

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, April 21, 2024

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At my last congregation, I led a Bible study on John 15:1-17 titled, "Where Love Abides." This study took an in-depth look at this chapter of John. During one of the videos, the author was at a vineyard and provided a demonstration of the pruning process. The author pointed out that pruning is not painless, but it can be painful.

Truthfully, if I was the plant being pruned, then I would not be happy. It would hurt. Someone literally cut off an appendage. Honestly, I compared it to having a toe or finger removed, which none of us would enjoy. Yet, as we look at this text from John, it tells us that God prunes those that bear fruit; why?

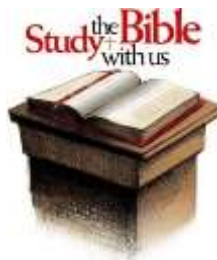
Despite the injury to the plant, when pruning is done by a skilled or knowledgeable individual it promotes new growth. God is very skilled and knows exactly what He is doing. The issue is that we often do not trust in His pruning skills. All we see or feel is the pain of the moment in life and ignore that it might just be God pruning us for a new event.

Yes, the pain is real, and yes, we feel it. It hurts, and it may last for a short period of time or for much longer. Yet, if step back and look at what God is doing, are we able to see His work in the situation?

Most of the time we don't. All we feel is the pain. Yet, the Pruner is at work. He is preparing us for the next stage or situation. Often, I heard, "I didn't think I would make it, but then I did." Why did you make it? Was it because the Pruner was working and knew what He was doing?

John 15 encourages our complete trust in the Pruner, that is God. He knows what He desires and plans for us. We just need to trust that His is our True Vine, True Pruner, and True Life.

Blessings, Pastor Chad



the administrative office. Your participation provides a percentage of the purchase price to our school.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Today we will continue our look at the book of Romans. Please join us in the Sanctuary at 9:30 to continue the discussion.



This Week's Calendar

[Sunday, April 21, 2024](#)

8:30 am- Traditional Service

9:30 am – Sunday School

9:30 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Contemporary Service

[Monday, April 22, 2024](#)

3:30 pm – Accreditation meeting

[Wednesday, April 24, 2024](#)

10:00am - Bible Study – Luke

Next Week's Calendar

[Sunday, April 28, 2024](#)

8:30 am – One Blood

8:30 am- Traditional Service

9:30 am – Sunday School

9:30 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Contemporary Service

[Wednesday, May 1, 2024](#)

10:00am - Bible Study – Luke

Portals of Prayer

Yes, we are nearing the end of April, but don't forget to pick up your Portals of Prayer for April through June, in the narthex – by the mailboxes. These are great devotions to help guide you through a time of meditation with God.



One Blood

The bloodmobile will be here next Sunday, April 28th from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm. Please consider making this valuable donation to ensure an adequate blood supply is available in every situation. As a thank you, One Blood is providing donors with a \$20 eGift Card, an insulated tote bag, and a wellness checkup.



National Lutheran School Accreditation

The preparation is well underway to be recertified as an accredited school and Learning Center in 2025, as we go through the Standards to determine how we are meeting our requirements. If you value Christian education, please be part of this process. We meet on the third and fourth Mondays each month, from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Next meeting, tomorrow, Monday, May 20th in Mr. Harvin's classroom.



THRIFT STORE

Open Monday – Friday

10 am to 2 pm

Thank you for your donations!



Those Serving This Week

April 21, 2024

Ushers: 8:30 am-Jo Beadle, Carolyn Atchison, Jeanne Larson, Colleen Beaudoin

10:30 am-Jo Bellhorn

Sunday School: Faith Grambow

Lector: 8:30 am-Duane Timm

10:30 am-Paul Sparks

Counters: Joanne Fries/Barbara Junge

Altar Guild: Roberta Murphy

Security: Mark McGuire

Those Serving Next Week

April 28, 2024

Ushers: 8:30 am-Jo Beadle, Carolyn Atchison, Jeanne Larson, Colleen Beaudoin

10:30 am-Jo Bellhorn

Sunday School: Christina McGuire

Lector: 8:30 am -Carol Irving

10:30 am-Andrea Canora

Counters: Bill & Angel Bailey

Altar Guild: Roberta Murphy

Security: Mark McGuire



**Have you every asked what can I do?
Take on the role of being a prayer warrior. Paul tells us to pray unceasing, and we need faithful people fulfilling this type of call to prayer. Can you pray? Can you help? Be a Prayer Warrior!**

Fore the Kids – 2024 Golf Outing



Monday, November 4th has been reserved as the date for this year's Golf Outing. We are looking for volunteers, golfers, and support for this event. One huge way to support is by

asking local businesses or restaurants if they would be willing to donate items, merchandise, gift cards, etc., or maybe ask if they would be willing to sponsor a part of the event. We have letters and information to help them consider the opportunity. If you have any questions, need a copy of the letter, or desire to participate the day of the event, then 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.

Altar Flowers

Remember a loved one with flowers on the altar



by marking the 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 (to the right of the chart) **This week's Altar flowers are given by Calla Ramrup in memory of Rosaline & Thomas Durga and Ron Durga.**

Mailboxes



The mailbox numbers have been reviewed and boxes have been set up for our members and for groups like Lydia's, Elders, Altar Guild, LWML etcetra. Please feel free to leave a note for someone you haven't seen in a while or to correspond with a group or an individual. If we missed your name, please leave a note in the box for Admin.

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

A good gift plan can present solutions to challenging family dynamics. Years ago, a husband and wife were meeting with their LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor. Both had been married before, as their spouses had been called home to Jesus. Each of them brought children into the relationship. The assets they brought were not equal. Urged by the advice of various people, they began considering a way in which they could isolate their assets from each other, creating multiple trusts. Complicating matters, because they truly loved each other, they wanted to provide for each other when the first of them was called home. They felt uncomfortable about such absolute separation of their assets if they truly were going to share their lives as "one flesh", in keeping with the model of marriage from Genesis 1.

They laid out a complicated stream of thoughts before the LCMS Gift Planning Counselor. After a lengthy conversation, the gift planning counselor noticed an interesting phenomenon about their assets relative to family. Coming into this marriage, one spouse had twice as many financial assets as the other. That same spouse with the greater assets also had twice as many children as the other spouse. The ratio made sense. If they combined their assets and equally divided them among all their children, each child would receive the same amount as if they had put in place a complicated legal set of trusts to separate their assets.

The Gift Planning Counselor conveyed a message to their attorney, and they emerged from that attorney with a simple plan that made them feel content. The plan they created together also allowed them to make some gifts to support the ministry in the future. In addition, this plan did not foster an imposed separation between their children.

Taking the time for extended conversation and prayer allowed this couple to discern the right thing to do, rather than pursuing plans that would be expensive, complicated, and less than satisfying. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor is available to meet with you in the same way.

Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or tony.hunt@lfnd.org



In Our Prayers

- ❖ Robert Irving - cancer
- ❖ Robert Pierre - Leukemia
- ❖ Pastor Drummond - battling melanoma that has spread.
 - ❖ Noah Curiel - personal safety
- ❖ Grandfather of Mike Solley - Health Concerns
- ❖ Evelyn Gayhart - health following heart attack and 4 stints
 - ❖ Pastor Volz - health concerns
- ❖ Sherry Khan, Winston and Ruth Jaipershad - autoimmune disease
 - ❖ Jenna Teachman, age 10 - cancer
- ❖ Our Country - principled leaders to govern.
- ❖ Shepherd of the Coast - that we may reach those who need Christ
 - ❖ Our school, and all schools, so that the education of our children will be blessed
 - ❖ Daniel Strickland - health/well-being
 - ❖ The troops around the world, for their continued safety
 - ❖ Congregations waiting for a Pastor
 - ❖ Those struggling with homelessness
 - ❖ Those struggling with mental illness
 - ❖ Jeff Farnella - Loneliness
 - ❖ Lorry Huza-Health Concerns
 - ❖ Sam Irving - serious health issues
 - ❖ Jay Mindlin-Serious health issues
 - ❖ Ted Welfelt-Serious Health Concern
 - ❖ Mark Williams-Brain Cancer
 - ❖ Joe Jimison- Continued Good Health
 - ❖ Our homebound members:
 - Marion Bement -Carolyn Griesse
 - Vera Crusco - Wanda Guy
 - Sue Dalena -Joan Saunders
 - Ruth Galinat -Barb Scott
 - Joyce Garing



The Long-Range Planning committee has been formed and had its first meeting on April 15th. The group will meet monthly to develop guidelines for the mission and vision of Shepherd of the Coast. The hope is to present ideas to the congregation at the July Voter's Meeting. The intent is to present ideas for the congregation to consider, or possibly offer additional ideas for consideration as we look to the future of Shepherd of the Coast and seek God's guidance. If interested in being part of this group, please contact Pastor at 954-772-8010 ext. 222, or 313-378-5833 or via email at: pastorc@shepherdofthecoast.org

School Endowment Fund

The SOTC School Endowment Fund was established in 2020 with three specific purposes. Proceeds from the Fund are to

- a) provide tuition assistance to school students,
- b) support school staff education activities, and
- c) fund school capital improvements.

The Fund was made possible through a Kaleidoscope Grant that was funded jointly by The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Foundation. Contributions were matched by the grant on a one-to-one basis. Many thanks to our members that made donations to meet the requirements of the grant. The goal is to have the Fund continually grow and have a greater and greater impact for years to come. Donations to the School Endowment Fund are always welcome and encouraged. Please consider how you can help. Contact Larry Ueltzen at luelzen@prodigy.net or call the office at 954-772-8010.