

# Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

**JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER**

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



## Cheap Imitations

Almost anyone who has spent time in downtown Chicago has been offered a Rolex watch by some guy on a street corner at an unbelievable price. While the knockoff may look like the real thing, its quality will never compare with the original. And yet, because each of us has different tastes and budgets, sometimes cheaper imitations such as cubic zirconia jewelry, clothing from a discount store, or private label foods from a grocery store *are* preferable. The small amount my family spends on non-designer clothing (usually on clearance) would make fashion-minded people cringe. And the fact that Aldi is our favorite grocery store would invoke the same reaction from those who are culinary snobs.

But when it comes to faith, cheap imitations are nothing short of dangerous and deadly.

In June we were all bombarded with rainbow imagery in connection with a sinful lifestyle that marches under the slogan “pride” (ironically, a deadly sin!). But no matter how often the rainbow is corrupted by those who flaunt their sin, Christians know that the rainbow was, is, and always will be a beautiful reminder that God will never again flood the entire earth as He did back in Noah’s day (cf. Genesis 6–9). The rainbow is God’s creation. Every rainbow God sends via sunshine and raindrops is an original masterpiece by which He shows us His merciful heart. In contrast, every rainbow that flaunts sin is a cheap imitation that hardens human hearts against God.



Cheap imitations have been around ever since the devil first tempted Adam and Eve. Unlike God, the devil cannot create anything. He can only use or misuse what God has created in his attempts to corrupt God’s creation. Most of this he does by imitating God. Since God is triune (Mt 28:19), so the devil works as an unholy trinity with the beast of the sea and the beast of the earth (Rev 13). Since God is light (1 Jn 1:5), so the devil disguises himself as an angel of light (2 Cor 11:14). Since Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judah who conquered our greatest enemies (Rev 5:5), so the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking to devour us (1 Pet 5:8). Since Jesus is the Good Shepherd whose voice leads His sheep to safety, so the devil sends false shepherds with false words to lead the sheep astray.

Martin Luther once said, “Where God builds a church, there the devil builds a chapel.” These words are simply a restating of one of Jesus’ own parables, which begins with these words, **“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away”** (Mt 13:24-25). Wherever God sows good seed, there the devil sows weeds. Where God builds His Church, there the devil builds his chapel. For the devil is nothing more than an imitator who builds cheap imitations.

The devil’s imitations are all around us. Religion that teaches a false god. Religion that self-justifies. Religion that obscures Christ crucified. Religion that confuses Law and Gospel. Religion that indulges the flesh. Religion that is merely moralistic, or therapeutic, or materialistic. Being spiritual but not religious. On and on this list of imitations goes.

But shining as a beacon of light in this imitation-darkened world is the sure and certain Word of God that endures forever. From Genesis to Revelation, this Word of God champions Jesus Christ and Him crucified for the life of the world. Jesus Christ is the genuine thing, the real deal, the pearl of great price, the priceless treasure. He came to save sinners. To save you. To save me. He came to grant us forgiveness, life, and salvation — the real things, not some cheap imitations.

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Friends, the world around us is buying up the devil's cheap imitations at record pace. Each of us has loved ones, friends, and neighbors who put their faith in this "self-made religion" (Col 2:23). Let us pray for them. Let us speak the truth in love to them. Let us continue to love and serve them in whatever vocations God has placed us. And let us fill our ears with God's Word regularly that we might guard ourselves against the influence of these cheap imitations.

To that end, heed the words of Saint Paul: **"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work"** (2 Tim 3:14-17).

Pastor Mumme



## Bible & Lutheranism Studies

### Sunday Bible Class

Topic: Miscellaneous  
When: Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.  
Where: Luther Hall

### Men's Bible Breakfast

Topic: Man Up! The Quest for Masculinity  
When: Saturday, July 15 @ 8:30 a.m.  
Where: Panera Bread (1196 W Boughton Rd)

### Women's Bible Study

Topic: A Sparrow's Worth  
When: Tuesday, July 11 @ 1:00 p.m.  
Where: Luther Hall

### Book of Concord Study

*resumes later in summer*



### Week of Proper 8 (July 2-8)

Sun, Jul 2, 9:00 a.m. Divine Service  
Sun, Jul 2, 10:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School  
Tue, Jul 4 Independence Day  
Thu, Jul 6, 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

### Week of Proper 9 (July 9-15)

Sun, Jul 9, 9:00 a.m. Divine Service  
Sun, Jul 9, 10:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School  
Mon, Jul 10, 6:30 p.m. VBS  
Tue, Jul 11, 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
Tue, Jul 11, 6:30 p.m. VBS  
Wed, Jul 12, 6:30 p.m. VBS  
Thu, Jul 13, 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting  
Sat, Jul 15, 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast  
Sat, Jul 15, 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting  
Sat, Jul 15, 11:00 a.m. Ladies Aid Meeting

### Week of Proper 10 (July 16-22)

Sun, Jul 16, 9:00 a.m. Divine Service  
Sun, Jul 16, 10:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School  
Mon, Jul 17 Pastor @ Higher Things  
Tue, Jul 18 Pastor @ Higher Things  
Wed, Jul 19 Pastor @ Higher Things  
Thu, Jul 20 Pastor @ Higher Things  
Fri, Jul 21 Pastor @ Higher Things

### Week of Proper 11 (July 23-29)

Sun, Jul 23, 9:00 a.m. Divine Service  
Sun, Jul 23, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
Thu, Jul 27 Youth Group @ Higher Things

### Week of Proper 12 (July 30-31)

Sun, Jul 30, 9:00 a.m. Divine Service  
Sun, Jul 30, 10:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School

## Directory Updates

**Kristina Johnson-Wise**

*(new address)*

9815 N MacArthur Blvd, #821  
Irving, TX 75063

## July Birthdays

- 05 Ruth Ogden
- 06 Dan Richerson
- 07 Ann Gernenz
- 11 Miles Mueller
- 11 Michael Weaver
- 12 Bill Robertson
- 13 Andrew Fox
- 16 Patricia Lewis
- 17 Kevin Olifirowicz
- 18 Giovanni (Gino) Data
- 21 Kelly Stewart
- 23 Meredith Robertson
- 23 Carey Zeller
- 25 Gail Fiolka
- 27 Cyndi Pallek
- 28 Taylor Jordan
- 29 Isabella (Bella) Cruz
- 30 Steve Stroh
- 31 Marge McClain
- 31 Kerry Walter



## Baptismal Anniversaries

- 01 Mike Dobbs
- 02 Colleen Donaldson
- 02 Amelia (Mia) Johnson
- 06 Adam Dobbs
- 07 Ruth Ogden
- 10 Zachary Walter
- 15 Moira Delaney
- 16 Leah Pape
- 20 Greg Page
- 22 Justin Kreier
- 31 Isaak Johnson



## Wedding Anniversaries

- 12 Dan & Nicole Richerson
- 14 Paul & Joan Sturm
- 17 Jim & Carol Kuroski
- 27 Kevin & Teresa Pape



## Little Lambs Preschool



Little Lambs is now off for the summer, but we are still working to spread the word. We are looking for volunteers to help over the summer to build our class for next year. Please let me know if you are willing to distribute flyers house to house, or help at Romeo Fest which runs Thursday thru Sunday the first weekend in August. I will have a signup sheet located on the bulletin board in Luther Hall. As always, there are brochures available to give to friends. Keep spreading the word!

Also, we are desperately in need of Preschool Board members. If you would like to help support the preschool, please contact **Terri Kreier** or **Teresa Pape**.

And lastly, Little Lambs now has its own web site. We invite you to check out our site at [dslittlelambs.org](http://dslittlelambs.org). We welcome your feedback as we fine tune our site.

*Terri Kreier, Director*

## Bolingbrook Village Picnic

We had a tent/booth at the village picnic on Sunday, June 25, giving us an opportunity to tell our neighbors about the church, VBS, and our Little Lambs Preschool. A special thank you to **Terri Kreier**, **Robin Wise**, **Bobbie Light**, **Dawn Rousar**, **Barb Potempa**, the **Mumme family**, the **Dobbs family**, and **Kevin & Teresa Pape** for volunteering their time during the picnic, setting up, and/or taking down.



## Vacation Bible School



Join us for this year's VBS on **July 10–12**. Our theme is *Mighty Fortress: In Jesus, the Victory Is Won!*

Children ages 3-12 will learn 5 kingly Bible stories and enjoy crafts, music, games, and snacks. We offer this free to all attendees; nightly offerings will assist a mission project. VBS runs **6:30–8:30 p.m.** Monday thru Wednesday. Parents are encouraged to attend the closing on Wednesday (8:10–8:30 p.m.).

Please pre-register via the online registration link below or by calling the church office at **630-759-5300**.

<https://vbsmate.com/events/DivineShepherdLutheranBolingbrookIL/14538>

## Six Youth to Attend Conference

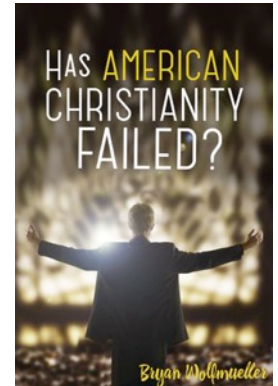


Later this month six of our youth will be attending the Higher Things Youth Conference at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. This year's theme is *Here I Stand*. Thank you for supporting their fundraisers throughout the year and keeping them in your prayers. Sometime next month they will share their experience with you. God's blessings and safe travel as you join 1000+ other Lutheran youth in growing in the grace and knowledge of our Savior.

## Church Library

Our "book of the month" for July is *Has American Christianity Failed?* by Bryan Wolfmueller.

American Christianity teaches the centrality of the individual—my will, my experiences, my decision, my heart, my work, and my dedication. Yet we couldn't be more unaware that Christ and His saving and comforting work are being lost. Our minds and hearts are captivated in some way by those who often preach the Christian instead of Christ. In this book, the author sounds the alarm against the false teaching and dangerous practices of Christianity in America. He offers a beautiful alternative: the sweet savor of the Gospel, which brings us to the real comfort, joy, peace, freedom, and sure hope of Christ. And it's *for you*.



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

## Village Parade Float

If you are interested in helping with the design or construction of our congregational float for Bolingbrook's annual parade in September, please see **Robin Wise**.

## College Graduate



**Kelli Olifiowicz** graduated from the University of Denver on June 9 with a Master's Degree in Psychology. She is currently seeking employment. We pray your Christian faith will continue to shine through you in all that you do with your new degree.

## Reformation 500

We are just three months away from our celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. We will have a festive Divine Service with special music on **Sunday, October 29**. Come, celebrate with us, and re-learn how Lutheranism is still *all about Jesus!*



## Ladies Aid

SUCCESS, THANKS TO YOU! The Rummage Sale is history, and thanks to all whom donated items or spent time sorting, selling, packing up, etc. It was bigger and better than last year. Thank you, thank you.

A bonus in the Rummage Sale is that there is a company who has picked up a great deal of the remaining clothes, books, and household items and is willing to pay us for these items. The amount varies by type, but we do know it will be 20 cents per pound for the clothes. An added blessing for the total profits.

We use those profits for many different donations, including, but not limited to, a monthly stipend for Vicar Stephenson, the Giving Tree, Higher Things, etc. And yes, we are planning to use a big chunk of those proceeds to refurbish the kitchen. When that will happen is not definite. There is a "Kitchen Fund"; that does not cover all of the cost. Exact plans are being drawn up so that we can determine a budget for this project. As you know, kitchen cabinets and appliances are not inexpensive. Donations for this project will be greatly appreciated.

Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, July 15 at 11:00 a.m.** in Luther Hall. This would be a good time to bring Ladies Aid any suggestions that you have for the kitchen renovation.



*Women of the Church*

## Manna



*Turn-in dates are July 2, 16, and 30.*

The Manna Group Scrip Company has been acquired by Great Lakes Scrip Center (GLSC) located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Our manna program orders will now be fulfilled through GLSC.

The basic concept behind scrip is:

- the retailers sell the certificates at a discount;
- families buy the certificates at full face value and redeem them for full face value;
- your organization gets the difference as revenue.

Presto Pay and reloading cards are also available. Printable forms are also available on the website ([shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)).

Why Scrip is better for families:

1. There are over 700 brands to choose from, so they can use scrip on practically every purchase.
2. Scrip is a great budgeting tool since families can use scrip for gas, groceries, and other household expenses.
3. Families can shop in-store or online at participating retailers.
4. They could place their own orders online, which will maximize their earnings.
5. Paying with gift cards keeps families safe from credit card fraud.

*Your Organization:*

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church - Manna

*Your Coordinator:*

**Lisa Cruz**

**630-636-6359**

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*Your Enrollment Code:*

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## Thrivent



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If you have not given your Choice Dollars to Divine Shepherd, please do so. Haven't signed up yet? It's easy. Just log in at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com), go to Thrivent Choice Dollars, and follow the prompts. During the last six months your donations to Choice Dollars totaled \$1,029 (down \$400 from 2016). Monies received from Choice Dollars helps with projects such as Higher Things, Alms Fund, Giving Tree, Easter Breakfast, etc.

## Vacations

Although most people take at least one vacation a year, God never does. He is always available to speak to you in His Word and to listen to your prayers. When you go on vacation, your monthly bills still need to be paid; the same is true with our church's obligations. Do not forget Divine Shepherd even as you visit and relax. Blessings on your summer activities.

If you need help locating an LCMS congregation near you when you are visiting family or on vacation, ask **Pastor Mumme**. He is happy to help you.

## Prayer Chain



Several members of our congregation are part of a church prayer chain. If you (women or men) 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 2017 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 2017 flower chart and July–December 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 two bouquets is \$40, \$45, or \$50 (subject to change). Cost of bulletins is \$10. See **Karen Moritz** for details.

## 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 July 31)*

## Planning Worksheet

Whether you are young or old, please pick up a "Funeral Planning Worksheet" from Luther Hall, complete it, and return it to **Karen Moritz** or Pastor Mumme. You are always free to make updates to this worksheet as often as you want. These cold winter months are a great time to complete this worksheet. Thanks in advance for beginning the planning process.

## Ink & Toner Cartridges

The youth group continues to accept used toner and ink cartridges as a fundraiser. However, please note that the company we work with only accepts original Brother, Canon, HP, and Lexmark *toner* cartridges, and original Canon, HP, and Lexmark *ink* cartridges. These may be dropped off on the shelves near the entrance/exit in Luther Hall. Toner and ink cartridges not listed above may be recycled at Cartridge World. Thanks!

## Amazon Smile

Do you order online from Amazon? Did you know that a small percentage of your order can come back and benefit Divine Shepherd? Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), select Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bolingbrook as your charitable organization, and shop like you normally do. Then, begin each of your purchases at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon will do the rest. Our congregation will receive 0.5% of every Amazon Smile purchase made by those who designate our congregation as their charitable organization.

## Treasurer's Report

<u>As of May 31</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Expenses	\$76,369	\$83,737
Income	\$83,787	\$75,800

## Follow Us on Social Media

Follow us on social media to keep up to date with church happenings and events, find a variety of new and old congregational photos, and read inspirational posts and quotes from Holy Scripture, the Lutheran Confessions, and various Christians throughout the centuries.

Facebook: [fb.me/DSLc60440](https://www.facebook.com/dslc60440)

Twitter: [@dslc60440](https://twitter.com/dslc60440)

## Happy Birthday America!

This Independence Day pause and take a few moments to thank God for ALL of our freedoms. The freedom to share His hope – read His Word – worship together – pray aloud – spread the Good News – teach His truth – sing His praise – follow Him – vote – help the needy.

Ask God for His guidance for all who serve and protect this great nation.

God has poured His richest blessings on our great nation. May His light continue to guide our path.



## Independence Day Prayer



## INDEPENDENCE DAY

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for the blessing of our nation. Thank You for our ideals of freedom and justice. Help us to better live up to these ideals. We especially thank You for the freedom we have to worship You and to share Your Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus with those around us. Give vigilance and courage to our armed forces and our civil servants, that they may defend and protect our freedom and safety. Give our leaders wisdom and strength to govern wisely and well, that we may continue to live in this freedom, to worship You in safety, and to share Your saving Gospel with citizens near and far. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Portals of Prayer*

*"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
for His steadfast love endures forever!"  
[Psalm 107:1]*