

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, July 20, 2025

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Is service more important than listening to God's word?

Martha was not in the wrong. In fact, the group, to include Jesus, appreciated the food when it was done. That was not the issue. The issue is when we put anything, to include service, above the Word of God. It is through the word that we learn about God. It is through study of the word and making it a part of our daily life that our relationship with God grows.

Interesting how this fits with TAWG (Time Alone With God)! We need this time with God to strengthen our relationship, and prepare for the events that we will face in life.

Martha lost sight of this, and set out to just focus on acts of service. Because of her lack of desire to just sit and listen to Jesus, she became frustrated. Has this ever happened to you? You spend so much time doing other things and neglect time alone with God, that the little things even start to bother you?

Maybe it really was just sibling rivalry, but I think Martha's anger was not so much at Mary. I believe it was at herself, because as she spoke with Jesus, she began to realize she misplaced that special time with Him. After all, when it came time for a physical meal, they were sitting with the Man that fed 15,000 with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish.

When it comes to time alone with God, He does not want us distracted by other things. He desires our full attention. Start giving your full attention to a daily study and prayer life with God. Set aside that time where it is just you and Him.

Martha finally realized this. However, Mary already knew the answer. While there is a time and place to be Martha, we should always be Mary and seek time alone with God. While we are apart over these next few weeks, my prayer is that we will all find that time to be alone with God.

Blessings, Pastor Czischke

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

Building Bright Futures: Dear Father in heaven, we know that our futures are secure in you because of the work of our brother, your son, Jesus. We pray for your continued blessings on our efforts in the Ministry Expansion Campaign to build a future that is exceptionally bright for all those touched by our church, our school, or our early childhood center. In the name of Jesus we pray.



Ministry Expansion Info Corner...

The Ministry Expansion Campaign is happy to announce that the 2 new air conditioners for the gym were installed this week, completely funded by gifts to the Campaign.

Praise God for the blessings

He provides to our SOTC members, who then generously give to meet our needs here on earth!



Summer Work Day – Did you miss out on the opportunity last weekend? Not to worry,



we have another work day planned for August 9th. In addition to helping with projects, work days are a great way to get to know others in the congregation. We will start at 8am and have lunch around noon, provided by the ladies of LWML. Please join us then.



This Week's Calendar

Sunday, July 20, 2025

8:30 am – Traditional Service

9:30am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Praise Service

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

NO Bible Study

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, July 27, 2025

8:30 am – Traditional Service

9:30am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Praise Service

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

9:00 am – Raffle Drawing

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

NO Bible Study

This Week's Lessons

July 20, 2025

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-14

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:21-29

Gospel: Luke 10:38 - 42

Next Week's Lessons

July 27, 2025

First Reading: Genesis 18:17-33

2nd Reading: Colossians 2:6-19

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

WIN A CRUISE FOR TWO ON VIRGIN VOYAGES

Support the Ministry Expansion Campaign's projects by buying a raffle ticket for a chance to win a donated cruise cabin for 2 on Virgin Voyages Mayan Sol trip from Sept. 7-12, 2025 (prize is a balcony cabin, gratuities and fees included). Raffle tickets are on sale now for \$100 each, limit of ONE ticket per person. No purchase or contribution necessary. See a member of the Campaign team or the Church office to buy your ticket. The drawing will be at the Church office at 9 am on July 29th, 2025.



Those Serving This Week

July 20, 2025

Ushers– 8:30 am –Dawn Randazzo,
Carolyn Atchison, Colleen Beaudoin,
Jeanne Larson

10:30 am – Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick

Lector: 8:30 am – Duane Timm

10:30 am – Paul Sparks

Counters: Bill & Angel Bailey

Altar Care: Roberta Murphy

Security: Mark McGuire

Those Serving Next Week

July 27, 2025

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

10:30 am – Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick

Lector: 8:30 am – Carol Irving

10:30 am – Andrea Canora

Counters: Jo Beadle/Karen Schmohe

Altar Care: Roberta Murphy

Security: Mark McGuire

Bible Study

Our Bible study group will be taking a break for the rest of the summer and will resume September 3rd.



2025 Golf Outing Update

“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. If you are

interested in

participating as a sponsor, golfer, volunteer or know of others who may want to help, please share this QR code to link to the website.



Want more from Shepherd of the Coast?

Please provide your phone number, email address on the attendance sheet and check the box and we'll add you to OneCall notifications and News & Notes list.



In Our Prayers

- ❖ Ministry Expansion Campaign - for God's continued blessing
- ❖ Pastor Chad - for his safety
- ❖ SOTC - that we remain faithful in his absence
- ❖ Jonathan Hughes -for healing
- ❖ Jeff Farnella - Loneliness
- ❖ Joan Peterson - cancer
- ❖ Students for our school and ELC
- ❖ Roy Zenke - successful treatment and healing
- ❖ Newborn Karter Gleason - good health.
- ❖ John Morris - healing and recovery
- ❖ Tim Mayer - receiving cancer treatment
- ❖ Virginia Jordan, caretaker for Flossie Downing
- ❖ 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 and/or addiction
- ❖ Our homebound members:
 - Carolyn Griesse -Joyce Garing
 - Vera Crusco - Wanda Guy
 - Sue Dalena -Barb Scott
 - Ruth Galinat

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

On the 19th tee, John said to his buddy Rich, "I just got my estate plan renewed and in place again. Have you done that lately? I seem to remember that it was quite a while ago when you mentioned doing that." Rich answered, "No. I have been putting it off. My wife, Karen, and I have been talking about this off and on. It seems our plans for inheritance to the kids and grandchildren haven't changed much. But the gifts we planned for ministries have. Karen and I both desired to leave some gifts to our home congregations where we grew up. But they have both closed in the past two years. We have been wondering if we should redirect those gifts to our current congregation, or whether there is something else we should be supporting."

Your LCMS Foundation Gift planning Counselor is trained to listen and find answers for your questions, especially about finding the best ways to direct gifts to your favorite ministries. There are even some special gift planning tools that can build flexibility into your plan, so that if you need to change it in the future, it will be much easier. For assistance, contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1290 or tony.hunt@lfnd.org

"Whose Job Is It, Anyway?"

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

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!



Altar Flowers

Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Ruth Jaipershad 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.



Featured books for July

These books are a part of SOTC Library:

“PSALMS, Explore the Bible, Personal Study Guide, Adults”

It has been said that music is the universal language of humanity. Something about songs just brings people together and challenges us to look deeper. For Christ followers, music is a vital part of our faith journey. It draws us closer to God and challenges us to become more like Him. That's why so many are captivated by the book of Psalms. This timeless songbook touches every aspect of our lives, offering wisdom, comfort, encouragement, and healing. As you study this sampling of the Psalms, let the ancient words meet you where you are. Listen as God speaks to your heart and reminds you just how much He cares about you.

“JOHN, The People's Bible”

The apostle John refers to himself as the disciple “whom Jesus loved”. John was one of the inner circle of disciples, together with Peter and James. As he records the ministry of Jesus, the apostle adds many insights not recorded by the other gospels. The purpose for today's readers is one the author himself gave: “These (miraculous signs) are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (20: 31).

John lived to an old age and died a natural death. The general consensus is that John wrote the gospel late in his life in the city of Ephesus. The journey with Jesus through this revelation will increase faith and produce life. Read it now. Believe and live.

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Security Details

We're looking for additional help with weekend security. Responsibility includes checking all exterior door locks on Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon during the chosen month. We hope to add an additional individual or two to the rotation. Interested? Contact Mark McGuire or call the church office

SOME INFORMATION

Things to note from the calendars for July and August:

SUNDAYS

Pastor Susskraut will conduct worship services and Bible Study in July and August during Pastor's absence.

Sunday, August 17th - Installation Sunday

The installation of our teachers for SOTC during Praise Service

The installation of the Church Council (both services)

Sunday, August 31st is a 5th Sunday (again?)

Joint worship service at 10:30 Potluck and fellowship following the service

Sunday School will resume in **September**

SOME THOUGHTS

Are there some changes in your life? Do you have a reason to rejoice, perhaps a reason to question God's involvement, or a reason to worry. Do you keep a Bible handy so you can read a verse or two for comfort, or assurance? Have a conversation with God, He loves to hear from you and will speak to you through His Word. Recall a favorite hymn. The words of a hymn can be the words of prayer. Speak to God. Listen to God. Look out the window and witness the magnificence of God's creation.

Hymn of the Week: AN INVITATION # 684

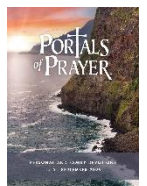
COME UNTO ME, YE WEARY

Come unto Me ye weary, and I will give you rest.
O blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts
oppressed!

It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace.
Of joy that hath no ending, of love that cannot cease.

And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out.
O patient love of Jesus, which drives away our doubt.
Which though we be unworthy of love so great and
free,
Invites us very sinners to come, dear Lord, to Thee!

Portals of Prayer is a great daily devotion. The July through September issue is available by the mailboxes. *Get yours now.*



TAWG?