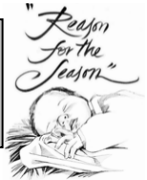





THE ADVENTURE, January, 2010



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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EPIPHANY (Observed)

Sunday, January 3

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional LBW Holy Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional LBW Holy Communion
Sunday School

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 31

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional WOV Worship
- 9:30 a.m. “Faith Alive” Holy Communion
Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Sunday, January 10

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional LBW Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional LBW Worship
Lily Vassello Baptism
Sunday School
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council



ADVENT BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, February 2

2:30 – 8:00 p.m.

(Give the Gift of Life)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 17

- Guest Worship Leader: Cong. Deacon Gail Oines
- 8:00 a.m. Traditional WOV Worship
- 9:30 a.m. “Faith Alive” Holy Communion
Sunday School
(Advent Group attends service at Iglesia
Luterana Nueva Creacion, Filadelfia)

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 7

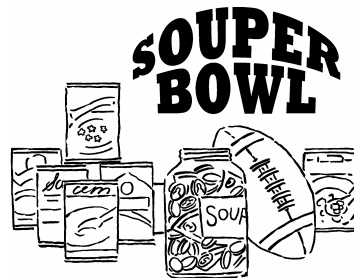
(Return to regular schedule)

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional LBW Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. “Faith Alive” Holy Communion
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional LBW Holy Communion
- 5:00 p.m. Youth/Congregational Super Bowl Party

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 24

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional WOV Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional WOV Worship
Sunday School



From the Pastor's Desk . . .

*"I make all things new".
Rev. 21: 5*

As we begin a new year we give thanks to God for past blessings and we anticipate new ones in this year to come.

One of the blessings I anticipate is the birth of a second child to my daughter Jamie and her husband Erick. As most are aware, Jamie is due January 7. As she is also our church organist we are making some adjustments in the worship schedule for the month of January. We are planning to having guest musicians for the services in most of January.

The early 8:00 a.m. service will meet as usual at that hour in January using either LBW (green book) or WOV (thin blue book) formats. However, the middle and late services will be temporarily combined for January in a 9:30 a.m. service with Sunday School at the same time.

We anticipate using the following format in January at the 9:30 a.m. service:

9:30 a.m. Services

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Sunday, Jan. 3 | <u>EPIPHANY</u> LBW service Of Holy Communion |
| Sunday, Jan. 10 | <u>BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</u> LBW Service of Worship Lily Vassello Baptism |
| Sunday, Jan. 17 | <u>EPIPHANY II</u> Contemporary service led by Congregational Deacon Gail Oines (Pastor will be accompanying a group for Advent to our sister congregation and urban mission partner "Iglesia Luterana Nueva Creacion" in Philadelphia) |
| Sunday, Jan. 24 | <u>EPIPHANY III</u> WOV service |
| Sunday, Jan. 31 | <u>EPIPHANY IV</u> Contemporary service following by Annual Congregational Meeting at 10:30 a.m. |

Please join us in January for worship as we celebrate the God who "makes all things new".

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sorcek

THANKS FROM PASTOR

Pastor expresses his thanks to the members of the congregation for your prayers, cards, and gifts over the Christmas holiday. He appreciates your concern for him.



SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

In January, 2010 we are modifying our worship schedule because of our organist's expected delivery of a baby. Services will be held at 8:00 and 9:30 am with Sunday School at 9:30. The 9:30 service will offer a variety of formats as in the summer.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

Annual reports are due by Sunday, January 10. 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 31st at 10:30.

SIGN-UPS FOR 2010

The 2010 sign up sheets for altar flowers and for the support of our sister church, Iglesia Luterana Nueva Creacion for 2010 are now posted on the hallway bulletin board. One bouquet of flowers is \$20 and one week of mission support is \$25.

OFFERING ENVELOPES & CALENDARS

Offering envelopes and calendars for 2010 are available in the narthex. If you do not have envelopes and would like them, please contact the financial secretary (215-357-7494) or speak with Pastor.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE-ADVENT BLOOD DRIVE TUES, FEBRUARY 2, 2010, 2:30 – 8:00

Advent's next bi-annual blood drive will be held on Tuesday, February 2nd 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 in January. Along with donors, we will need volunteers for registration and to help at the canteen. Thanks for making a difference!!!!



THANKS FOR SEASONAL DECORATING

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

THANK YOU FOR ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Advent expresses its thanks to all who bought gifts for the children named on this year's angel tree. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Kathryn Urbaniak for her work in coordinating this project.

THANK YOU FROM THE YOUTH GROUP

Advent's Youth Group expresses its thanks to all who bought cookies in support of their mission trip to the Dominican Republic in July, 2010. Your support is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU FOR MITTENS

The Men's Group expresses its thanks to all who provided mittens for the mitten tree in the fellowship hall. The mittens will be given to the children's shelter in Warminster.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Advent was pleased on December 6th at the 9:15 am service to welcome Ken and Lori Jones and children into membership. Ken is a financial planner for Independence Planning Group and is received by Affirmation of Faith. Lori is a sales representative for Resmed Medical Supplies and is received by transfer from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Huntingdon Valley, PA. Sydney is a 6th grader at Maureen Welsh Elementary School in Churchville, and Samantha and Alexandra are in the 2nd grade there. We welcome the Jones family to membership at Advent.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTHS

Advent expresses its congratulations to the following on the birth of children.



to Tom and Judy Shearer and proud grandparents Dave and Helen on the birth of Nathan David on September 9, 2009 in Romeoville, IL.

to Matt and Amy Sitler and proud grandparent Mike and Kathy on the birth of Charlotte Jane on December 10, 2009 in Lehigh, PA.

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

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

Marge Caldwell at 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

Judy Rilling recovering after surgery

Cindy Segal recovering after knee surgery

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 Huber family on the recent death of Bert Huber, wife of deceased former member Hank Huber. May God’s comfort and peace be with the family.

2010 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS (as of 12/20)

35 Commitments

| | Pledged/week | Budget Needed/week | % Pledged to date |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| General | \$ 1,996 | \$4,361 | 46% |
| Mortgage | <u>733</u> | <u>1,202</u> | <u>61%</u> |
| Total | \$2,729 | \$5,563 | 49% |
| Benevolences | \$ 66 | | |

It’s not too late to return your financial commitment. Please place them in the offering plate or return it to the church office.



Start the New Year Right

JANUARY SCHEDULES

ACOLYTES

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

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

| | | |
|------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 1/03 | 8:00 | Bill Pearson, Dave Shearer |
| | 10:30 | Rose Herbert, Jennifer McQuiggan |

LAY READERS

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|------|----------|--------------------|
| 1/03 | 8:00 am | Mike Hall |
| | 10:30 am | Jennifer McQuiggan |
| 1/10 | 8:00 am | Julie Anderson |
| | 10:30 am | Benicia Meyers |
| 1/17 | 8:00 am | Dave Shearer |
| | 10:30 am | Marian Siek |
| 1/24 | 8:00 am | Dave Frost |
| | 10:30 am | Jeanne Gryszka |
| 1/31 | 8:00 am | Mike Hall |
| | 10:30 am | Jack Weaver |

COMMUNION BREAD

| | |
|------|--------------------|
| 1/03 | Jennifer McQuiggan |
| 2/07 | |

USHERS

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|-----------------|----------|--|
| 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 |

ALTAR GUILD

| | |
|-------|---|
| Early | Julia Anderson, Liz Gracey, Hanna McCollum |
| Late | Karen Breig, Donna Duffy, Kathy Sitler |

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

| | |
|------|--------------|
| 1/03 | Kathy Sitler |
| 1/10 | Marian Siek |
| 1/17 | Dot Aldorasi |
| 1/24 | Sue Jafar |
| 1/31 | Kathy Sitler |

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 |



ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER - JANUARY



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|----|--------------------|----|-------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1 | Madelaine Sjostrom | 12 | Jim Hollingsworth | 26 | Jamie Sorcek Wunder |
| | Annika Williams | 14 | Nancy Schlight | 27 | Lauren Gugger |
| 2 | Thomas Sanchez | 18 | Benicia Meyers | | Kathy Sitler |
| 3 | Robin Gugger | 19 | Bill Brehm | | Keith Wills |
| | Ian Spahn | 20 | Earl Gilbert | 29 | Erich Rayher, Sr. |
| 8 | Linda Gordon | 22 | Colleen Morrison | 30 | Linda Morley |
| 10 | Derek Frey | 24 | Jeremy Rayher | 31 | Ted Siek |

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

JANUARY 2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| 27 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 9:30 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:30 AM Muriel Glass Baptism 9:30 AM Peyton Gouse Baptism | 28 Holy Innocents, Martyrs 6:30 PM Confirmation Class Movie Night 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting | 29 | 30 | 31 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group 9:00 PM Pearson/McMahon Wedding | 1 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting | 2 |
| 3 EPIPHANY (Observed) 8:00 AM Holy Communion (Traditional) 9:30 AM Holy Communion (Traditional) 9:30 AM Sunday School 4-adult | 4 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting | 5 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 7:00 PM Finance Committee | 6 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling | 7 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group | 8 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting | 9 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast |
| 10 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:30 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:30 AM Lily Vassello Baptism 9:30 AM Sunday School 4-adult 7:00 PM Church Council | 11 1:30 PM Sola Gratia Circle 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting | 12 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool | 13 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal | 14 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group | 15 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting | 16 |
| 17 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Guest Worship Leader Deacon Gail Oines Advent Group goes to Nueva Creacion 8:00 AM WOV Traditional Worship 9:30 AM "Faith Alive" Casual Holy Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School 4-adult | 18 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting | 19 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool | 20 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling | 21 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 9:30 AM Deans Meeting @ LTSP 12:30 PM Ministerium @ Ivyland New Church 7:30 PM Circle of Joy 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group | 22 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting | 23 |
| 24 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:00 AM WOV Traditional Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 4-adult 10:30 AM WOV Traditional Worship | 25 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting | 26 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool | 27 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal | 28 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group | 29 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting | 30 |
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