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### **From the Directors Desk**

I hope you all had a joyful and refreshing Christmas Season! I'm so excited to see everyone back and ready to dive into a brand-new semester. Welcome to the 3rd quarter —a fresh start, full of new opportunities and possibilities!

If last semester was a success for you, that's amazing! I pray you continue to build on that foundation and grow even more. But if things didn't go quite as you hoped, don't worry—this is your chance to reflect, reset, and make this semester even better.

We have so many exciting things lined up for the second half of the year! From adventurous field trips to inspiring guest speakers, the Science Fair and Easter Presentation, there's so much to look forward to. Let's make this semester our best yet—I can't wait to see all the **INCREDIBLE** things we'll accomplish together!





Hello, and "blessings" to you! It has been nine months since I came to be the Pastor here at Advent Lutheran Church. During this time, I have been powerfully blessed to have been invited into your children's lives during a devotional time. I usually talk about the Scripture for the week, or focus on an upcoming holiday, but regardless of what the topic is, my goal is to always relate the words that they hear to their lives here and now.

What impresses me the most about your children is the response that I receive when I ask questions. I will ask, "What does this passage mean?" or "What does this mean for us today?" Your children respond with reverence, with intelligence, and with spiritled wisdom. I always find myself smiling when they participate, because it means that they are invested in the conversation, and with what God means in their lives.

Investment is a large part of the educational system, and a large part of Advent's partnership with Lighthouse. As a church, we are invested in this partnership, and we are committed to supporting Lighthouse in its mission. Recently, we have added extra security cameras, and we will soon be adding an AED machine in that wing of the building. Currently, we are reviewing our security policy and making revisions and additions as necessary.

I have great hope for the future of your children, thanks to the dedicated teachers and staff at Lighthouse, and together, we will continue to strive to provide a clean, safe, and positive faithbased education for them. I look forward to many years of this wonderful partnership!

Yours in Christ, Rev. Larry Grunden, Pastor

Sincerely, Ms. Woods

# CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION 24/25 PROJECT LAUNCH

We had an amazing visit from Carol Christopherson of Florida Service Dogs! Carol brought along some incredible dogs and introduced special guests who are recipients of these life-changing service animals. She shared her inspiring work with our students, and it was truly unforgettable.

As a proud U.S. Army Veteran, Carol's organization trains service dogs to assist military veterans and others dealing with the physical or psychological challenges stemming from their service. What an impactful and heartwarming mission to learn about!



Our dress down funds on Friday's goes to support the Snowy Fund for Florida Service Dogs. Thank you for giving!



## SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1

National School Choice Week shines a spotlight on the variety of educational opportunities available for children, empowering families to make the best decisions for their students. Lighthouse is proud to stand in support of School Choice and its mission to provide options for every child's success!

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 8: Senior Fees Due January 20: MLK Day No School January 23: Half-Day Teacher Inservice January 24: Progress Reports January 26-February 1: School Choice Week



## **SENIOR SPOTLIGHT**



HELLO! MY NAME IS KHALID, AND I HAVE A BIG PASSION FOR CREATIVITY AND FUN. SOME OF MY FAVORITE THINGS TO DO INCLUDE PLAYING VIDEO GAMES, WATCHING YOUTUBE VIDEOS, AND CATCHING UP ON SLEEP. AFTER GRADUATION, I PLAN TO BUY A CAR AND DIVE INTO CREATING YOUTUBE CONTENT AS A GAMER, WITH THE GOAL OF SPREADING JOY AND MAKING PEOPLE SMILE. MY DREAM JOB IS TO BECOME AN ACTOR, WHERE I CAN TAKE ON DIFFERENT ROLES AND EXPLORE DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES.

