

# 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 21, 2025**

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How do we treat each other? A question that is raised by our readings this morning, and one we should consider answering...

Amos shares the situation of how people are being treated or mistreated, and it is very offensive to God. How many times have you heard someone say, "that is offensive", or stop communicating with you because you offended them? It appears to be a common trend in our society. Yet, Amos was not talking about offending people but offending God!

Let's backtrack a little bit. What happens when you offend another person? The answer usually entails people stop talking, they get frustrated, or worse they become enraged. However, what happens when we offend God?

Everyone likes to think, "Well, God is a forgiving God, and He will just forgive me." To an extent that is true, but repentance must be part of that equation. Without true repentance, then offending God would be catastrophic. In fact, it would have eternal consequences.

Maybe that is the issue, we are more worried about offending others because it creates an immediate response. With God, it's eternal, therefore, we still have time to deal with it, so offend away!

However, God is not joking about the situation in Amos, and He does not joke around about expectations. Amos is speaking to the people because they offended God one too many times. God has had it, and now He is bringing His wrath and punishment.

God does not joke around. While He is forgiving, remember He will also punish and discipline us for our sins. Therefore, let us turn to God, truly repent, and let go of the animosity, resentment, and everything else, and come together in God's love.

Blessings, Pastor Czischke

## Ministry Expansion Campaign

Please join with the Prayer team and continue to pray for the campaign on a regular basis, with this prayer, or your own:

### Ministry Expansion Prayer

Dear Father in heaven, we pray for peace. Let Shepherd of the Coast be a place of peace. Fill this building with your Holy Spirit and expand our ministry of peace. Let peace be in the hearts of all who enter here. In the name of Jesus we pray.



### Ministry Expansion Info Corner...

Prayer is in the Air at Shepherd of the Coast! The Ministry Expansion Campaign is happy to announce that as part of our new Shepherd's Bright Futures Prayer Project we have four new special pairs of Praying Partners. These Praying Partners are dedicated Church members who are paired with another member who is unable to attend Church regularly because they are at home or live out of town.

These four pairs of Praying Partners are each assigned specifically to pray for one of our School teachers' classes and their students. If you would like to be a Praying Partner let us know. As one of the teachers noted: "More prayers means more power!"

Also, a warm welcome back to our School Principal David Harvin from the cruise he and his wife enjoyed on Virgin Voyages as winners of our Campaign's raffle this summer! Stay tuned for future raffles (and please let us know if you have something to donate to be raffled)

### Sunday School Teachers

**Needed** Interested in teaching Sunday School on a rotating basis? If so, join the others by reaching out to Pastor to sign up. Share the love of God with our little ones. Pick the dates that work for you; we'll provide the materials, you get to share God's love.





## **This Week's Calendar**

### **Sunday, September 21, 2025**

**8:30 am – Traditional Service**

**9:30 am – Bible Study/Sunday School**

**10:30 am – Praise Service**

### **Tuesday, September 23, 2025**

**6:30 pm – Men's Bible Study**

### **Wednesday, September 24, 2025**

**10:00 am – Bible Study**

## **Next Week's Calendar**

### **Sunday, September 28, 2025**

**8:30 am – Traditional Service**

**9:30 am – Bible Study/Sunday School**

**10:30 am – Praise Service**

### **Tuesday, September 30, 2025**

**6:30 pm – Men's Bible Study**

### **Wednesday, October 1, 2025**

**10:00 am – Bible Study**

## **This Week's Lessons**

### **September 21, 2025**

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-15

Gospel: Luke 16: 1-15

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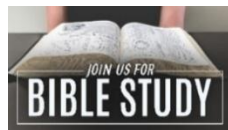
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## **Bible Study**

We continue our study of the Book of Daniel. Daniel, in his teens, was taken by Babylon, to undergo 3 years of intensive study, to work in the Babylonian government. He was in the Upper level of the government when Judah fell to Babylon and God's people were taken captive.

As we begin Chapter 7, it's 70 years later and Babylon falls to Persia. Daniel, now in his 80's is a president in the Persian government, the Jews are allowed to return to their homeland to live and rebuild their temple. Daniel now records prophecies of the Persian, Greek, and Roman Empires.

You are welcome to join us every Wednesday morning at 10:00.



## **Those Serving This Week**

### **September 21, 2025**

Ushers– 8:30 am –Scott Burnett, Duane Timms,

10:30 am – Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick

Lector: 8:30 am – Duane Timm

10:30 am – Paul Sparks

9:30 am – Sunday School – Faith Grambow

Counters: Jo Beadle/Karen Schmohe

Altar Care: Diana Nickel

Security: Mark McGuire

## **Those Serving Next Week**

### **September 28, 2025**

Ushers– 8:30 am –Scott Burnett, Duane Timms,

10:30 am – Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick

Lector: 8:30 am – Carol Irving

10:30 am – Andrea Canora

9:30 am – Sunday School – Christina McGuire

Counters: Carolyn Atchison/Roberta Murphy

Altar Care: Diana Nickel

Security: Mark McGuire

## **Altar Flowers**



Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by LWML, Lutheran Women in mission.

*Remember a loved one with flowers on the altar. Mark the*

*2025 flower chart with your name on the chosen date. Each arrangement is \$20. Complete an envelope with your name and occasion and place payment in the offering plate.*



**RaiseRight.**

We will place our next RaiseRight order tomorrow, **September 22nd**. If you'd like to purchase gift cards, for the Golf Outing, Christmas, or just to support SOTC, please complete and return your form this week. Forms are available in the narthex, on the table at the back of the church, or in the administrative office. Your participation provides a percentage of the purchase price to our school.

## In Our Prayers



- ❖ Ministry Expansion Campaign - for God's continued blessing
- ❖ Jeff Farnella - Loneliness
- ❖ Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation - for the children and families fighting cancer.
- ❖ Wanda Guy's daughter, Sheryl, God's cure for her rare blood infection and dementia
- ❖ Lajuana Stein - continued healing from stroke
- ❖ Ann Hanagan - Stroke, hospitalized
- ❖ Gretchen McAlinden- cancer
- ❖ Jonathan Hughes -for healing
- ❖ Joan Peterson - cancer
- ❖ Gabriel Perez - recent cancer diagnosis
- ❖ Roy Zenke - successful treatment and healing
- ❖ Kathy & Don Siezle- health issues
- ❖ Father of Dawn Macchione - skin cancer
- ❖ Family of Cedric Smith - loss of father and best friend's son
- ❖ John Morris - healing and recovery
- ❖ Tim Mayer - receiving cancer treatment
- ❖ Heart condition of Dr. Meade-Cabey's husband
- ❖ Ronda Jordan-Burgos - cancer
- ❖ Robert Pierre - Leukemia
- ❖ Hilda Buchinger - cancer treatments
- ❖ Jay Mindlin - Parkinson's Disease
- ❖ 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, mental illness and/or addiction
- ❖ Our homebound members:
  - Carolyn Griesse      -Joyce Garing
  - Vera Crusco          - Wanda Guy
  - Sue Dalena            -Ruth Galinat

## LCMS Foundation

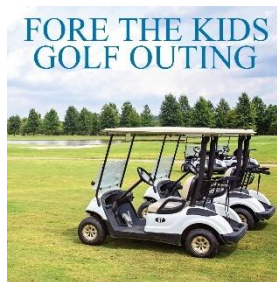
TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Renee expressed her frustration with her attorney, saying, "There are just so many options to choose. This is heavy work for me." Her lawyer asked, "What do you mean? Give me an example." Renee responded, "OK. I realize that gifts from my estate can happen all at once or be spread over time. I am not sure how to decide which option is best. And once I make that decision, how do I figure out the best way to accomplish those goals?"

Your attorney is very skilled in helping you with this challenge. You should seek the counsel of the attorney you hire to help with your estate. Yet, your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor is a valuable asset for guidance in this area as well. Your Gift Planning Counselor can bring these opportunities up early in deliberations, so that you have plenty of time to think about, pray about and talk about the options, purposely choosing the options that resonate with your heart and mind, guided by God's Holy Spirit.

There is no cookie cutter design for an estate gift plan. The right plan is the one that satisfies your Christian goals. This may take a bit of time and energy on your part to move through this process, but it will bring you the satisfaction that you have chosen well. To get started, contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or [tony.hunt@lfnd.org](mailto:tony.hunt@lfnd.org)

## 2025 Golf Outing Update



The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Fore the Kids" Golf outing will be Saturday November 15, with a 12:00 pm tee off at the Woodmont Country Club in Tamarac. We will again drop golf balls from a helicopter, with the ball closest to the hole winning **\$1000**. Ball drop tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Ball

drop tickets are available between services on Sundays.

**The School and ELC students will also sell tickets.**

**The class selling the most will have a water fight with Pastor and Mr. Harvin or Pastor and Mrs. Faith.**

Please encourage others who may be interested in being a sponsor or a player to 'Save the Date'. We have letters and information available about the opportunity. If you have any questions, need copies of the letter, or desire to participate before, or on 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.





## CHURCH LIBRARY FEATURED BOOK FOR SEPTEMBER

### Highly Recommended:

When we began the Adult Wednesday Morning Bible Study over three years ago, we started with the **Book of 1 & 2 Samuel**. This book in our library is the complete book of the Bible along with commentary to highlight things you should know.



### An Introduction

Hannah was a frequent visitor to the temple, where she prayed earnestly for a child. When God answered her prayer, she dedicated her young son to the work of the Lord. Samuel grew up to become one of Israel's great prophets and led God's people through turbulent times. The two books of Samuel tell the story of this great leader who anointed the first two kings of Israel, Saul and David. The lives of Saul and David, along with Samuel provide fascinating reading.

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



You can 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!

## LWML

Upcoming dates to remember – **Sunday  
October 5<sup>th</sup>** – LWML Sunday

**Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>** regular meeting and Christmas cards for our troops project.

Saturday **October 25** at **Our Savior, Plantation**. Our Gold Coast **Fall Zone Rally** - Registration fee of \$5 covers breakfast and the morning activities. Carpool from church leaves at 8:00 am.

### Men's Group

Next gathering, Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm will be a "bring your own meat" event. The grill will be ready for you.

## Elder's Report

The month of **September** is half over!

- Pastor has started a 'Men's Bible Study' Tuesday evenings at 6:30, meet in the Conference Room.
- Sunday School is back in session every Sunday 9:30 am.
- Pastor will be attending a Pastors' Conference September 22 - 24.

### October

- Pastor will begin 3 weeks of military training on October 8th for his deployment.
- There will be **Holy Communion at both services (8:30 and 10:30) on Sundays, October 5th and 19th**.
- Mark your calendars: Our annual "Trunk or Treat" event will be on Friday, October 24th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the church parking lot.

• **Reformation Sunday** is on October 31st; it will be observed in worship services on October 26th.

• **All Saints' Day** is November 1st. It will be observed in worship services on November 2nd.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

The Bible clearly states why we need the good news:

***"Faith comes from hearing the messages and the message is heard through the Word about Christ"***  
**Romans 10: 17.**

We continually need to be in God's Word, hearing Scripture readings, listening to Pastor's sermons, reading devotions, singing hymns, quietly reflecting on God's Word and what it means to us. We grow as our church grows.

### Lydia's Thrift Shop

Lydia's Fellowship, through the Thrift shop has supported Shepherd of the Coast since it's inception more than 20 years ago. Whenever there is a financial need in the congregation Lydia's is the first group to offer support. Additionally, they provide service recognition to all schoolteachers and office staff in the form of gift cards. Lydia's regularly covers a significant portion of the cost of altar flowers and support local and national charities on a routine basis.

Their generosity is funded by Thrift shop sales. The Thrift shop is open from 10:00 am to 2:00pm, five days a week. The volunteers sort through the donations, size and price items, arrange and display items, assist customers and share the love of God.

If you'd like to help, contact Colleen Beaudoin at 954-895-0667 or stop in.