready to serve you.
Mark your calendars now!





Faith Milestone – Confirmation

On October 25th, our 9th graders will profess their faith in God the Father, God the +Son, and God the Holy Spirit as they affirm the promises their parents 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.

Chase Latchic – Carl Dahlgren, mentor

Sam Stover – Andy Hassett, mentor

Charlotte Vincent – Deane Werley, mentor

Junior High Youth Retreat November 7-8 @ Bear Creek Camp



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

Finding a College Campus Ministry



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

Prime Timers Luncheon

Thursday, October 22 @ 12pm

Join us for soup and sandwiches and some Advent history!



Our Archive Team will be sharing some fascinating information about our congregation's past. You'll have time to peruse the Archive room which includes photos and documents of our congregational history.

Sign up online [Prime Timers Luncheon Sign Up](#), on the fellowship hall bulletin board or call the church office.

Who are the Prime Timers? It is Advent's senior citizen group, but we'd love a new name! Silver Saints? The Golden Agers? Seasoned Believers? Reach out to Carrie Ryan if you have an idea.

Singles Dining Out

Wednesday, October 21 @ 6pm

Bella Fiona in Harleysville

This group of single adults get together on the third Wednesday of the month at various restaurants in the area. We try not to travel too far and some in the group carpool. We are a fun group! Contact [Judi Greene](#) for more information.

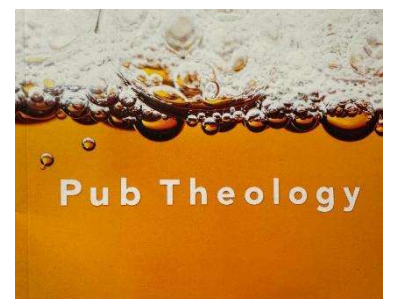


Pub Theology

Wednesday, October 28 at 7pm

Neshaminy Creek Brewing

We discuss a faith related topic in a spirit of openness and welcome.



Trunk or Treat and Pumpkin Fest

Sunday, October 25 from 2-4pm

Chili lunch at 12:30pm

An event for all ages! Invite your friends, family and neighbors.
Food and fun at the pavilion! Trunk or treating in the parking lot.

Come early for a chili lunch at the pavilion at 12:30pm!
At 2pm, children and families will arrive to trick-or-treat from the
trunks of cars and take part in many pumpkin themed crafts,
games and activities. Halloween costumes are welcomed!

Many volunteers are needed for a successful event!
How can you help?

- Bring your car, decorations and candy to pass out to kids.
- Help at a pumpkin activity station (crafts, games, storytelling)
- Donate prizes or supplies for the event.

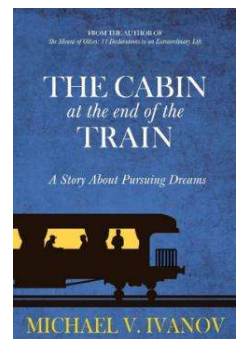
[Trunk or Treat Volunteer Sign Up](#) Please contact Jen Forwood cjforwood@verizon.net or Carrie Ryan cryan@adventharleysville.org for more information.



Advent Book Club

We meet after worship on the 3rd Sunday (every other month) for a meal and discussion. All are welcome!

The Cabin at the End of the Train by Michael V. Ivanov
Sunday, November 15 @ 12pm (after second service)



Outdoor Adventures

Join us this fall as we walk, bike, hike and kayak in God's glorious creation together! We will add events throughout the summer.
New walks will be announced weekly. Gatherings are arranged by Advent members, in coordination with Carrie Ryan.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

God's Work. Our Hands

Thank you to everyone who donated items for and attended God's Work. Our Hands. day on Sunday September 13. We had a lot of fun and enjoyed fellowshiping with each other. Thanks to all your help, we delivered 120 infant and toddler hygiene kits to clients of Montgomery County Health and Human Services!



Sunday Church School Offerings

Sunday Church School (SCS) began on Sunday September 20 and students voted to determine the recipient of this year's student offerings. The most-voted charity is [UNICEF](#)! Please encourage your children to attend SCS and contribute a weekly offering. We look forward to another wonderful year of SCS and supporting our global neighbors in need!



Fair Trade

Our October Fair Trade sale is on October 18 after each 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!



Fall Care Packages for College Students

We will be collecting donations of items for care packages to send to our college students. Stay tuned for the Sign-Up Genius in your weekly email soon!



Thanksgiving Meal Bags

We will be collecting Thanksgiving food for Keystone Opportunity Center to distribute to local families in need. Stay tuned for the Sign-Up Genius in your weekly email soon!



Mitzvah Circle Fundraiser on October 29

What: Join us at our Growing Good Together event to support the mission and work of Mitzvah Circle

When: October 29th from 6:30pm-8:30pm

Where: Mitzvah Circle, 435 Doylestown Road, Lansdale

RSVP: [Mitzvah Circle Foundation · Growing Good Together](#)



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 Pastor Mark or 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](#)



Blessing Box

We are excited to launch our Blessing Box at Advent! Like our Little Free Library, the Blessing Box is available to anyone in our community who may need a helping hand. Together, we can make a difference by keeping the box stocked with essential food, paper, hygiene, and baby care products throughout the year.

If you have items to donate but the box is full, please put them in the overflow bin in the vestibule. We will make sure they are added to the box as space becomes available. Please check expiration dates and

ensure items are unopened and in good condition. Gluten-free items are appreciated as well.

Thank you for helping us share God's love through this ministry; every donation – no matter how small – is a blessing to someone in need.

Suggested donations include:

- Baby care items such as diapers, pull-ups, and wipes

- Canned chili, hearty soups, meats such as chicken/ham/tuna, stews, etc.

- Canned fruits and vegetables

- Feminine hygiene products

- Paper products such as paper towels, napkins, tissues, and toilet paper

- Peanut butter and other shelf-stable nut or seed butters

- Personal hygiene products such as deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste

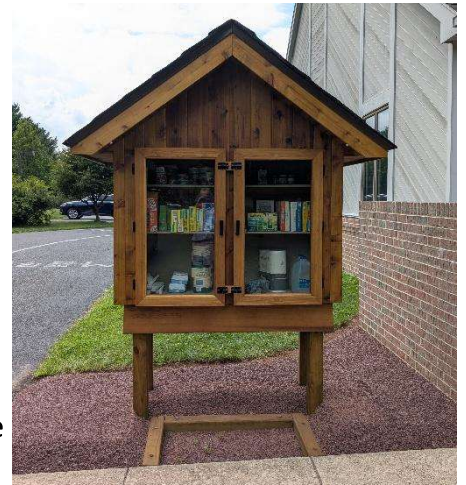
- Shelf-stable baby and toddler food

- Shelf-stable milk, meals, pasta, rice, snacks such as cereal/crackers/granola bars, etc.

We cannot accept:

- Expired or opened items - Fresh or homemade foods

- Glass containers or jars - Refrigerated or frozen items



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!



WORSHIP AND MUSIC

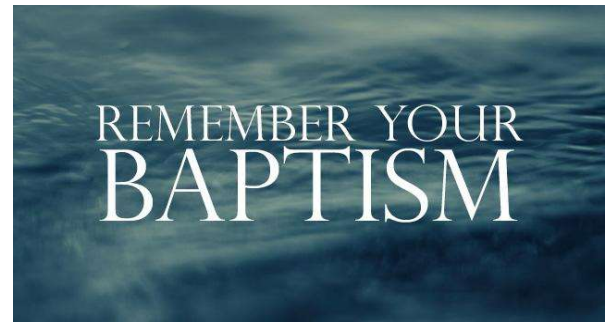
Christmas Eve instrumentalists and singers!

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 3:00pm 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 being 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.



October Birthdays

3	Sienna Morasco
	Becky Fisher
	Carl Bowman
4	Deane Werley
7	Erin Scheckenbach
8	Alex Holloway
	Tess Strayer
9	Emily Vincent
10	Kate Coll
11	Wade Dahlgren
12	Emma Kraus
13	Lisa Holloway
14	Tim Scheckenbach
15	Lynn Scheckenbach
	Deb Haig
17	Jake Forwood
19	Scott LaCava
19	Conner Forwood
20	Jenise Rhoades
21	Dylan Ribelin
23	Scott Coll
28	Gail Wightman
29	Hannah Bailey

October Baptisms

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

Birthday Card Ministry

Each month a small group of volunteers meets to write birthday messages for Advent members.

All are welcome to join 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, October 21 at 10am.

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, Brad Grunewald, The Neese Family, Dolores Bowlan

Families that are Grieving

Dolores and Ron Bowlan, at the death of Dolores's brother, Ron Malcolm.

Friends and Families in our Prayers

Gary Faulhaber, father of Carrie Ryan

Kay Mason, cousin of Eileen Solomon

Prayers of thanksgiving and continued recovery for David Lantz, brother of Rich Lantz

Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Helen Nace's twin goddaughters, Callie and
Nella, born to Helen's friends, Kerry and John.

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]

