

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, December 3, 2023

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From The Principal

As we move into the Season of Advent, our students are learning more about what it means to wait.... In this day and age, we wait a lot. We wait at red lights, doctors appts, in the line at the grocery store. For students, that waiting may involve waiting until the next school break, waiting for Christmas morning, or waiting for 6th grade and the opportunity to go to a middle school dance. As believers, we know that Advent reminds us that once, a long time ago people waited for a Savior to be born. Now it reminds us that our Savior is coming again. But again, that word comes up..... waiting for our Savior to return. So today in Chapel we talked about what we do "in the waiting". Jesus gives us clear direction about that.

As we wait, we care for the hungry (make sandwiches and collect food) , we visit the sick and elderly (nursing home visit by 4th graders), we give to other children who don't have families (Christmas Angels at Christmas time). These are a few of our offering projects



this year. We have this wonderful opportunity at Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran School to teach

children to be the hands and feet of Jesus and to give while they wait in anticipation for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ the King. We hope you will join us as our students will be singing and participating in the Wednesday evening Advent services.

We would also like to invite you to our all school musical, "Hotel Noel", which will be on December 21, at 7:00pm in the school gym. We can't wait!

Blessings,
Lorie Trzeciak



"We come to God with our prayers, and He hears us. God comes to us with His Word, and we listen."

Please join us in our study of the book of Genesis every Wednesday morning at 10:00 am."

Lessons

This Week's Lessons

December 3, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel Reading: Mark 11:1-10

Next Week's Lessons

December 10, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

One Blood

The bloodmobile is here today from 8:30 am until 12:30pm. If you are able, please

consider making this valuable donation to ensure an adequate blood supply is available in every situation.

As a thanks, One Blood is providing donors with a \$20 eGift Card, a blanket, and a wellness checkup.



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent provides Choice Dollars to its policy holders as a way of giving back. If you have a policy with Thrivent, you may be able to contribute Choice Dollars to Shepherd of the Coast or another charity. Visit www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice."

Remember each Thrivent policy holder can request two Thrivent Action Team grants of \$250 per year to support a project or outreach.



WEEKLY *Sneak Peek*

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, December 3, 2023

8:30 am- Traditional Service
 9:30am - Sunday School
 9:30 am-Adult Bible Study
 10:30 am - Contemporary Service

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

10:00am - Bible Study
 11:00am - Advent Service
 7:00pm - Advent Service

Saturday, December 9, 2023

11:00 - LWML Party

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, December 10, 2023

8:30 am- Traditional Service
 9:30am - Sunday School
 9:30 am-Adult Bible Study
 10:30 am - Contemporary Service

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

10:00am - Bible Study
 11:00am - Advent Service
 7:00pm - Advent Service

Oh Come Let Us Adorn Him

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas last Sunday. Our tree is decorated with Chrismons which symbolize Christ our Lord. A separate flyer outlining the history of each of the Chrismons is included in the bulletin. Please take the opportunity to reflect on these symbols used by early Christians to declare their faith.




SERVING THIS WEEK

Those Serving This Week

December 3, 2023

Ushers: 8:30am-Scott Burnett, Duane Timms, Mike Solley
 10:30am-Jo Bellhorn
 Lector: 8:30am-Randy Laser
 10:30am-Gayle Hansen
 Counters: Joanne Fries, Barbara Junge
 Altar Guild: Diana Nickel
 Security: Mark McGuire
 Sunday School Teacher- Faith Grambow

Those Serving Next Week

December 10, 2023

Ushers: 8:30am-Scott Burnett, Duane Timms, Mike Solley
 10:30am-Jo Bellhorn
 Lector: 8:30am-Carol Irving
 10:30am-Andrea Canora
 Counters: Bill & Angel Bailey
 Altar Guild: Diana Nickel
 Security: Mark McGuire
 Sunday School Teacher- Jen Czischke




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.

This week's Altar flowers are provided by Joanne Fries in memory of Janice March.

Please join us for coffee and snacks every Sunday after the 8:30 am Service. Yummy Donations are always welcome. See Irma or call her @ 954 776 6869. Thank you





THRIFT STORE
Open Monday – Friday
10 am to 2 pm
Thank you for your donations!

Altar Guild for 2024

As we begin preparing for the coming year, please stop in the Sacristy and sign up for the months you want to prepare the Lord's Supper in 2024. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please speak with Roberta Murphy or Diana Nickel for more information.



The next RaiseRight order will be placed **Monday, December 11th**. 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. Forms are available in back of church. Please turn your orders in at the Office. Cards ordered on December 11th should be here by December 19th.

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Our students with food collection project

# LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Learning to acknowledge the abundance of God's blessings to us is the beginning step of putting together the gift plan within our overall estate plans.

"Did you have a good Christmas?" Beginning December 26<sup>th</sup>, you will probably hear that expression a lot. Most answer with a litany of the gifts they received, or the parties or gatherings they attended. Sam was asked that same question by his good friend Daniel. At first, Sam felt awkward, finding it difficult to formulate an answer. But then he remembered something very unique about this Christmas. He and his wife had been working with their LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor to put together an estate plan, that would certainly include inheritance for family but would also include a bold commitment of financial support to their favorite ministry and a missionary halfway around the world.

Through regular communication, they had pictures of people who had been baptized and come to faith through that mission activity. They kept all those pictures on their refrigerator. This year, they purposely planned to share their estate plans with their kids. They began by telling them about inheritance. Then they spread out all those pictures from the refrigerator all over the kitchen table where they were sitting, talking about their intended gift for ministry. To their shock and joy, their children didn't even ask questions about inheritance but asked their parents to tell the stories of those who are now part of Jesus' Kingdom. "That time of sharing with our kids was the highlight of my Christmas holiday," Sam said. "Now my kids are asking how they can be part of supporting the same missionary."

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor will encourage you throughout the process, to bless your family beyond inheritance, by including them in the privilege and joy of financially supporting the Lord's work, resulting in the salvation of many.

To get started on your plan, Contact Tony Hunt  
260-222-1291 or [tony.hunt@lfnf.org](mailto:tony.hunt@lfnf.org)





## In Our Prayers

- ❖ Becky Bellhorn - cancer
- ❖ Marian Hill - broken hip
- ❖ Our Country - that our leaders will govern with principle.
  - ❖ 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
  - ❖ David Thompson - rehab
- ❖ Pastors around the world that they can 'serve the Lord with gladness'
- ❖ The troops around the world, for their continued safety
  - ❖ Congregations waiting for a Pastor
  - ❖ Those struggling with homelessness
  - ❖ Those struggling with mental illness
    - ❖ Jeff Malek - severe diabetes
    - ❖ Lorry Huza-Health Concerns
    - ❖ Christa Mueller - health concerns
    - ❖ Sam Irving - serious health issues
    - ❖ Jay Mindlin-Serious health issues
  - ❖ Ted Welfelt-Serious Health Concern
    - ❖ Mark Williams-Brain Cancer
    - ❖ Joe Jimison- Heart Procedure
    - ❖ Our homebound members:
      - Joyce Garing
      - Marion Bement
      - Sue Dalena
      - Joan Saunders
      - Ruth Galinat
      - Vera Crosco
      - Carolyn Griesse
      - Barb Scott
      - Carol Ewald



## Advent Schedule

### Midweek Advent Services:

This year we will have two services. The 11 am service will be a typical Midweek Advent service. The evening service will include students from the grades as shown, who will sing and participate in the service.

**Midweek 1 – Wednesday, Dec 6**

11am – Midweek Advent

7pm – Service with K-5th grade

**Midweek 2 – Wednesday, Dec 13**

11am – Midweek Advent

7pm – Service with 6-8th grades

**Midweek 3 – Wednesday, Dec 20**

11am – Midweek Advent

7pm – Service with ECC

**Christmas Eve – Sunday, Dec 24**

No Sunday School, or Bible Class

Candlelight Service 4pm & 7pm

**Christmas Day – Monday, Dec 25**

10:30am – Service with Communion

**New Year's Eve – Sunday, Dec 31**

10:30am – Joint Service with Communion

No Sunday School or Adult Bible Class

### Poinsettias

Please help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas with Poinsettias. Order form is included in the bulletin. 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.

