



# The Weekly Messenger

November 26 & 27, 2022

*Followers of Jesus Christ for the sake of the world*

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Our goal is that you experience the presence of God all around you today; in the warm welcome of the people, in the power and beauty of the worship, in the gifts of God offered to all who come through our doors.

There are Connection Cards located in the pew pockets. Please use these cards to share/update information, to submit a prayer request, or if you would like a pastor to contact you. You can place the Connection/Prayer Card in the offering plate.

## THIS WEEK at ALC

### SUNDAY, NOV 27

8:30a Traditional Worship (MB)  
9a Contemporary Worship (ST)  
10:15a Aloha Bible Study (ST)  
11a Traditional Worship (ST)  
3p Disciple 13 Concert (ST)

### MONDAY, NOV 28

2p Seniors Gaming Group (ST)

### TUESDAY, NOV 29

12p Watercolor Group (ST)  
5p Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)

### WEDNESDAY, NOV 30

10:15a Sparrows & Coffee (MB)  
11:15a Deliberate Devotions (MB)  
5:45p Handbell Rehearsal (ST)  
6p The Word (ST & Zoom)  
7:15p Choir Rehearsal (ST)

### THURSDAY, DEC 1

11a Beautiful You Lunch (MB)  
4:30p Children's Hand Chimes (ST)  
5:30p Food Pantry (ST)  
6:45p Disciple 13 Rehearsal (ST)

### SATURDAY, DEC 3

5p Informal Trad. Worship (ST)



## WEEKEND SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 130  
Romans 5:1-5  
Matthew 1:18-25

December 3 & 4, 2022

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9  
Psalm 89:1-5  
Romans 8:35, 37-39  
John 3:16-17

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Advent/ Christmas Season Mini-Concert Series

Wednesdays in December at Noon at our Suntree Campus  
Join us for these free concerts celebrating the Season of Advent and Christmas. Wednesday, December 7th:  
"Song of the Season" by Dr. Terry Yount.  
Those of you in Melbourne Beach can "Meet Up for Carpooling" at 11:00 A.M. in the MB outdoor breezeway to attend the organ concerts.

### "Beautiful You" Luncheon Meet Up

Meet at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 1 in the Breezeway of MB for lunch out to honor Betsy Dennis, our presenter. We will be carpooling to a local restaurant. Call or text Julie LoSasso at 248-227-5232 to RSVP that you are planning to attend. You may bring a guest.

### Pastor Dave's Retirement Celebration

Pastor Dave will preach at our Melbourne Beach Campus on Sunday, December 4, and at our Suntree Campus the weekend of December 10/11. On December 11, the Synod will be present to celebrate Pastor Dave's conclusion of service to Advent. Everyone is invited to join a retirement celebration reception for Pastor Dave to thank him for his commitment and dedication to Advent and service to God after the 11:00 am service on December 11.

### Women's Ministry Christmas Luncheon

Monday, December 5 at Noon  
Tuscany Grill: 6630 Colonnade Ave, Melbourne  
All women are invited to join us for our Advent Lutheran Women's Ministry Christmas Luncheon.  
If you would like to attend:

- Write a check to Advent Lutheran Church Women for \$22
- Find the envelope containing the menu in the church lobbies.
- Place a check mark next to your menu selection.
- Place your check into the envelope with the menu selection on or before Nov 28, and this will represent your RSVP. Any questions, please contact Carol Wilson.

### Angel Tree Gifts

Once again, we are sponsoring the Angel Tree on behalf of the Guardian Ad Litem group in Brevard County. The Guardian Ad Litem group helps abused, neglected, and abandoned children in Brevard. The Angel Tree gift tags are available in the church lobbies, and unwrapped gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 11.



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### Gift Cards and Reverse Advent Calendar for Food Pantry

We are asking for donations of \$20 Walmart or Publix gift cards to distribute to our Pantry families this Christmas. A box is set up in the Suntree campus narthex to receive the gift cards. Melbourne Beach donors may put them in the offering plate. You can also support the Food Pantry Ministry with a Reverse Advent Calendar. A reverse Advent calendar focuses on giving. Each day you will put a food item in a box/bag and then donate it to the Food Pantry to celebrate Christ's birth. Please see the November Advocate for detailed information. Here is the first week of items. Dec 1: can of soup. Dec 2: can of tuna. Dec 3: mac and cheese. Dec 4: can of green beans. Dec 5: package of pasta. Dec 6: can of tuna. Dec 7: can of corn.

### Seminary Student Scholarship Fund

These funds help ease the financial burden of seminary students who are members of Advent. Currently, Advent has one seminary student, Vicar Andy Harrington. You can give online by visiting our website [adventbrevard.org](http://adventbrevard.org). Click on Giving and follow the directions until you see the Seminary Student Scholarship Fund. You can also mark your donation for the Seminary Student Scholarship Fund and place it in the offering plate or send it to the Suntree Campus office.

### ELCA Good Gifts

It is becoming a tradition of Advent to have people donate to the ELCA Good Gifts Ministry in memory/honor of someone for the Christmas Season. ELCA Good Gifts are a creative, meaningful way to honor your loved ones and help those in need. Each of these programs is a long-term, partnership-based ministry that focuses on the needs identified by global companion churches and their communities.

You can participate in the following ways:

- Go to the website <https://goodgifts.elca.org/christmas>
- Browse and choose the gift(s) to give in honor of friends and loved ones.
- Pick up an order form in the church lobbies and mail in your order.
- Call and order at 800-638-3522.

Once you have donated your gifts, you will need to fill out a Dedication Form, so we know who these gifts are in memory or honor of. These forms can be found in the church lobbies and in our weekly emails. The names of those who donated, what they donated, and in memory/honor of whom they donated will be published during Christmas week in multiple ways. Dedication Forms are due by Friday, December 16.

### Food Pantry

Last week, Advent's Food Pantry served 65 families representing 198 individuals. We distributed 99 bags of food and saw 4 new families. Currently, we especially need cereal and canned pasta. The Pantry was closed on Thanksgiving Day. Thank you for your support

### Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning at our Suntree campus are given by HelenAnn Bower in memory of Agnes Cheek.

## WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Suntree Campus

SATURDAY (1 SERVICE)  
5:00pm Informal Traditional  
SUNDAY (2 SERVICES)  
9:00am Contemporary  
11:00am Traditional

### Melbourne Beach Campus

SUNDAY (2 SERVICES)  
8:30am Advent Traditional Worship  
10:30am Rock Harbor Worship

## GET IN TOUCH

### Suntree Campus

7550 N. Wickham Rd  
Melbourne, FL 32940  
321-259-8515  
OFFICE HOURS  
Mon-Thu 9:00am—2:00pm  
*Food Pantry items may be brought to the office during regular office hours.*

### Director of Operations

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### Melbourne Beach Campus

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## WORSHIP AIDS

Assisted-listening devices are available at the sound booth.

Large-type Bibles and bulletins are available from the ushers.

## OPEN COMMUNION

All are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. Allergen-free wafers are available (gluten, wheat, dairy, corn, and soy free). "Communion in one kind" (wine/grape juice or wafer only) is considered to be partaking of the whole sacrament.

## CONNECT WITH US

For more information about Advent and our ministry opportunities please visit our website, [adventbrevard.org](http://adventbrevard.org), or follow us on social media:

### Facebook

[AdventLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/AdventLutheranChurch)

### Instagram

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