



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, January 12, 2025

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From our Pastor:

What is Baptism? In the Small Catechism, Luther wrote, "Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word."

As Luther further explained, "It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare." Literally, Baptism is one of God's means of grace. This means that through Baptism something great, almost miraculous happens! Paul says it best in Romans 6, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized have been buried with Christ in His death, so that just as He was raised...we too may walk in newness of life."

Baptism is an amazing gift from God, and today as we look at the text, the people are receiving goodness and grace as they enter the Jordan River. In this situation it is symbolic of forgiveness as the people come forward and repent. Yet, even John says someone will come after me that will baptize you with fire and the Spirit. Even John recognizes there is a greater baptism that works far more than just forgiveness.

Baptism into the Holy Spirit is a new life. The Bible often talks about a new life through the Spirit, and the Baptism John referenced is the same that Luther referenced many years later. John's was just symbolic of washing the filth. Luther emphasized eternal life, because the Baptism by fire and the Spirit leads to eternal life.

This is God's grace in action! Working in us far greater than what we realize to make us His own. Remember in baptism you not only were washed but brought into the name of God. It is a God's grace thing! What an amazing God!!!!

May God keep you in your Baptismal grace,
Pastor Czischke



Financial Peace University course is being offered here at Shepherd of the Coast and continues tomorrow night, January 13th at 6:30pm. Financial Peace University is a nine-lesson course that teaches you how to save for emergencies, pay off debt fast, spend wisely, and invest for your future. From the Dave Ramsey website: "we've seen this class work for

millions of people who:

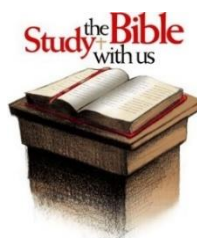
- Have a huge amount of debt
- Have nothing saved for retirement
- Can't get on the same page with their spouse about money
 - Are facing a financial crisis
 - Are newly widowed or divorced
 - Are living paycheck to paycheck
 - Have a low to average income
 - Can't keep up with their bills

In fact, the average FPU graduate is debt-free in two years or less!" Your financial information will not be shared with other participants.

If you are interested, but the cost of participating in Financial Peace is preventing you from joining, please let Pastor know.

For more information or to join, email Pastor at pastorc@shepherdofthecoast.org or call/text him at 313-378-5833.

Mid-week Bible Study



We continue our study of the many events in the 2nd Book of Kings:

- Obeying God's first three Commandments - I Am the LORD
- King Hezekiah and his Prophet Isaiah
 - Hearing God's Word

In February we will begin our third year of mid-week Bible Study. We hope to see you Wednesday mornings at 10:00



This Week's Calendar

Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:30 am - Traditional Service

9:40 am - Bible Study/ Sunday School

10:30 am - Praise Service

Monday, January 13, 2025

6:30 pm - Financial Peace

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

10:00am Bible Study

Saturday, January 18, 2025

10:30 am - Lydia's Meeting

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, January 19, 2025

8:30 am - Traditional Service

9:40 am - Bible Study/ Sunday School

10:30 am - Praise Service

Monday, January 20, 2025

**MLK Jr Day -Admin/ECC/School Office
Closed**

6:30 pm - Financial Peace

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

10:00am Bible Study

This Week's Lessons

January 12, 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Second Reading: Romans 6:1-11

Gospel: Luke 3:15-22

Next Week's Lessons

January 19, 2025

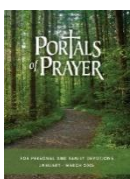
First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The January through March 2025
issue has arrived and is in the
hallway by your mailbox.



Those Serving This Week

January 12, 2025

**Ushers: 8:30 am- Jo Beadle, Carolyn
Atchison, Dawn Randazzo**

10:30 am- Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick

Lector: 8:30 am - Carol Irving

10:30 am - Andrea Canora

Sunday School: Christina McGuire

Counters: Jo Beadle/ Karen Schmohe

Altar Guild: Irma Quiroz

Security: Mark McGuire

Those Serving Next Week

January 19, 2025

**Ushers: 8:30 am- Jo Beadle, Carolyn
Atchison, Colleen Beaudoin, Dawn
Randazzo**

10:30 am- Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick

Lector: 8:30 am - Duane Timm

10:30 am - Paul Sparks

Sunday School: Jen Czischke

**Counters: Carolyn Atchison/Roberta
Murphy**

Altar Guild: Irma Quiroz

Security: Mark McGuire

School Board Positions

***We are in the process of filling the
positions on the new School Board. If
you are interested in serving in this
capacity, or would like to recommend
someone, please talk with Pastor or
Mark McGuire, Council President.***

***These are elected positions and will be
filled as quickly as possible to enable
processes to be developed before our
school accreditation in March.***

***Once underway, the School Board
meets monthly to oversee issues that
arise in the Early Childhood Center
and the Elementary and Middle
School.***



In Our Prayers

- ❖ Roger Walker - health issues
- ❖ Joan Peterson, - cancer
 - ❖ Jeff Farnella - Loneliness
- ❖ Virginia Jordan, caretaker for her mother, Flossie Downing
 - ❖ John Bianchi Family-Tim Lorenz' uncle who passed away last week
- ❖ Jennifer Little - brain tumor removal success
- ❖ Annalise - greatgranddaughter of Jo Bellhorn - seizures, not doing well
 - ❖ Baby Brighton - seizures, in ICU
 - ❖ Ronda Jordan-Burgos - cancer
- ❖ An Marie Reidel - recovery from broken neck
 - ❖ Robert Pierre - Leukemia
- ❖ Raymond Rickard - hospitalized long term
- ❖ Courtney Callahan; Hilda Buchinger - cancer treatments
 - ❖ Jay Mindlin - Parkinson's Disease
- ❖ John & Irene Hinrichsen - direction/guidance
 - ❖ Jenna Teachman, age 10 - cancer
- ❖ Reinhard Mueller - entering hospice care
 - ❖ LaKeisha & her children - struggling.
- ❖ 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
 - ❖ Those struggling with mental illness
 - ❖ Those struggling with addiction
 - ❖ Our homebound members:

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

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Two long-time friends, both now widowed, were having lunch as they typically do the fourth week of every month. Ruth and Sarah were talking about family.

Ruth shared, "Ever since my daughter got married, her new husband has separated her from me, and I never see her. I don't even get to talk to her. Inconsistently I get a birthday card or Christmas card from her. I'm thinking of removing her from my will." "I am so sorry,"

Sarah responded. "That must be painful. You two were so close when she was growing up. Removing her from the will seems pretty drastic. Dare I say, it seems final. Are you ready to give up on her? What do you hope to accomplish by doing that?"

Ruth sighed and said, "I don't know what I really want. I am just so hurt and sometimes I want to hurt back. But I know that's not what the Lord wants me to do. I just need someone with whom to discuss this."

"Have you met with Pastor about this?" "Yes, a couple of years ago. But my hurt seems to be getting worse." "Well set up an appointment with him. I know he has really helped me with the Lord's encouragement on multiple occasions. Here's another thing. Maybe the LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor at Church could help you redirect your hurtful action into something more positive. Why don't you give her a call?" Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor stands ready to assist you in putting together a faithful plan from your estate, even weaving through difficult family challenges. For support, contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or tony.hunt@lfnd.org

2025 Altar Flower Calendar is here!



Remember a loved one with flowers on the altar. Mark the 2025 flower chart with your name on the chosen date. Each arrangement is \$20. Complete an envelope with your name and place payment in the offering plate. **This week's Altar flowers are given by the LWML.**

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent provides Choice Dollars to its policy holders as a way of giving back. If you have a policy with Thrivent, you may be able to contribute Choice Dollars to Shepherd of the Coast or another charity. Visit www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice." Remember each Thrivent policy holder can request two Thrivent Action Team grants of \$250 per year to support a project or outreach.

Church Library

Plans are underway for the church library. If you have any texts, concordances or other books you'd like to have added 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.

Want more from Shepherd of the Coast?

Please provide your phone number and email address on the attendance sheet and check the box to start receiving OneCall notifications and News & Notes.

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!



2025 Offering Envelopes

Please stop by the back of the church for your 2024 envelope package. Please note that your number may have changed in 2024. If you would like envelopes, please let the office know.

Giving Statements

Will be available prior to the end of January and will be in your mailboxes.

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.

Dave Anderson in Concert.

Dave Anderson is an author and co-founder of Shepherd's Canyon and will be in concert at SOTC on **February 25th at 7:00 pm**. Dave and his wife survived a plane crash in the freezing water of the Bering Sea. Please make plans to join us. A freewill offering will be gathered.

February Workday to be scheduled



Spring
WORK DAY

We will be working on some projects inside and outside while the weather is cool. If you have noticed something that needs to be addressed, please make a note of it and include it on the Attendance Form or let Mark McGuire or the office know, and we'll add it to the list.

Bible Reading Challenge

Pastor has encouraged us to spend more time in the Word, in prayer, and in devotions. One way to do this is with a Bible Reading Plan. Please speak to Roberta in the office for a copy of a Bible reading plan or go to <https://www.lhm.org/bibleyear>