


THE ADVENTURE, April, 2011

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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, April 3

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Koinonia & Luncheon @ Henry’s
- 3:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study



LOOKING TOWARD EASTER

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 21

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, April 10

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. “Faith Alive” Holy Communion
Lisa McKinnon Baptism
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

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 22

- 10:45 a.m. Massed Choir Rehearsal @ St. John
Methodist
- 12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Stations of the Cross @ St.
John Methodist Church, Ivyland
- 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service @ Advent



PALM SUNDAY

Sunday of the Passion

Sunday, April 17

- 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

EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of Our Lord

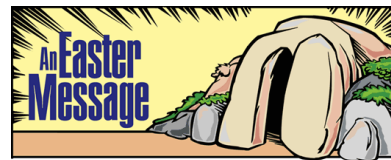
Sunday, April 24

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



Pastor's Easter Message

"An angel of the Lord came down from heaven, went to the tomb and rolled the stone away from the entrance"
Matthew 28:2



During the season of Lent we have been using Max Lucado's 3:16 the Numbers of Hope as our basis for Sunday reflections. In his book, in addition to explaining the meaning of John 3:16 in great depth, he provides 40 devotions for the Lenten season. Day 37 is entitled "It's All Right to Dream Again".

The women have come to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus and say their farewells. "The women think they are alone. They aren't. They think their journey is unnoticed. They are wrong. God knows. And he has a surprise waiting for them."

Of course the initial surprise was that the stone was rolled away from the tomb. Lucado asks "Why did the angel move the stone? For whom did he roll away the rock?"

"For Jesus? That's what I always thought. But think about it. Did the stone have to be removed in order for Jesus to exit? Did God have to have help? Was the death conqueror so weak that he couldn't push away a rock?"

"I don't think so. The text gives the impression that Jesus was already out when the stone was moved! For whom, then, was the stone moved?"

"Listen to what the angel says: 'Come and see the place where his body was' (v. 6 NCV)."

"The stone was moved—not for Jesus—but for the women; not so Jesus could come out, but so the women could see in!"

They immediately realized that Jesus was not there, that he had risen. "Suddenly it's all right to dream again. The angel directs the women to go and share the good news with the others."

"Mary and Mary didn't have to be told twice. They turn and start running to Jerusalem. The darkness is gone. The sun is up. The Son is out."

May we too celebrate the hope and joy that is ours in the crucified and risen Lord. Join with us for the events of Holy Week and then come Easter morn and celebrate the dawn of a new day as we remember the empty tomb and that "It's all right to dream again".

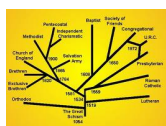


Yours in the name of the Risen Lord,

Pastor Sorcek

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

On each of the Sundays of Lent, Pastor Sorcek is doing a sermon series on the book 3:16 – The Numbers of Hope by Max Lucado, a study of John 3:16. At 11:45 following the late services of Lent there is First Communion instruction for those in 5th grade or older who have not yet made their first communion.



Every Sunday afternoon in Lent from 3:00 to 4:30 Pastor is leading a study on Comparative Christianity, what each of the different denominations believe. (No previous knowledge of the Bible or Bible study is required.)

40 BAGS IN 40 DAYS

Advent members are being challenged to give up “stuff” for Lent. It’s pretty simple, just commit to ridding your home of 40 bags of garbage, clothing, toys, etc. during the 40 days of Lent. You can pick the size of the bag or container that makes the most sense for your circumstances and you can throw it away, or give it away. The idea is to commit to uncomfortably “letting go”. This is a great way to observe Lent!

EASTER LILIES

Please sign up today to place Easter lilies on our altar for Easter Sunday. The cost is \$10.00. There are also spaces available to dedicate altar flowers (\$20) and for mission support of Nueva Creación (\$25).

KOINONIA

Koinonia is a small group that meets once a month for fellowship, bible study, prayer and refreshments. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 3 at 12:30 p.m. at the home of George Henry at 508 Militia Hill Road, Southampton. The group invites anyone to come and experience “Koinonia” that Sunday. It will be a special meeting with lunch provided. Let George know if you are interested in attending.

ECUMENICAL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

The Lower Bucks Center for Church and Community invites you to its **20th Annual Ecumenical Festival of Music**. The festival will feature choirs, ensembles, and soloists from many area churches and will be held at **3:00 PM, Sunday, April 10**, at Anchor Presbyterian Church, 980 Durham Rd, Wrightstown, PA. Free will offering will be taken and refreshments will be served following the concert.

UPCOMING DATES

Mon-Tue, April 4-5 – Pastor @ Deans retreat
Sunday, May 1, 10:30 am – First Communion
Fri-Sat, May 6,7 – Synod Assembly at Franconia
Sunday, June 12, 9:30 am – Confirmation
Mon-Fri, July 11-15 – Vacation Bible School
August 4-16 – Pastor on Vacation in El Paso
Wed. Aug 17, 7:05 pm – Advent night @ Phillies

ASSISTANCE FOR JAPAN

Our hearts continue to go out to the people of Japan and the Pacific Rim following the tragic earthquake and tsunami. You can help by giving a special gift through Lutheran World Relief.

Checks may be made out to Advent and noted LWR-Japan Relief. You can use LWR envelopes, but please note on the for Japan. Gifts can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

RELIGIOUS/INSPIRATIONAL BOOKS

Pastor has placed in the narthex a card table with religious and inspirational books that are seeking a new home. Please feel free to take any that interest you.

THANK YOU

Jeff Jobses expresses his thanks to all those who visited, prayed, and sent cards during his recent hospitalization. These things helped him make it through a difficult time. Thank you!

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

Eleanor Fleisch recovering in Florida

Hank & Shirley Haaf in California

Bill Hanlon at home after hospitalization

Jeff Jobses at home after hospitalization

Edie Noll at Newseasons Assisted Living

Pauline Roecker recovering at home

Art Ruth undergoing tests

Irene Wells at Southampton Estates

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 Glenn & Gary Bergey and families on the death of Betty (Steck) Bergey. A service of Resurrection Hope was held at Advent on March 12. May God’s comfort and peace be with the Bergey family in their loss.

<u>INCOME – 2/11</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
General Fund	\$13,989	\$17,199
Mortgage Fund	11,622	5,875
Benevolence (<i>LWR, etc.</i>)	1,286	
Mort.Fundraiser (2010)	16	(<i>inc. above</i>)
Souper Bowl	560	(<i>inc. above</i>)

APRIL SCHEDULES

ACOLYTES

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

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

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

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

4/04	8:00	Mike Hall, Bill Pearson
	10:30	Tony Gryszka, Kris Henke
4/17	8:00	Janice Hoffmann, Dave Shearer
	10:30	Rose Herbert, Jen McQuiggan
4/21	7:30	Janice Hoffmann, Dave Shearer
4/24	8:00	Janice Hoffmann, Dave Shearer
	10:30	Andy Frey, Tony Gryszka

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

LAY READERS

4/03	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	10:30 am	Ken Meyers
4/10	8:00 am	Dave Frost
	10:30 am	Andy Frey
4/17	8:00 am	Mike Hall
	10:30 am	Kathy Sitler
4/24	8:00 am	Lance Muscara
	10:30 am	Paul Henke

COMMUNION BREAD

4/04	2 services	Don Hoffmann
4/17	2 services	Advent (Wafers)
4/21	1 service	Advent (Wafers)
4/24	2 services	Advent (Wafers)

ALTAR GUILD

Early	Julia Anderson, Liz Gracey, Hanna McCollum
Late	Karen Breig, Donna Duffy, Kathy Sitler
4/21 (Maundy Thurs)	All Present

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
	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



ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER - APRIL

2	Lisa Ciurley Glass	12	Eleanor Fleisch	18	Alexandra Jones
	Brandt Stirzel		Matthew Kelly		Samantha Jones
7	Shannon McQuiggan		Sonja Sanchez	19	Melissa Bray
	Kristen Morley	14	Carl Breig	21	Amy Breig
8	Frank Lattal		Gretta Lattal	22	Mark Jafar
	Bill Pearson	16	Susan Jafar	24	Rick Wagner
	Madisyn Smith	17	Caitlin Hannagen	28	Erik Urbaniak
9	Elizabeth Gracey		Gail Oines		

APRIL 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School ages 4-adult 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 3:00 PM Lenten Study - Comparative Christianity 5:00 PM Congregational Life "Goodbye Winter" Dinner	28 6:30 PM Confirmation I & II 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	29	30 10:00 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	31 9:30 AM LBLC @ God's Love, Newtown 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg	2
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10 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Lisa McKinnon Baptism 9:15 AM Sunday School ages 4-adult 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 11:45 AM First Communion Class 3:00 PM Lenten Study - Comparative Christianity 3:00 PM Ecum. Music Festival @ Anchor Presbyterian 7:00 PM Church Council	11 1:30 PM Sola Gratia Circle 6:30 PM Confirmation II Review 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	12	13 10:00 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	14 9:30 AM Deans Meeting @ LTSP 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	15 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg	16
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