



# Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

## August 2019 Newsletter

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



## Godspeed!

Vocationally, I have only crossed this bridge once before. Saying goodbye is never easy. Especially to people I love so dearly. By God's grace, you have made my task of keeping watch over your souls one filled "with joy and not with groaning" (Hebrews 13:17). Thank you for treasuring God's holy Word and blessed Sacraments above all else, and for supporting the Office of the Holy Ministry by which Christ publicly dispenses His mercy and forgiveness.

In the months ahead, Divine Shepherd will undertake the process of calling its next pastor. According to our Constitution and Bylaws, the Board of Elders serves as the call committee. They will be soliciting your input and feedback, your support and prayers, even as they reach out to the Northern Illinois District for guidance. In the short term, a vacancy or interim pastor will serve our congregation. Through it all, the ministry of Word and Sacrament here in our midst continues to need your presence on the Lord's Day, your fervent prayers, your generous firstfruits, and your eager willingness to volunteer for some of the many things that need doing.

As you look to the future, keep "the main thing" the main thing. Divine Shepherd exists to bring Jesus Christ and His gracious gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation to those gathered around our font, pulpit, and altar. Demand nothing less than Christ-centered, liturgical, reverent worship that extols His gracious gifts. Make the Divine Service on the Lord's Day your chief priority by holding preaching and God's Word sacred. Partake regularly of Christ's body and blood. Sing with gusto. Pray without ceasing. Greet one another in love. Like the first Christians, devote yourselves "to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

Read God's Word. Study it. Learn it by heart. Live it. Do this at church, at home, and elsewhere. Find joy daily in your baptism. As those clothed with Christ's righteousness, live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. In the words of Saint Peter, "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

Extend the love and mercy of Christ to those around you. That begins by encouraging and caring for your brothers and sisters here at Divine Shepherd, and then extends outward into our community. In the words of Saint Paul, "as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10).

Confess the faith boldly and speak the truth in love. It is a source of encouragement to your brothers and sisters in Christ, and exactly what the world around us needs to hear. In the words of Hebrews, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" (Hebrews 10:23; cf. 4:14).

In the midst of a world that wants to mock and silence you, do not lose heart or courage. You have the peace that passes understanding and the joy of Christ's salvation. Call upon Him. Rely on Him. Look to Him. Trust Him. In the words of your Savior, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33b).

And then, when our Lord provides you with your next called and ordained servant of the Word, love him. Listen to him. Support him. Pray for him. He will have his own set of strengths and weaknesses. He will love and serve you. But most importantly, he will deliver to you the blood-bought gifts that Jesus won on the cross.

It has been an honor to serve as your pastor and undershepherd for nearly 17 years. One-third of my life has been spent here. For that I am truly grateful. I say goodbye with a heavy heart, because I love you dearly. But I also say goodbye with a joyful spirit, for I know that the Lord will continue to provide you with His gracious gifts.

Together with Lori, Zachary, Caleb, Michael, and Adam, we have you in our thoughts and prayers. Keep in touch. Come and visit. Godspeed, dear brothers and sisters in Christ. In closing, I will echo the words with which my namesake bid farewell to the church in Ephesus: "Now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified" (Acts 20:32).

**Pastor Mumme**



### Week of Proper 13 (August 4-10)

- Sun, Aug 4, 9:00 am Divine Service
- Sun, Aug 4, 10:45 am Bible Class
- Mon, Aug 5, 6:30 am Elders Meeting
- Wed, Aug 7, 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Wed, Aug 7, 7:00 pm Council Meeting

### Week of Proper 14 (August 11-17)

- Sun, Aug 11, 9:00 am Divine Service
- Sun, Aug 11, 10:05 am Thrivent Meeting
- Sun, Aug 11, 10:45 am Bible Class
- Wed, Aug 14, 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Sat, Aug 17, 4:00 pm Mumme Appreciation Dinner

### Week of Proper 15 (August 18-24)

- Sun, Aug 18, 9:00 am Divine Service
- Sun, Aug 18, 10:45 am Bible Class
- Wed, Aug 21, 7:00 pm Choir Practice

### Week of Proper 16 (August 25-31)

- Sun, Aug 25, 9:00 am Divine Service
- Sun, Aug 25, 10:45 am Bible Class

## Mumme Appreciation Dinner

Divine Shepherd is hosting a German-style potluck dinner on **Saturday, August 17 at 4:00 p.m.** to thank Pastor, Lori, and the boys for their seventeen years with us at Divine Shepherd. Please join us in this special celebration and sign up for a dish to share on the signup sheet in Luther Hall (or by contacting **Barb Potempa**). Feel free to bring an item on the list or one of your own potluck specialties. Coffee, iced tea, water, and pop will be available. Individuals may bring wine or beer if they wish (*Divine Shepherd assumes no responsibility for the consumption of alcohol*). Please be sure to RSVP by contacting **Katie Dobbs** (on the signup sheet or by text at 773-350-5960) by August 11 so that we can get an idea of headcount.

## Surveys

We have carefully assembled questions for our congregation to consider and express their feelings. It is our hope that the information, ideas, and responses provided can be used by our church leaders in the many decisions we are facing in the coming months. Please take a few moments to complete a survey to help our efforts. Copies are available in the Narthex. We hope that at least one per family will be completed, but each

adult is invited to share their personal thoughts too!  
Thank you.

*Ed Cruz, Council Chairman*

## August Birthdays

- 02 Katie Dobbs
- 02 Charlotte Soukup
- 05 Carolynn Mazurkiewicz
- 06 Nicole Richerson
- 10 Ruth Wroblewski
- 17 Caleb Mumme
- 17 Terri Kreier
- 19 Mary Braasch
- 20 Bobbie Koritzke
- 23 Bill Tilker
- 23 Matthew Wise
- 28 Kathy Wilson



## Baptismal Anniversaries

- 11 Andrew Fox
- 19 Gail Fiolka
- 20 Kristena Johnson-Wise
- 20 Casey Pallek
- 20 Kyle Pallek
- 20 Elizabeth Pallek
- 26 Bill Robertson
- 27 Caleb Mumme
- 00 Ann Gernenz



## Wedding Anniversaries

- 02 Adam & Genevieve Wuthenow
- 20 Howard & Christine Stocker
- 28 Greg & Christa McClain
- 30 Pastor & Lori Mumme

## Vacation Bible School

Nearly a dozen children joined us for VBS in mid July. They learned three Bible stories, interspersed with singing, crafts, games, and food. Parents and loved ones joined their children the final night for a closing service in which the children recited a Scripture verse and sang a song.

The Board of Christian Education would like to thank **Robin Wise** for heading up VBS, and everyone who volunteered (**Laurrie Bingenheimer, Katie Dobbs, Terri Kreier, Bobbie Light, Karen Moritz, Pastor, Lori, & Zach Mumme, Kevin & Teresa Pape, Barb Potempa, Brian & Cindy Rambeaux, Christine Stocker, Jeff & Charlotte Soukup, Meghan Zeller, and Denise Ziesemer**).

## New Members



On July 14 we received **Scott & Denise Collins**, children **Lauren, Caitlin**, and **Michael**, and grandchildren **Jack** and **Aaron** into membership via transfer from Bethany Lutheran Church in Naperville.



On July 14 we also received **Pat Gray** into membership via transfer from Hope Lutheran Church in Aurora, Colorado.

Welcome to our church family as together we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*“Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God.”*

*Romans 15:7*

## Membership Updates

**Dolores Bauman**

*(new email)*

dmb6029@gmail.com

**Scott & Denise Collins + family**

*(new members)*

13536 Arborview Cir  
Plainfield, IL 60585-2916

**Lauren Collins + family**

*(new members)*

640 E Downer Pl

Aurora, IL 60505-4471

**Pat Gray**

*(new member)*

23747 Springs Ct, Unit # 116

Plainfield, IL 60585-2268

**Bobbie Koritzke**

*(new address)*

Westwood Springs

2434 Forest Dr, Apt # 106

Woodridge IL 60517-3844

**Doug & Shelly Quinn + family**

*(new members)*

1841 71st St

Woodridge, IL 60517-2175

## Bible & Lutheranism Studies

### Sunday Bible Class

Topic: The Great Patriarchs

When: Sunday mornings @ 10:45 a.m.

Where: Luther Hall

## Church Library

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.

## Choir Practice



Choir practice will be **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** starting **July 31**. All are welcome to lend their voices in praise to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

## Church Maintenance

We have a team of volunteers in place who are helping with the maintenance around our Church Building, fondly known as “The BOTS.” Please send or address any building concerns to [bot@ds-lcms.org](mailto:bot@ds-lcms.org). As a team, we will continue to work on projects and serve our fellow members. Thank you.

*Cindy Rambeaux, Board of Trustees*

## Ladies Aid

Have you ever ordered Manna/Scrip cards? If not, have you ever purchased a gift card from those available after each Sunday service? Do you think those 5% and 2% rebates are just small change? Those rebates have helped with many church projects including remodeling the kitchen, giving tree, etc. The next order dates are **August 18 & September 15**.



The ever popular WINE AND CHOCOLATE SOCIAL will be held on **September 21 at 3:00 p.m.** Some wine will be provided, but all are welcome to bring their favorite wine, chocolate and/or appetizers. Come and enjoy games and food with old and new friends. Divine Shepherd assumes no responsibility for the consumption of alcohol.



*Funny Name. Easy Fundraising.*

Shop with Scrip (Manna) cards are available throughout the year for everyday expenses and gifts for any special occasion. Order dates are **August 18** and **September 15**. Pre-purchased cards are available after Sunday services and 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. 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](mailto:dslcmanna@yahoo.com)

*Your Enrollment Code:*

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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 630-636-6359 or [dslcmanna@yahoo.com](mailto:dslcmanna@yahoo.com).

## Benefit Mobile

Sign up via [benefit-mobile.com](http://benefit-mobile.com) and designate Divine Shepherd as your charitable organization. Then download the app (Apple or Android). Benefit Mobile purchases qualify for our 50% cash back rebate. Purchased gift cards are electronic instead of physical cards and can be used immediately. You may also send these as a gift to an email account.

## 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**.



## Sunday Treats

Please consider signing up on any given Sunday(s). *Empty slots means no treats.* The signup sheet is posted on the Luther Hall bulletin board. Consider bringing crackers and cheese and/or fruit for our diabetic members. Monetary donations are accepted to defray the cost of drinks and paper products, which are supplied by Ladies Aid.

## Altar Flowers

The 2019 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.

## 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 August 26)*

## Treasurer's Report

As of 5/31/19	Actual	Budget
Expenses	\$71,677	\$91,173
Income	\$76,984	\$72,421

## Treasurer Needed

Treasurer needed: An individual who has financial knowledge to train and take over the position with council approval. Contact **Denise Ziesemer**.

## Cartridge Recycling

The youth group is discontinuing our cartridge recycling program. All empty toner and ink Cartridges may be taken to Cartridge World for recycling.

## Amazon Smile

Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), select Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bolingbrook as your charitable organization, begin each of your purchases at [smile.amazon.com](https://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!

## A Few Luther Quotes

“I am afraid that the schools will prove the very gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures and engraving them in the heart of the youth.”

“I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.”

“There is no more lovely, friendly, and charming relationship, communion, or company than a good marriage.”

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”

*Martin Luther*



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