

## From the Pastor, January-February 2012



The Rev. J. Elise Brown

For those of you who have gone through the Seekers' Classes at Advent, you may remember our discussion of the **7 Marks of a Disciple**.

Do you remember them? They are:

Worship Weekly  
Pray Daily  
Give Generously  
Study Scripture  
Invite Others  
Serve Those in Need  
Encourage (Cultivate friends of faith or "spiritual friendships")

I imagine many of you have made New Year's resolutions. I do. I make them every year. It's interesting to reflect back on what I have and have not accomplished in the previous year. Our Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries, Julie Hagen, had 11 New Year's resolutions last year (for 2011) and this year she has 12 (for 2012)! And she accomplished almost all of them last year!

As you consider this New Year, 2012, why not add to your list of resolutions the **7 Marks of a Disciple** listed above? Really. Part of growing in our faith and not becoming complacent is to challenge ourselves to live lives of discipleship. We cannot grow in faith without practicing our faith. We cannot get stronger in faith without working the spiritual muscles of our minds, hearts and hands in active discipleship in the world. Rigor mortis can set into our spiritual lives if we don't tend the faith practices. It is God's grace that gives us the capacity to practice our faith, but it is spiritual commitment that enables us to follow through on the practices.

The Staff and Church Council leaders of Advent have all been given a copy of The Daily Texts. This daily devotional has short scripture readings and a prayer for each day. You can order a copy for yourself at <http://www.mountcarmelministries.com/grow-in-the-word/daily-texts>.

The Daily Texts encourages the T.R.I.P. form of daily devotions:

T – Thanksgiving (praising God)  
R – Repentance (regret)  
I – Intercession (praying for others)  
P – Plan of Action (purpose to prayer)

The TRIP devotion can be done on the subway or bus, during lunch or at the end of the day. Whatever form your devotional life takes, commit to it. Make it as essential to your daily life as eating and sleeping. And if all else fails, read one Psalm each day as a prayer. This is a very easy and wonderful faith practice. The Psalms are hymns and prayers that encompass the great range of human emotion and reality – praise, lament, regret, thanksgiving. Let the prayer of a forebear in the faith be your prayer. Whatever form of daily devotion to choose, I pray your spiritual life grows deeper this year. Let us join in praise for this great God who deigned to become human flesh and dwell with us.

See you in church,  
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## Finding Common Ground in 2012

Common Ground begins 2012 with new music, readings, activities and themes at our 7pm Thursday services. At our January 12 service we had a message from Pastor David Parsons of St. John-St. Matthew-Emanuel Lutheran Church in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Pastor Parsons is a wonderful speaker and was a real treat to have at CG. On January 26, Stacey Gunderman will give a message about Advent's work in El Salvador and her own experiences there. If you have suggestions for themes, offering collections, speakers, or music you'd like to experience at CG please join us for our planning meeting on January 22 after the 11am service. For information about the planning meeting, please visit us on the Advent website and the Common Ground at Advent facebook group. If you are unable to attend the meeting, email Jordan Clawson at [jordanclawson@gmail.com](mailto:jordanclawson@gmail.com) and we'll include your suggestions at our planning meeting. Looking forward to great worship together at Common Ground in the new year!

## DEVASTATION (El Salvador)

As I coming to praise my Lord  
Devastation for all the human lives  
came to me...  
loss  
waiting for news from my church  
far from my understanding  
what should I do..  
Seen all my brothers bathed with mud  
while I'm here..  
What is it that I must be...or do  
priorities..  
so many..  
education..  
so needed  
what to do my lord  
to satisfy some,  
some of their pains..  
I feel incapable  
enlighten me with your  
Grace



Luisa Burgos

## Call for Volunteers for Children, Youth and Family Ministries!

**Are you interested in getting involved with the many programs we have for children, youth, and families at Advent?** Do you have ideas for a fundraiser, service project, or like to help teach Sunday School or youth forum. Send Julie an email and she will help you get connected ([julie@adventnyc.org](mailto:julie@adventnyc.org)).

## Children, Youth and Family Ministries

**MLK Family Day of Service Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 p.m.**- Please join us for a family day of community service, in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday. The event, co-sponsored by Advent and AnscheChesed, will take place at AnscheChesed (entrance on W.100th St between Broadway and West End). Activities will include: preparing care packages for soldiers, Alex's lemonade stand for pediatric cancer research, assembling Project Sunshine pediatric craft kits, baking lasagna for the AnscheChesed shelter, making bookmarks for the local library story hour, and making birthday cards for the elderly. The event is free! Please invite your friends, classmates, and neighbors!

### **Advent's Children and Youth lend their hearts and hands this Christmas!**

**Over \$1000 raised during our annual Cookie Sale Fundraiser for Advent's Food Ministry.** Thank you to all the families who helped bake, organized plates, sold, and bought cookies during the Tree Sale. **Health Kit Stockings** for Seafarer's and International House, the Navajo Mission School and Trinity Place Shelter for LGBTQ youth. On December 4<sup>th</sup>, the young people at Advent decorated and stuffed 200 stockings with shampoo, soap, Kleenex, combs and other hygiene items given by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. **Christmas Gifts for children.** At our December middle school night, each of the youth chipped in some money to buy gifts for children in need. The gifts were wrapped and donated to Edward Williams Elementary School where a majority of the children are on food stamps and public assistance.

### **Ministries for Children**

**Sunday School and Lighthouse meet at 10am each week.** All children ages 3-12 are welcome to join us for an hour of songs, Bible stories, activities, fun, and fellowship.

**Bible Explorers meets every Wednesday at 3:15-4:30.** This program for children in preschool and early elementary will resume on January 11<sup>th</sup>. In creative and active lessons, children learn Bible stories and explore God's gift of peace, love, and forgiveness. Brochures are available at church and the website.

**First Communion Classes are being offered starting February 5<sup>th</sup>.** Any child who, along with their family, believes they are ready to receive Holy Communion are invited to participate in the class. We will meet February 5, 12, and 19<sup>th</sup> after the 11am service. On February 26<sup>th</sup> children will receive a special blessing before receiving Communion. If you feel your child is ready to receive their First Communion, talk to Julie.

**Vacation Bible Camp- Summer 2012!** We are gearing up for another great summer of bible stories, crafts, fun in the park, field trips, and fellowship! Our program will be 3 weeks this summer, July 9-27. Cost is \$375. Brochures will be available in early March.

### **Middle School Youth Group News!**

**Youth Forum, 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.

**Confirmation:** This ministry is open to youth ages 12-18 who are ready to affirm their baptism. We meet Thursdays from 4:30-5:45 pm: January 12 and 26, February 2 and 16 to begin our studies on the New Testament.

**Middle School Night:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays- **January 20<sup>th</sup>**-Top Chef Challenge- (Please bring \$5) and **February 17<sup>th</sup>**-Skating at Lasker Rink (110<sup>h</sup>St. and Lenox Ave.). We will meet at the rink at 6:30 p.m.. Cost- \$3.75 plus \$6 for skate rental.

### **High School Youth Group News!**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>** - Volunteer at the MLK Family Service Event at AnscheChesed (1-3 p.m.)

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 10a.m. Bible study

**February 5<sup>th</sup>**- Souper Bowl of Caring Fundraiser

**February 12<sup>th</sup>** - 10a.m. Bible study

**February 24<sup>th</sup>** - Mini Lock In (7-11:30 p.m.)

## Music Mondays

February 27 | KleineMusik

Johanna Rose, soprano | Karol Steadman, soprano | Christa Patton,  
Baroque harp | Nina Stern, recorder | Daphna Mor, recorder | Patricia  
Ann Neely, viol



Johanna Rose, founding member of the superstar vocal quartet Anonymous 4, joins soprano Karol Steadman for a unique program of vocal chamber music for two sopranos, two recorders, Baroque harp, and viol. Baroque composer Heinrich Schütz's chamber masterpiece for voices and instruments, the *KleinegeistlicheKonzerte* ("Little Spiritual Concertos"), are woven with British composer Ivan Moody's own settings of the same texts into a colorful tapestry of sound.

Program:  
Heinrich Schütz | *KleinegeistlicheKonzerte*  
Ivan Moody | *KleinegeistlicheKonzerte* (U. S. Premiere)

All concerts begin at 7:30pm. Admission FREE.Reception to follow.

## MUSIC MONDAYS TOTE BAGS

Support Music Mondays! Buy a Music Mondays tote bag! It's New York black with a silver Music Mondays logo. Perfect for shopping, carrying music, newspapers, and all the other things New Yorkers carry around. Music Mondays is requesting \$10. See Norma Martin to get your tote bag!



## Advent Staff Enjoy Much-deserved Outing

A very big "thank you" to our hard-working, ever-cheerful Advent staff for all that they do to make our worship experience at Advent so wonderful!

## Choirnotes

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina—a name long synonymous with perfection in music—was born in 1525, shortly after Martin Luther wrote to a friend: “I daily expect death as a heretic.” Palestrina would grow up to become the musical hero of the Catholic Counterreformation; as such, one might think he would have been a natural enemy of Lutherans. On the contrary, I feel there is reason to believe Luther would have loved and even promoted Palestrina’s music, had he lived to hear it. On February 5<sup>th</sup> (9am), the Chorale will sing Palestrina’s masterful “SicutCervus” (Psalm 42).

Palestrina led a peaceable life relative to Luther’s (so far as we know), first as an organist and then as *maestro di capella* of St. Peter’s choir at the Vatican, for which he composed some 100 masses, 300 motets, and 35 Magnificats. The strict Vatican lifestyle may have affected his musical values, since Palestrina always followed several basic principles: never leap into a dissonance, avoid parallel octaves or fifths, and follow leaps with a change in direction. Little did he know these principles would become the basic “rules” of music for the next three hundred years! Bach studied and performed Palestrina’s music before composing his Mass in B Minor, and almost every succeeding composer (Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven...) studied Palestrina’s musical style.

Where does Luther fit in? During his life, arguments raged over the function of music in worship. Calvin advocated for only monophonic (single-line) singing, much like how we chant the psalm during our services at Advent. Luther, however, was a fan of polyphony--music in multiple parts--and he particularly loved the Catholic composer Josquin des Prez, Palestrina’s predecessor in Rome. (In a somewhat typical outburst, Luther called anyone who didn’t like polyphonic music a “clodhopper...not fit to be called a human being.”) Legend has it that Palestrina saved polyphony during the Catholic Counterreformation by proving that he could compose music in multiple parts where the text could still be understood, and thus is the “savior of sacred music.” While this seems a little too good to be true, the beautiful clarity of Palestrina’s music was likely a powerful argument in favor of polyphony. Here was one topic on which musical Catholics and Lutherans were in agreement.

“SicutCervus” takes its inspiration from the beginning of Psalm 42: “As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.” The sighing, yearning quality in the vocal lines is unusually expressive for Palestrina’s music, perhaps leading this motet to become one of the best known among his thousands of works. During the sixteenth century, this psalm could be found in the Easter Vigil service and in the Requiem Mass: in both the context of extreme joy and extreme sorrow. With Christmas behind and Lent ahead, may it engender whatever kind of reflection you require. Clodhoppers need not attend!



Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

## January and February Adult Education Opportunities – Sundays at 10 a.m.

January 15 and 22 – **Does the Bible Really Say That? Reading the Bible Without Losing our Faith** led by Pastor Lundblad. An exploration of the lesser known and “less desirable” scripture passages.

January 29 and February 5 – TBA

February 12 – **A Study of the ELCA Social Statement – Economic Life: Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All.** Copies of the full social statement will be available, but can be found in advance of the session at <http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Social-Statements/Economic-Life.aspx> led by Pastor Miller, the primary developer of this excellent social statement adopted by the ELCA in 1999.

February 19 – **The Economy and the Church – How do Christians understand and engage the economic issues of our time?** Led by Professor Gary Dorrien, Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary

February 26 and March 4 – **Revelation: It’s Not About the Rapture.”** – led by Derrick McQueen, Doctoral Candidate in New Testament, Union Theological Seminary

## Greetings all! From Newly Ordained Heidi Lembke

It is official!!! I HAVE A CALL! Praise God from whom all blessings flow! I'll try to keep this note short as Ben and I are filled with joy but very tired :)

Today, after preaching, I was extended a call to serve as full-time solo pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Quincy, MA. It was a WONDERFUL day filled with smiles, laughter, worship and positive interactions all around. Ben, Mike and Sarah were there to represent the family and support me (and support Ben!). We are so grateful for such a positive, Spirit-filled day!

Tuesday is the official move date-the parsonage is beautiful.  
address: 66 Alton Street, Quincy, MA 02169

Tomorrow is my first day, so I will begin meeting with the interim pastor, Laurie, to hand over responsibilities and chat about the daily details.

My ordination will be:

January 28, 2012 at 2pm

Christ Lutheran Church

113 Union Street

Natick, MA 01760

Please, if you are able, do plan to attend. You are warmly invited!!!

I believe my instillation will be the next day, Sunday, January 29th at the 10am service at Faith Lutheran, 201 Granite Street, Quincy, MA. That will be my first time preaching and presiding at communion as an ordained minister in the ELCA. All are also invited to attend this event.



## News from the Council

In accordance with the mission of Advent Lutheran Church, the Council recommends the following allocation of the Helen Marks Bequest for congregational vote at the Annual Meeting on January 29:

1. The Marks Bequest, totaling approximately \$75,000, will be allocated in three parts as follows:
  - In honor of Helen Marks, a Holocaust survivor who felt her soul was nursed back to life at Advent, a tithe will be given to the Women of the ELCA, a reputable organization that works with incarcerated women and victims of domestic abuse.
  - The remaining balance will be split between the two budget lines that have been identified as most vulnerable – the parsonage line, and the general reserve line.
2. The Council unanimously approved a proposal to sponsor Vicar Marc Stutzelfor a full-time, 12-month paid internship (September, 2012 – August 2013) at a cost of \$18,151.20, including payments to the seminary (\$1,500) and a monthly student stipend with associated costs, e.g., FICA (\$16,650.20). The proposal will be submitted for approval at the Annual Meeting on January 29.

The Council is open to hearing your questions, concerns and suggestions, especially if you have ideas for mission giving outside of Advent Lutheran Church.

## Official Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, January 29

**The meeting will be immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Two actions to come before the Congregation are reported above in Council News. Further discussion of the 5 active Strategic Directions is on the agenda; your voice is needed!**

## Upcoming Special Services

### Ash Wednesday is February 22

Worship Schedule:

12 noon Service with imposition of ashes, Pastor Brown preaching

6 p.m. Misa en Espanol, Predicador – Pastora Brown

7:30 p.m. Service with Advent Chorale and imposition of ashes, Pastor Brown preaching.

### Misa en Espanol

Domingo, 19 de Febrero at la 1 p.m. – Predicador – Pastor Gary Mills, Asistente de Obispo

### Memorial Service for Matt Jones – MLK Day, January 16, 7:30 p.m., Advent Lutheran Church

Come remember this freedom fighter, singer, justice seeker and long-time member of Advent. The Chorale will sing and Matt's music will be featured.

## Navajo Luncheon Fundraiser – January 22, 2012

Come enjoy foods native to the Americas and learn about the Navajo from Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission (NELM) Board member Kathleen Carpenter after the 11am service on January 22. Kathy will present a brief PowerPoint presentation on the mission and its school. The children of Advent Sunday School filled Christmas stockings for the children at the school with the help of Thrivent Financial Services.



## Koinonia – Opportunities All Year Round for Faith Formation

If you have yet to visit Camp Koinonia near Port Jervis, NY, you have a treat waiting for you. Koinonia offers retreats and workshops all year long for individuals, families and groups of all ages.

A group of Adventonians including the Sudbrocks, Blanche Eickemeyer, Kathy Matson, Barbara Sadowsky and Kathy Carpenter took advantage of the Advent retreat December 16-18 and had a wonderful, spiritually uplifting experience.

Pastor James Sudbrock was the spiritual leader for the weekend which featured Bible study, worship, crafts, hiking, a living crèche, and, of course, plentiful tasty food! Kathy Carpenter was the craft leader. Consider a visit of your own. For more information on Koinonia, see Ellie Sudbrock who is a member of their board or log on to their website [koinonians.org](http://koinonians.org).



## DEDICATION OF GIFTS FROM SALVADORAN ARTIST



Advent was blessed to receive very special gifts from Salvadoran artist Christian Chavarria, who has visited Advent three times. He has also become a friend of Advent members who have participated in delegations to El Salvador. Christian gave our community a beautiful processional cross and altar cloth, and gave Pastor Brown a stole. These gifts were dedicated at the worship services on November 13.

On November 13 Equipo El Salvador members who participated in a delegation in June spoke about their experiences at the Adult Forum and at a coffee hour. Danae Hudson premiered an emotionally powerful movie about El Salvador. Stacey Gunderman spoke with the Sunday School children about El Salvador, and gave the children crosses and other gifts from our friends in El Salvador.

Funds were raised to provide Spanish language Bibles for the Vacation Bible Camp at the Lutheran Cathedral in San Salvador, Resurreccion. (December is the long vacation month in El Salvador, hence Vacation Bible Camp.) Thanks to Stacey for heading up this fund raising effort, which was also supported by Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Chatham, New Jersey.

## Voices of Praise sings "Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil" this winter.

Although it didn't feel like a typical winter in New York before the New Year, in January and February I'm sure we'll all be heading to church on many chilly, snowy Sunday mornings. We don't often hear music describing growth and seed in the winter, but even when dormant there is much promise and possibility in the ground. When the seed is God's word and the soil our hearts, who knows what flowering can take place or when it may occur? In February, Voices of Praise will share an arrangement of "Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil". The text by Handt Hanson seems appropriate even for winter, the time when the ground is most hard and cold. As we come to church in the winter months let us be warmed and revived through the music, fellowship, prayer, and sharing of God's word at Advent, tilling the soil of our hearts and preparing for new growth.

"Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

By Handt Hanson

*"Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word.  
 Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.  
 When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
 When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
 When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
 Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
 Lord, let my heart be good soil."*

## Strengthen our Food Ministries – Meeting on Sunday, January 22 after the 11 a.m. service.

A group of concerned folks have gathered to discuss strategies for preserving our food ministries in the face of significant cuts in their grant sources this year. Five sub-committees are forming and new members are welcome:

1. Individual Gifts (Online Donations)
2. Fundraising Events
3. Grants & Corporate Funding
4. Food Vendors
5. Partnerships (research possible partnerships, ie: immigration, social work)

Please speak to Carly or Philip Strom if you are interested in participating ([cwendt6@hotmail.com](mailto:cwendt6@hotmail.com)) or plan to attend the meeting on January 22 in the rear part of the basement (the team will participate first in the Navajo luncheon happening that day).

## Join us for an afternoon at the theater!

**Godspell** - Saturday, February 25th at 2:30 p.m. Circle in the Square (located on W. 50th St. between 8th Ave and Broadway) Tickets are \$49.50 and must be paid in advance to reserve your ticket. Godspell is a Tony nominated musical based on the Gospel of Matthew. With hit songs like *Day by Day*, *Bless the Lord*, and *Prepare Ye*, Godspell brings the tale of friendship, loyalty and love to life for a contemporary audience.

## Mission/Benevolence Contributions

In line with Advent's goal of giving benevolence outside our organization, we give money twice a year to international, national, and local causes. To end 2011, the Church Council has decided that our outside benevolence will go to the following:

ELCA World Hunger -	\$3,500
Transfiguration Lutheran, in the Bronx -	3,000
Casa de Esperanza aka Hope House -	2,000
National Council of Churches, for the UN Commission on Status of Women	\$1,000
Bread for the World, 1,000 Days Partnership -	remaining money

ELCA World Hunger is a comprehensive and sustainable program that uses multiple strategies such as [relief, development, education](#), and [advocacy](#) to address the root causes of hunger and poverty, around the corner and around the world. For more information, go to <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/ELCA-World-Hunger.aspx>

Advent has long been aligned with Transfiguration, in the Bronx. Last year, the proceeds from the Christmas tree sale went to support this struggling congregation. This year, although the funds from the Christmas tree sale were designated to support Advent's Malaria Campaign, the pastor and youth from Transfiguration came down to help out with the sale.

Casa de Esperanza provides support to Latinas to recognize their strengths, build on them and reach their goals, and effective responses to domestic violence. It also works to enhance social capital because we believe that it decreases domestic violence. <http://www.casadeesperanza.org/about-us/>

The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women is the international governmental advocate for equality between men and women. As a subsidiary body of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, it actively monitors the situation of women worldwide and promotes women's rights in all societies. <http://www.un.org/ecosocdev/geninfo/women/csw.htm>

The goal the 1,000 Days Partnership is to save the lives of millions of children. It was launched in September 2010 by Secretary Clinton to really focus international attention on the 1,000 days, which is really the window of opportunity from the time a woman gets pregnant to the time a child is age two. <http://www.bread.org/media/coverage/news/mobilizing-to-end-child.html>

If you would like to recommend a cause for future giving, please let one of the Council members know.



## Adventurous Adventonians' Glimpse 'One Percent' Colonial Living by Naomi Frost

Saturday, December 10, half a dozen of us "Adventurous Adventonians" (Advent members aged "40-plus") enjoyed an expertly guided tour of the Van Cortlandt House Museum, the meticulously preserved and restored home built in 1748 (oldest house in The Bronx) by Frederick Van Cortlandt for his family on a grain plantation, now Van Cortlandt Park. (The mercantile Van Cortlandt descendants acquired vast tracts of land here, including what is now Greenwich Village in Manhattan.) The house was used during the Revolutionary War by Rochambeau, Lafayette, and Washington.



Ooh-ing and aah-ing our way through a home where every piece of furniture was a handmade work of art, we could also get a sense of its discomforts: in winters that froze the Hudson, unregulated heat from a fireplace



(albeit with gorgeously carved mantel) and wood-burning stove (ingeniously centrally built up though it was); in summer heat, just modest-sized windows to be opened. Privacy was unknown. Overnight adult guests (generally smaller in those days) might be bundled four to a bed which for us would sleep two, with "divisions" created by bundling boards or ingenious folding of linen. A chair with a built-in recess for a chamber pot would be situated in a room's corner. The nursery, however magnificent its toys, was a place of confinement; children (along with their supervising adult) ate, slept, played, and had their school lessons in it—very seldom interacting with adults of the family. Even a sumptuous

family Christmas dinner, served on an elegant teak table with multiple layers of linens to be removed course by course, had no hint of a balanced diet; veggies were "sauce" for the multiple meat courses.

Conditions for the Van Cortlandt slaves were wretched. Huddled together in tiny attic quarters doubling as storage areas—freezing in winter and stifling in summer—on straw pallets, they caught sleep as they could between day and night summonses to care for their owners, including instant removal, cleaning, and returning of the aforementioned chamber pots.



Sitting down later to a scrumptious "snack" at Jim and Ellie Sudbrocks', we felt privileged. We enjoyed multi-grained bread and three kinds of tasty cheese followed by homemade apple crisp with three kinds of apple and perfectly baked granola-based crust, topped with butter pecan ice cream. Through our living/dining view, we watched the late afternoon sun playing over Van Cortlandt Park, pondering—among other things—both the similarities and diversities between "that" society and ours of today.

The Adventonians get together as "the spirit moves" them on a more or less monthly basis. If you'd like to join in or have ideas for things we can do, contact Kathy Matson at [katdotmat@gmail.com](mailto:katdotmat@gmail.com) or Kathy Carpenter at [kathc89@gmail.com](mailto:kathc89@gmail.com) or call (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.

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