ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Kathy Wilson with love and God's eternal blessings of our loved ones either still with us or as memories in our hearts.

THANK YOU: A special thank you to Hailey Quinn for this morning's prelude on the piano.

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 sign-up sheet in Luther Hall (or by contacting Barb Potempa). Feel free to bring an item on the list or one of your own pot luck 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 RSVP by August by contacting Katie Dobbs (on the signup sheet or by text at 773-350-5960) so that we can get an idea of headcount.

NEWSLETER: Check your e-mail and/or mailslot for the August newsletter.

TREASURER NEEDED: Our congregation needs an individual who has financial knowledge to be trained and take over the position of church treasurer. Contact Denise Ziesemer.

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

SHOP WITH SCRIP & BENEFIT MOBILE: The next Shop with Scrip turn-in dates are August 18 and September15. These make great gifts and are also good for students returning to school. See Judy Yuenger after service in Luther Hall to buy pre-purchased cards. You can also download the Benefit mobile app to purchase and use e-gift cards instantaneously.

USHERS NEEDED: From time to time we recruit new ushers to fill in available spots. Ushers typically serve once a month (i.e. first Sunday each month, or second, or third, etc.) and assist with greeting attendees, holding the doors, handing our bulletins, and helping with offering and distribution. Interested in joining our team of ushers? See Andy Fox or any elder.

ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND: Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio. This week's topics include: Lessons to Learn from Western Europe's Decline, Christ's Second Coming & Judgment, Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter, God the Father, and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at <u>www.issuesetc.org</u> and on the LPR mobile app.

EVANGELISM QUOTE: "Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples." [Psalm 96:3].

STEWARDSHIP QUOTE: "Let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." [2 Corinthians 9:7]