

THE ADVENTURE

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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
- 11:45 a.m. First Communion Class
- 4:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study – Lord's Prayer



PRE-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, March 19
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 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
- 11:45 a.m. First Communion Class
- ??? p.m. Youth Group Bowling
- 4:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study – Lord's Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Guest Worship Leader – Vicar Jo Wright

Sunday, March 22

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study – Lord's Prayer

BUILD YOUR CHILD'S SELF-ESTEEM

Tuesday, March 24

7:00 p.m. with Dennis Moore

PASTOR ON MISSION TRIP

Friday, March 13 – Tuesday, March 24

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Guest Worship Leader – Vicar Jo Wright

Sunday, March 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
- 4:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study – Lord's Prayer

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 29

- 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
Avery Folz Baptism
- 3:00 p.m. **Spring Craft Workshop**
- 4:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study



From the Pastor's Desk . . .



“Pray then like this: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, As we also have forgiven our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

Matthew 6:9-13

Lent is a time of refreshment and growth. During this time of forty days we will try to go deeper into the mystery of the Lord’s Prayer. On Sundays in Lent my sermons will try to blend insights from the Lord’s Prayer with the emphases of the day. We will also be holding a Lenten Bible Study every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. on the theme of the Lord’s Prayer.

Another great emphasis in Lent is growing in fellowship together. It has been some years since we have had an Advent Workshop. We thank Circle of Joy for resurrecting the idea and now offering it to us as a Spring Craft Workshop. Gather together on Sunday, March 29th at 3:00 p.m. to work on crafts together. We’ll take orders for pizza and food and enjoy a Lenten meal together, also. Look for samples of the crafts and sign up sheets starting Sunday, March 8th.

Also a Lenten emphasis is growing in ministry to others. The Lenten dismissal says “Go in peace. Serve the poor”. I will be doing that personally with my daughter Jessica as we are gone from March 13th – 24th on a mission trip to Honduras sponsored by Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity. During the month you will be challenged also on how to reach out to others. Social Ministry Committee will be offering ways to get involved through A Woman’s Place and through Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bucks County. Youth Group will be inviting you to help sponsor young people as they participate in a “30 Hour Famine” to raise awareness and money for impoverished children of the Third World.

All of this will lead us into a contemplation of the mysteries of Holy Week as we retrace Jesus’ fateful steps to the cross. See the enclosed schedule of Holy Week and Easter services as we move from “Hosannas” with palms to shouts of “Crucify Him” to His glorious resurrection from the dead.

In all of this, let us draw closer to the heart of God, “Our Father, who art in heaven”.

Yours in the Name of the Crucified and Risen Lord,

Pastor Sorcek



SUNDAYS IN LENT

On the Sundays in Lent that Pastor is here he will be teaching on the Lord’s Prayer and blending the topic in with the traditional lessons. Pastor will be away on a mission trip to Honduras with Habitat for Humanity from March 13 – 23. Vicar Jo Wright will be guest worship leader on March 15 and 22.



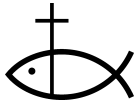
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Beginning today we will have a Lenten Bible Study on the Lord’s Prayer meeting in the parlor from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. We invite you to come and join us.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

On Sunday, March 8th Advent's Youth Group will be going bowling.

On Saturday, March 21st they will be going to the Salvation Army in Kensington to work on a service project. More information later.



LENTEN CRAFT DAY

Attention Families and Friends of Advent! We are having a craft day on Sunday, March 29 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. to make spring crafts to take home and enjoy. There will be crafts for children, youth, and adults available to make and take. There will be plenty of wooden projects for the men to work on, too! Check out our display from March 8 through March 22 to see what we are offering to teach you how to make. Sign up under the craft you are interested in making. Most crafts will be \$10 or less for the supplies (we will buy them for you and show you how to make the craft). We will order pizza and hoagies for those that would like to stay for supper. This is a great way for families to create some memories! Circle of Joy, coordinators

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."



PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Advent Preschool will hold a Spring Open House on Thursday, March 19th from 10 – 11:30 a.m. Visitors may observe the class activities in progress and see a photo display of events and highlights. Join us and please mention this date

to friends and family! Additional information is available at www.adventpreschool.org

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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



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 Gryska (267-408-3255) for more information.

ADVENT PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration begins at Advent PreSchool on February 5, 2009. Children who will attend preschool in September 2009 are encouraged to be registered by parents. 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. Students who will begin our 3 Year Old class in September are welcome to enroll in *Terrific Twos*, which will start on Monday, March 9 and continues for the next 3 Mondays (3/16, 3/23, 3/30) as an introductory class. 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.

A WOMAN'S PLACE A NEW SOCIAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Liz and Jim McGuffey spent 6 hours Saturday, February 21 participating in training to become a volunteer at "A Woman's Place" (AWP). AWP was started in 1976 to provide services to both men and women and their children suffering from domestic violence and abuse. In 2008 AWP provided services to 3,500 people as well as housing for 90 women and 80 children in their shelter. Men and their children are housed separately at a hotel due to lack of space. Statistics reflect that 85% of the caseload is female and 15% is male or same gender. This is not a Homeless Shelter but rather a shelter for those who are seeking assistance and self-empowerment to escape domestic violence or abuse.

AWP is the only domestic violence organization in Bucks County. AWA provides a full range of assistance and support services for domestic violence and abuse victims and their children, including a confidential hotline, a full-service residential shelter, individual and group counseling, legal and medical advocacy, and a children's project. AWA also provides awareness training to police departments, schools and many more agencies. In the U.S. one in four women will experience domestic violence and abuse in their lifetime and one in four teenagers (boys and girls) will experience violence in a dating relationship prior to graduating from High School. During a 6 month period in 2005 there were 12 deaths in Bucks County resulting from domestic violence.

Please pass this communication onto as many people as you can think of and let them know that if they are aware of someone needing these services that they can call the 24/7 hotline at 1-800-220-8116. Their website is www.awomansplace.org Please take a few moments to review this site so you can share with others and get the word out to our community.

I am excited regarding this ministry. AWA is in need of many volunteers. There are opportunities for teens 14-18 and 18 and upwards. The 14-18 year old volunteers are needed to help with the young kids at the housing shelter as their is much to do to help abused victims. A few of the opportunities that the 18 plus volunteers can participate in following the 6 hour CORE Training Program in Doylestown are: working the 24/7 hour hot line at the administrative office near Rt. 611 and Almshouse, work or donate items to their thrift store, volunteer to work in the community raising awareness for the various services and educational programs. Victims are provided free clothing and other personal items form the Thrift store located at Route 202 and Sand Road in New Britain. There are numerous other volunteer projects available. The actual shelter site is not disclosed for security reasons. Liz has volunteered to head up this ministry for our church. Anyone who has an interest in joining us in the worthy ministry can reach Liz at emcguffey@chubb.com or 215-942-9441. We also plan to take another 40 hours of training in June in order to work directly with victims under supervision of AWA. The 6 hour CORE training is available every few months."

Thanks. Jim McGuffey



P.O. Box 299 - Doylestown, PA 18901
Business Office: 215.343.9241 - Fax: 215.343.3411 - info@awomansplace.org
24 Hour Hotline: 1.800.220.8116



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ADVENT'S BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated in our February 17th Blood Drive!! Forty-eight people presented and forty-six units were collected. The American Red Cross is very appreciative for the all the donors and volunteers. Your donations help to save lives! Thanks to Debbie Creighton for making delicious chocolate chip cookies and to Earl Gilbert for all his work setting up and cleaning up, getting the rooms back in order for Pre-school. Our next blood drive is scheduled for mid June. THANKS AGAIN!! The Blood Drive Committee- Debbie Creighton, Teena Hanlon and Audrey Savchuck.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS ON BAPTISMS

Advent expresses its congratulations to Luke and Liz Sanderlin on the baptisms of their son Landon Jordan Youse and their daughter Faith Ann Sanderlin on February 22nd. Landon was born on May 26, 2007 at Pottstown Hospital. Sponsors are Stephen O'Connor, Jr. and Amy Potsko. Faith was born December 23, 2008 at Phoenixville Hospital. Her sponsors are Thomas Galante and Karen Rodgers. May Gods blessings be with the Sanderlin family on this joyous occasion.

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

Frank Lattal recovering after a fall & surgery

Benicia Meyers undergoing treatments

Edie Noll recovering after a fall

Jeanne Stirzel at St. Mary Hospital CCU

Keera Trubiano recovering after hospitalization

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.

**PRAY FOR OUR
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MILITARY**

WITH SYMPATHY

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

To Doug and Gail Oines and family on the death of Doug's grandmother Margaret Oines.

To Ted and Marian Siek on the death of Marian's father Albert W. McCollough.

To Will and Jen Zipf on the death of Will's grandfather William Fisher.

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

<u>INCOME – 12/08</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
General Fund	\$17,230	\$19,249
Mortgage Fund	5,392	5,338
Benevolence	25	

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

MARCH

6	Irene Welz	18	Beth Gniazdowski
9	Andrew Messina		John Masciotro
	Lauren Ciurley		Andrew Stirzel
10	David Breig	20	Andrew Sclight
11	Deborah Creighton	22	Sally Frost
	Carol Diefenbach	28	Tom Herbert
13	Donna Duffy	29	Stacy Slaughter
17	Evan Messina		

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

MARCH SCHEDULES- 2009

ACOLYTES

3/01	10:30 am	Brooke Creighton
3/08	10:30 am	Jerry Gugger
3/15	10:30 am	Karalyn Henry
3/22	10:30 am	Shannon McQuiggan
3/29	10:30 am	Jerry Gugger

LAY READERS

3/01	8:00 am	Mike Hall
	10:30 am	Marian Siek
3/08	8:00 am	Julie Anderson
	10:30 am	Jeanne Grysxka
3/15	8:00 am	Dave Frost
	10:30 am	Jack Weaver
3/22	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	10:30 am	Ken Meyers
3/29	8:00 am	Mike Hall
	10:00 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>
5 th	10:30 am	

ALTAR GUILD

3/01	8:00 am	Julia Anderson, Liz Gracey, Hanna McCollum
	10:30 am	Karen Breig, Donna Duffy, Kathy Sitler

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

3/01	8:00 am	Jennifer Gardner, Bill Pearson
	10:30 am	Andy Frey, Tony Gryszka

COMMUNION BREAD

3/01	(2 services)	Jeanne Gryszka
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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	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

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

3/01	Marian Siek
3/08	Dot Aldorasi
3/15	Kathy Sitler
3/22	Sue Jafar
3/29	Marian Siek

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.

MARCH 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT 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) 11:45 AM First Communion Class 4:00 PM Lenten Bible Study	2 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	3 9:00 AM Pre-School 7:00 PM Finance Meeting	4 9:00 AM Pre-School 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM 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 Pre-School 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	6 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	7
8 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT Daylight Savings 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) 11:45 AM First Communion Class 2:00 PM Youth Group Bowling 4:00 PM Lenten Bible Study 7:00 PM Church Council	9 9:30 AM Terrific Twos 1:00 PM Sola Gratia Circle 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	10 9:00 AM Pre-School	11 9:00 AM Pre-School 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM 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 Pre-School 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	13 Pastor on Mission Trip 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	14 Pastor on Mission Trip 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
15 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT Guest Worship Leader - Jo Wright Pastor on Mission Trip 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 Lenten Bible Study	16 Pastor on Mission Trip 9:30 AM Terrific Twos 6:30 PM Confirmation 8:00 PM NO Confirmation II A.A. Open Meeting	17 Pastor on Mission Trip St. Patrick's Day 9:00 AM Pre-School	18 Pastor on Mission Trip 9:00 AM Pre-School 1:00 PM Bowling 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	19 Joseph, Guardian of Jesus Pastor on Mission Trip 9:00 AM Pre-School 10:00 AM Pre-School Spring Open House 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 7:30 PM Circle of Joy 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	20 Pastor on Mission Trip Spring Begins 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	21 Pastor on Mission Trip Youth Group to Salvation Army
22 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT Guest Worship Leader - Jo Wright Pastor on Mission Trip 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 Lenten Bible Study	23 Pastor on Mission Trip 9:30 AM Terrific Twos 6:30 PM Confirmation I 8:00 PM NO Confirmation II A.A. Open Meeting	24 9:00 AM Pre-School 7:00 PM "Building Your Child's Self-Esteem" Seminar	25 Annunciation of Our Lord 9:00 AM Pre-School 1:00 PM Bowling 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	26 9:00 AM Pre-School 9:30 AM LBLC @ God's Love 12:30 PM Ministerium 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	27 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	28 11:00 AM Pastor @ Redeemer, Jamison
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	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 7:15 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