

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, October 19, 2025

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Pastor's Message

Growing up, Saturday mornings were filled with watching cartoons and then WWF (World Wrestling Federation). I grew up watching Hulk Hogan, Andre the Giant, Hacksaw Jim Duggin, and so many more. As a kid it was exciting to watch the matches, to see them jump from the top rope, and then watch the true victor prevail. My favorite was watching the match where Hulk Hogan body slammed Andre the Giant. What an amazing feat to accomplish.

Yet, apart from Saturdays as a kid, I have done a lot of wrestling in my own life. How about you? For most adults it can feel like we are constantly wrestling with God over this or over that. The questions of "Why God" often prevail, and at times it feels like such a regular process that in some instances we even forget what we started wrestling about.

Unlike Hulk Hogan and Andre the Giant, this morning we hear about Jacob who did not wrestle for entertainment, but because God had a plan for him. Many times, that is what we forget. When God wrestles with us, it is usually because He has a plan that we are ignoring, missing, or fighting against. Maybe, instead of wrestling, we should stop and ask, "God what are You trying to teach me, because right now I feel like I just got body slammed by Hulk Hogan."

During these times, we need to stop, reflect on what is happening, and then turn it back to God. When we struggle, question, fear, doubt, etc. instead of letting that beat us up, just pause and say, "Dear God, right now I feel like I am in a royal rumble, a massive wrestling match with _____, please help me Dear Father to understand if there is something that I am missing, and open my heart to understand. Strengthen me Lord, and be with me, so that in all things, I feel Your presence, love, and direction. In Jesus Name. Amen." Then go forth in His grace.

Blessings,
Pastor Czischke

Bible Study

Some time ago we studied the book of Luke, the third gospel. It is by far the most "teaching" gospel of them all. In addition to being a physician, Luke was also a teacher. He wanted us to learn about the greatest teacher of all - Jesus Christ. Now we continue with Luke's second book, the Book of Acts. The book begins after Jesus ascended into heaven and deals with the ministry of the apostles and Paul. As we read and study this book, we realize everything is written for our benefit. Luke wanted us to know and understand.



Our Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 10:00, please join us as we read and discuss Luke's work..

Ministry Expansion Campaign

Please join with the Prayer team and continue to pray for the campaign on a regular basis, with this prayer, or your own:

Ministry Expansion Prayer

Dear Jesus, you grant us peace by knowing you are with us at all times, wherever we are. Even in the middle of the storms of life, you are there. Continue to bless our ministry and the work we are doing to expand its reach. We trust in you as our loving redeemer. Amen



Ministry Expansion Info Corner...

We're so thankful for the growing participation in writing positive Google reviews for Shepherd of the Coast Church and School! Your kind words are helping strengthen our online presence and share God's love with families looking for a church or school home. Thank you for shining His light digitally!

Mark your calendars for this year's Trunk or Treat — a fun, family event for our church and school community! The Ministry Expansion Campaign will host a special "Glow in the Dark" themed trunk, symbolizing Jesus' light in our lives and our church's light in the community — just like our lighthouse logo reminds us to be a beacon of hope.

Let's continue to grow, glow, and go together as one body, shining brightly for Christ!

WEEKLY Sneak Peek

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, October 19, 2025

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

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

10:00 am – Bible Study

Friday, October 24, 2025

Parent/Teacher Conferences Event

6:00 pm – Trunk or Treat (evening)

Saturday, October 25, 2025

9:00 am – LWML Zone Meeting
Our Savior, Plantation

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, October 26, 2025

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

Wednesday, October 28, 2025

10:00 am – Bible Study

Saturday, November 1, 2025

8:00 am – noon – Lydia's Christmas Sale

This Week's Lessons

October 19, 2025

First Reading: Genesis 32: 22-30
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

Next Week's Lessons

October 26, 2025

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7
2nd Reading: Romans 3:19-28
Gospel: Matthew 11:12-19
or John 8:31-36

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Lydia's Fellowship.

Remember a loved one with flowers on the altar. Mark the 2025 flower chart with your name on the chosen date. Complete an envelope with your name and occasion and place payment in the offering plate.



Altar Flowers

2025 Golf Outing Update



We are **27 days away** from the 6th Annual "Fore the Kids" Golf outing on Saturday November 15th at the

Woodmont Country Club in Tamarac. This is the School's biggest fund raiser of the year! How can you help?

- **Helicopter ball drop tickets** are available (we drop numbered golf balls from a helicopter at a pin and the ball closest to the hole wins \$1000.) for \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Get your Ball drop tickets between services on Sundays or from one of our **students**. As an incentive, the class selling the most will have a water fight against Mr. Harvin and Mrs. Faith.



- **Sponsorship opportunities:** Check with your employer regarding sponsoring the event or put together a foursome.
- **Volunteer** for a specific task the day of the event – most are 2 or 3 hours shifts and a number of them can be done while seated. **Use the Google doc by following the link sent out earlier** – or call the office to find out more. This is a fun event at a beautiful setting.

If you have any questions, need copies of the letter, or desire to participate before, or on the day of the event, please speak with Debbie Lorenz at 954-647-9586 or Pastor Chad at 313-378-5833.

Save the Date – October Events

October 24 – Parent/Teacher Conferences Event
October 24 – Trunk or Treat (evening)
October 26 – Reformation Day.
November 1 – All Saints Day.



In Our Prayers

- ❖ Jeff Farnella - Loneliness
- ❖ Family of Sue Dalena at her passing
- ❖ Ministry Expansion Campaign - for God's continued blessing
- ❖ Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation - for the children and families fighting cancer.
- ❖ Susan Jimison - Macular degeneration
- ❖ Daughter of Wanda Guy, confined to wheelchair
- ❖ Donald Quier - Linda Yarrish's nephew - cancer
- ❖ Wanda Guy's daughter, Sheryl, God's cure for her rare blood infection and dementia
- ❖ Lajuana Stein - continued healing from stroke
- ❖ Ann Hanagan - Stroke, hospitalized
- ❖ Gretchen McAlinden- cancer
- ❖ Jonathan Hughes -for healing
- ❖ Joan Peterson - cancer
- ❖ Gabriel Perez - recent cancer diagnosis
- ❖ Roy Zenke - successful treatment and healing
- ❖ Kathy & Don Siezle- health issues
- ❖ Father of Dawn Macchione - skin cancer
- ❖ Jean Vanasek, Diana Nickel's Mother-in-law, strength and comfort in cancer battle
- ❖ Family of Cedric Smith - loss of father and best friend's son
- ❖ John Morris - healing and recovery
- ❖ Tim Mayer - receiving cancer treatment
- ❖ Heart condition of Dr. Meade-Cabey's husband
- ❖ Ronda Jordan-Burgos - cancer
- ❖ Robert Pierre - Leukemia
- ❖ Hilda Buchinger - cancer treatments
- ❖ Jay Mindlin - Parkinson's Disease
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Our homebound members:
 - Carolyn Griesse -Joyce Garing
 - Vera Crusco - Wanda Guy
 - Ruth Galinat

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Renee expressed her frustration with her attorney, saying, "There are just so many options to choose. This is heavy work for me." Her lawyer asked, "What do you mean? Give me an example." Renee responded, "OK. I realize that gifts from my estate can happen all at once or be spread over time. I am not sure how to decide which option is best. And once I make that decision, how do I figure out the best way to accomplish those goals?"

Your attorney is very skilled in helping you with this challenge. You should seek the counsel of the attorney you hire to help with your estate. Yet, your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor is a valuable asset for guidance in this area as well. Your Gift Planning Counselor can bring these opportunities up early in deliberations, so that you have plenty of time to think about, pray about and talk about the options, purposely choosing the options that resonate with your heart and mind, guided by God's Holy Spirit.

There is no cookie cutter design for an estate gift plan. The right plan is the one that satisfies your Christian goals. This may take a bit of time and energy on your part to move through this process, but it will bring you the satisfaction that you have chosen well. To get started, contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or tony.hunt@lfnd.org

Send Birthday Greetings to a Missionary!



We have been invited by Global Lutheran Outreach (GLO) to "Say Happy Birthday to a Missionary". GLO has partnered with WishWell to greet missionaries around the world on their birthday and let them know that they are not forgotten. There is a poster on the hallway bulletin board with a QR code you can scan or you can participate by going to Wishwell.ai/GLO to get started.

2026 Wall Calendars

Baird-Case Jordan-Fannin Funeral Home and Cremation Service has partnered with us to provide 2026 wall calendars. We very much thank them for making this possible. Calendars are in the narthex near the mailboxes.



Those Serving This Week

October 19, 2025

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

10:30 am - Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick

Lector: 8:30 am - Duane Timm

10:30 am - Paul Sparks

9:30 am - Sunday School - Diana Nickel

Counters: Jo Beadle/Karen Schmohe

Altar Care: Diana Nickel

Security: Jay Aamodt

Those Serving Next Week

October 26, 2025

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

10:30 am - Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick

Lector: 8:30 am - Carol Irving

10:30 am - Andrea Canora

9:30 am - Sunday School - Christina

McGuire

Counters: Carolyn Atchison/Roberta M

Altar Care: Roberta Murphy

Security: Jay Aamodt

CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS

Six new books have been added to our library. We also have a number of books of devotions. It is always good to have devotions on our nightstand. A devotion before bedtime guarantees a pleasant night of sleep.



There are several large coffee table books that are full of photographs along with interesting comments. It is just fun to page through these books and possibly learn something.

Please remember that if you have taken some books home, don't put them aside for later and then forget to return them.



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!

LWML News

On Saturday **October 25** all local LWML groups will meet at **Our Savior**, Plantation for our Gold Coast **Fall Zone Rally** - Registration fee of \$5 covers breakfast, Bible Study and the morning activities. Carpool from church leaves at 8:00 am.

Elder's Report

It's good to see you again! **Pastor Susskraut** will be with us again today. He will conduct both worship services (October 19) with communion and enlighten us with a Bible Study between services. Larry Ueltzen will conduct worship services for us on October 26th. We will be observing **Reformation Day**.

Pastor Czischke will be back with us for our worship services on November 2nd. We will be observing "**All Saints Day**".

Talk about a busy day. Sunday, November 30th is the **5th Sunday**. We will have a joint service at 10:30. **At 9:00 am**, before the service **we will begin decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas**. And we will enjoy a Potluck Meal following the worship service, beginning at approximately 11:45. Good fellowship.

Trunk or Treat - 10/24



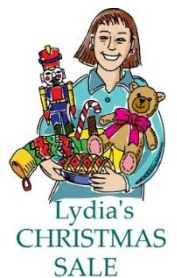
The school will be hosting Trunk or Treat on Friday October 24th from 6 - 8:00pm. We still need participants to decorate a trunk and make this event happen.

Bring your trunk or just come and enjoy a hot dog, chips and a drink and see the kids in costume.

Please complete a form to enter your trunk.

Christmas in November Sale

Saturday November 1st, 8 am - noon, come join Lydia's when the gym becomes a Christmas theme store. The Thrift shop will also be open that day for non-Christmas items. LWML will have a bake sale/craft sale during the event.



TAWG - Time Alone With God
Make it part of each day!