

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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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 3

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 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

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5,

ELECTION DAY 7 AM TO 8 PM

Pray for our country and vote your choice!

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6, 7 P.M.

MITCH MC VICKER CONCERT

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 10

Women of Good News 9:30 Service

Worship Leader, Pastor Frank Sayford

- 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

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 17

- 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: Donna Duffy
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Study

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 24

- 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 Congregational Meeting

Thanksgiving



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH



PASTOR'S MESSAGE FOR THE MONTH. . .

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

My interim work at Advent is nearing its natural conclusion. The Mission Site Profile was approved by the congregation council at their meeting on October 13 and has been submitted to the Synod Office along with other pertinent information about Advent. The call committee has been elected by the council and will be installed by the time you read this. Those chosen for the committee are: Mike Sitler, Jennifer McQuiggan, Karen Matlack, Linda Weaver, and Jeanne Gryszka. Once the external financial audit has been completed (probably in January), the Office of the Bishop will begin to identify pastoral candidates for the call committee to interview.

At this point, the congregation is ready to move into the next phase of transitional ministry, a bridge pastor. A bridge pastor is someone who will perform the pastoral duties required by the congregation while the call committee does its work of interviewing and selecting your next settled pastor. Therefore, it is my intention to complete my service here at Advent this month, with November 24 as my last Sunday and my last day in the office on Thursday, November 21. It has been my joy to lead you through this process and I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide you as you move forward in mission and ministry.

If you remember, back in late spring through early summer, we had the opportunity to explore *Discovering Your Windows*, an eight-week series about how we might begin to look a little differently at what it means to be church. I hope that the effort spurred you to think about how you see the purpose of the church. All that being said, I would like to leave you with a few quotes from people who have influenced my way of seeing the purpose of the church:

Relationships in the church are in the shape of the cross – the vertical is your relationship with God and the horizontal is your relationship with each other. If it is the horizontal that brings you here on Sunday, you're in a world of trouble.

The Rev. Patricia Davenport, Bishop, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

The church is the only organization on earth that exists solely for those who don't belong to it.

The Rev. Kelly Fryer, ELCA Pastor, Author, and Seminary Professor

We do not draw people to Christ by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.

Madeleine L'Engle

If we lose a generation of young people in the church, it won't be because we didn't entertain them. It will be because we didn't dare them to do something meaningful with the Gospel in light of the world we live in.

Shane Claiborne

May the peace of the Lord be with you always,

Pastor Michael

**CONTACTING PASTOR MICHAEL
UNTIL NOV. 24**

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** or by email at **pastor.mmckillip@gmail.com**. If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you. This will change on November 24 his last Sunday Service at Advent.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On All Saints' **Sunday, November 3**, we give thanks for the Communion of Saints, the people of God of all times and places. We especially remember in our prayers that day those who have died in the Lord in the past year and who have gone to be with Him in heaven.



STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

The theme for Advent's appeal for 2020 is "**Live Simply.**"

The stewardship theme will run during the month of November and informational packets will be distributed in person or mailed during the month. Prayerfully consider a financial response for the coming year and we plan to dedicate the commitments that have been received on Sunday, November 24. We thank everyone not only for your continued financial support, but also for the dedicated members and friends who have volunteered their time and talent to support the ministries here at Advent during the pastoral transition process.

ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH CALL COMMITTEE

On Sunday, October 27, the Call Committee of Advent was installed. These five people will do the work of interviewing and evaluating pastoral candidates that have been presented to the congregation by the Bishop's office. Once they have identified the candidate whom they think is best suited for the role of Pastor at Advent, that candidate will be presented to the congregation council, and if approved by the council, then to the congregation for your vote. Until the selected candidate is presented to the congregation, all

of the work that the committee does is highly confidential. You are encouraged to ask committee members about the progress of the call process, but not about specific candidates. You are also invited to pray for the committee. Those elected by the congregation council are:

Michael Sitler, Chair Jeanne Gryszka
Jennifer McQuiggan Linda Weaver
Karen Matlack

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN NOVEMBER

Join us at Sunday School! Bring a friend! Our morning activities feature a variety of music, videos, crafts, and our "church mouse" puppet Cherub. Students age 4 through 8th grade are invited to join-in for Bible lessons each week. In November, we'll take what we've learned from our Old Testament lessons into the New Testament as the season of Advent approaches. It's fun to learn together!



**ADVENT STITCH CLUB
BAZAAR**

Sunday, **November 3**, is the last day for Advent's Stitch Club wonderful hand made items on display for sale in the narthex. Proceeds from the sale will help support the weekly flower arrangements that grace our altar each week. Thank you for supporting this cause!

SOCIAL MINISTRY

During the month of November we will be highlighting Thanksgiving items such as sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, canned vegetables, canned ham and turkey products and dessert mixes. All items collected will be donated to the Warminster Food Cupboard. As always all items donated are greatly appreciated!

ELECTION DAY

Election Day will be held on **Tuesday, November 5, 7:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Polling locations open up at 6 a.m. Advent serves as a polling place for its community. Please vote for the candidates of your choice.



**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!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Advent's men's group will hold its monthly breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, **November at 9 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.

GUEST PASTOR, NOVEMBER 10

Pastor Michael will not be at services on Sunday, November 10. He has made arrangements for Pastor Frank Sayford to lead worship.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 11/24

Our annual meeting to adopt the 2020 Budget and to elect persons to Church Council will be held on Sunday, November 24 at 10:45. Please plan on attending.

**ADVENT'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY
POSITION**

Kathryn Urbaniak's position on Church Council expires at the end of the year. We're looking for a member to fill this position effective January 1. For additional information about the position please contact Kathryn at 215-968-2675.



ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Please note that our annual **Angel Tree** project will again be supporting the local Salvation Army's Angel Tree project. On **November 24 (Sunday before Thanksgiving)** tags will be available in the narthex on our own angel tree. Please consider taking a tag and helping a local child's Christmas be a little brighter? We are hoping to provide gifts for 50 children again this year! As always thank-you for your continued support to our community's needs! Don't forget to write your name and tag number on the sign-up sheet!! Any questions, please speak with Nancy Sclight.



**ADVENT'S ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS
BRUNCH SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 8**

The brunch will take place in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the 9:30 service. If you plan to attend please sign the sheet in the narthex so that we can plan accordingly. We plan to have our talented Advent musicians playing Christmas music for us.



**ADVENT'S CHRISTMAS TREE
DECORATING-DECEMBER 8**

We will be decorating the Christmas Tree in the narthex on Sunday, December 8. All are welcome to participate. Any questions please see Bob or Karen Matlack.



**ADVENT'S FLEA
MARKET THANKS**

Advent's 3rd annual flea market took place on Saturday morning, September 28. There were 18 vendors selling their treasures and Advent's Youth Group

sold lemonade & cookies at the event. We thank everyone who participated in the event!

THANKS FOR PROPERTY CLEANUP

The outdoor property clean-up day on October 19 was a success as emphasis was placed on tree work and weeding the gardens. A special thank you to those who participated: Donna Duffy, Rhona Slawter, Geoff Duffy, Lynn Roccograndi, Paul Roccograndi, Ray Heiss, and Tony Gryszka.

THANK YOU FROM JEFF JOBES

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and well wishes during my recent illness.

PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

The church parking lot was recently sealed and re-stripped just in time for the upcoming winter months. It looks great! Thanks to Lynn Roccograndi

THANKS TO DAVE SHEARER

Do you know or think about who changes the batteries in the church, all **54** of them? It's Dave Shearer and we thank him for taking care of the "yearly changing of the batteries" and disposing of them "responsibly".

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 Jobes at 215-355-4149. They can have them available on Saturdays or Sundays.



FAYE ADINDA CONCERT

The Faye Adinda & Friends Concert on October 12 was enjoyed by over 25 persons in attendance. Faye's songs included

positive affirmations and prayers. Advent's organist and music director, Mike Dettra, played bass guitar on several selections. Possibly Faye & Friends may be invited to

return after her initial album is produced. We thank all who were able to attend!

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.

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.



PRAYER CHAIN AT ADVENT

Advent has started 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.

CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS

Advent thanks Hanna McCollum, Helen Shearer, Joyce Heiss, Jeanne Gryszka, Liz Gracey and Peggy Spahn for their help on October 14, in preparing **84** meals to be taken to Caring for Friends.

PACKAGING OF TRAYS FOR CARING FOR FRIENDS - NOVEMBER 11

The packaging of the food trays for November will take place on Monday, November 11 at 10 a.m. All help will be appreciated.



LET'S FILL FOOD TRAYS FOR CARING FOR FRIENDS

Caring for Friends, our nearby meal delivery program will need additional meal donations during the fall and winter 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!

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 they are Janice Hoffmann, Mike Sitler or Tony Gryszka

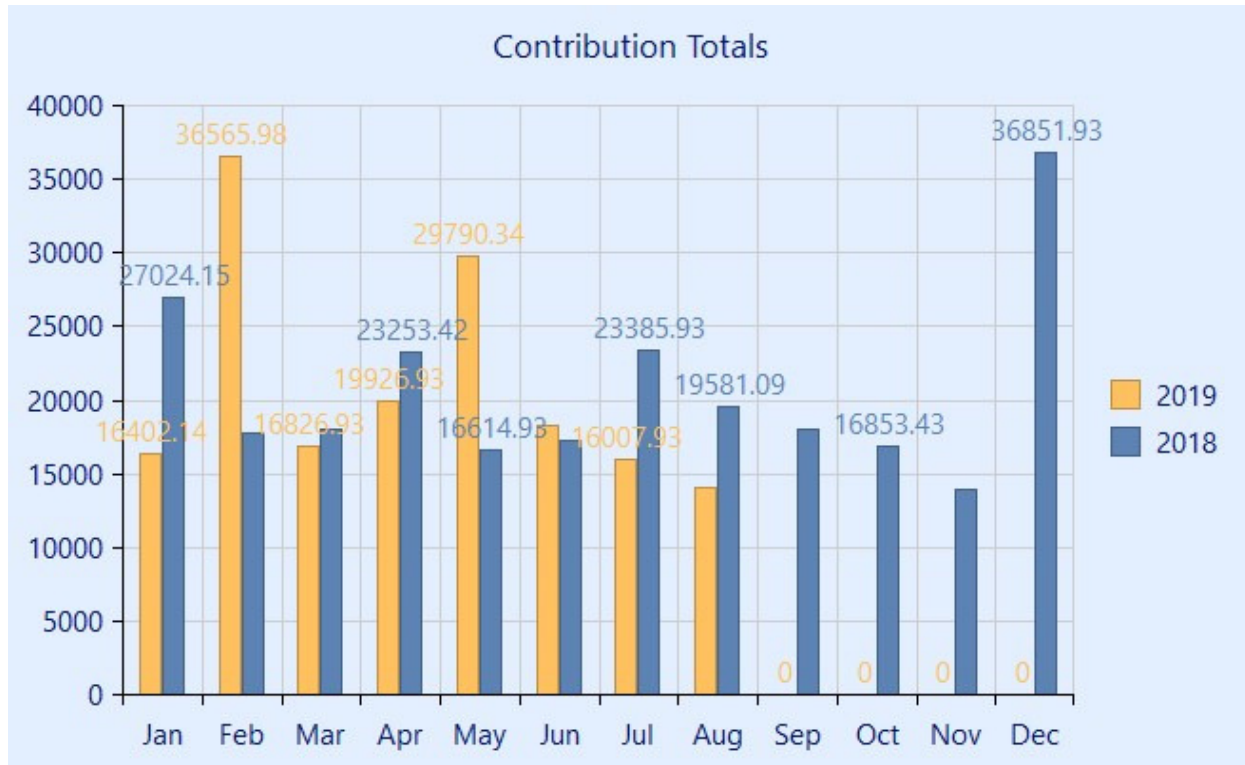
THREE SPECIAL WAYS TO GIVE

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	\$18,297.18
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 SEPTEMBER 2019

Benevolence (LWR, Mission Support, etc.)	\$ 1,080*
General Fund	\$13,005
Mortgage Fund	\$ 3,139

*Includes \$500 for hurricane relief



ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Sarah Pearson McMahon | 6 Jeanne Wagner | 26 Nicole Jafar |
| Bonnie Morrison Sykes | 18 Audrey Savchuck | Matt Sitler |
| 2 Timothy Hanlon | 21 Jayne Manco Messer | 27 Tyler Creighton |
| 3 Rick Buttil | 22 Nicole Wills | Mark Rilling |
| Christopher Sanderlin | 23 Chris Lenox | 28 Matthew Hollingsworth |
| 6 Robert Messina | 24 Heather Jafar | |
| Michael Savchuck | Becky Rilling | |

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
NOVEMBER SCHEDULES

ACOLYTES

11/03	9:30 am	Erik Urbaniak
11/10	9:30 am	Courtney Korn
11/17	9:30 am	Unassigned
11/24	9:30 am	Unassigned

LAY READERS

11/03	9:30 am	Benicia Meyers
11/10	8:00 am	Nancy Hill
	9:30 am	Mike Vassello
11/17	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Gail Oines
11/24	9:30 am	Ken Meyers

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

11/03	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
11/10	9:30 am	Tony Gryszka
11/17	9:30 am	Gail Oines
11/24	9:30 am	Karen Matlack

FELLOWSHIP TIME

11/03	Congregational Life
11/10	Open
11/17	Donna Duffy
11/24	Open

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

11/03	Kathy Sitler
11/10	Rhona Slawter
11/17	Audrey Savchuck
11/24	Victoria Vassello
11/27	Audrey Savchuck

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	8:00 am	Hanna McCollum
	9:30 am	Kathy Sitler
2 nd	9:30 am	Gail Oines
3 rd	9:30 am	George Henry
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

November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	2 10:00 AM Stitch Club
3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 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	4 7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	5 ELECTION DAY 7 AM - 8 PM	6 MITCH MCVICKERS CONCERT 7:00 PM NO CHOIR PRACTICE	7 7:30 PM A.A. Topic Group	8 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	9 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Stitch Club
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