



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, April 13, 2025

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Committed to Christ

If I am committed to Christ, what does that mean? To answer this question, let's first consider it from the other direction. Christ's commitment to us is?

Palm Sunday is a great time to think about commitment. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, despite the rebuke of His disciples days before, He showed how committed He was. He never questioned or wavered from the situation. Instead, He climbed on the back of a donkey and rode into town to false cries of celebration.

Yes, I said, "false cries of celebration." It is true, because how do you surround someone with cheers, watch the miracles, and then 4 days later listen to people who have done nothing for you and follow their guidance. The only possible answer is that the shouts of celebration were phony.

While it is true that the people were lost. It is also true that they were not committed in the same way that Christ was committed. In fact, God has never asked us to die for Him or do anything other than have faith. Yet, when the world says, "jump", our response is usually, "how high?" When God says, "come unto me," somehow, we lost His number, forgotten about Him, etc. We show a lack of commitment to Him.

Commitment is remaining firm no matter what. When it comes to faith, it means we put our trust in God above all things, and nothing, absolutely nothing should sway our faith.

Even the fear of suffering and death did not sway Christ's commitment, and that is why we get to celebrate today. How about your commitment? Are you shouting false cries of celebration or are you truly committed to Christ?

Commitment to Christ leads to Life in Him!

Blessings, Pastor Czischke



Psalm 73 tells us: "Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior."

David sang this Psalm often. In Exodus 15, Moses and the Israelites sang this song of praise to the Lord for leading them out of bondage in Egypt. Now we hear Isaiah and the Israelites sing this verse in Chapter 12 for leading them out of the bondage of sin and death.

We today sing this Psalm to our God of Salvation. We study God's Word every Wednesday morning at 10:00. Please join us.

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 commitment Sunday:

Dear Jesus, as we mark Palm Sunday and the whole of Holy Week, we remember the commitment you made to us. You turned your face towards Jerusalem in order to be the sacrifice, our sacrifice, in our place, in order to save us. You were committed to your task in spite of the pain and suffering you were to endure. For this, we praise and worship you; we love and adore you; we put all of our faith and trust in you. We commit ourselves to you and to the work to which you call us. Give us, we humbly pray, the strength and determination to carry out all you desire, now and until you call us home to be with you in eternity. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen

Ministry Expansion Info Corner...

Currently our monthly mortgage payments are over \$5,000 a month, and interest rates have gone up. .



This Week's Calendar

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:30 – 12:30 – One Blood – parking lot
 8:30 am – Traditional School
 9:30 am – Bible Study/ Sunday School
 10:30 am – Praise Service
 12:00pm – Lutheranism 101

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

7:00 pm – Christ in the Passover

Thursday, April 17, 2025

11:00 am – Maundy Thursday Service
 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18, 2025

Church office and school closed

11:00 am – Good Friday Service
 7:00 pm – Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 19, 2025

10:00am – Lydia's Fellowship

Next Week's Calendar

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

7:00 am – Easter Sunrise Service
 8:00 am – Breakfast
 9:00 am – Traditional Service
 10:30 am – Praise Service
 12:00pm – Lutheranism 101

Monday, April 21, 2025

Church office and school closed

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

10:00 am – Bible Study

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## **This Week's Lessons**

**April 13, 2025**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 32:36-39  
 Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11  
 Gospel: Luke 23:1-56

## **Next Week's Lessons**

**April 20, 2025**

First Reading: Job 19:23-27  
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57  
 Gospel: John 20:1-18



## Those Serving This Week

**April 13, 2025**

Ushers: -8:30 am – Jo Beadle, Jeanne Larson, Carolyn Atchison, Colleen Beaudoin  
 10:30 am Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick  
 Lector: 8:30 am – Carol Irving  
 10:30 am – Andrea Canora  
 Sunday School: Christina McGuire  
 Counters: Carolyn Atchison/Roberta Murphy  
 Altar Guild: Roberta Murphy  
 Security: Mark McGuire

## Those Serving Next Week

**April 20, 2025**

Ushers: -9:00 am – Jo Beadle, Jeanne Larson, Carolyn Atchison, Colleen Beaudoin  
 10:30 am Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick  
 Lector: 9:00 am – Duane Timm  
 10:30 am – Paul Sparks  
 Counters: Joanne Fries/Barbara Junge  
 Altar Guild: Roberta Murphy  
 Security: Mark McGuire

## Christ in the Passover

Trinity Lutheran will host a free presentation on **April 15, at 7pm** titled "Christ in the Passover" presented by Sahar Sadlovsky from Jews for Jesus (Concordia Seminary student, Fort Wayne) demonstrates the links between the Jewish Passover feast and the Last Supper.

## Easter Lilies

Please return your completed order form today to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter, next Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>. Each lily is \$10.00.



Please join us for coffee and snacks every Sunday after the 8:30 am service. Yummy Donations are welcome for our Sunday Coffee Fellowship. See Irma or call her @ 954 776 6869.



## In Our Prayers

- ❖ Jonathan Hughes -for a successful surgery and healing
- ❖ Joan Peterson, - cancer
- ❖ Pastor Myron's family -comfort and guidance during his mother's health issue
- ❖ Family of Pastor Volz at his passing
- ❖ 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 continue to bless the campaign and through it we will 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:
 

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

# LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

As continue to think about the tensions involved in Christian estate planning, this month we focus on how differences in opinion among family can create enough roadblocks to keep a plan from moving forward. Imagine a husband and wife who have children, who have wandered into difficulties in their lives. Dad is the softy, just wanting to make their children's lives easier. Mom is stricter, demanding the children take responsibility for their behaviors. At times, this difference has created strain on their marital relationship. Now imagine this same couple trying to jointly decide on a solid Christian estate plan. Dad wants to evenly divide the estate as lump sum inheritance between their three children. Mom wants to spread inheritance over time. She also believes that her children will waste resources given to them, so she is motivated to support gifts for ministry. You can imagine that the typical response to this tension is avoidance. As a result, their last estate documents are forty years old, created before their children were born. For this couple, the key will be to have open, prayerful discussion about their goals, looking to create a consensus about what is the Lord's will for use of His things. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist in a situation like this. While they aren't a marriage counselor, they can safely ask some questions that the couple has been avoiding. They can remind about the safe place we have in the grace of God. To get started in this faith journey, contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or [tony.hunt@lfn.org](mailto:tony.hunt@lfn.org)

*Thank you to all who responded to our request for photos for an updated church directory. If you were unable to get your photo taken, please see Barbara Junge.*



**Thank you to everyone who participated in our Soup Suppers during Lent. Sharing a meal together helps turn acquaintances into friends, and friends into family.**



## Altar Flower Calendar

This week's Altar flowers are given by Tom and Carolyn Crippen for blessings received.



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.



**Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church Library is in the Sanctuary. It will be ready for your reading pleasure later this month.**

Books have been separated and shelved according to category. More books will be added soon. Stay tuned

## Our K-Kids learn about Service

Collect pull tabs from cans and help our Kiwanis K-Kids complete their 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.



The next RaiseRight order will be placed **Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**. Through RaiseRight you purchase gift cards at face value and SOTC receives a percentage (varying from 1% to 14%) of the amount from rebates. VISA Gift cards with **NO activation fee** (saving you \$5 per card) are included. Forms are available in back of church. Please turn your orders in at the Office. Cards ordered should be here by April 21st.



## A BIG thank you!

to Lance from Girard Signs and Graphics for creating new date stickers for the Easter yard signs and his generosity as doing them as a donation!

## Coming Soon...

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



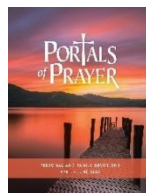
**June 29<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Voters Meeting to elect officers, approve budget, etc. and potluck – Mark your calendar



## 2025 Golf Outing Date Set



"Fore the Kids" Golf outing will take place on Saturday November 15, with tee off at 12:30pm. The event will take place at the Woodmont Country Club in Tamarac. More information will follow as it becomes available.



**PORTALS OF PRAYER**  
The April through June 2025 issue has arrived and is in the hallway by your mailbox.

## One Blood

The bloodmobile will be here today, from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. Please consider making this valuable donation to ensure an adequate blood supply is always available. As a thank you, One Blood will provide donors with a \$20 eGift Card, a tee shirt, and a wellness checkup.

