

THE ADVENTURE - 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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17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 6

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion
Sunday School - ages 4 to gr. 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship time:
Congregational Life
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Study

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 13

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy
Communion
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:45 am Church Council Meeting

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 20

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion
Sunday School - ages 4 to gr. 8
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open

REFORMATION SUNDAY (Wear Red to Celebrate)

OCTOBER 27

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy
Communion
Sunday School - ages 4 to gr. 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship time: Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Study

PASTOR'S MESSAGE FOR THE MONTH. . .

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

On October 31, 1517, a Roman Catholic priest named Martin Luther nailed a list of talking points – his 95 theses – to the door of Wittenberg Church, and what has come to be known as the Protestant Reformation began. Every year, on the last Sunday of October, the Church celebrates Reformation Sunday.

Over the years, I have tried to have some fun with the sermon on Reformation Sunday. Two years ago, on the 500th anniversary of that momentous day, I carefully crafted a sermon that had exactly 1,517 words and exactly 95 sentences. One of my colleagues told me that perhaps, I had too much time on my hands. Another time, I talked about how Martin Luther would have loved the game of baseball because even the best only get it right three out of ten times and yet there's always another chance, much like our sinfulness and God's grace and forgiveness. And still another time, I talked about how Martin Luther would have been a Led Zeppelin fan, because we human beings are always trying to buy a *Stairway to Heaven*, while God, through Jesus Christ, has already done that for us.

So, while I was thinking about all of this, yet another song lyric that Luther would have loved popped into my head. Kris Kristofferson and Fred Foster wrote a song that Janis Joplin made famous in 1971 titled *Me and Bobby McGee*. The lyric from that song is "*Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose.*" On the surface, this line seems like just another mantra from the hippy generation – a mantra about freedom as the antithesis of responsibility. But, if we see it through a theology lens, it speaks so much more. I think that there are at least two ways to look at it.

First, when we become less and less tied to our wants and our possessions, we become more and more free. The person who is extremely generous believes that their need to give is much greater than their need to have. This is the essence of financial stewardship. It is also freedom in a nutshell – not that we are free to do whatever we want, but that we are no longer tied to ourselves. In other words, the more we give, the freer we become and the less we have to lose.

And secondly, in the Gospel of John we read, "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). This verse is a part of the Gospel text that we read on every single Reformation Sunday. Luther even wrote a book titled *The Freedom of the Christian*. Because the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus frees us from the power of sin and death – because our sins have been and will continue to be forgiven – because there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God – because Jesus has given us freedom as a gift – therefore, we "have nothing left to lose."

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

In October we will continue our monthly food collections by highlighting a specific food each month that is most needed at the Warminster Food Cupboard. In October we are hoping to fill the shelves with canned meats i.e. tuna, chicken etc.! These protein choices can be turned into a meal by serving them with potatoes, rice or noodles!! Of course other non-perishable foods are always appreciated. Thanks always for your continued support for our neighbors in need.



BLOOD DRIVE

Advent expresses its thanks to the volunteers and blood donors that made our drive for the American Red Cross a success. Twenty six units were collected, saving up to 78 lives. Thanks for giving the "Gift of Life".

CONGRATULATIONS ON BAPTISM

Advent expresses its congratulations to the Buttil Family on the Baptism of Autumn Grayce Buttil, child of LaRaine and Eric Buttil, on September 8, 2019. Grayce was born on June 6, 2019. His sponsors are Gina Hughes and Matthew Hollingsworth.

DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION

Advent has begun an ongoing community food collection drive. To that end, we have purchased an outdoor bench with storage under the seat. If you have food for the Warminster Food Pantry that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list the pantry's most needed items is attached to the bench or in the narthex. Thank you.

MEN'S GROUP WILL RESUME

Advent's men's group will resume its monthly breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, October 12 at 8:30 am. All men of the congregation are invited to attend. For more information please speak with Men's Group Coordinator, Dave Shearer.

FAYE ADINDA CONCERT



Faye Adinda will give a concert at Advent on Saturday, October 12 at 7 PM.

Faye Adinda is a singer/songwriter, musician and artist. Her music reflects a journey of self love, acceptance, and the

honoring of both the light and the darkness within us in order to heal, grow and find deeper connection and compassion for ourselves and all beings. Her songs are filled with positive affirmations and prayers, and weaved in a unique blend of R&B, soul, folk and mystical fusion.



MITCH MCVICKER CONCERT

Mitch McVicker will again give a concert at Advent on Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00 pm. His concerts are a little bit Mark Twain meets MacGyver, quirky and

inventive. Mitch's insightful song lyrics paired with unconventional instruments and profound storytelling make his concerts a hit everywhere he goes. A good will offering will be collected. Hope to see you there!

CRAFT ITEMS NEEDED

The women of Good News Home in Flemington, NJ will again be worshipping with us on **November 10th at the 9:30 service**. They will be bringing us the gift of music with a song and bell playing. Another part of their therapy is crafts. They learn sewing, knitting, crocheting, and other crafts as a means to show what they can accomplish. Advent will be collecting craft items to donate

to GNH for their use. Items may include, but are not limited to yarn, knit/crochet needles, pillow stuffing, material, jewelry beads, craft kits, etc. **Be creative!** Thank you.

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 the end of the year is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e. coffee & tea) and all paper products.

WITH SYMPATHY

Advent extends its sympathy to the family of Pauline Roecker who passed away on September 17. Pauline was a member of Advent who resided at Southampton Estates.

May God's comfort and peace be with her family especially Tammy, Scott & Amber Roecker Glover, Advent members, in their time of loss.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Tammy and her family at Scott & Tammy Glover, 276 Lay Road, Delta PA 17314.

Advent extends its sympathy to Sherri & Joel Denis on the death of Sherri's father, John P. Samo who passed away on September 23.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Joel & Sherri Denis, 58 Henley Drive, Langhorne, PA 19053

May God's comfort and peace be with the Sam & Denis families in their time of loss.



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, Donna Duffy, Helen Shearer, Tanya Santiago, Joyce Heiss, Christel Hoffmann and Kathy Sitler for their help on September 9, in preparing **40** 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!

PACKAGING OF TRAYS FOR AID FOR FRIENDS

The packaging of the food trays for October will take place on Monday, October 14 at 10 AM. All help will be appreciated.

ITEMS DEDICATED FOR USE AT ADVENT

Advent expresses its thanks to the following members for their gifts for use at Advent:

Carolyn Morrison (posthumously) for the new Advent banner that we will use starting on December 1 and thru the Advent season.

George Henry for one round table in the narthex, dedicated to the Glory of God.

Bob and Karen Matlack for one round table in the narthex, in loving memory of Karen's mother, Irene Anderson.

Gail Oines for two round tables in the narthex, in loving memory of her father, Bill Brinsfield and Doug's mother Beverly Oines.

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?

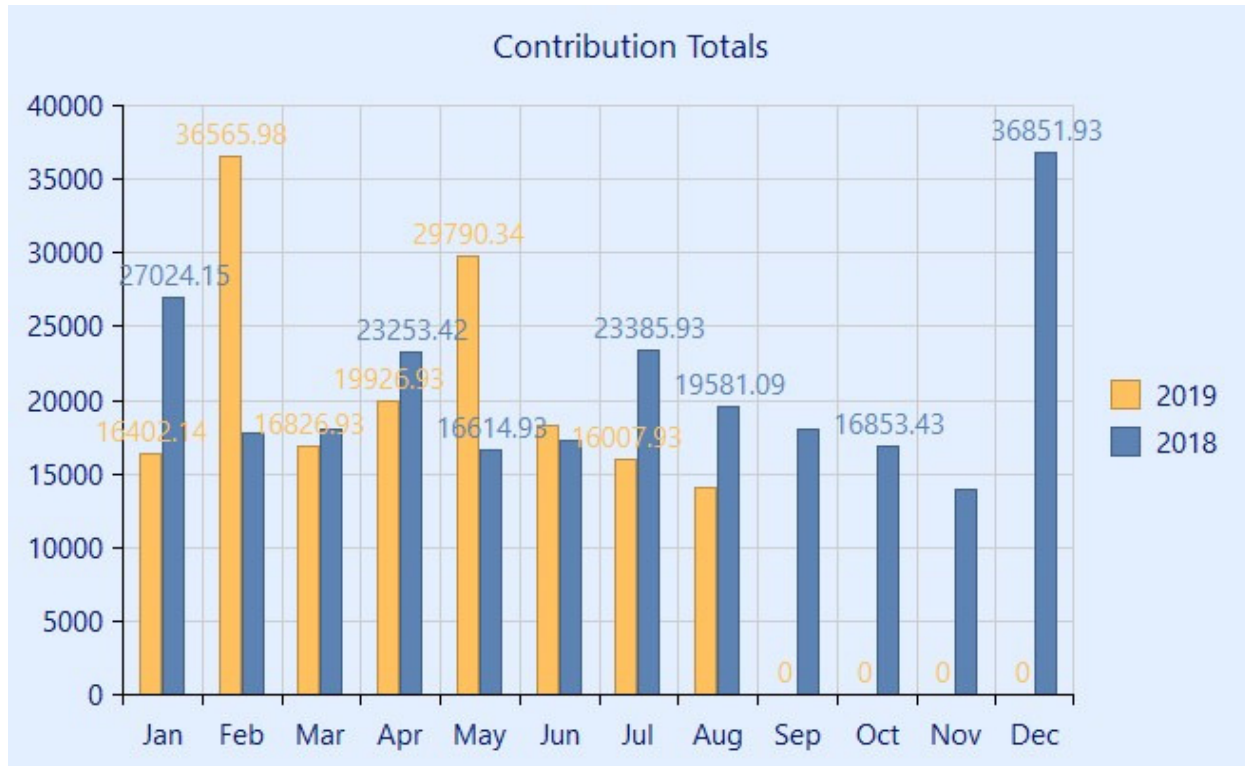
1. Offering envelope. (If you are going away on vacation you can mail your offering to the church office.

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	\$16,007.93
August	\$19,581.09	August	\$14,065.48
September	\$17,959.43	September	
October	\$16,853.43	October	
November	\$13,969.93	November	
December	\$36,851.93	December	

*May 2019 total includes \$15,000 special gift

INCOME FOR JULY 2019

Benevolence (LWR, Mission Support, etc.)	\$ 390
General Fund	\$ 9,920
Mortgage Fund	\$ 3,069



ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---|-------------------------------|----|---------------------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Jennifer (Gardener) Schoch | 14 | Michelle Rayher | 23 | Kerry Sitler |
| 2 | Kathryn Kelly Benjamin Meyers | 15 | MarioVincent Evangelist V | 26 | Hanna McCollum |
| 3 | Caitlin (Matlack) Eagles | 17 | Robert Holford Josephine Morley | 27 | Cindy Earle |
| 4 | Alexander Oines | | Wright | 28 | Michael Vassello |
| 6 | Stephanie Hansen | 21 | Matthew Jafar | 29 | Jesse Merk |
| | | 22 | Louise Froehlich Ritchie | | |

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

OCTOBER SCHEDULES

ACOLYTES

10/06	9:30 am	Erik Urbaniak
10/13	9:30 am	Courtney Korn
10/20	9:30 am	Unassigned
10/27	9:30 am	Unassigned

LAY READERS

10/06	9:30 am	Michael Vassello
10/13	8:00 am	Nancy Hill
	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
10/20	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Ken Meyers
10/27	8:00 am	n/a
	9:30 am	Kathy Sitler

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

10/06	8:00 am	Janice Hoffmann
	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
10/13	9:30 am	Karen Matlack
10/20	9:30 am	Tony Gryszka
10/27	9:30 am	Gail Oines

FELLOWSHIP TIME

10/06	Congregational Life
10/13	Open
10/20	Open
10/27	Open

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

10/06	Victoria Vassello
10/13	Donna Duffy
10/20	Nancy Slight
10/27	Kathryn Urbaniak

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

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

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Practice 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir	3 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	4 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	5 10:00 AM Stitch Club
6 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 AM Traditional Holy Com. 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Traditional Holy Com Sunday school ages 4 to gr. 8 10:30 AM Fellowship: Open 10:45AM Bible Study	7 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	8 7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting	9 Practice 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Vocal Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir	10 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	11 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	12 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Stitch Club 7:00 PM Faye Adinda Concert
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