



Second  
Sunday after  
the Epiphany

**Advent Lutheran Church Announcements**

***Welcome to Worship!***

***January 15, 2012***

**Upcoming January Sundays!**

**Today – MLK Celebration** – Pastor Sudbrock preaching.

Treasurer Hans Kriefall will lead Budget Preview sessions at 10 a.m. in Pastor Brown's office and 12:15 p.m. downstairs.

Equipo El Salvador –12:30pm in the basement.

**January 22** – Pastor Lundblad preaching. A special luncheon to benefit the Navajo Lutheran School in Rock Point, AR will be hosted immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service downstairs.

Strengthen Food Ministries meeting at 12:15 p.m. in rear ½ of basement.

Common Ground Planning Meeting at 12:15 p.m. in the rear conference room.

**January 29** – Pastor Brown preaching. Baptism of Clarissa Hadley Divelbliss Libenson at the 11 a.m. service. **Official Notice of the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service downstairs. All members of the congregation have vote at the meeting. All visitors and friends have voice at the meeting. Most importantly, all are welcome to hear about the plans for new ministry initiatives in 2012!!**

**February 5** – Pastor Brown preaching.

**Adult Education each Sunday at 10 a.m. downstairs**

**TODAY, and January 22** – Does the Bible Really Say That? Reading the Bible without Losing Our Faith - Led by Pastor Lundblad

**January 29 and February 5** – **The Gospel of Mark** – led by Dr. Aliou Niang, Prof. of New Testament, Union Theological Seminary

**Spanish Ministry – Misa en Español**

**February 19, 1 p.m.** Predicador – Rev. Gary Mills, Asistente del Obispo

**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. The next service is Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with the message given by Stacey Gunderman from Equipo El Salvador.

New to CG or want to be involved? Please email Jordan Clawson, [jordanclawson@gmail.com](mailto:jordanclawson@gmail.com), if you'd like to participate in the service or if you have any questions anytime. **The next planning meeting for the February-June Common Ground season will be Sunday, January 22 after the 11:00 a.m. service.** All are welcome to be part of the planning team for Common Ground!

**An Abiding Memorial was given** by Dolores Rivera-Ferrer in memory of Marla Wooten-Tutein.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Family Day of Service**- **TODAY, Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>** from 1-3 p.m. at Anshe Chesed Synagogue. (100<sup>th</sup> St & West End) Join us for hands-on Social Action Projects and Learning Opportunities for families with children of all ages.

**Annual MLK Interfaith March on Upper West Side-Occupy. Faithful. Dialogue.** Tomorrow, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Advent Lutheran Church is a leader in this neighborhood tradition now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year. We begin at Holy Name Church, 96<sup>th</sup> and Amsterdam, at 2 p.m. The march makes 5 stops at faith communities in the neighborhood between 86<sup>th</sup> and 96<sup>th</sup> streets, including one at Advent, and then returns to Holy Name for refreshments and conversation. This is a march for peace and community building in our neighborhood.

**Memorial Service for Matt Jones** – MLK Day, Jan. 16, **7:00 p.m. (NOT 7:30pm as was printed last week)** at Advent. Come pay tribute to this giant of justice and freedom.

**New Advent Faith Issues Book Club Forming** - Are you interested in reading about finding God in our daily lives? We're reading *Looking Around for God* by James Autry and meeting on Tuesday Jan. 17. 7:15 pm at Nicole Johnson's apartment (99 Claremont Ave. #401). Please contact Nicole Johnson if you are interested: [nikijohnson29@yahoo.com](mailto:nikijohnson29@yahoo.com) or 917-617-1296.

**Calling all Snow Shovelers!** Jane is putting together our list of people willing to help us out by shoveling snow when needed. If you're willing/interested/feel so inspired, please send Jane an email at [finance@adventnyc.org](mailto:finance@adventnyc.org). She will be happy to hear from you!

**Ministries for Children, Youth and Families**

•**National Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday**- February 5<sup>th</sup> Advent youth will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. Please consider dropping some money into the soup pots after worship on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Together we can help make a difference!

***Check out our website at [www.adventnyc.org](http://www.adventnyc.org)!***

- **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 will 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: January 26, February 2 and 16.
- **Middle School Ministry** – This program is for all youth in grades 6-9. **This Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**–Top Chef Challenge, bring \$5. **February 17<sup>th</sup>**–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** - MLK Day of Service Event with Ansche Chesed, 1-3 p.m. **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**- 10am, Bible Study
- **Baptism**–Available as needed. **Communion Preparation** classes beginning February 5<sup>th</sup>, for any child, who along with their parents believe they are ready to receive the Sacrament of First Communion.

### 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.
- **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](mailto:kdmatson1@yahoo.com) or Kathy Carpenter at [kathc89@gmail.com](mailto: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 on Sunday, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, January 28th**. Please let Carlos Lopez know ([cl517@columbia.edu](mailto: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, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. Please contact Frankie Thompkins at [salsafrankie@gmail.com](mailto: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.

#### **2011 Meeting Board**

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

**Stewardship Committee** – Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 p.m. in the basement.

**Church Council** – Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m. in the basement.

**Children, Youth, and Family Strategic Direction Team** - Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12:30 pm in the basement.

**Advent Mission Fund Committee** – Wednesday, January 25, 7 p.m. in the conference room in the basement.