



# Advent Lutheran Church

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## JANUARY 2026 MINISTRY CALENDAR

**January 1** New Years Day—Church office closed

**January 4** 8:30am Worship (in person and livestreamed)  
9:45am Sunday Church School, Adult Forum  
11am Worship

**January 6** 6pm REST (devotional time) in sanctuary  
7pm All Team Night

**January 7** 7pm Confirmation Class

**January 8** 7pm Chancel Choir

**January 11** 8:30am Worship (in person and livestreamed)  
9:45am Sunday Church School, Adult Forum, Fair Trade Sale  
11am Worship

**January 13** 6pm Financial preview and pizza  
7pm Council meeting

**January 14** 7pm Confirmation class

**January 15** 7pm Chancel Choir

**January 18** 8:30am Worship (in person and livestreamed)  
9:45am Sunday Church School, Adult Forum, New Member class  
11am Worship

**January 19** Church office closed for MLK Day

**January 21** 7pm Pub Theology at Neshaminy Creek Brewing, Harleysville

**January 22** 7pm Chancel Choir

**January 24** 8-10am Pancake breakfast

**January 25** 9:30am Worship (in person and livestreamed)  
10:45am ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, luncheon to follow the meeting  
10:45am Sunday Church School (children and youth)

**January 28** 7pm Confirmation class

**January 29** 7pm Chancel Choir

**January 31** 8:30am Council Retreat  
4-7pm Epiphany PJ Party

# MINISTERS: ALL THE PEOPLE OF ADVENT

## Pastor

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Betty Keck, Joan Kelley,  
Diana McClure,  
Carrie Ryan, Diana Shearer

## Church Council

Amy Coll, President  
Don Roessler, Vice President  
Diana McClure, Treasurer  
Eileen Solomon, Secretary  
Judi Greene, Zach Boyer,  
Bruce Rhoades,  
Rich Lantz, Carrie Johnson,  
Helen Nace  
Pastor Mark Singh-Hueter

## Ministry Teams

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

## ADVENT'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND WELCOME STATEMENT

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

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



### Our Welcome Statement:

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



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

# ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL MEETING

## Advent Lutheran Church's Annual Meeting Sunday, January 25, 2026

Single worship service at 9:30am  
Congregational meeting at 10:45am  
Sunday Church School at 10:45am.



A luncheon for all will follow the meeting.

Ministry Team reports are due to the office no later than **Sunday, January 4** so that they can be compiled for distribution to the congregation by January 11, 2026.

## A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU



# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARK



## NEW YEAR PERSPECTIVE

### Looking back, and forwards

Dear siblings in Christ,

Have you ever been on a mountain hike? You wind around, following a stream, climbing a hill, maybe walking through some brush and an area of trees, then suddenly you reach a clearing. You are at a hilltop. Not the mountaintop –



there is more to climb. But from this clearing, you can look around. In front of you is a wonderful view, and perhaps a trail that winds further up the mountain. Behind you is the trail you just climbed. In one glance, you can look back see each of those twists and turns that was your whole, exhausting world earlier that day. You see the shady nook where you stopped for a breather, the thicket where you scratched your legs, the loose gravel section where you skidded and almost fell, and the steep spot where you started to wish you hadn't taken this trip. As you look back, the past is in view; as you face forward, you face your future, the path disappearing in the twists

and turns ahead of you.

It kind of feels like that at the end of a year.

We look back over the past year, and can see at a glance each of those moments that at the time were the whole world to us.



We look back at the delightful or joyful times – a get together with family or friends, a new birth, a job or graduation, some special moment in sports or music or adventure, or a vacation. We stare back at the times of sadness, hurt or loss – a death, an illness, loss of a job or a setback, conflicts or divisions. We turn our heads, and now we look forward – a new year – and we realize the path continues, twisting and turning out of sight ahead of us.

We are not the same people we were a year ago. It might be subtle, it might be life-changing, but we have been changed. And we step into the future.

Is there a word from God to help in this?

Let me share three simple messages.

**1 – We are not alone; God is with us.** In this Advent and Christmas season we hear the word, Emmanuel – “With-us God.” In the Great Commission Jesus promises, *“And lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”* But perhaps the most simple and comforting words are from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. *“Though I walk through the darkest valley, YOU are with me.”* In the tough times, in the worst parts of that journey, we have the promise that God journeys with us, leading and caring for us. *“Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”*

**2 – We are not alone; we journey with each other.** We are relational creatures – we need each other. (Saint Paul talked about us as the Body of Christ – *“When one members suffers, all suffer together with it; when one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.”*) There's something special



# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARK CONTINUED

about sharing joys and celebrations with others. It makes them sweeter. And there's something so vital about sharing the hurts and griefs, of having a shoulder to cry on or a consoling hug, of reaching out to offer help, or gather for prayer. *"Two are better than one..."*

**3 – It's about the journey, not the destination.** In our personal lives, we can get caught up in some ultimate goal – getting a certain status, or home, or education, or success of our children, or... In our faith lives, perhaps the destination is heaven? I'm not saying don't plan, nor am I discounting heaven. But we're called to live. As disciples. Following the one who described his ministry in terms of healing and caring for those in need – *"the blind see, the lame walk, the poor have good news preached to them."* Following the one who survived as a refugee, who risked standing up for foreigners and outsiders, who took time for and valued the littlest and most insignificant people of the day. Focusing on destination can narrow our gaze, keeping our attention on those in our destination plans.

Focusing on journey can give us permission to look around, notice the needs, stop to help, and work together. And then, maybe, to journey together.

Look around. Let's journey together. Let's care for each other. And let's follow the Good Shepherd, trusting that this awesome God will be with us always.

Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,  
**Pastor Mark**

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## **TUESDAY REST, Tuesday January 5, 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.

## 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*

Thank you for your generous response to the 2026 stewardship request. The generosity of our members through time committed, talents shared, and financial gifts given allows us as a faith community to:

- **Provide significant financial support** to the SEPA synod and ELCA
- **Support various charities** in our community such as Keystone Opportunity Center
- **Grow the spiritual life of our congregation** through enriching worship, Fellowship events, Sunday School, Youth Programs, and Adult Education opportunities.
- **Provide support for our ministry team work**
- **Provide support for our dedicated staff members**
- **Provide support for the operation and upkeep of our beautiful facility**

The pledge information below was provided to church council to allow them to be good stewards as they plan for the coming year. Overall pledged giving for 2026 has decreased by 3.9% as we have a few families with challenging employment situations and a couple of families no longer attending on a regular basis. Additionally, the giving for 67 families remains the same. The good news is that 32 households did increase their pledges. Thank you!

Join us on Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm for pizza and salad (prior to the Council Meeting) for a preview of the 2026 Spending Plan.

### Summary of Pledged Giving

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# of Pledges: 86

Regular Pledge = 31  
Simply Giving Pledge = 45  
IRA Distribution Pledge = 10  
+  
Simply Giving No Response/Change = 21

**Total # of Pledges = 107**  
(last year 111)

# Increased Pledges = 32 (last year 38)  
# Decreased Pledges = 8 (last year 7)  
# No Change = 67 - Including 21 Simply Giving No Response) (last year 66)

**Total \$ Amount of Received Pledges: \$305,403.56**

\$ Regular Pledges = \$ 75,873.56  
\$ Simply Giving Pledges = \$ 167,180.00  
\$ IRA Distribution Pledges = \$ 62,350.00

+  
\$ Simply Giving No Change/Response = \$ 54,750

**\$ Total Pledged Amount = \$360,153 (last year \$374,248) - 3.9%**

# God's Creation, Advent's Meadow

Our meadow sites are planted! One is east of the parking lot, and another is on the west end of the church. Each site is currently covered in straw. In this season of waiting, we can be looking over there after worship, even though we don't expect to see seedlings until April! Our goal is to support the intricate network between plants, insects and humans that powers a thriving planet. We hope to see pollinators and other creatures enjoying our meadow, as we carry out our role as stewards of creation.

Tell us how your (in your yard) meadow plantings are going! One envelope covers a 5 ft by 5 ft square. If you need more to cover your area, reach out to Calvin Ribelin; he has the extra seed. And if you would like help planting your meadow, or would like to help someone else plant a meadow this winter, reach out to Heather Dagenais.

Check out our webpage under the Learn and Grow section of Advent's website <https://www.adventharleysville.org/learn-and-grow/advents-meadow> where you can find more meadow information, including:

\*More photos from the joyful meadow planting day

\*The story of our meadow- how and why this project got started

\*A link to our local seed supplier, Ernst, and more detailed information about the specific mixes we planted

\*Videos by Aums acres, a local (Phoenixville) homeowner who converted their entire front yard into a meadow, telling their story of how and why they planted, and the things they've been learning ever since.

\*Xerces society planting guides- resources with detailed instructions on organic meadow site preparation

Our work isn't done- we are continuing to talk about how to care for and grow this meadow. If you would like to be in on the emails, send an email to [mehbtree@outlook.com](mailto:mehbtree@outlook.com) (Heather Dagenais).



## Thrivent Members Making a Difference

THANKS to all those who have directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Advent Lutheran Church over the last year. *Thrivent members can designate a portion of Thrivent's charitable grant funding to go to Advent (or another organization or charity).* We have received over \$4,000 in Choice Dollars® so far in 2025.

***Members have until the end of March to designate a recipient for their Thrivent Choice Dollars from the previous year.*** Anything undesignated at that time rolls into general Thrivent charitable funding.

The following people have designated Thrivent Choice Dollars so far in 2025:

Bill Kesack

Barbara Bailey

Kim Detwiler

Jason Detwiler

Jean Godsall-Myers

Steven Godsall-Myers

Vincent Ryan

Bobbie Capaldi

Dean Shollenberger

Gary Strayer

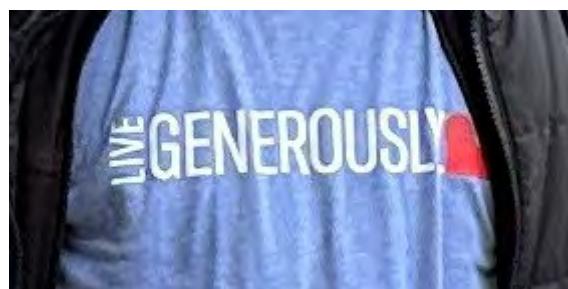
Sharon Strayer

Betty Johnson

Norma Lugar

John Pescatore

Thanks to all of these Thrivent members for designating Advent as the recipient of your Choice Dollars. ***To find out more about this opportunity or Thrivent in general, click [HERE](#), or contact our church office.***

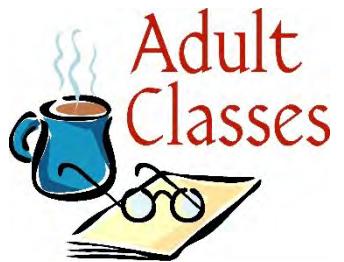


# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## 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.



The Adult Forum is facilitated by members each week. Occasionally a guest speaker will lead a special topic. Grab a cup of coffee and join us at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall!

#### January 4, and 11 – Living Lutheran Discussion

Join us as we discuss articles from the Living Lutheran magazine. Advent members serve as facilitators each week.

#### January 18 - Freedom Trails and Tales

Jean and Steve Godsall-Myers took a trip through northwestern New York, southern Ontario, and the Upper Midwest. They connected with many stories of freedom as seen through diverse eyes and histories. They will present a brief overview of their travel and learnings that touched upon Women's Rights, the Underground Railroad, Anabaptist migration and the Ojibwa Indian Tribe.

## There's a NEW LivingLutheran.org

Visit [livinglutheran.org/subscribe](http://livinglutheran.org/subscribe) to sign up for your **free** digital membership with these perks:

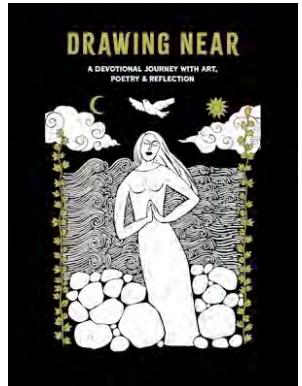
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- A personalized dashboard prioritizing the stories that interest them.
- Access to members-only content, and the ability to save and “like” articles.
- E-news delivery options to get the stories they want, both online and in their email inboxes.



Living Lutheran tells the stories of the ELCA, bonding us as a church across congregations, synods, states, regions and countries. Invite your churches to get informed, inspired and equipped with the perspectives they need to deepen their faith and connect with the broader Lutheran community.

## Drawing Near - An Epiphany Bible Study Led by Pastor Steve Godsall-Myers Wednesdays, January 7 - February 11 @ 10am

To celebrate their 500th Anniversary, the Anabaptists (Mennonites, included) commissioned a special edition of the Bible. A special feature of the Bible was the inclusion of 40 black and white drawings commissioned especially for the new Bible edition.



Once the Bible was completed, an additional project emerged - a separate volume that would invite poets to reflect on the Scripture passage and the black and white artwork. The result was the book: Drawing Near.

For our Epiphany Bible Study, we will reflect on several of the 40 scriptural passages using art, poetry and collective imaginations. Each participant will receive a copy of the book, Drawing Near.

Please sign up [HERE](#) or in the fellowship hall and indicate if you will participate in person or via Zoom. [Bible Study Zoom Link](#)

### Sunday Morning Nursery Help Needed

Morgan Carosi is our paid nursery staff each Sunday, but we need a second person (youth or adult) **to assist Morgan at each service each week**. Would you be willing to serve on a rotating schedule once every 6-8 weeks?

Please contact Kim in the office [office@adventharleysville.org](mailto:office@adventharleysville.org), Pastor Mark or Carrie Ryan if you are interested.



### Hoagie Coupons make GREAT Gifts!

Wawa coupons are \$6 each and proceeds benefit Advent's Youth Fund.

Contact Carrie Ryan to purchase coupons.  
Thank you for supporting Advent's youth!

# Pancake Breakfast



## Pancake Breakfast Saturday, January 24, 8-10am

Advent's youth are ready to serve you!  
Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

All you can eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats and  
beverages.

Adults \$8, Children 4-11 \$5, 3 and under are FREE.

All proceeds benefit Advent's Youth Fund.

Children, youth and parents volunteer as cooks, servers, hosts and cashiers.

[Sign up here to VOLUNTEER for the Pancake Breakfast](#)

A Thrivent Action Team is helping to cover the cost of most of the items for the breakfast, but we are seeking additional food items.

[Sign up here to DONATE FOOD ITEMS for the Pancake Breakfast](#)





Gwen, Harper and Miles during Sunday Church School



Making peanut butter mousse during confirmation

Pastor Mark, Sam, Charlotte, Chase and Carrie



Music with the prek-2nd graders during Sunday Church School



Stained glass in room 7, colored during Children's Church

# Epiphany PJ Party

**Saturday, January 31 from 4-7pm**

For Families with Young Children (infants through 4th grade). Older siblings are welcome to help.



Let's celebrate the season of light - Epiphany! This family event will include games (including some GLOW games), crafts, a service project, music and meal. Come in your PJ's because we are having breakfast for dinner! Invite some family friends to join you for this fun and casual event! [Sign up here for Epiphany PJ Party](#)

Here are some pictures from last year's event.



# TUSCARORA

LUTHERAN RETREAT

Tuscarora Youth Retreat

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades

March 20-22, 2026

Sign up by January 11

[Tuscarora Sign Up](#)

Join hundreds of youth as we gather to worship, form new friendships and praise God!

During the retreat, youth in 6th-12th grade will participate in large and small group activities centered on the retreat theme. The food is served family style and there is a camp store with milkshakes, French fries and more. During free time, there is an indoor gym for volleyball, basketball, ping pong and carpet ball. Outdoors there is gaga and basketball and open space for spike ball or other yard games.

**WHO:** Grades 6 – 12

**WHEN:** March 20-22

*Please have your son/daughter to Advent by 4:30 PM on Friday. If they need a ride to church, please let me know. We will stop at Wawa for dinner and eat on the way. Advent will cover the cost of dinner. Youth can come later Friday or even early Saturday morning if they have a time conflict. We will arrive back to Advent on Sunday at 2:30pm.*

**WHERE:** Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center in Mt. Bethel, PA

**COST:** \$50 due by February 1 to Carrie Ryan (cash or check payable to Advent)

*Total retreat cost is \$175, Advent will be paying \$125) Advent's Christian Education Team is committed to providing this opportunity for all our youth. Money should never be an obstacle for your son or daughter to attend a church sponsored event. If you need financial assistance, please speak to Carrie Ryan or Pastor Mark.*

Please sign up by January 11. [Tuscarora Sign Up](#)





## Bear Creek Summer Camp Registration is Open

Youth summer camp at Bear Creek is an AMAZING God-centered, fun-filled, outdoor time for personal growth and play on a 3,000-acre property just 80 minutes away in the Pocono Mountains.

Bear Creek Camp's overnight program is centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living, and small group development for all children who have completed grades 1-12. Each age group experiences a mix of small-group and all-camp activities throughout the week to meet their group's spiritual, social, and developmental needs.

Sessions are weeklong, Sunday afternoon – Friday. Half-week sessions (Try Camp) are available for first-time campers who have completed grades 1-2.

Advent supports all our campers through subsidies and full camp scholarships. See below or contact Advent's Bear Creek Camp Ambassador, Karen Evans [chemkaren@verizon.net](mailto:chemkaren@verizon.net) for more information.

Register before March 31 and get a free T-shirt! [Bear Creek Camp Summer Camp Registration](#)

### Advent Supports our Bear Creek Campers!

Monies in Advent's Bear Creek Camp General and Camperships Funds come from generous donations and fundraising efforts.

1. Advent youth attending summer camp can receive \$150 towards camp registration.
2. Advent youth who are FIRST-TIME campers receive an additional \$150 towards camp registration.
3. Camperships for either a full week \$545 or Try Camp \$370 are available.
4. All Advent's campers receive a care package while they are at camp.

Parents, please give Carrie Ryan a copy of your camper's registration and you will be reimbursed for your subsidy amount.



# FELLOWSHIP

## Advent's Book Club

This month we are reading **Tending Roses** by Lisa Wingate. We do not have copies of the book. Please borrow a copy from your local library or purchase a copy. We will meet in late January/early February to discuss the book. Look for more information in your weekly emails or contact Carrie Ryan.

*From the New York Times bestselling author of *Before We Were Yours* comes a heartfelt novel about the bonds of family and the power of second chances.*



# PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

## Advent's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wrapping Others in Comfort, Love, and Prayer

### What is our Prayer Shawl Ministry?

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

### Our Mission

To offer warmth, hope, and spiritual support to members of our community and beyond—one stitch at a time.

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

### How You Can Help

Join us to knit or crochet shawls.  
Donate yarn or supplies.

Contact: Eileen Solomon – [galaxy795x@gmail.com](mailto:galaxy795x@gmail.com)



## CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

- We discussed the opportunity to participate in a SEPA Synod program - Love Revolution. A program where we deepen our faith and grow in how we love God and our neighbor. A small group would participate in an 18-month program - More to come from Pastor Mark.
- Reviewed the 2026 Financial Plan as put together by the Finance team in preparation for the Annual meeting.
- There was a Nominating Committee update – we are looking for at least 2 members to serve on Church Council. We continue to reach out, but do not have current commitments. If anyone has an interest, please contact any member of Church Council.



## THE ARCHIVIST

*Just for the record...*

Most Advent members know Cindy James in her role as soprano in the church choir. Only a few would recall the years of service she offered as secretary of the Church Council. Several weeks ago, she looked at archival records and realized that she needed- and wanted- to set the record straight. She later returned and did just that. As she added the first name and last name of her mother in one of the lists kept back then, she performed an act of social justice, increasing the sense of “her story” to the narrative of Old Goshenhoppen Lutheran Church, now Advent Lutheran Church.

The Archives Team will begin meeting in January. Feel free to join us discovering other connections between the past and present! Contact Deane Werley or Jean Godsall-Myers for further details.



# SOCIAL MINISTRY

## ADVENT ANGEL TREE UPDATE:

MANY THANKS to our amazing, generous Advent members!! **214 holiday gifts** were delivered to the students at Martin Luther School last week. The employees at Gemma Services are very grateful for the gifts donated by Advent. THANK YOU for sharing your blessings and bringing joy and hope to children facing emotional and behavioral challenges. Your generosity is much appreciated!!

You can still donate by purchasing an online gift directly from the Gemma Services Amazon Registry [Click Here for Amazon Registry](#) (These gifts are shipped directly to Silver Springs.)

~ Advent Social Ministry

And a very special THANK YOU to the 'elves' that helped make our gift drive so successful and for making sure all those gifts got to the school!

We appreciate you Doretta Roessler and Sharon Strayer!



## FAIR TRADE SALES

Thank you for your willingness to partner with farmers, workers, and families in need of our support!

Our next sale will be held after each worship service on **Sunday, January 11, 2026**. We invite you to purchase products from Lutheran World Relief (coffee) and Equal Exchange (chocolate, nuts, cocoa, tea). Your purchases help to empower our global neighbors AND encourage environmentally sustainable production. ~ Advent Social Ministry





## Valentine Care Packages for Advent College Students:

It is wonderful to see our college students at Advent over winter break! Many will be returning to school for the spring semester. Please help us stay connected and let them know their church family is thinking of them!

The Social Ministry Team will be collecting donations of snacks, school supplies, and gift cards for our Advent college students. Keep an eye out for a sign-up and more information.

\*\*If your child is currently a college student, please provide their updated school address (if different from the one in the Fall) to Carrie Ryan or Jen Brown.

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



## BREAD DROP SERVICE PROJECT: *Slots Available Now*

MANY THANKS to those who served this ministry in 2026!

Advent participates in the Bread Drop food program, working with local churches and organizations to support those experiencing food insecurity. We invite members to sign up for 1 or more weeks to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Please click on the link below to volunteer. Sandwiches need to be delivered to Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Souderton on Monday or Tuesday between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Please consider sharing your time to help others in need. Thank you!!

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

## 2025-2026 SCS OFFERINGS:

### LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Due to the many disasters affecting our world and the continuing crisis in the Middle East and Ukraine, Advent is collecting **SCS offerings** during the **2025-2026** school year for **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE**, which brings hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters. For more information, click on the following link:

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>

Please encourage students to participate in the SCS offering. Help them to understand the importance of sharing. Whether they have an allowance, get paid for a chore, or receive a gift, encourage them to share part of those blessings with the church and others!



Lutheran Disaster Response

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

## 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**, and **Tuesday mornings** 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 and continues to be needed. Meal bags are assembled and distributed to those struggling with hunger.

**Volunteers are needed each week - Monday through Saturday** mornings. There are two time slots available if you are able to help, [Click Here to Access EMeal Volunteer Schedule](#)

For more information please contact: Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 215-723-7514.

## 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.

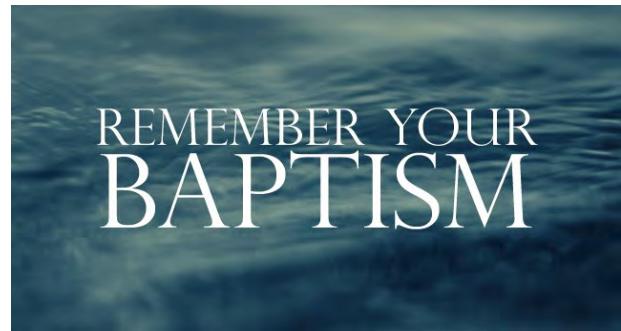
If you (or your family) are experiencing an illness, hospital stay, or other situation where meals, rides, or another service would be helpful, please let Pastor Mark or the church office know, and we will organize our church family to provide whatever is needed. ~ *Advent Social Ministry Team*

## 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!



Caleb Miller	01/03	Thomas Holloway	01/20
Kim Ribelin	01/06	Will Stover	01/21
Judy Patti	01/07	Zachary Fusco	01/22
Doretta Roessler	01/07	Robert Barth Jr.	01/22
Dan Bergey	01/09	Susan Taylor	01/22
Merlyn Singh-Hueter	01/11	Joann Talarico	01/23
Cody Rohrbaugh	01/12	Anthony Fusco	01/25
Jocelyn Shearer	01/13	Jessica Sansoucie	01/25
Luke Ryan	01/13	Taylor Moyer	01/25
Charles Forsythe	01/15	Charlotte Vincent	01/25
Colleen Gular	01/16	Cass Scheuren	01/25
Gina Rudolph	01/18	Miriam Geiger	01/27
JoAnn Mensinger	01/18	Cassandra Singh-Hueter	01/27
Mae Grafton	01/18	Joe Kelley Jr.	01/28
Carson Bergey	01/19	Jo Wilhelmson	01/30
Aaron Heck	01/19	Erin Carosi	01/30
Jacob Holloway	01/19	Ashley Carosi	01/30
Travis Tompkins	01/20	Andrew Vincent	01/30

Gwendolyn Miller 01/01

Rachel Barth 01/17

Dylan Ribelin 01/02

Aidan McClure 01/18

Don Roessler Jr 01/02

Gail Wightman 01/18

Reagan Taylor 01/05

Craig Forwood 01/24

Wendy Taylor 01/05

Alex Holloway 01/25

Conner Forwood 01/08

Will Miller 01/25

Sarah Self 01/08

Eric Barth 01/15



Happy 100th birthday, Miriam Geiger!



Happy 107th birthday, Mae Grafton!

## 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, January 21 at 10am

# PRAYER CONCERNS

## Members in our Prayers

Sandi Fisher, Paul Fisher, Aaron Ali, Sy Ali, Paula Slemmer,  
Betty Johnson, Lauren Ryan, Ruth Swingle, Becky Dahlgren, Joy Clemmer, Ben Potter

## Families that are Grieving

Eileen Solomon and family and friends at the death of her cousin Jack Ryan

## Friends and Families in our Prayers

Victims and all impacted by shootings, especially the shooting at the Hanukkah celebration in Sydney, Australia, and the shooting at Brown University

Patti Dille (friend of Trish Barth)

Michele (daughter of Judy Patti)

Christine ("Chris") Lindgren (sister of Jean Godsall-Myers)

Shawne Diaz (sister of Robin Lutcher)

Denise Pelych (family friend of the Hammond's)

Family and Father of Stacy Skrzati (relative of Colleen Gular)

Eileen McCulloch (coworker of Teresa Feeser)

## Prayers for those in the Military and Abroad

Corey Clark, Carlton Christie, Emily Kavanaugh, Jake Forwood

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

