



Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

September 2018 Newsletter

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



JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN

When you think "Lutheran," do you think joy? When you tell your neighbors and friends that you are a Lutheran, do they say that Lutherans are joyful people? When you go to worship on Sunday morning, do you go in joy, listen in joy, sing in joy, and leave with joy?

"Rejoice always" (1 Thess 5:16). That is the whole verse — easy to memorize. Rejoice. Always. Because God loves you. Because Jesus died and rose for you. Because the Spirit has called you by the Gospel into this saving faith. Because God is faithful to His promises, and He will surely do it (1 Thess 5:24).

"Joy:fully Lutheran" is the theme for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod through the 2019 Synodical Convention. Joyfully Lutheran, we live in response to God's love for us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. We live joyfully, because God's love is freely given to sinners through faith for Christ's sake. We live joyfully, because we do not work to earn God's love and forgiveness but receive it by faith alone in what Christ has done for us.

Joyfully, we receive God's Word and Sacraments as His means through which He gives to His children His love and mercy in Christ. We live joyfully, because though we cannot believe by our own reason or strength, the Holy Spirit has called us by the Gospel, enlightens us with His gifts, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith in Christ Jesus. We live joyfully, because the Father invites us to pray to Him as children talk to their dear father. We live joyfully, because Jesus has done it all for us.

Our joy is not generic joy. We are not just happy people. We are joyfully Lutheran. We live our lives trusting in the mercy and love of God. Our Savior suffered for us, and we know that our lives also will be filled with trials and suffering, yet we live in joy.

Joy does not mean that we ignore the realities of our lives. Faith in Christ does not remove us from the trials and temptations that befall people in this life. Faith in Christ does not mean that we cannot suffer or sin. Faith in Christ points us to the hope we have in the midst of the difficulties of this life. And Christ is our joy.

The cross is the most prominent symbol of Christianity. We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. With our Lord, we know that suffering and pain is inherent in our lives as we dwell in this sinful world. With our Lord, we do not expect sinners to embrace the Kingdom, but trust that it is through suffering and death that the Kingdom comes among us. With the Lord, we bear our own crosses and rejoice in the will of the loving Father, even when it seems hidden from our view.

The Christ on the cross is the Christ who conquered death and the grave. We rejoice, because our sins have been removed from us. We rejoice that death no longer has the final word over our lives. We rejoice that our Savior is coming again. We rejoice in the promises of life with Him forever. We rejoice that He is with us in His Word, Sacraments and Church.

I, a poor miserable sinner, am Joyfully Lutheran. Because of Jesus. God's love in Christ is the reason for joy. Grace, faith, forgiveness, suffering, learning, repenting, washing, eating, drinking, fellowship, mercy, life together — all joys in Christ.

Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in all circumstances. In Christ Jesus. Amen.

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SEPTEMBER

Calendar

Week of Proper 17 (September 2-8)

Sun, Sep 2, 9:00 am Divine Service
 Sun, Sep 2, 10:30 am Bible Study
 Tue, Sep 4, 7:00 pm Elders Meeting
 Wed, Sep 5, 4:00 pm Youth Catechesis
 Wed, Sep 5, 6:00 pm Adult Catechesis
 Sat, Sep 8, 9:00 am LAGF Fall Conference

Week of Proper 18 (September 9-15)

Sun, Sep 9, 9:00 am Divine Service
 Sun, Sep 9, 10:05 am Thrivent Meeting
 Sun, Sep 9, 10:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School
 Sun, Sep 9, 2:00 pm Bolingbrook Parade
 Sun, Sep 9, 3:30 pm Ice Cream Social
 Tue, Sep 11, 1:00 pm Women's Bible Study
 Wed, Sep 12, 4:00 pm Youth Catechesis
 Wed, Sep 12, 6:00 pm Adult Catechesis
 Wed, Sep 12, 7:00 pm Choir Practice
 Thu, Sep 13, 7:00 pm Council Meeting
 Sat, Sep 15, 8:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast
 Sat, Sep 15, 3:00 pm Wine & Chocolate Party

Week of Proper 19 (September 16-22)

Sun, Sep 16, 9:00 am Divine Service
 Sun, Sep 16, 10:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School
 Sun, Sep 16, 2:00 pm Circuit Forum
 Sun, Sep 16, 2:00 pm Romeoville Parade
 Tue, Sep 18, 9:00 am Pastor @ Circuit Meeting
 Tue, Sep 18, 7:00 pm Book of Concord Study
 Wed, Sep 19, 11:00 am Pastor @ NICL Study
 Wed, Sep 19, 4:00 pm Youth Catechesis
 Wed, Sep 19, 6:00 pm Adult Catechesis
 Wed, Sep 19, 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Week of Proper 20 (September 23-29)

Sun, Sep 23, 9:00 am Divine Service
 Sun, Sep 23, 10:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School
 Mon, Sep 24 SRP Conference
 Tue, Sep 25 SRP Conference
 Wed, Sep 26 SRP Conference
 Wed, Sep 26, 4:00 pm Youth Catechesis
 Wed, Sep 26, 6:00 pm Adult Catechesis
 Wed, Sep 26, 7:00 pm Choir Practice
 Sat, Sep 29, 7:00 pm Village Fireworks

Week of Proper 21 (September 30)

Sun, Sep 30, 9:00 am Divine Service
 Sun, Sep 30, 10:30am Bible Class & Sunday School

September Birthdays

06 Amy Edgar
 06 Kevin Pape
 09 Eric Page
 11 Ginny Page
 11 Bryan Schilling
 13 Daniel Data
 16 David Dobbs
 18 Elizabeth Parmenter
 19 Spenser Fox
 20 Linda Shurhay
 21 Stephen Dobbs
 22 James Cruz
 22 Cindy Simonetti
 23 Judy Yuenger
 24 Levi Fox
 25 Cindy Rambeaux
 27 Dale Thornton
 30 William Peters



Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Aubrey Learnahan
 01 Bill Tilker
 05 Alicia Kreier
 06 Miles Mueller
 11 Matthew Wise
 13 Charlotte Soukup
 16 Terri Kreier
 17 Kevin Olifirowicz
 25 Mary Braasch
 26 Kevin Pape
 27 David Dobbs



Wedding Anniversaries

04 Dan & Linda Data
 11 Bill & Meredith Robertson
 21 Tim & Nadine Parmenter
 28 Jeff & Charlotte Soukup



Membership Updates

Tim & Nadine Parmenter
(new address)
 3118 Leon Prall Rd
 Otisco, IN 47163-9500

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, September 11 @ 1:00 p.m.
Where: Luther Hall

Men's Bible Breakfast

Topic: Man Up! The Quest for Masculinity
When: Saturday, September 15 @ 8:30 a.m.
Where: Chick-fil-A (Weber Road)

Book of Concord Study

Topic: The Augsburg Confession
When: Tuesday, September 18 @ 7:00 p.m.
Where: Luther Hall

Every One His Witness

This month we are beginning a 12-week journey in our Sunday morning Bible Class called *Every One His Witness*, a Scriptural and confessional evangelism program that centers in listening, asking, seeking, sharing, inviting, and encouraging.

Rooted in the joy of what Jesus has done for you, Saint Peter encourages us to be “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15). What does this mean? How does one do this in a world filled with various confessions, various faiths, even no faith? Come and learn how to share the good news of Jesus through natural, relational, and contextual conversations.

Workbooks (one per individual or household; your choice) for those participating have been ordered for those who signed up. If you want to participate but haven't yet signed up, Pastor Mumme can show you how you can order your own workbook directly. Classes begin on **Sunday, September 9.**



Another Year at Little Lambs



We are beginning another year on September 4th and are very excited to get to know our new students and see our returning students. As a reminder, school will be in session from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Monday thru Friday, except for school holidays. If you have business at the church, we do ask that you please be aware that children are present in the building.

For anyone still considering enrolling, we still have space available. Contact **Terri Kreier** for information on enrolling your child into our wonderful preschool.

Choir Practice

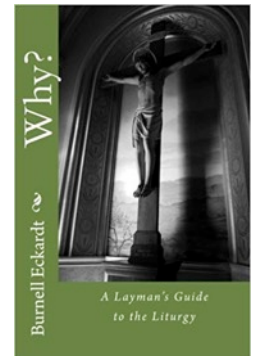
Choir practice will resume on **Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.** All are welcome to lend their voices in praise to our Savior, Jesus Christ.



Church Library

Our “book of the month” for September is *Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy* by Burnell Eckardt.

“Why do you Lutherans do that?” Every Lutheran pastor has heard that question (and some of them have asked it themselves). Most Lutherans don't know as much about the liturgy as they would like to know—this book is a solution to this dilemma! Dr. Eckardt's insightful “Why?” column ran for years in the pages of *Gottesdienst*. Now, Repristination Press has published a collection of these essays, together with several new “Whys?,” providing answers to 65 of those questions which begin, “Why...?”



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.

Ladies Aid

The kitchen is just about finished. The countertops were installed in late August and look beautiful. Soon the sink and faucet will be installed and the dishwasher hooked up. We owe a big debt of gratitude to **Ron Ruisz, Ed Cruz, Terry Donaldson, Pastor & Lori Mumme, Kevin & Teresa Pape, Kelly Stewart, Lou Pallek**, and all the others who gave their time, expertise, and monetary donations to get this accomplished. Thank you, thank you, and thank you everyone.

WINE AND CHOCOLATE SOCIAL

is coming back on **Saturday, September 15 at 3:00 p.m.** Join us for a good time socializing and getting to know some members you are not acquainted with. Some wine will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your favorite. Your favorite finger-food and chocolate will round out snacks for the afternoon. A signup sheet is posted in Luther Hall. The larger the group, the more fun it will be, so come on out and take a break from all your responsibilities.



Wine and chocolate will take the place of our regular meeting, so since that will be so much fun, join us for the October meeting on **Saturday, October 20** and help plan some more great activities.

Pathways Parade & Ice Cream Social Event

We will be participating in Bolingbrook's annual Pathways Parade on **Sunday, September 9**. Though we are not putting together a float this year, we invite both adults and children to walk with us, help carry our banners and signs, throw out candy, and wave to those along the parade route. We will also have matching Thrivent shirts for the participants as well.

This year we are again doing an outreach event in conjunction with the parade. We will be inviting our community to join us here at church immediately after the parade for an ice cream social. Weather permitting, this will take place outside. We will also have the inside open. As the parade begins at 2:00 p.m., we are planning to serve ice cream from shortly after 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. We have received an Action Team grant from Thrivent to cover the costs of advertising and everything needed for the ice cream social. We want you to be a part of this. Come and make some new friends as we welcome our neighbors.



Bolingbrook's Fall Fest & Fireworks

Bolingbrook is holding its annual "Fall Fest" at the Bolingbrook Recreation and Aquatic Center (Lindsey Lane) on **Saturday, September 29**. As this event ends with fireworks, we invite you, your neighbors, and your friends to join us in our church parking lot that evening at dusk to watch the fireworks. We have the best seat in town. Watch for more information in the bulletin announcements.

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 **September 16**. The forms are on the cabinet by the Luther Hall outside door. 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. Manna 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:

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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 e-cards, the more you will earn. Any questions, please contact **Lisa Cruz** at **630-636-6390** or dslcmanna@yahoo.com.

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.



Thrivent

The Thrivent Group meets on the second Sunday each month after the Divine Service. Grab your coffee and join us on **Sunday, September 9 at 10:05 a.m.**



Thrivent is sponsoring the annual Oktoberfest on **Sunday, October 28 at 11:45 a.m.** in Luther Hall. This is a great opportunity to ask your friends, family, and the community to join you for a delicious meal. Signup sheets will be posted in early October. Brats, hotdogs, and 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.* We hope this will not deter anyone from attending the luncheon. There will be a free-will offering to help the youth attend Higher Things Youth Conference next summer.

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 September–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. 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. 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.

Luther Rose Wood Carving



The new Luther Rose wood carving on the wall behind the pulpit is a beautiful reminder of the *solas* of the Reformation. *Sola* is the Latin word for *alone*.

Grace Alone (Sola Gratia) – Grace is God’s undeserved love for us sinners. Stated another way, it is God’s riches at Christ’s expense. Saint Paul writes, “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus” (Rom 3:23-24). Again, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Eph 2:8-9).

Faith Alone (Sola Fide) – Faith is the gift of God that trusts in Jesus as Savior. It believes what God says; namely, that He has justified us (declared us righteous) in Christ. Saint Paul writes, “We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified” (Gal 2:16).

Word Alone (Sola Scriptura) – God’s Word is truth and reveals the salvation that is ours by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. God’s Word is the sole source of saving faith. Saint Peter writes, “No prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit” (2 Pet 1:21). Saint Paul writes, “Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ” (Rom 10:17).

This Luther Rose wood carving was given by the Greg & Christa McClain family in loving memory of Greg’s mother, Marge. “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord” (Rev 14:13).

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 September 24)

Treasurer's Report

<u>As of July 31</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Expenses	\$110,594	\$116,922
Income	\$109,036	\$100,300

Toner Cartridges

The youth group continues to accept used *toner* cartridges as a fundraiser (the company we work with is currently only accepting original Brother, Canon, and HP *toner* cartridges). Please drop them off in the container in the shelves near the entrance/exit in Luther Hall. We are no longer able to accept *ink* cartridges. Toner cartridges not listed above, as well as ink cartridges, may be recycled at Cartridge World. Thanks!

Issues, Etc.



You are invited to listen to Issues, Etc. — the radio voice of the Lutheran faith for the 21st century. Issues, Etc. is Lutheran talk radio hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Listen live (3:00-5:00pm CST) or at your leisure via the following options (go to issuesetc.org and click on the 'listen' tab for specific options):

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- Sirius XM
- Amazon app
- Android via Google Play
- Apple via iTunes
- Windows Phone
- tunein
- stitcher

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Labor Day Prayer

Encourage us, heavenly Father, to be honest, diligent, and faithful in all our labors. Give us the help, health, and ability to accomplish them successfully. Bless our labors each day, so that they may be a blessing to You and to those for whom we labor. Be with all who are seeking employment. May all our labor be done to the glory of God and the welfare of others. We ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.



Portals of Prayer

Saint Michael & All Angels

Join us on **Sunday, September 30** as we remember and celebrate Saint Michael and All Angels during the Divine Service. Thanks be to God that He sends His holy angels to serve us, attend us, and protect us.

Jesus, Brightness of the Father,
Life and Strength of all who live,
For creating guardian angels
Glory to Thy name we give
And Thy wondrous praise rehearse,
Singing in harmonious verse.

TLH 257, stanza 1

Life is a highway
On which the years go by.
Sometimes the road is level,
Sometimes the hills are high.
But as we travel onward,
To a future that is unknown,
We can make each mile we travel
A heavenly stepping-stone!

Helen Steiner Rice