

THE ADVENTURE

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PRAYER @ SPIRITUALITY SEMINAR

Saturday, October 3
9:00 am – 12:00 pm @ St. Stephen's,
Feasterville - w/luncheon to follow

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Guest Organist – Josephine Morley Wright

Sunday, October 4
8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
9:15 am "Faith Alive" Casual Holy Communion
Sunday School ages 4 - adult
10:30 am Traditional Holy Communion
6:00 pm "What is Life" – Ted Siek
7:00 am Mission Trip Planning Meeting

DISCOVER THE SECRET

Thursday, October 8
6:30 p.m.
Evening with the Bishop
@ Family of God, Buckingham

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 11
8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:15 am "Faith Alive" Casual Holy Communion
Sunday School ages 4 - adult
10:30 am Traditional Worship
7:00 pm Church Council

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gift of Warmth Sunday

Sunday, October 18
8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:15 am "Faith Alive" Casual Holy Communion
Sunday School ages 4 - adult
10:30 am Traditional Worship

PRE-SCHOOL PAINT-A **-PUMPKIN WITH DAY**

Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

Sunday, October 25
8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
9:15 am "Faith Alive" Casual Holy Communion
Sunday School ages 4 – adult
10:15 am Group leaves for Ringing Rocks
10:30 am Traditional Holy Communion
11:30 am 2nd Group leaves for Ringing Rocks

PRE-SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARADE

Thursday, October 29, 11:00 am – 11:30 am

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Daylight Savings Time Ends
(Set clocks back one hour)

Sunday, November 1
8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
9:15 am "Faith Alive" Casual Holy Communion
Sunday School ages 4 - adult
10:30 am Traditional Holy Communion



From the Pastor's Desk . . .

REFORMATION PRINCIPLES

Sola Christus – By Christ Alone
Sola Fides – By Faith Alone
Sola Gratia – By Grace Alone
Sola Scriptura – By Scripture Alone

Mission Developer William Walton came to Richboro in 1963 with the intention of helping to found a Lutheran Church centered on the Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions. We at Advent bear this legacy. In fact, Pastor Walton was so conscious of affirming our Lutheran identity that he named the first four women circles after the Reformation principles above. To my knowledge we are the only church that had its women's groups named in such a way.

Over the years we at Advent have been proud of our identity as a Biblical and Confessional Lutheran Church. We have sought to be faithful to God's Word in our teaching and in what we do.

Trends in recent years in the world and in the national church have tested at times our resolve to faithful to our Reformation origins. Recent actions by our national church body have threatened to divide the unity of the Church. Our call, as in Martin Luther's day, is to remain centered on the authority of the Word of God for all aspects of our teaching and life.

One recent document of the national church even omitted Sola Scriptura as a foundational principle for what it wanted to say. Whether a deliberate omission or a Freudian slip, it says volumes about recent trends to disregard the clear teaching of Scripture. In fact, if it were not for the message of Sola Scriptura, we could not assert the other three "Solos".

The Authority of the Word of God must continue to be central in all that we say and do. As at the time of the Reformation, we must pray for repentance and renewal in those areas where we have strayed from God's Word. As individuals and as a congregation we must turn to God's Word daily. We must constantly pray for our church and for the church as a whole.

In all that we say and do, may we be true to our foundational principles. May we ever lift up Christ Alone, Faith Alone, Grace Alone, and Scripture Alone.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sorcek

PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY SEMINAR

The seminar will be held on Saturday, October 3 from 9 – noon at St. Stephen's, Feasterville. Lunch will follow. Bring a sandwich. Dessert and beverages will be provided. The seminar is free. All are welcome. For more information, call Jo Wright.



WHAT IS LIFE?

Ted Siek will be giving a talk on “What is Life?” on October 6th at Bible Fellowship Church in Newark, DE. To prepare, he will give this talk on Sunday, Oct. 4 from at 6 - 7pm. You are invited to listen & critique his statements and materials. Life will be “defined” or compared from these perspectives: philosophical, biochemical, biological, and Biblical.

MISSION TRIP PLANNING MEETING

Advent's youth and interested adults are invited to meet on Sunday, October 4 at 7:00 pm to learn more about the mission trip to the Dominican Republic in summer 2010. Details will be given and dates chosen for the trip. Please plan on attending.



DISCOVER THE SECRET!

Bishop Claire Burkat invites you to an evening of discovery at 6:30 pm on October 8th at Family of God, Buckingham. It will be an evening of food and fun as we discover St. Paul's secret to a full, faithful life.



GIFT OF WARMTH SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 18 we will be collecting monetary gifts for “Aid For Friends” elderly shut-ins. Money collected will purchase blankets and sweaters. Advent members have made Our Saviour smile many times; “When you have done it to the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me”. On behalf of the shut-ins I thank you my brothers and sisters in Christ. Humbly, in His name, Dot Aldorasi.

BEAUTIFUL BALANCE

A One Day Spiritual Event for Women

On Saturday, October 24 Redeemer, Penn del is sponsoring a one day women's retreat to be held

at Fatima House, Bedminster from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Join women from all around the area for a special day of blessings and celebrate all that God gives to us – body, mind, and spirit! There will be worship, prayer, praise, and conversation. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Brochures with further information and the registration form are in the narthex. Registration and the \$25 payment are needed on or before October 12.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25th is Reformation Sunday. We celebrate the reform of the Medieval Church initiated by Martin Luther on October 31, 1517 when he nailed “The 95 Theses” to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. That day we celebrate our heritage as Lutherans and the good news of “Justification by Grace through Faith”. We pray that God will continue to reform His Church around the centrality of Jesus, of Scripture, of Grace, and of Faith.



RINGING ROCKS TRIP

Please join us for a fall outing to Upper Black Eddy, PA where we'll hike and picnic at Ringing Rocks Park. Join us for worship (and Sunday school) at the 9:15 service on Sunday, October 25, then after a quick snack we will carpool out to the park. Bring a hammer, safety/sun glasses, and a bag lunch. (Water will be provided) Weather permitting, we will enjoy the beauty of the fall leaves on our way to a 7-acre rock field where the boulders produce a bell-like tone when struck with a hammer. The park also has a waterfall some may choose to explore. Picnic tables, toilets and "resting benches" are available. You can find more information about the park with the sign-up sheet in the narthex. For more information, contact Gretta Lattal.



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On All Saints' Sunday, November 1st we give thanks for the Communion of Saints, the people of God of all times and places.

We especially remember in our prayers those who have died in the Lord in the past year and who have gone to be with Him in heaven.

SAVE THE DATE...

Our annual wine tasting event will be Saturday, November 7. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share while sampling a wonderful selection of wine. Details will follow. (Please contact Gretta Lattal if you are able to host this event.)



PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

Thank you to all who contributed to our parking lot improvements. As you can see, the lot has been paved and is greatly improved over what was there before. As of September 6th, \$27,320 was been given. We are also hoping to repair several of the old blocks of concrete walkway and to put a border around the island in the turn-around. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We have a very great need for youth 5th grade and older to serve as acolytes at the 8 and 10:30 service. There is also need for lay readers for the 8:00 service and altar guild and communion assistants for all services. Contact the church office or pastor if you would like to join our dedicated volunteers. If you prefer, we have a great need for older youth or adults to take a turn tending the nursery during all services. If able to assist, please contact Sarah Lattal or the church office.

THANK YOU FOR NORTHAMPTON DAYS

Advent expresses its thanks to Jeanne and Tony Gryska, George Henry, Doug Oines, Ted Siek, Pastor Sorcek, and Jack Weaver for manning a table at Richboro's Northampton Days on Sunday, September 13. Your outreach to the community is greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTHS

Advent expresses its congratulations to the following Advent members on the births of children:

Eric & Leigh Heiss on the birth of Benjamin Russell

Tom & Judy Shearer on the birth of Nathan David

Mike and Victoria Vassello on the adoption of a

newborn baby girl Lily Victoria

May God's Blessings be with each of these families on the joyous birth of children.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers the following Advent member and friends who are ill, hurting or homebound.

Julia Anderson recovering after surgery

Jim Caldwell at Leader Nursing Home

Jennie Davis at home

Jerry Diefenbach at home

Shirley Haaf recovering after wrist surgery

Liz LeGierse Holford recovering after knee surgery

Janet Manco recovering after surgery

Benicia Meyers recovering after surgery

Edie Noll recovering at home

Cathy Wills recovering after injuries

Please remember in your prayers all the men and women in our armed forces who are serving to protect us and our nation. We pray God's protection for them.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

UNITED STATES MAP –
submitted by Karen Matlack

A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little girl, Shelby. She wanted to know what the United States looked like.

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Finally, he tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed the map of the country. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Shelby and said, 'Go into the other room and see if you can put this together. This will show you our whole country today.'

After a few minutes, Shelby returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. 'Oh,' she said, 'on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where He belonged, then our country just came together.'

Discover the Secret: 2009 Conference Gatherings

I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.



- Philippians 4:11-13

Bishop Claire Burkat invites you to an evening of discovery! Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship as we discover Paul's secret to a full, faithful life.

At these evenings you will:

- Engage Scripture in a relevant, interactive way
- Be encouraged for ministry
- Find strength for difficult times
- Share ideas for connecting more closely with your community

Each gathering begins at 6:30 pm. A location is identified in each conference, but you may feel free to attend any gathering that fits your schedule. Dates and locations are:

Date	Conference / Location (Click address for map)
Monday, Sept. 21	Chester Conference @ St. Luke, Devon 203 North Valley Forge Rd., Devon, PA 19333
Tuesday, Sept. 22	Northeast Conference @ The Southampton Room 2980 Southampton Rd., Philadelphia, Pa. 19154
Monday, Sept. 28	Lower Montgomery Conference @ St. Andrew, Audubon 2725 Egypt Rd., Audubon, PA 19403
Thursday, Oct. 8	Lower Bucks Conference @ Family of God, Buckingham 4770 Rt. 202, Buckingham, PA 18912
Monday, Oct. 19	Upper Bucks Conference @ St. Peter, Hilltown 1530 Augsburg Drive, Hilltown, PA 18927
Wednesday, Oct. 21	Upper Montgomery Conference @ New Hanover, Gilbertsville 2941 Lutheran Rd., Gilbertsville, PA 19525
Monday, Nov. 2	Delaware Conference @ St. Matthew, Springfield 400 Lynbrooke Rd., Springfield, PA 19064
Tuesday, Nov. 3	Northwest and Central Phila. Conferences @ Benbow Hall, Brossman Center, LTSP 7301 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19119

OCTOBER SCHEDULES

ACOLYTES

1st	10:30 am	Brooke Creighton
2nd	10:30 am	Jerry Gugger
3rd	10:30 am	
4th	10:30 am	Shannon McQuiggan

LAY READERS

10/04	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	10:30 am	Ken Meyers
10/11	8:00 am	Mike Hall
	10:30 am	Andy Frey
10/18	8:00 am	Dave Frost
	10:30 am	Kathy Sitler
10/25	8:00 am	Julie Anderson
	10:30 am	Paul Henke

ALTAR GUILD

10/4 & 25	8:00 am	Julia Anderson, Liz Gracey, Hanna McCollum
	10:30 am	Karen Breig, Donna Duffy, Kathy Sitler

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

10/04	8:00	Bill Pearson, Janice Hoffmann
	10:30	Rose Herbert, Andy Frey
10/25	8:00	Dave Shearer, Mike Hall
	10:30	Tony Gryszka, Jennifer McQuiggan

COMMUNION BREAD

10/04	Judy Rilling
10/25 (Reformation)	Linda Weaver

USHERS

1 st	8:00 am	Ron Brown, Dave Shearer
	10:30 am	Bob Matlack, Ted Siek
2 nd	8:00 am	Lance Muscara, Bill Pearson
	10:30 am	Andy Frey, Bob Holford
3 rd	8:00 am	Ray Heiss, Tom Herbert
		George Henry, Mike Sitler
4 th	8:00 am	Steve Anderson, Dave Frost
	10:30 am	Joe Calla, Tony Gryszka, Kris Henke

MONEY COUNTERS

1 st	Dave Breig, Earl Gilbert, Paul Henke
2 nd	Andy & Cindy Frey, Bob Holford
3 rd	Joyce Heiss, Bill Pearson
4 th	Tony Gryszka, Tom Herbert

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

10/04	Marian Siek
10/11	Dot Aldorasi
10/18	Sue Jafar
10/25	Kathy Sitler






THANK YOU - Advent expresses its thanks to all of you who so generously give of your time to volunteer to make our services run so smoothly. It is greatly appreciated. If you have an hour a month (sometimes a little more, sometimes a little less) to spare, consider volunteering for one (or two) of the above jobs. We are in great need in several areas. Thank you for your consideration.

ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER - OCTOBER

1	Jennifer Gardener	14	Michelle Rayher	21	Matthew Jafar
2	Cassandra Kelly		Madeline Slaughter	22	Louise Froehlich Ritchie
	Kathryn Kelly		Mason Slaughter	23	Kerry Sitler
	Benjamin Meyers	15	Jerry Gugger	26	Hanna McCollum
3	Caitlin Matlack	17	Robert Holford	27	Cindy Earle
	Mildred Steiger		Daniel Lee		Lindsey Earle
4	Alexander Oines		Josephine Morley Wright	28	Drew Duffy
	Brennan Wright	19	Douglas Oines		Michael Vassello
6	Stephanie Hansen		Keera Trubiano	29	Jesse Merk

Please contact the church office if you or someone you know has been omitted from the list. Thanks.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 PENTECOST XVII Pastor at Continuing Ed Guest Worship Leader-Jo Wright 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 4-adult 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional) 6:15 PM James Nestingen @ St. James, Phila	28 11:00 AM Tea and Outing to Byers Choice 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	29 Michael & All Angels 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool	30 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 4:30 PM Children's Choir 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	1 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	2 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	3 <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Mind Body Soul</p> </div> 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Prayer & Spirituality Seminar @ St. Stephen's, Feasterville w/Luncheon to follow
4  <p>World Communion Sunday</p> PENTECOST XVIII Guest Organist - Jo Wright 8:00 AM Holy Communion (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 4-adult 10:30 AM Holy Communion (Traditional) 6:00 PM "What is Life" – Ted Siek 7:00 PM Mission Trip Planning Meeting	5 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	6 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 7:00 PM Finance/Budget Meeting	7 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	8 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 6:30 PM Discover the Secret- Mtg w/Bishop, Family of God, Buckingham 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	9 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	10 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
11 PENTECOST XIX 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 4-adult 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional) 7:00 PM Church Council	12 1:30 PM Sola Gratia Circle 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	13 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool	14 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	15 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 10:00 AM Pastors @ Abington 7:30 PM Circle of Joy 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	16 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	17
18  <p>Pentecost XX</p> Gift of Warmth Sunday 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 4-adult 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional)	19 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	20 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 9:30 AM Deans Meeting @ LTSP	21 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Pre-School Paint-a-Pumpkin w/Dad 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	22 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	23 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	24
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