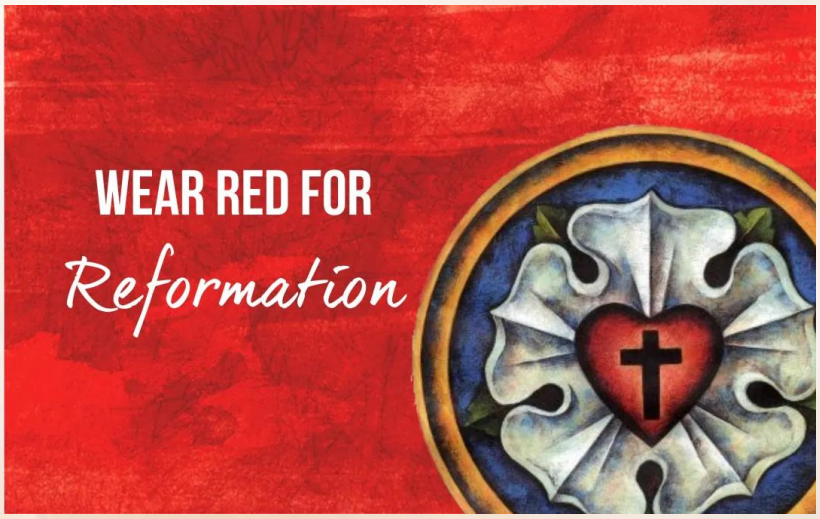
THE ADVENTURER

ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2026 NEWSLETTER



Sunday, October 25th @ 9:30am

Saturday, October 31st @ 3pm

STAFF

Pastors
Jason Peterson
Andrea Windsor-Peterson

Organist & Music Director
R.J Thomas

Financial Secretaries
Steve & Debbie Merzlak

Church Council President
Heather Herrmann

Vice President
Kath Gamlen

Secretary
Diane Griswold

Treasurer
Debbie Merzlak

At Large Members
Gina Hammock
Carole Hanes

Ministry Chairpersons

Christian Education
Heather Herrmann

Evangelism
R. J. Gentry

Fellowship
Joan Kruscavage

Property
Mike Gamlen (PM)

Service
Gina Hammock

Stewardship

Worship
Pastors

Youth
Carolyn Week

Sunday, October 4th

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am

Ministry Morning 10:45 am

Sunday, October 11th

20th Sunday after Pentecost

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am

10:45am Sunday School

Sunday, October 18th

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am

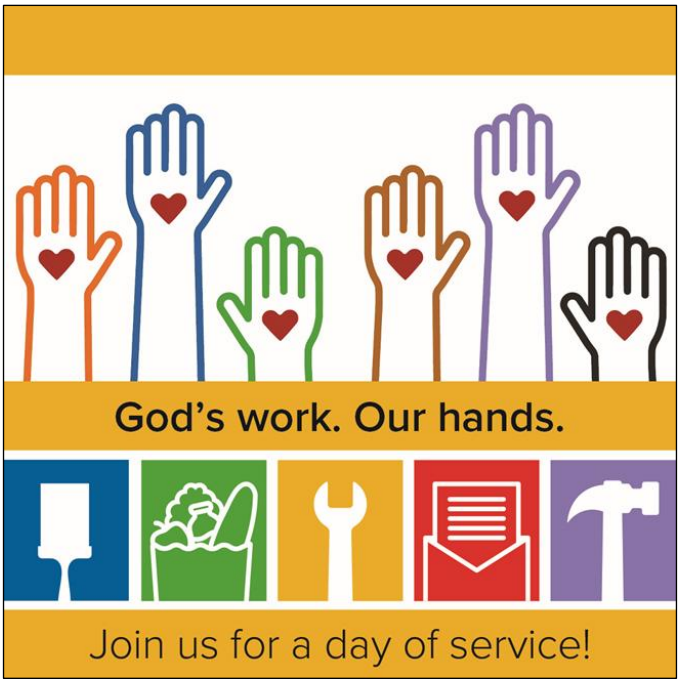
10:45am Sunday School

Sunday, October 25th

Reformation Sunday

Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am

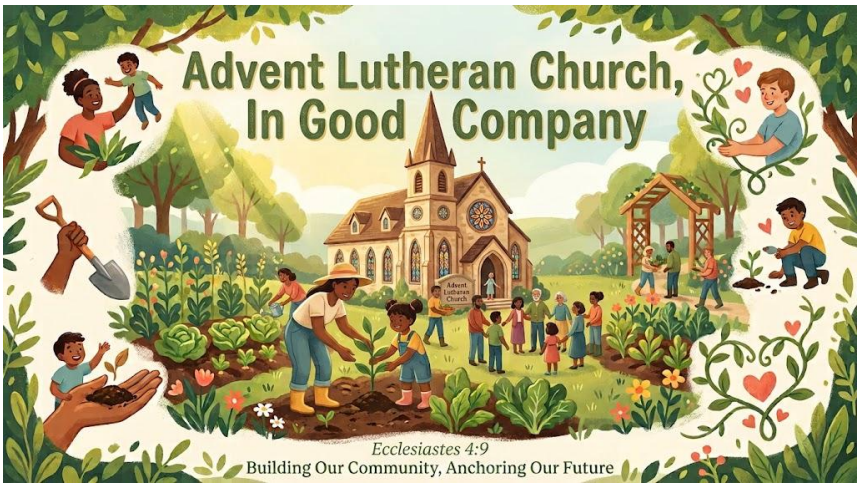
10:45am Sunday School



On Sunday, September 13th, we joined over 8,700 congregations participating in "God's work, Our hands." Across the country, thousands of members engaged in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love.

Thank you to all who used their hands to do God's Work on this special service day. We especially thank, Gina Hammock, Service Ministry chair, for organizing this event and allowing us to join together in service.

For pictures of this day, check out Advent's Facebook Page!



As we look ahead to this coming year, we are reminded of a simple yet profound truth: we are not meant to walk this journey alone. In Ecclesiastes 4:9, we are told that "two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor." When one falls, another is there to lift them up. That spirit of companionship, mutual support, and shared purpose is at the heart of Advent.

This year, our stewardship theme is **"In Good Company."**

Being "in good company" is about more than just gathering in the same room. It is about actively walking alongside one another, sharing our gifts, and building a community where everyone is supported and valued. Every act of generosity—whether through your financial support, your time, or your unique talents—strengthens the fabric of our shared ministry.

Generosity is a shared effort. Together, our combined commitments make a lasting impact. When we share our resources, we ensure that no one walks alone and that our mission continues to flourish.

As you reflect on your giving for 2026, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can support our shared work. Please take time to consider your commitment and return it by October 25th, Reformation/Consecration Sunday.

Thank you for your continued faith, partnership, and dedication. We are deeply grateful to be on this journey together—and truly blessed to be **In Good Company**.

GAP MINISTRIES

Christians confronting emptiness choosing compassion creating community

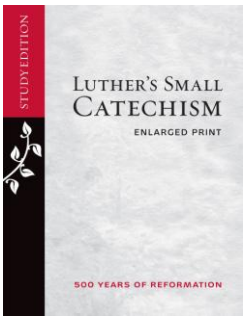
Collection for October is:
Canned Meat (Tuna, Spam, Chicken, Vienna Sausage)

Property Ministry

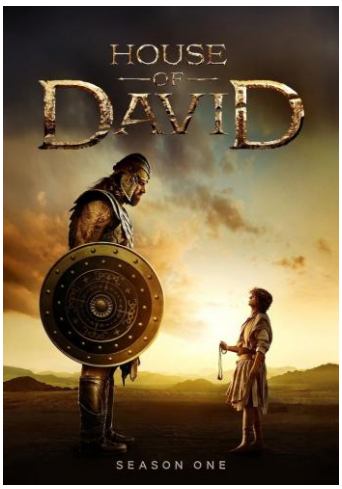
The Property Ministry will meet **Sat., October 11, 8am**. They will be doing various projects around the church getting everything ready for Fall. All are welcome to come and join this small group ministry.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School for all ages is at 11am on Sundays.



The Adult Sunday school will continue its study of Adult Confirmation.



The Adult Bible Study will meet throughout October. 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 each Wednesday.

YOUTH GROUP

The Advent Youth Group has a busy October. Oct. 3, the youth participated in DCCM, Downtown Cooperative Church Ministries. They helped pass out food to those in need.

Oct. 4, the youth joined Resurrection Lutheran Church's Youth Group where they carved pumpkins and enjoyed fellowship with other Lutheran youth.

On Oct. 31st they will participate and help lead Advent's yearly Trunk or Treat.

We thank Carolyn Weeks, Advent's Youth Ministry chair for helping our Youth to grow in faith and serve our Lord.

ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT

JOIN US FOR FUN, GAMES AND TREATS!

Food Allergy Research & Education
TEAL PUMPKIN PROJECT

OCT 31
3PM TO 5PM

3232 WASHINGTON RD
AUGUSTA, GA
WWW.ADVENTAUGUSTA.ORG

Little Free Pantry

Thank you to all who have generously provided supplies for the Pantry. We are grateful to many “unknowns” who contribute by directly putting items in the Pantry and to members who fill the pantry when they are at church for choir, Bible study, counting offerings and the like.

As much as we try there will always be times when someone visits the pantry and it is empty. We can serve more visitors by filling the Pantry more frequently rather than packing it full. Please remember we are not to judge or confront anyone who we think is taking too much. We don’t know their needs. I suspect visits will increase with the recent cuts to government programs that feed those with food insecurity. Any food you can donate is helpful. Please do not bring clothing or books.

Ways to give:
Bring food and health care items to church and leave them on the table in the fellowship hallway.
Bring one item to church on Sunday and place it in the pantry or on the table. (I bottle of water given by each of us on Sunday equals 2+ 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.

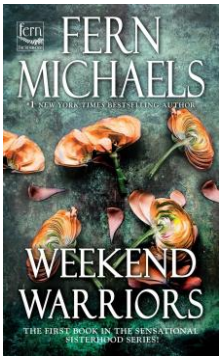
I feel blessed to be a part of this generous congregation and thank the Lord that he keeps us mindful of those who are struggling.

God Bless,
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:

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, October 26th at 11am in the Adult Sunday School Room as we meet to discuss the book, "***Weekend Warriors***". All are welcome.

Date	Title	Author	Reviewer
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

ADVENT SANCTUARY REMODEL

After Hurricane Helene, Advent's ceiling was damaged. Almost two years later, Steve Merzlak was able to get insurance money to cover the damages. Since September 13, 2026, we have been worshiping in the fellowship hall awaiting the project to be completed. Many thanks to Steve for his perseverance in overseeing this project and we look forward to a newly renovated sanctuary.

Reformation Prayer from Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 AA 9am	**2** AA 9am	**3**
4 Worship & Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45am	**5** AA 9am	**6** AA 9am	**7** AA 8am Bible Study 10:30am Bells 6pm; Choir 7pm	**8** AA 9am	**9** AA 9am	**10** Property 8am
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25 **Reformation** Worship & Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45am	**26** AA 9am Book Group 11am Newsletter DEADLINE	**27** AA 9am	**28** AA 8am Bible Study 10:30am Bells 6pm; Choir 7pm	**29** AA 9am	**30** AA 9am	**31** Trunk or Treat 3-5pm

10/13	Tom Alderson
10/14	David Kadlewicz
10/21	Jared Aiello
10/21	Helen Burns
10/22	Nicole Whitaker
10/25	Pat Grim
10/25	Sheila Stencel
10/26	Olivia Grim
10/27	Dale Reedstrom
10/29	Mary Jean Pollard

10/1	John & Kateri Engelin
10/4	Ron & Billie Zimmerman
10/9	Steve & Debbie Merzlak
10/17	Tom & Pat Grim
10/17	R.J. & Anthony Thomas
10/27	Will & Shannon Pitts

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!