



Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

October 2018 Newsletter

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." [Saint John 10:27]



Why Church?

Saint Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430) — one of the most influential pastors and leaders in the early church — once said, “He who does not have the church as his mother, does not have God as his father.” Based on Saint Paul’s words concerning the bride of Christ — “she is our mother” (Gal 4:26) — this imagery confesses that the church feeds, clothes, teaches, and nurtures us. Sadly, there are many so-called Christians who don’t care much for their spiritual mother.

Too many modern-day Christians have a consumeristic view of the church. If you need a loaf of bread, you go to Aldi. If you need shampoo, you go to Target. If you need a new pair of pants, you go to Kohl’s. If you need to fill a prescription, you go to Walgreens. If you need shelving, you go to Home Depot. The same is true of baptisms, weddings, and funerals. If you need one of these services, you go to church. If not, there’s no need for the church.

What’s more, too many modern-day Christians have a distain for the church. It’s that building where weak Christians go to get their weekly fix. That building where the service is too early or too late or too long for my preference. That building where the pastor bores me with all his sermons that keep going back to the subjects of sin and grace. That building where there are sinners and hypocrites in almost every pew. Why would I want to go there? I’m better than that.

In contrast to these and other faulty views of the church stands the truth revealed in God’s holy Word.

Our English word *church* comes from the Greek word *ekklesia*, which means “assembly.” This word occurs 111 times (in its various forms) in the New Testament. It is a multi-faceted word, incorporating many complementary images into one beautiful unity. Below are a few of those facets and images.

First, the church is *the assembly of all believers of all times* in Jesus Christ. This church is both the bride of Christ (Eph 5:22-33; Rev 21:1-2) and the body of Christ (Eph 1:22-23; Col 1:18), comprised of the great multitude of those who have been baptized and believe in Jesus Christ, both in heaven and on earth (Mk 16:16; Rev 7:9-17). This is the sum and substance of our confession, “I believe in one holy, Christian, and apostolic Church.”

Second, the church is *an assembly of believers in a certain location*. Saint Paul writes, “When you come together as a church...” (1 Cor 11:18). There is no such thing as an assembly of one. No such thing as a just-me-and-Jesus Christian. God’s people are called to gather together around Christ’s Word and Sacraments. “Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together...” (Heb 10:24-25).

Third, the church is *the building or location in which an assembly of believers meets*. Saint Paul and Barnabas “appointed elders ... in every church” they had visited (Ac 14:23). Aquila and Priscilla used their house as a church (1 Cor 16:19). Saint John wrote to “the seven churches that are in Asia” (Rev 1:4). Divine Shepherd is a church where God’s people in this area gather together around the means of grace to receive Jesus’ forgiveness and build up one another.

That brings us back to Saint Augustine’s wise words. “He who does not have the church as his mother, does not have God as his father.” The Christian loves and values the church precisely because Jesus does. We are a family of believers, brothers and sisters in Christ, born again from the womb of Holy Baptism into God’s household. The church is “the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone” (Eph 2:19-20). As the household of God, the church is “a pillar and buttress of the truth” (1 Tim 3:15).

What a beautiful thing Christ’s church is. An assembly of those baptized into Christ. A gathering together of sinners around their Savior and His means of grace. A family of believers that draws its forgiveness, life, and salvation from Jesus around a specific pulpit and altar. A household in which each of us, as brothers and sisters in Christ, is called to “encourage one another and build one another up” (1 Th 5:11).



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True, every member of this household, this assembly, this congregation named Divine Shepherd is sinful, broken, in need of divine healing. None of us has it all together. Every one of us needs forgiveness, strength, hope, and encouragement on a regular basis. That is why Jesus calls us to Himself and His means of grace. Why Jesus calls us to hold preaching sacred. Why Jesus calls us to gladly hear and learn His holy Word.

In closing, here are a few questions for your consideration:

- How much do I value Divine Shepherd and the ministry through which Jesus does His work here?
- How eager am I to hold preaching and God’s Word sacred?
- What obstacles stand in the way of me not making the Divine Service a regular priority?
- Do I speak positively about Divine Shepherd to my family, friends, and neighbors?
- What are the joys of being a member of this congregation?
- What are the challenges our congregation faces, and how can I help address them?
- How can I better help to bear the burdens of my brothers and sisters here?
- How can I better show the love of Christ to my church family?
- What are a few things Divine Shepherd could do better to serve the spiritual needs of its members?
- What are a few things Divine Shepherd could do better to serve our community?

Whatever your answers, know that you have a Savior who loves you, forgives you, and strengthens you. And you have a congregation that loves you and wants to walk with you down the narrow path where Jesus leads. We are in this together. For church is where two or three are gathered together in Jesus’ name. Here, in this house of God, Jesus is with us.

Thus, despite our faults and shortcomings (both individually and as a congregation), we can joyously exclaim with Jacob, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven” (Gen 28:17)!

Pastor Mumme

Week of Proper 21 (October 1-6)

Tue, Oct 2, 1:00 pm	Women’s Bible Study
Tue, Oct 2, 7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Wed, Oct 3, 4:00 pm	Youth Catechesis
Wed, Oct 3, 6:00 pm	Adult Catechesis
Wed, Oct 3, 7:00 pm	Choir Practice

Week of Proper 22 (October 7-13)

Sun, Oct 7, 9:00 am	Divine Service
Sun, Oct 7, 10:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
Wed, Oct 10 4:00 pm	Youth Catechesis
Wed, Oct 10, 6:00 pm	Adult Catechesis
Wed, Oct 10, 7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thu, Oct 11, 7:00 pm	Council Meeting

Week of Proper 23 (October 14-20)

Sun, Oct 14, 9:00 am	Divine Service
Sun, Oct 14, 10:05 am	Thrivent Meeting
Sun, Oct 14, 10:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
Tue, Oct 16, 9:00 am	Pastor @ Circuit Meeting
Tue, Oct 16, 7:00 pm	Book of Concord Study
Wed, Oct 17, 4:00 pm	Youth Catechesis
Wed, Oct 17, 6:00 pm	Adult Catechesis
Wed, Oct 17, 7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sat, Oct 20, 8:30 am	Men’s Bible Breakfast
Sat, Oct 20, 10:00 am	Altar Guild Meeting
Sat, Oct 20, 11:00 am	Ladies Aid Meeting

Week of Proper 24 (October 21-27)

Sun, Oct 21, 9:00 am	Divine Service
Sun, Oct 21, 10:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
Wed, Oct 24 11:00 am	Pastor @ NICL Study
Wed, Oct 24 4:00 pm	Youth Catechesis
Wed, Oct 24, 6:00 pm	Adult Catechesis
Wed, Oct 24, 7:00 pm	Choir Practice

Week of Proper 25 (October 28-31)

Sun, Oct 28, 9:00 am	Festive Divine Service
Sun, Oct 28, 10:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
Sun, Oct 28, 11:30 am	Oktoberfest
Wed, Oct 31 4:00 pm	Youth Catechesis
Wed, Oct 31, 6:00 pm	Adult Catechesis
Wed, Oct 31, 7:00 pm	Choir Practice

October Birthdays

- 03 Linda Data
- 03 Katie Olifirowicz
- 03 Kyle Olifirowicz
- 04 Robert Thornton
- 06 Luke Mueller
- 09 Aubrey Thornton
- 12 Rose Clark
- 14 Greg McClain
- 14 Quentin Parmenter
- 17 Paul Sturm
- 18 Michael Mumme
- 20 Carol Kuroski
- 20 Kamden Pruett
- 21 Juli Thornton
- 26 Shaun Peters
- 31 Joan Sturm



Baptismal Anniversaries

- 01 Gina Simonetti
- 05 Stephen Dobbs
- 05 Kamden Pruett
- 13 Steve Stroh
- 19 Connor Delaney
- 21 Jenny Bingenheimer
- 21 Jeff Bingenheimer
- 28 Michael Mumme
- 29 Emily Pruett
- 29 Paul Sturm



Wedding Anniversaries

- 03 Bob & Barb Potempa
- 11 Larry & Terri Kreier
- 15 Michael & Nicole Weaver
- 16 Ed & Lisa Cruz
- 18 Lou & Cyndi Pallek
- 18 Dan & Robin Wise
- 26 Levi & Joan Fox



Oktoberfest

Thrivent's Oktoberfest is **Sunday, October 28 at 11:30 a.m.** Please sign up on the sheet in Luther Hall if you plan to attend and/or can bring a dish or dessert to pass. Brats, hotdogs, buns will be provided. All are welcome.



Bible & Lutheranism Studies

Sunday Bible Class

Topic: Every One His Witness
When: Sunday mornings @ 10:45 a.m.
Where: Luther Hall

Women's Bible Study

Topic: Demystifying the Proverbs 31 Woman
When: Tuesday, October 2 @ 1:00 p.m.
Where: Luther Hall

Book of Concord Study

Topic: The Augsburg Confession
When: Tuesday, October 16 @ 7:00 p.m.
Where: Luther Hall

Men's Bible Breakfast

Topic: TBA
When: Saturday, October 20 @ 8:30 a.m.
Where: Family Square Restaurant

Every One His Witness

We are continuing our look at *Every One His Witness* — a Scriptural and confessional evangelism program that centers in listening, asking, seeking, sharing, inviting, and encouraging — in our Sunday morning Bible Class that we would be better prepared “to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15). Come and learn how to share the good news of Jesus through natural, relational, and contextual conversations. All are welcome!

Crossing Guard of the Year

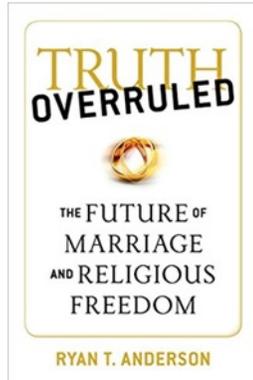


Congratulations to member **Maredith Robertson**, who was named the City of Chicago Crossing Guard of the Year on September 19. Serving Alexander Graham and St. Gabriel Schools in Chicago, Maredith was selected for this honor out of more than 800 crossing guards.

Church Library

Our “book of the month” for October is *Truth Overruled: The Future of Marriage and Religious Freedom* by Ryan T. Anderson.

In 2015 five unelected justices redefined marriage in America, overruling the votes of the people and their representatives and tarring as bigotry the understanding of marriage that has prevailed throughout human history. In this book, Anderson explains the likely dire consequences—especially for families and religious freedom—of this radical decision.



You can browse the selection of books in our library by visiting librarything.com/catalog/DivineShepherd. Books may be checked out at any time by members.

Choir Practice

Choir practice is on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** All are welcome to lend their voices in praise to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Board of Trustees

A group has been created to receive and manage Trustee issues. Additional volunteers are always welcome. If you have any concerns or see something at church that needs to be repaired, please send an email to bot@ds-lcms.org or call **Mike Dobbs** at 847-533-5777.



Ongoing thanks to our cleaning crew — **Anne Drevlow, Jerry Koempel, Kevin & Teresa Pape, Barb Potempa, Dan & Nicole Richerson, and Judy Yuenger** — for all the time and effort they put into cleaning on their assigned weekends each month. If you can ever give an hour, it is always appreciated.

Many thanks also to **Jerry Koempel** and all others for planting and maintaining the gardens and/or donating to the upkeep.

Outreach Projects



This year we participated in Bolingbrook’s Pathways Parade (9/9) and Romeoville’s Founders Day Parade (9/16). At the Bolingbrook parade, we carried a banner and signs inviting the community to an Ice Cream Social at church after the parade.



About 50 people came and enjoyed the ice cream and fellowship.



At the Romeoville parade, we carried the banner and tossed candy to the crowd.

Special thanks to the following for their help and for walking in the parade(s):

Katie, Adam, David, Rebekah, & Mary Dobbs
Bobbie Light
Karen Moritz
Pastor & Caleb Mumme
Barb Potempa
Brian Rambeaux
Dawn Rousar
Robin & Matt Wise

Kitchen

A reminder to everyone using the new kitchen to *please return all items to their proper place and clean up after your event*. We do not want any unwanted little critters around. Also, please take home any/all leftover food. At times, the freezer is over-flowing. Please put your name on all food you wish to leave in the refrigerator for a couple of days. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ladies Aid

26 enjoyed the Wine & Chocolate Fest in September. As always, there was plenty of wine, snacks, and games for everyone to enjoy.



In mid November Ladies Aid will sponsor the Giving Tree for Christmas. If you know of someone in the congregation or immediate family in need, please give his/her name(s) to Pastor Mumme or **Lisa Cruz** by the end of October. Manna gift cards help the person in need and benefits our Ladies Aid group and church. It is not too early to order gift cards for the upcoming Giving Tree that helps those in our congregation. In addition, we will sponsor a Food Drive for those on the Giving Tree list. Think ahead and buy one item each time you shop for groceries so we can really be generous to our families in need.

The next meeting is **Saturday, October 22 at 11:00 a.m.**

Shop with Scrip (Manna)

Shop with Scrip (Manna) cards are available throughout the year for everyday expenses and gifts for any special occasion. The next order date is **Sunday, October 21**. The forms are on the cabinet by the outside door in Luther Hall. These cards make many of the Ladies Aid projects possible, and best of all they do not cost members anything beyond the face-value amount. Shop with Scrip pays us to use their service. What's more, many of these cards can be reloaded so you do not have to continually buy new cards.

Your Organization:
Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church - Manna

Your Coordinator:
Lisa Cruz
630-636-6359 • dslcmanna@yahoo.com

Your Enrollment Code:
B2LD2C7A55973

Manna Rebates

As of August 19, 2018, you may elect to receive 50% of your profit percentage back as a cash rebate. These rebates will be paid directly to you in the form of a quarterly check. The more you purchase using physical cards, reload, reload now, and scrip ecards the more you will earn. Any questions, please contact **Lisa Cruz** at 630-636-6390 or email at dslcmanna@yahoo.com.

Thrivent

The Thrivent Group meets on the second Sunday each month after divine services. Grab your coffee and join us on **Sunday, October 14 at 10:05 a.m.**

Thrivent is sponsoring the annual Oktoberfest on **Sunday, October 28 at 11:45 a.m.** This Fest will be an outreach program so ask your friends, family, the community to join you for a delicious meal. Please sign up on the attendance sheet in Luther Hall if you are attending or for a dish to pass (optional). *Brats, hotdogs & buns will be supplied*. The Church Council has approved beer and wine for those interested; you may bring your own. *Neither Thrivent nor Divine Shepherd will supply any alcoholic beverages or take any responsibility for its use*. There will be a free will offering to help the youth attend Higher Things Conference next summer.



Help with Fall Projects

Have leaves to rake? Gutters to clean? Bushes to trim? Yard work to get done? Windows to wash before winter? Our youth group is ready and willing to help you get your fall projects done. Contact **Lori Mumme** to schedule the youth. Your free will donation will assist them in attending the Higher Things youth conference next summer.

Prayer Chain

Several members of our congregation are part of a church prayer chain. If you would like to join them in praying for our congregation's special needs, please contact **Bobbie Light** at **630-251-7860** or Pastor Mumme.



Sunday Treats

Do you enjoy treats and fellowship after Sunday services? If so, please consider signing up on any given Sunday(s). Why not sign up with a friend? *Empty slots means no treats.* To enable our diabetic members to enjoy these treats, please consider supplementing some of the “sugary goodies” with crackers and cheese and/or fruit. The signup sheet is posted on the Luther Hall bulletin board. Monetary donations are accepted to defray the cost of drinks and paper products, which are supplied by Ladies Aid.

Bulletin Covers & Altar Flowers

The October–December 2018 bulletin charts are posted in the narthex. Sign up for any open Sunday(s) to celebrate a special occasion or to honor/remember someone. Cost of bulletins is \$10.

The 2018 flower charts are posted. This is a wonderful way to help beautify God’s house, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or remember a departed loved one. If you would like to contribute flowers to help beautify the sanctuary on a Lord’s Day, please add your name to any open Sunday on the flower charts. If you sign up, **Karen Moritz** will contact you to get your price range, flower request, and a brief note to place in the worship bulletin.



Important Phone Numbers

Church Office: 630-759-5300 ext. 1
Preschool: 630-759-5300 ext. 2 (Terri Kreier)
Pastor Mumme: 815-676-4444
Prayer Chain: 630-251-7860 (Bobbie Light)
Newsletter: 630-759-3188 (Karen Moritz)

(items are due October 29)

Treasurer’s Report

As of August 31	Actual	Budget
Expenses	\$124,250	\$130,881
Income	\$118,452	\$111,800

Amazon Smile

Go to smile.amazon.com, select Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bolingbrook as your charitable organization, begin each of your purchases at smile.amazon.com, and Amazon will do the rest. Our congregation will receive 0.5% of every Amazon Smile purchase made. Thanks for supporting us!

Unplanned Pregnancy?

Unplanned pregnancies can overwhelm a woman with worry, shame, guilt, and/or uncertainty. If you know of a woman facing an unplanned pregnancy, put her in touch with Caring Network (formerly CareNet Pregnancy Services). Caring Network provides unconditional love, emotional support, spiritual counsel, and practical help to anyone dealing with an unplanned pregnancy. The closest local office is located at 1301 S Route 59, Suite 103, Naperville. Call 630-455-0300 during normal business hours or visit CaringNetwork.com or AvenueWomensCenter.com.

Issues, Etc.



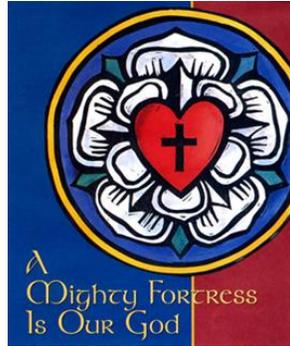
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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Luther's hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* has been called the Battle Hymn of the Reformation. It was written about a decade after Luther posted the Ninety-Five Theses on the doors of the Castle Church. And yet, Luther never tied this hymn to his posting of the theses. For Luther, this hymn — based on Psalm 46 — was meant to be a hymn of comfort. These years were some of the darkest in Luther's life (the martyrdom of a follower, a plague in Wittenberg, physical ailments, the worst period of temptation he had ever experienced, and the death of his own infant daughter). And yet, Luther rightly understood that, in midst of trial and tribulation, the only true source of comfort we have is God's holy Word. This hymn, then, is much more than the Battle Hymn of the Reformation. It is a hymn of comfort for you and me, even in times of temptation and suffering, for it directs us to Jesus Christ and the victory He won for all. No wonder it is one of the most translated hymns in the history of the Church (more than 200 languages). Let's sing it with gusto this Reformation!



Why Celebrate the Reformation?

Each year we celebrate the Reformation of the Church. What precisely are we celebrating? The start of a new Church? No. The Reformation was not the start of a new Church, but the reformation of the old Church of Christ and the apostles.



What then are we celebrating? What we thank and praise God for on this day is the rediscovery of the place of Christ and His Gospel in the Church. The Good News of God's love and mercy for us in Jesus is what the Reformation is all about. Indeed, "he who has ears to hear let him hear."

The Reformation continues. The Church is always being reformed, because God's Word of Law and Gospel continues to change hearts and lives, showing people their sins and their need for the Savior. Let us hear that Good News and take it to heart. Let us rejoice in the work of Luther and the other reformers, not in a prideful way, but by way of humble repentance and prayer for personal renewal in the grace of Christ. Indeed, let us hear the Good News of Christ and then boldly share it with others. May God keep us steadfast in His Word for the sake of Christ, our Savior.

Portals of Prayer

Homebound? Sick? Working?

Can't be here at the Divine Service on Sunday morning? Tune in to *The Lutheran Hour* via radio or *Worship Anew* via television. Both are LCMS resources that bring God's Word to you.

The Lutheran Hour

WGN AM 720 – Sundays, 6:00am

SiriusXM Family Talk Channel 131 – Sundays, 9:00am

Worship Anew

CW 50 – WPWR – Sundays, 8:00am

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A Generous Heart

"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper."

1 Corinthians 16:2

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

May God Give You

For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.

For every purpose life sends
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.