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ADVENT LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL WINS 'BEST OF CLAY' IN 3 CATEGORIES

Here in Clay County, Orange Park Florida, the local newspaper *Clay Today* has an annual contest- "Best of Clay", and it is a *pretty a big deal*. Advent Lutheran Preschool is celebrating an extraordinary year of growth, achievement, and community recognition. In the 2026 **Best of Clay** awards, the preschool was honored as Best Preschool in Clay County, a testament to the dedication and excellence of its staff and leadership, particularly in the hands of Martha Morrow and her Assistant director, Traci Green.

Adding to this remarkable accomplishment, Preschool Director Martha Morrow was voted both Best Boss and Best School Administrator, reflecting the respect and appreciation she has earned from families, staff, and the community. Martha's leadership was further recognized through a congratulatory letter from Congressman Aaron Bean.

During the past school year, Advent Lutheran Preschool served 46 children in its *tiny and mighty program*, including 24 VPK graduates who successfully completed the preschool's exceptional Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program.

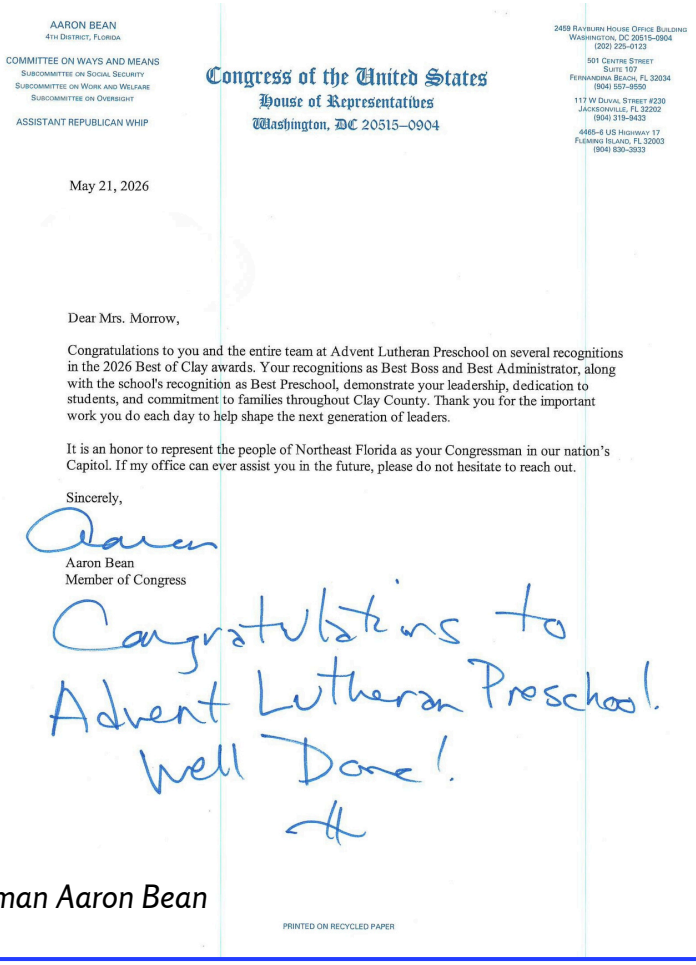


The VPK teachers work tirelessly to prepare children academically, socially, and emotionally for kindergarten, helping them enter their next chapter ("big kid Kindergarten) with confidence and enthusiasm.

Serving children from age two through VPK, the preschool's dedicated teachers have truly created a nurturing, Christ-centered environment where young learners grow in faith, knowledge, and character. Their commitment continues to make Advent Lutheran Church proud and serves as a shining example of ministry in action within our community.

We give thanks for Martha Morrow and the entire Advent Lutheran Preschool staff for the difference they make in the lives of children and families every day.

We are blessed, as a church, to witness these children's growth on a campus that loves God and community.



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May 21, 2026

Dear Mrs. Morrow,

Congratulations to you and the entire team at Advent Lutheran Preschool on several recognitions in the 2026 Best of Clay awards. Your recognitions as Best Boss and Best Administrator, along with the school's recognition as Best Preschool, demonstrate your leadership, dedication to students, and commitment to families throughout Clay County. Thank you for the important work you do each day to help shape the next generation of leaders.

It is an honor to represent the people of Northeast Florida as your Congressman in our nation's Capitol. If my office can ever assist you in the future, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bean
Member of Congress

Congratulations to Advent Lutheran Preschool! Well Done!

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Letter from Congressman Aaron Bean

Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School 2026

June 8th-June 12th













This summer, Advent Lutheran Church welcomed 77 children from our community for an incredible week of Vacation Bible School. Led by Youth Director Kimberly Flint and VBS Director Holly Lucas, the week was filled with faith, fun, learning, and fellowship.

For months, Kimberly, Holly, and their families worked tirelessly planning and creating amazing decorations that transformed our church into an engaging space for children to experience God's love. Their efforts were supported by a dedicated team of volunteers who helped prepare food and snacks, create decorations, lead activities, and care for children throughout the week.

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and volunteers, VBS was offered completely free of charge to participating families. Advent Lutheran Church is grateful for Kimberly, Holly, their families, and the many volunteers whose servant hearts made this impactful ministry possible for our community's children.

During our week of Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School, we teamed up for the **Operation Kid-to-Kid** mission project, collecting funds to provide fruit tree seedlings for families in Central America. These trees help fight hunger, provide income, and create lasting blessings for families and their communities. and with the gifts being raised, families can now have the resources needed to grow them successfully.

Advent Lutheran Church is happy to donate *84 trees* overseas!

We are blessed with the support and love God's hands provides to all his children.



