



The Weekly Messenger

December 2 & 3, 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

Angel Tree Gifts

All of our Angel Tree Gift Tags have been adopted. Thank you for your generosity. Please return the unwrapped gift(s) with tags attached on or before Sunday, December 10.

Advent3D: Dinner, Drama, & Discussions

December 6, 13, & 20

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

BYOD (Bring Your Own Dinner)

Come one, come all! Join us for Advent 3D: Dinner, Drama, and Discussion on Wednesday nights during the season of Advent. Come together with friends and family to share the joy of the season and deepen your faith. There will be some food available, but we are asking people to please bring their own dinner. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

Gift Cards & Reverse Advent Calendar for Food Pantry

The Food Pantry Ministry is asking for donations of \$25 Walmart gift cards to distribute to our pantry families this Christmas on December 21. They are asking specifically for \$25 Walmart cards so everyone receives the same gift equally. The Food Pantry Ministry will again do their Reverse Advent Calendar for donations during the Season of Advent. This information is in the December Advocate.

THIS WEEK at ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 12:15p Women's Luncheon [offsite]
- 2p Seniors Gaming Group

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 10a Staff Meeting
- 12p Watercolor

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 5:30p Dinner, Drama & Discussion
- 5:45p Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15p Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 11a Joan Robbins Memorial

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 11a Betty Symons Memorial
- 5p Informal Trad. Worship

WEEKEND SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Light of Grace Advent Series
 December 2 & 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

- Isaiah 51:1-5
- Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19
- Romans 5:1-5
- Luke 1:67-79

December 9 & 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

- Isaiah 9:1-7
- Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13
- Colossians 1:13-20
- John 14:25-27



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ELCA Good Gifts

Once again, Advent is asking people to donate to the ELCA Good Gifts Ministry in memory/honor of someone for the Christmas Season. See the December Advocate or weekly email for detailed information on how to participate.

Service of Healing and Remembrance

Saturday, December 23 at 5:00 p.m.

The holidays can be difficult for anyone who has suffered loss or hurt. Join us for a service of remembrance and comfort when we can recognize the depth of the season and help process those negative feelings that can occur during the holidays. By doing so, we can all celebrate more fully, knowing we have acknowledged those who are no longer with us or what we might have left behind.

Christmas Eve Worship

1:00PM: Traditional Candlelight

5:00PM: Contemporary Candlelight

7:00PM: Traditional Candlelight

11:00PM: Traditional Candlelight

* There will be no Sunday morning worship services on December 24 as we prepare for Christmas Eve.

Christmas Eve Worship Volunteers

We need plenty of people to help make Christmas Eve worship happen. Please prayerfully consider helping out. Please see the board in the lobby for what volunteers are still needed and to sign up.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by the Jones Family in memory of Linda Gaffier.

Food Pantry

This week, Advent's Food Pantry served 53 families representing 169 individuals. We distributed 84 bags of food and saw 1 new family. Current needs: pre-holiday items; Instant mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and corn.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase flowers for our altar to commemorate a special day, please sign up in the Flower Book on the podium by the sound booth. Each arrangement is \$30. Please write Altar Flowers on the memo line of your check.

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

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

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



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