



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, February 16, 2025

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From our ECC Director

With Valentine's Day just behind us, we reflect on the qualities that define the heart of our faith: God's boundless love, His infinite kindness, and the compassion He calls us to show one another. God's love is not just a feeling—it is an unshakable, constant presence in our lives. In 1 John 4:9-11, we are reminded that "God showed His love among us by sending His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him". This love is not limited or conditional; it is a love that knows no bounds, reaching into every corner of our hearts, transforming us, and teaching us to love as He loves. Especially in today's world which is often full of division and hardship, kindness is the language of Christ. Acts of kindness are the reflections of God's heart in our own lives. Jesus demonstrated this in His every action, from healing the sick to reaching out to the marginalized, showing us that kindness is not just about grand gestures, but in the everyday moments of care we extend to others.

Compassion is a step further—it's not only feeling empathy for someone's pain but walking alongside them in their struggles. In Colossians 3:12, we are urged to "clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." When we are compassionate, we mirror God's heart and create a space where healing and restoration can take place. As a church, let us be known not just by the words we speak, but by the love, kindness, and compassion we show in our actions. Let us serve one another with joy, forgive one another with grace, and be a light in our community, embodying the love of Christ in all we do.

As Valentine's Day is a time traditionally filled with thoughts of love and affection, I want to take a moment to reflect on the true meaning of love—the kind of love that comes from God and is meant to be shared with all those around us. Valentine's Day often emphasizes romantic love, but as followers of Christ, we are called to embrace a deeper, more enduring love—one that reflects the love God has for us. In 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, we are reminded that love is patient, kind, and unconditional. It does not envy or boast, and it always protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres. This is the love that Christ has shown us and calls us to show others.

Blessings, Mrs. Faith Grambow



In February we will begin studying the Book of Isaiah. Verse 1 begins, "The vision of Isaiah,...which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem". "Vision" The use of

this word informs the reader how the author came to write the contents of the book. God miraculously opened Isaiah's mind's eye enabling him to see things from His (God's) unerring point of view and to envision coming events in the perspective of His eternal 'plan of salvation'.

Isaiah bore a name suggestive of his high calling, "The Lord is Salvation". Composed of Hebrew nouns it spelled out what the ultimate purpose of his mission was to be: to proclaim "the salvation of the Lord". Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00. Guests and visitors are welcome.

Ministry Expansion Campaign

Last week we launched our Ministry Expansion Campaign, please join us in praying for the success of the campaign on a regular basis, with this prayer, or your own:

Dear God,

We come before you now on the occasion of the official launch of our Ministry Expansion Campaign. As we begin this effort, we first come to you seeking your blessings on what we are doing. The success of this campaign depends on you granting us what we ask. We are bold to bring this before you because we have known your blessings in the past and trust that you continue to show us your eternal love; the love you showed to us through the person of Jesus. It is in Jesus that we are anchored; secure in your compassion for us. this church and school and for the ministry that will be done here through the success of these efforts.

Grant us, we pray, all that we ask in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen



This Week's Calendar

Sunday, February 16, 2025

8:30 am Traditional Service

9:30 am - Bible Study/ Sunday School

10:30 am - Praise Service

Monday, February 17, 2025

6:30 pm - Financial Peace

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

10:00am Bible Study

Thursday, February 20, 2025

7:00 pm - Church Council

Saturday, February 22, 2025

8:00 am - Work Day

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, February 23, 2025

8:30 am Traditional Service

9:30 am - Bible Study/ Sunday School

10:30 am - Praise Service

Monday, February 24, 2025

6:30 pm - Financial Peace

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

7:00 pm Dave Anderson Concert

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

10:00am Bible Study



This Week's Lessons

February 16, 2025

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

Next Week's Lessons

February 23, 2025

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26,
30-42

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38



Those Serving This Week

February 16, 2025

Ushers: -8:30 am Gary Dupont, Eldon DeVore, Beauti DeFreitas,

10:30 am -Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick

Lector: 8:30 am - Duane Timm

10:30 am - Paul Sparks

Sunday School: Diana Nickel

Counters: Carolyn Atchison/Roberta Murphy

Altar Guild: Roberta Murphy

Security: Jay Aamodt

Those Serving Next Week

February 23, 2025

Ushers: -8:30 am Gary Dupont, Eldon DeVore, Beauti DeFreitas,

10:30 am -Andrea Canora, Becky Sprick

Lector: 8:30 am - Carol Irving

10:30 am - Andrea Canora

Sunday School: Faith Grambow

Counters: Joanne Fries/Barbara Junge

Altar Guild: Roberta Murphy

Security: Jay Aamodt

Workday - February 22nd - join us!

We will start at 8am and will be focused on outside projects while the weather is still cool-ish, in particular the mulch and playgrounds. LWML will be providing lunch. If you have **shovels, rakes, and/or a wheelbarrow to lend**, bring it along. We do have gloves, but feel free to bring your own. There are always projects indoors if you are not looking forward to working outdoors.



Dave Anderson in Concert.

Dave Anderson, author and co-founder of Shepherd's Canyon will be in concert at SOTC on **Tuesday February 25th at 7:00 pm** Please make plans to join us. A freewill offering will be gathered



In Our Prayers

- ❖ Jonathan Hughes -for a successful surgery and healing
- ❖ Marion Bement - hospice care
- ❖ Janet Baker -stroke and broken hip - in ICU
- ❖ Family of Courtney Callahan at her passing
- ❖ Angel Bailey - upcoming surgery
- ❖ Roy Zenke - successful treatment and healing
- ❖ Roger Walker - health issues
- ❖ Joan Peterson, - cancer
- ❖ Jeff Farnella - Loneliness
- ❖ Virginia Jordan, caretaker for her mother, Flossie Downing
- ❖ Ministry Expansion Campaign - that God will bless the campaign and we can 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

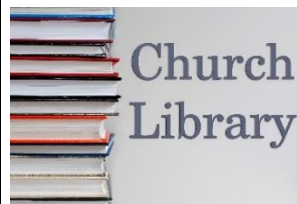
Considering distributions from your estate that will directly support ministries of the Church may present competing priorities that have existed in you throughout your life.

Greg and Deb sat down after Christmas to have a serious conversation about their future goals for the distribution of their estate, especially those that will go to ministry.

For the last twenty years, Deb has been involved in an afterschool outreach effort through a local urban congregation that has opportunity to provide tutoring and intentional sharing of Jesus with young children. Greg is a trustee at their own congregation and is known as the guy who fixes everything. In their conversation, Greg expressed his desire to make a gift to their congregation's endowment fund, specifically for long-term care of the building. Not surprisingly, Deb desires to support the local congregation involved in the children's ministry.

At first, they were getting into a bit of an argument, as both were passionate about their feelings. Finally, Deb said, "I think we need to ask someone to help us work through this. Maybe it doesn't need to be an either-or proposition."

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can be the one to talk and pray with you as you discern God's will. Contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or tony.hunt@lfnd.org.



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.

Special Voter's Meeting - scheduled for March 2nd between services

Suds, Spuds and Splits returns on Ash Wednesday March 5th

Join the LWML at 5:30pm on Ash Wednesday for a baked potato with all the fixings, a banana split complete with whipped cream and a cherry, and root beer before the evening service at 7pm.

Soup Suppers - at 6pm - will return during the lenten season. Look in the kitchen for the sign up sheet if you'd like to bring soup one week.

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 still \$20.

Complete an envelope with your name and place payment in the offering plate. **This week's Altar flowers are given by LWML.**



Long time member or part of the education community? interested in strengthening our school? Please consider serving on our new School Board.

Please talk with Pastor or Mark McGuire, Council President. Once underway, the School Board meets monthly to oversee issues that arise.



Practice makes perfect.

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.



What do you say?

Would you be able to periodically change the wording on the church sign by the street? We're looking for a few people willing to take turns updating the sign with current information. If interested, please let Pastor or Mark McGuire know.

Lydia's Thrift Shop

Whenever there is a financial need in the congregation Lydia's is the first group to offer support. Lydia's uses the money earned through selling donated items to support many local charities including, our school and Breast Cancer of Broward County. They also support two students going to the seminary to become pastors. Lydia's also regularly covers a significant portion of the cost of altar flowers.

All of this generosity is funded by Thrift shop sales, which operates 4 hours a day, five days a week. The ladies and (a few gentlemen) sort through the donations received, size and price items, arrange display items, assist customers and share a Christian message.

If you have items to donate, or a few hours a week to spare, consider volunteering at the Thrift shop. Contact Colleen Beaudoin at 954-895-0667 or stop by from 10 am and 2 pm.

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>

Sunday School Enthusiasm

