

# THE ADVENTURE, March, 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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### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 7

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. "Faith Alive" Holy Communion  
Sunday School ages 4-Adult
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
- 11:45 a.m. First Communion Instruction  
Evangelism Committee Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 14

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. "Faith Alive" Holy Communion  
Sunday School ages 4-Adult
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 11:45 a.m. First Communion Instruction
- 3:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 21

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. "Faith Alive" Holy Communion  
Sunday School ages 4-Adult
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 11:45 a.m. First Communion Instruction
- 3:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study



### LOOKING TOWARD EASTER

#### PALM SUNDAY

#### Sunday of the Passion

Sunday, March 28

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. "Faith Alive" Holy Communion  
Sunday School ages 4 – Adult
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Holy Worship

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 1

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

#### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 2

- 12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Stations of the Cross @ St.  
Vincent De Paul R. C. Church
- 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service @ Advent

#### EASTER SUNDAY Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 4

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

## *From the Pastor's Desk . . .*

*"When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"*

Mark 11:7-10

During the season of Lent we have been growing closer to the Lord as we have been studying on Sunday mornings Miles McPherson's book Do Something: Make Your Life Count. We have had special Lenten programs and offered a Lenten Bible Study. Hopefully in our personal lives we have practiced some of the spiritual disciplines of Lent as prayer, bible study, fasting, and acts of mercy.

All our Lenten observance culminates on Palm Sunday as we welcome the Lord to Jerusalem with the waving of palms and shouts of hosanna. We praise the One who has come to bring salvation. At all three services on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> we will have the blessing and distribution of palms and celebrate Holy Communion. Come and sing "Hosanna!"

Then during the most Holy of weeks walk with our Lord to Calvary. On Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. we will remember the Upper Room with a symbolic washing of feet and the remembrance of the Last Supper. On Good Friday we will remember his saving death for us. The community Stations of the Cross service will be held at 12 noon at St. Vincent De Paul R.C. Church in Richboro. Then at 7:30 p.m. we will have the service of Tenebrae, the service of shadows, where we remember in dramatic fashion our Lord's suffering and death.

Come Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at all three service our shouts of Hosanna will turn into jubilant shouts of "Alleluia!" Come and join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

May we in Lent and especially on Palm Sunday pray "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord!"

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sorcek

### **LENTEN ACTIVITIES**

On each of the Sundays of Lent, Pastor Sorcek will be doing a sermon series on the book Do Something: Make Your Life Count. At 11:45 following the late service there will be First Communion instruction for those in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or older who have not yet made their first communion.



Every Sunday afternoon in Lent from 3:30 to 5:00 Pastor will be leading a Bible Study on the book of Colossians. Come learn from St. Paul about the essentials of the Christian faith. (No previous knowledge of the Bible or Bible study is required.)

**TEACHING SEMINAR**

A 2-day teaching seminar on Science & Faith - Friends or Foes will be held at Westminster Seminary, Glenside, PA on March 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. The world famous Discovery Institute is providing several of the speakers including Dr. Stephen Meyer, author of the best selling recent work, Signature in the Cell. You can register at their website: [www.scienceandgod.org](http://www.scienceandgod.org). The fee is \$15 for each day. For additional information or to arranging ride sharing, please see Ted Siek.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS**

Just a reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead on Saturday night so you'll be to church at the right time!

**DOMINICAN DINNER**

Advent's Youth Committee will be sponsoring a special Dominican Dinner on Saturday, April 24 at 4:00 p.m. to help raise funds for the youth/congregational mission trip to the Dominican Republic in July. Please reserve the date and watch the bulletins and newsletters for more detailed information.

**RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP**

We were pleased to receive into membership at our 8:00 am service on February 28<sup>th</sup> Robert and Marie Roman and daughter Katelyn. Robert is a Realtor Broker and owner for Keller Williams Real Estate. Marie is a Nurse Practitioner for Radiology Group of Abington and is now teaching in our Sunday School. Katelyn is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Maureen Welsh Elementary School and is participating in First Communion class. They are received by Affirmation of Faith. We welcome them to our Advent family.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON WEDDING**

Advent expresses its congratulations to Sean McMahon and Sarah Pearson on their wedding on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Sorcek officiated at the service here at Advent. May God's blessings be with Sean and Sarah on their life together.

**2010 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS (as of 2/21)** - 42 Commitments

	Pledged/week	Budget Needed/week	% Pledged to date
General	\$ 2,366	\$4,361	54%
Mortgage	844	1,202	70%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,210</b>	<b>\$5,563</b>	<b>58%</b>

**CONGRATULATIONS ON BAPTISM**

Advent expresses its congratulations to Steve and Michele Sanderlin on the baptism of Christopher James January 20<sup>th</sup>. Chris was born on November 3, 2009 at Doylestown Hospital. Sponsors are Maria Karlya and Alex Oines. May God's blessings be with the Sanderlin and Oines families on this joyous occasion.

**THANK YOU**

Irene Anderson expresses her thanks to all those who visited and sent cards during her recent hospitalization and home recovery from pneumonia. Thank you!

**PRAAYER 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
- Jerry Diefenbach at home
- Edie Noll recovering at home

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 Louis and Janet Manco on the death of Louis's father Ralph Manco. May God's comfort and peace be with the Manco family in their loss.

<b><u>INCOME – 1/10</u></b>	Received	Budgeted
General Fund	\$16,862	\$18,896
Mortgage Fund	5,351	5,208
Benevolence ( <i>LWR, etc.</i> )	2,781	
Luth Disaster Relief (Haiti)	1,716	<i>(inc. above)</i>

Benevolences \$ 71  
It's not too late to return your financial commitment. Please place them in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

## MARCH SCHEDULES

### ACOLYTES

1 <sup>st</sup>	10:30 am	Brooke Creighton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 am	Lauren Wills
	10:30 am	Jerry Gugger
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30 am	
4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Lauren Wills
	10:30 am	Shannon McQuiggan

### LAY READERS

3/07	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	10:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
3/14	8:00 am	Mike Hall
	10:30 am	Benicia Meyers
3/21	8:00 am	Dave Frost
	10:30 am	Marian Siek
3/28	8:00 am	Julie Anderson
	10:30 am	Jeanne Gryszka

### ALTAR GUILD

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

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

3/07	8:00 am	Carolyn Morrison, Bill Pearson
	10:30 am	Kris Henke, Rose Herbert
3/28	8:00 am	Mike Hall, Carolyn Morrison
	10:30 am	Jen McQuiggan, Andy Frey

### COMMUNION BREAD

3/07	2 services	Judy Rilling
3/28	2 services	Linda Weaver

### ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

3/07	Marian Siek
3/14	Dot Aldorasi
3/21	Sue Jafar
3/28	Kathy Sitler

### USHERS

1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 am	Ron Brown, Dave Shearer
	9:30 am	Bob Matlack, Ted Siek
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 am	Lance Muscara, Bill Pearson
	10:30 am	Andy Frey, Bob Holford
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 am	Ray Heiss, Tom Herbert
		George Henry, Mike Sitler
4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Steve Anderson, Dave Frost
	10:30 am	Joe Calla, Tony Gryszka, Kris Henke

### MONEY COUNTERS

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



## ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER - MARCH



3	Jill Snyder	11	Deborah Creighton	20	Elizabeth Moran
6	Irene Welz		Carole Diefenbach		Andrew Slight
9	Lauren Ciurley	12	Rebecca Sanchez	22	Sally Frost
	Brooke Creighton	13	Donna Duffy	23	Shane Hansen
	Andrew Messina	17	Evan Messina		Joey Rubino
	Daniel Sims	18	Beth Gniazdowski	27	Hallie Snyder
	James Sims		John Masciotro	28	Tom Herbert
10	David Breig		Andy Stirzel	29	Stacey Herbert Slaughter

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

## MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship (Traditional) <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship (Traditional) <b>11:45 AM</b> First Communion Instruction <b>3:30 PM</b> Lenten Bible Study	<b>1</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation I & II <b>8:00 PM</b> A.A. Open Meeting	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Advent PreSchool	<b>3</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Advent PreSchool <b>10:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>1:00 PM</b> Women's Bowling <b>4:30 PM</b> Children's Choir <b>6:15 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>7:15 PM</b> Vocal Choir <b>8:15 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Advent PreSchool <b>8:00 PM</b> A.A. Topic Group	<b>5</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> A.A. Step Meeting	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Communion (Traditional) <b>9:15 AM</b> "Faith Alive" Holy Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School 4-adult <b>10:30 AM</b> Holy Communion (Traditional) <b>11:45 AM</b> Evangelism Committee Meeting <b>11:45 AM</b> First Communion Instruction <b>3:30 PM</b> Lenten Bible Study	<b>8</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Sola Gratia Circle <b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation I & II <b>8:00 PM</b> A.A. Open Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Advent PreSchool <b>9:30 AM</b> LBLP @ Peace, Bensalem	<b>10</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Advent PreSchool <b>10:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>1:00 PM</b> Women's Bowling <b>4:30 PM</b> Children's Choir <b>6:15 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>7:15 PM</b> Vocal Choir <b>8:15 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>11</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Advent PreSchool <b>8:00 PM</b> A.A. Topic Group	<b>12</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> A.A. Step Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Men's Breakfast
<b>14</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b> <b>Daylight Savings Begins</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship (Traditional) <b>9:15 AM</b> "Faith Alive" Holy Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School 4-adult <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship (Traditional) <b>11:45 AM</b> First Communion Instruction <b>3:30 PM</b> Lenten Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council	<b>15</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation I & II <b>8:00 PM</b> A.A. Open Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Advent PreSchool	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Advent PreSchool <b>10:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>1:00 PM</b> Women's Bowling <b>4:30 PM</b> Children's Choir <b>6:15 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>7:15 PM</b> Vocal Choir <b>8:15 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>18</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Advent PreSchool <b>9:30 AM</b> Dean's Meeting @ LTSP <b>7:30 PM</b> Circle of Joy <b>8:00 PM</b> A.A. Topic Group	<b>19</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> A.A. Step Meeting	<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Thrivent/Habitat Prayer Breakfast & Groundbreaking
<b>21</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship (Traditional) <b>9:15 AM</b> "Faith Alive" Holy Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School 4-adult <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship (Traditional) <b>11:45 AM</b> First Communion Instruction <b>3:30 PM</b> Lenten Bible Study	<b>22</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation I & II <b>8:00 PM</b> A.A. Open Meeting	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Advent PreSchool	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Advent PreSchool <b>10:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>1:00 PM</b> Women's Bowling <b>4:30 PM</b> Children's Choir <b>6:15 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>7:15 PM</b> Vocal Choir <b>8:15 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>25</b> <b>The Annunciation of Our Lord</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Advent PreSchool <b>12:30 PM</b> Ministerium @ Trinity UCC <b>8:00 PM</b> A.A. Topic Group	<b>26</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> A.A. Step Meeting	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Communion (Traditional) <b>9:15 AM</b> "Faith Alive" Holy Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School 4-adult <b>10:30 AM</b> Holy Communion (Traditional)	<b>29</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation I & II <b>8:00 PM</b> A.A. Open Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>1:00 PM</b> Women's Bowling <b>4:30 PM</b> Children's Choir <b>6:15 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>7:15 PM</b> Vocal Choir <b>8:15 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>1</b>  <b>7:30 PM</b> Holy Communion Service w/Footwashing & Stripping of Altar <b>8:00 PM</b> A.A. Topic Group	<b>2</b>  <b>12:00 PM</b> Ecumenical Stations of the Cross @ St. Vincent's <b>7:30 PM</b> Tenebrae Service @ Advent <b>8:00 PM</b> A.A. Step Meeting	<b>3</b>