



# The Weekly Messenger

February 25 & 26, 2023

*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.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Come, Follow Me: A Disciple's Journey Through Lent

If we identify ourselves as Jesus' disciples, everything we do falls under the guidance of Christ. Our lives are less about attending church and more about being the church. We commit to Christ through the church and all our actions. Our commitment to Christ becomes our passion for following Jesus and serving others. Come, Follow Me: A Disciple's Journey Through Lent looks at defining moments in Jesus' ministry as presented in the Gospel of Matthew and how we can be the best followers of Jesus Christ for the sake of the world.

#### **Week 1: February 25/26, 2023: Baptism of Jesus**

Jesus sought baptism from John. What does it mean for us to be baptized into Christ?

#### **Week 2: March 4/5, 2023: Wilderness Temptations**

Following baptism, Jesus went into the wilderness. There he experienced severe temptation concerning his identity. What are the challenges to our identity as Christian followers? How do we face such temptation?

### Women's Retreat

**Saturday, March 25th 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

All women are invited to attend a retreat held at the Knoedler Center, Advent Lutheran Church, 7550 Wickham Rd., Melbourne, FL. Enjoy speakers, Bible study, and panel discussion with your sisters in Christ. Cost is \$15 per person, which includes continental breakfast and lunch. See the March Advocate to register. Registration deadline is Sunday, March 19th. For more information, contact Sally Forsberg at 407-496-4796.

### Food Pantry

This week, Advent's Food Pantry served 26 families representing 79 individuals. We distributed 42 bags of food and saw 3 new families. Current needs: canned fruit, canned beans.

## THIS WEEK at ALC

### SUNDAY, FEB 26

- 8:30a Traditional Worship (MB)
- 9a Contemporary Worship (ST)
- 10:15a Aloha Bible Study (ST)
- 11a Traditional Worship (ST)

### MONDAY, FEB 27

- 2p Seniors Gaming Group (ST)

### TUESDAY, FEB 28

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAR 1

- 10a Sparrows & Coffee (MB)
- 11a Deliberate Devotions (MB)
- 5p Bible Study (ST & Zoom)
- 5:45p Handbell Rehearsal (ST)
- 6p Dinner, Drama, Discussion (ST)
- 7:15p Choir Rehearsal (ST)

### THURSDAY, MAR 2

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

### SATURDAY, MAR 4

- 5p Informal Trad. Worship (ST)

## WEEKEND SCRIPTURE READINGS

***A Disciple's Journey Through Lent***  
**February 25 & 26**

**Baptism of Our Lord (A) Readings**

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

**March 4 & 5**

**First Sunday in Lent (A) Readings**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11



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### Lutheran Disaster Response: Earthquake Relief

On Feb. 6 two powerful earthquakes hit Turkey and significantly impacted neighboring Syria. The two quakes have devastated Turkey and Syria, collapsing thousands of buildings and damaging infrastructure. Thousands of people have been killed and injured, yet search-and-rescue efforts are only in the early stages. See below the ways you can give through Lutheran Disaster Response. Your gifts will be used entirely (100%) to provide long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by regional disasters.

#### **Online**

<https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response> \*Click on Middle East Crisis

#### **Checks or money orders can be sent to:**

Lutheran Disaster Response  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

**Give by phone at 800-638-3522**

### Dinner, Drama, & Discussions

March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29: 6:00 – 8:00 pm Suntree Campus  
We are bringing back our Wednesday night Dinner, Drama, and Discussions for the Season of Lent. This year we will be watching the series The Chosen. The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. The Chosen allows us to see Jesus through the eyes of his disciples, who knew him the best. We are looking for ministry groups or individuals willing to organize the dinners. Please get in touch with Pastor's Assistant, Lynda Herrman, if you want to help. We would also like to get a head count of those coming for planning purposes. Please let Lynda know if you plan to attend.

### Breakfast on the First Sunday of the Month

Melbourne Beach campus announces Breakfast on the First Sunday of the Month. We will go out for "Breakfast at the Beach". No reservations required. Meet in the Narthex after the church service. We will carpool or just drive to the restaurant location. Enjoy Fellowship and Friendship with our church family.

### Beautiful You Classes - Second Series

Melbourne Beach Campus  
Classes are FREE, 11am - 12:15 pm  
Thursday, March 2: Health/Nutrition/Pre-Diabetic  
Thursday, March 9: Choices we Make Everyday  
Thursday, March 16: Exercises: Lee Holden Video  
Thursday, March 23: Food for thought Not Edible  
Thursday, March 30: Defensive Driving for Life  
Please RSVP Julie LoSasso 248-227-5232

### Senior Gamers

Do something new during Lent and come play games with us! We continue to meet every Monday in the Knoedler Center from 2-5. Everyone is welcome.

## 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**

1805 Oak Street  
Melbourne Beach, FL 32951

## 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**

[@adventbrevard](https://www.instagram.com/adventbrevard)

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