



Sixth
Sunday after
the Epiphany

Advent Lutheran Church Announcements

Welcome to Worship!

February 12, 2012

Upcoming February Sundays!

Today – Pastor Lundblad preaching.

February 19 – Transfiguration Sunday - Pastor Sudbrock preaching. Baptism of Alexandra Williams at the 11am service.

February 22 – Ash Wednesday with imposition of ashes – Pastor Brown Preaching. 12:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Misa en Español 6:00 p.m.

February 26 – First Sunday in Lent – Pastor Lundblad preaching.

Adult Education each Sunday at 10 a.m. downstairs

TODAY– God and the Economy – led by Dr. Gary Dorrien, Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics, Union Seminary.

February 19 – Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All – ELCA Social Statement on the Economy led by Pastor Miller.

February 26 and March 4 – The Book of Revelation – led by Derrek McQueen, Ph.D. student, New Testament, Union Seminary.

Spanish Ministry – Misa en Español

HOY, 1 p.m. - Predicador – Carlos Lopez

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 6 p.m. – Predicador – Pastora Brown

Ministry of Worship beyond Sunday mornings!

•**Wednesdays at Noon** - Simple Eucharist service from 12:00-12:30 p.m. including Scripture, Prayer and Holy Communion. A Bible Study on the scripture lessons for the upcoming Sunday follows from 12:30-1:15 pm. Join us!

•**Common Ground** – Alternative Worship crafted and led by the young adults at Advent. All ages invited to share and participate in worship and fellowship. **February 23rd at 7pm** - "The Power of the Body of Christ". One bread, one body, one Lord of all – join us for a wonderful message from Pastor Brown on the power of the body of Christ. Prayer, readings, music, and a meal and time of fellowship after the service. Our updated service schedule from February through June is available on the Advent website. If you feel inspired to participate in a service your contribution is welcome - please contact jordandclawson@gmail.com for more information.

Jane Kelly Williams in concert here at Advent Lutheran Church! February 25th, 7:00pm. Come and join our former music director, Jane, and her husband Dave as they play some of her songs both the ancient and the newly cresting. Jane says of Advent: "I miss them and can't wait to play for those who still remember us a little ~ Willa was 3 and 4 and still talks about PB ~ and to get my hands back on that Steinway of theirs! It has a one of kind Rolls Royce drive. I'll still be a kid on it, and will also bring out the guitar, but Dave will be the maestro with that all knowing bass cat groove! Come out and let's take a drive around the block again! Songs, hugs, or maybe just a little hand jive."

Prayer Ministry: "Prayer is not asking for what you think you want, but asking to be changed in ways you can't imagine." Kathleen Norris. This quote from poet and seeker Kathleen Norris gives us a new way of looking at prayer. If you would like to pray for others or deepen your own prayer life, consider joining the Prayer Ministry. The Prayer Ministry is not tied to a schedule of regular meetings but stays in touch with one another primarily through e-mail or phone. New members are needed and welcomed. For more information, contact Kathleen Carpenter at kathc89@gmail.com or call (718) 614-3889.

Navajo Ministry: If you'd like to know more about the Navajo or are interested in a possible mission trip, please contact Kathleen Carpenter at kathc89@gmail.com or call (718) 614-3889. An informational meeting on Navajo culture and the Navajo Lutheran Mission is scheduled for Sunday, February 26 in the basement after the 11am service.

Tanzania partnership! Advent has just established a companionship with the Biiirabo parish in Tanzania. This exciting opportunity allows Advent to connect with our brothers and sisters in friendship and the Gospel. This relationship is open to all members of Advent who seek to understand and interact with a culture 8,000 miles away. For more information on joining the newly forming Tanzanian task force please contact Sheldon Erb at sheldon.erb@gmail.com.

The Advent Faith Issues Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the house of Nicole Johnson (101 Claremont Ave. #401) at 7:15 pm. All are welcome! The book is *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore. Please let Nicole know if you plan to attend: nikijohnson29@yahoo.com or 917-617-1296.

Growth Strategy Team: As we announced at the annual meeting, the "Growth" strategy team is putting on a push for regular full attendance of worship and Sunday school during Lent. We are going to conduct a phone-a-thon today from 4 to 6 pm to call people and ask for them to commit to full attendance. Please join us by making a commitment. Ash Wednesday is February 22 and Easter is April 8. If you would like to help us make phone calls (we can really use the help!), contact Linda Kelly (lkelly_ny@yahoo.com) or 917-679-1256.

Check out our website at www.adventnyc.org!

Ministries for Children, Youth and Families

•**Thanks to everyone who contributed to National Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday-** Advent youth collected \$500 for the Westside Campaign against Hunger. Together we can help make a difference!

- **Communion Preparations have begun** for any child who, along with their parents, believes they are ready to receive the Sacrament of First Communion. Our last meeting is February 19th following the 11am service and children will receive a special blessing on Sunday, February 26th.
- **Sunday School** - This program is for children ages 3-8. We meet downstairs each Sunday at 10 a.m. for a bible story and lesson.
- **Lighthouse** – This program is for children ages 9-12. We meet upstairs in the tower loft (access to the balcony is from the center stairs in the sanctuary) at 10 a.m. for a lesson and sharing.
- **Youth Forum for Jr. High, Sundays at 10am** - All young people in Grades 7-8 and Confirmation will gather to learn and discuss important issues in the world today. We meet downstairs in the Conference Room in the back of the Fellowship Hall.
- **Children’s Church during the 9am service** - Younger children are welcome to join Julie for an active exploration of the Gospel lesson. We return during the passing of the peace to be able to participate in the Offering and Holy Communion.
- **Bible Explorers** –This program for children in preschool and early elementary is offered every Wednesday from 3:15-4:30pm. In creative and active lessons, children learn Bible stories and explore God’s gift of peace, love, and forgiveness.
- **Confirmation** - This is a two-year catechetical program for youth ages 12-18. We meet two Thursdays a month from 4:30-5:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Dates: February 16, March 1, 15, 29.
- **Middle School Ministry** – This program is for all youth in grades 6-9. **February 17th**–Skating at Lasker Rink (Entrance just south of park entrance at 110th Street & Lenox Avenue). We will meet at the rink at 6:30pm. Cost- Students are \$3.75 plus \$6 for rental.
- **High School Youth Group** –This program is geared for youth 16-18 who are in High School. **TODAY-** 10am, Bible Study. **Feb. 24-** Mini Lock-in, 7-11:30 p.m.
- **Baptism**–Available as needed.

Ministries of Friendship and Fun!

- **Advent LIFE (Living In Faith and Enjoying it!)** is a social ministry for twenty- and thirty-somethings that gathers monthly for fun and fellowship.
 - We will be dancing the night away at Culture Club on Friday, February 24! Check out our Facebook page for details!
- **Adventurous Adventonians** - The Adventurous Adventonians are a group of members aged 40+ who get together monthly for fun. But anyone of any age is welcome to join us! If you are interested in learning more or participating in Adventonian activities, contact Kathy Matson at kdmatson1@yahoo.com or Kathy Carpenter at kathc89@gmail.com or call at (212) 362-2338.
 - The next scheduled event will be another one of the very popular “lunch and a movie” events, TODAY, February 12, after the 11am service.

Ministries of Music

- **Advent Chorale** – The Chorale leads worship three Sundays a month and meets for singing and fellowship each Wednesday evening at 7:30pm in Advent’s sanctuary. Since the music we sing is usually in four or more parts, we are always in need of voices. Please see music director Aaron Wunsch (awunsch@gmail.com) or any Chorale member for more information.
- **Voices of Praise Choir** - VOP is our contemporary choir which sings a variety of music in two to four parts. VOP rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm-8pm in the sanctuary, with 8:30pm rehearsals following Common Ground services on coinciding Thursdays. For more information about the choir please contact Jordan Clawson (jordanclawson@gmail.com) or any VOP member.
- **Common Ground Band** – This is a volunteer band that plays during Common Ground services on Thursday nights and sometimes during worship on Sunday mornings. The band rehearses on Thursdays at 8pm in the sanctuary, with 6pm rehearsals before CG services. The band plays a variety of music from MercyMe and hymns to originals by members of the group. For more information, please contact Jordan Clawson (jordanclawson@gmail.com).
- **Music Mondays** – The next concert is February 27th, 7:30 p.m. Kleine Musik. See program on the back table for more information.

Ministries of Food

- **Community Lunch Program** – This month's community lunch is **Saturday, February 25th**. Please let Carlos Lopez know (cl517@columbia.edu) if you are available to volunteer for this community service event. Please sign up for a specific time slot – Saturday a.m. prep, Saturday serving, Saturday clean-up. We particularly need dedicated prep and clean-up crews each month.
- **Food Pantry** - This ministry distributes free groceries. Our next pantry is **Saturday, March 3rd, 2012**. Please contact Frankie Thompkins at salsafrankie@gmail.com to volunteer for this ministry.

Other Ministries

- **Lutheran Counseling Center** - The Lutheran Counseling Center at Advent is available for anyone needing to talk to someone. To schedule an appointment with Rev. Tom Taylor for individual sessions, please call (917) 886-6399. To schedule an appointment with the Rev. Dr. Marta Green (D. Min.), for individual sessions, please call (800) 317-1173.

2012 Meeting Board

All meetings are open to the general membership unless otherwise indicated.

- Equipo El Salvador** – TODAY, February 12, after the 11:00 a.m. service in the basement.
- Stewardship Committee** – Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m. in the basement.
- Church Council** – Thursday, February 16, 7:00 p.m. in the basement.
- Mission Fund Committee** – Wednesday, February 29, 6:45 p.m. in the basement.
- Malaria Committee** – Sunday, March 4, after the 11:00 a.m. service in the basement.