

THE ADVENTURE

FEBRUARY, 2009

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER 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

ANNUAL YOUTH GROUP SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 1, 5:30 p.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Recognition and Installation of Church Council

Sunday, February 8

- 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

ADHD SEMINAR

Sunday, February 8

4:00 p.m. with Dennis Moore

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 15

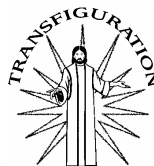
- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. "Faith Alive" Holy Communion
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

ADVENT BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, February 17

2:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Come give the gift of life!



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, February 22

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. "Faith Alive" Holy Communion
Faith Sanderlin & Landon
Youfe Baptism
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 25

7:30 p.m. Holy Communion
with Imposition of Ashes



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 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

From the Pastor's Desk . . .



“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Matthew 18:20

Our Lord is present with us whenever we gather together, be it in corporate worship or in any of our small group activities or ministries. We would like to encourage each and every one to regular participation in the worship life of the congregation. Here we meet God in Word and Sacrament and in the presence of other believers. In worship we mutually support each other through our prayers and presence.

Our Lord is also with us when we gather for learning and fellowship. Since the beginning of the year we have been blessed to have several activities that are beyond the scope of what we normally do. We were blessed to host a gathering of the American Nyckelharpa Association. The nyckelharpa is a Swedish folk instrument with roots in the middle ages. We were pleased to have Peter Hedlund, Fiddler of the Realm of Sweden, with us for a wonderful concert of music on January 24th.

We were also pleased to have one of our new members Dennis Moore present a series of free seminars in January. Dennis is a licensed clinical and school psychologist. He presented a workshop on dealing with stress on January 17th and then on weight loss on January 25th. Those present were impressed by his breadth of knowledge, orderly presentation, and dialogue with the audience.

At the request of those present at the last seminar, Dennis Moore will be offering a free seminar on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Many children and young people as well as adults are being increasingly diagnosed (sometimes incorrectly) with this disorder. Dennis will share with us how to know if we or a loved one indeed have ADHD and also what can be done for it. He has done extensive study and work in this area of ADHD and we thank him for his willingness to share with church and community what he has learned. The seminar will be Sunday, February 8th at 4:00 pm at the church. Please call the church office and let us know that you are planning on attending.

It is our hope during the year to offer more activities of the kinds described above here at Advent. What a wonderful opportunity to bring a family member or friend for learning or to be inspired by music. And while such events are not “worship” per se, we have our Lord’s promise that *“where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them”*.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sorcek

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ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 25th with the Festival of Ash Wednesday. We invite you to come and be reminded of our mortality and sinfulness, but also of the breadth of God’s forgiveness. The season of Lent is an excellent time to focus on spiritual growth and drawing closer to the Lord. We anticipate doing a sermon series and possibly a small group Bible study on the Lord’s Prayer. Watch the bulletin for more information.



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 5:30 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.

UNDERSTANDING ADHD IN YOUTH AND ADULTS

Newtown psychologist, Dennis R. Moore, M.A., NCSP will be giving a presentation on ADHD at the Advent Lutheran Church in Richboro on Sunday, February 8th at 4 PM. Participants will learn the symptoms, causes, diagnostic

procedures and treatments for the disorder. The role of sugar, food additives, dyes, and the fast paced lifestyle in the U.S. will be discussed. Other disorders that can mimic ADHD will be covered as well as disproven/unproven treatments. Medications used to treat the disorder and behavioral interventions will also be reviewed. There is no fee to attend, but those interested in attending must call the church office at 215-355-2529 to register.



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!!!!

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

If there are any 5th grade or older youth who have not yet made their first communions and would like to do so this spring, please speak with or leave a message for Pastor Sorcek at 215-355-2529.



**First
Communion
Instruction**

2009 SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar Flowers

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

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Each Sunday at 9:05 and 10:20 a group is gathering to pray for the services and for the congregation. Come to the parlor and join us in prayer.

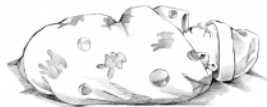


LAY CHAPLAINS NEEDED

Lay Chaplains are needed for Doylestown Hospital, Hospice, and Pine Run Community. An informational meeting is scheduled at Pine Run Friday, February 6th at 10:00 a.m. For directions and to register for the meeting contact Chaplain Carolyn Montgomery at 215-345-2269 or cmontgomery@dh.org. Julia Anderson of our congregation is a lay chaplain there and would be pleased to tell you more about the program.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTHS

Advent expresses its congratulations to Robyn and Phillip Frank on the birth of a daughter Hayden Taylor on December 31st.



Newborns

Advent also expresses its congratulations to Luke and Liz Sanderlin on the birth of a daughter Faith Ann on December 23rd.

We look forward to both children being baptized in the upcoming months here at Advent.

Frank Lattal recovering after a fall & surgery

Benicia Meyers undergoing treatments

Edie Noll recovering after a fall

Jeanne Stirzel at St. Mary Hospital CCU

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.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



The annual congregational meeting was held on January 25th following the late service. Thanks to Paula & Lance Muscara & Christel Hoffmann for coordinating refreshments and to all who provided them. Annual reports were reviewed. A special word of thanks was given to Treasurer Bill Pearson and Congregational Life Liaison Lance Muscara (& also Congregation Life Co-Chairman Paula Muscara) who are completing terms on council. Elected to three year terms that will expire in January, 2012 are the following with their expected areas of responsibility:

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| Tom Herbert (2 nd term) | Treasurer |
| Gretta Lattal | Congregational Life |
| Jim McGuffey (2 nd term) | Social Ministry |
| Paul Henke | Financial Management |

Our thanks to all who serve on council. If you have not yet received a copy of the report and desire one, please contact the church office.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Why not read your child a really good book at bedtime tonight! The Circle of Joy Women's Circle has accumulated numerous children's books that are available for borrowing from the shelf in the narthex. There are books appropriate for ages up to 12. Simply choose a book and sign it out on the clipboard provided. When the book is returned, cross out your name. Share the good news!



CONGRATULATIONS ON DEDICATION



Advent expresses its congratulations to Dave and Michelle Hopping and the Gryszka family on the dedication of their son Nolan Beck at a special Salvation Army service held here at Advent on January 24th. May God's blessings be with Nolan and his family on this 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

Marge Caldwell recovering at home after fall

Jennie Davis at home

Jerry Diefenbach at home

Andrew H. Frey recovering after a fall

Shirley Haaf recovering after hand & wrist surgery

THE LITTLE LUTHERAN

Do you want help with children’s faith formation? Are you looking for a good gift to give to grandchildren, godchildren, or other children in you life? Consider a subscription to *The Little Lutheran* magazine, which nurtures the faith in children 6 years old and younger. A single subscription is \$24.95 per year, but if six or more subscriptions are ordered, the cost is only \$12.95 per subscription. Please call the church office if you are intereste.



VIDEO LIBRARY

Just a reminder that there is a library of videos (DVD and VHS) in the parlor available for you to borrow. There is a nice variety of videos with a Christian message. Have a nice bowl of popcorn and watch a movie tonight!

COMMITMENTS 2009

(as of 1/4/09)

41 Commitments



	Pledged per week	Budget Needed/week	% Pledged to date
General	\$ 2,632	\$4,442	59%
Mortgage	861	1,232	70%
Total	\$3,493	\$5,674	62%

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 – 12/08</u>	Received	Budgeted
General Fund	\$26,424	\$19,067
Mortgage Fund	5,629	5,443
Benevolence	290	

2 nd Mortgage Principal	\$2,000
Christmas Offering (incl. above)	\$6,620

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.

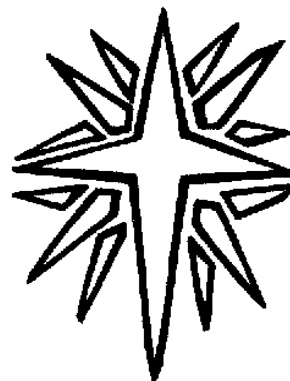


ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER

FEBRUARY

- 5 Mike Sitler
- 6 Stephanie Morley
- 9 David Frost
- 11 Paul Dimmler
- 13 Nicole Shearer
- 15 Jacob Duffy
- Sarah Rilling
- 19 Kali Frey
- 23 Devon Kelly
- 24 Stephen Anderson
- 25 Jackie Riloff

Please contact the church office at 215-355-2529 if you or someone you know was nadvertently omitted from the birthday list.
Thank you!



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FEBRUARY SCHEDULES

ACOLYTES

2/01 10:30 am Brooke Creighton
2/08 10:30 am Jerry Gugger
2/15 10:30 am Karalyn Henry
2/22 10:30 am Shannon McQuiggan

LAY READERS

2/01 8:00 am Dave Shearer
10:30 am Kathy Sitler
2/08 8:00 am Julie Anderson
10:30 am Benicia Meyers
2/15 8:00 am Dave Shearer
10:30 am Jennifer McQuiggan
2/22 8:00 am Dave Frost
10:30 am Paul Henke

NURSERY

1st 10:30 am Tommy McQuiggan
2nd 10:30 am Jennifer Zipf
3rd 10:30 am *Volunteer needed*
4th 10:30 am *Volunteer needed*

ALTAR GUILD

2/01 8:00 am Julia Anderson, Liz
Gracey, Hanna McCollum
10:30 am Karen Breig, Donna
Duffy, Kathy Sitler

COMMUNION BREAD

2/01 (2 services) Judy Rilling

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

2/01 8:00 am Mike Hall,
Carolyn Morrison
10:30 am Kris Henke,
Rose Herbert

USHERS

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

MONEY COUNTERS

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

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

2/01 Dot Aldorasi
2/08 Marian Siek
2/15 Kathy Sitler
2/22 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 (or two) of the above jobs. We are in great need in several areas. Thank you for your consideration.

FEBRUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Souper Bowl of Caring 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) 5:30 PM Youth Group Super Bowl Party	2 Presentation of Our Lord 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	3 9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 9:30 AM LB Pastors @ Redeemer, Penn del 7:00 PM Diakonia @ Emmaus Road 7:00 PM Finance Meeting	4 9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	5 9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Pre-School Open House 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	6 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	7
8 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Recognition & Installation of Church Council 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 3-adult 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional) 4:00 PM ADHD Seminar-Dennis Moore 7:00 PM Church Council	9 1:00 PM Sola Gratia Circle 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	10 9:00 AM Advent Pre-School	11 9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	12 9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	13 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	14  8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
15 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 3-adult 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional)	16 Presidents' Day 6:30 PM NO Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	17 9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 9:30 AM Deans Meeting @ LTSP 2:30 PM - 8:00 PM Advent Blood Drive	18 9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	19 9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 7:30 PM Circle of Joy 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	20 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	21
22 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Faith Sanderlin & Landon Youfe Baptism 9:15 AM Sunday School 3-adult 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional)	23 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	24 St. Matthias, Apostle 9:00 AM Advent Pre-School	25 ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 7:30 PM Holy Communion w/Imposition of Ashes	26 9:00 AM Advent Pre-School 12:30 PM Ministerium @ St. Vincent's 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	27 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	28
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