

THE ADVENTURE - 2022

October

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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Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to worship indoors and online. Mask wearing at Advent is optional for the fully vaccinated and recommended for the unvaccinated and immunocompromised. Based on Center for Disease Control, local governmental and church authorities' recommendations, Advent continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask or not mask
- Social distancing
- Sanitizing hands and objects handled
- Staying home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
- The availability of online worship and the use of zoom for meetings.

Our leadership will continue to gauge the situation week by week and will keep the congregation informed of any adjustment to our precautions.

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OCTOBER SUNDAYS OF WORSHIP SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 8:00 AM** Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 AM** Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 AM** Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6
- 10:30 AM** Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:45 AM** New Member Meeting

OCTOBER 9

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Stitch Club Bazaar

- 8:00 AM** Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 AM** Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 AM** Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6
- 10:30 AM** Fellowship Time: The Ward Family
- 10:45 AM** New Member Meeting

OCTOBER 16

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Stitch Club Bazaar

8:00 AM Traditional Holy Communion
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6
10:30 AM Fellowship Time: Open
10:45 AM Church Council Meeting

OCTOBER 23

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Stitch Club Bazaar

8:00 AM Traditional Holy Communion
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6
10:30 AM Fellowship Time: Open
10:45 AM Caring for Friends Meal Prep.

OCTOBER 30

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Installation of New Members

8:00 AM Traditional Holy Communion
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6
10:30 AM Fellowship Time: Open
10:45 AM Adult Bible Study

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Sunday service may also be attended by Zoom and it will be live streamed on Facebook.

A recording of the service will be uploaded to YouTube and linked to our website immediately after the service concludes.

Regular Scheduled Zoom Services:

8:00 a.m. Topic: Advent Lutheran Church Traditional Holy Communion

Meeting ID: 891 9503 9877 Passcode: 443533

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89195039877?pwd=dnVRTlRGamJQVXNZbENlVDJTT0pnUT09>

9:30 a.m. Topic: Advent Lutheran Church Contemporary Holy Communion

Meeting ID: 854 0562 9972 Passcode: 506714

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85405629972?pwd=aGErSFNlbVAvNmZsQkIzWVpTTktlQT09>

Pastor Matt's October Newsletter 2022

You need to know that you are loved. You need to know to the very core of your being that you are loved by God. You need to know this to the very core of your being because it is the very core of who you are that God loves. Who you are is not what you do. God doesn't love you for what you do; how good you behave or your accomplishment. Who you are not your intentions. Your intentions good or bad do not change God's love for you. Who you are is not what you believe. God doesn't love you because you hold the correct religious beliefs or any other beliefs. God's love for you does not hinge on how right or wrong you are about anything. It is not that God is blind to these things. God sees all of it. God looks at you. God's gaze sees your actions and looks deeper. Sees your underlying intentions and looks deeper. God's gaze sees deep into your beliefs and looks still deeper to the very core of your being. God gazes adoringly at the core of your being, at the very spark of life with in you created by God's own hand. Certainly, God is overjoyed or disappointed, or even angered, by the good and bad of your deeds, intentions and beliefs. When what you do causes harm, God does desire you to repent and stem the harm you have done. But none the less, God still adores the spark of life God created with in you. In fact, God loves you so much that he sends his son Jesus so that all your actions, intentions and beliefs that would separate you from God would not cause you to perish, but instead Jesus through his death and resurrection gives you ever lasting life.

You need to know your neighbor is loved. Just as God loves you yourself to the core, so too God loves your neighbor to their core. God created and adores the spark of life in every human being regardless of what their actions, intentions or beliefs. This makes every human being a neighbor. Certainly, God sees and is overjoyed or angered by the good and bad in our neighbors. So too we should see the good and bad in our neighbors. We should see how their actions, intentions and beliefs may separate them from God and us. As they do harm, we can call them to repent and to make amends for the harm caused, just as we should always be open to repentance and making amends ourselves. Likewise, we should always seek out the good in our neighbor, even when it seems elusive. Most importantly we should always be willing to cherish the spark of life that God created in every person.

You need to know that you are loved. You need to know your neighbor is loved. We all need to know how loved we are. Let you tell one another. Let us actually love one another as God love us.

God's Peace be with you,

Pastor Matt



SUNDAY SCHOOL- FALL LESSONS

Our Sunday school students are starting the school year with New Testament lessons, beginning with the Baptism of Jesus. New students are welcome, from age 4 through grade 6. The Holy Moly curriculum adds a creative flair through colorful videos and lesson books, which will be ordered as needed, so please contact the office if your children would like to attend on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.!



NEW MEMBER CLASS CONTINUES

Advent continues to have New Member Class sessions after the 9:30 Sunday worship service on the last 2, October 2nd and 9th. The New Member Class will then be joined to the congregation through the Affirmation of Baptism in worship on Reformation Sunday, October 30th. If you are interested in becoming a new member, please contact Pastor Matt or the church office.



PRAISE TEAM AND VOCAL CHOIR PRACTICE

Church Choirs will be restarting this Fall! We currently have a Traditional Choir and Praise Team. Practices will be on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:30 p.m.(see schedule below). All are welcome and encouraged to join and no prior experience is necessary. Please see Mike Dettra or Pastor Matt for more details. I look forward to making music with you this Fall!

Rehearsal/Performance Schedule (Until Advent season)

October 5th, 19th

October 23rd-Vocal Choir performs (as long as everyone's available)

November 2nd, 16th

November 20th-Vocal Choir performs (as long as everyone's available)



THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study has moved to Thursday nights at 7:00 PM. We will continue to study Jesus' Parables for the Fall. We will also continue to meet by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1Ba0VZamZjNG1YMk02MlVvdz09>



MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

In spite of supply chain challenges, we will be planning to have our first breakfast of the fall on Saturday October 8th. We plan to eat at 8:30 AM. **Coffee is ready by 7:30 a.m.**
Dave



ADVENT'S STITCH CLUB BAZAAR SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 9, 16 & 23

The Advent Stitch Club is having their Bazaar on Sundays, October 9, 16, and 23, before and after Sunday services. There will be 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 and food purchases for Caring for Friends. Thank you for supporting this cause!



HERE'S THE SCOOP - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Let's scoop some meals for **Caring for Friends!** It's a Thanksgiving menu, prepared in advance. On **Sunday October 23 at 10:45 a.m.**, after the 9:30 a.m. service, we'll gather in the all-purpose room to fill aluminum meal trays with turkey slices, stuffing and green beans, then we'll cover each tray and stack them in the church freezer. Time spent = 30 minutes, if we have a good turnout ! A sign-up sheet is on the center table in the narthex to give us an idea of attendance. . . . All dinners must be frozen for one week before we donate them, so they'll be **right on time** for home delivery by Caring for Friends volunteers. Please look for the metal roasting pan in the narthex. If a number of us can put \$1 inside, we'll be able to purchase entrees and side dishes to prepare for our neighbors in need. Thank you for all your help with this project!



FIRST AID TRAINING AND CPR

On Wednesday October 26th Jay Colella from the Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad will be teaching first aid to anyone interested. We will meet in the Social Hall from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Jay will also be teaching CPR on the evening of Thursday, November 10th. Taking First Aid training is prerequisite for taking CPR training. The goal is to have enough people with First Aid and CPR training that someone with such training will be present at most worship and church events. Everyone is welcome.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

During the month of September, we have donated 100 lbs of food to the Warminster Food Bank. As we all know the price of food has increased substantially! As a result the Food Bank staff has had to cut back on purchasing food. Your contributions remain critical to our distribution. When I shop I look for items that are already on sale!! For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to: www.warminsterfoodbank.org.

This is a "Heads-Up" for the month of November. As we have done the last two years we will be collecting gift cards from local stores that will be distributed to clients during the month of December. The response from our congregation the last 2 years has been generous! We hope for the same result again this year. Look for the tin of envelopes on the offering table beginning in November.

When you have food 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 outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours.

Thanks for your continued support for our neighbors in need! Nancy Sclight/ Social Ministry



COMFORT BAGS FOR KIDS PROJECT CONTINUES WITH YOUR HELP

Children need our help!

Lutheran Settlement House takes care of children who are dealing with emergency placement due to domestic violence or sudden homelessness. The children often come to them with little to nothing of their own

We are requesting donations of new kids' items, such as coloring books and crayons, activity books i.e. crosswords, word search, follow the numbers, puzzles i.e. Rubik's Cube, journals, small stuffed animals, small toys, stress balls, slime or fidget toys, fun socks or slippers, age appropriate books, small games or cards i.e. Uno to add to cloth backpacks (made by Advent's volunteers in May) for children and teens who are being cared for by the Lutheran Settlement House in Philadelphia.

Donated items may be added to the display or dropped off in our outdoor bench at your convenience. For more information, please contact Jennifer McQuiggan 267-825-3890.



GIVE US YOUR SMILE!

Do you find that you have gotten used to ordering online and prefer that over endless shopping around for sales? If so, consider using Smile.Amazon.com for your shopping and shipping needs. This acts the same as an Amazon account, but Amazon Smile Foundation will donate .5% of your purchases to the charity of your choice. Simply indicate Advent Lutheran Church, Richboro as your charity and the church will benefit. No cost is added to you. Advent has received donations of \$516.24 as of June, 2022 from the Amazon Smile Foundation since 2016, when we signed up. If you need help setting up your account, call or text me (Gail Oines) at 215-534-8218.

SEPTEMBER CARING FOR FRIENDS DINNERS



Thank you to all who worked together to produce 100 dinner trays for donation to *Caring for Friends*. The food was purchased with proceeds from the sale of Advent's Stitch Club items at their annual bazaar. Meals were assembled by super-scoopers Peggy and George Spahn, Jeanne Wagner, Linda Brownlee, Nancy Sclight, Hanna McCollum and Jeanne Gryszka.
<https://caringforfriends.org/>

ICE CREAM SOCIAL SPONSORED BY ADVENT'S CHURCH COUNCIL

Advent's "Ice Cream Social" sponsored by the Church Council was a successful adventure in taste-testing and toppings! It was held on Sunday, September 18 after the 9:30 a.m. worship service.





ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2022 to dedicate flowers to beautify the altar each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex with your name and dedication. Two bouquets are available each week. The cost is \$25 per bouquet. In addition to making the altar more beautiful, you take the flowers home after the late service to enjoy during the week. If you have any questions call Cindy Frey 267-205-0713.



FELLOWSHIP TIME

We need committees or individuals to sign up to provide refreshments after the 9:00 a.m. service. The sign-up sheet through August is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e. coffee & tea) and all paper products.



STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

Stitch club items are **available throughout the year**. If you need any of the items made by the Stitch Club, i.e., blankets, hats, baby items, please contact Hanna McCollum 215-962- 9032 or Jeff Jobes 215-355-4149.



FILL A TRAY AT MEALTIME

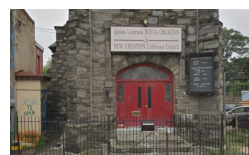
Look for aluminum trays on the tables in our narthex . . . Take some home to await any meal that has one serving left – or perhaps you’ve made extra food on purpose! Fill the 3 sections, add the foil cover, plus the label and bag that come with the tray. Voila! A meal for a shut-in or a person in need!

Advent has a dedicated freezer for meals and we drop them off at Caring for Friends when our freezer fills up. We continue this effort throughout the year. The impact of your food or monetary donation can be viewed on caringforfriends.org.



WE'RE KEEPING TABS

Recycling can tabs for charity is a great idea! If you **bring them in**, we'll drop them off. Look for marked containers in the narthex, located on the shelf above the coat rack. No cans, please – just tabs! Thank you for the many tabs that have been brought-in!



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 an impoverished area of Philadelphia.

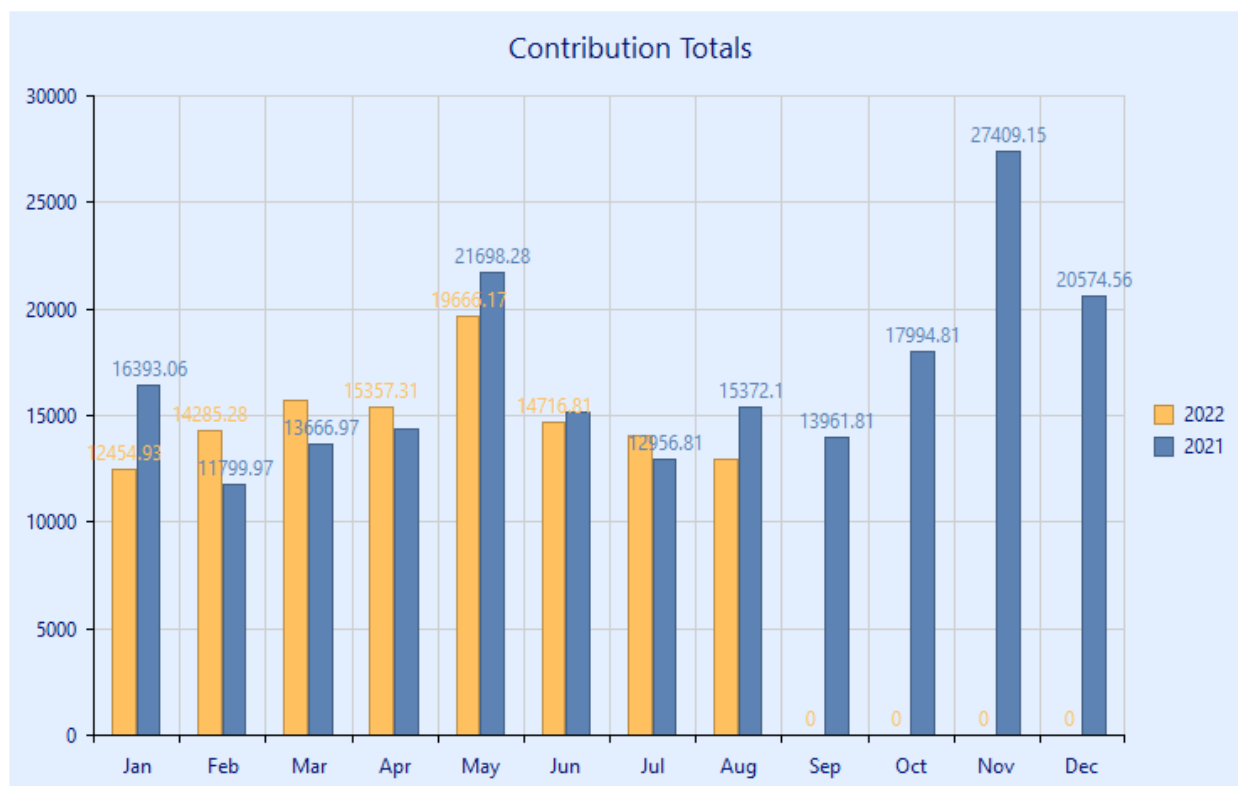
The sign-up sheets for Mission Support dedications for 2022 are in the narthex. The cost to dedicate one weekly bouquet is \$25.00. There are many openings available on the Mission Support chart for 2022.

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCE REPORT

For the year-to-date period ending August 2022, expenses have exceeded revenue by \$40,392. For the corresponding period last year, expenses exceeded revenue by \$26,501. The increase in the current year deficit compared to last year is a combination of reduced donations and increased expenses. The Finance Committee continues to monitor expenses and works with the Church Council to ensure that revenue received is spent wisely. Advent's routine operating expenses have increased over the past year, like one's own family and household expenses have increased. There have been some unanticipated HVAC and plumbing repairs, as well as one-time audio/video equipment purchases, which were made in preparation for updating the streaming of Sunday worship services. Your additional donations to offset the current deficit would be much appreciated. Thanks to everyone for your financial support of Advent.

Tony Gryszka, Finance Committee Chairperson

FINANCIAL UPDATE



Income for August 2022

Benevolence (LWR, Mission Support, etc.)	\$ 390.00
General Fund	\$ 9,732.43
Mortgage Fund	\$ 2,813.50

Thanks to everyone for your continued financial support of the church this year. We greatly appreciate it. They are numerous ways to continue your offerings.

- Drop off your offering at the church office. The office is usually open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10 AM and 1 PM. Call to confirm hours.
- Mail a check to the church. The mailing address is "Advent Lutheran Church, PO Box 840, Richboro, PA 18954"
- Contribute online at www.adventrichboro.org. At the top of the page, click the "Give Now" link to see frequently asked questions. At the bottom of the page click the "Give Now" link for our Giving platform. You may also choose to set up recurring donations or a one-time donation.

Again, thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions concerning your offering please call Cindy Frey, Financial Secretary 267-205-0713



THE ARMED FORCES

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

Colonel Andrew M Frey, Jr is serving as Command Center Director, NORAD/NORTHCOM, stationed at Peterson SFB, Colorado Springs, CO

US Army Ranger Liam McKendry, grandson of Pastor Jo Wright stationed in Fort Benning, GA

PFC Joseph Vanderstine, grandson of Alan and Rhona Slawter serving in the Middle East.

If there are any errors or omissions, please notify the church office. Thank you.



ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER **OCTOBER BIRTHDAY**



OCTOBER

26 Hanna McCollum

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP - OCTOBER SCHEDULE

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:00 AM Worship

10/02 Nancy Hill
10/09 Open
10/16 Rose Herbert
10/23 Open

9:30 AM Worship

10/02 Open
10/09 Jennifer McQuiggan
10/16 Gail Oines
10/23 John Flint

ALTAR GUILD

8:00 A.M. Hanna McCollum
9:30 A.M. Gail Oines, Nancy Slight, Rhona Slawter





OUR TECH CREW

Mike Dettra, Tony Gryszka, Gary Zimmerman

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

Linda Brownlee, Audrey Savchuck, Nancy Slight, Rhona Slawter



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 AM -Noon Stitch Club
2 17 th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 AM Traditional Holy Communion 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Contemporary Holy Communion Sunday School age 4 - gr. 6 10:30 AM Fellowship Time: Open 10:45 AM New Member Class	3 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	4	5 6:30 Choir Practice	6 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom 	7 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	8 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM -Noon Stitch Club
9 18 th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 AM Traditional Holy Communion 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Contemporary Holy Communion Sunday School age 4 - grade 6 10:30 AM Fellowship Time: The Ward Family 10:45 AM New Member Class Stitch Club Bazaar	10 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	11	12	13 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom 	14 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	15 10:00 AM -Noon Stitch Club
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