

THE ADVENTURE MARCH, 2017

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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ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, MARCH 1 -7:30 pm

Holy Communion w/Imposition
of Ashes

PROPERTY CLEAN UP

Saturday, March 25 9:00 am

LENT I - SUNDAY, MARCH 5

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion
Sunday School ages 4 - grade 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Donna Duffy
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class
- 3:00 pm Bell Choir at Twining Village

LENT IV - SUNDAY, MARCH 26

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School ages 4 - grade 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class
- 2:00 pm Installation of Pr. Hahn at Immanuel
Somerton

LENT II -SUNDAY, MARCH 12 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY COMMEMORATION

Daylight Saving Time Begins

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School ages 4 - grade 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class
Church Council Meeting

LENT V - SUNDAY, APRIL 2

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion
Sunday School ages 4 - grade 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class
First Communion Class
- 3:00 pm Installation of Pr. Posselt at Family
of God, Buckingham

LENT III - SUNDAY, MARCH 19

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am Traditional Holy Communion
Sunday School ages 4 - grade 8
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time - Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Class
First Communion Instruction

Pastor's Message for the Month . . .

“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Matthew 6:16-18



Most Lutherans are familiar with the concept of “giving up something for Lent”. For example, if you love chocolate you might give it up for Lent as a sign of penitence and sacrifice. The practice comes from the Bible where fasting is a commended custom. In our text above, which is a part of the reading for Ash Wednesday, Jesus commends fasting as a spiritual discipline but discourages doing it for show as the Pharisees did. In an age as ours where we often have a tendency to overindulge in various areas of our life, a little fasting would not hurt us.

In addition to giving up something for Lent one author suggests “how about taking up something for Lent”. This would be putting a positive twist on the concept. For example, maybe we need to do more spiritual reading or Bible study or spending more time alone with God in prayer. Lent provides that opportunity to start anew or to begin afresh.

One might even take a piece of paper and fold in half. On one side write the words “Give Up” and on the other “Take Up”. On each page make a list of things which would profit your life by either getting rid of something for a period of 40 days or beginning something anew. Giving up might include more than food. How about giving up television for Lent or even more drastic cutting back on social media for a period of time? Positively, enjoy a special meal with your family or go for a walk or a special outing if you haven’t done so for a while. Maybe we need to take up some positive habits like eating healthier or exercising more. Let us use Lent constructively to make changes in our lives. We give up those things that have begun to control us. We take up new positive habits or new opportunities for service. Whether we “give up” or “take up” may our Lent be a meaningful one.

May the God of Peace ever be with you,

Pastor Sorcek



ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 - 7:30 P.M.

Holy Communion w/Imposition of Ashes .

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

First Communion instruction for youth 5th grade or older who have not yet made their First Communion will be held on Sundays March 19, April 2 and April 9 from 10:45 a.m. to noon. Please let Pastor know if your child will be participating. The Rite of First Communion will be held at the 9:30 a.m. service on May 7.

PROPERTY WORK DAY

A Spring Clean Up for the church property will be held on Saturday, March 25, 9 a.m. Soda and lunch will be provided. If you can bring brown leaf bags it would be greatly appreciated. A sign up sheet is in the narthex.

RESERVE THE DATE FOR TRENTON THUNDERS BASEBALL GAME

Advent has reserved 60 seats for Wednesday, July 5, 2017 Tickets are \$8, each. More information will be in the April newsletter.



FELLOWSHIP TIME

We need committees or individuals to sign up to provide refreshments after the late service. The sign-up sheet for February - June is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e. coffee & tea) and all paper products.

OFFERING ENVELOPES & CALENDARS

Offering envelopes and calendars for 2017 are available in the narthex. If you do not have envelopes and would like them, please contact the Financial Secretary, Kathryn Urbaniak (215-968-2675). There are also calendars provided by Fluehr's Funeral Home. Feel free to take several.

SIGN-UPS FOR 2017

The sign up sheets for altar flowers and for the support of our sister church, Iglesia Luterana Nueva Creacion for 2017 are on the table in the narthex. One bouquet of flowers is \$22 and one week of mission support is \$25. There is also a sign up sheet for January - April on the fellowship table for anyone who would like to provide snacks.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers the following Advent member and friends who are ill, hurting or homebound.



- Joel Denis recovering after hip surgery.
- Vickie Flint recovering after brain surgery.
- Emma Giacomucci at home.
- Dan Gracey recovering after knee replacement surgery.
- Danny McGee recovering after being hit by car while bicycling.
- Carolyn Morrison undergoing treatments.
- Madelaine Sjostorm in Finland recovering after heart surgery.

WITH SYMPATHY

Advent expresses its sympathy to Kathy and Eric Baldwin on the death of Kathy's mother LaRue Franklin. May God's comfort and peace be with the Baldwin Family at their time of loss.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thanks to the generosity of Advent Members, \$549.00 was contributed on February 5 to support the Food Pantry in Warminster. Thank you!

COMMITMENTS 2016 (as of 2/13)

26 Commitments

	Budget Pledged/week	% Pledged Needed/week to date
General	\$1,223	\$3,575 34.21%
Mortgage	408	\$1,233 33.09%

Benevolence (ELCA) \$ 7.15

Benevolence (LWR) \$26.00

INCOME FOR JANUARY 2017

Benevolence (LWR, Mission Support, etc.) \$465

General Fund \$16,296

Mortgage Fund \$ 4,057



ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY**



3	Jill Snyder	13	Donna Duffy		Arielle Segal
5	Justin Segal	17	Lucas Betz	23	Shane Hansen
9	Lauren Ciurley		Evan Messina	27	Hailee Snyder
	Brooke Creighton	18	John Masciotro	28	Tom Herbert
10	David Breig		Andy Stirzel	29	Marie Roman
11	Deborah Creighton	19	Katelyn Roman	30	Rachael McQuiggan
	English	20	Andrew Slight		
		22	Sally Frost		

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



THE ARMED FORCES

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

US Air Force Lt. Col. Andrew Frey is Commander of the Third Weather Squadron at Fort Hood Texas, which is the largest weather Squadron in the Air Force and supports the Army's First Cavalry's Division.

US Air Force Major Fred Gouse is a pilot and instructor stationed at Holloman AFB, New Mexico.

US Army Colonel (Ret.) Jeff Williams is serving in Dubai, UAE as a military advisor.

Please see our Armed Forces Display in the corridor leading to the ramp down to the fellowship hall.

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

SERVING THE LORD AT ADVENT
MARCH SCHEDULES

ACOLYTES

8:00 am (When available) Nicole Wills
 9:30 am Open

LAY READERS

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

3/05 Kathy Sitler
 3/12 Audrey Savchuck
 3/19 Victoria Vassello
 3/26 Donna Duffy

3/05	8:00 am	Gail Oines
	9:30 am	Mike Vassello
3/12	8:00 am	Open
3/19	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
3/26	8:00 am	Open

ALTAR GUILD

Early: Liz Gracey, Hanna McCollum
 Late: Donna Duffy, Lisa Frey,
 Pam Maurer, Kathy Sitler

MONEY COUNTERS

1 st	Janice Hoffmann, Dianna Strauss
2 nd	Cindy Frey, Bob Holford
3 rd	Ray & Joyce Heiss
4 th	Tony Gryszka, Tom Herbert

FELLOWSHIP TIME

3/05	Donna Duffy
3/12	Open
3/19	Open
3/26	Open

USHERS

1 st	8:00 am	Ron Brown, Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Ray Heiss, Bob Matlack
2 nd	8:00 am	Open
	9:30 am	Tom Herbert, Bob Holford
3 rd	8:00 am	Open
	9:30 am	George Henry, Mike Sitler
4 th	8:00 am	Open
	9:30 am	Tony Gryszka, Bob Pancoast

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

3/01	7:30 pm	Janice Hoffmann
3/05	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
3/12	9:30 am	Gail Oines
3/19	9:30 am	Tony Gryszka
3/26	9:30 am	Karen Matlack



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