

THE ADVENTURE

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Palm Sunday

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Blessing and Distribution of Palms

Sunday, April 5

- 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
Drew Duffy (Henke) Baptism



Maundy Thursday

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 9

- 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion with Footwashing
Ceremony and Stripping of Altar

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 10

- 11:00 a.m. "Via Dolorosa" rehearsal
- 12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Stations of the Cross
@ Advent Lutheran Church
- 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service at Advent



THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. "Faith Alive" Holy Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, April 19

5:00 p.m.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 19

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. "Faith Alive" Holy Communion
Sunday School & Adult Class
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- c. 12:00 p.m. 1st Communion Class Bowling
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 26

- 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
Hayden Frank Baptism

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 3

- 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 Rite of First Communion
with reception following



From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

Ezekiel 37:4-6

We have a Lord who can give life to dry bones! We have a Lord who could raise His Son from death and bring Him to new life! We have a Lord who can bring us new life also!

In the coming weeks we will trace the steps of our Lord as he enters Jerusalem and moves to Calvary and the empty tomb. On Sunday, April 5 we will walk with our Lord as He enters the Holy City to shout of "Hosanna". On Maundy Thursday evening we will be with Him in the Upper Room as He washes His disciples' feet and celebrates Passover with them. We will accompany Him to the Garden of Gethsemane where He prays with His disciples and is betrayed by Judas. On Good Friday, April 10 we will have two opportunities to accompany Him to the Cross. At 12:00 noon here at Advent we will host for the Ministerium and community the "Ecumenical Stations of the Cross" service. At 7:30 p.m. we will have the dramatic service of "Tenebrae" with the gradual extinguishing of lights as we recall the events of Holy Week. Having walked with our Lord to the depths of despair, we are prepared to celebrate His glorious resurrection from the dead on Easter morn at any of our three services. We will have walked with our Lord from death to life!

God can bring new life also to individuals and even to congregations. Back in November, a group from Advent went down to Nueva Creacion Lutheran Church on 162 W. Tioga Street in Philadelphia. This is our last and only Spanish-speaking church in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod. The church has served over the years as a sign of God's presence in a distressed and impoverished area of the city. But in the past few years there were problems. The pastor had left and the church was near the point of closing. But God had other plans! A new pastor, Rev. Patrick Seyler who speaks Spanish, came in and began to rebuild the church from scratch. What an exciting day it was on that November 9, 2008 when the congregation was able to have a service of celebration and rededication. God had literally brought them back from death to life.

This is not to say that the congregation and community do not have challenges. There is much ministry to be done and limited resources for doing it. At our last Church Council meeting it was decided that we would become an "Urban Mission Partner" with Nueva Creacion. A committee is being formed that will help define our covenant or relationship with them. This will include some financial support as well as opportunities for members from both congregations to interact with each other and learn from each other.

Beginning in April we will be posting in the hallway a mission support chart, similar to that which we had for Jim and Karen Noss, our now retired missionaries to Cameroon. We will ask you to prayerfully consider signing up for a week or more of mission support in the amount of \$25.00 per week. By doing so, we can help bring God's word of resurrection life to a sister congregation in the city. We encourage you to help be a part of this call to new life.

May we celebrate our Lord's steps from death to life, not only in worship but also in mission support for Nueva Creacion. May God ever bring new life to dry bones!

In the Name of our Crucified and Risen Lord,
Pastor Sorcek

**SPECIAL CHOIR FOR
ECUMENICAL GOOD
FRIDAY SERVICE**



Ecumenical Stations of the Cross will be held this year at 12 pm on Good Friday at Advent. Our organist Jamie Wunder is assisting them in the performance of Via Dolorosa. Rehearsals are at Advent on Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00 pm and on Good Friday (April 10) at 11:00 am. See Jamie for more information.

posting in the vestibule to observe our parking lot. Please keep our team in prayer and I hope to see you at our next meeting and also men's breakfast. Thanks.

Jim McGuffey, Security Consultant



EASTER LILIES

Please sign up today to place Easter lilies on our altar for Easter Sunday. The cost is \$10.00 per plant.

30 HOUR FAMINE

On April 17-18 the youth group will be participating in a worldwide movement called "The 30 Hour Famine" (www.30hourfamine.org). We will be teaming up with other area youth groups and have an overnight at Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church. For 30 hours from the 17th-18th the teens will be fasting. The weekend will include a **fundraiser concert open to the public**, games, and devotionals. On Saturday we will be doing a community service project and end the night with a meal to break the fast. Prior to the event we will need your help. The students will need to raise funds through sponsors and a fundraiser for the 30 Hour Famine. All proceeds go to World Vision which provides food and schooling to youth in Third World Countries all over the world. Please see Dave Hopping for any questions."



LDR CHAPLAINS

Pastor Sorcek will be hosting here at Advent the Lutheran Disaster Relief Chaplains on Saturday, April 18th. He will be doing a presentation on Critical Incident Stress Management.



PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Save the date for Advent's annual progressive dinner, April 18th beginning at 5pm. Join us for a fun evening of Christian fellowship, always a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other a little better. A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex. We will need 3 host homes for either soup & salad, main dish, or dessert courses. If you would like to host please contact Gretta Lattal 215-862-9481.



SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

Our first meeting was held on Sunday, March 22 at 915 AM. Present were Tony Gryszka, Steve Anderson, Jeff Williams,

Doug Oines, Ted Siek, Michael Vassello, Kathleen Pearson, Don Hoffmann and Jim McGuffey. The following items were addressed: 1) It was decided that we would meet monthly following our Men's Breakfast which is held the 2nd Saturday of each month at the church at 8:30 AM. The Security and Safety Committee will meet from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. 2) Jim McGuffey will chair the committee for 90 days and then turn it over to a Chair and Co-Chair. Jim will continue to serve as a member. Jim closed in prayer. 3) During the next meeting, Jim will provide training to help members meet the #2 objective of our program which is to provide lookout during each service to protect against those who seek to cause harm or disruption to our church. Jim will instruct on verbal and non-verbal signs that could be indicative of behavior leading to this activity as well as training to approach these people and disarm them with conversation or other actions if necessary to prevent this sort of behavior. We will also decide future topics and training needed for on-going sessions set standards and objectives that we deem important for protecting our membership. I am excited that we will have such a program and ask you to reach out to others who might be interested who are members or have worshipped with us for at least six months. We will decide these sort of business issues as we move forward as the most important item I want to accomplish during our first full meeting is the basic training and set up volunteers to began

FIRST COMMUNION BOWLING OUTING

The 1st Communion class will have a bowling outing on Sunday, April 19th at approximately 12:00 p.m. The Rite of 1st Communion will be held on Sunday, May 3rd at the 10:30 service.

diakonia™

diakonia™ is a two-year course of study for laypersons within the church who want to deepen their faith and become better equipped to serve God. The **diakonia™** program is currently taught at several locations throughout the synod including, Emmaus Road Lutheran Church, Fairless Hills, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale, and Redemption Lutheran Church in Northeast Philadelphia. An Open House will be held at Emmaus Road on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 beginning at 7:00 pm. Anyone who would like to learn more about the **diakonia™** program is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Brenda Rieder by e-mail at brennainpa@yahoo.com



YOUTH MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Advent's youth will again be attending Memorial Day Weekend at Tuscarora Inn from Friday to Monday, May 22-25. Program includes daily Bible study, worship, and recreational activities. We have 16 reserved spaces for the first 16 youth who get their nonrefundable \$75 deposit into Pastor Sorcek (checks should be made payable to Advent Lutheran Church). See the sign-up sheet for more information. For more information on Tuscarora go to www.Tuscarora.org. or speak with Pastor Sorcek.

ADVENT GROUP NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES

Join Advent members and friends on Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 PM when the Phillies play the Toronto Blue Jays. Discounted group tickets are \$20. See the sign-up sheets in the church narthex and on the corridor bulletin board. Contact Tony Gryszyka (267-408-3255) for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the dates! This year's Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, July 13th to

Friday July 17th from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Prayerfully consider helping with this meaningful outreach program. Sign-ups will begin soon for volunteers and attendees.

NEW ADDRESS

The Muellers have moved. Their new address is 2415 Brownsville Road, Langhorne, PA 19053. Their phone number remains the same.

ADVENT PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration has begun at Advent Preschool. 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.



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.

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

Hanna McCollum recovering at home

Benicia Meyers undergoing treatments

Edie Noll at Doylestown Hospital

Keera Trubiano recovering after surgery

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.



CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

Advent expresses its congratulations to Ted and Marian Siek and to proud parents Kevin and Jenny Siek on the birth of Kimberly Marie, born on March 9th. May God’s blessing be with the Siek family on this joyous occasion.

THANK YOU FROM COORDINATING COUNCIL OF HEALTH & WELFARE, INC.

The volunteers at the Coordinating Council emergency food cupboard are very grateful for the check of \$1,058 which we received from Advent Lutheran Church. This donations is a wonderful Souper Bowl collection. We will use it to purchase meat for our freezer, canned fruit and other needed items for our shelves. It will help us to assist many families in need in the months to come.

WITH SYMPATHY

Advent expresses its sympathy to the following on the loss of loved ones:

To Tony and Jeanne Gryska and family on the death of Jeanne’s father Edward Berryman on March 6th. Funeral services were held on March 13th at Lambie Funeral Home in NE Philadelphia.

To Charles, Brandt, and Andrew Stirzel and family on the death of Charlie’s wife Jeanne on March 13th. Calling time will be on Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 with a memorial service to follow at 11:00 here at Advent.

May God’s comfort be with each of these families in their time of loss.

<u>INCOME – 2/09</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
General Fund	\$15,425	\$19, 249
Mortgage Fund	4,302	5,338
Benevolence	1,078	

THANK YOU

During the month of March, Advent received several unanticipated contributions that were either given by members or by others in recognition of some members. The Finance Committee wishes to thank those involved for their generosity.

PLEASE HELP

Please help us. Everyone who is involved in financial management is a volunteer – from

Sunday counters to the financial secretary to the treasurer. You can make the recording of your offerings much easier if you use your regular envelope (rather than loose checks or pew envelopes) and mark the amount of your offering on the outside in the appropriate category(s).

Envelopes for flowers are available at the sign up chart and in the tract rack. Memorial Fund and other special envelopes are also available in the tract rack in the narthex.

Thank you very much.
The Finance Committee

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

APRIL

- 1 Sonya Weaver
- 2 Brandt Stirzel
Lisa Ciurley Glass
- 7 Shannon McQuiggan
Kristen Morley
- 8 Bill Pearson
Madisyn Smith
- 9 Elizabeth Gracey
- 12 Eleanor Fleisch
Matthew Kelly
- 14 Carl Breig
- 16 Susan Jafar
- 17 Gail Oines
- 19 Melissa Bray
Scott Glover
- 21 Amy Breig
- 22 Mark Jafar
- 24 Rick Wagner
- 28 Erik Urbaniak

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

APRIL SCHEDULES- 2009

ACOLYTES

4/05 10:30 am Brooke Creighton
4/12 10:30 am Jerry Gugger
4/19 10:30 am Karalyn Henry
4/26 10:30 am Shannon McQuiggan

LAY READERS

4/05 8:00 am Julie Anderson
10:30 am Kathy Sitler
4/12 8:00 am Dave Shearer
10:30 am Paul Henke
4/19 8:00 am Dave Frost
10:30 am Benicia Meyers
4/26 8:00 am Mike Hall
10:30 am Jennifer McQuiggan

NURSERY

A new nursery schedule will be coming soon. We thank Sarah Lattal for taking on this responsibility. If you would like to help, please let her know.

ALTAR GUILD

4/05 8:00 am Julie Anderson, Liz Gracey
Hanna McCollum
10:30 am Karen Breig, Donna
Duffy, Kathy Sitler

All Guild members who are attending Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are asked to help with what they can. Thanks.

4/12 8:00 am Julie Anderson, Liz Gracey
Hanna McCollum
10:30 am Karen Breig, Donna
Duffy, Kathy Sitler

COMMUNION BREAD

All communion bread for April will be wafers provided by Advent.

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.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

4/05 8:00 am Mike Hall, Carolyn Morrison
10:30 am Rose Herbert,
Jennifer McQuiggan
4/09 7:30 pm Janice Hoffmann,
Dave Shearer
4/12 8:00 am Mike Hall, Carolyn Morrison
10:30 am Andy Frey, Kris Henke

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 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 Joyce Heiss, Bill Pearson
4th Tony Gryszka, Tom Herbert

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

4/05 Dot Aldorasi
4/12 Kathy Sitler
4/19 Sue Jafar
4/26 Marian Siek

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 3-adult 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional) 10:30 AM Avery Folz Baptism 3:00 PM Spring Craft Workshop 4:00 PM Lenten Bible Study - Lord's Prayer	30 9:30 AM Terrific Twos 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	31 9:00 AM Pre-School	1 9:00 AM Pre-School 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM "Via Dolorosa" Rehearsal 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	2 9:00 AM Pre-School 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	3 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	4 10:00 AM Calling Hour for Stirzel Family 11:00 AM Jeanne Stirzel Memorial Service
5 THE PASSION OF OUR LORD PALM SUNDAY 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) 10:30 AM Drew Duffy (Henke) Baptism	6 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	7	8 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	9 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 PM Holy Communion with Footwashing Ceremony and Stripping of Altar 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	10 GOOD FRIDAY 11:00 AM "Via Dolorosa" Rehearsal 12:00 PM Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Service @ Advent 7:30 PM Tenebrae Service 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	11 8:30 AM Men's Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 AM Security & Safety Meeting
12 THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Communion (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 10:30 AM Holy Communion (Traditional)	13 1:00 PM Sola Gratia Circle 6:30 PM Confirmation II 6:30 PM NO Confirmation I 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	14 9:00 AM Pre-School 7:00 PM Finance Meeting	15 9:00 AM Pre-School 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	16 9:30 AM Dean's Meeting 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 7:30 PM Circle of Joy 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	17 Youth "30 Hour Famine" 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	18 Youth "30 Hour Famine" 9:00 AM LDR Chaplains @ Advent 5:00 PM Progressive Dinner
19 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 3-adult 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional) 12:00 PM c. 1st Communion Bowling 7:00 PM Church Council	20 1:00 PM Sola Gratia Circle 6:30 PM Confirmation II 6:30 PM NO Confirmation I 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	21 9:00 AM Pre-School	22 9:00 AM Pre-School 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study 6:15 PM Praise Team 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	23 9:00 AM Pre-School 12:30 PM Ministerium @ Penns Park 6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	24 5:30 PM Kline/Manco Wedding 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	25 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM Guild of Craftsmen - Fellowship Hall
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