

THE ADVENTURE - AUGUST, 2019

ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

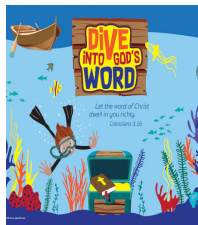
OUR MISSION – FAITHFUL IN THE WORD

- + To *gather* as God's people and nurture one another
- + To *know* the Word of God
- + To *grow* in faith, love, and service
- + To *go* into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 5 - 9th -9 AM TO NOON “DIVE INTO GOD’S WORD”

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 4

- 9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: Katie Dettra

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 11

- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: Bible School
- 10:45 am Church Council Meeting

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 18

- 9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 10:30 am Fellowship time: Open

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST -

AUGUST 25

- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open
- 3:00 pm Meet the Author At Advent
Libby McDonald Schaefer

PASTOR'S MESSAGE FOR THE MONTH. . .

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

I just finished reading a book titled, *Dear Church, A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.* by ELCA pastor Lenny Duncan and I wanted to share some of it with you. Pastor Duncan writes:

“Resurrection accounts tell us that the risen Jesus was utterly the same yet utterly different. It wasn't until the breaking of the bread that his disciples recognized him. They were grieving his loss, and then he was suddenly in their midst. He stood there, full of power yet scarred. Nothing was left behind in the tomb except the burial wrappings.

“What if the losses we are mourning are just the burial wrappings that we shed as we are being raised to new life? Our former position in this country's culture, our endowments, our obsession with parochial reports, the numbers on the rolls, so-called family values, grand sanctuaries, pomp, circumstance, and the ability to set the norms of a community are just the burial wrappings. They were meant to be left in the tomb. We are daily confronted by the resurrected Jesus, but instead of running back to share the good news, we instead sit and worship the emptiness of the tomb. We are kissing the wrappings and weep that they are not part of the new order.

“The time for grief is long over. The narrative of decline denies the truth that we are an Easter people. We aren't being invited into death by the creator of life. No, we are being invited to rise up into resurrection and freedom and to offer that to the world. The incredible thing about working with the living God is that we get to participate with this same God in the resurrection and reordering of creation as the heavenly banquet is being spilled out into this world every day. That means we will also lose the old things as the new earth is birthed. There will be labor pains, and there will be fear, but there will also be a new cosmos.

“Dear Church, the only way to be truly revolutionary is to trust in the resurrection. We have to be willing to risk life, limb, and career for the expansion of God's kingdom here on earth. Only our hope in the resurrection – God's ability to bring life out of death – empowers us to take these risks. We are an army of love that needs to wage peace on this world. We are being called, invited, centered, forged, refined, and loved into being as the next generation of saints to carry the cross to Calvary. I pray that my life will be spilled out for this cause, and I pray that yours will be, too. We are the answer, Church. We are the answer to the question “Is God real?” We are the resounding Yes that the very mountains will shout. I'll see you out there in the revolution.

“Dear Church, rise up.”

May the peace of the Lord be with you always,

Pastor Michael

CONTACTING PASTOR McKILLIP

If you need to speak with Pastor Michael when he is not in the office, particularly in the case of a pastoral emergency, please feel free to call his cell phone (215-603-7443). If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.

SOCIAL MINISTRY - AUGUST FOOD COLLECTION

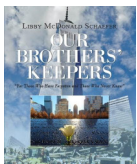
During the month of August Social Ministry will resume collection of non perishable food items to be delivered to the Warminster Food Cupboard. Thank-you as always for supporting our outreach programs.



DiVe INTO GOD'S WORD

Vacation Bible School will be held at Advent on **August 5 through 9 from 9 am to noon**. We invite children age 4 through completion of grade 6 for a fun week of

Bible lessons, music, outdoor play, games and crafts with friends. We hope to see you at VBS!



MEET THE AUTHOR- AUGUST 25, 3:00 P.M.

Come join us on **Sunday, August 25th at 3:00 p.m.** at Advent to hear accomplished author, Libby

McDonald Schaefer, present her latest book, **Our Brothers' Keepers**. The stories in the book are told by survivors, responders, family members, and onlookers on 9/11. See press release on page 9.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Refreshments will be provided following Libby's presentation.



SEE YOU AT SUNDAY SCHOOL! SEPTEMBER 15

Sunday School begins on **September 15 at 9:30 a.m.**, during the worship service. Ages range from **age 4 through 8th grade**. Each Sunday, children up to fourth grade will gather for a few minutes of classic Sunday School songs or videos and some bright ideas,

featuring Cherub, our church mouse (puppet). Older students will begin their worship hour in the sanctuary and exit to their classrooms for the day's lesson. Our curriculum features key Bible lessons with everyday insight. Student ideas are shared and sometimes lead us to create a skit or a pageant!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER NEEDED



Our Sunday School program would like to add

an additional teacher and helper to our staff. If you would like to help us provide our students with a Christian foundation that will stay with them for years to come, please consider working with our Sunday School students! We have great kids, training and support for teachers /helpers and add humor and fun! Background checks are required for teachers. Speak with Jeanne Gryska, Sunday School director, or contact the church office – Thank you.

BLOOD DRIVE - SEPTEMBER 17

Save the date! Please plan to donate when Advent hosts a community blood drive on Tuesday, September 17 from 2:30 to 7:30. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex beginning August 25th.

ADVENT'S THIRD ANNUAL FLEA MARKET



Attention...looking to "declutter" your living space?

Everyone has items they are looking to pass along in order to "declutter" their living space...right? On Saturday, September 28, 2019, Advent Lutheran Church is holding its 3rd Annual Flea Market in the church parking lot from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., providing all participants an avenue by which to make "decluttering their living space" a reality! This is a rain or shine event (held inside the church in the event of rain) for church members, family friends, neighbors and members of the community to sell and buy

items or just to browse. Food and beverages will be available for purchase during the flea market.

Flea Market Registration forms with detailed information are available on the round table in the Advent Lutheran Church narthex or contact Kathy Sitler (Flea Market Coordinator) at kds56@hotmail.com to request a registration form be e-mailed to you. A registration fee of \$20.00 will be collected per space from each registrant upon registration. Registrations will be accepted up until the **deadline** of Sunday, September 22, 2019 or until table spaces are no longer available. We look forward to seeing you at the Flea Market and helping you “declutter” your living space.

Please contact Kathy Sitler with any questions you may have regarding the Flea Market. Thank you for your interest in this church-sponsored event.

STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

If you would need anything throughout the year from the Stitch Club for babies or the elderly i.e. blankets, etc., please contact Hanna McCollum at 215-962-9032 or Jeff Jobses at 215-355-4149. They can have them available on Saturdays or Sundays.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

We need committees or individuals to sign up to provide refreshments after the 9:30 am service. The sign-up sheet thru September is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e. coffee & tea) and all paper products.



PRAYER CHAIN AT ADVENT

Advent is starting a prayer chain for anyone who would be in need of prayer. The success of the Grand Prayer Experiment let us know we have many needs for prayer. If you would like to either join as a prayer partner, or if you have a name to be prayed for, please see below:

Four Ways to Access the Prayer Chain:

1. Give your prayer request in person to either Bob or Karen Matlack
2. Email your prayer request (kmatl22349@verison.net)
3. Text only your prayer request (Karen 215-932-1283; Bob 267-357-9368)
4. Call Fran Zanis at the office 215-355-2529.

NURSERY ROOM AVAILABLE

Children are always welcome to participate in worship. However, should your child need a break, there is a nursery available next to the sanctuary. There, you can hear the service while your child has some quiet time apart. Should you need a break from your child, there is a child care coordinator.

AID FOR FRIENDS MEALS

Advent thanks Hanna McCollum, Jeanne Gryszka, Donna Duffy, Jennifer McQuiggan, Michelle Rahynor, Nancy Hill, Helen Shearer, Tanya, Téa & Max Santiago, Karen, Bob Matlack and their grandchildren, for their help in preparing **80** meals to be taken to Aid for Friends.



LET'S FILL FOOD TRAYS FOR AID FOR FRIENDS

Aid for Friends, our nearby meal delivery program will need additional meal donations during the summer months. Please pick up a few of **their** aluminum trays, available in the narthex, and fill the three sections with those extra servings you might have left-over from a recent meal. Entree, vegetables and fruit/applesauce will bring joy to someone you've never met. Here's how it should be assembled, labeled and frozen at home - before you bring it to our church freezer:

<https://www.aidforfriends.org/photoalbums/how-to-make-meals-for-aff>. For further information, please check with Hanna McCollum, our Aid for Friends coordinator at Advent. Thank you for sharing your food - Cooked with kindness!

RECENT MEMORIAL GIFTS

Advent expresses its thanks to the following who have recently made contributions in memory of Donald C Hoffmann:

- Mr. & Mrs. David Frost
- Mr. & Mrs. Philip Haile
- Mr. Arthur Zbinden
- Mr. & Mrs. Carmen Amato

FLOWER CHART & MISSION SUPPORT FOR 2019

The sign-up sheets for Altar Flower and Mission Support dedications for 2019 are in the narthex. The cost to dedicate one bouquet is \$25.00. One week of Mission support is \$25. 00. There are many openings available on the Mission Support chart.

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED ADVENT IN YOUR WILL?

Those who have faithfully supported Advent through their regular offerings can also support the church by including it in your will. Gifts can be designated for the

endowment fund, mortgage reduction or to support the regular expenses of the church. Remembering your church in your will can help Advent through the difficult economic times. Please speak with a member of the finance or endowment committee for more information.

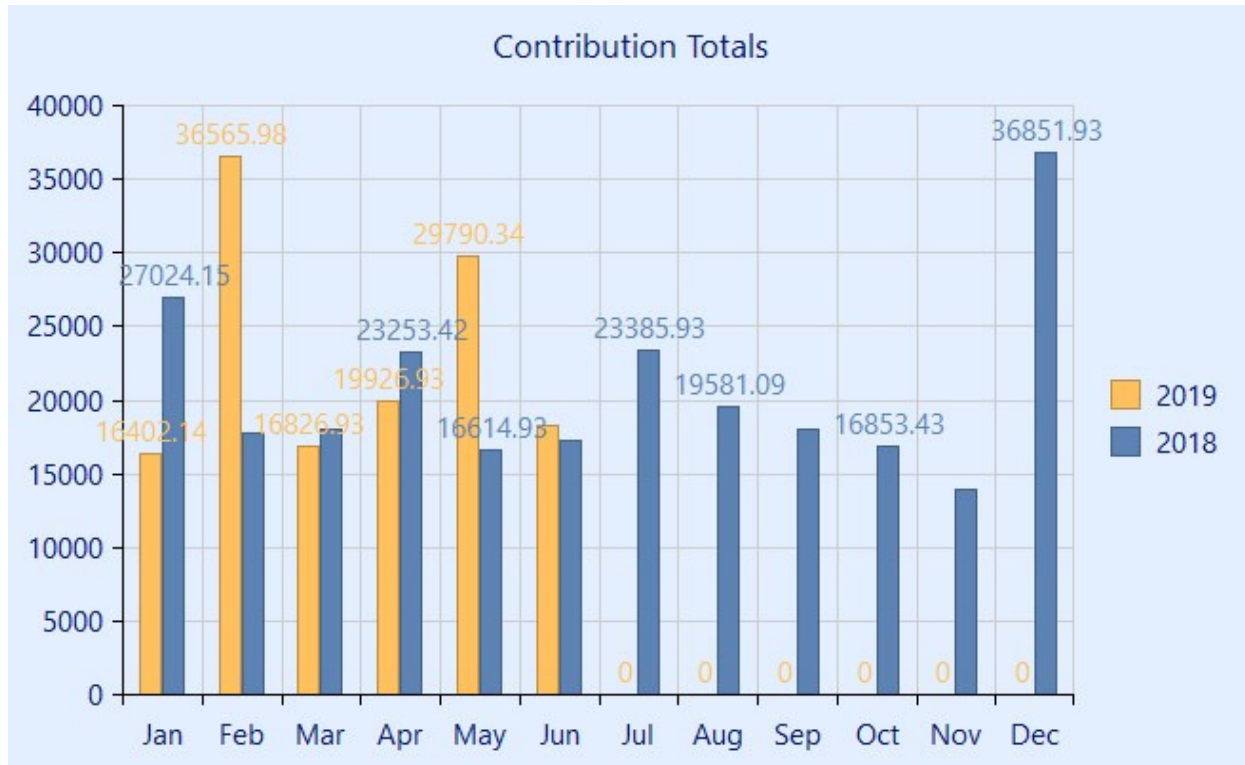
THREE SPECIAL WAYS TO GIVE

Did you know that there are three ways to give an offering to Advent Lutheran Church?

1. Offering envelope. (If you are going away on vacation you can mail your offering to the church office.
2. Simply Giving. This is an automatic deposit from a checking account into Advent Lutheran Church account that occurs every month. If you are interested in setting this up or for more information please contact me at 215-968-2675
3. Online giving. This option is with a credit card. Log on to our website www.adventrichboro.org. click "Give Now" button.

Respectfully, Kathryn Urbaniak, Fin. Sec.

FINANCIAL UPDATE



2018		2019	
January	\$27,024.15	January	\$16,402.14
February	\$17,790.84	February	\$36,565.98
March	\$17,964.93	March	\$16,826.93
April	\$23,253.42	April	\$19,926.93
May	\$16,614.93	May	\$29,790.34*
June	\$17,244.04	June	\$18,227.93
July	\$23,385.93	July	
August	\$19,581.09	August	
September	\$17,959.43	September	
October	\$16,853.43	October	
November	\$13,969.93	November	
December	\$36,851.93	December	

INCOME FOR JUNE 2019

Benevolence (LWR, Mission Support, etc.)	\$ 614
General Fund	\$13,245
Mortgage Fund	\$ 3,502



ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

1 Nancy Hill	11 Madeline (Pearson) Stiles	Jack Walsh
2 Amelia Gouse	12 Savannah Rose Slawter	17 Dorothy Masciotro
4 Aimee Manco Casale Peyton Gouse Jeff Jobs	14 Jessica (Buttil) Baker Dorothy Hofer Kenneth Meyers	18 Laura Sanderlin
5 Wesley Wanniger	15 Nancy Starke	21 Carter McGee
8 Paul Sorcek	16 Maria Beer	24 Kylie Rayher Tom Starke
9 Christopher Starke	Janice Hoffmann	25 Richard Hofer
10 Diane Kirschner	Kerry Sitler	28 Téa Santiago
		29 Daniel Gracey Joanne Kelly

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



THE ARMED FORCES

Please keep in your prayers all our service men and women and especially those related to our congregation:

US Air Force Lt. Col. Andrew Frey is the Senior Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Programs, stationed at the Pentagon.

US Air Force Major Fred Gouse is a pilot and instructor stationed at Holloman AFB, New Mexico.

US Army Colonel (Ret.) Jeff Williams is serving in Dubai, UAE as a military advisor.

Please see our Armed Forces Display in the corridor leading to the ramp down to the fellowship hall. If there are any errors or omissions, please notify the church office. Thank you.



NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please keep Pastor Lyzette Rios Sanchez and our mission congregation Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in your prayers. Your mission support gifts help them to minister in a very impoverished area of Philadelphia.

SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP

AUGUST SCHEDULES

ACOLYTES

8/04	9:30 am	Erik Urbaniak
8/11	9:30 am	Courtney Korn
8/18	9:30 am	Unassigned
8/25	9:30 am	Unassigned

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

8/04	Rhona Slawter
8/11	Victoria Vassello
8/18	Donna Duffy
8/25	Audrey Savchuck

LAY READERS

8/07	9:30 am	Kathy Sitler
8/11	9:30 am	Gail Oines
8/18	9:30 am	Benicia Meyers
8/25	9:30 am	Mike Vassello

USHERS

1 st	9:30 am	Ray Heiss, Bob Matlack
2 nd	9:30 am	Tom Herbert, Bob Holford
3 rd	9:30 am	George Henry, Mike Sitler
4 th	9:30 am	Tony Gryszka, Mike Vassello

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8/04	9:30 am	Karen Matlack
8/11	9:30 am	Tony Gryszka
8/18	9:30 am	Gail Oines
8/25	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan

ALTAR GUILD

1 st	9:30 am	Kathy Sitler
2 nd	9:30 am	Gail Oines
3 rd	9:30 am	Jennifer Gardener-Schoch
4 th	9:30 am	Donna Duffy
5 th	9:30 am	George Henry

FELLOWSHIP TIME

8/04	Katie Dettra
8/11	Bible School
8/18	Open
8/25	Open

MONEY COUNTERS

1 st	Janice Hoffmann, Tony Gryszka
2 nd	Cindy Frey, Bob Holford
3 rd	Ray & Joyce Heiss
4 th	Tony Gryszka, Janice Hoffmann

PRESS RELEASE

RETIRED BENSLEM TEACHER WRITES STORIES OF 9/11

Peppertree Press of Sarasota, FL has released *OUR BROTHERS' KEEPERS . . . For Those Who Have Forgotten and Those Who Never Knew*, a collection of personal stories of 9/11 . It is the fifth non-fiction book written by Libby McDonald Schaefer. A graduate of Milton High School, class of 1964 and Bloomsburg State College, Schaefer taught high school English for 34 and a half years before her retirement in 2001. Her first book, *THE LADIES OF PUNTA GORDA* was published in 2014, and is a salute to the women of the town where she and her husband Joe now reside. Her second book, *MEMORIES OF WAR* released in 2015, contains stories from WWII, the Korean war, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, and present day. *COOKING WITH GRANDMA*, 2016, is a salute to her Ukrainian grandma and includes stories and recipes from women all over the U.S. *MEMOIR OF A STREETWALKER*, released in 2017, is Schaefer's story of her journey to wellness, after becoming ill from the mold that was present in her classroom, and it includes her story of walking to become healthy.

The stories in *OUR BROTHERS' KEEPERS* stand as a reminder to those who have forgotten the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, as well as the failed attack and crash of United 93 in Shanksville, PA. Told by survivors, responders, and witnesses, the stories provide an insight into that day and the days that followed for those who need to be reminded; those too young to remember, and those who were not even alive on 9/11.

The idea for *OUR BROTHERS' KEEPERS* came from one man, who shall remain nameless, who, working for the Sanitation Department of NYC, went to Ground Zero to help directly after the attacks on 9/11. As the result of the toxins he was exposed to, he, like tens of thousands of others, now battles cancer. It was his plea that those affected be able to tell their stories, as he believes they all have been forgotten, except for one day a year when ceremonies are held for those who lost their lives.

The book was the result of Schaefer's almost two years of interviews with the survivors, the responders and witnesses, including the air traffic control supervisor at Pittsburgh Airport, the Shanksville Fire Chief, the head of the chaplains at the Pentagon, and firefighters, police officers, first responders, volunteers, and survivors of the World Trade Center attacks.

Libby Schaefer will be in the Bucks County area from August 20 until September 3 to speak about her book. She will be at the **Advent Lutheran Church** on 2nd Street Pike in Richboro, PA on August 25 at 3:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and for each book sold at the event, Schaefer will donate back. For additional information and locations of presentations or to reserve a book, interested parties can contact Schaefer at 215 498 1975 or schaeftl@aol.com



<p>4 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 AM Traditional Holy Com. 10:30 AM Fellowship Time- Katie Dettra</p>	<p>5 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p> <p>Vacation Bible School all week 9 am to noon.</p>	<p>6 7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting</p> <p>Vacation Bible School all week 9 am to noon</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Vacation Bible School all week 9 am to noon</p>	<p>8 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group</p> <p>Vacation Bible School all week 9 am to noon</p>	<p>9 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.</p> <p>Vacation Bible School all week 9 am to noon</p>	10
<p>11 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 AM Cont. Holy Com. 10:30 AM Fellowship Time- Bible School 10:45 AM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>12 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	13	14	<p>15 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p>16 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.</p>	17
<p>18 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 AM Traditional Holy Com. 10:30 AM Fellowship Time- Open</p>	<p>19 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	20	21	<p>22 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p>23 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.</p>	24
<p>25 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 AM Cont. Holy Com. 10:30 AM Fellowship Time- Open 3:00 PM Libby McDonald Schaefer author of "Our Brothers' Keepers"</p>	<p>26 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	27	28	<p>29 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p>30 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.</p>	31