



Welcome Back!

As we welcome in 2025, let's also welcome our Church Council Members who have elected to continue in their roles. We are thankful to these individuals as well as those within the committees and ministries for volunteering their time and talents. We will be letting you know a little more about each Council member in the coming months.

Executive Committee

Pastor: Rev. Sarah T

President: Ian C

Vice President: Richard G

Treasurer: Caroline V

Recording Secretary: Karen D

Standing Committees

Finance: Madeline E

Stewardship: Joanne H

Community Life: Pam D

Social Ministry: Loni I

Worship & Music: Stacy M

Building & Grounds: Mike C

ORCCC- Church Liaison: Marla A

Our 2025 Office Hours will remain the same and are as follows:

Monday & Wednesday 8:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Thursday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Please note- Pastor's hours may differ.



Our website is www.lcor.org. Here you will find:

- ⇒ Upcoming events
- ⇒ Calendar of services, meetings & opportunities
- ⇒ Information on our ministries and how to get involved

You can also find and follow us on Facebook for the latest on LCOR by clicking this link:

[Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer on Facebook](#)

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From the Pastor's Desk

Stories within Stories

Whenever someone returns from a trip or some other time away, they have stories to tell. I've never had someone say to me "Last week we went to Maine," (or wherever they went) and think that's all they have to say. There is always more to it—what they attended, who they saw, where they ate, how cold the ocean was, or who finally won the 57th game of checkers.



The headline is never the story. I find that happens often in the Bible, too. There are so many summary sentences, and for every one, there is a whole story waiting to be told.

I've often said that we need to consider the context when approaching texts from Scripture. While we don't want to read too much into them, it can be helpful to imagine what the people would have been like and what they may have been doing in a given moment. Thinking about the stories that could be told helps us unfold that world in a way we might not understand as well otherwise.

2025 brings us to Year C in the Revised Common Lectionary. The gospel readings are primarily from Luke with some passages from other gospels mixed in as they are every year. The additional readings each week range from Genesis to Revelation, and they will bring us to Abraham and Sarah as they anticipate the birth of Isaac, the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah as they make their proclamations, new churches as they form in Corinth and Philippi, and a number of other places.

This month alone, we're going to encounter sentences in our readings like, "In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem," and, "Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them." ¹

There's so much there we can wonder about in just these verses. What happened on that journey for the wise men? How many of them were there, really? What was that journey like for Peter and John? Did they walk or talk with anyone else on the way? There are stories that these people lived in the sentences here.

As I said at the beginning of this article, whenever someone returns from a time away, they have stories to tell. Their experiences always seem to have changed them. Even if it's a small thing, the person telling the story has something new or different to share. In listening, I often find that I learn something, too, and in learning I adjust my own approach to the world. It changes me as well.

From the Pastor's Desk (*continued*)

As we encounter the Lectionary Readings this year, I encourage you to approach the Scripture passages with a sense of curiosity. Allow yourself to wonder about the people on the pages and the lives they lived. In doing so, I hope you find the stories within the stories, and get a better sense of the message and meaning of these lessons. Let them say something new to you, and consider how the lesson may impact and even change your approach to the world around you, too.

Happy New Year!

¹Matthew 2:1 and Acts 8:14.

Social Ministry

The social ministry group will be collecting non-working Christmas lights to support Lights for Lions. zoonewengland.org. There will be a collection bin in the narthex until January 27, 2025 or call Nancy for a pickup. 508 498-7604. Thank you!

The LCOR elves at Maples in Wrentham...as we gathered to sing some Christmas Carols!



Building & Grounds

LCOR CALL FOR 2025 VOLUNTEERS

THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP TO PAUL BURNS REQUEST FOR MOWING ASSISTANCE IN 4Q24.

- The LCOR property looks great, but is “ONLY” possible via the support of our LAWN MOWING TEAM
- The LCOR property needs your HELP for the 2025 mowing season, and is seeking volunteers.

MOWING TEAM COORDINATOR: (1 COORDINATOR OPENING)

This support is CRITICAL. And especially, after serving for many years, Paul Burns will be stepping down as our “MOWING TEAM” coordinator in 2025. This role involves the management of the seasonal schedule by volunteer availability. But then also can facilitate coverage for weeks either not filled, or in the event of scheduled volunteers having to make changes.

MOWING TEAM VOLUNTEERS: (2-4 NEW VOLUNTEER OPENINGS)

This support is CRITICAL. So, to be avoiding the thousands of dollars associated with contracting outside for these services. Currently, the LCOR DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH MOWING TEAM VOLUNTEERS for 2025. And without more volunteers, we believe that some contracting would be required.

While we were “Blessed” in terms of our strong 2024 “mowing” team volunteers consisting of 5, we are in need of an additional 2-4 volunteers to help spread the load. And where once a volunteer “knows the ropes”, the specific mowing task is about 2 hours per mow. Based upon an estimated 26-28 weeks/season this means: (i.e. 28 wks. with 5 volunteers = 5.6 each, 28 wks. with 9 volunteers = only 3 weeks each)

Therefore, the LCOR is seeking a few more volunteers to please step up and help us out going forward. We do not divide the weeks across the team equally, but rather ask the volunteers what they can contribute based upon their availability. And know that every week covered is one less for the rest of the team which is APPRECIATED!!! PLEASE CONSIDER:

- Maybe only 1 week or 2 to get the feel for the task as hand
- Maybe 2-3 weeks and a great help to the load spreading
- Maybe 4-6 weeks which would be super if possible

The LCOR has enjoyed a small, but very strong team of supporters that have a long history of experience. Each is more than willing to “WELCOME”, to “HELP” new mowing crew members without hesitation. Including Paul Burns returning in a “mower only” role being there to assist.

And via a Paul Burns reference: Luke 6:35 says, "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High".

CONTACT: Mike Cavanaugh - email "mcavanaughx@comcast.net" or cell 508-269-0654

Remember in Your Prayers

Bud, Sonya, Augustina and Charlene, Carol, Chrissy, Claudia, Glenn, Mark, Rich, Rylee, Mike & Brianna, Joe Bascetta, Carol Boette, Judy Burns, Judy Cargill, Joe Frisoni, Joanne Hensas, John & Evy Houghton, Ted Jaeger, Ola Salley, Adiene Silvia, those homebound, in nursing homes, recovering and/or taking treatments, those serving our country both home and abroad, those who face difficult situations or problems, and those who are hurting or struggling or have lost loved ones. Prayer requests can be made by emailing Alice Wuschke at alwuschke@gmail.com. Names will remain on the list for three months, unless otherwise indicated. Requests must be resubmitted to continue an additional three months.

Giving

The Finance Committee would like to invite you to explore the option of contributing to church electronically through Vanco Services. This allows the process to be set up to your convenience and also provides you the option of transitioning from envelopes to online giving. For more details, please contact Madeline Estabrook. You can find our convenient QR Code in the Sunday Bulletins or click the link below. [Home | The Lutheran Church Of Our Redeemer \(myvanco.com\)](http://Home | The Lutheran Church Of Our Redeemer (myvanco.com))













JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Office Closed 	2 Ladies Bible Study via Zoom 7:15-8:15 AM	3	4
5 8:30 AM Contemp. Service 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Service 11:45 AM Game Day!	6 Ladies Bible Study via Zoom 7:15-8:15 AM	7	8	9 Ladies Bible Study via Zoom 7:15-8:15 AM	10	11
12 8:30 AM Contemp. Service 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Service	13 Ladies Bible Study via Zoom 7:15-8:15 AM	14	15 Stewardship Meeting 6:00 PM	16 Ladies Bible Study via Zoom 7:15-8:15 AM	17	18 Newsletter Deadline
19 8:30 AM Contemp. Service 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Service	20 Ladies Bible Study via Zoom 7:15-8:15 AM Office Closed	21	22	23 Ladies Bible Study via Zoom 7:15-8:15 AM	24	25 Non-Progressive Dinner
26 8:30 AM Contemp. Service 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Service	27 Ladies Bible Study via Zoom 7:15-8:15 AM	28	29	30 Ladies Bible Study via Zoom 7:15-8:15 AM	31	

January 2025 Server Schedule

	 Altar Guild	 Eucharistic Minister	 Ushers	 Lay Reader	 Acolytes	 Greeter	 Projectionist	 Tellers
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January 5, 2025

8:30 AM	Patty S	Marla A	Chris V	Marla A	Michael V	Karen G	Elsa S	Patty S
10:30 AM	Ute T	Mike M	Gary D	Mike M	X	Ute T	X	

January 12, 2025

8:30 AM	Judy S	Rich B	Paul B	Paul B	Alex R	Lynne H	Greg R	Judy S
10:30 AM	Alice W	Alice W	Bob B	Alice W	X	Carol B	X	

January 19, 2025

8:30 AM	Karen D	Linda M	Joanne & Lenny H	Jen D	NEED	Linda M	Karen D	Don J
10:30 AM	Marcia J	NEED	Pete D	Don J	X	NEED	X	

January 26, 2025

8:30 AM	Jessica C	Martha P	Rich B	Carolyn B	Jenny M	Paul B	Daniel E	Jen D
10:30 AM	Loni I	Loni I	Bob B	Loni I	X	Carol B	X	

If you are unable to serve our parish on your assigned date or time, you need to seek a replacement from the current volunteer listing. If you should notice "**NEED**" and find YOU can serve in that slot, please DO! Schedule updated weekly on bulletin board and on www.lcor.org

Server Volunteers Needed—All roles come with appropriate training and we don't expect people to be scheduled more often than once a month. If you can help in any of these roles or if you are just looking for more information, contact Karen DiCanzio at dicanzio@comcast.net. Tellers do not need to be just from the second service, tellers can come from the first service as well.



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Altar Flowers

If you'd like to put flowers on the altar, simply sign up on the large flower chart on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the education wing.

They may be given in honor of someone, in memory of someone, an event (anniversary birthday etc.), or simply to the glory of God! If the flowers are being given in honor or memory of someone, please write that on the flower chart. If no reason is stated on the chart then flowers will be given to the "Glory of God."

You must sign up a minimum of 7 days in advance. Flower arrangements are **\$50 each**. Please place your payment in the offering plate and be sure you designate the payment as "altar flowers."

These flowers belong to you, after the flowers adorn the altar area for both services, please take your flowers home.

Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 am – Contemporary Worship

9:15 am Fellowship Time

10:00 am – Traditional Worship

Fall, Winter, and Spring Worship Schedule

8:30 am – Contemporary Worship

9:15 am – Fellowship Time

9:30 am- Christian Education

10:30 am – Traditional Worship