

THE ADVENTURER

ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER



Sunday, September 13th @ 9:30 AM



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Carolyn Week

A banner with a background of a sunset or sunrise sky with clouds. In the center, the word "Worship" is written in a large, white, cursive script. Below it, the words "WITH US" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif, all-caps font. The text is centered within a circular frame that is slightly faded.

Worship

WITH US

Sunday, September 6th

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am

Ministry Morning 10:45 am

Sunday, September 13th

16th Sunday after Pentecost

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am

10:45am Service Projects

Sunday, September 20th

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 9:30am

Sunday, September 27th

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 9:30am



School Supply Drive



With school back starting soon for much of the CSRA and school supplies at discounted prices, it is the perfect time to pick up supplies to help students and teachers in our area. This drive will go a long way in helping students and teachers have a great school year.

Requested supplies are:

Pencils

Pens

Dry erase markers

Loose leaf paper

Spiral notebooks

3 prong folders

Crayons

Hand sanitizer

Markers

Please place donated items in the orange container by Sign-Up Central. We will collect items through God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, September 13th.

CHOIR Continues

Wednesdays- 6pm Bells; 7pm Choir

If you are interested in joining either choir or both, please contact
R.J. Thomas, Advent's Organist &
Music Director.

This is a beautiful ministry to be with
others sharing our musical gifts to the
Lord!





*Christians
confronting emptiness
choosing compassion
creating community*

Collections for September: Cleaning Supplies

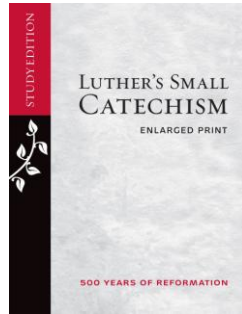


Property Ministry

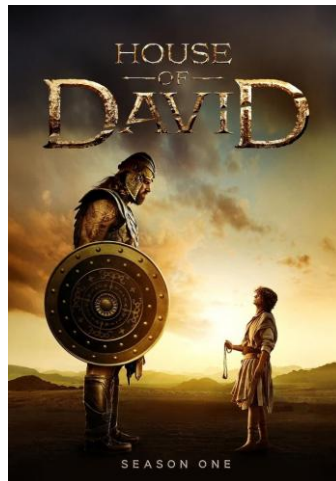
The Property Ministry will meet **Sat., September 6, 8am.** They will be doing various projects around the church getting everything ready for Fall. All are welcome to come and join this small group ministry.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School will begin **October 4th, 2026 at 10:45am.**

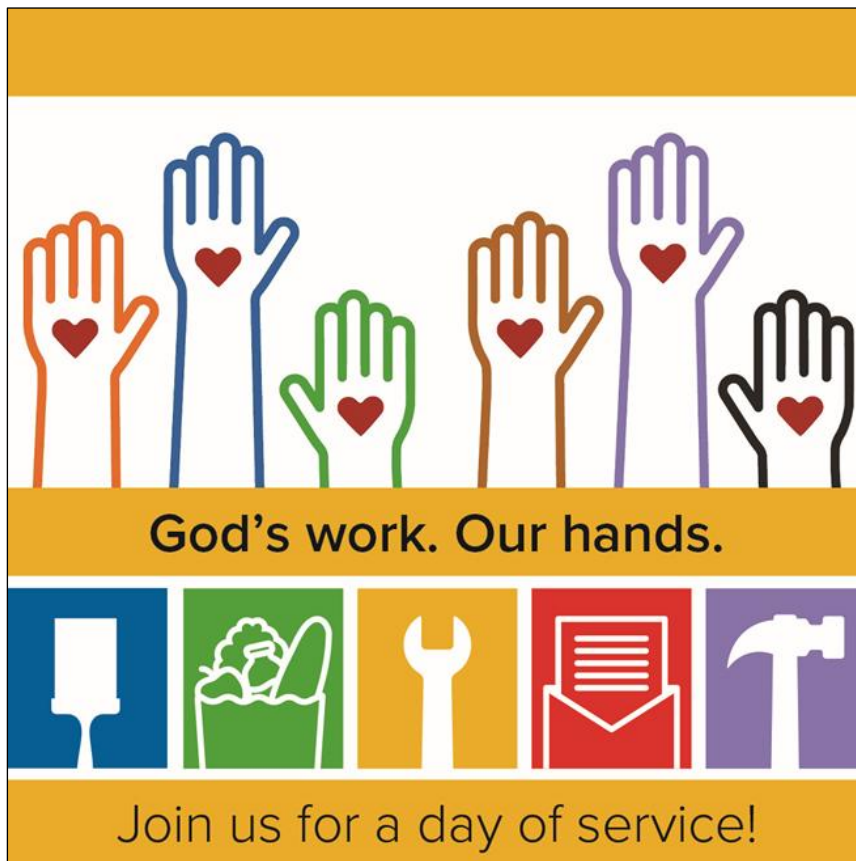


The Adult Sunday school will start after Ministry Morning and will continue its study of Adult Confirmation.



The Adult Bible Study will begin a new study on **October 7, 2026**. We will meet each Wednesday to watch the new show, House of David, followed by the Bible Study on David. We will meet until the first season ends.

The Episode Viewing will be at 9:30am followed by the Bible Study at 10:30am.



On Sunday, September 13th, we are one of over 8,700 congregations participating in "God's work, Our hands." Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love. Join us for God's work with our hands Sunday!





God's work. Our hands.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

SERVICE PROJECTS:

Roll spoons
Bagging items for hygiene (GAP)
Gathering items for EMS, firefighter
Double bagging shopping bags
Baby wipes for GAP
Adult wipes for GAP
Bottle Shampoo & lotion
Gather cleaning supplies

NEEDED SUPPLIES:

Adult wipes
Baby wipes
Ziplock bags: pint size (preferably Ziplock)
Shampoo
Lotion
Labels
Foot powder (small ones)
Burn ointment
Snacks and candy
Plastic spoons
Napkins
Lip balm

Little Free Pantry

It's that time of year when we ask our congregation to bring food and health care products to stock our cupboards for the next quarter of the year.

It has been a busy Spring and Summer at the pantry. Our supply cupboards are almost empty and we are on our last case of water. I am happy to report that we are finding food in the pantry that was left by pantry visitors. I know this because I have witnessed it and found items in the pantry with labels I don't recognize. Our little pantry is becoming more and more popular!

Ways to give:

Bring food and health care items to church and leave them on the table in the fellowship hall.

Bring one item to church on Sunday and place it in the pantry or on the table. (1 bottle of water given by each of us on Sunday equals 3+ cases)
Include a donation with your weekly offering.
Indicate the amount you are designating for Pantry use.

Place cash or check in the little black lock box on the table in the narthex.



I feel blessed to be a part of this generous congregation and thank the Lord that he keeps us mindful of those who face food insecurity.

Thank you,
Kath Gamlen

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:35-40:



AUGUSTA SATURDAY MARKET MINISTRY

Bi-weekly on Saturdays
8 am to 2 pm
Back on: 12 September

Downtown at 8th and Reynolds St

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Provide items we can hand out/sell
(bread, plants, cookies, bookmarks,
seeds, bracelets, etc)

Be there and share your story

Help with setup and tear down

Come say hi!



THE GOAL

Clearly communicating the
message of Jesus' life, death, and
resurrection.

Building trust, listening to others'
stories, and practicing hospitality

Aiming to persuade while
respecting the individual and
avoiding unnecessary pressure.

Trusting that only God can
ultimately convert people's hearts.



Matthew 28:19-20

Ready for an ADVENTure?

Love God. Love people. Serve the world.

These words spoken at the end of our worship services are a clear call from God. Maybe you, like me, want to say, “Yes, I will. I need You to help and guide me, God.”

One of the ways of saying, “Yes, God!” is serving in Advent’s prayer ministries.

Those who sign up for the Prayer Adventure promise to pray for around ten other members or visitors by name at least once a week for one year. We ask God, who knows and loves each, to help and guide us in knowing what to pray. We can ask the individual. (A sheet with helpful hints is also available.) An amazing thing happens along the way: our love for God and the people for whom we pray grows deeper and stronger.

Another meaningful way to serve and grow in love is being part of Advent’s email prayer chain. People who sign up agree to check their email daily, immediately pray for needs or thanksgivings, and keep requests confidential. When someone wants others to pray for a need or to join them in giving thanks, they can notify Gayle Ricklefs.

If you would like to serve in one or both of these ministries, please contact the church office or Gayle Ricklefs (ricklefs3@comcast.net) or complete the form and drop it in the offering plate September 6th or 13th.

Advent Prayer ADVENTure 2026 - 2027

_____ I agree to pray for other members and visitors of Advent for one year.

_____ I want to know more about praying for members and visitors of Advent for one year.

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Advent Email Prayer Chain

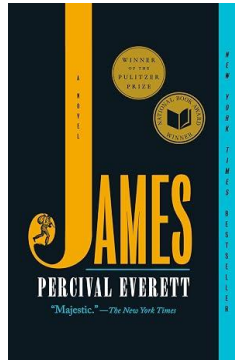
_____ I want to serve on Advent’s email prayer chain.

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Email: _____

ADVENT BOOK GROUP SCHEDULE 2026-2027

Meetings will be held on the 4th Monday of the month at 11:00 AM in the Adult Sunday School classroom. Each member is asked to bring her own desired beverage and snack.



Join us on Monday, September 21st at 11am in the Adult Sunday School Room as we meet to discuss the book, “**James**”. All are welcome.

Date	Title	Author	Reviewer
9/21	James	Percival Everett	Debra Roberts
10/26	Weekend Warriors	Fern Michaels	Susal Still
11/23	The Correspondent	Virginia Evans	Gayle Ricklefs
1/25	The Weight of Ink	Rachel Kadesh	Pat Grim
2/22	The Midnight Train	Matt Haig	Janice Richardson
3/22	Remarkably Bright Creatures	Shelby Van Pelt	Ingrid Zamecnik
4/26	Whistler	Ann Patchett	Michelle Pollard
5/24	Where the Rivers Merge	Mary Alice Monroe	Betsy Walker

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
		1 AA 9am	2 AA 8am Bells 6pm Choir 7pm	3 AA 9am	4 AA 9am	5 Property 8am
6 Worship & Holy Communion 9:30	7 AA 9am 	8 AA 9am	9 AA 8am Bells 6pm Choir 7pm	10 AA 9am	11 AA 9am	12 Evangelism @ River 8am- 2pm
13 God's Work, Our Hands Worship w/HC 9:30 Service Projects 10:45am	14 AA 9am <i>Pastors away on Vacation 9/14-9/28</i>	15 AA 9am	16 AA 9am Bells 6pm Choir 7pm	17 AA 9am Church Council 6:30pm	18 AA 9am	19 Evangelism @ River 8am- 2pm
20 Worship 9:30	21 AA 9am Book Group 11am	22 AA 9am	23 AA 8am Bells 6pm Choir 7pm	24 AA 9am	25 AA 9am	26 Evangelism @ River 8am- 2pm
27 Worship 9:30	28 AA 9am Newsletter DEADLINE	29 AA 9am	30 AA 9am Bells 6pm Choir 7pm			

A decorative border of autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red frames the top and sides of the text.

HAPPY
September

MAY YOU EXPERIENCE THE
UNFAILING LOVE OF GOD,
COMFORTING AND SUSTAINING
YOU IN EVERY SITUATION.

**Save
the
Date**



October 31st, 3-5pm, Advent will hold our
annual **Trunk or Treat** Event. Join us for Ministry
Morning if you would like to help plan this event.
More information will be sent out as details are
finalized.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

9-1 Zach Easton
9-3 Colt Pingilley
9-5 Ginnie Frabizio
9-6 Nora Johnson
9-7 Susan Ditslear
9-7 Kate Peterson
9-7 Will Pitts
9-8 Heather Herrmann
9-9 Diane Griswold
9-14 Robin Pingilley
9-15 Laura Moran
9-16 Seth Easton
9-20 Billie Zimmerman
9-24 Jamie Sadenwasser
9-24 Mike Teffeteller

9/18 Alan and Stacy Ostendorff
9/19 Bob and Diana Perry
9/23 Jeff & Robin Keller

If we've missed your special day, please contact the Church Office.



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**Final Deadline For September
Newsletter Entries is September
28th!**