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Advent Lutheran Church and School
Commemorate Completion of Campus Unification Project
With Dedication of *The Ron and Mickey Dingle Center for Learning*

Boca Raton, Florida – Worshipers at Advent Lutheran Church participated in a blessing and building dedication ceremony on Sunday, August 26 to commemorate the completion of the new, two-story kindergarten, science and art building at Advent Lutheran School. Parents and school children also celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, August 27.

The new building is named *The Ron and Mickey Dingle Center for Learning* in honor of the Rev. Dr. Ronald J. Dingle, pastor of Advent Lutheran Church from October of 1967 until 2001 and his wife Marguerite (Mickey) Lynn Dingle, founding director of Advent Early Childhood School from 1977 until she retired in 2001. Both Rev. Dr. Dingle and his wife Mickey envisioned the project more than two decades ago and were instrumental in making the dream a reality. All six of the Dingles' children attended Advent and eight of their grandchildren are currently enrolled at Advent.

The project was completed under the leadership and perseverance of the Rev. Dr. Andrew D. Hagen, Pastor of Advent Lutheran Ministries and Kevin Wrenne, Business Administrator.

“Advent has always sought ways to answer the needs of our community,” said Rev. Dr. Dingle at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. “We offered kindergarten classes at a time when there were no public kindergarten classes and we taught children who could not afford to attend private kindergarten.”

“Forty years ago Advent Lutheran Church had one small building in the middle of the pineapple fields of Boca,” the Reverend Dr. Andrew D. Hagen, Pastor of Advent Lutheran Ministries, told Advent school children at the ceremony. “Now we are blessed with a ministry campus that enables us to teach and nurture hundreds of children.”

Completion of the building concludes a 20-year plan to unify Advent’s 14 acre campus. The project included a new parking lot and a reconfiguration of the campus to make it safer and more accessible for church members, students, residents and all of Advent’s community.

For nearly 50 years Advent Lutheran Church and Ministries have touched people’s lives and fulfilled its mission to serve its community through a wide variety of ministries. From cradle to grave, thousands of children and adults are blessed through worship, education, child care and senior residential services.

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children (l-r): Joey Davis, Emma Schaffer, Tommy Haag, Andrea Barcia, Reilly Montel, and Jake Borden

adults (l-r): Susan Saxton (Education Coordinator, City of Boca Raton), Marguerite (Mickey) Lynn Dingle, Rev. Dr. Ronald J. Dingle, Kevin Wrenne (Advent Ministries Business Administrator), and Rev. Dr. Andrew D. Hagen, Pastor of Advent Lutheran Ministries

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Rev. Dr. Ronald J. Dingle and Marguerite (Mickey) Lynn Dingle with grandchildren Ryan Dingle, Cody Dingle, Colin Dingle, Sean Dingle, Kelsey Dingle, Brooke Dingle, Katherine Dingle and Kyle Dingle

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(l-r):Tommy Haag, Rev. Dr. Ronald J. Dingle, Andrea Barcia, Emma Schaffer, Reilly Montel, Joey Davis, Jake Borden Marguerite (Mickey) Lynn Dingle

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(l-r): Joey Davis, Emma Schaffer, Tommy Haag