

# Pipe Organ Series Finale Features Minnesota Standout

## Advent Lutheran Church in Suntree Presents Kathrine Handford May 6



Kathrine Handford will be the featured performer in the final pipe organ concert of the 2017-18 season of the Advent Lutheran Church Concert Series in Suntree on Sunday, May 6 at 3:00 PM. The American-made A.E. Schleuter pipe organ of 36 ranks and 2,196 pipes will swell under the proficient touch of the St. Paul, Minnesota organist during the recital at 7550 North Wickham Road, 32940. Ms. Handford holds a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance and Literature and the highly coveted Performer's Certificate in Organ from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, where she is currently pursuing a doctorate in organ. She joined the faculty of Lawrence University's Conservatory of Music in 2004, where she holds the position of Lecturer of Music and University Organist. In addition, she serves as Director of Music and Organist at the historic Central Presbyterian Church in downtown St. Paul, Minnesota. Featured selections for the finale concert include a baroque work by Danish-German Dieterich Buxtehude, as well as *Variations on a Norwegian Folk Tune* and "O How Glorious Shall it be for the children of God" by Norwegian composer, Bjarne Sløgedal. French and Italian works for organ complete the program. Ms. Handford has concertized extensively in Europe, with a particular emphasis on recitals and festivals in Scandinavia. For more information about her free performance in Suntree, visit [www.AdventBrevard.org](http://www.AdventBrevard.org) or call (321) 426-9378.

Advent Lutheran Church Organist and Concert Series Coordinator, Betty Jo Couch is delighted to feature Kathrine Handford as the performer for the closing concert of the 2017-18 season.

"Kathrine Handford is an extraordinary organist, lecturer and clinician," said Couch. "Her complete and total mastery of the pipe organ makes her the ideal performer to close out this season of the Advent Lutheran Church Concert Series."

For more information about Advent Lutheran Church in Suntree and Melbourne Beach, visit [www.AdventBrevard.org](http://www.AdventBrevard.org).

**ABOUT KATHRINE HANDFORD** -- Kathrine Handford joined the faculty of Lawrence University's Conservatory of Music in 2004 as Lecturer of Music and University Organist. In addition, she serves as Director of Music and Organist at the historic Central Presbyterian Church in downtown St. Paul, Minnesota. From 2000-2004 she was Director of Music and Organist at Hamline United Methodist Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. Ms. Handford holds a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance and Literature and the highly coveted Performer's Certificate in Organ from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, where she is currently pursuing a doctorate in organ. Her principal teachers include the late Russell Saunders, David Craighead, David Higgs, Jerry Evenrud, Paul Manz and Grethe Krogh in Copenhagen, Denmark.

A musician of wide ranging interests and accomplishments, Ms. Handford has appeared in recitals in the United States, Canada, England and Scandinavia. She has been a featured artist at the Bergen International Festival in Norway, the St. Olaf Festival in Trondheim, Norway, the Lahti International Music Festival in Finland, and at the International Organ Festival in Arona, Italy. Ms. Handford was the winner of the 35th International J.S. Bach Competition held at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. in 1993. In the same year, she received first prize in the John R. Rodland Scholarship Competition, sponsored by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. She has been the recipient of many other grants and awards, including the National Endowment for the Arts. She has appeared as soloist with the Minnesota Orchestra in Saint-Saëns Symphony No. 3 in C Minor and with the Kansas City Chamber Orchestra performing Poulenc's Concerto in g minor at the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians National Convention held at The Temple of The Community of Christ in Independence, Missouri. She has performed numerous recitals with the Swedish natural trumpet virtuoso Niklas Eklund. Her interest in new music has led to premieres of several new works for organ, including Stephen Paulus's Toccata for Organ, Ketil Hvoslef's Toccata for Organ, Robert Starer's Angel Voices, and David Liptak's Sonata for Violin and Organ which was commissioned by Benedictinus 2000 and premiered in Rome during the Jubilee. In the Twin Cities, Ms. Handford is active as a free-lance musician. She has been a Visiting Assistant Professor at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, and has led numerous sessions during the summer Liturgical Music Workshops which draws individuals from throughout the United States and Canada. You can contact Kathrine by e-mail at [kathrinehandford@me.com](mailto:kathrinehandford@me.com) or [kathrine.handford@lawrence.edu](mailto:kathrine.handford@lawrence.edu).

**ABOUT ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH**-- Advent Lutheran Church is headquartered at 7550 North Wickham Road in Suntree, Florida, 32940. The church offers six distinctly different spirit-filled worship experiences along with opportunities for growth in faith, service

and fellowship. Since 1982, the church community has welcomed theological exploration and diversity, equally embracing life-long believers and those still seeking truth. Lutherans believe in God's love for humankind and all of creation, salvation by grace through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the "priesthood of all believers." On July 1, 2013, Advent Lutheran Church in Suntree and Grace Lutheran Church at 1805 Oak Street in Melbourne Beach merged their resources to become a single entity. More information about Advent Lutheran Church in Suntree or Melbourne Beach may be found at [www.AdventBrevard.org](http://www.AdventBrevard.org) or by calling 321-259-8515.

# SEASON FINALE CONCERT

Kathrine Handford, *Organ*

St. Paul, Minnesota

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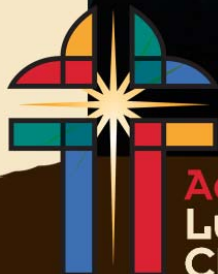
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