

THE ADVENTURE

MAY, 2009

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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
Rite of First Communion with
Reception following

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 7

- 12:00 p.m. Prayer Service @ New Life Church

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Friday and Saturday, May 8 – 9
Franconia, PA

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY

Baby Manna Collection

Sunday, May 10

- 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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 17

- 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

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND @

TUSCARORA

Friday, May 22- Monday 25
Youth Retreat @ Tuscarora Inn, Mt. Bethel, PA

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MEMORIAL DAY

COMMEMORATION

**Recognition of Veterans, Military,
& Emergency Services Personnel**

Sunday, May 24

- 9:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
No Sunday School

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

at Dembowski Memorial Park, Richboro

Monday, May 25, 2:00 p.m.

(Pastor Sorcek will give the invocation)

DAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday, May 31

- 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
Rite of Confirmation with
Reception following

THE HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, June 7

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. "Faith Alive" Holy Communion
Last Day of Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion

PENTECOST II

Sunday, June 14

- 9:00 a.m. **BEGIN SUMMER SCHEDULE**
"Faith Alive" Praise Service
Guest Preacher: Doug Oines

From the Pastor's Desk . . .



“There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to one hope when you were called - one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

Ephesians 4: 4-6

I was very aware of the Holy Spirit and the body of Christ, the Church, during my recent mission trip to La Ceiba, Honduras. My daughter Jessica and I had the privilege of being part of a “Thrivent Builds” Lutheran group from all over the country who worked with Habitat for Humanity – Honduras to help construct a modest block home for a poor family that otherwise would be lacking in housing. I sensed the Holy Spirit at work in the eleven members of our group who had given of their time and treasure to spend a week in service of others. It was an added blessing that the family we were helping had a strong Christian identity and truly felt as if God had sent us to be a blessing to them. It was among the most rewarding experiences in my life. All of us felt that God had called us to that place and that time to do mission.

The Spirit continues to call us into closer relationship with God and to grow in loving service of others. This year the month of May will be bookended by two events, both of which in different ways will bring us nearer to the presence of God and which reminds us that we are called to live for others in Christ’s name. On Sunday, May 3 which appropriately enough is Good Shepherd Sunday, two of our youth will make their First Communion. Congratulations to Carla Fumei Henry and Sydney Morgan Jones.

At the other end of the month on Pentecost, May 31 four of our youth will affirm their faith in God in the Rite of Confirmation. Congratulations to Brooke Amber Creighton, Jerry Robert Gugger, Jr., Joseph Vincent Rubino, and Keera Paige Trubiano.

As we also speak of the Spirit leading us in love of God to service of others, we also remember our Lord’s word:

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15: 12-13).

We are particularly mindful of those who have given their lives in service of others. At our Memorial Day service at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, May 24 we will remember those who have given their lives in the service of their country and will recognize veterans, military, and emergency services personnel who are present.

One of the highlights for our youth on their Memorial Day retreat at Tuscarora Inn in the Poconos is to be present for the flag raising ceremony there. Veterans present form a color guard and with prayer and appropriate bugle music remember those who have given their lives for us.

Two years ago I was honored to be invited by St. Vincent de Paul R.C. Church to vest and be present as one of their members, PFC. Robert H. Dembowski was buried from the church after losing his life in Iraq as part of the 82nd Airborne Division. His mother recently invited me to give the invocation at the Memorial Day Observance at the park in his honor at the intersection of Second St. Pike and Almshouse Road. The service will be on Memorial Day at 2:00 p.m. and members of the church and community are invited to participate.

We give thanks for the Holy Spirit who brings us closer to God in Christ and leads us out into the world in service of others. May we as the body of Christ give visible witness to the faith that is in us.

Yours in the Power of the Holy Spirit,
Pastor Sorcek



FIRST COMMUNION

On Sunday, May 3rd the following youth will have the privilege of being admitted for the first time to the Lord’s Table to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Carla Henry Sydney Jones

We ask God’s blessings upon these young people. May they continue to grow in faith as they are nourished by our Lord in Word and Sacrament. The congregation is invited to the coffee hour held in honor of those making their First Communion which is sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

A service in observance of National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 7th at 12:00 noon at New Life Church on Almshouse Road in Jamison. Please come and pray for our nation.



MOTHER’S DAY/BABYMANNA

On Sunday, May 10th Mother’s Day will be observed at all services. Carnations will be distributed to the mothers in attendance. Money will also be collected to provide formula and nutritional supplements for infants in need in the Philadelphia area.



PERSONAL CARE DRIVE

The Social Ministry Committee will be collection personal care items from May 17th – June 14th. Please see upcoming bulletins for a list of needed items.

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.

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, May 31st we will celebrate Holy Communion at all services. At our late service the following youth will be affirming their faith in the Rite of Confirmation:

Brooke Creighton Jerry Gugger
Joseph Rubino Keera Trubiano

We ask God’s blessings upon these young people. May they continue to grow in their faith. The congregation is invited to the coffee hour held their honor which is sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/ SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 7th will be our last day of Sunday School. On June 14th we will go to our summer schedule of a single worship service at 9:00 a.m. with no children’s Sunday School.

RECENT/UPCOMING GRADUATIONS

We will recognize any graduates present at all three services on June 7th and will list them in th July newsletter. Forms may be found on the table in the narthex or in this newsletter. Please place them in the offering plate or return them to the church office.

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 Gryszka (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. The theme is “Gadget’s Garage: Jesus Makes All Things New” Prayerfully consider helping with this meaningful outreach program. Sign-ups will begin soon for volunteers and attendees.



ADVENT PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration has begun at Advent Pre-School. 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.

LUTHERAN CHARITIES APPEAL

During the months of May and June we remember the work done on our behalf by our Lutheran Social Services agencies and institutions. Envelopes are found in your offering box. Please give generously.

NUEVA CREACION

A signup sheet is being posted to help support the work of Nueva Creacion in Philadelphia, our urban partner congregation. One week of missionary support is \$25. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

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

Paul Dimmler recovering after surgery

Shirley Haaf recovering at home

Keith Kirschner at home after hand surgery

Hanna McCollum recovering at home

Dawn Merk recovering after auto accident

Benicia Meyers undergoing treatments

Edie Noll at Neshaminy Manor Home

Jessica Sorcek at home after hospitalization

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 BAPTISMS

Advent expresses its congratulations to the following families on the occasions of baptism:

To Brian and Jenny Folz on the baptism of their daughter Avery Jenny on March 29th at Advent. Avery was born on November 16, 2008 at Capital Health System, Trenton. Sponsors are Amy Dillon and Michael Folz.

To Eric and Karen (Henke) Duffy on the baptism of their son Drew Landon on April 5th at Advent. Drew was born on October 28, 2008 at Paoli Memorial Hospital. Sponsors are Megan and Kurt Henke.

May God's blessings be with each of these families on these joyous occasions.

WITH SYMPATHY

Advent expresses its sympathy to Alan and Pat Fischer on the death of Alan's brother Larry Fischer. Funeral services were held here at Advent on April 4th. May God's comfort be with the Fischer family in their time of loss.

MEMORIALS

Advent gives thanks to the following who gave gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of Jeanne Stirzel:

Robert H. Gump
Joseph and Susan Ricchini
Vivian Royal and family
David R. Whitmore

<u>INCOME – 3/09</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
General Fund	\$32,212	\$19, 249
Mortgage Fund	6,467	5,338
Benevolence	70	

COMMITMENTS 2009 (as of 4/12/09)



49 Commitments

	Pledged per week	Budget Needed/week	% Pledged to date
General	\$ 2,865	\$4,442	64%
Mortgage	<u>913</u>	<u>1,232</u>	<u>74%</u>
Total	\$3,778	\$5,674	67%

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".

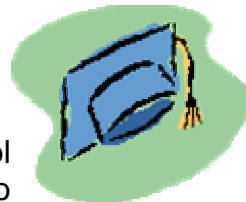
- 11 Daniel McGee
- Jessica Sorcek
- 13 Fred Morley
- 15 George Spahn
- 16 Craig Wills
- Natalie Dorsey
- 17 Tony Gryszka
- Arthur Ruth
- 19 Mallory Hawes
- 20 Pat Kelly
- Michele Oines
- 21 Ron Brown
- 23 Lynn Gracey Hofer
- 25 Donald Hoffmann
- 26 Shane Kelly
- 28 Helen Shearer
- 31 Matt Gniazdowski

ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY
CORNER
MAY

- 2 Renate DeJames
- 3 Jennifer Zipf
- 4 Edie Noll
- Amber Fenlon
- 5 Amanda Earle
- 6 Joan Lenox
- 8 Alyssa Matlack
- 10 Linda Weaver

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

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES



Parents: If your child is graduating or has recently graduated from High School or College, please fill out this form and drop it in the offering plate or mail to church office.

Name of graduate: _____

High School (name): _____

Plans for future: _____

College (name): _____

Degree & Major: _____

Plans for future: _____

APRIL SCHEDULES- 2009

ACOLYTES

5/03	10:30 am	Brooke Creighton
5/10	10:30 am	Jerry Gugger
5/17	10:30 am	Karalyn Henry
5/24	10:30 am	Shannon McQuiggan
5/31	10:30 am	Brooke Creighton

LAY READERS

5/03	8:00 am	Julie Anderson
	10:30 am	Marian Siek
5/10	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	10:30 am	Jeanne Gryskza
5/17	8:00 am	Mike Hall
	10:30 am	Jack Weaver
5/24	8:00 am	Dave Frost
	10:30 am	Ken Meyers
5/31	8:00 am	Julia Anderson
	10:30 am	Andy Frey

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

5/03	8:00 am	Julie Anderson, Liz Gracey Hanna McCollum
	10:30 am	Karen Breig, Donna Duffy, Kathy Sitler
5/31	8:00 am	Julie Anderson, Liz Gracey Hanna McCollum
	10:30 am	Karen Breig, Donna Duffy, Kathy Sitler

COMMUNION BREAD

5/03	Linda Weaver
5/31	Advent

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

5/03	8:00 am	Dave Shearer, Bill Pearson
	10:30 am	Tony Gryszka, Jennifer McQuiggan
5/31	8:00 am	Janice Hoffmann, Mike Hall
	10:30 am	Andy Frey, Kris Henke

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

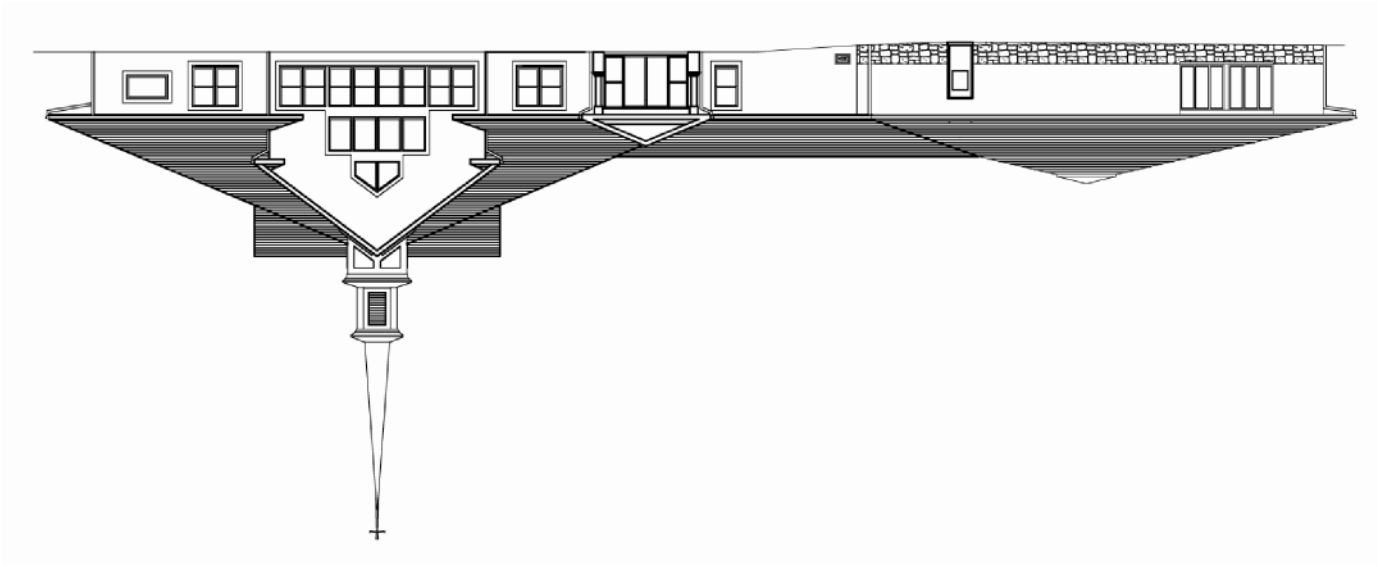
1 st	Dave Breig, Earl Gilbert, Paul Henke
2 nd	Andy & Cindy Frey, Bob Holford
3 rd	Joyce Heiss, Bill Pearson
4 th	Tony Gryszka, Tom Herbert
5 th	Andy Frey, Paul Henke, Don Hoffmann

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

5/03	Dot Aldorasi
5/10	Kathy Sitler
5/17	Sue Jafar
5/24	Marian Siek
5/31	Dot Aldorasi

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.



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

MAY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 THIRD 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) 10:30 AM Hayden Frank Baptism	27 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	28 9:00 AM Pre-School	29 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	30 9:00 AM Pre-School 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 7:30 PM LB Exec Comm. @ Somerton 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	1 Philip & James, Apostles 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	2
3 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 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 Rite of First Communion with Reception following	4 4:30 PM Confirmation II Tests 6:30 PM Confirmation I 6:30 PM Confirmation II Tests 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	5 9:00 AM Pre-School 7:00 PM Finance Meeting	6 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	7 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 12:00 PM Prayer Service @ New Life Church 7:00 PM Pastor @ St. James, Phila. 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	8 Synod Assembly @ Franconia 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	9 Synod Assembly @ Franconia 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 9:30 AM Security & Safety Meeting
10 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mother's Day BabyManna Collection 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 1:00 PM Sola Gratia Circle 6:30 PM Confirmands meet w/Church Council 6:30 PM Confirmation I 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	12 9:00 AM Pre-School 9:30 AM LBLP	13 9:00 AM Pre-School 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM BCCRT @ Jamison 6:15 PM Praise Team 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	14 Matthias, Apostle 9:00 AM Pre-School 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	15 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	16
17 SIXTH 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)	18 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	19 9:00 AM Pre-School	20 9:00 AM Pre-School 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM Children's Choir 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	21 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 9:30 AM Dean's Meeting @ Philadelphia 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 7:30 PM Circle of Joy 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	22 Youth Group Memorial Day Weekend Begins 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	23 Youth Memorial Day Weekend Continues
24 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Memorial Day Commemoration 9:15 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM NO Sunday School	25 MEMORIAL DAY (Observed) Yourth Group Memorial Day Weekend Ends 2:00 PM Memorial Day Observance @ Dembowski Veterans Park, Richboro 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	26 9:00 AM Pre-School	27 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	28 9:00 AM Pre-School 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	29 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	30
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