



# SEA NOTES

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*But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people (Luke 2:10)*

## Church News

Ok, so I have some bad news, a bit of good news, and some great news. Which do you want to hear first?

The bad? Alright then.

The bad news is that North Carolina remains classified in the Federal Government’s red zone. This means that outbreaks of COVID-19 are so serious in our state that the Federal Government recommends continued restrictions. In addition, we are still in phase 2 per the Governor’s office as of this writing. All of this means that in-person worship is not going to happen for a while yet.

The bit of good news is that you can still get a worship experience by checking out either our Facebook page, or our YouTube channel. We post new worship videos every Sunday at 9 am. If you need help accessing these videos, call the church office or Pastor Scott. Another bit of good news is that we have just added a new feature that allows folks without internet access to call a number and listen to the service. The phone number to call is: 252-284-0371. Note that you may have to dial the area code and possibly a “1” too. The number is the same from week-to-week, and multiple people can call in at the same time (you should never get a busy signal).

We also are doing in-person communion at the church on Wednesdays at 2 pm. Since we are limiting the number of attendees to 10 or less, we ask that you sign up. Simply go to [signupgenius.com](https://signupgenius.com), and search for a sign up by creator’s email, and use [pinbot67@hotmail.com](mailto:pinbot67@hotmail.com) as the search email. Alternatively, you can call the church office.

The great news is that Jesus Christ is still Lord. He still sits at the right hand of God. The Spirit still advocates for us, and God still loves us. With hurricanes and pandemics and murder hornets we may wonder sometimes if God has forgotten us, but the promised good news – the news that was first proclaimed at the empty tomb – is that nothing can separate us from the love of God, not even death itself.

And yes, that IS a reason to celebrate!

Grace + Peace,  
Pastor Scott

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## Join us on the Web!

Join Pastor Scott for worship on either our Facebook page or on our YouTube channel. Simply search for ‘Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church Atlantic Beach NC’ within Facebook or YouTube. New videos post on Sundays at 9 am.

## Thank You to the Church

The family of Friedlis Maurer would like to thank Shepherd of the Sea for all the prayers, cards, messages and phone calls during this difficult time. A special thank you to Pastor Scott and all of those who assisted with the service. Your kindness and support meant a lot to us.

Thank you,

Ilona, Simone, Anderson and Victor

## Servant Schedule

There is no servant schedule for due to COVID-19.

## July Financials

Income - \$12,227.79

Expenses - \$14,431.07

Shortfall - **\$2,203.28**

## Social Media Outreach—Last Month

People reached through our Facebook page	901
Facebook likes, comments, and shares	475
Visits to our website	194



## LECTIONARY READINGS for: August 2020

Color of the Day	Aug 2 Pentecost 9	Aug 9 Pentecost 10	Aug 16 Pentecost 11	Aug 23 Pentecost 12	Aug 30 Pentecost 13	Color of the Day
First Reading	Isaiah 55:1-5	1 Kings 19:9-18	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Isaiah 56:1-6	Jeremiah 15:15-21	First Reading
Psalm	145:8-9, 14-21	85:8-13	67	138	26:1-8	Psalm
Second Reading	Romans 9:1-5	Romans 10:5-15	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Romans 12:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Second Reading
Gospel	Matt 14:13-21	Matt 14:22-33	Matt 15:10-28	Matt 16:13-20	Matt 16:21-28	Gospel

# CHURCH FUNNIES

**RFB**®  
Presents  
**COFFEE WITH JESUS**

**Not Hearing Us**

It's like you're not hearing us, Jesus! We're pleading with you to help us wrestle with all this stuff worldwide.

C'mon, Carl. You work outdoors.  
Tell me what you're seeing and hearing.

Well...  
The sun still shines.  
The wind still blows.  
The rain still falls.  
The grass still grows.

Cool rhyme, Carl. So stop wrestling. Start trusting.  
And here's where I might add, "Consider the lilies."

©Radio Free Babylon® All rights reserved. Jesus lived in an anxious time. Roman occupation, an unsettled political climate, poverty, violence, fear and rage. That's why he told his listeners to consider the lilies and the sparrows. They don't fret. They're cared for. And how much more are we. Your very hairs are numbered. He doesn't change. "This same Jesus..." We may think he's slow to act, as some understand slowness. He's just waiting for all of us to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

## Church Mice

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PREACHER, I'VE BEEN THINKING OF SOME WAYS WE CAN UPDATE THE LOOK OF OUR CHURCH...

LIKE WHAT?

FOR ONE THING, YOU COULD START COLORING YOUR HAIR...

PROVERBS 16:31 SAYS "GRAY HAIR IS A CROWN OF SPLENDOR."

BUT DON'T YOU WANT TO LOOK YOUNGER?

AND GIVE UP THE SENIOR DISCOUNT AT McDONALD'S ?

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