




THE ADVENTURE, November 2009



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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ALL SAINTS DAY
COMMEMORATION OF THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Daylight Savings Ends – Set Clocks Back 1 Hr
 Sunday, November 1

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:15 am “Faith Alive” Casual Holy Communion
 Sunday School ages 4 - adult
- 10:30 am Traditional Holy Communion
 Commissioning of Gail Oines as
 Deacon

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Guest Speaker from New Missions

Sunday, November 15

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:15 am “Faith Alive” Casual Holy Communion
 Sunday School ages 4 - adult
- 10:30 am Traditional Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Duld Wedding @ Nockamixon

FALL FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, November 1 – Sunday, November 22
 Help our Community Food Pantry
 to meet human need

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
Harvest Home

Sunday, November 22

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:15 am “Faith Alive” Casual Holy Communion
 Sunday School ages 4 – adult
- 10:30 am Traditional Worship

MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 3
 Exercise your right to vote!

THANKSGIVING EVE

Wednesday, November 25
 7:30 pm Service of Evening Prayer
 and Eucharist
 Cider & Refreshments following service

WINE TASTING GATHERING

Saturday, November 7
 7:00 p.m.
 Home of Bob & Karen Matlack

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 8

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:15 am “Faith Alive” Casual Holy Communion
 Sunday School ages 4 - adult
- 10:30 am Traditional Worship
 Gavin Ritchie Baptism
- 7:00 pm Church Council

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday, November 29

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:15 am “Faith Alive” Casual Holy Communion
 Sunday School ages 4 – adult
- 10:00 am Congregational Budget Meeting
- 10:30 am Traditional Worship



From the Pastor's Desk . . .

COME, YOU THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME
LBW # 407

In November we give thanks to God for all His blessings. There is so much we have to be thankful for. Our month of Thanksgiving begins with our celebration of All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 1. We give thanks for the people of God of all times and places. In our prayers we will remember those who have died in the faith in the last year. At our late service, Gail Oines will be commissioned a Congregational Deacon. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour.

We also give thanks that we can join together in fellowship outside of worship, as well as at worship. On Saturday evening November 7 at 7:00 p.m. we will have the annual Wine Tasting gathering at the home of Bob and Karen Matlack. Please sign up at the table in the narthex.

Then on Sunday, November 8 we will continue our thanks of God at weekly worship. At our late service we look forward to the baptism of Gavin Ritchie.

On Sunday, November 15 we will be having at all services a guest speaker from New Missions, the organization with which we will be working when youth and adults from the congregation travel to the Dominican Republic next summer to help to teach children Bible School and to help with other mission activities. A free will offering will be taken for the work of New Missions.

The following Sunday, November 22 we will have the celebration of the Festival of Christ the King. In our congregational life we will celebrate Harvest Home with the dedication of canned goods to the area food pantry in Warminster. It will also be our Stewardship Sunday.

The Festival of Thanksgiving proper will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. with a service of Evening Prayer and Holy Communion. Please remain afterwards for seasonal refreshments.

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. The annual congregational budget meeting will held at 10:00 a.m. between the 2nd and 3rd services. Speaking of Advent, Josephine Morley Wright who is an approved candidate for ordination, will offer on Saturday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m. a special program on spiritually "Preparing for Advent". See elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

Also, during Advent we remember those less fortunate than ourselves. In addition to our food drive, there are envelopes in your envelope box for Lutheran World Relief. You will also be hearing once again about our Angel Tree project to provide gifts for needy children. In thanks to God we share of what we have with others.

We look forward to seeing all of you often at worship and activities during this month of Thanksgiving. "Come, you thankful people, come".

With Thanksgiving to God,

Pastor Sorcek

Walk with *Jesus*

Every day is a walk with Jesus. As Christians, we believe life is spent in the presence of our Lord. Therefore, we can talk about every day as a day during which we walk with Jesus. Some days we feel Jesus' presence. Some days we feel quite a distance from Him. Regardless of how we feel, Jesus is always there. We boldly proclaim that He walks with us every day. Jesus is always near, and the wise of this earth seek Him to guide their walk. Let us be among the wise.

As we members of Advent Lutheran Church consider our financial stewardship over the next few weeks, you will be asked to think about your use of money, your possessions, your time and your skills as a part of your walk with Jesus. This is most appropriate, because when Jesus walked this earth with his disciples, he often talked about money and possessions. If money was a part of Jesus' focus and teaching during His walk here on earth, it should be a part of our walk with Jesus today.

We believe that everything we have is a gift from God, given to us as a trust to care for and to manage. What we do with our money is very much a part of our relationship with our Lord. This will be our focus in the coming weeks and the coming year.

During November, bulletin inserts will relay more of the message and we will hear talks regarding the importance of giving back a portion of what has been entrusted to us toward the work of this church and the church at large. We will focus on our walk with Jesus, and how our money, and what we do with it, plays an important role in this walk.

Then, on Sunday, November 22nd, each member of Advent will have the opportunity to complete a commitment card. Each of us will indicate our plan for giving for the coming year. This will not only be a plan for giving to Advent, but it will also be a plan for how we will **Walk with Jesus** in the coming year.

Listening to Jesus Teach

COMMISSIONING OF CONGREGATIONAL DEACON

On Sunday, November 1st we will commission Gail Oines as Advent's first Congregational Deacon. Those in the Diaconate assist in the Church's mission to proclaim the Gospel. They serve the needy, care for the sick, comfort the distressed, and through words and actions bring God's love to all people.

Gail serves as one of our parish secretaries, has taught confirmation and VBS, serves on our praise team, has assisted with worship and has been involved in women's ministries. She is married to Evangelism Chairman Doug Oines and they reside in Washington Crossing, PA. Gail is a 2009 graduate of the national Diakonia program which is approved by our Synod for the preparation of congregational deacons. Gail will receive a special deacon's stole from the congregation as a sign of the office she is undertaking, even as she received a special deacon's cross from the Diakonia program. We look to Gail's continuing and growing involvement in our congregational life and ministry.





ALL SAINTS' DAY

On All Saints' Day, November 1st we give thanks for the Communion of Saints, the people of God of all times and places. We especially remember in our prayers those who have died in the Lord in the past year and who have gone to be with Him in heaven.

FALL FOOD DRIVE

Social Ministry and the Sunday School classes will be conducting Advent's annual food drive from November 1st through the 22nd. The Coordinating Council of Health and Welfare in Warminster particularly needs: cans of beef stew, canned fruit, cans or plastic bottles of fruit juice, jelly, boxes of instant potatoes (any type), rice, and cans of soup. Please bring smaller or medium sized cans and boxes. Most of the people do not need the super size ones. Place your donations in the labeled containers located in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

ELECTION DAY

Please continue to hold our nation in your prayers. Plan on going to the polls on Tuesday and voting for the candidates of your choice.

ANNUAL WINE TASTING GATHERING

Our annual wine tasting event will be held on Saturday November 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Matlack's. Please bring your own wine glass, plus an appetizer or dessert to share while sampling a wonderful selection of wine. The cost is \$8 per person. The sign-up sheet is on the round table in the narthex.



NOTICE OF CONG. BUDGET MEETING

The annual meeting for the presentation and approval of the 2010 budget will be held Sunday, November 29th at 10:00 a.m. between our contemporary and late services. Plan on attending.

GIFT BAZAAR

The Sola Gratia Circle is having a gift bazaar on the first 2 Sundays in Advent. Handmade items and treasures will be for sale after each service.

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday Dec. 5th at Advent Lutheran Church Richboro Pa 10 Am -12 Noon. Session includes: devotional period, Bible study, fellowship &

carols. Following a brief devotional period we will enjoy light refreshments & fellowship. Then together we will examine the prophecies surrounding the birth of Jesus as found in the Old Testament & the fulfillment of those prophecies as found in the New Testament. Finally as we come to realization of this fulfillment we lift our voices in song as we enjoy carols together. Nursery provided. Questions?? Phone/email Jo Wright; 215-364-2298/ mamajo_rev@verizon.net

ADVENT CRAFT DAY - Save the date...

Please join us for Advent Craft Day, Sunday December 6th at 3pm. Get in the holiday spirit while making a holiday craft & enjoying our favorite Christmas music. Sample crafts will be on display in the narthex along with a sign-up sheet for this event beginning mid-November. Snacks will be served along with hot chocolate and a coffee bar. Cost TBD to cover the materials for the craft.

CONGREGATIONAL TRIP TO "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Congregational Life is planning a trip to see "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"; a one-man show performed by the great-great grandson of Charles Dickens, taking the part of 26 different characters in turn. The performance is "unforgettable" as he brings to life all of the meaning of the original story. Not recommended for children under eight. Where: Meet at church and carpool to Byers' Choice. Cost: \$18.00 per person. Make check payable to Advent with a note for "Dickens Tickets". When: Friday, December 11th, 7pm. **Please sign up by Nov. 8th** (round table in the narthex) to assure we have tickets available for all who want to attend. Questions? Call Gretta 215-862-9481.

PARENT/CHILD BREAKFAST W/SANTA

Bring your child(ren) to Men's Breakfast on Saturday, December 12th at 9:00 a.m. to meet Santa! Sign up in the narthex. Please bring mittens for the mitten tree.



THANK YOU FOR GIFT OF WARMTH

Thank you to everyone that prayed and donated monetary gifts for "Aid For Friends" shut-ins. Many, many people will receive either a warm sweater or blanket. My church family donated \$950. Humbly in His Name, Dot Aldorasi.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTHS

Advent expresses its congratulations to the following Advent members on the births of children:

Daryl and Lisa (Ciurley) Glass on the birth of Muriel Grace on July 23, 2009 in Minneapolis, MN

Frederick and Candice (Roemer) Gouse on the birth of Peyton Maryjane on August 24 in San Antonio TX

Both Muriel and Peyton will be baptized at the single 9:30 am service on Sunday, December 27.

May God's Blessings be with each of these families on the joyous birth of children.

CONGRATULATIONS ON WEDDING

Advent expresses its congratulations to Andy Sclight and Amy Bushey on their wedding on October 3, 2009 in McKee's Rocks, PA. May God's Blessings be with Andy and Amy on their life together.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Jim Caldwell at Statesman Nursing Home

Jennie Davis at home

Katie Denis recovering after arm surgery

Jerry Diefenbach at home

Gretta Lattal recovering from broken arm

Janet Manco recovering from broken ankle

Dennis Moore recovering from broken leg

Edie Noll recovering at home

Janet Smith recovering after hospitalization

Cathy Wills recovering after injuries

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 the following on their loss of loved ones:

To Chris and Mike Hall on the death of her mother Evelyn Malkovsky

To Vickie and Mike Vassello on the death of her grandmother Edith Carothers.

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

<u>INCOME – 8/09</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
General Fund	\$21,658	\$19, 249
Mortgage Fund	5,577	5,338
Benevolence	95	
Parking Lot Improvements	\$3,595 (<i>inc. above</i>)	

09/09

General Fund	\$14,398	\$19, 249
Mortgage Fund	5,307	5,338
Benevolence	500	
Parking Lot Improvements	\$27.320 (<i>Total given</i>)	

SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

In 2001, some members of Advent indicated that they would like the convenience of contributing their offerings by using a system of automatic withdrawal from their bank accounts (electronic transfer).

Through a program first offered by Lutheran Brotherhood, the opportunity and convenience of automatic withdrawal has been available for our congregation, **free of charge**. Several members signed up for the program at its inception. During Advent's stewardship programs each November, others joined them. We are gratified that some have chosen this safe, consistent way of giving.

Lutheran Brotherhood called this program Simply Giving – an opportunity to conveniently, consistently and joyfully use appropriate technology to apply our resources for accomplishing the Great Commission through Advent Lutheran Church. The Simply Giving program is now administered through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, successor to Lutheran Brotherhood and Aid Association for Lutherans.

If you are interested in this program for 2010 or have any questions, please contact **Janice Hoffmann (215-357-7494)** or see her between services on 8 November 2009.

The Finance/Stewardship Committee

NOVEMBER SCHEDULES

ACOLYTES

1st	10:30 am	Brooke Creighton
2nd	10:30 am	Jerry Gugger
3rd	10:30 am	
4th	10:30 am	Shannon McQuiggan
5 th	10:30 am	Brooke Creighton

LAY READERS

11/01	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	10:30 am	Benicia Meyers
11/08	8:00 am	Mike Hall
	10:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
11/15	8:00 am	Julia Anderson
	10:30 am	Marian Siek
11/22	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	10:30 am	Jeanne Gryszka
11/29	8:00 am	Dave Frost
	10:30 am	Jack Weaver

ALTAR GUILD

11/01	8:00 am	Julia Anderson, Liz Gracey, Hanna McCollum
	10:30 am	Karen Breig, Donna Duffy, Kathy Sitler
11/25 (Thanksgiving Eve)		Anyone Available

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

11/01	Marian Siek
11/08	Dot Aldorasi
11/15	Sue Jafar
11/22	Kathy Sitler
11/29	Marian Siek

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

11/01	8:00	Carolyn Morrison, Bill Pearson
	10:30	Kris Henke, Gail Oines
11/25	7:30 pm	Janice Hoffmann Dave Shearer

COMMUNION BREAD

11/01	Jeanne Gryszka
11/25 (Thanks. Eve)	Advent (wafers)

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 George Henry, Mike Sitler
4 th	8:00 am	Steve Anderson, Dave Frost
	10:30 am	Joe Calla, Tony Gryszka, Kris Henke
5 th	8:00 am	Don Hoffmann, Dave Shearer
	10:30 am	Andy Frey, Ted Siek

MONEY COUNTERS

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

ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER - NOVEMBER

1	Sarah Pearson	8	Diana Gryszka Jones		Becky Rilling
	Bonnie Morrison Sykes	12	Riley Van Aken	26	William Hanlon
2	Timothy Hanlon	17	Jake Van Aken		Nicole Jafar
3	Rick Buttil	18	Hank Haaf		Matt Sitler
	Matt Steiger		Audrey Savchuck	27	Tyler Creighton
4	Marie Dimmler	21	Jayne Manco Burchill		Mark Rilling
6	Avery Folz	22	Nicole Wills		Marian Siek
	Robert Messina	23	Chris Lenox	28	Matthew Hollingsworth
	Michael Savchuck	24	Karen Duffy		Fred Mueller
	Jeanne Wagner		Austin Gardener	29	Julia Anderson
7	Victoria Gardener		Heather Jafar	30	Peyton Wright

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

NOVEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ALL SAINTS' DAY Commemoration of the Faithful Departed 2:00 AM Daylight Savings Ends-Set Clocks Back 1 Hour 8:00 AM Holy Communion (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 4-adult 10:30 AM Holy Communion (Traditional) 10:30 AM Commissioning of Gail Oines as Deacon	2 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	3  ELECTION DAY NO Pre-School	4 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	5 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Pastor @ Philadelphia 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	6 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	7 7:00 PM Wine Tasting @ Matlack's
8 PENTECOST XXIII 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 4-adult 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional) 10:30 AM Gavin Ritchie Baptism 7:00 PM Church Council	9 1:30 PM Sola Gratia Circle 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	10  Martin Luther's Birthday 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 9:30 AM Pastor @ Philadelphia	11 VETERAN'S DAY 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	12 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 9:30 AM Dean's Meeting @ LTSP 6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal @ Nockamixon 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	13 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	14  8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
15 PENTECOST XXIV Guest Speaker from New Missions 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 4-adult 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional) 2:00 PM Duld Wedding @ Nockamixon	16 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	17 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool	18 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	19 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 12:30 PM Pastor @ Philadelphia 7:30 PM Circle of Joy 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	20 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	21
22 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY Stewardship Sunday Harvest Home 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 4-adult 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional)	23 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	24 9:30 AM LBLP @ Emmaus Road	25 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service	26  8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	27 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	28
29 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT Sola Gratia Craft Bazaar 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 4-adult 10:00 AM Congregational Budget Meeting 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional)	30 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	1 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool	2 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	3 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	4 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	5