



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, December 1, 2024

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From our Pastor:

It is hard to believe that the Advent Season is already upon us! Yet, here we are, the beginning of December, and what a joyous time of year to truly celebrate the life of being a Christian.

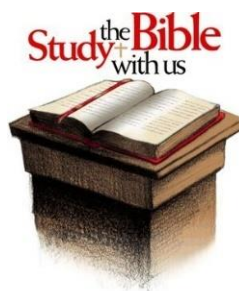
One of my greatest joys growing up was to hear these words from Isaiah 9, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Reflect on those words for a moment. As a child, they were great because it meant Christmas was coming and so were presents. Yet, as I grew, the words began to have greater meaning. Now, as an adult, I listen to those words of promise from God and realize the true joy that exists in our Christian Life. This Child, promised through Isaiah, was not just another child. No, this Child would be as stated, "Mighty God!"

Jesus came into the world quietly and humbly, yet He went out with power and might. Jesus came to reset what Adam and Eve did wrong, and point us back to God's grace and mercy for our salvation. Think back to your childhood for a moment. What happened when you did something wrong? Did it go well for you? Did you get in trouble, yelled at, or something else? To put it differently, when Adam and Eve did their wrongful act, God put into motion a plan to knock the sin out of the action. That is right, Jesus came to correct all sin and teach the world what true love is all about. Jesus came to set things right with God. This is what these words have come to mean to me.

They are a promise from God to us, for our salvation. I encourage you to see the joy in this season. I encourage you to see the grace and mercy of God. I encourage you to enjoy this season of life, forgiveness, and salvation that comes to us through our Immanuel.

Advent Blessings, Pastor Czischke



Mid-week Bible Study

We continue our study of the two books of Kings, of God's Old Testament people from King Solomon to the Babylonian exile. The Israelites drifted away from the Lord. Now the Lord sends Elijah and Elisha to call his people to repentance.

We hear God speaking to us as we read his Word. We read, ask questions, and discuss his Word. Join us every Wednesday morning at 10:00.

This Week's Lessons

December 1, 2024

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

Next Week's Lessons

December 8, 2024

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-7b

Second Reading: Philippians 1:2-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-14

Sunday Mornings

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:40am each Sunday. Come and join us each week as we dive deeper into God's Word. Please note – there will be no Sunday school on December 1st.

Christmas Caroling – December 17th

Please join us Tuesday December 17th at 2 pm to sing Christmas carols for the residents of Fort Lauderdale Health and Rehab Center at 2000 E. Commercial. Students from our 3rd-8th grades will join us.

Meet at the Church at 1:45 to walk over or at the Rehab Center at 2:00.



WEEKLY *Sneak Peek*

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, December 1, 2024

8:30 am – Traditional Service

9:40 am – Bible Study/ Sunday School

10:30 am – Praise Service

11:45 am – Christmas Decorating

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

9:00am Midweek Advent Service

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Service

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:30 am – Traditional Service

9:40 am – Bible Study/ Sunday School

10:30 am – Praise Service

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

9:00am Midweek Advent Service

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Service

Upcoming Events:

12/15 - OneBlood Blood Drive

School children perform at late service

12/17 - Christmas Caroling 2pm at Ft
Lauderdale Rehab

12/18 - mid-week Advent service
9:00 am and 7:00 pm

12/19 - 'We Three Spies' School Musical
7:00pm

Oh Come Let Us Adorn Him

We will be decorating the church for Christmas this morning following the Praise Service. All are welcome to join us in preparing for Advent and the Christmas season.

Decorate the Church



SERVING THIS WEEK

Those Serving This Week

December 1, 2024

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

10:30 am- Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick

Lector: 8:30 am – Randy Laser

10:30 am – Gayle Hansen

Sunday School: **No Sunday School**

Counters: Karen Schmohe

Altar Guild: Diana Nickel

Security: Mark McGuire

Those Serving Next Week

December 8, 2024

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

10:30 am- Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick

Lector: 8:30 am – Carol Irving

10:30 am – Andrea Canora

Sunday School: Jen Czischke

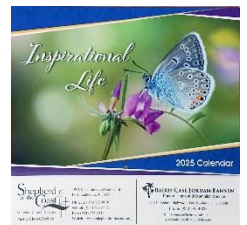
Counters: Carolyn Atchison/Roberta
Murphy

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2025 Wall Calendars

Thank you to Baird-Case Jordan-Fannin Funeral Home and Cremation Service for providing us with 2025 wall calendars. Thank you also to Marge Muth, friend of the congregation, for making this possible. Calendars are in the narthex near the mailboxes.



Church Library

Have you ever wanted to do a further study of the Bible, or find books to help with some difficult questions? Coming soon we will start developing a church library with books you can take home, study or read, and then return. More information to follow.

Altar Flowers



Remember a loved one with flowers on the altar. Mark the flower calendar with your name on the chosen date. Each arrangement is \$20.

Complete an envelope with your name and place payment in the offering plate. **This week's Altar flowers are given by the LWML.**

Can You Help?

Help us grow our social media presence.

Please visit our Facebook page at Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran and like/follow us. You can also help by sharing photos from SOTC events by sending them to pics@shepherdofthecoast.org. If you have photos but would like help sharing them, we can help, just call the office at 954-772-8010.



RaiseRight™

The next RaiseRight order will be placed **Monday, December 9th**. Just in time for Christmas, RaiseRight allows you to purchase gift cards at face value and the church receives a percentage (varying from 1% to 14%) of the amount. Included are VISA Gift cards with **NO activation fee** saving you \$5 per card. Forms are available in back of church. Please turn your orders in at the Office. Cards ordered on December 9th should be here by December 16th.

Poinsettias

Please help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas with Poinsettias. Order forms are available in the back of church. You can choose to dedicate the poinsettia to a loved one. You will be able to take home your poinsettia after the 7pm service on Christmas Eve.



LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

"There are so many things I wish I could share with my children, but whenever we are together, it seems we are always racing off to a soccer game or dance recital. We never really get to talk." This was the sentiment that Rachel was expressing to her sister as the two were enjoying an unseasonably warm November day on the screened porch.

Rachel's husband passed away suddenly about two years ago and since then, these two sisters have spent more time together. "I know what you mean," said Karen. "But that changed for me a few years ago when Bill and I put our estate plan together. We worked with an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor, and she kept insisting that we create a statement of faith to share with our family and friends. She called it a Family Blessing.

The counselor also urged us to meet formally with our kids to share the details of our estate plan with them. It was then that Bill and I both read our Family Blessings to the kids out loud. By the end we were all shedding some tears and hugging. It was the first time in a long time that we had deep conversations about our confidence in Jesus, rather than just talking about attending Sunday service. It was great."

Rachel responded, "You know, since Fred died, I have been needing to review my estate plan. Maybe I'll give the counselor a call and see if she can help me do the same thing."

Your estate plan is not just about money and laws. It is about relationships and sharing Jesus. To get started on your journey and kindle those conversations with the people you love most, contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or tony.hunt@lfnd.org

One Blood

The bloodmobile will be here Sunday 15th from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. Please consider making this valuable donation to ensure an adequate blood supply is available in every situation. As a thank you, One Blood will provide donors with a \$20 eGift Card, Six reusable-OneBlood cups, and a wellness checkup





In Our Prayers

- ❖ Roger Walker - health issues
- ❖ Virginia Jordan, caretaker for her mother, Flossie Downing
- ❖ Joan Peterson, - cancer
- ❖ Baby Brighton - seizures, in ICU
- ❖ Ronda Jordan-Burgos - cancer
- ❖ An Marie Reidel - recovery from broken neck
- ❖ Maureen Lubbers recovering from broken hip
 - ❖ Robert Pierre - Leukemia
 - ❖ Noah Curiel - loss of parent
- ❖ Raymond Rickard - hospitalized long term
- ❖ All those rebuilding after the hurricanes
- ❖ Courtney Callahan; Hilda Buchinger - cancer treatments
 - ❖ Jay Mindlin - Parkinson's Disease
- ❖ John & Irene Hinrichsen - direction and guidance
 - ❖ Jenna Teachman, age 10 - cancer
 - ❖ Jeff Farnella - Loneliness
- ❖ Reinhard Mueller - slow recovery
- ❖ 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	

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!

Attitude of Gratitude

Our Gratitude Tree keeps growing! Please write down what you are thankful for on



one of the leaves and we will post it on the Gratitude Tree. Take time for gratitude moments each day. 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 be reminded of all we have to be thankful for.

School Musical set for December 19th



Please join us on Thursday December 19th at 7:00 pm when our entire school takes part in performing the musical "We Three Spies – A Classified Christmas Adventure". One of our teachers, Ms. Sherryann Stancliffe will return as our director and Phil Lehenbauer will provide the orchestration. Last year's performance was enjoyed by over 100 parents, friends, neighbors and church members! We encourage you to share in this great Christmas adventure.

Please join us for coffee and snacks every Sunday after the 8:30 am Traditional Service. Yummy Donations are welcome for our Sunday Coffee Fellowship.



See Irma or call her @ 954 776 6869.