



# Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



## June 2022 Newsletter

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

Dear Flock of the Divine Shepherd:

So how do you feel emotionally, physically, mentally, and spiritually? I am guessing that even though some of you may feel pretty good in at least one of these categories, most of you struggle with the hardships that come with living in this veil of tears. Regardless of how you feel, we all have one underlying disease that infects us. If you want to point out a true pandemic, then look no further. The virus that is killing us is sin. It not only leads to all the other problems that we suffer, but it also eventually leads to our last enemy, death. Sin permeates our whole body and there is nothing earthly or medically that can cure it.

**Jesus is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.  
(1 John 2:2)**

The Scriptures clearly tell us the truth that we confess each week: 1 John 1:8 - *"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us"*, and Ezekiel 18:20 - *"The soul who sins shall die."*

What is there to be done about this sickness that leads to death? There are no vaccines or booster shots, we can't wish it away, and we certainly can't ignore it. Once we realize that there is nothing to be done; that we are unable to cure ourselves, we can then fall to our knees and truly realize how badly we need a Savior. Without the merciful help that comes from above, we are dead, eternally dead.

Consider being stricken with a heart attack or being diagnosed with cancer? There is nothing that you can do for yourself to make it go away. None of you are heart surgeons or oncologists. Instead, and immediately, you must go to the doctor or hospital so that you can be healed...at least temporarily.

The same is true for sin. There is none but the great physician, Jesus Christ who can completely heal you and heal you for eternity. Jesus Christ took all of your sins upon His bloodied back at the cross, and by his horrible and painful death he has forgiven you all of your sins. Through the cleansing waters of Holy Baptism, He has given you faith and eternal life. John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."*

But His awesome death took place so long ago, how does that benefit you now? On the Day of Pentecost, God continued to show His great love for by unleashing the Holy Spirit upon the world and creating His holy Church. The Holy Spirit now delivers to you the great medicine in the Divine Service where you have the antidote of all time. The body that was nailed to the tree and the blood and water that poured from the side of your Savior two thousand years ago is now given to you in God's Holy Word, Baptism, the Eucharist, Confession and Absolution.

It is by gracious and merciful acts that He performs on you each and every Sunday that give and strengthen your faith so that sin, death, and the power of the devil is forever defeated.

If you have cancer, most likely you would never skip a chemotherapy appointment. If you had a heart attack you would not put off going to the hospital.

Therefore, if you have sin, you can never put off going to church as often as you can. In God's holy Church you will find the antidote to sin and death. By what God gives you in His Church you shall never die but have eternal life.

Remember this truth and deliver it to those who have gone astray and are absent from the Church so, that they too may receive the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

LTJ,  
Pastor Zimmer

## The 2nd Commandment & Christian Stewardship

A steward is one who is entrusted with the management of something that belongs to another. As Christian stewards, we recognize that all we are and all we have come from God. Stewardship is not just about money or finances; it is about everything God entrusts to our care. We are to manage everything for His purposes. In the Second Commandment we are reminded that we have the privilege and responsibility of managing God's name.

### *The Second Commandment*

*You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.*

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.*



Charles Arand writes in *Rooted in the Faith*, "The other commandments are closely connected to the First. In fact, they are so closely connected that it would be proper to think of them as nine commentaries on the First Commandment. Or we could say that the First Commandment is lived out in nine different ways. Trust in God is the foundation for keeping the rest of the commandments". One of the ways the First Commandment is lived out is by using God's name in the way He intended.

We are stewards of our tongue and our lips. What we say is important, especially what we say about our Heavenly Father and the Savior who gave His life for us. Raymond Olson writes in *Stewards Appointed*, "The man who is called to be a Christian steward is entrusted with the name of God. Great issues are involved in keeping this name an honored and respected one in the earth. This is no trivial trust, but one to which a man may well devote his fullest and finest capacities...It is important, for the sake of the steward himself, that the name of God is not taken in vain. It is important in his whole relationship to God that every part of God's revelation concerning Himself shall be continually remembered and reverently considered. If he uses God's name without respect, it is a proof that something serious has happened in his own attitude toward the One whose steward he is...On the other hand, to give honor and strength and glory to God's name, is to give Him the proper place of attention and reverence".

Another aspect of the Second Commandment is that since we, as Christian stewards, are entrusted with God's name we must be dedicated to the truth about God. We learn the truth about God by hearing and studying His Word. In *Heart, Soul, and Money*, Craig Blomberg says, "I have discovered that many Christians today are not willfully choosing to be disobedient to the Scriptures in the area of financial stewardship. They merely are unaware of the Bible's teaching on the topic". The same could be said about every other area of Christian discipleship. David Pratt, in *Radical*, puts it in stronger terms, "I am convinced that we as Christ followers in American churches have embraced values and ideas that are not only unbiblical but that actually contradict the gospel we claim to believe". Our responsibility as faithful stewards is to know what God says and to know what the world says and then to discern the difference and obey God rather than men.

Martin Marty concludes his discussion of the Second Commandment in *The Hidden Discipline* with these words, "Watch God's language, because it is the language of love designed to help man. 'Call upon Me in the day of trouble,' invites God. 'At the name of Jesus every knee should bow,' said an ancient Christian hymn. Jesus kept His Father's name intact, unimpaired, treasured; it signified the divine presence. He spoke a new language of love. At a place called the Place of a Skull He died to keep the name's holiness inviolate, its love spreading. The community of those who witnessed His resurrection called themselves

the adopted. They belonged; they, too, were sons. It has always seemed good for some to watch over the use of the family name". We are Christians. We are stewards of the family name. We take every opportunity to praise God's name and use it as He desires.

### Suggested Reading for Stewardship Champions

The Calling: Live a Life of Significance by Kurt Senske. Dr. Senske provides a helpful tool for the Christian steward. Dr. Senske writes, "To live a life of significance is, above all, a spiritual undertaking. In this undertaking, we can employ certain strategies of our twenty-first-century world, integrating biblical wisdom with secular research to optimize our unique gifts from God. In the process, our days are transformed from the drudgery of repetition, frustration, and heartbreak, to lives marked by integrity and intention. Our lives, if they are to be truly significant, must flow from our Christian faith" (page 7). The Calling is published by Concordia Publishing House.

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#### Week of June 5-11

Sun, Jun 5, 9:00 am Divine Service  
 Sun, Jun 5, 10:15 am Fellowship  
 Sun, Jun 5, 10:30 am Bible Study  
 Sun, Jun 5, Noon-3 pm Drop Off  
 Mon, Jun 6, 4-7:00 pm Drop Off  
 Tue, Jun 7, 4-7:00 pm Drop Off  
 Wed, Jun 8, 4-7:00 pm Drop off  
 Thu, Jun 9, 3-7:00 pm Rummage Sale  
 Fri, Jun 10, 9am-2pm Rummage Sale  
 Sat, Jun 11, 9am-1pm Rummage Sale  
 Sat, Jun 11, 1pm - ?? Pack up

#### Week of June 12-18

Sun, Jun 12, 9:00 am Divine Service  
 Sun, Jun 12, 10:15 am Fellowship  
 Sun, Jun 12, 10:30 am Bible Study  
 Mon, Jun 12, 7:00 pm Elders Meeting

#### Week of Jun 19-25

Sun, Jun 19, 9:00 am Preaching & Prayers  
 Sun, Jun 19, 10:00 am Fellowship  
 Mon, Jun 20, 7:00 pm Council Meeting

#### Week of Jun 26-30

Sun, Jun 26, 9:00 am Divine Service  
 Sun, Jun 26, 10:15 am Fellowship  
 Sun, Jun 26, 10:30 am Bible Study

### June Birthdays

- 05 Jim Bingenheimer
- 06 Colleen Donaldson
- 13 Emily Pruett
- 16 Bradley Learnahan
- 19 Aubrey Learnahan
- 23 Scott Collins



### June Baptismal Anniversaries

- 03 Ron Ruisz
- 16 Jesse Pape



### June Wedding Anniversary

- 22 Ted & Ruth Ogden

### Altar Flowers



The 2022 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. Traditionally red flowers are used for Pentecost, 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. Ruth Ogden will do two altar bouquets for **\$30**. **Karen** will contact you to get your flower request, and a brief note to place in the worship bulletin. When the worship service is over, you are welcome to take your bouquets home.

## Ladies Aid

Rummage sale items may be dropped off:

- June 5, Noon – 3:00 pm
- June 6, 7, 8 – 4:00 – 7:00 pm



**Please do not drop off large items in Luther Hall until the week of the sale.** We appreciate receiving all the items by Wednesday. It is very

difficult to sort any items after the sale begins.

Sale dates are:

- Thursday June 9, 3:00 am - 7:00 pm
- Friday, June 10, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Saturday June 11, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Helpers are needed on "drop-off" days, sale days, and on Saturday after 1:00 pm to help pack up the things that do not sell. The un-sold items will be taken to Am Vets.

Large items, coats and certain clothing will be priced individually. Smaller items that can fit into a grocery bag will be \$5.00 per bag or priced individually if you only want a couple of small items

Being a volunteer is a great way to get to know other members of the congregation. Join us, members or not, for some great fun and a way to help the congregation and various church projects.

Wine/Chocolate social will be returning in September, look for more information in upcoming newsletters/ bulletins.

## Prayer Chain



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

## Important Phone Numbers

**Church office: 630-759-5300**  
**Pastor Zimmer: 630-759-5300**  
**Prayer Chain: 630-251-7860 (Bobbie Light)**  
**Newsletter info: 630-759-3188 (Karen Moritz)**  
(due June 27)



Shop with Scrip cards are available throughout the year for everyday expenses and gifts for any special occasion. Next order date is **June 19**. Pre-purchased cards are available after Sunday services and forms are on the bookcase 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 is more, many of these cards can be reloaded so you do not have to continually buy new cards.

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*Your Coordinator: Lisa Cruz*

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Twitter: @dslc60440



Directing Choice Dollars is a great way for eligible Thrivent members to show support for what matters most to them. Thank you to everyone who donated their choice dollars – Divine Shepherd received over \$1,300 since the first of the year.

## 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 mean 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.

## A Prayer for Pentecost (June 5)

Spirit of Truth, what comfort it is to know that You dwell in our hearts. Thank You for the saving faith You created in us. Keep us steadfast in Your Word so that we cling to You always and look to You for guidance in our daily living. Embolden us, as you did the first disciples, to declare God’s saving grace to all who we encounter. In Jesus, name, Amen.

## A Prayer for the Holy Trinity (June-12)

Holy Trinity, though You are unfathomable, You have given us hearts of faith. We praise You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for Your great works in the world and in us. We marvel at the beauty of Your creation. The redeeming work of Your Son brings us hearts of gratitude. The Spirit’s gift of faith is our guarantee of life forever with You. We praise and magnify Your holy name. Amen

## Father’s Day Prayer



Heavenly Father, we give thanks for your provision and care. We pray for our earthly Fathers: in thanks for loving fathers who support and care for their children. For single fathers, that they may find encouragement, community, and stable work. For forgiveness and healing for those whose relationship with their father is difficult or broken. For those who mourn their fathers’ death that they may be comforted. Guide us to regard your sacred earth and all creation as a Loving father cares for his own. And bless all fathers everywhere, that they may be strengthened in love for their children, just as you have first loved us through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The best fathers not only give us life  
– they teach us how to live it.

## Flag Day



Lord God, You display Your love for us so freely and openly that we cannot help but praise You. We are blessed that You have given us such a beautiful nation. You provide sun and rain for our crops and food for our bodies. You have given us a country in which we are free to worship You. Through our nation, You give us rights and opportunities that people in many places have never dreamed of. Thank You for the freedom You give us in this land and for the many blessings You have shown us here. Cause us to honor our nation and our nation’s flag in thanksgiving for the blessing this land has been to us. As we honor her, let us always rely on You. In Jesus’ name. Amen

*God Bless America*