



The Weekly Messenger

September 16 & 17, 2023

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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

Fall Fellowship Challenge

The Pastoral leaders of Advent challenge everyone to commit to fellowship together before and after worship in September and October. Currently, most people who worship at Advent come right before worship starts and leave as soon as worship is over. As a church, we are missing out on an essential part of being followers of Jesus Christ for the sake of the world. The fellowship of Jesus' followers is vital to our life in Christ and our understanding of being a part of the church.

The lobby will be intentionally set up to encourage fellowship before and after our worship services. Connecting before the worship service allows us to be prepared to enter the community and invite others into this blessing. Staying after the service provides an opportunity to continue that ministry by greeting, getting to know, and encouraging others with the truth that we just confessed and received in worship. Will you accept the challenge?

See the September Advocate for more information on our Fall Fellowship Challenge.

Courageous Faith: The Story of Queen Esther

A deep dive into the book of Esther

Adult Bible Study begins Wednesday, Sept 20 from 6-7pm EST. Join us in person or on zoom for "Courageous Faith: the Story of Queen Esther" facilitated by Pastor Alisha. We will meet in the admin office conference room. Please see the weekly email or contact Pastor Alisha for the Zoom link.

THIS WEEK at ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 9a Contemporary Worship
- 10:15a Aloha Bible Study
- 11a Traditional Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 2p Seniors Gaming Group
- 7p Council Mtg. [Zoom avail.]

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 12p Watercolor

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

ADVOCATE ARTICLES DUE

- 5:45p Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6p Adult Bible Study [Zoom avail]
- 7:15p Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 4:30p Kids' Hand Chime Rehearsal
- 5:30p Food Pantry
- 6:45p Disciple13 Rehearsal

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 5p Informal Trad. Worship

WEEKEND SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 16 & 17, 2023

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:1-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 23 & 24, 2023

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Jonah 3:10--4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16



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2023-2024 Concert Services

Sunday, Sept. 24th, 3:00 pm

We are kicking off our 2023-2024 Concert Series with "Silent Movie Magic". Andrew Galuska will be playing the organ simultaneously with a silent film. This event is free and open to the public.

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, Sept. 30th , 10:00 am – Noon

This free event celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4th), the patron saint of animals, is open to the entire community. Bring your furry friends, scaley sidekicks, aquatic acquaintances, and pals to be blessed by the pastors. Refreshments for pets and their humans will be served. We will gather under the covered entry in front of the Sanctuary building.

Music Ministry Opportunities

- ◇ Handbell Choir
Wednesdays, at 5:45 pm in the Sanctuary.
- ◇ Chancel Choir
Wednesdays, at 7:15 pm in the Sanctuary.
- ◇ Children's Hand Chimes
Thursdays, at 4:30 pm.

Children & Youth Ministry Opportunities

- ◇ KidsTown
Sundays, during the 9 am worship service.

Bible Study Opportunities

- ◇ Aloha Bible Study with Rudy Pacarro
Sundays, at 10:15 am in the conference room of the administration building.
- ◇ Adult Bible Study with Pastor Alisha
Begins on Wed. Sept 20 at 6 pm in the conference room of the administration building. Also available via Zoom.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in memory of Maxwell Oskam by Paula, Todd & Jackson Oskam, and by Renee & Tom Hawk.

Advent's Food Pantry

This week, Advent's Food Pantry served 45 families representing 131 individuals. We distributed 69 bags of food and saw 2 new families. Current needs: canned tuna or chicken, canned green beans.

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY (1 SERVICE)

5:00pm Informal Traditional

SUNDAY (2 SERVICES)

9:00am Contemporary

11:00am Traditional

GET IN TOUCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thu 9:00am—2:00pm

Food Pantry items may be brought to the office during regular office hours.

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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, or follow us on social media:

Facebook:

AdventLutheranChurch

Instagram: @adventbrevard

Note: Messenger notices are due by 12p on Tuesdays. Email worshipmedia@adventlutheranbrevard.org. Subject to approval.



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