

Weekly News and Notes



Mission: *Serving the loving Christ by serving and loving others.*

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 17, 2023

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From The Pastor



Whether it has been said before or not, this topic can never be over-communicated. Why?

Because it is vitally important for us as Christians, and yet, it is one of the most difficult, if not the most difficult thing we are called by God to do. It is Forgiveness!

When asked to forgive, most of us will say, “that is easy, it is not hard to forgive.” However, what is the forgiveness that God calls us to use? It is not forgiveness that to the face of the person says, “I forgive you,” and then it turns into a grudge, gossip, or some other form of something.

The forgiveness God expects is like what Joseph expresses with his brothers in Genesis 50:15-21.

There again we find his brothers lying to him or trying to catch him in a trap by saying, “Your father gave this command...” The brothers knew that was a lie. However, Joseph did not care.

Whether or not his father said those words, Joseph did not care. He forgave his brothers for their deceit, hate, actions, and unwillingness to love him as a brother throughout their lives. The only thing that mattered to Joseph was to share the love of God with his brothers that God shared with him.

This morning’s Epistle states, “If we live, we live to the Lord...” Everything we do, we do it to the Lord, so if we fail to forgive, then we do that to the Lord.

This can cause fear and even great pain. Yet, what happens if we forgive like Joseph? What happens if we forgive like God forgives us?

Let us think on these things and on the love, God has for us.

Blessings,
Pastor Chad



Wednesday morning Bible Study 10 am:
God has a plan we can witness; His plan is being fulfilled in our study of the book of Genesis. All are welcome to join.

Lessons

This Week’s Lessons

September 17, 2023

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21
Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Next Week’s Lessons

September 24, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
Second Reading: Phil. 1:12-14,19-30
Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

New Member Sunday

Today we welcome three new members to the Shepherd of the Coast Family. The new members are Rebecca Dixon, Lynn Downs, and Michael Solley. We are excited to welcome them, and thankful that they decided to join our family. May God bless them, encourage them in worship, and guide us all to realize our opportunity to work together in furthering the proclamation of His Word in this community.

WEEKLY *Sneak Peek*

This Week's Calendar

Saturday, September 16, 2023

10:00am Lydias Fellowship Meeting

Sunday, September 17, 2023

8:30 am – Traditional Service

New Member Introduction

9:30 am- Sunday School

9:30 am-Adult Bible Study

10:30 am – Contemporary Service

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

10:00am Bible Study

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 24, 2023

8:30 am – Traditional Service

9:30 am- Sunday School

9:30 am-Adult Bible Study

10:30 am – Contemporary Service

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

10:00am - Bible Study

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## Pastor Out of Office

Pastor Chad will be out of the office from Monday, September 18 through Thursday, September 28. Pastor Scott Gress will be leading us in worship next Sunday, September 24. There will be Adult Bible Study and Sunday School on September 24.

## Altar Flowers

Remember a loved one with flowers on the altar.

The 2023 Flower Chart is posted across from the mailboxes. Each arrangement is \$20. Mark the calendar with your name and place payment in the offering plate using the

envelope (to the right of the chart) with the information for the bulletin.



## Those Serving This Week

September 17, 2023

Ushers: 8:30am-Scott Burnett, Duane Timms, and Mike Solley

10:30am Jo Bellhorn

Lector: 8:30am Carol Irving

10:30am Andrea Canora

Counters: Joanne Fries/Barbara Oldani

Altar Guild: Roberta Murphy

Security: Mark McGuire

## Those Serving Next Week

September 24, 2023

Ushers: 8:30am-Scott Burnett, Duane Timms, and Mike Solley

10:30am Jo Bellhorn

Lector: 8:30am Carol Irving

10:30am Andrea Canora

Counters: Jo Beadle/Karen Schmoe

Altar Guild: Roberta Murphy

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Fun Fall Happenings



Our school will be holding a 'Trunk or Treat' event on Friday October 27th from 6 - 8pm. We are hoping the

evening hours will provide a more comfortable experience. We are also planning to use the spaces near the gym and have some indoor events as well so people can cool off more easily.

If you'd like to decorate your trunk and join in the fun, please watch for specific details and a sign-up sheet as October approaches.

Caps of Love



Turn plastic bottle caps into wheelchairs. For some time now Carolyn Atchison has collected caps of all kinds for Caps of Love. If you would like to help, please bring your caps to church to add to the effort.

"Fore the Kids!" Golf Outing



"Fore the Kids!" golf outing will take place on **Monday, October 16, 2023**. Our goal is to raise enough money for each classroom to have a Smart Board. Start spreading the word, October will be here before we know it and some organizations need two or three months to process the requests for sponsorship. The event website is: <https://bit.ly/ForeTheKidsSouth-2023> .

Another option is to use the QR code below. If you have any questions, then please contact a golf committee member or Cliff Higley through text or voicemail at 773-230-4322 or email cliff@cdpromos.com. Please direct organizations to review the sponsorship opportunities or to sign up their foursome.



Please join us for coffee and snacks every Sunday after the 9:00am Service. Yummy Donations are always welcome. See Irma or call her @ 954 776 6869. Thank you very much!

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Life is full of starts and stops, but the Lord looks at all our lives in one grand design. Our estate plans dwell in the Life is full of starts and grand design vision, instead of focusing only on the moment.

Bev and Frank were sitting out on their porch one evening reflecting on the events of their lives. Since marriage, they had lived in five different cities, as jobs had led them. Children's school events had once captured their lives. Now their local pickleball tournaments take up much of their time. They smiled and cried together as they reflected on life's events. But then Frank said, "Life just feels disjointed. With all the twists and turns, what was the purpose?" Bev responded, "Do you remember that verse from Bible study the other night? I think it was Colossians 3:17. Pastor made us memorize it. 'Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.' I'm pretty sure that's the point, don't you?" "You are right," Frank said. "Do you think our estate plans reflect that confidence or should we call the LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor who spoke at Church last week?" Bev replied, "Let's call her. I want to celebrate Jesus in all our life stages."

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started. Contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or tony.hunt@lfnd.org

In Our Prayers



- ❖ Benjamin and Scarlett Tino as they await their first child
- ❖ Carol Ewald – broken pelvis
- ❖ Wanda Guy – health
- ❖ Daniel Strickland – health/well-being
- ❖ Our Country – that our leaders will govern with principle.
- ❖ Shepherd of the Coast – reach those who need Christ
- ❖ Our school, and all schools, so that the education of our children will be blessed
- ❖ Dane Skuda – recovering from surgery
- ❖ David Thompson – rehab
- ❖ Pastors around the world that they can ‘serve the Lord with gladness’
- ❖ The troops around the world, that they know they are remembered
- ❖ Congregations waiting for a Pastor
- ❖ Those struggling with homelessness
- ❖ Those struggling with mental illness
- ❖ Jeff Malek – severe diabetes
- ❖ Christa Mueller – health concerns
- ❖ Sam Irving – serious health issues
- ❖ Jay Mindlin-Serious health issues
- ❖ Ted Welfelt-Serious Health Concern
- ❖ Our homebound members:
 - Joyce Garing
 - Marion Hill
 - Marion Bement
 - Sue Dalena
 - Joan Saunders
 - Ruth Galinat
 - Vera Crusco
 - Carolyn Griesse
 - Barb Scott



THRIFT STORE

Open Monday – Friday

10 am to 2 pm

Thank you for your donations!

We Are Looking for Family Fun Night Volunteer Organizers



Please speak to Pastor or the Church office if you, your family, or your group would like to take the lead in organizing an event night. It's an opportunity to serve and help build fellowship in our church community. Funds are available to offset costs.

Lutheran Church Fun Fact



Around the first quarter of the 21st century, there were more than 77 million Lutherans worldwide, making Lutheranism the second largest Protestant denomination, after the Baptist churches. The term Lutheran appeared as early as 1519.

Want more from Shepherd of the Coast?

Please provide your phone number and email address on the attendance sheet and we'll add you to OneCall notifications and News & Notes list.