

THE ADVENTURE - May, 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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 1

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Contemporary 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 5

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

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Friday and Saturday, May 6 – 7
Franconia, PA

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY

Baby Manna Collection

Sunday, May 8

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School, ages 4 - adult
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 15

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School ages 4-Adult
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
Brian Folz Baptism



Baptism
Celebrations

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 22

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion
Last Day of Sunday School
Adult Bible Class
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
Hannah Wong Baptism

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND @

TUSCARORA

Friday, May 27- Monday 30
Youth Retreat @ Tuscarora Inn, Mt. Bethel, PA



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

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

Start of Summer Schedule

Sunday, May 29

- 9:15 a.m. NO Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Pastor's Message for the Month . . .

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

Again and again God comes to us and gives us what we need to continue growing in His love and grace. He empowers us to do great things in His name.

Often our lives of faith begin in a special way when God comes graciously and undeservedly to us in our baptisms. It was wonderful on April 10 to have the baptism of Lisa McKinnon at our contemporary service. In a few weeks we will have the baptisms of several young children: Brian Folz on May 15 and Hannah Wong on May 22, both at our late services. In baptism God gives us His presence that we might be strengthened all our life through.

God continues to strengthen us in life through special people that he places in our paths to assist and guide us. On Sunday, May 8 we will acknowledge Mother's Day and those whom he has placed in our lives to help nurture us in faith and growth.

Speaking of nurture, God helps strengthen us by feeding us sacramentally with His very body and blood. We look forward to having Hannah Adey and Lisa McKinnon making their First Communions at the late service on May 1. So also should we regularly come to the Lord's Table to be strengthened and renewed for witness and service.

One of the ways that God strengthens us is in community with others and providing opportunities for learning and growing in His Word. We pray God's special blessings on our youth who will attend the Memorial Day Weekend Retreat at Tuscarora Inn in the Poconos. Year after year God touches young lives here and strengthens them in their Christian walks.

God also empowers us in our witness in daily life and in the world. On Memorial Day Weekend we will remember at our Sunday service those who have given their lives in service of God and Country. We will acknowledge any in active military service, veterans, or first responders who are present at the service. That Sunday, May 29 we begin our summer schedule of a single service at 9:30 a.m.

And speaking of being empowered by God we pray His special blessing also on three of our youth who will be confirmed at our 9:30 am service on Pentecost, June 12. May God strengthen through His Holy Spirit Stephanie Hansen, Kristen Morley, and Shannon McQuiggan. As they reaffirm the vows made by sponsors at their baptisms may they be strengthened to love and serve the Lord.

God has wonderful plans in store for each of us. He wants each of us to discover our purpose in His plan. He wants us to do great things in His name. At all times, may we celebrate God's empowerment in our lives and may we say:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Yours in the Power of the Holy Spirit,

Pastor Sorcek

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

A service in observance of National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 5th at 12:00 noon at New Life Church on Almshouse Road in Jamison. Please come and pray for our nation.



VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to help run our summer week long morning Vacation Bible School program. Look for a sign-up sheet with the registrations on the table in the narthex and indicate the area you are willing to help with (i.e. crafts, snacks, guides, games).



MOTHER'S DAY BABYMANNA

On Sunday, May 8th 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 27-30. Program includes daily Bible study, worship, and recreational activities. For more information speak with Pastor.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/ SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 22 will be our last day of Sunday School. On May 29 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

Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? This year's Vacation Bible School Theme is Big Jungle Adventure. We will hear Bible stories, learn songs, make crafts, eat great snacks and play outside some, too! We will meet in the jungle on July 11 -15 from 9 – 12. Look for registration forms in the entryway soon or contact the church office at 215-355-2529 or at office@adventrichboro.org to request a form when available. Join us in the jungle for the adventure of a lifetime! See VBS coordinator Gail Oines for further info.



RECENT/UPCOMING GRADUATATES

We will recognize any graduates present at one of the services in June, 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 forms in the offering plate or return them to the church office.



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.

INTERFAITH HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Lower Bucks Lutheran Conference will be encouraging us in May to participate in a special mission project of support for the IHDC. We will be publicizing opportunities to help them on site in Bristol and to help collect housewares and other needed items. More information will be forthcoming.

NUEVE CREACIÓN

Nueva Creación, our mission congregation in northern Philadelphia continues its vital work. Among other their other activities, they have a sports program for the neighborhood children. If you would like a copy of their newsletter, there are copies in the narthex, or contact the church office and one can be e-mailed to you.

PODCASTS OF SERMONS

While not encouraging anyone to miss church, we would like to remind you that you can listen to the sermons online at our church website: www.adventrichboro.org.

UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, May 1, 10:30 am – First Communion
Fri-Sat, May 6,7 – Synod Assembly at Franconia
Fri-Mon, May 27-30 – Memorial Day Weekend
Sunday, May 29 – Memorial Day, start of summer

schedule – 9:30 am

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

THANKS FOR EASTER DECORATING

Thank you to Cindy Frey for decorating the altar area for Easter. Thanks also to all who purchased and placed Easter lilies to beautify the sanctuary.



CONGRATULATIONS ON BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We were pleased at our 9:15 am service on April 10th to receive into God’s church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Lisa Margaret McKinnon, child of Jeffrey and Tracey McKinnon. Lisa was born June 3, 1999 at Holy Redeemer Hospital in Meadowbrook and is a 6th grader at Maureen Welch Elementary School. She is also participating in our Sunday School and First Communion Programs. We also welcome her parents Jeff & Tracey McKinnon of Churchville into membership by Affirmation of Faith. May God’s blessings be with Lisa and her parents on this special day.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Ron Brown recovering after hospitalization

Marge Caldwell at home

Jennie Davis at home

Jerry Diefenbach at home

Eleanor Fleisch recovering in Florida

Shirley Haaf recovering from knee replacement surgery in California

Stephanie Hansen recovering after tonsillectomy

Edie Noll at New Seasons Assisted Living

Art Ruth recovering after leg surgery

Irene Welz 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 Jennie Davis and family on the death of her husband Paul on April 10 at St. Mary’s Hospital. A service of Resurrection Hope was held at Fluehr’s Funeral Home on April 15. Interment was held at Washington Crossing National Cemetery on April 18. Pastor Sorcek was assisted by Rev. Josephine Morley Wright who is a friend of the family. May God’s comfort and peace be with Jennie and her family in their time of loss.

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: _____

A LETTER FROM KATHRYN KELLY

April 8, 2011

Dear Advent,

The past eight weeks have been really overwhelming. I have received an awe-inspiring amount of support and encouragement from family and friends like you. I wanted to share the excitement with you about the crazy things God has been doing. I have reached the goal of \$5,100 (it increased due to airfare costs) that will get me to Botswana! It has been such a humbling experience and has left me in awe of God. Being able to experience and see God's provision so personally has opened my eyes to how powerful He is. I wanted to thank you all for your generous prayer and support!

This past weekend we had a briefing where I got to meet the rest of my team (17 other college students from the Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia and West Virginia) including the project directors and the three director's kids. We focused on bonding as a team, how to manage conflict, and how to adapt to the culture. The weekend was built on the "4 L's"; love the Lord, love your team, launch movements and learn a new world. It was extremely refreshing to take get to know the team and to simply focus on God and what He has laid out for us. Each member of the team is so unique and yet we all seemed to truly mesh and complement each other. I am extremely excited for this summer and to see God move through us.

I was thinking of the best way to update you all about the progress of our trip and I think an email chain would be a good start. I am looking into creating a blog, but I can send you the link to that if it works out. If you would like to be in on my e-mail updates either e-mail me at kkellyll@students.towson.edu your e-mail address or you can send it to my house (94 Longview Drive, Holland, PA 18966).

Here is a list of some continued prayer requests for me and my team if you would like to pray for us.

- That God will provide for each member to raise the necessary support to go
- Trusting that God will provide for us while we travel and while we are in Botswana
- For us to seek God and that He would prepare us to be an instrument of His love and mercy
- Team unity
- Physical/spiritual health
- Wisdom and Godly leadership of our directors as they give direction to our team this summer
- To open and soften the hearts of those we will meet
- For us to remain sensitive and open to the new culture we are about to be immersed in

If you want to contribute to our mission and didn't get a chance to, I can pass funds on to my team members who are having trouble raising up support, but please do not feel obligated. Thank you again for all your prayers, encouragement, and support! It means so much to me and as I have said before, I am so excited you get to be a part of this adventure with me!

In Christ,

Kathryn Kelly

MAY SCHEDULES

ACOLYTES

1st	Both	Open	5/01
2nd	8:00 am	Lauren Wills	
	10:30 am	Jerry Gugger	
3rd	10:30 am	Shannon McQuiggan	5/01
4th	8:00 am	Lauren Wills	5/08
5 th	Both	Open	5/15

LAY READERS

5/01	8:00 am	Dave Shearer
	10:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan
5/08	8:00 am	Mike Hall
	10:30 am	Benicia Meyers
5/15	8:00 am	Open
	10:30 am	Jeanne Gryszka
5/22	8:00 am	Lance Muscara
	10:30 am	Jack Weaver
5/29	9:30 am	Ken Meyers

ALTAR GUILD

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

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

5/01	8:00 am	Mike Hall, Bill Pearson
	10:30 am	Rose Herbert, Kris Henke

COMMUNION BREAD

2 services Karen Matlack

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

5/01	Marian Siek
5/08	Kathy Sitler
5/15	Sue Jafar
5/22	Marian Siek
5/29	Kathy Sitler

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
		George Henry, Mike Sitler
4 th	8:00 am	Steve Anderson, Dave Frost
	10:30 am	Tony Gryszka, Kris Henke
5 th	9:30 am	Andy Frey, Don Hoffmann, 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, Don Hoffmann, Paul Henke



ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER

MAY



1 Ethan Wunder	11 Daniel McGee	21 Ron Brown
2 Renate DeJames	Jessica Sorcek	22 Lukas Williams
3 Jennifer Zipf	13 Fred Morley	Lauren Wills
4 Amber Fenlon	15 George Spahn	25 Donald Hoffmann
Edie Noll	16 Craig Wills	26 Landon Youse
5 Amanda Earle	17 Tony Gryszka	28 Helen Shearer
6 Joan Lenox	Arthur Ruth	29 Braeden Ritchie
8 Alyssa Matlack Fell	19 James Merk	31 Emily Merk
10 Linda Weaver	20 Michele Oines	

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

MAY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 AM Traditional Holy Communion 9:15 AM Contemporary Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School ages 4-adult 10:30 AM Traditional Holy Communion 10:30 AM Rite of First Communion w/reception following	2 Philip & James, Apostles 6:30 PM Confirmation II Tests 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	3 7:00 PM Finance Committee	4 Pastor @ Coninuing Ed. 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	5  Pastor @ Coninuing Ed. 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	6 Synod Assembly @ Franconia 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg	7 Synod Assembly @ Franconia
8  THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Baby Manna Collection 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Contemporary Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School ages 4-adult 10:30 AM Traditional Worship	9 1:30 PM Sola Gratia Circle 6:30 PM Church Council meets with Confirmands 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	10 9:30 AM LBLC @ Twining Village 2:00 PM Pastors meet with Bishop 7:00 PM Diaconia Open House @ Emmaus Road	11 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	12 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	13 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg	14  8:30 AM __
15 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Contemporary Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School ages 4-adult 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 10:30 AM Brian Folz Baptism	16 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	17	18 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM - 8:15 PM NO CHOIRS	19 9:30 AM Deans Meeting @ LTSP 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	20 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg	21
22 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Contemporary Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School ages 4-adult 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 10:30 AM Hannah Wong Baptism	23 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	24	25 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	26 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	27  Youth Memorial Day Weekend 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg	28 Youth Memorial Day Weekend
29 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Start of Summer Schedule Youth Memorial Day Weekend 9:15 AM NO Sunday School 9:30 AM Memorial Day Commemoration Service	30  Youth Memorial Day Weekend 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	31 Visit of Mary to Elizabeth	1 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	2  ASCENSION OF THE LORD 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	3 8:00 PM A.A. Step Mtg	4