



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, March 9, 2025

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From our ECC Director

As we reflect on the past months, I am overjoyed to share the wonderful progress we have made as a preschool. By God's grace, we have been blessed with growth, joy, and the opportunity to nurture the youngest among us, shaping hearts and minds in His name. Our classrooms are filled with excitement, laughter, and the spirit of learning. Each day, we are witness to the incredible potential in the children entrusted to our care. We see a growing sense of community and love among our students, families, and staff, and we couldn't be more grateful for the strong foundation we are building together.

Just over two weeks ago we had our workday, and we all came together to clean up around the school and the playground. We leveled the ground, added more mulch, and built much needed playground equipment for the toddler playground from proceeds of the Golf Outing.

However, as much as we celebrate our achievements, we know that our mission is far from complete. There are still many children in our community who could benefit from the loving and educational environment we provide. We continue to welcome new families to join us in our journey, and we are actively seeking more students to enroll in for the upcoming year, VPK especially.

If you know of any families looking for a safe, nurturing, and Christ-centered place for their little ones to grow and learn, we would be thankful for your support in spreading the word. Whether it's through personal invitations, sharing on social media, or simply praying for the continued success of our program, every effort makes a difference.

Thank you for your ongoing support, prayers, and commitment to our preschool's mission. Together, we can continue to create an environment where children are not only educated but loved and guided in the teachings of Christ.

Mrs. Faith Grambow
Early Childhood Director



We have begun studying the Book of Isaiah. Verse 1 begins, "The vision of Isaiah, . . . which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem". The use of this word "Vision" informs the reader how

the author came to write the contents of the book. God miraculously opened Isaiah's mind's eye enabling him to see things from His (God's) unerring point of view and to envision coming events in the perspective of His eternal 'plan of salvation'.

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 the focus of the campaign:

Lord God, we reach out to you and ask for your direction at this time. Help all involved with the Ministry Expansion Campaign at Shepherd of the Coast Church and School to keep the focus, always, on the ministry work we are about and not just on the physical needs. We talk about air conditioners, roof leaks and playground improvements. Guide us and help us to remember that these are merely the tools needed to serve people. May we never lose sight of who the campaign is designed to serve. In the name of Jesus our Savior we pray. Amen

Ministry Expansion Info Corner...

The Ministry Expansion campaign has helped reduce the anticipated budget deficit from \$176,000 to \$76,000 with congregation's help and a close watch on spending.





This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:30 am Traditional Service
9:40 am - Bible Study/ Sunday School
10:30 am - Praise Service

Monday, March 10, 2025

6:30 pm - Financial Peace

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

8:30 am - Lenten Service
10:00am Bible Study
6:00 pm - Soup Supper
7:00pm - Lenten Service

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:30 am Traditional Service
9:40 am - Bible Study/ Sunday School
10:30 am - Praise Service

Monday, March 17, 2025

6:30 pm - Financial Peace

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

8:30 am - Lenten Service
10:00am Bible Study
6:00 pm - Soup Supper
7:00pm - Lenten Service



This Week's Lessons March 9, 2025

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Next Week's Lessons March 16, 2025

First Reading: Jeremiah 26:8-15
Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel: Luke 13:31-35



Those Serving This Week

March 9, 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 - Andrea Canora
Sunday School: Jen Czischke
Counters: Jo Beadle/Karen Schmohe
Altar Guild: Diana Nickel
Security: Phil Lehenbauer

Those Serving Next Week

March 16, 2025

Ushers: -8:30 am Scott Burnett, Duane Timm, Mike Solley
10:30 am -Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick
Lector: 8:30 am - Duane Timm
10:30 am - Paul Sparks
Sunday School: Christina McGuire
Counters: Carolyn Atchison/Roberta Murphy
Altar Guild: Diana Nickel
Security: Phil Lehenbauer

Part Time Maintenance Position

Basic maintenance skills needed for this 20 hour/week position. Routine changing of AC filters; cleaning drain line, replacing lights, damaged ceiling tiles, repairing drywall, etc. Position requires ability to climb ladder, use general hand tools, maintain safety of self and children. Must pass a level 2 background check.



We will have a Soup Supper before the evening service each week of Lent. Please come and enjoy some soup and bread at 6:00 pm, we can share in fellowship before the service. We look forward to seeing you there.



In Our Prayers

- ❖ Jonathan Hughes -for a successful surgery and healing
- ❖ Joan Peterson, - cancer
- ❖ Family of Marion Bement at her passing.
- ❖ Family of Janet Baker at her passing
- ❖ Family of Courtney Callahan at her passing
- ❖ Bill & Angel Bailey - healing - health issues
- ❖ Roy Zenke - successful treatment and healing
- ❖ Roger Walker - health issues
- ❖ 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.

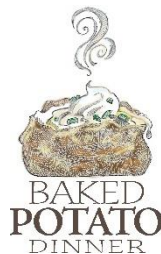
That same kind of paralysis can keep the Lord's people from putting estate plans in place and carrying out faithful stewardship of God's gifts. In the barrage of "what if's", we choose to do nothing. If that procrastination lasts long enough, we may choose to do nothing, expecting that our children will 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.

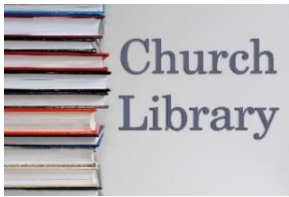
God has made us stewards of His things and it is our job to put a plan in writing that faithfully guides how financial assets should be handled through our estate. We don't let 'fear of the imperfect' keep us from acting.

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@lfnf.org

Suds, Spuds and Splits

Thank you to Thrivent for the Action Team Grant that provided the food and drinks for our Ash Wednesday event. Thank you to all who helped and participated and joined us for the meal.





Plans continue for the church library. Thank you to those who have already donated books. If you have any

concordances, texts or other books you'd like to add to the collection, please discuss with Duane Timm, Head Elder. We are particularly interested in books of the Bible with commentaries. The goal of the library is to enrich our understanding of the word of God.

2025 Altar Flower Calendar is here!



This week's Altar flowers are given by Richard Tuck in memory of his parent's anniversary. 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.

It's a sign!!!!

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.

Save the Date

Coming Soon.....

- ❖ **March 30th - 5th Sunday** celebration with a combined service at 10:30 followed by a potluck.
- ❖ Please mark your calendar for a chili cook off and bingo night on Friday, **May 2nd** hosted by the PTO. More information to follow in the upcoming news and notes as it approaches. This will be a fun evening of fellowship with the school and church.



The season and journey of Lent is a gift that is for EVERYONE. With the decline of Christianity and even spirituality in our culture, Lent is one of those ancient practices that people easily say, "It's not for me." But it is.

Lent is a season of reflection, discovery, transparency, forgiveness, personal growth, and being drawn closer to Christ as our Savior and Redeemer! Over the next 40 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.

Join us for daily devotion & prayer!

Sign up to receive Lent devotions in your inbox at flgadistrict.org/lentendevotions.



Our School Board was elected at the special voters' meeting on February 23rd. Diana Annis, Joanne Fries, Joyce King, Roberta Murphy, Deanna Skuda have agreed to serve on the

School Board. Pastor Chad, David Harvin, Principal, Faith Grambow, ECC Director, and Mark McGuire, Council Chair will be non-voting members of the board.

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.