



The ADVENTURE January, 2009



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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Sunday, January 4
8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. "Faith Alive" Holy Communion
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Sunday, January 11
8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:15 a.m. "Faith Alive" Holy Communion
Sunday School & Adult Class
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
7:00 p.m. Church Council

STRESS IN DIFFICULT TIMES SEMINAR

Saturday, January 17
7:00 p.m. with Dennis Moore

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 18
8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:15 a.m. "Faith Alive" Holy Communion
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

NYCKELHARPA CONCERT

Saturday, January 24
7:30 p.m. Peter Puma Hedlund in concert
Cost is \$10.00

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 25
8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:15 a.m. "Faith Alive" Holy Communion
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting

WEIGHT LOSS SEMINAR

Sunday, January 25
4:00 p.m. with Dennis Moore

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Souper Bowl of Caring
Sunday, February 1
8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion 9:15
a.m. "Faith Alive" Holy Communion
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion

YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 1
5:00 p.m.
Bring a snack to share!

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

*"We three Kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar. Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star."
WHM #164*



On Sunday, January 4 we will observe the Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord. We celebrate the magi traveling long distances to pay homage to the new-born king. Thankfully, we do not have to travel great distances to worship the Christ. We need only come to Advent on any Sunday to bring our gifts of self as well as of "gold, frankincense, and myrrh". Every time we come to a worship service the Lord is present for us bestowing His blessing through Word and Sacrament and the gathered community.

The following Sunday, January 11, we commemorate The Baptism of Our Lord. As we remember our Lord's baptism by John in the River Jordan, may we also remember our baptisms and how God graciously and undeservedly came into our lives and claimed us as His own special children.

In subsequent weeks we will focus on Jesus' Epiphany or "Manifestation" of His divine nature and how our Lord called various disciples unto Himself and how they responded to Him.

May we also do whatever is necessary, even travel long distances like the Wisemen, to draw close to God through His Son Jesus. May we too grow in faith and discipleship.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Sorcek

p.s. I also want to thank all of you who remembered me and my family in this Christmas season with prayers, cards, and gifts. Your expressions of love and support are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

As we begin the New Year there are many opportunities for growth in addition to Sunday worship. Dennis Moore, a licensed psychologist with a private practice in Newtown will be offering several timely seminars. On Saturday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. he will help us in "Dealing with Stress in Difficult Times". For those of us who have difficulty keeping our New Year's resolutions he will offer a seminar on Sunday, January 25th at 4:00 p.m. on "Keep That New Year's Resolution and Learn the Keys to Permanent Weight Loss". Both seminars are free and are open to members of the community. Invite a friend to come with you.



We are also pleased to have world-class nyckelharapist Peter Puma Hedlund of Sweden with us for a concert Saturday, January 24th at 7:30 p.m. There will be a \$10.00 charge at the door to help defray Peter's expenses in being with us. The nyckelharpa (see illustration) is an ancient Swedish folk instrument. You may have heard it played here at church by our own Doug Oines who is also the current president of the American Nyckelharpa Association. Come out for an inspirational evening of music.

It is wonderful to be able to offer these growth opportunities as we enter the new year. Come and join us for any or all of the growth seminars or nyckelharpa concert.

2009 SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Please see the bulletin board to sign up for altar flowers for 2009. One bouquet of flowers is \$20.00 to dedicate.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

Annual reports are due by Sunday, January 4th. You may e-mail them to the church office. The Annual Congregational Meeting for the review of reports and election of persons to church council will be held Sunday, January 25th c. 11:30 a.m. (after the late service)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL GROWTH

Dennis Moore, one of our newest members, is a psychologist in private practice in Newtown. He has offered to provide several seminars here at Advent as a service to members of the church and community.

Dealing with Stress in Difficult Times

In this seminar, participants will learn to assess how much stress they are under, and the point at which 80% of people tend to become seriously depressed or suffer serious illnesses. Cognitive Behavior Therapy principles will be introduced which can help people identify and modify the automatic stress producing thoughts that are associated with real world events, financial and interpersonal. Participants will also learn how systematic relaxation training and desensitization can be used to deal with stressful situations. This free seminar is scheduled for Saturday, January 17 at 7 pm.

Keep That New Year's Resolution and Learn the Keys To Permanent Weight Loss

In this seminar, participants will learn why fad diets don't work, and how to select a lifestyle that consists of a healthy diet and exercise that you can use for life. The most important component is the application of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to help you identify your sabotaging thoughts that lead you to overeat and keep you from achieving permanent weight loss. You will become aware of "triggers" that lead to automatic sabotaging thoughts and how to effectively respond to them. This free seminar is scheduled for Sunday, January 25 at 4 pm.

CONCERT OPPORTUNITY

Advent will host Peter Puma Hedlund, two-time world champion nyckelharapist in a concert on Saturday, January 24 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 at the door.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On Sunday, February 1st we will again take a collection for Souper Bowl of Caring. All donations go directly to the food pantry in Warminster. Checks should be made out to Advent Lutheran Church and designated "Souper Bowl".

SUPER BOWL PARTY

On February 1st Advent's Youth Group will hold a Super Bowl Party here at the church at 5:00 p.m. Youth are asked to bring snacks and soda. Adults are also invited to attend.

PRE-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Advent Pre-School announces its Open House on Thursday, February 5th from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Visitors may observe the class activities in progress and see a photo display of preschool events and highlights. Join us! . . . and please mention this date to friends to welcome them to Advent Pre-School. Additional information is available at www.adventpreschool.org.

REGISTRATION BEGINS

Registration begins at Advent Pre-School on February 5, 2009. Children who will attend preschool in September 2009 are encouraged to be registered by parents starting in February. There is still space available in both the 3 Year- Old and Pre-Kindergarten classes. Classes are held on Tuesday - Thursday from 9 - 11:30. Each class has a limit of 20 students, with one teacher and one assistant teacher. Registration forms and information are located online at adventpreschool.org or in the church office (215- 355-2529). Tours are available. Registration continues until classes are full.

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

First Communion class for youth grades 5 or older who have not yet made their first communions will be held on the following 5 Sundays: Feb. 8, 15, & 22 and Mar. 1, & 8 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE-ADVENT
BLOOD DRIVE TUES, FEB 17th 2:30 –
8:00**

Advents next bi-annual blood drive will be held on Tuesday, February 17th from 2:30 – 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and sign up for our bi-annual blood drive. Donating blood is easy, convenient and FUN at Advent. Most people have enough blood to share, yet there is never enough to go around. We will be setting up appointments after services starting at the end of January. Along with donors, we will need volunteers for registration and to help at the canteen. Thanks for making a difference!!!!

**PARENT/CHILD CHRISTMAS
BREAKFAST**

Thank you to those who supported the Parent-Child Breakfast with Santa Claus. The parents, who during this very busy time of the year, took the time to bring the children. The men who not only volunteered their time to help, but also for their contributions which made the breakfast financially possible. Of course, it could not have happened without our very own Santa Claus, who contributed in many ways. Also, the children who receive the many mittens, scarves, and hats you contributed, will thank you for your generosity.

**THANKS FOR SEASONAL
DECORATING**

Advent expresses its thanks to all who decorated our church inside and outside for the Christmas season.

ANGEL TREE THANK YOU

Advent expresses its thanks to all who bought gifts for the children named on this year's angel tree. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you also to Becky Rilling for her work in coordinating this project.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We were pleased to welcome the following into membership on December 7th at our 9:15 am service:

Dorothy Greiner - Dot is the mother of Advent member Robyn Frank and has served as a manager for Sears. She is received by affirmation of faith.

Sonja Sanchez – Sonja is homemaker to children Rebecca and Thomas who were baptized here at Advent. She is received by transfer from Ascension Lutheran Church, Franklin Square, NY. Sonja resides with her husband Scott and family.

We welcome Dot and Sonja into membership.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BAPTISMS

Advent expresses its congratulations to the following families on the occasions of baptism:

To Andrew and Tatiana Frey, Jr. on the baptism of their daughter Emily Isabella on December 21st at Advent. Emily was born on June 29, 2008 at The Marian Medical Center in Santa Maria, CA. Sponsors are Mark and Lisa Frey.

To James and Dawn Merk on the baptism of their daughter Emily Dawn on December 28th at Advent. Emily was born on May 31, 2008 at Abington Memorial Hospital. Sponsors are Diane Kirschner and Christopher Lenox.

May God's blessings be with each of these families on these joyous occasions.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Jim Caldwell at home

Jennie Davis at home

Jerry Diefenbach at home

Andrew H. Frey recovering after a fall

Elaine Gilbert recovering after surgery

Tony Gryszka recovering after a fall

Benicia Meyers undergoing treatments

Edie Noll recovering after a fall

Jeanne Stirzel at Manor Rehab. Center, Yardley

Please remember in your prayers all the men and women in our armed forces who are serving to protect us and our nation. We pray God's protection for them.

WITH SYMPATHY

Advent expresses its sympathy to Joyce and Ray Heiss and family on the death of Joyce's mother Kathryn LeNoir. May God's comfort be with the Heiss family in their time of loss.

COMMITMENTS 2009 (as of 12/14/08)

41 Commitments

	Pledged per week	Budget Needed/week	% Pledged to date
General	\$ 2,560	\$4,442	58%
Mortgage	<u>821</u>	<u>1,232</u>	<u>67%</u>
Total	\$3,381	\$5,674	60%

It is not too late to return your 2009 Financial Commitment to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Join us in showing "Where Your Heart Is".

<u>INCOME – 11/08</u>	Received	Budgeted
General Fund	\$20,276	\$19,067
Mortgage Fund	7,077	5,443
Benevolence	1,299	

Gift of Warmth (inc. above)	749
LWR Year –to-date	\$1,010

2009 ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS

Boxes of offering envelopes and calendars for 2009 are available on the table in the narthex. If your envelopes are not there or you would like to receive envelopes, please speak to Financial Secretary Janice Hoffmann or Pastor Sorcek.

OFFERINGS FOR 2009


Please help us to accurately record your offerings by using only your 2009 envelopes and by discarding any leftover 2008s. Envelope numbers may change from year to year.

Through any calendar year, it is also very helpful if you use your boxed envelopes regularly (rather than loose checks or pew envelopes). Envelopes for flower and missions offerings are available at the sign up charts and in the tract rack. Memorial Fund and other special envelopes are also available in the tract rack in the narthex.

With grateful thanks,
The Finance Committee

CONGREGATIONAL TREASURER NEEDED

Our treasurer Bill Pearson has faithfully served us for several terms but must give up these responsibilities next year. We thank him for his service. If interested in serving as treasurer – keeping accounts on computer, paying bills, . . . – please speak with Tom Herbert or Pastor.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4	Courtney Taddonio
8	Linda Gordon
9	Alice Holford
10	Derek Frey
12	Jim Hollingsworth
14	Nancy Slight
18	Benicia Meyers
19	Bill Brehm
	Chelsey Hawes
20	Earl Gilbert
22	Colleen Morrison
26	Jamie Sorcek Wunder
27	Kathy Sitler
	Keith Wills
28	Vera Dorsey
	Eric Heiss
29	Erich Rayher
30	Linda Morley
31	Ted Siek



A letter from the Noss's

PEACE TO ALL-CHRISTMAS 2008

Dear Sponsors,

MAY JESUS CHRIST GIVE TO YOU AT THIS TIME, AND FOR ALWAYS, HIS PEACE IN YOUR SOUL, HIS PRESENCE IN YOUR HEART, HIS POWER IN YOUR LIFE! (an Irish blessing)

As Karen and I prepare for our first full American Christmas together since our return to ELCA Missionary service to Cameroon in 1990, and the end of a very eventful 2008, our hearts are filled with both joy and sadness. We have so much to be joyful about...and yet our hearts are filled with sadness as we think of the many good byes during the past months! July 2008 was when we left our home in Cameroon, a home where we raised our children, three very special gifts from God, a very special home indeed, starting way back in 1969. During these many years we have also been honored to host many very special guests in our home, both African brothers and sisters as well as people from around the world!

It has been a full year... a Christmas letter does not allow enough space to really do justice to all that has transpired but here are just a few key events:

IN CAMEROON; (a country that has been home for more than half our life time)

- facilitating visits and accommodations for refugees from Tchad, medical people from Duluth, people from Michigan, South Dakota, France, Norway, Canada, Central Africa, South Africa, and ELCA tour that included people from North Dakota, Texas and Louisiana, to name just a few! What a blessing these people have been to us!
- completion and dedication of three large churches, seating capacities ranging from 1000 to 1500 people (US seating that is). Actually between 3000 to 12000 attended these ceremonies! Completion of several other church roof projects, addition to the ELCC Administration Office, work on a large AIDS awareness center, completion of a building project at the Garoua Boulai Hospital and several other projects.
- participation in several major church meetings, including a consultation in May of our Cameroon Church leaders and representatives from our churches in Norway and the US.
- training in of Phil Nelson, our replacement, who spent nearly three months with us to learn some of the work he would be carrying on, on behalf of the ELCA-Global Mission, along with his wife June who returned to Cameroon with him in August.
- sorting and arranging of church and mission things as we prepared for the transition into a new phase of mission and church work together, by those who follow us.
- farewells and special celebrations including special recognitions by members of our churches in Cameroon and the Central African Republic, mission communities, the Cameroon Government and the US Embassy.
- final sorting and packing up of our personal belongings that we wanted to carry back with us to the US, the shipment of one special crate which included a desk made by our dear son Mike, and our final farewell to our dear dog Gina.
- a wonderful final tour of part of Cameroon, accompanied by our son Paul who made a special trip just to have those final days with us! What memories we carried home with us, memories we will cherish forever!

IN THE US of AMERICA; (a country that has been home for less than half our life time)

- physicals were the first things on the agenda..., we thank the Lord for clear bills of health..., what a wonderful way to move into retirement!
- a quick move into our home and the unpacking of special memories from Cameroon as well as special things we had packed, back in 1990. Many memories were there as we remembered our parents, son and brother, and many others, who are no longer with us, but are now in their Heavenly HOME!
- quick visits with family and friends, knowing that finally it would no e one time visit once every two years, but it could be about anytime.
- a trip to Kenosha for our last ELCA Missionary Retreat and farewell, what a wonderful time that was! Visiting with our ELCA staff, visiting with fellow missionaries from Central and West Africa as well as other missionaries from around the world. Some were just starting their missionary service, others were part way through and some were

there for their last time! The schedules were very intense as usual but there were some very special and memorable moments for the two of us. It was great to once again meet with those who had been supporting us these many years from our ELCA, Chicago Headquarters...

-month long trip; following our time in Kenosha we continued our drive to Delaware to be with our daughter Lisa and her husband Jeff as well as our two grand children, Kaylin and Dylan From there Lisa and the grandkids joined us for a trip and a great visit with Phil (Jim's brother) and Cece in their retirement home in Florida as well as to see several of their kids and their families who had flown in from overseas. Our return to Delaware took us through North Carolina for a wonderful visit with Bill (Karen's brother) and Wendy and several other special visits. A few more days in Delaware before returning to MN and good travels, with not even a flat tire!! It all made for a very memorable trip, what a wonderful family!!

-a special trip to S. Dakota to visit with many who had come from the South Dakota Synod to provide a variety of support and assistance to the ELCC and ELCA Mission. During this trip they gave us a special farewell and once again we were reminded of the special family in Christ we have been a part of!

-another great trip and visit was out to the Los Angeles area to spend time with Janet (Karen's sister) and Nando and their family. During our time there we enjoyed time with other friends who had been our missionary colleagues in Cameroon over the years.

-other trips have allowed us to reconnect with family and friends... and also visit several of our former sponsoring churches. It has been great to personally meet once again with so many who have been supporting us in prayer and other ways over the years.

-very special times with our Minnesota family and friends; Since our son Paul, Jean and 2 year old Ian live just minutes from us, we see each other often which is wonderful! Dad has also really enjoyed helping Paul with some major projects that have been part of Paul's landscape business. Being in the Minneapolis area allows us to get together with other family members and friends on a regular basis.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner; in a few days we will drive out to Delaware to be with Lisa and her family for our first ever Thanksgiving together with them as a family. This trip will also include time with brother Phil, Cece, and their son Hal, and grandson from Baltimore who plan to join us in Delaware. Christmas will be with Paul and Jean and Ian and our dear families in Minnesota, another first in a long time as we are together with them through the whole Christmas and New Years Season!

2009

-a new beginning..., retirement starts on January 1, hopefully our pension checks will start soon after!

-greater enjoyment of family and friends, but more than ever, besides the children and grandchildren God has blessed us with... ,we look forward to welcoming two more grandchildren, in to Lisa's family in February, and in to Paul's family in March.

-explore ways God can continue to use us in sharing Christ's love with others and sharing the STORY, we have been so blessed to have been a part of Christ's Global Missions!

An African saying from Burkina Faso, "In raising children, we definitely need the support of other people. It's like they say in the village: It takes a whole village to raise a child."

It has truly been an honor to have been part of that larger village. To have grown, to have raised children and walked together with many very special people as we have sought to carry out the call God gave us many years ago..., to go and tell the story of Jesus and His Love and Peace in some very special parts of God's beautiful creation! That village has been made up of people from all around the world. May the Lord continue to bless each one in a special way, especially our family, our churches in Cameroon and the Central African Republic and our church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

WE WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS and would love to personally thank each of you, if that were possible. BLESSINGS AND PEACE.

Our phone number, 952 997 6902 and the address, 17126 Firtree Place, Farmington, MN. 55024.

Advent Lutheran Church Congregational Survey and Open Forum

To guide Church Council and Pastor in making God-pleasing decisions for our congregation, we ask you to complete this questionnaire. Please check the answer(s) that best meet your worship needs at Advent Lutheran Church (ALC).

1. Which worship service do you usually attend at ALC on Sunday morning?

8 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Please list any other time(s) that you would consider attending? _____

2. Why do you attend this particular service? _____

3. How often do you attend worship service at ALC?

weekly twice a month monthly
 every few months I have not been attending I only attend on holidays
(Christmas, Easter, etc)

4. Are you aware that we have Adult Bible Class (ABC), as well as a Youth Sunday School (YSS) during Sunday School (SS) hour?

Yes No

5. If you currently attend the 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service, do you also attend SS hour or teach YSS or ABC?

Yes, I attend SS hour No, I don't attend SS hour I teach YSS or ABC

6. What would be your preferred time for YSS or ABC to begin during the SS hour?

9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

Please list any other time(s) you might consider _____

7. What is your preferred worship style and format?

Traditional hymns & liturgy
 Contemporary format with praise songs
 A Blended mix of contemporary & traditional music with essential elements of Lutheran Service
 Other (explain preference or comment) _____

8. If you currently attend the 9:15 Praise Service and the worship time was changed so that it was not held during the SS hour, which would you attend?

SS only Worship only both Worship and SS
 Would/Could not attend either if the worship time changed Not applicable

9. If the time of the worship service you presently attend was changed, would this affect your worship attendance?

No, I'd attend regardless of the time worship was held I'd attend less often I'd attend more often
 I'd choose between attending SS and attending worship service

(TURN OVER TO CONTINUE SURVEY ON BACK OF FORM)

ALC Congregational Survey and Open Forum (continued)

10. Personal contacts are a vital part of congregational life. At ALC I interact with:

- mostly Pastor Pastor and a few others a few friends
 hardly anyone at present and know many, if not most of the people that attend only those who attend the service I do

Comments: _____

11. Which functions of youth ministry do you attend? (Question for youth only)

- Mid-Week Bible Class SS Class Social Affairs
 Special Events Trips & Events with other Christian Groups

List other suggestions _____

12. What parts of the worship service give you the most encouragement in your Christian understanding and living out your faith? (Please check all that are applicable for you)

- Traditional LBW hymns The "Burgundy" hymnal The Blue Supplemental "With One Voice"
 Contemporary Praise Songs Singing, in general, hymns and praise songs Choirs, special music praise team
 Prayers Scripture readings (word) Sermon (word proclaimed)
 Sacrament (the bread & wine) Joining with others in confession of faith Christian fellowship and encouragement
 All these parts of worship provide this for me

13. Are there any programs of ALC that you think could be improved upon?

- Yes No

Please feel free to comment or express your ideas for program improvements below.*

***If additional comment space is needed, please use another sheet of paper and attach it to your survey. Thank you**

Name (optional) _____

We appreciate your having taken the time to complete and return this survey to Church as soon as possible, no later than January 1, 2009. Please put all completed surveys in the box marked "Congregational Surveys", located by the round table in the Church Narthex. Thank you.

JANUARY SCHEDULES

ACOLYTES

1/04 10:30 am	Jerry Gugger
1/11 10:30 am	Brooke Creighton
1/18 10:30 am	Karalyn Henry
1/25 10:30 am	Shannon McQuiggan

LAY READERS

1/04 8:00 am	Julia Anderson
10:30 am	Jeanne Gryszka
1/11 8:00 am	Dave Shearer
10:30 am	Jack Weaver
1/18 8:00 am	Dave Frost
10:30 am	Ken Meyers
1/25 8:00 am	Mike Hall
10:30 am	Andy Frey

NURSERY

1 st 10:30 am	Tommy McQuiggan
2 nd 10:30 am	Jennifer Zipf
3 rd 10:30 am	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
4 th 10:30 am	<i>Volunteer needed</i>

ALTAR GUILD

1/04 8:00 am	Julia Anderson, Liz Gracey, Hanna McCollum
10:30 am	Karen Breig, Donna Duffy, Kathy Sitler

COMMUNION BREAD

1/04 (2 services)	Gail Oines
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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

1/06 8:00 am	Janice Hoffmann, Dave Shearer
10:30 am	Tony Gryszka, Jennifer McQuiggan

USHERS

1 st 8:00 am	Ron Brown, Dave Shearer
10:30 am	Bob Matlack, Ted Siek
2 nd 8:00 am	Lance Muscara, Bill Pearson
10:30 am	Andy Frey, Bob Holford
3 rd 8:00 am	Ray Heiss, Tom Herbert
10:30 am	Paul Dimmler, George Henry, Mike Sitler
4 th 8:00 am	Steve Anderson, Dave Frost
10:30 am	Joe Calla, Tony Gryszka, Kris Henke

MONEY COUNTERS

1 st	Dave Breig, Earl Gilbert, Paul Henke
2 nd	Andy & Cindy Frey, Bob Holford
3 rd	Paul & Marie Dimmler, Joyce Heiss, Bill Pearson
4 th	Tony Gryszka, Tom Herbert

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION







1/04	Dot Aldorasi
1/11	Marian Siek
1/18	Kathy Sitler
1/25	Sue Jafar

THANK YOU

Advent expresses its thanks to all of you who so generously give of your time to volunteer to make our services run so smoothly. It is greatly appreciated.

If you have an hour a month (sometimes a little more, sometimes a little less) to spare, consider volunteering for one of the above jobs. Thank you for your consideration.

JANUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p>  <p>Holy Baptism</p> <p>FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS Holy Innocents, Martyrs 9:30 AM Holy Communion (Traditional) 9:30 AM Emily Merk Baptism</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 PM NO Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>NO Pre-School</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>Decorate the new year with God</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S EVE NO Pre-School</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>HAPPY New Year!</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S DAY NO Pre-School 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (Observed) 8:00 AM Holy Communion (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 3-adult 10:30 AM Holy Communion (Traditional)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>EPIPHANY</p> <p>EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD 9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 7:00 PM Diakonia @ Emmaus Road 7:00 PM Finance Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 4:00 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:30 AM Bucks Co. Housing Group 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>MEN'S BREAKFAST 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>11</p> <p>BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 3-adult 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional) 7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:00 PM Sola Gratia Circle 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 7:00 PM Diakonia @ Emmaus Road</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 4:00 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 9:30 AM Dean's Meeting @ Norristown 6:00 PM BCCRT @ Jamison 6:30 PM Circle of Joy Dinner 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 PM Stress in Difficult Times Seminar</p>
<p>18</p>  <p>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 3-adult 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 7:00 PM Diakonia @ Emmaus Road</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 4:00 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 9:30 AM Dean's Meeting @ LTSP 12:30 PM Ministerium @ N&SH Reformed Church 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 7:30 PM LB Exec. Comm. @ Somerton 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1:00 PM Hopping Family Event in FH 7:30 PM Nyckelharpa Concert</p>
<p>25</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 3-adult 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional) 11:30 AM Annual Congregational Meeting 4:00 PM Weight Loss Seminar</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 7:00 PM Diakonia @ Emmaus Road</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 4:00 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting</p>	<p>31</p>