# THE ADVENTURE - 2023





### ADVENT EVANGELICAL 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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#### **UPDATE ON COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS**

At the May 2023 Council meeting our leadership updated our precautions in light of the Public Health Emergency being lifted. Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to have these precautions:

- Respect for those who choose to mask.
- Respect for those who choose social distance.
- -Please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness or have been in close contact with anyone with COVID.
- Worship will continue to be available online.
- Those distributing communion will continue to mask but will no longer wear gloves. Personal communion kits are available to those who prefer to commune in the pew or at home.
- We will continue to share the peace with hand waves, peace signs and air hugs.
- Our leadership will continue to gauge the situation week by week and will keep the congregation informed of any adjustment to our precautions.

### SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP FOR SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

# NOVEMBER 5 **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

# 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

8:45 a.m. Automated External Defibrillator Training

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion Sunday School age 4 - grade 6

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open 10:40 a.m. Making Thanksgiving Meals

10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

# **NOVEMBER 12** 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **RECOGNITION OF VETERANS**

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion Sunday School age 4 - grade 6

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open 10:45 a.m. Church Council Meeting

# **NOVEMBER 19**

# 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# **Congregational Meeting Harvest Home**

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion Sunday School age 4 - grade 6

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open 10:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting

# **NOVEMBER 26 CHRIST THE KING**

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with **Holy Communion** 

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion Sunday School age 4 - grade 6

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

# SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP FOR SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

# **DECEMBER 3**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion Sunday School age 4 - grade 6

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open 10:45 a.m. Annual Christmas Brunch

# **DECEMBER 10**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion Sunday School age 4 - grade 6

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

# **DECEMBER 17**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion Sunday School age 4 - grade 6

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

# **DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open

7:30 p.m. Candlelight and Carols Service with Holy Communion

# **DECEMBER 31** FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

9:00 a.m. Service of the Word 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open

### **ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION**

Worship services 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.

#### **ZOOM INFORMATION**

# 10:15 AM NOVEMBER 19 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Topic: Advent Congregational Budget Meeting 2023 Time: Nov 19, 2023 10:15 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 865 4045 3845

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86540453845

#### 9:00 AM, NOVEMBER 19 AND DECEMBER 31

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885 Passcode: 500201

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81545186885?pwd=SFA1Q2IISnB4dE9MSzJISjNRNzI4dz09

#### **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=dnVRTlRGamJQVXNZbENIVDJTT0pnUT09

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=aGErSFNlbVAvNmZsQkIzWVpTTktIQT09

#### 7:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Time: Dec 24, 2023 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 834 5946 2535 Passcode: 771798

https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83459462535?pwd=RU1sd3VHdWRHRzhOOG9EQoRWTGtRQT09



#### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 5**

The first Sunday in November is All Saints Sunday. We will celebrate our services of Holy Communion remembering family and friends who have died in the last year.



## CLASS ON THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR, IS SCHEDULED FOR, NOVEMBER 5, 8:45 AM BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Training in using the AED automated external defibrillator (AED), will take place on Sunday, November 5 at 8:45 by Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad's Paramedic, L. Jay Colella.

&Friends

#### **LET'S MAKE THANKSGIVING MEALS!**

It's Turkey Time! On **Sunday, November 5** at **10:40** a.m., following the late service, please pick up a serving spoon or fork in the fellowship hall and let's assemble some dinners to donate! They will be frozen, then delivered to **Caring for Friends** for distribution to people who depend on home visits due to illness, infirmity or other needs. If each of us spends a half hour scooping servings of food, we can complete a lot of meals in a short time! If you would like to minimize the cost of the food purchase, feel free to add a donation to our small roasting pan in the narthex.

Thank you for making Thanksgiving brighter for others! <a href="https://caringforfriends.org/">https://caringforfriends.org/</a>

# PASTOR MATT'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER & DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2023



But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is too such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.

Luke 18:16-17 NRSV

What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a little child? This passage is often used to say that one should have faith like a child. Adults often marvel at a child's faith. We marvel at the excitement, the unwavering trust, and the sense that anything is possible. Adults will envy the innocence of a child's faith and wish they had not become so jaded by the ways of the world, much like we may envy the wonder a child has toward Christmas and Santa Claus. Where for a child anything is possible, we as adults assume that many things are impossible. We get to the point where we no longer bring our seemingly impossible needs and desires to God, and God becomes less and less a part of our lives. We will see an illness, depression, or some personal disaster as being beyond possible healing or help and then only pray that at least a philosophical understanding of God will bring a little comfort. A child in the same given situation will pray for complete healing and will pray for everything to simply be fixed. A child will pray in a way that does not test God or ask to know why or how but prays in a way that just trusts that it will be done.

Our Christian faith is all about the impossible becoming possible. The resurrection of Christ is the dawn of God's kingdom, which has different laws than the kingdom of this world. In the kingdom of this world, we are sinners for which it is impossible for us to approach God. We are doomed to a world filled with evil and death. With Christ's resurrection both evil and death are destroyed. In God's kingdom, where there was death there is now life; where there was sin there is now forgiveness; where there was mortality there is now salvation; where there is suffering there is now comfort and healing. As sisters and brothers of Jesus we become co-heirs of God's kingdom where the impossible becomes possible.

The kingdom of God is upon us, how do we receive it in our hearts? If a stranger, passing you by on the street, handed you a charge card with your name on it and said that it had a one-billion-dollar limit for you to use and you would never receive a bill, how would you react? I would play it cool. I would probably react by asking the person's name. I would later take the card, cut it up and turn in the name of the individual to the police to make sure my identity was not being stolen. If I felt tempted to try the card and found out that is worked, I would probably run to the police all the faster, paranoid that I had just inadvertently participated in a complex money laundering scheme or some other crime.

As impossible as it may seem, the Kingdom of God has come upon each of us. There is a spiritual charge card with no spending limit in each of our pockets that has been paid in full by Christ's death and resurrection before you were even born. This card makes the impossible possible. It has even been known to move mountains and cast them into the sea. The membership date on this card is the day of your baptism. Your card has no expiration date for the love of God never expires. You need not worry about identity fraud, for God knows and has numbered every hair on your head. Your charge card is part of a complex laundering scheme, but you need not worry, only be thankful, for it fulfills the law and it is your life and sin that are being cleansed.

Through Christ's death and resurrection, you have become a co-heir, a citizen, a member of God's Kingdom. Have faith like a child. Rejoice, trust, and sense the new possibilities in your life. Receive the Kingdom of God in your heart and exercise your membership daily through prayer, worship, Bible study, stewardship and by serving your neighbor.

Peace and Joy,

The Rev. Matthew E. Ollikainen



#### PRAYER FOR THOSE IN NEED

At Advent we actively pray for those in need by name through the *Prayers of Intercession* during worship and through the *Prayer Chain* during the week.

To add names of those in need of prayer while attending worship, simply provide the name of whom you would like to be prayed for when Pastor takes names at the beginning of the

service. If you are worshiping online, you can message or chat the name on Zoom or Facebook live stream and we will add the name to the list. Because the service is available all-over world-wide web, we use only baptismal or first names and leave out surnames. List of names given for *the Prayers of Intercession* in worship are maintained for just that day.

The *Prayer Chain* is a group of volunteers at Advent who pray every day, confidentially, for people added to the *Prayer Chain*. Names are added to this list by filling out a Prayer Request Card found in the pews of the sanctuary during worship and are then placed in the offering plate. Names added to the Prayer Chain list are maintained for one month unless asked to be removed earlier. Names can also be submitted by email direct to Gail Oines who manages the Prayer Chain at <a href="mailto:alcdeacon@yahoo.com">alcdeacon@yahoo.com</a>. Because this prayer list is confidential, more information can be provided so that the Prayer Chain volunteers can pray more specifically for the person added to the list.

If you would like someone to be prayed for in both the *Prayers of Intercession* and the *Prayer Chain*, you will have to lift up their name weekly at the beginning of worship verbally and fill out monthly a Prayer Request Card.



**Pastor Matt** 





#### **ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

Elections will be held on **Tuesday**, **November 7**, **from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Advent serves as a polling place for its neighboring community. Please vote for the candidates of your choice.



### CHURCH COUNCIL POSITIONS OPENING IN JANUARY

If you feel God is calling you to serve Advent Church, we have several church council positions opening up in January. Please contact either George Henry or Pastor Matt for additional information on the available positions. Thank you.



# **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 19 AT 10:15 AM**

The congregational meeting to approve a budget for year 2024 and to nominate and elect members to Church Council will be held on Sunday, November 19 at 10:15 a.m., following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Your attendance is important, as it is necessary that we have the required quorum of member voters. The Zoom address is listed on page 2 under

"Online Worship Information". Thank you in advance for attending this important meeting.!



#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL IN NOVEMBER**

Our Sunday School students are now learning Bible lessons based on the Old Testament. The fun part is enjoying the creative videos and books in the Holy Moly curriculum! They present a clear understanding of each lesson as we work through them together. The other fun parts are music and crafts! On **November 19**, we will switch to New Testament lessons for four

weeks, as Advent season approaches.

Please note: On November 19, Sunday School begins at **9:00 a.m.**, which coincides with the single worship service that day.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE IN DECEMBER

On Christmas Eve **December 24** and New Year's Eve **December 31**, there will be **no Sunday School class**. Class will resume on **January 7**.



#### **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

During the month of November, we will once again collect **gift cards** to support the families that come to the Warminster Food Bank. The cards may be in any amount that you prefer. The envelopes will once again have suggestions for area businesses that are local to our community.

Please take an envelope for each card that you purchase. The envelopes will be available beginning in November in the red tin box on the same table as the offering plate.

Please **return** your envelopes by the **end of November** so they can be distributed during the month of December. Don't forget to mark the front of the envelopes so they may be distributed according to family needs.

**Thank you** for your continued support of the Warminster Food Bank and the families who depend on us every month. **120 pounds** of food have been taken to the Warminster Food Bank in Sept/October. Nancy Sclight/Social Ministry



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Advent's annual Christmas brunch will be held on **Sunday, December 3, 2023** in the Fellowship Hall, immediately after the 9:30 worship service. For those who are able, please bring hot or cold breakfast and/or lunch items to share with everyone. Suggestions include

breakfast meats, pancakes, waffles, casseroles, vegetables, salads, pastry, breads, fruit, desserts, your favorite dish, or whatever you wish. These should be brought into the church kitchen prior to the 9:30 a.m. service. The oven in the kitchen will be available to warm up items and Advent will supply paper products, as well as hot and cold beverages. This event lasts about an hour. Festive live Christmas music will be provided by Advent's own talented musicians.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex so that we can plan accordingly. All family members and friends are welcome to attend. Thank you!



#### ADVENT'S CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING-DECEMBER 3, AFTER BRUNCH

We will be decorating the Christmas Tree in the narthex on Sunday, December 3, after the Brunch. All are invited to participate.



#### CHRISTMAS JAZZ CONCERT – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

The annual holiday concert will be held on **Friday evening**, **December 15**, **2023**, **at 7:30 p.m**. under the direction of our organist and choir director, Michael Dettra. You can look forward to kicking off the holidays with an hour of relaxation and entertainment. Light refreshments will be served, and thank you for supporting Mike and his band.



#### **POINSETTIA LIST**

A sign-up sheet for dedicating poinsettias for Christmas Eve is on the table in the narthex. Please sign up by **December 17**. You can also call the office to leave your dedication. Poinsettias may be picked up any time after the 7:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. The cost will be announced in the bulletins when we have received it.



### PING PONG - TUESDAYS AT 6:30

All are welcome to join us for an evening of Ping Pong at the church on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm. **Cancelled for 11/7 because of Election Day.** 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).



# YOUARE INVITED TO PLAY IN THE PRAISE BAND OR SING WITH THE VOCAL CHOIR

Advent's Praise Band and Vocal Choir invite you to join them during the Advent season! Christmas music rehearsals begin on Wednesday, November 29. Praise Band rehearses from 6:30 to 7:15 pm, and the Vocal Choir from 7:15-8:00 p.m. Please see Mike Dettra for more details.



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

The Praise Band rehearses from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. and the 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. <a href="https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1BaoVZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdzo9">https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1BaoVZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdzo9</a> Meeting ID: 896 3251 8358 Passcode: 011905



#### MEN'S BREAKFAST

We plan to meet on Saturday Nov. 11 and on December 9. Menus are in the planning stage for each date, so it will be a surprise as to on which date, we plan to have that old favorite, SOS. Coffee is always ready by 7:30

Dave

# ADVENT 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP AND BRUNCH



On October 8, Advent held a special 60th Anniversary worship service, followed by a celebratory brunch. Two of Advent's former pastors and their wives were in attendance: Rev. Dick Gardner and his wife Pat, Rev. Paul Sorcek and his wife Ruby, as well as former music director, Jamie Wunder. Along with Pastor Matt, each pastor led a part of the worship service. Specially selected music was featured, which included *We Are the Church*, sung by

the vocal choir. Photos of Advent and its members were shown to reveal events in the life and development of the church.

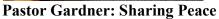
The catered brunch featured Dave Shearer as Master of Ceremonies. George Henry welcomed the 82 attendees and Cindy Frey set the scene for the buffet. Pastor Matt blessed the wonderful meal, which was followed by speakers representing different eras at Advent. We would like to thank our three beloved pastors for their inspiring words; also, both of our Advent charter members Janice Hoffmann and Shirley Morris; and member from-childhood Jennifer McQuiggan, for sharing highlights of Advent's history. Pastor Matt offered the closing prayer.

Catering was provided by **Cosmopolitan Caterers**, under the direction of Tish Desloges, with excellent reviews. Many thanks to the 60th Anniversary Committee: Nancy Sclight, Rhona Slawter and Jeanne and Tony Gryszka for arranging the event.











**Pastor Sorcek: Communion** 



Pastor Ollikainen: Sermon











## **MANY WAYS OF SHARING FOOD**

Thank you to all who have provided food and /or effort for our *Caring for Friends* meals throughout the year. We have received donations of hams, side dishes and dollars

to buy turkey and more entrees and side dishes. Our knit/crochet group donates a large portion of bazaar sales to buy food. Add the next step: the many volunteers who work together to scoop servings of food into dinner trays put it all together. The meals reach the recipients who need them and the result is a wonderful way to work together to share the blessings God has given us. In October, **75 meals** were donated by Advent, composed largely of extra servings from both the spaghetti dinner and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary brunch, plus additional meals prepared by individuals at home.



### A NOTE OF THANKS FOR FOOD SERVICE ITEMS

We appreciate the recent donation of an outdoor barbecue grill and many food service items, including a cooler, catering racks and trays, paper plates, towels, and plastic utensils, etc. from The Southampton Business Persons Association and the

Southampton/ Warminster Lions Club. We have already used a number of items for recent gatherings and look forward to using additional ones in the upcoming months. Many thanks to Megan Ward for arranging this donation and to her father and brother for bringing them over!



## **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.** Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



#### 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.



#### **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

We need committees or individuals to sign up to provide refreshments after the 9:00 a.m. and/or 9:30 a.m. service. The sign-up sheet through December is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e., coffee & tea) and all paper products.

# Ronald McDonald House Charities'

#### RECYCLING CAN TABS FOR CHARITY IS A GREAT IDEA!

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.





#### **NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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



#### 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., son of Cindy Frey, 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 Specialist Joseph Vanderstine, grandson of Rhona & Alan Slawter, stationed at Fort Drum, NY.



# **NOVEMBER**

1	Linda Brownlee	6	Jeanne Wagner	22	Nicole Wills
	Bonnie Morrison Sykes	7	Victoria Gardener	26	Matt Sitler
3	Rick Buttil	17	Rhona Slawter	27	Mark Rilling
6	Michael Savchuck	18	Audrey Savchuck		

#### **DECEMBER**

6	Tom McQuiggan	12	Logan Frey	26	Judy Buttil
10	David Shearer	22	Pastor Matt		Victoria Flint
			Drew Frey	30	Shirley Morris

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

## <u>SERVING IN WORSHIP – NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2023 SCHEDULE</u>

### **NOVEMBER**

## LAY READERS COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

9:00 AM

11/19 Rose Herbert Rose Herbert

8:00 AM

11/05 George Henry George Henry

11/12 Open Open

11/26 David Elkin Janice Hoffmann

9:30 AM WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

11/05 Jennifer McQuiggan

11/12 Gail Oines 11/26 John Flint

#### **DECEMBER**

# LAY READERS COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

9:00 AM

12/24 Jennifer McQuiggan Jennifer McQuiggan

12/31 Open

8:00 A.M.

12/03 George Henry George Henry

12/10 Open Open

12/17 David Elkin Janice Hofmann

9:30 A.M.

12/03 Jennifer McQuiggan Jennifer McQuiggan

12/10 Open Open 12/17 John Flint John Flint

ALTAR GUILD OUR TECH CREW FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

Hannah McCollum, Gail Pastor Matt, Mike Dettra, Linda Brownlee, Audrey Oines, Nancy Sclight, Tony Gryszka, Savchuck, Nancy Sclight,

Rhona Slawter Gary Zimmerman Rhona Slawter

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **CONTRIBUTION TOTALS**



## **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	Recv'd YTD 1/1-9/30/23 \$101,955.93	Budget YTD 1/1-9/30/23 \$155,529.00		
General Fund Mortgage		e e		
	\$101,955.93	\$155,529.00		
Mortgage	\$101,955.93 \$21,028.00	\$155,529.00 \$17,082.00		

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, 45 Worthington Mill Road, Richboro, PA 18954"
- Contribute online at <a href="www.adventrichboro.org">www.adventrichboro.org</a>. 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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:15 – 7:15 PM Praise Band Rehearsal 7:15 – 8:00 PM Church Choir Rehearsal	2 <b>7:00 PM</b> Bible Study via zoom	3 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	10:00 AM - noon Stitch Club
8 AM Traditional Worship with Holy	6 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	7 Election Day 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM No Ping Pong	8 No Rehearsals	9 7:00 PM Bible Study via zoom	7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting	11 8:30 Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM - noon Stitch Club
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Christ the King Sunday 8:00 AM Traditional Worship with Holy	27 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting.	28 6:30 PM Ping Pong	29 Christmas Rehearsal starts 6:15 – 7:15 PM Praise Band 7:15 – 8:00 PM Church Choir Practice	30 7:00 PM Bible Study via zoom		



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17 Third Sunday of Advent 8:00 AM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School age 4 - gr. 6 10:30 AM Fellowship Time: Open 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study	7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	19 6:30 PN Ping Pong	20 6:15 – 7:15 PM Praise Band Rehearsal 7:15 – 8:00 PM Church Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM Bible Study via zoom	7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting.	10:00 AM - Noon Stitch Club
24 Christmas Eve Services 9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Fellowship Time: Open 7:30 PM Candlelight and Carols with Holy Communion	25 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting	26 Pastor on vacation Office closed	27 Pastor on vacation Office closed	28 Pastor on vacation Office closed	22 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting. Pastor on vacation Office closed	30
31 First Sunday of Christmas 9:00 AM Service of the Word 10:00 Fellowship Time: Open	Happy New Year!	2 Pastor on Vacation Office Closed	3 9:30 am Office opens			