



Fourth  
Sunday after  
the Epiphany

*Advent Lutheran Church Announcements*

*Welcome to Worship!*

*January 29, 2012*

**Upcoming January and February Sundays!**

**Today** – Pastor Brown preaching. Baptism of Clarissa Hadley Divelbliss Libenson at the 11 a.m. service. **Annual Congregational Meeting to be held immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service downstairs. All are welcome to hear about the plans for new ministry initiatives in 2012!!**

**February 5** – Pastor Brown preaching.

**February 12** – Pastor Lundblad preaching.

**February 19** – Pastor Sudbrock preaching.

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

**TODAY and February 5** – **The Gospel of Mark-God, Empire and Illness** – led by Dr. Aliou Niang, Prof. of New Testament, Union Theological Seminary.

**February 12** – **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.

**Spanish Ministry – Misa en Español**

**February 12, 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. When did I see you... outcast? On Thursday February 9 at 7pm Kim Shultz will present her incredible performance piece sharing the experiences of Iraqi refugees through the voices of four characters. This will be a wonderful, moving service and we hope you can join us! 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 would be welcome - please contact [jordanclawson@gmail.com](mailto:jordanclawson@gmail.com) for more information.

**Congratulations parents!** We celebrate the birth of Aksel Rasmus Miller on January 3 and Eva Sandra Chacon on December 28. Samuel Abraham Hanson was born on January 20<sup>th</sup> to Meghan and Olando Hanson. We await the birth of new baby of Damaris and Reid Maclean. Please keep all our pregnant families in your prayers, as well as those families trying to get pregnant.

**Annual Meeting TODAY after the 11:00 a.m. service!**

The meeting will begin with Staff and Committee reports, report from the Nominating Committee for three open Council slots, Vote on Helen Marks bequest designation, Proposal for full-time internship for Vicar Marc and receipt of proposed 2012 budget. Following this, members will hear an update on strategic planning underway at Advent. Five planning teams will briefly describe their work. Then members attending the meeting will have the opportunity for smaller group meetings with the leaders of each of the five teams. It's a time to share your dreams and hopes for Advent's worship & music, physical space, communications, growth & leadership, and ministries with children, youth, & families.

**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 in 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 Tanzanian task force please contact Sheldon Erb at [sheldon.erb@gmail.com](mailto:sheldon.erb@gmail.com).

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

**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. Advent youth have selected this year's collections to go to the Westside Campaign Against Hunger. Please consider dropping some money into the soup pots after worship. Together we can help make a difference!

•**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. There are 3 meetings, following the 11am service and children will receive a special Blessing on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

•**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: February 2 and 16, March 1, 15, 29.
- **Middle School Ministry** – This program is for all youth in grades 6-9. **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. **Feb 5-** Souper Bowl of Caring. **Feb. 12-** 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.

-Need some silliness to get you through these cold, post-holiday weeks? Come to the Advent LIFE book study! We'll be reading "Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal" by Christopher Moore, a hilarious tongue-in-cheek story about Jesus' young adult years, on Monday nights January 30-February 13 at 7pm. Hosted by Chris Dundon on W. 91st Street. We will also be dancing the night away at Culture Club on Friday, February 24!

▪ **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, February 25<sup>th</sup>**. 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 [salsaf Frankie@gmail.com](mailto:salsaf Frankie@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.*

**Common Ground Planning Mtg.** – Wednesday, February 1, 7:00pm, in the basement.

**Worship Committee** – Saturday, February 4, 10:00am, in the sanctuary.

**Food Ministry Meeting** - Sunday, February 5, after the 11:00 a.m. service in the basement.

**Malaria Committee** – Sunday, February 5, after the 11:00 a.m. service in the basement.

**Equipo El Salvador** – Sunday, February 12, after the 11:00 a.m. service in the basement.

**Stewardship Committee** – Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m. in the basement.