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Dallas Jenkins, Creator of “The Chosen,” to Headline Fundraising Event for Lutheran Haven Retirement Center at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in October

OVIEDO, Fla. (August 17, 2026) - Dallas Jenkins, creator, director and co-writer of the television series “The Chosen,” will headline a fundraising event benefiting Lutheran Haven Retirement Center’s Benevolent Care Ministry on Saturday, Oct. 3, at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Oviedo.

Jenkins will present **“Loaves & Fish: From Failure to ‘The Chosen,’”** sharing the personal story behind the creation of the global television phenomenon and offering attendees a behind-the-scenes look at the faith, challenges and perseverance that shaped the series. Jenkins will reflect on how “The Chosen” grew from a vision into a worldwide movement and how his own journey continues to influence the story he shares with millions of viewers.

“The Chosen” is a multi-season historical drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, told through the perspectives of those who knew Him. Since premiering in 2019, the series has reached more than 250 million viewers worldwide, generated more than 800 million total episode views and built a following of more than 16 million social media followers. The series is available to stream on platforms including Amazon Prime Video, Peacock and The Chosen app.

“We are honored to host Dallas Jenkins and learn about his journey in creating one of the most popular Christian programs in history,” said Jerry Griffing, CEO of Lutheran Haven. “Together, we will be taken behind the scenes as he details how God continues to work through him to share this important story with viewers.”

Located directly next to each other, St. Luke’s and Lutheran Haven share a longstanding connection as sister ministries serving the Oviedo community. Lutheran Haven began as a ministry of St. Luke’s before becoming a separate retirement community in 1948 that continues to maintain a close relationship with the congregation today.

All ticket sales will benefit Lutheran Haven's Benevolent Care Ministry, which has supported seniors in need since the retirement community's founding. The ministry provides financial assistance to residents, including retired pastors, missionaries, commissioned church workers, schoolteachers and others who need additional support during their retirement years.

Ticket Information

A limited number of tickets will be available in three tiers and can be purchased online at

lutheranhaven.ticketspice.com/an-evening-with-dallas-jenkins

- **VIP Package (\$125.00)** — Includes admission to an intimate pre-presentation dinner with Dallas Jenkins, a photo opportunity, exclusive question & answer session, and premium seating inside St. Luke's Lutheran Church for Jenkins' presentation.
- **General Admission (\$60.00)** — Includes seating inside St. Luke's Lutheran Church for Jenkins' presentation.
- **Overflow (\$40.00)** — Includes simulcast viewing of Jenkins' presentation at Founder's Hall in the St. Luke's Lutheran School gymnasium.

Event Information

Name: An Evening with Dallas Jenkins, Creator, Director and Co-Writer of "The Chosen"

Date: Oct. 3, 2026

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: St. Luke's Lutheran Church | 2021 W State Rd 426, Oviedo, FL 32765

Parking: Free parking is available in the church lot.

Tickets: lutheranhaven.ticketspice.com/an-evening-with-dallas-jenkins

About Lutheran Haven Retirement Center

Located in Oviedo, Florida, Lutheran Haven Retirement Center is a faith-based retirement community offering independent living, assisted living, therapy services, private duty companion care, extended congregational care and memory support. Established in 1948, Lutheran Haven serves adults age 65 and older on a peaceful 50-plus-acre campus. With a longstanding commitment to compassionate care and community, Lutheran Haven provides residents with a welcoming environment focused on security, value and peace of mind.

For more information about Lutheran Haven, visit lutheranhaven.org or call 407-365-5676.

About St. Luke's Lutheran Church & School

St. Luke's Lutheran Church & School serves the Oviedo, Florida community and has been a part of the community for more than a century, sharing the life-redeeming and life-transforming message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rooted in a strong heritage and inspired by a vision for the future, St. Luke's continues to serve as a place where people can encounter Christ, grow in faith, and connect with one another.

For more information about St. Luke's Lutheran Church, visit slucs.org or contact the church office at 407-365-3408.