

**ADVENT EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
OCTOBER 8, 2023  
9:00 a.m.**



***LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP  
SETTING ONE  
ORDER OF WORSHIP***

***Gathering***

***Prelude*** (a time for silent meditation)

***Announcements***

***Confession and Forgiveness***

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**Gathering Hymn: "Come All You People" WOV #717**

**(Instrumental Interlude between vs. 2 & 3)**

1 Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
come now and worship the Lord.

2 Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;  
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;  
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;  
come now and worship the Lord.

(Instrumental interlude)

3 Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;  
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;  
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;  
come now and worship the Lord.

**Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Gloria**



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:



We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.



You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.



For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,



you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,



in the glory of God the Father. Amen

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray . . . O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## ***The Reading of God's Word***

### **First Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-30**

<sup>22</sup>Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. <sup>23</sup>He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, <sup>24</sup>the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. <sup>25</sup>Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." <sup>26</sup>Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

<sup>27</sup>But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup>Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; <sup>29</sup>that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. <sup>30</sup>Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

*Word of God, Word of Life*

***Thanks be to God.***

### ***Psalm: Psalm 84***

<sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!

**<sup>2</sup>My soul longs, indeed it faints  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.**

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**<sup>6</sup>As they go through the valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

<sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength;  
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**<sup>8</sup>O Lord GOD of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

<sup>9</sup>Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed.

**<sup>10</sup>For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.**

<sup>11</sup>For the Lord GOD is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

***Second Reading: 1Peter 2:1-9***

<sup>1</sup>Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

<sup>8</sup>and

"A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Word of God, Word of Life

***Thanks be to God.***

**Gospel Acclamation**

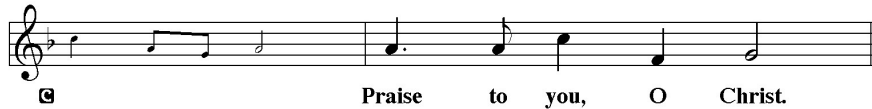
**C: *Alleluia.* We have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. *Alleluia.* (2 Cor. 5:1)**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

## **The Gospel of the Lord.**



## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day: "Be Thou My Vision" WOV # 776**

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| 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;<br>naught be all else to me, save that thou art:<br>thou my best thought by day and by night,<br>waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.        | 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,<br>thou mine inheritance, now and always:<br>thou, and thou only, first in my heart,<br>great God of heaven, my treasure thou art. |
| 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;<br>I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.<br>Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower,<br>raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my<br>pow'r. | 4 Light of my soul, after victory won,<br>may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!<br>Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,<br>still be my vision, O Ruler of all.          |

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*(Each petition ends with... God of grace,  
the congregation responds: hear our prayer.)*

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And, also with you.**

## **"We Are the Church"**

## **Vocal Choir**

**The Offering** *(Please leave your offering on our website: [https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco\\_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCLmH2sG-jdxWYJMFgw\\_IQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar20939JWiAad8707zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCLmH2sG-jdxWYJMFgw_IQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar20939JWiAad8707zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3))*

## The Offertory



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Merciful Father,  
**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first  
given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs  
of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him  
who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## SACRAMENT

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... (*preface continues with words for the season and concludes...*) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
 we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name,**

**Thy kingdom come,**

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

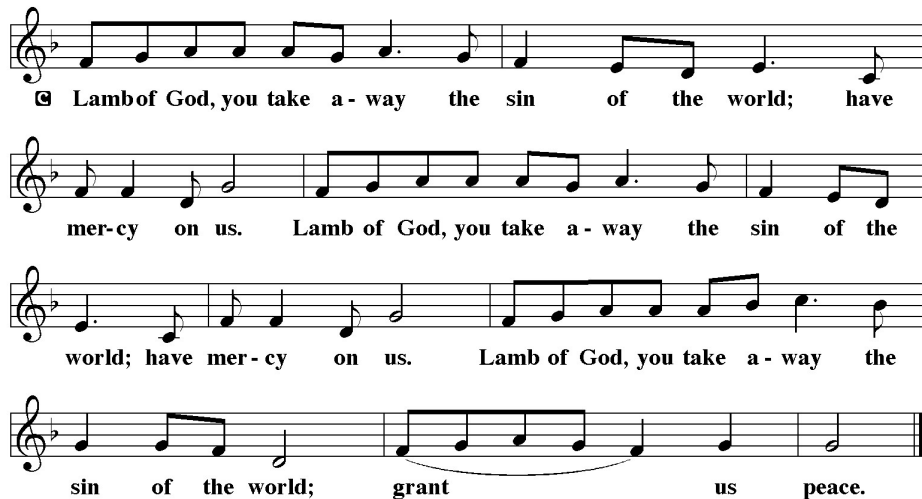
**For Thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

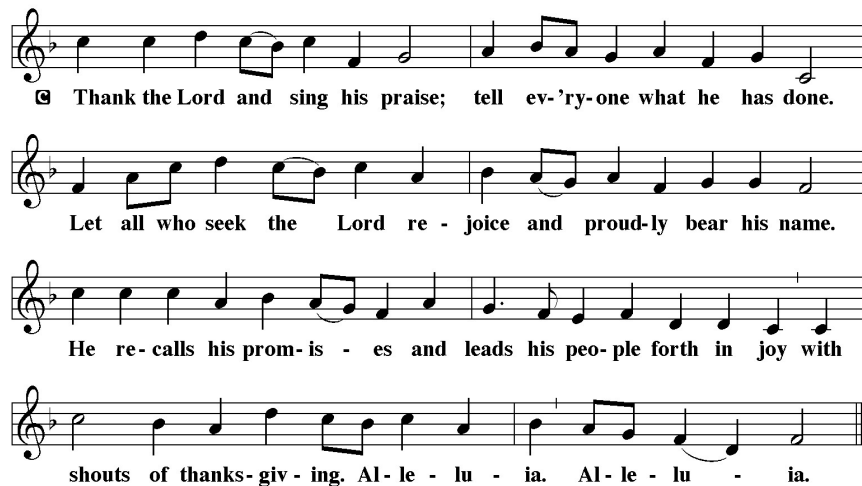
### **Distribution**

The body of Christ, given to you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

### **Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

### **Post-Communion Canticle**



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.  
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray... We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## *Sending*

### ***Benediction***

Go forth in peace and with the courage of faith.  
Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,  
and love your neighbor as yourself.

**Amen.**

Whatever you do in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God through him.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### ***Sending Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LBW #229***

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| <p>1 A mighty fortress is our God,<br/>a sword and shield victorious;<br/>he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod<br/>and wins salvation glorious.<br/>The old satanic foe<br/>has sworn to work us woe!<br/>With craft and dreadful might<br/>he arms himself to fight.<br/>On earth he has no equal.</p> <p>2 No strength of ours can match his might!<br/>We would be lost, rejected.<br/>But now a champion comes to fight,<br/>whom God himself elected.<br/>You ask who this may be?<br/>The Lord of hosts is he!<br/>Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,<br/>God's only Son, adored.<br/>He holds the field victorious.</p> | <p>3 Though hordes of devils fill the land<br/>all threat'ning to devour us,<br/>we tremble not, unmoved we stand;<br/>they cannot overpower us.<br/>Let this world's tyrant rage;<br/>in battle we'll engage!<br/>His might is doomed to fail;<br/>God's judgment must prevail!<br/>One little word subdues him.</p> <p>4 God's Word forever shall abide,<br/>no thanks to foes, who fear it;<br/>for God himself fights by our side<br/>with weapons of the Spirit.<br/>Were they to take our house,<br/>goods, honor, child, or spouse,<br/>though life be wrenched away,<br/>they cannot win the day.<br/>The kingdom's ours forever!</p> |
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### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**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



**SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Pastors	The Rev. Matthew E. Ollikainen The Rev. Richard Gardner The Rev. Paul M. Sorcek
Music Director	Michael Dettra
Guest Trumpet Player	Patrick Hughes
Acolyte	Erik Urbaniak
Greeters	Ray & Joyce Heiss
Lay Reader	David Elkin
Communion Assistant	Gail Oines
Dismissal	Janice Hoffmann



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Janice Hoffmann in memory of her brother, Howard Bobb, Jr.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, October 1, 8 AM 17 9:30 am 25 S.S. 4 Total 46

**CONTACTING PASTOR MATT**

If you need to speak with Pastor Matt when he is not in the office, particularly in the case of a pastoral emergency, please feel free to call his cell phone 215-859-3778 or email, [pastormattollikainen@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattollikainen@gmail.com) (new email). If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.

**ADVENT SUPPORTS BUCKS COUNTY MEDICATION TAKE BACK EVENT**

Information was received from Lauren Foisy, Prevention Coordinator, Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. regarding the Bucks County Medication Take Back event. The bi-annual event provides community members with a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused, unneeded or expired medications.

There will be a labeled box in the narthex, starting, Sunday, October 1 to October 22, if you would like to bring in unused over-the-counter medications, vaping products, vitamins, pet meds for safe disposal. The box will be secured until it is delivered on October 28 to the Northampton Police Department.

If you would like to drop off your items differently, there is a notice on the box indicating Take Back Locations.

Thank you for your help in keeping our community safe.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Financial Report For September 2023		
	Rec'vd for Sept 2023	Budget for Sept 2023
General Fund	\$10,895.93	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,131	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$85	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$470	
Total	\$13,581.93	\$19,313.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-9/30/23	Budget YTD 1/1-9/30/23
General Fund	\$101,955.93	\$155,529.00
Mortgage	\$21,028.00	\$17,082.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$622.00	\$1,206.00
Other Benevolence	\$6,274.00	
Total	\$129,879.93	\$173,817.00



**PRAISE BAND AND VOCAL CHOIR PRACTICE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

Praise Band practices from 6:30 to 7:15 pm, Vocal Choir from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to join; no prior experience is necessary Please see Mike Dettra for more details.



**THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, 7:00 PM via ZOOM**

The study is on the book *Bonhoeffer* by John W. Matthews. From the Theology for Life Series, it is a brief overview of the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

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

Meeting ID: 896 3251 8358 Passcode: 011905



**MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**

In spite of supply chain challenges, we will be planning to have our first breakfast of the fall on Saturday, October 14th. We plan to eat at 8:30 am. **Coffee is ready by 7:30 a.m.**

Dave



**ADVENT'S STITCH CLUB BAZAAR SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 15, 22 & 29**

The Advent Stitch Club is having their Bazaar on Sundays, October 15, 22, and 29, before and after Sunday services. There will be wonderful handmade 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!



**PING PONG - TUESDAYS AT 6:30**

**STARTING OCTOBER 17**

All are welcome to join us for an evening of Ping Pong at the church on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm, beginning October 17. Please call the church 215-355-2529 if you want to give it a try. (It helps to know how many tables to set up).



**STITCH CLUB ON SATURDAYS, 10 A.M.**

Stitch club meets on, Saturdays at **10:00 a.m. to noon**. Stitch club is open to all who would like to join. If you like to knit, crochet or do needlepoint, this is for you!

The 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, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149



**CLASSES ON THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR, SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 5 & 19, 9 AM BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES**

Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad’s Paramedic, L. Jay Colella is offering training in using the AED automated external defibrillator (AED), which is installed on a wall in the church main entranceway EMT personnel.

Training will take place on Sundays, November 5 and 19 between the Worship Services at 9:00 am.

An AED is a lightweight, portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart when it detects an abnormal rhythm and changes the rhythm back to normal. AEDs help people who have a sudden cardiac arrest, which occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating regularly. This will benefit all persons and groups using the building.

Thanks again to the generous donor.



**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION**

There are numerous dates available for 2023 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.



**NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up chart is on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.




**DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION**

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank 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. A list of the Food Bank’s most needed items is in the narthex or on the website [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



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! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House Charities** of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC** has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See [RMHCphilly.org](http://RMHCphilly.org).

## *Key Dates in Advent's History*

February 1, 1963	Mission Developer William T. Walton arrives in Richboro
March 31, 1963	First Worship Service at Hettler's Hall of Richboro Swim Club
May 12, 1963	Signing of Charter
May 26, 1963	Congregation Organized
May 20, 1964	Congregation Received into Synod
September 13, 1964	Worship & Sunday Schools meet at Richboro Intermediate School (Original Adult Class met at the "Upper Room" of the Spread Eagle Inn and children's classes met at the old Richboro Fire Hall)
February 28, 1965	Groundbreaking at present church Site
October 3, 1965	First worship service in new Building
October 31, 1965	Dedication of first building
October 31, 1983	The Burning of the Mortgages
June 22, 1986	"Building to Serve" program culminates in dedication of renovated sanctuary and new multi-purpose building
September 14, 2003	"A New Advent in Christ" Service of Groundbreaking and celebration of 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
January 30, 2005	Dedication of renovated and new facilities
April 20, 2008	Celebration of 45 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
April 7, 2013	Celebration of 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
October 8, 2023	Celebration of 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We give thanks for the following pastors who have faithfully served Advent during its 60 years of history:

William T. Walton	February 1963 – June 1966
Alton H. Wedde	November 1966 - July 1970
Frank Bonander	September 1970 – February 1971 (Interim)
John D. Kinard	February 1971 – June 1974 (Vice-Pastor)
Richard G. Gardner	October 1974 – January 1982
Herbert W. Tobaben	February 1982 – July 1982 (Interim)
Paul M. Sorcek	July 1982 – August 2018
Rev. Michael McKillip	January 2019 – November 2019 (Interim)
Rev. Josephine Wright	December 2019–November 2020 (Interim)
Rev. Matthew Ollikainen	December 2020 – present

**THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

**19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 8**

9:00 am 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service with Holy Communion

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9**

7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

6:30-7:15 Praise Band Practice

7:15-8:00 Vocal Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**

7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**

7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**

8:30 am Men's Breakfast  
10:00 am – noon Stitch Club

**20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 15**

**Stitch Club Bazaar**

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

