



Weekly News and Notes

Mission: *In response to the boundless grace of God, we joyfully share the peace and hope of Christ with all.*

Vision: *Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church is a place where all are welcome. Our ministry helps others see Jesus through Christ-centered worship, education, ministry, and outreach.*

Sunday, September 29, 2024

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From The Pastor ...

Dear members,

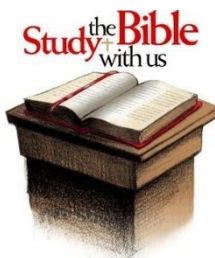
I just spent a few days attending the Pastor's Conference. The theme of the conference was discipleship. Wow, it was eye opening to listen to the speakers and hear their perspectives. Ultimately, I felt very demoralized in the sense that I have spent years following a model, that according to the speakers, will not lead to new disciples.

Our current thought process is to welcome people into our building and encourage people to attend worship with us. Yet, the speaker asked, what about those who do not come in? Should they be left out of hearing the word? After all, as they stated, "Faith comes through hearing, and if the speaking is only within the walls of the church, and the people are not coming in, then how do they hear?"

As stated, it was very demoralizing and made me start to feel very inadequate for the true mission of discipleship. It was absolutely a tough pill to swallow. So, what now?

Well, I believe that we can do better together. Pause for a moment and think of one thing you can do different to share Jesus' love with others? When we think about the community around us, there is ample opportunity whether we focus on the families of the school or ECC, or maybe we focus on the homeless community, or maybe helping a local organization to support a project that helps others? Honestly, I do not know what this will look like, or even the million dollar answer to make it work. However, I feel we have an opportunity to grow together as disciples and in turn to disciple others to know Jesus Christ. It is a mission of love, hope, peace, and grace.

Now, we just need to take what we know about Jesus and go to work. Even if all you know about Jesus is that He loves you, what can you do with that? Think about it! More to follow on this topic. Blessings, Pastor Czischke



Mid-week Bible Study

Beginning on October 2nd - "1 & 2 Kings" We studied the life of the prophet Samuel, and the lives of King Saul and King David in the books of Samuel. We return to the Old Testament with the books of Kings. These books continue the

history of God's people from the death of David through the glorious reign of Solomon and the days of the divided kingdom (Israel and Judah). We meet every Wednesday morning at 10:00. Join us as we read and hear God speaking to us through His Word.

This Week's Lessons

September 29, 2024

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Second Reading: James 5

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50

Next Week's Lessons

October 6, 2024

First Reading: Genesis 2: 18-25

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:1-13

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Please join us in the sanctuary at 9:30 each Sunday, as we begin a study on partnering with God in Mission.

Sunday School In Session

Sunday School is back in session at 9:30 am. Thank you to our volunteers, we are grateful for your help to bring the love of Jesus to our children!

Did you take photos at Italian Night, or other SOTC events? Share them with us at pics@shepherdofthecoast.org



This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 29, 2024

9:40 am – Bible Study/ Sunday School

10:30 am – Combined Service

Noon – Potluck luncheon

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

10:00 am Bible Study

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, October 6, 2024

8:30 am – Traditional Service

9:40 am – Bible Study/ Sunday School

10:30 am – Praise Service

Monday, October 7th, 2024

7:00 pm – Long Term Planning

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

10:00 am Bible Study

Saturday, October 12, 2024

8:30 – noon – LWML Zone Rally

LWML Sunday – 10/6

The work of the LWML will be acknowledged next Sunday, October 6th. If you have a Mite box at home, you are encouraged to return it next Sunday.

LWML Gold Coast Zone Rally

On October 12th we will host the LWML Gold Coast Zone Rally. Please join us for a morning of Bible study, breakfast, updates from district and national offices, and great fellowship. We will be making Christmas cards for the troops to send greetings home to family and friends. Pastor will be speaking about being an Army Chaplain. All ladies are welcome to come. Registration begins at 8:30, and the program starts at 9:00. There is a \$5 fee to attend. If you would like to attend and/or help, please contact Roberta Murphy at 954-772-8010.



Those Serving This Week

September 29, 2024

10:30 am – Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick

Lector: 10:30 am – Andrea Canora

Sunday School: Faith Grambow

Counters: Carolyn Atchison/Roberta
Murphy

Altar Guild: Diana Nickel

Security: Mark McGuire

Those Serving Next Week

October 6, 2024

Ushers: 8:30 am – Jo Beadle, Carolyn

Atchison, Jeanne Larson, Colleen

Beaudoin

10:30 am – Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick

Lector: 8:30 am – Randy Laser

10:30 am – Gayle Hansen

Sunday School: Jen Czischke

Counters: Joanne Fries/Barb Junge

Altar Guild: Roberta Murphy

Security: Jay Aamodt

Upcoming Events

10/12/24 – LWML Zone Rally here

10/25/24 – Trunk or Treat Event

10/27/24 – Voters' Meeting

11/2/24 – Lydia's Christmas Sale

11/4/24 – "Fore the Kids" Golf Outing

11/14/24 – Dave Anderson in Concert

Christmas in November Sale

Saturday November 2nd from 8 am – noon, come join the Lydia's team as the gym is transformed into a Christmas theme store. The Thrift shop will also be open that day for non-Christmas items. LWML will have a bake sale/craft sale during the event.

Altar Flowers
This week's Altar flowers
are given by Lydia's
Fellowship

Remember a loved one with flowers on the altar. Mark the calendar with your name on the chosen date. Each arrangement is \$20. Complete an envelope and place payment in the offering plate.



Helicopter Ball Drop Tickets are available during the Potluck - \$20 each or 3/\$50

'Fore' the Kids – 2024 Golf Outing!



This year's Golf Outing is
in 4 weeks away -

Monday, November 4th.
Flyers are available for you
to share with organizations
you support. We have

opportunities still for golfers, volunteers, and appreciate your support for this event. Many restaurants and businesses will provide a gift card or sponsorship when asked. Donation letters and additional information is available in the office. Sponsorships begin at \$150 and helicopter ball drop tickets start at \$20. If you have questions, need letters, or desire to participate the day of the event, please speak with Cliff Higley or Debbie Lorenz after church or call or text Cliff at 773-230-4322, or Debbie at 954-647-9586. Go to the website to sign up, purchase raffle tickets & see various sponsorship opportunities:

<https://bit.ly/ForetheKidsSouth-2024>

LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Long-Term Planning Committee will meet on Monday October 7th at 7pm in the conference room. We continue work on the Vision Statement and seeking God's guidance on his long-range plans for Shepherd of the Coast.

Dave Anderson in Concert.

Dave Anderson is an author and co-founder of Shepherd's Canyon and will be in concert at SOTC on November 14th. Dave and his wife survived a plane crash in the freezing water of the Bering Sea. Please make plans to join us. A freewill offering will be gathered.

LCMS Foundation
TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Best friends, Mike and Dave, were out one morning fishing in their favorite spot. The action was light, and they got to talking. Mike said, "We just finished our estate plan last week and now we don't have to think about it or talk about it ever again." Dave said, "Have you talked with your children about it?" Mike said, "No, my wife doesn't want to upset them." Dave said, "Are you sure that's the right decision? Don't you want to share with them your dreams about what their inheritance can accomplish in their lives, blessing them with God's gifts? And didn't you guys leave a gift to the endowment at Church to provide scholarships to make sure children can keep going to the Lutheran School regardless of their economic level?"

You should tell them why that is important so that they can celebrate it with you. Otherwise, they might not understand and might even fight your plans after the Lord has called you home." "But"

Mike replied, "How do you sit down for that conversation?" Dave thought for a moment and said, "I bet an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor could help you line up what you want to share with them, maybe even give you an illustration to share with them."

Family conversations can be tough, especially if life has caused some separation, or it has been a while since you talked about deep things with your children. But pray to the Lord for guidance, seeing the value of faith witness and faithful stewardship that such conversations can provide. Would you like some help? Contact Tony Hunt at 260-222-1291 or tony.hunt@lfnf.org

**Have you
ever asked,
"What can I
do"?**



Take on the role of being a prayer warrior. Paul tells us to pray unceasingly, and we need faithful people fulfilling this type of call to prayer. Can you pray? Can you help? Now, more than ever we need to be in prayer. Be a Prayer Warrior!

Attitude of Gratitude

Have you ever wondered what it takes to have an attitude of gratitude? The Bible talks about cheerfulness, hospitality, sharing, giving, and much more. The key is that the Bible encourages all of this with a heart of thankfulness or gratitude. It starts with understanding gratitude, which is simply giving thanks and praise to God for all that we have. Here at Shepherd of the Coast, we desire to encourage this type of attitude amongst our members. We have implemented a Gratitude Tree.

Please write down what you are thankful for each week and we will post it on the Gratitude Tree. Whether you're thankful for a specific person or situation, or what God is doing in your life, anything, just write it down and leave it in the basket. If I may suggest, this works great if you start each day to take time for gratitude moments in order to realize all that you have to be thankful for. Keep track of them, and then add some of them to the Gratitude Tree at church. The plan is to cover the entire wall, so people can see all that we have to be thankful for.



Blessings,
Pastor

'Thank you' Cards –

Is there someone you've been meaning to thank? Someone you're grateful for?

We have a variety of cards available, please pick up a card or two on the back table and share your gratitude. Cards can be left in the mailboxes if you're thanking another member.

Portals of Prayer –

The October to December Portals of Prayer had to be re-sent by Concordia and are on their way. We look forward to having them available soon.

In Our Prayers



- ❖ Cheyenne King, granddaughter of the Mindlin's, in ICU since Labor Day
- ❖ Joan Peterson, Aunt of Debbie Lorenz - cancer
 - ❖ Ronda Jordan-Burgos - cancer
 - ❖ Roger Walker - health issues
 - ❖ Robert Pierre - Leukemia
 - ❖ Noah Curiel - personal safety
- ❖ Raymond Rickard - hospitalized long term
 - ❖ Our school teachers and Pastor as they travel to/from conferences
 - ❖ Christianson family - health challenges
 - ❖ Jay Mindlin - Parkinson's Disease
 - ❖ John & Irene Hinrichsen - direction and guidance
 - ❖ Jenna Teachman, age 10 - cancer
 - ❖ Jeff Farnella - Loneliness
- ❖ Reinhard Mueller - recovery for broken hip
- ❖ Jackie Hardin - recovering after fall
 - ❖ LaKeisha & her children - struggling.
- ❖ Kayler Gleason (2-yr old) rare health issues
 - wisdom for doctors to diagnose/treat
 - ❖ Leonard Jaipershad- kidney cancer
 - ❖ SOTC - that we reach those who need Christ
 - ❖ Daniel Strickland - health/well-being
- ❖ Safety of the troops around the world
 - ❖ Congregations waiting for a Pastor
 - ❖ Those struggling with homelessness
 - ❖ Those struggling with mental illness
 - ❖ Those struggling with addiction
 - ❖ Our homebound members:
 - Marion Bement -Carolyn Griesse
 - Vera Crusco - Wanda Guy
 - Sue Dalena -Joan Saunders
 - Ruth Galinat -Barb Scott
 - Joyce Garing