



Advent Lutheran Church

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MAY 2026 MINISTRY CALENDAR

- May 3** 9:30am Sunday Worship (in person and livestreamed) —Youth Sunday
- May 5** 6pm REST (devotional time) in sanctuary
6pm New Member and Shepherd Dinner in fellowship hall
7pm All Team Night
- May 6** 7pm Confirmation Class
- May 7** 7pm Chancel Choir
- May 10** 9:30am Sunday Worship—New Member Sunday
Mother's Day Flower sale benefitting Laurel House
10:45am Sabbatical Celebration and Sending
- May 12** 7pm Council meeting
- May 13** 10am Birthday Card Ministry
7pm Confirmation Class
- May 17** 9:30am Sunday Worship (in person and livestreamed)
10:30am Fair Trade Sale
11am Book Club
- May 24** 9:30am Pentecost Sunday Worship (in person and livestreamed)
- May 25** Church office closed for Memorial Day
- May 27** 7pm Pub Theology at Neshaminy Creek Brewing
- May 29** Synod Assembly at Trinity Lutheran in Lansdale
- May 30** Synod Assembly at Trinity Lutheran in Lansdale
- May 31** 9:30am Sunday Worship (in person and livestreamed)

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Carrie Ryan, Bill Kesack

Church Council

Amy Coll, President
Zach Boyer, Vice President
Diana McClure, Treasurer
Rich Lantz, Secretary
Helen Nace, Judi Greene,
Bruce Rhoades, Lora Drenth,
Teresa Feeser
Pastor Mark Singh-Hueter

Ministry Teams

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

ADVENT'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND WELCOME STATEMENT

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

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



Our Welcome Statement:

Advent Lutheran Church of Goschenhoppen, a welcoming community of God, believes ALL people are made in God's image and boundless love and ALL are valued equally within our congregation. We are empowered by God through faith to nurture and celebrate the vast diversity among individuals – single, married, partnered, divorced – embrace their uniqueness in all aspects of life including race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds and age. We care for the environment and strive for racial equity and social and economic justice. We at Advent affirm and welcome you to share life with us and participate in God's ministry.



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

Thanks be to God!

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARK



SABBATICAL PLANS

Updates & Reflections

Dear siblings in Christ,

People keep asking if I am getting excited about my sabbatical, and if I am ready.

Excited? Yes.

Ready? No.

This feels a little like the pressure I had when I was leaving my last call and preparing to come here. Making sure everything was in place to run as well as possible when I was gone.

Let me make it very, very, very clear. I am away for three months. Then returning, hopefully for a long and strong time of ministry here. That's part of the value of the sabbatical. To refresh and renew me for ministry. I have a written commitment to be here at least two years following my sabbatical. I hope it's much longer. It would be fun to celebrate our 300th anniversary celebration in 2032.

But, am I ready?

Well, I'm still working with Council leadership and Sabbatical Team and others to help take over or assist with some of the ministry I have done. That should be good for the congregation long-term. *(I hope you see it as an opportunity to step up, and find a way to be part of the leadership and ministry. For your sake and for Advent's.)*

So... What will I be doing on sabbatical?

The simple answer is ... my mornings will be time for studying and writing; afternoons will be time for wondering and wandering.

I will be going to the upper Peninsula (UP) of Michigan, to an area that I know from

childhood vacations when we would come back to the USA on furlough from Papua New Guinea. With all the international moves and boarding schools, and all the congregations my dad would have to preach at when we visited the USA, the UP was the one area where we got to just relax as family. That can refresh and renew me all by itself.

My mornings will be times of text study and immersing myself in a season of the church year (like Lent, or Epiphany), and then using that information to write sermon-based skits and dramas. I will write some one-person dramas like my recent stint as "Doubting (Courageous) Thomas." I'll write some dialogues, and maybe some multi-person skits suitable for a Youth Sunday or special event.

I hope to use some of these resources here at Advent, but would also like to package selections of dramas for a certain season or occasion. And ultimately, I want to make them available to others, whether as a book (available for donation to a hunger ministry), or a free resource. As with past skits or dramas that I have written and shared, I invite people to freely use them for any church purposes they want, as long as no one claims it as their own or tries to make money off of it.

I will also take a little of that morning study-and-writing-time to write some children's books, putting into print some of the stories I used to make up for my own daughter when she was little...stories with a moral, a helpful point, a faith-connection, and often ending with a prayer. I have a nephew who's a gifted artist who I may turn to for illustrations.

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARK CONTINUED

My afternoons will be less structured. I intend to do some hiking and bicycling and kayaking. Some of the time I will be trying out some intentional meditation or reflection ideas. Some of the time will just be for me to get outdoors and unwind and enjoy God's amazing creation.

I intend to do some fishing, but have decided that will not be "on the clock." What I mean is, the fishing will be early mornings or later evenings or weekends (and hopefully will be a source of food). I want my weekdays to follow the blueprint of morning study and writing and afternoon wandering and wondering.

Two other details that will be important to me. With all of the solitude of my planned schedule, I want to get together weekly for a breakfast or lunch with a clergy colleague. I will reach out to pastors in the area and invite someone weekly to a meal and conversation. No agenda. Just a chance to break bread and share.

And, I have reached out and found a congregation with which I will worship during the summer. Not as a pastor. I had a conversation with the pastor there. She is fine with me being involved simply as a summer worshiper. If they do a bake sale or a service event, I will help out. Simply as a worshiper. That sounds kind of fun and refreshing for the summer.

And I suspect it will bring reflections and

insights and inspiration that will help me when I return to Advent in mid-August.

Out of the 13-week of sabbatical, about one week will be travel, and another week and a half will be a time of vacation - a few days with my daughter for a family event, a week with my wife just getting away and relaxing.

I am so, so grateful and blessed to have a congregation with multiple retired pastors who can cover the essentials like Sunday worship and emergency pastoral care. I am unbelievably blessed to be in a congregation with strong leaders who have led and guided us well, and are stepping up into additional responsibilities and leadership, and amazing staff who will continue doing what they do. And I am grateful to all of you for this opportunity, and hopeful for all of you in this interim time of rebalancing ministry and responsibilities. Finally, I am confident that we will go into the fall and the coming years as a stronger congregation with stronger leadership by you and by me.

Please pray for me in this time of preparation and sabbatical. Please invest in yourself, and find ways to do your own wandering and wondering. And please pray for our whole congregation, that we would continue to be faithful and growing in our ministry, and joyful and serving in response to our amazing God.

Pr. Mark

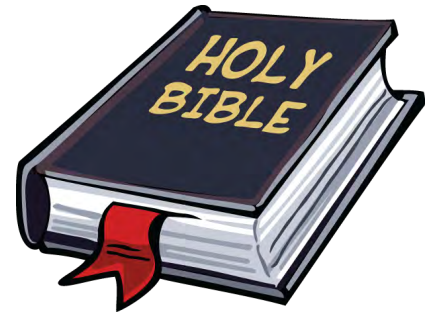


TUESDAY REST, Tuesday May 5, 6:00pm

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

For many, this is a time of fear, worry, dread, helplessness and hopelessness. And so we gather, in a way that centers us, and opens us to God's presence. We need that. Contact Pastor Mark for more information. Or just show up.

Summer Bible Bearer



As part of the Children's Sermons this summer, Pastor Steve is recruiting 'Bible Bearers'. As a Bible Bearer, you will be asked to bring your personal Bible, and in a brief interview with Pastor Dave or Pastor Steve, you will tell the children about your Bible such as why it has meaning to you, how or when you received your Bible, how have you used your Bible, are there any special markings or bookmarks of note in your Bible. You will also be asked to share a Bible verse that is especially important to you.

Please sign up for a Sunday....any individual or family can sign up. When you sign up, please also indicate the verse you would like to share. We would like to have a different verse each Sunday.

Please sign-up in fellowship hall or contact Pastor Steve with any questions.

COUNCIL NOTES

Council spent time discussing and planning upcoming expenses related to the Parking Lot.

The Council continued discussion on Sabbatical preparation.

Travis Nace and Amy Coll have been appointed as the Synod Assembly delegates for Advent. Council thanks them for filling this role for Advent.



SABBATICAL TEAM

Pastoral Sabbatical

Pastor Mark will be taking a pastoral sabbatical from May 14 through August 15. This is a planned time of rest, renewal, and spiritual growth, providing space for reflection, study, and rejuvenation that sustains long-term ministry. During this time, our church will continue its ministries and worship life with the support of retired pastors connected to Advent, along with our staff, Church Council, and the active participation of the congregation.

Who will be covering Pastor's duties while he's gone?

We are blessed to have multiple retired pastors within our congregation who are providing support during the sabbatical, for worship services and pastoral care. They know our congregation well and we look forward to them preaching and caring for our members during this time.

Worship Services - Pastor Stephen Godsall-Myers and Pastor David Lutcher will be covering all our worship services.



Pastor Stephen Godsall-Myers served as Advent's pastor for 6 years from 2010-2016. He and his wife Jean returned to Advent as active members in 2023. In addition to the occasional preaching at Advent, Steve has provided Bible Study sessions and led numerous Adult Forum discussions for our members and guests.



Pastor Dave and his wife Robin joined Advent in 2019, following retirement from Grace Lutheran in Hatfield. He has served congregations in Northeastern and Southeastern PA Synods as well as Bear Creek Camp for 44 years. He currently serves as part-time Visitation Pastor at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Audubon.

Pastoral Care – Pastor Jo Wilhelmson will handle pastoral care activities along with Pastor Sue MacFadden and some lay volunteers .



Pastor Jo Wilhelmson served as Advent’s pastor for 12 years from 1996-2008. She and her husband Stan returned to Advent as members in 2011. Jo continues to serve Advent in many ways including as a member of our Welcome Team and part of our New Member Class leadership.



Pastor Sue Macfadden served as pastor at Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit in Emmaus for 18 years before retiring. She became a member at Advent in 2019 and serves on the Worship and Music ministry teams and as a lector.

Advent’s Pastoral Sabbatical – Frequently Asked Questions

Pastor Mark will begin his pastoral sabbatical in May. We have compiled a list of frequently asked questions that we hope will answer most of your questions and address any concerns. Many of these questions came from members over the past 2 years during which time Advent approved a sabbatical policy and council approved Pastor Mark’s plan for his sabbatical time.

Why is this a good thing for a Pastor Mark?

A sabbatical will provide an opportunity for Pastor Mark to rest, rejuvenate, and grow both personally and professionally. This time away will lead to improved mental and physical health for Pastor, fostering creativity and preventing burnout. The congregation recognizes that a refreshed Pastor Mark can better serve the congregation upon his return - bringing new insights, energy, and passion to his ministry. The sabbatical will also allow a reset of our congregation’s roles and responsibilities during Pastor's absence and give us an opportunity to stretch our lay leadership capabilities.

Why is this a good thing for our Advent church community?

A sabbatical for the pastor does not have to be met with anxiety or church paralysis. A sabbatical can provide an opportunity for discovering new strengths for ministry within the congregation and watching authentic growth in individuals as they discover how their own particular gifts can benefit the church, even after the pastor's return.

Why is this a good thing now?

Pastor Mark is completing 34 years of full-time pastoral ministry and has been serving our faith community for the past 8 years. Pastor Mark has never taken a sabbatical. As a congregation we approved a sabbatical policy in 2024 and believe that a sabbatical will allow Pastor Mark to continue to serve our congregation with renewed energy and ideas.

We are blessed to have a highly competent staff, leadership team and ministry leaders who can lead in his absence. Summer is a good time for a pastor's sabbatical since church programs and events are more casual and less frequent. This timing also allows Pastor Mark to be back in time for full participation in our fall ministry season.

How long and when will the sabbatical be?

Three months. Pastor Mark will be farewelled after the worship service on May 10th (and will be in the office through that Wednesday) and return to Advent in August for the August 16th worship service.

How can I make sure I say goodbye to Pastor Mark before he leaves for his sabbatical?

You are in luck! We will be having a sending gathering at worship on May 10th and we will celebrate with Pastor Mark and his family in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Who will be covering Pastor's duties while he's gone?

We are blessed to have multiple retired pastors within our congregation who are providing support during the sabbatical, for worship services and pastoral care. They know our congregation well and we look forward to them preaching and caring for our members during this time. Our Church council led by Council President Amy Coll will continue to function as normal in overseeing the operation of our church.

A. Worship Services – Pastor Stephen Godsall-Myers and Pastor David Lutcher will be covering all our worship services. The sabbatical occurs during the time when Advent has one worship service at 9:30 am.

B. Pastoral Care – Pastor Jo Wilhelmson will handle pastoral care activities assisted by Pastor Sue MacFadden and some lay volunteers. Funerals will be covered by Pastors Steve, David, or Jo. If you require pastoral care during the sabbatical time, please call the church office at 215-256-9941. If you call after hours, that number will transfer to someone who can assist you.

C. Administration/Operational Decisions - Council and the Sabbatical Team have already reviewed what Pastor Mark does and have assigned most of the necessary responsibilities within the congregation. They are continuing to identify individuals who can assist in coverage of some specific activities. Please consider helping out if you are asked or offer your services to a member of the Sabbatical Team or Church Council.

Will the Church Staff be doing more?

No, our dedicated staff will continue to perform their roles and no additional work activities will be required of them. There may be some process adjustments within the Office Administrator Role as it relates to preparation for worship services but otherwise this is an opportunity for lay people within the congregation to assume new responsibilities and to not expect more to be done by our staff during the sabbatical.

What if I truly have an emergency?

Please call the church office at 215-256-9941 and you will be directed to the appropriate person to handle the emergency. If you call after hours, that number will transfer to someone who can assist you.

Can I still call or text Pastor Mark while he is on sabbatical?

Sadly, no. For the Sabbatical to be of the greatest value and reflection, Pastor Mark will not be reachable from the congregation. We have asked him to disengage from email, phone, and social media. All responsibilities and concerns that Pastor Mark handles will be delegated to appropriate sabbatical coverage pastors, Advent council, staff, and members during this period.

Can I contact Pastor Mark's family?

You may see Merlyn or Cassandra in worship or in the community, so please feel free to say hello as a friend and spiritual companion in Christ. Ask them about their family or any other sort of topic that you would talk to a friend about. Remember, they are still a part of our family! You can respect the sabbatical by not talking church business.

What will Pastor Mark do during this time away?

Pastor Mark's sabbatical will be centered in Upper Michigan. He plans to spend his sabbatical time learning, growing, resting, connecting, reading, and creatively planning for future sermons.

Is this a sign that Pastor Mark is leaving our church?

Advent's sabbatical policy requires that any pastor taking a sabbatical will commit to return to Advent for a minimum of two years. Pastor Mark has made that commitment in writing to Council. Pastor Mark is not updating his resume, searching for other jobs or moving across the country. He is not ill. This sabbatical is a joyful blessing for him, his family and for Advent. Let us anticipate and trust the work God will do in us and in him and we look forward to his future years at Advent.

How can we best support Pastor Mark during this time away?

In a word, PRAYER!

1. Pray that Pastor Mark's time with God will be filled with refreshment, goodness, love and truth. Pray that God will give Pastor Mark insight and perspective, to receive His love more fully and love Him more deeply, in a way that overflows to his life, leadership and our ministry.
2. Pray for Pastor Mark's family (Merlyn and Cassandra) during this time. Pray that his family would benefit from this time as well.
3. Pray for our Advent staff, church council, sabbatical coverage pastors, and other lay leaders as they continue to serve our Advent faith community.
4. Pray for all our members during this time that they might be empowered to step up and serve in new ways. As a congregation, pray for our renewal and look for new opportunities of service as individuals and as a congregation. Help us to be unified in our mission and vision, that we might have a strong sense of where God is leading us before, during and after this sabbatical time.

How can I make this sabbatical successful for Advent?

In addition to praying (see above), a successful sabbatical is dependent upon **participation by the congregation**. The pastor's absence during a pastoral sabbatical provides a new opportunity for the congregation to realize that "we are the church!" Allow this to be a time when you are able to embrace this concept.

Volunteer to support our worship service and participate in church events. Invite a friend to Advent worship or any event and be supportive of our Church Council and staff. Perhaps this is a time you could volunteer for a few hours a week to provide additional assistance in the office.

I have more questions! Who can I talk to?

Anyone on Council or the Sabbatical Team will be happy to discuss the sabbatical with you and answer your questions – feel free to reach out to us!

Council: Amy Coll, Zach Boyer, Rich Lantz, Diana McClure, Bruce Rhoades, Judi Greene, Lora Drenth, Helen Nace, Teresa Feeser

Sabbatical Team – Steve Nevin, Carl Dahlgren, Amy Hammond, Judi Greene

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

First Communion

God's blessings to Gwen Miller, Ava Latchic and Miles Nace on receiving your first communion on Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026.





Youth Sunday – May 3 9:30am Worship

It's the best day of the year when our children and youth lead us in worship! A special fellowship time will be held after worship.

[Sign up HERE to donate food for Youth Sunday](#)



FREE May Play Day and Open House at Bear Creek Camp

Saturday, May 2 from 10am-2pm

Come to camp for an open house day of fun! Explore camp, meet staff, boat, hike, try out high ropes, and fellowship with our camp community. Cookout lunch is freely offered to all! Pre-registration is appreciated for planning. All children must be accompanied by an adult. All are welcome! [Register HERE for May Play Day](#)



It's not too late to sign up for summer camp!

[Bear Creek Camp Summer Camp Registration](#)

Advent supports all our campers through our Bear Creek Camp Funds.

The money in these funds comes from generous donations and fundraising efforts.

- 1) Every Advent youth attending summer camp can receive **\$150** towards camp registration. Once your child is registered for camp, please email Carrie Ryan a copy of your registration. Advent will issue you a \$150 reimbursement check **per child**.
- 2) Every Advent youth who is a **FIRST-TIME** camper will receive an **additional \$150** towards camp registration.
- 3) Advent families attending Family Camp can receive **\$300** towards camp registration.
- 4) Advent has **full camperships** for either a full week or Try Camp. Please contact Pastor Mark for more information.
- 5) Advent sends each of our campers a **care package** while they are at camp. Please let Carrie Ryan know what session your child is attending.

Bear Creek Camp also provides its own discounts which you can receive.

Sibling Discount: (First camper is full price, each additional camper from same household will receive a \$50 discount)

Bring-a-Friend Discount: For each new friend that signs up, you will get a \$100 credit on your summer camp registration.

NOW is the time to register for summer camp! Contact Pastor Mark or Karen Evans chemkaren@verizon.net- Advent's Bear Creek Ambassador with questions.





VBS 2026

Monday, August 3 - Friday, August 7
from 9AM-12PM

Extended care is available until 3PM
Monday - Thursday

ages 3 (must be potty trained) through entering 5th
grade

[VBS Registration](#)

Youth (entering 6th grade and older) and adult volunteers needed!

[VBS Volunteer Form](#)

Extended care is available Monday through Thursday until 3:00 PM. Extended care is a fundraiser for Advent's Youth Fund. Monetary donations will be accepted for extended care. Thank you for your generosity.

Please contact [Becky Fisher \(VBS Director\)](#) or [Carrie Ryan \(Coordinator of Spiritual Development\)](#) with any questions.

As we look around the world, what becomes clearer each day is our deep need for compassion – now more than ever. Each of the five sessions has a central scripture passage about the day's theme. Compassion Camp's goal is to cultivate compassion for each other, ourselves, and the world.

Monday
At the Table
Luke 1



Tuesday
To the Neighbor
Mark 2:1-12



Wednesday
For Myself
Mark 12:28-31



Thursday
Along the Way
Ruth 1:1-22



Friday
With the World
Leviticus 25



VBS Volunteer Form

August 3 - 7

9 AM – 12 Noon

Extended care until 3 PM (M-Th)

Youth (6th grade and older) and adults are needed to help during VBS. There are many different opportunities to help and any time you can give is greatly appreciated!

My Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

I would like to help with: (Check ALL that apply. See back for job descriptions)

___ Crafts ___ Snacks

___ Storytelling ___ Recreation

___ Music ___ Skits

___ Small Group Guide ___ 3 year old class

___ Assistant Small Group Guide ___ Photography

___ Extended care ___ Registration

___ Lunch Buddy ___ Dismissal

___ Decorating/Preparation ___ Set up

During VBS week, I am available:

___ Monday ___ Tuesday ___ Wednesday

___ Thursday ___ Friday ___ All Week

Please turn the form into Mrs. Ryan or Mrs. Fisher.

VBS Director – Becky Fisher – elemtchr76@hotmail.com

Descriptions of VBS Positions

Small Group Guide – During VBS, the guide remains with their small group as they progress through the activity sites. No teaching is needed! This is a great way to experience all aspects of VBS!

Assistant Group Guide – During VBS, assistant guides will be the extra set of hands for the group. They remain with the group throughout the day as they progress through the activity sites.

Crafts – All VBS children will visit the craft site each day. They will create purposeful projects that remind them to use their gifts to serve others. Daily leaders and numerous helpers are needed for this site.

Snacks – Prepare and serve the snacks each day of VBS.

Music – Help Vince Ryan teach songs to go with the week's theme. There will be singing, dancing and instrument playing!

Storytelling – Do you love to tell stories? This site is for you! Each day there is a different Bible story to share with the children. Props, costumes and more!

Recreation - Outside games, activities, and excitement!

Nurse – It is always handy to have a nurse on hand to help with cuts, bumps and bruises!

Skits – Always a highlight of VBS! Are you ready to have some fun acting out Bible stories?

Photography – Photograph the various sites, activities, and children during VBS.

Registration – 8:30-9:30am - At the beginning of VBS each day, greet families, help distribute nametags and collect donations.

Extended Care – Offered until 3 PM each day. Read, play games and do crafts with the kids.

Lunch Buddy – 12:00-12:45pm Bring your own packed lunch and sit and chat with the kids. No food prep or kitchen work!

Decorating/Preparation – Can't help during VBS week? Help us decorate at church or prep crafts at home!

Set up – Prior to VBS, help move around tables and chairs.

Our 3 Church Libraries



This bookshelf is in the hallway by the office entrance. It has books for adults, youth and children. It also has videos and puzzles. Sign out a resource to borrow.

If you have a puzzle, book or video donation, please contact Carrie Ryan.



This bookshelf is in the parlor, across from the bathrooms.

It has books specific to Lutheran history and Martin Luther. The shelf also contains Advent photo albums.



Our **Little Free Library** book-sharing box is located along the driveway by the playground. It has books for adults, youth and children. Take a book or leave a book. This outdoor Little Free Library is for our entire community to use, so please tell your neighbors and friends all about it!

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Summer Service Schedule Begins May 3

Spring is in the air! Along with the pollen. Soon our thoughts will be headed toward summer. And with that comes the switch to Advent's summer service schedule. The summer schedule will start May 3, 2026, with one service at 9:30 am. On September 13, 2026, the regular schedule will resume with services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am and the education hour starting at 9:45 am.



Altar Guild / Communion Assistant Training

On May 3, after the 9:30 am service, Eileen Solomon will offer training for those interested in serving the congregation by preparing the altar for service.

We are especially in need of assistance with the clean up of the altar after the 11:00 service, that is done by the Communion Assistants assigned for that service. No sign up is necessary, just be available after the 9:30 service on May 3.

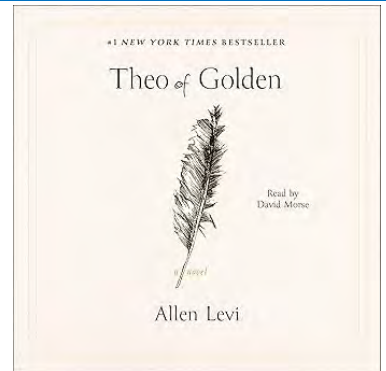
FELLOWSHIP

Advent's Book Club

This month we are reading **Theo of Golden**, by **Allen Levi**.

We will meet on Sunday, May 17 at 11am (after worship) for a meal and discussion.

Please let Carrie Ryan know if you will be joining so we can be sure to have enough food for all.



Singles Dining Out

May 20 at 5pm at Bella Fiona in Harleysville

Please sign up in fellowship hall if you can join us.





Iron Pigs Outing Friday June 19

Mark your calendars and step up to the plate for a fun-filled night with your Advent Lutheran Church family at this year's IronPigs outing on Friday night, June 19, 2026 at 6:30pm!

🏆 We'll be cheering from prime lower-level seats right behind the dugout, giving us a front-row view of all the action—and of course, FeRROUS and FeFe bringing us all of the mascot magic.

Stick around after the final out for a fireworks show that's sure to knock it out of the park!

Tickets are \$13 each, and you'll receive a \$2 food voucher per ticket to help you fuel up at the ballpark.

A Sign-Up List is in the Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board.

Cash, Checks, and Venmo are all accepted.

Do you want to throw out the first pitch??? Individuals, couples, and families who sign up and pay by **May 24th** will be entered into a drawing to throw out the first pitch representing Advent Lutheran Church—talk about a major league moment!

This is a guaranteed grand slam of a night, full of fun, laughter, fellowship, and some seriously good baseball—so don't strike out, come on out and join us! 🗨️ ⚾️



SOCIAL MINISTRY



Lenten Congregational Service Project:

Bean Bag Food Program 100 Box Challenge

Thank you for donating to the Bean Bag Food Program! Advent members contributed 1,384 items which will be distributed to students in our school district. A Thrivent Action Plan was also used to support this project.

Thank you for generously sharing with neighborhood children.



Lenten Hunger Tree

Thank you for your generous contributions to ELCA World Hunger this Lenten season through donations from the Hunger Tree and online pledges. Your gifts make it possible for the ELCA to help neighbors near and far break the cycle of hunger and poverty. THANK YOU for supporting our mission to help others!

Manna On Main Street Race To End Hunger

Manna on Main Street held its 15th Annual Race to End Hunger on April 25th. This event is Manna's largest fundraiser of the year.

8 members and friends represented Advent at the event.

Thank you for supporting the work of Manna on Main Street!



Flower Sale For Laurel House

Laurel House serves adults and children in Montgomery County who are victims of domestic violence.



The Social Ministry Team will be offering potted geraniums on Mother's Day, May 10th for you to purchase for the special women in your life.

All proceeds go to Laurel House.

Geraniums will be available before and after the 9:30 service for \$6 each. If you would like to purchase a geranium but will not be at Advent on May 11, please contact the office.

Thank you for supporting Laurel House!



Fair Trade

Our next Fair Trade sale is on May 26th 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!



Family Promise At Salford

Family Promise Montco PA (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network) is a non-profit organization in Montgomery County, PA working to end homelessness and hunger. It provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, food pantry services, and case management to help families become independent.

Salford Mennonite Church is partnering with Family Promise to host a 2-week shelter this summer from July 5th to July 19th. Salford is seeking Advent's help filling volunteer slots for making and dropping off dinner for 12-15 people each evening, serving and cleaning up dinner from 6-8:30pm each night, sleeping overnight from 8:30pm-6am, coordinating meals among those cooking, helping wash bedsheets, and running grocery errands as needed.

Background checks (<https://epatch.pa.gov/home>), child abuse clearances (<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS/Public/Home>), and a 1.5-hour training are required for volunteers who will have contact with guests (i.e., serving and cleaning up after dinner and staying overnight).

We will contact volunteers after the May 31st sign up deadline to arrange the training for June. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Nace (helenmnace@gmail.com). Thank you for helping us provide food and sleeping arrangements for our neighbors in need!

[SIGN UP HERE to Volunteer at Salford's Family Promise Shelter](#)



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](#)



E-Meal Ministry

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

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

Shepherd's Shelf

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



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

Keystone Opportunity Center Immediate Needs

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



[CLICK HERE to Donate Immediate Needs](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Sara Nevin	05/03	Jeanette Diaz-Gottlieb	5/20
Patrick Nevin	05/03	Joel Evans	05/22
Allison Farrell	05/03	Monica Strawbridge	05/23
Vincent Ryan Jr.	05/04	Kathy Farrell	05/23
Arlene Knechel	05/05	Ryan Cairns	05/24
Barb Bailey	05/06	Barbara Bamford	05/24
Lucy DaLuz	05/08	Katie McClure	05/25
Judi Greene	05/11	Jean Godsall-Myers	05/26
Ronald Bowlan	05/13	Evan Wightman	05/27
Marc Holloway	05/13	Paul Fisher	05/27
Tayler Garges	05/13	Sunny Hassett	05/30
Foreman Smith	05/16	Nikki Mendel	05/30
Aubrey Sansoucie	05/16	Will Kelly	05/30
Sandy Freshcorn	05/18	Rick Ulmer	05/30
Betsy Smith	05/19	Elliot Smith	05/30
Daryn Bergey	05/20	Brad Grunewald	05/31

Luke Taylor	05/01	Doretta Roessler	05/26
Caleb Miller	05/01	Rich Lantz	05/29
Amy Garges	05/01	Jaelynn Lutcher	05/30
Jake Forwood	05/??		
Nate Taylor	5/01		
Rosemary Forsythe	05/01		
Monica Strawbridge	05/01		
Kevin McClure	05/01		
Kim Ribelin	05/06		
Kathy Tucholski	05/14		
Chase Gular	05/16		
Trish Barth	05/20		
Ashleigh Miller	05/19		
Stetson Hassett	05/24		
Sandi Fisher	05/24		
Joel Douglas	05/24		

Birthday Card Ministry

Each month a small group of volunteers meets to write birthday messages for Advent members. All are welcome to join in this ministry!

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

Our next gathering is Wednesday, June 17 at 10am

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members in our Prayers

Sandi Fisher, Aaron Ali, Sy Ali, Betty Johnson, Ruth Swingle, Natalie Allen,
Sue Chomenko, Becky Hartman, Gary Strayer, Trish Barth

Families that are Grieving

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

RuthE, AnnE, Emma Potter and family and friends, at the death of husband and father,
Ben Potter

Family and friends of Samuel Nice, son of close friends of Jen and Craig
Forwood. Prayers for his parents, Maggie and Paul Nice, brother Maxwell, and sister-
in-law Erin

Steve and Janine Nevin and family and friends, at the death of Steve's mother's longtime
companion, Mel Funk

Friends and Families in our Prayers

Connor Dean (son of Brent and Molly, brother of Clara)

Ryan Singh (nephew of Merlyn and Pastor Mark Singh-Hueter)

Alice O'Connor (aunt of Eileen Solomon)

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]*

