

**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, March 23, 2025

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## From our Pastor

“Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?” Luke 13:2

I love this question that Jesus poses. It fits so perfectly with our society today. After all, people suffer because they are sinful. At least that is what we learn from the book of Job. He absolutely suffered because of his sin, and we do as well! How absurd does that sound? In fact, the Bible tells us that Job was a righteous man. It also tells us that rain falls on the wicked, as well as, the righteous. Therefore, the absurdity of the question is this: we do not suffer because of our sin, but because of sin. Think about that statement for a moment. While it is true that some of our sinful decisions will cause us to suffer worse outcomes than others. The truth is that suffering is in this world as a result of Adam and Eve’s disobedience. Prior to the Fall, there was no suffering. In fact, it was peaceful and wonderful. Still, as we look at this text from Luke 13, we see that people believe suffering is a result of our sin.

That if we could somehow find a way to live a sinless life, then we would never suffer. This is absurd, and why I love Jesus’ response to the people.

The outcome, the people were no better or worse than anyone else. They just faced a horrible situation, and the outcome was what it was. When we deal with difficulties, I pray that you do not look at it as suffering due to sin. Instead, I pray that you look at it through the eyes of Scripture. Paul writes in Romans 5, “Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.” Hope in Christ never disappoints. Therefore, let us focus on Him, and trust that even though we suffer, He gives us strength to overcome.

Blessings,  
Pastor Czischke



Our Bible Study group has just celebrated its third anniversary. We are currently studying the Book of Isaiah. Isaiah bore a name

suggestive of his high calling, “The Lord is Salvation”. Composed of Hebrew nouns it spelled out what the ultimate purpose of his mission was to be: to proclaim “the salvation of the Lord”. Join us on Wednesday mornings at



10:00. Guests and visitors are welcome.

## Ministry Expansion Campaign

Please join us in praying for the Prayer team on a regular basis this week, with this prayer, or your own:

### Prayer for inspiration:

Dear God,

We pray now for you to inspire your people regarding the campaign. The facts have been shared in order to inform everyone of its needs and purpose. Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit into the hearts of us all. Fill us with your spirit and inspire us to respond to the opportunities this program offers.

In the name of Jesus our Savior we pray. Amen

### Ministry Expansion Info Corner...

A goal of the Ministry Expansion Campaign is to get to know one another better. Of our 146 active members reporting, nearly half are 65 or older; none are over 100; 30 are between 80 and 99.





## **This Week's Calendar**

### **Sunday, March 23, 2025**

**8:30 am Traditional Service**

**9:40 am–Bible Study/ Sunday School**

**10:30 am – Praise Service**

**12:00pm – Lutheranism 101**

**2:00pm – Golf Committee**

### **Monday, March 24, 2025**

**6:30 pm – Financial Peace**

### **Wednesday, March 25, 2025**

**8:30 am – Lenten Service**

**10:00am Bible Study**

**6:00 pm – Soup Supper**

## **Next Week's Calendar**

### **Sunday, March 30, 2025**

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

**10:30 am – Combined Service**

**11:45 am – Pot Luck**

**1:00pm – Lutheranism 101**

### **Monday, March 31, 2025**

**6:30 pm – Financial Peace**

### **Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

**8:30 am – Lenten Service**

**10:00am Bible Study**

**6:00 pm – Soup Supper**

**7:00pm – Lenten Service**



## **This Week's Lessons**

### **March 23, 2025**

First Reading: Ezekial 33:7-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

## **Next Week's Lessons**

### **March 30, 2025**

First Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



## **Those Serving This Week**

### **March 23, 2025**

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 – Paul Sparks

Sunday School: Diana Nickel

Counters: Joanne Fries/Barb Junge

Altar Guild: Diana Nickel

Security: Phil Lehenbauer

## **Those Serving Next Week**

### **March 30, 2025**

Ushers: -10:30 am Scott Burnett, Duane Timm, Mike Solley Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick

Lector: 10:30 am – Duane Timm

Sunday School: Faith Grambow

Counters: Bill & Angel Bailey

Altar Guild: Diana Nickel

Security: Phil Lehenbauer

## **Fifth Sunday Celebration**

Next Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

we will have a single service with a potluck following a combined worship service at 10:30.

Bring your favorite dish

and join us for a meal and fellowship.

See you there!



## **Remembering Pastor Walter Volz**

Pastor Volz who served many Sundays during our most recent vacancy after retiring from Our Savior in Plantation, passed away on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Funeral Services for Pastor Volz will be held at

**Our Savior Lutheran Church in Plantation on Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**

Visitation will be Thursday from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at TM Ralph Funeral home.

Memorials can be made to Our Savior or Food for the Poor.



## In Our Prayers

- ❖ Jonathan Hughes -for a successful surgery and healing
- ❖ Joan Peterson, - cancer
- ❖ Family of Pastor Volz at his passing
- ❖ Family of Marion Bement at her passing.
- ❖ Family of Janet Baker at her passing
- ❖ Shannon for successful surgery March 25th
- ❖ Bill & Angel Bailey - healing - health issues
- ❖ Roy Zenke - successful treatment and healing
- ❖ Jeff Farnella - Loneliness
- ❖ Tim Mayer - receiving cancer treatment
- ❖ Virginia Jordan, caretaker for Flossie Downing
- ❖ Ministry Expansion Campaign - that God will bless the campaign and we can bless others
- ❖ Jennifer Little - brain tumor removal success
  - ❖ Ronda Jordan-Burgos - cancer
- ❖ An Marie Reidel - recovery from broken neck
  - ❖ Robert Pierre - Leukemia
- ❖ Raymond Rickard - hospitalized long term
- ❖ Hilda Buchinger - cancer treatments
  - ❖ Jay Mindlin - Parkinson's Disease
- ❖ John & Irene Hinrichsen - direction/guidance
  - ❖ Jenna Teachman, age 10 - cancer
- ❖ Reinhard Mueller - hospice care
- ❖ 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 or addiction
  - ❖ Our homebound members:
 

-Carolyn Griesse	-Joyce Garing
-Vera Crusco	- Wanda Guy
-Sue Dalena	-Joan Saunders
-Ruth Galinat	-Barb Scott

# LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

A person wishes to go on a European vacation. However, they have delayed planning many times. Maybe there will be a better rate? Who knows when the best weather will be? What if my health takes a turn and I am not able to go? The bliss of vacation will never happen if you continue living in paralysis of the unknown.

That same kind of paralysis can keep the Lord's people from putting estate plans in place and carrying out faithful stewardship of God's gifts. In the barrage of "what if's", we choose to do nothing. If that procrastination lasts long enough, we may choose to do nothing, expecting that our children will take care of things after the Lord calls us home. The trouble is, we may not have communicated our wishes clearly or they may not share the same priorities.

God has made us stewards of His things and it is our job to put a plan in writing that faithfully guides how financial assets should be handled through our estate. We don't let 'fear of the imperfect' keep us from acting.

Certainly, in estate plans, there are many things that can change over time. Family can grow. Financial assets can grow. Ministries can close and new ones can open. An estate plan needs to be nimble to be effective. It is wise to see the need to review an estate plan and update it every 5-7 years. Yet the prospect of those changes should not keep us from setting up a plan that covers the needs of today. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you consider what you need to have in place today. Contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or [tony.hunt@lfn.org](mailto:tony.hunt@lfn.org)

Would you be able to periodically change the wording on the church sign by the street? We're looking for a few people willing to take turns updating the sign with current information. If interested, please let Pastor or Mark McGuire know.



*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.*



Soup Supper before the evening service will continue through each week of Lent. Please come and enjoy some homemade soup at 6:00 pm and share in fellowship before the service. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Plans are underway to create a current church directory for our members. We will take photos TODAY, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, before and after the 8:30 am service and before the second service. We will also be updating our records, so your current phone, email and address information will match our records.*



### Altar Flower Calendar



**This week's Altar flowers are given by the LWML, 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 still \$20. Complete an envelope with your name and place payment in the offering plate.

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**A sincere thank you to the members and friends of Shepherd of the Coast who have donated their books for our Church Library.**

**Our library will be in the Sanctuary; displayed by category, it should be ready to be enjoyed by Easter Sunday. Of course, we will always be pleased to accept more books for our Shepherd of the Coast Church Library. Duane Timm and Diana Annis will be pleased to answer your questions.**

## Coming Soon...

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Mark your calendar for a chili cook off and bingo night hosted by the PTO. More information to follow.



**June 29<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Voters Meeting to elect officers, approve budget, etc. and potluck – Mark your calendar



### Lenten devotions

Lent is a season of reflection, discovery, transparency, forgiveness, personal growth, and being drawn closer to Christ as our Savior and Redeemer! Over the remaining days of Lent, the goal is for these daily scripture readings and devotions written by your District Staff, Board, and Circuit Visitors to encourage and bless you as you listen to God in His Word, think about all Jesus has done for you, and integrate these teachings into your lives. Sign up to receive Lent devotions in your inbox at:

[flgadistrict.org/lentendevotions](http://flgadistrict.org/lentendevotions)

### Our K-Kids learn about Service

Kiwanis K-Kids are collecting the pull tabs from cans as a service project. These pull tabs are then converted to cash for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. If you'd like to donate your pulltabs, drop them in the container outside the sanctuary.



### 2025 Golf Outing Date Set



Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> at noon will tee off our 2025 Golf Outing. We are hoping a Saturday date will attract more golfers to our event at Woodmont. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

