

THE ADVENTURE · May, 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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 2

- 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
Rite of First Communion with
reception following

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 6

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

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Friday and Saturday, May 7 – 8
Franconia, PA

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, May 8 - 5:00 p.m.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY

Baby Manna Collection

Sunday, May 9

- 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
Isabella Fetterolf Baptism

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 16

- 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

DAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday, May 23

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. "Faith Alive" Holy Communion
Last Day of Sunday School
Adult Bible Class
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
Rite of Confirmation with
Reception following

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND @ TUSCARORA

Friday, May 28- Monday 31
Youth Retreat @ Tuscarora Inn, Mt. Bethel, PA

THE HOLY TRINITY

MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

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

Sunday, May 30

- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
Start of Summer Schedule

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 6

- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
Jayson Wunder Baptism with
reception following

From the Pastor's Desk . . .



May is a wonderfully busy month. Not only do we have celebrations of Mothers Day and Memorial Day, but we have two special celebrations in the lives of our youth.



“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes again.”

1 Corinthians 11:26

We are pleased this year to have thirteen 4th and 5th grade youth making their First Communion at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 2. Congratulations to:



Jacob Martin Duffy
Jenna Lynn Geragi
Lauren Elizabeth Gugger
Shane Jeffrey Hansen
Amanda Nicole Kropp
Courtney Lee Kirschner
James William Merk

Jesse John Merk
Stephanie Lynn Morley
Kylie Ann Rayher
Katelyn Augusta Roman
Arielle Lauren Segal
Nicole Kristen Wills

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have . . .”

1 Peter 3:15

In a similar way, we are pleased to have two of our 8th grade youth affirming their faith in the Rite of Confirmation at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 23, the Festival of Pentecost. Congratulations to:

Erich Joseph Rayher

Lauren Raquel Wills

May God bless all of our youth and each of us as we grow in loving and serving Him.



Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sorcek

CONGRATULATIONS

At the Lower Bucks Assembly held on April 18th at Resurrection, Levittown, Pastor Sorcek was re-elected Dean. Congratulations.

THANKS FOR SNOW PLOW FUNDS

Thanks to all who contributed to the snow plow fund to help defray the costs of plowing the church lot this past winter. As of April 25, \$2,595 has been collected.

Congregation votes to modify current mortgage at April meeting.

On Sunday April 11th at a special congregational meeting, 33 voting members present unanimously approved a motion to convert our existing 30-year adjustable rate mortgage into a 20-year fixed rate mortgage with William Penn Savings & Loan. With the 7th anniversary date approaching, the old mortgage's fixed rate period was to expire. The mortgage was set to become a 1-year adjustable, with the interest rate to be reset every year in October.

With current mortgage interest rates at historic low levels, the Finance Committee and Church Council felt it was an opportune time to lock-in a fixed rate mortgage to reduce the risk we faced going forward. To reduce the total amount of interest to be paid and the term of indebtedness, a 20-year mortgage was selected at a fixed interest rate of 6.00%. Beginning June 1st, the new monthly payment of \$5,894 will begin vs. the old ARM rate of 5.375% and \$5,040 per month. The principle balance due is now \$819,983, and one point payment of about \$8,200 was required to convert to the fixed rate loan.

The new monthly payment is an increase of \$854/month, which represents about \$20/month more, per pledging unit. Advent's 2010 Annual Budget was revised upward from \$289,248 to \$301,452 total to reflect the added costs for the remainder of this year, and this was also approved at the congregational meeting.

Time passes quickly as we reflect back on the past 7 years! Our "new" sanctuary and narthex do seem very familiar, and we do give thanks that about \$510,000, of the \$1,330,000 it cost has been paid. But, our journey is not over, and we have more to do.

With the increase in the annual budget, everyone in the congregation is encouraged to give as generously as possible toward support of the church and reduction of the mortgage. Our new revised budget total is about \$7,200 per year per pledging unit. If you have not yet made a pledge for the year, please do so--as your support is needed to continue the work and mission of Advent. As a regular attendee, if you are able to increase your weekly giving, your action will help meet the new goal set before us. God bless you in your Christian stewardship walk, and may God continue to bless our church and our Pastor.

THRIVENT BUILDS/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Today we will be highlighting the upcoming Thrivent/Habitat build in Lower Bucks of which we are one of the sponsoring congregations. Sign-up sheets are available for those willing to do work at the jobsite. We also need to raise funds to help make this build possible. Several opportunities will be available. In the narthex will be some "Boards for Blessing". You are invited to take a marker and write a blessing or prayer for the family that will occupy the home. These will be used in the actual construction. You might also consider placing a financial gift in the basket near the boards. Second, Audrey Savchuck has created a display showing the home and floor plan. You may take an envelope and help pay for a box of nails, a window, . . . or you make a general donation for this work. Envelopes are enclosed in the bulletin. Third,

Dennis Moore is coordinating a Dog Walk to raise money for Habitat for Saturday, June 19 in the morning at Tyler Park. There will be a small registration fee and a drawing will be taken for some gifts. Watch for further information. Thanks for supporting this program.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

A service in observance of National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 6th 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 9th 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.

YOUTH MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Advent's youth will again be attending Memorial Day Weekend at Tuscarora Inn from Friday to Monday, May 28-31. Program includes daily Bible study, worship, and recreational activities. We have reserved spaces for the first 16 youth who get their \$75 nonrefundable deposit into Pastor Sorcek (checks should be made payable to Advent). An additional \$60 is due now. Non-Advent or youth group members must pay the full price of \$160 (\$90 nonrefundable + \$70 due on 4/25). For more information speak with Pastor.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Save the Date! Saturday, May 8th has been chosen for Advents Annual Progressive Dinner. We will be visiting three host homes for the Appetizer/Salad, Entree, and Dessert courses. Sign up to bring a dish of your choice. A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex. Also, if you are able to host that evening, please indicate which course you would like to host or contact Gretta Lattal at 215-862-9481. This event promises to supply an abundance of good food and fellowship for all!



SOCIAL MINISTRY SPRING PERSONAL CARE DRIVE

From now until May 16th, the Social Ministry Committee will once again be collecting personal care items to donate to the children at Bethanna in Southampton. Receptacles will be placed in the narthex. Among items needed are wash cloths, bath towels, beach towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, and liquid soap. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.



LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/ SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 23 will be our last day of Sunday School. On May 30 we will go to our summer schedule of a single worship service at 9:30 a.m. with no children's Sunday School. In order to be fair to the different worship styles, we will be alternating a more contemporary style of worship with a more traditional style. This will be the basic pattern though it may occasionally change because of vacation schedules of our worship leaders.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-2010

Are you ready to experience God's great get together? This years VBS will meet under the Baobab tree from June 28 to July 1 from 9 – 12. You will have the



opportunity to hear the Word, be amazed at God's wildlife creations, explore connections with God, family, friends, and others around the world, and be a part of a supportive community. As the sun rises and sets on the savannah, so, too, will faith and relationships grow. Look for registration forms in the narthex soon. See VBS coordinator Gail Oines for further info.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to help run our summer week long morning Vacation Bible School program. We already have some people willing to help. Please sign up on the table in the narthex and indicate the area you are willing to help with (i.e.crafts, snacks, team leaders).

BUCKS BEAUTIFUL

The Church Council would like to thank those who made contributions (total \$335) to the flower garden project adjacent to the memorial trees. We have received from **Bucks Beautiful** a matching grant in the amount of \$325 and are deeply appreciative of these additional monies to enhance our garden for the pleasure of all who pass by Advent's grounds.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this project, please contact Janice Hoffmann, Geoff Duffy, or any member of the church council. Teens are especially welcome.



RECENT/UPCOMING GRADUATIONS

We will recognize any graduates present at the 9:30 am service on June 13 and will list them in the June newsletter. Forms may be found in this newsletter or on the table in the narthex or you may e-mail or phone the church office with the information. Please place them in the offering plate or return them to the church office.

FLOWER WRAPPER NEEDED

If you are able to help wrap altar flowers at the end of the late service, please speak with Marian Siek. You would only be committing to approximately one time per month. Thank you.



GRASS CUTTERS NEEDED

The grass cutting sign up sheet is on the round table in the narthex. Please volunteer for to help keep our grounds looking neatly manicured.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Marge Caldwell at home

Jennie Davis at home

Jerry Diefenbach at home

Jim Foran recovering after surgery

Janet Manco recovering after surgery

Lance Muscara recovering after hospitalization

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

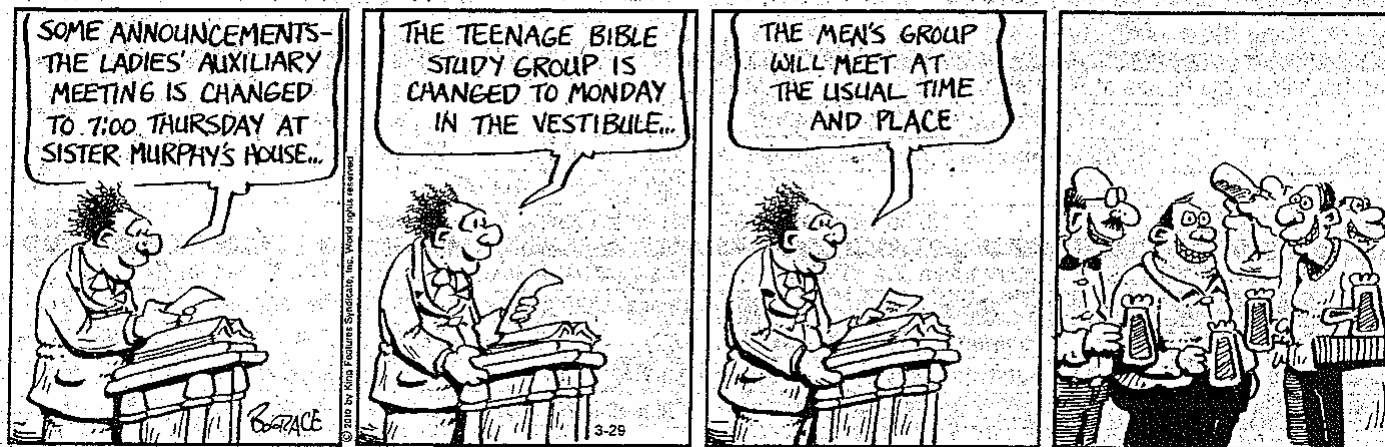
Advent expresses its sympathy to Marge Caldwell on the death of her husband Jim on April 21 at Statesman Health and Rehabilitation Center in Langhorne. Services will be private. May God's comfort and peace be with Marge and family in their time of loss.

<u>INCOME – 3/10</u>	Received	Budgeted
General Fund	\$20,848	\$19,249
Mortgage Fund	5,955	5,338
Benevolence (<i>LWR, etc.</i>)	483	
Snow Plow Fund	405	<i>(inc. above)</i>

On the light side:

The Piranha Club

Submitted by Dave Shearer



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/College (name): _____

Degree & Major (pursuing or received): _____

Plans for future: _____

MAY SCHEDULES

ACOLYTES

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

LAY READERS

5/02	8:00 am	Mike Hall
	10:30 am	Paul Henke
5/09	8:00 am	Mike Hall
	10:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
5/16	8:00 am	Julie Anderson
	10:30 am	Benicia Meyers
5/23	8:00 am	Dave Frost
	10:30 am	Marian Siek
5/30	9:30 am	Jeanne Gryszka

ALTAR GUILD

Early	Julia Anderson,
	Liz Gracey, Hanna McCollum
Late	Karen Breig,

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

5/02	8:00 am	Mike Hall, Bill Pearson
	10:30 am	Tony Gryszka, Kris Henke
5/23	8:00 am	Janice Hoffmann,
	10:30 am	Dave Shearer

COMMUNION BREAD

5/02	2 services	Linda Weaver
5/23	2 services	Don Hoffmann

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

5/02	Marian Siek
5/09	Marian Siek
5/16	Sue Jafar
5/23	Kathy Sitler
5/30	Marian Siek

USHERS

1 st	8:00 am	Ron Brown, Dave Shearer
	9:30 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,
		Donna Duffy, Kathy Sitler Kris Henke

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





MAY



1 Ethan Wunder	8 Alyssa Matlack	17 Tony Gryszka
2 Renate DeJames	10 Linda Weaver	Arthur Ruth
3 Jennifer Zipf	11 Daniel McGee	20 Michele Oines
4 Edie Noll	Jessica Sorcek	21 Ron Brown
Amber Fenlon	13 Fred Morley	25 Donald Hoffmann
5 Amanda Earle	15 George Spahn	28 Helen Shearer
6 Joan Lenox	16 Craig Wills	31 Matt Gniazdowski
	Natalie Dorsey	

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

MAY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 4-adult 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional)	26 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	27 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 11:00 AM Traditional Pastors @ Schwenksville 7:00 PM Pastor Teaches Diakonia @ Emmaus Rd	28 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	29 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	30 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg	1
2 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 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 First Communion w/reception following	3 10:00 AM Pastor @ Funeral 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	4 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 7:00 PM Finance Meeting 7:00 PM Pastor Teaches Diakonia @ Emmaus Rd	5 8:30 AM Habitat Build work party 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Bowling 4:30 PM - 8:15 PM Choirs & Praise Team	6 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 12:00 PM Prayer Service @ New Life Church, Jamison 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	7 Synod Assembly @ Franconia 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg	8 Synod Assembly @ Franconia 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 5:00 PM Progressive Dinner
9 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mother's Day Baby Manna Collection 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 Isabella Fetterolf Baptism	10 1:30 PM Sola Gratia Circle 6:30 PM Council members meet with Confirmands 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	11 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool	12 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	13  THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	14 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg	15 12:30 PM - 6:00 PM James Nestingen @ Holy Trinity, Abington
16 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 AM Worship (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 4-adult 10:30 AM Worship (Traditional)	17 6:30 PM Confirmands practice testimonies 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	18 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool	19 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	20 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 9:30 AM Dean's Meeting @ LTSP 7:30 PM Circle of Joy 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	21 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg	22 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Guild of Craftsmen
23  Pentecost 8:00 AM Holy Communion (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Adult Bible Class 9:15 AM Last day of children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion (Traditional) 10:30 AM Confirmation w/reception following	24 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	25 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 9:30 AM LBLC @ St. John, Morrisville	26 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	27 9:00 AM Advent PreSchool 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	28 Youth Memorial Day Weekend 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg	29 Youth Memorial Day Weekend
30  TRINITY SUNDAY Memorial Day Commemoration Start of Summer Schedule Youth Memorial Day Weekend 9:30 AM Worship (Traditional)	31  MEMORIAL DAY Youth Memorial Day Weekend 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 4:30 PM Children's Choir 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 Mtg	5