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Press Release

Ocean Drive Lutheran Church Celebrates 40 years of service to the Pompano Beach Community

Pompano Beach, Fla.: On Sunday, November 20, 2005 the congregation of Ocean Drive Lutheran Church (ODLC) celebrated 40 years of fellowship in the Pompano Beach community. The afternoon service included many uplifting hymns and passages to commemorate this passage of time. Pastor Roger Kobleske, a former pastor of ODLC and current Vice-President and Professor at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wisconsin, spoke on the churches time of grace. He stated, "Our personal need for Jesus is still just as great today as it was 40 years ago when Ocean Drive Lutheran Church was formed, so, ministering to the community is still a focal point in our church."

Following this service of thanksgiving 100 church members proceeded to the Deerfield Country Club for an early evening supper and program. Congratulatory notes sent from former pastors, teachers and congregation members, who were unable to attend the festivities, were read by David Fischer, a member of the church. Nita Nolting a 30 year member of the church commented that the event was "well planned and executed and this is a happy time for our congregation with old friends and new friends coming together."

At one time ODLC also housed an elementary school, however, through the years the school parcel was sold and the congregation focused on addressing the needs of an increasingly varied cultural area. Pastor Roger Kobleske stated, "the population of Southeastern Florida has exploded and I am convinced has an even more varied culture than 40 years ago. But people's basic need for God's forgiveness in Christ and ODLC's commitment to sharing that message of forgiveness remains. That is its future because Christ is the Cornerstone."

Ocean Drive Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 109 SE 10th Avenue in Pompano Beach, was established in 1962 and has been serving God in the community at its present location since 1965. Throughout its history, ODLC has committed itself to offering quality Christian education to children and opportunities for spiritual growth to adults. The congregation, together with its new pastor, Rev. James Werner, has decided to rename itself Pompano Lutheran Church to better reflect its renewed commitment to its mission of serving God and its local community. For more information please call (954) 942-1216.

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