

## 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, June 21, 2026

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“Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.”  
Jeremiah 20:13

Look at that text; how do you sing to the Lord? Before, one of my services over here, a Soldier told me, “We will try to sing, but that is the best we can do.” Obviously, he was informing me of their glorious singing ability and mentioning that it would not be the greatest sound. Yet, Jeremiah, the Psalmist, and other parts of the Bible talk about singing to the Lord.

The problem is that we often think of literal singing. While this is true, because the Bible tells us to sing, make a joyful noise, lift songs of praise. However, I want you to think about where does that praise actually come from?

Praise is not a head thing or even a mouth thing. Praise is a heart thing! What this means is that praise for the Lord comes from within. Now, I know that you will say, “so does singing.” Yet, if I sing along with music on the radio does that lead to praise from within? In all my years of driving, one time stands out in my head. I drove past a vehicle, and this person had their windows down. They were treating the steering wheel like a drum and belting out at the top of their lungs the song that was on the radio. Is this singing, praising, etc., or something else?

My response would be that it depends on where it comes from. When I think about praising the Lord, I want to dig deep within me and just belt it out. Think about Easter Sunday or Christmas. Everyone wants to belt those songs out loud. One because we usually know them better than other songs, and two because we know they are awesome days to praise the Lord. Now, I would argue that every day is an awesome day to praise the Lord, but it depends on where that desire comes from.

The text from Matthew this morning mentions, “If you acknowledge me before men, then

I will acknowledge you before my Father in Heaven.” In order to acknowledge Jesus, it has to come from the heart. The heart redeemed by Christ the Crucified, washed and renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit. That is the heart that allows us to believe in Jesus and sing praise to the Lord. This leaves one question to ask; How will you sing praise to the Lord today and every day?

Will you need to know the song, or just belt it out? Will you question who hears you or what they might think? Or will you, like the driver of that car, treat the wheel like a drum and just belt it out? We need to trust in the Lord, go to Him in prayer, and just sing praise to the Lord for His continued goodness and mercy to us. Do not hold back, today and everyday sing praise to the Lord!!!

God’s blessings, Pastor Czischke

### The LWML thanks everyone for their donations to the Troops.



Irma Quiroz gathered all the items collected, boxed them up and took them to the Post Office where the four boxes were sent to **Pastor Chad for our military serving in Kosovo.** Thank you all for your contributions.

### PASTOR CHAD’S ADDRESS

#### WHILE DEPLOYED:

MAJ Czischke, Chad, CNS 36  
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**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Sunday, June 28, 2026**

**9:30am -**

**Annual Voters' Meeting**

**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 Lord God, on this day that we recognize all those that fulfill the role of father, we acknowledge You as our one, true father in heaven. You have given us much through our Ministry Expansion Campaign, and we pray to you now to bless us as we continue this program. Help us complete these present projects. Amen



**Ministry Expansion Info Corner**

Please come join us to help 'prep' the area for the new playground!

**Saturday, June 27, from 8 am to noon.**

Pizza lunch will be provided.

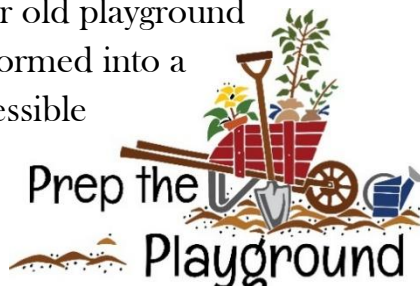
There's something for everyone to help with - all ages are welcome.

Our "historic" 60+ yr old playground area is being transformed into a welcoming and accessible

new space for kids to play and

explore. The big

equipment already has been removed - come see the open spaces!



**This Week's Calendar**

**Sunday, June 21, 2026**

**Father's Day**

**8:30 am - Traditional Service**

**9:30 am - Bible Study**

**10:30 am - Praise Service**

**Wednesday, June 24, 2026**

**10am - Bible Study**

**Next Week's Calendar**

**Sunday, June 28, 2026**

**8:30 am - Traditional Service**

**9:30 am - Bible Study**

**10:30 am - Praise Service**

**Monday, June 29 - July 3, 2026**

**Offices/Learning Center/Building Closed**

**Wednesday, July 1, 2026**

**NO- Bible Study**

**This Week's Lessons**

**June 21, 2026**

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

2nd Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42

**Next Week's Lessons**

**June 28, 2026**

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

2nd Reading: Romans 7:1-13

Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42

**2026 Golf Outing**



The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Fore the Kids" Golf outing will take place on Saturday November 21, 2026, at the Woodmont Country Club in Tamarac. If interested in learning

more or joining the golf committee, please speak with Cliff Higley.

Letters and brochures are

available now to share with

family, friends, and co-workers!



## Want a more active role at SOTC ?

We have openings on Church Council for a 'Member at Large' and as 'Head Elder'. Our School Board also has two openings. All positions are for three-year terms that begin August 1<sup>st</sup>. If interested, please contact Mark McGuire at MarkAMcGuire01@gmail.com

### Those Serving This Week

#### June 21, 2026

Ushers—8:30 am - Scott Burnett, Duane T  
10:30 am - Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick  
Lector: 8:30 am – Duane Timm  
10:30 am – Paul Sparks  
Counters: Bill & Angel Bailey  
Altar Care: Diana Nickel  
Security: Barb Junge

### Those Serving Next Week

#### June 28, 2026

Ushers—8:30 am - Scott Burnett, Duane T  
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: Diana Nickel  
Security: Barb Junge



### 2026 Altar Flowers

Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by **Pastor and Connie Schreiber** in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary (6/19) and

**Pastor's 49 years in ministry (6/19).**

Remember a loved one with flowers on the altar. Mark the 2026 flower chart with your name on the chosen date. Each arrangement is \$20. Complete an envelope with your name and occasion and place payment in the offering plate



# LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Ralph and Greg were discussing Ralph's recent Christian estate plan that he completed. Ralph said, "The Lord has blessed me and my family throughout our lives with great love and enough financial resources that our needs have always been met. In my estate plan, Jan and I are going to be able to pass along gifts that will enable our children to help their children. But in addition, we are going to give a \$100,000 gift to the scholarship fund at Church so that kids can get scholarships to go to our Lutheran School." Greg responded, "I am so happy for you guys, Ralph. I love that you have that gift to Church included in your plan as well. It makes me want to speak with Sally about doing something like that in our plan. Have you told pastor about this?" "No way. I don't want anyone to know about this plan." "Well, you told me," Greg said. "I am thankful you told me. It's moving me to rejoice with you. It's moving me to do something just like it. Would you reconsider talking with Pastor?"

Having discussions with ministry leaders is never about recognition or bragging. Hiding our financials from everyone else only matters if we think these things belong to us, and not to the Lord. There may be legitimate reasons not to share information with the ministry ahead of time. But many times, the advantages will outweigh the negatives. To help facilitate conversation with ministry leaders, your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help.

Contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or

[tony.hunt@lfnd.org](mailto:tony.hunt@lfnd.org)

Have you ever  
asked,  
"What can I  
do"?



You can take on the role of 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!

## Midweek Bible Study

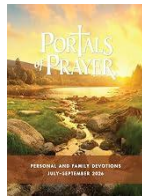
We continue our study of the book of Isaiah.

We read God's Word verse by verse and encourage questions, comments and discussion. Members, guests, student's parents, and visitors are all welcome as we hear God speaking to us through his Word. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

**There will be no Bible Class Wednesday, July 1st.**



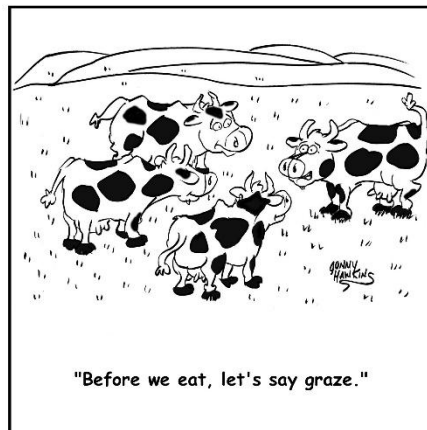
**Portals of Prayer** is a great daily devotion, the July through September issue is available by the mailboxes. Get yours now.



## News From the Church Library

As a reminder, the Church Library has been divided into categories, each category has a different color which is attached to the spine of the book.

- **Bible Commentary (yellow)** a written explanation or interpretation of the Bible
- **Christian children's books (black)**
- **Christian Fiction (green)**
- **Church Related (red)** books that explore and discuss topics related to LCMS history and theology.
- **Devotions, Meditations (orange)**
- **Faith (purple)**
- **Forgiveness, Trust (dark pink)**
- **Jesus (light blue)**
- **People of the Bible (dark blue)**
- **Reference books (light pink)**



We hope that you enjoy your library.

## Our Prayer List

hasn't gone away; its just changed to a new format. Now it's a two-sided sheet on colored paper. The prayers are now organized by the type of concern. Also included are focused prayer suggestions by day of the week.

If you have a prayer concern, please speak with Larry Ueltzen or call him at 954-426-1607.



## FROM THE ELDERS' DESK

I will be completing my 3-year term as Shepherd of the Coast Head Elder at the end of July. It has been spiritual, educational, and memorable.



### A BRIEF LISTING OF AN ELDER'S DUTIES:

- During the year we (the elders) meet with Pastor on a monthly schedule.
- We assist Pastor in all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the congregation.
- We consider grievances and complaints of members of the congregation.
- We discuss the church calendar, it includes the current month and the following two months. Included are the religious events (Ash Wednesday, Easter, etc.) and social events (5th Sunday pot lucks, Soup Supper, etc.).
- We receive updates from our Concordia Universities (graduations) and Seminaries (placement of new pastors and vicars), and discuss pertinent articles in the "Lutheran Witness" (bimonthly Synod magazine) and "Reporter" (Monthly Synod newspaper).
- We discuss current issues, Communion, Baptism, our Ministry Expansion Campaign, etc.
- We assist with Communion if necessary
- If we are asked, we do visitations to hospitals and to homebound members.
- We report monthly to the Church Council.
- We pray.
- We thank God for the opportunity to be His Servant.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please speak with Mark McGuire, Council President.