



Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

August 2020 Newsletter

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



Why make the Sign of the Cross?



Why make the sign of the cross, isn't that Roman Catholic?" A very common statement indeed! Actually, making the sign of the cross is one of the oldest traditions in Christianity. We know that it was already a common ceremony used daily in A.D. 200, for Tertullian writes: "In all undertakings — when we enter a place or leave it; before we dress; before we bathe; when we take our meals; when we light the lamps in the evening; before we retire at night; when we sit down to read; before each task — we trace the sign of the cross on our foreheads." St. Augustine (A.D. 431) speaks of this custom many times in his sermons and letters.

It is one of the traditional ceremonies that was most definitely retained by Luther and the Lutheran Church in the 16th century Reformation. Luther prescribed it in his Small Catechism under the heading: "How the Head of the Family Should Teach His Household to Bless Themselves in the Morning and in the Evening." He says, "In the morning when you rise (In the evening when you go to bed) you shall bless yourself with the sign of the holy cross and say: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." Again, in his Large Catechism he recommends that parents should instruct their children to cross themselves for the purpose of recalling their divine Protector in moments of danger, terror, and temptation.

The basic meaning of the sign of the cross is derived from Holy Baptism (hence Luther's connection with the Triune invocation of God's name). In the Baptism Liturgy the pastor makes the sign of the cross "both upon the forehead and upon the heart" to mark the candidate for Baptism as "one redeemed by Christ the crucified." Hence the sign of the cross is a way of remembering one's Baptism into Christ the crucified and the blessings that come through Him (Romans 6). That is its most basic meaning and that is how Lutherans interpret it in an evangelical (Gospel) way. Since it is neither commanded nor forbidden, Christians may or may not use it in freedom. However, it is not something to be condemned. The sign of the cross is a way of declaring your salvation. Jesus has made his cross to be yours, so that you do not have to suffer for your sin. It is right that we should make the sign of the cross frequently and to glory in it, saying with St. Paul, 'God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ' (Gal. 6:14)."

The Sign of the Cross is the center of our confession and marking us as one redeemed by Christ. It is at the cross where God revealed Himself to us through His Son, so we make the sign of the cross while naming God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Secondly, we make the sign of the cross on our body. Christianity is a flesh and blood "religion", not merely a spiritual one but a very physical one. The main job of the Holy Spirit is to bring Christ to us in His flesh and blood through His Word and Sacrament. The sign of the cross is made upon our body knowing and confessing that God has redeemed not only our soul but also our flesh, that is, our bodies as we confess, "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead (body) and the life of the world to come." What was once Christ's now has become our own in Baptism. So we sign ourselves as one marked as redeemed in death but in death we see life.

In conclusion, being a Christian does not mean that you have to make the sign of the cross, on the other hand, we should not treat such practices as if it was merely an old Roman Catholic tradition or something of no real importance. It is a very central confession and substance of our faith in the true God who has come to us through His Son for our life and salvation.

LTJ,

Pastor Zimmer



Week of September 6-12

Sun, Sep 6, 9:00 am Divine Service
Mon, Sep 7, Labor Day

Week of September 13-19

Sun, Sep 13, 9:00 am Divine Service
Sun, Sep 13, 10:05 am Thrivent Meeting
Mon, Sep 14, 7:00 pm Elders Meeting
Tue, Sep 15, 12:10 pm Altar Guild Meeting
Tue, Sep 15, 1:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Week of September 20-26

Sun, Sep 20, 9:00 am Divine Service
Sun, Sep 20, 10:15 am Bible Study
Mon, Sep 21, 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Week of September 27-30

Sun, Sep 27, 9:00 am Divine Service
Sun, Sep 27, 10:15 am Bible Study

Pew Dismissal

Divine Shepherd members, after some discussion with the Elders and Ushers, a decision was made to change the order of pew dismissal after the Divine Service. Congregants will be dismissed from the rear of the church first. This is to enhance the safety of those persons who are seated in the pews by not having fellow members passing those who are seated towards the middle and rear of the sanctuary. Given the current pandemic situation, we ask that you follow the usher's direction and remain seated until directed to leave the sanctuary. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will resume on **Tuesday, September 15 at 1:00 pm** in Luther Hall. The topic is "Waiting", a bible study on Patience, Hope, & Trust. Please let Karen know if you would like to pre-purchase a book for \$1500.

Sunday Bible Study will resume on September 20 at 10:15 am

September Birthdays

06 Amy Edgar
06 Kevin Pape
16 David Dobbs
19 Spenser Fox
20 Linda Shurhay
21 Stephen Dobbs
22 James Cruz
23 Judy Yuenger
24 Levi Fox
25 Cindy Rambeaux



September Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Aubrey Learnahan
11 Matthew Wise
13 Charlotte Soukup
16 Terri Kreier
25 Mary Braasch
26 Kevin Pape
27 David Dobbs
00 Scott Collins



September Wedding Anniversaries

09 Doug & Kay Kiefer
11 Bill & Meredith Robertson
28 Jeff & Charlotte Soukup



Prayer Contact

If you have an emergency, please contact Pastor Zimmer at 583-880-9532. Otherwise contact Bobbie Light for all other prayer requests at 630-251-7860.

Pastoral Care

If you are unable to attend church services, Pastor Zimmer is available to give you communion and other spiritual care that you desire. Please call or email him.

Chairman's Corner

Ed Cruz, Council Chairman, will be sending out emails with current information and updates.

Ladies Aid

Soon we will have to begin the semiannual change of wardrobe for the fall season. This is the perfect time to sort out those clothes that are worn, no longer fit (hopefully it is now too big), or just is not wanted anymore.

Ladies Aid is sponsoring a clothing fundraiser drive to replace the income lost from the cancellation of the rummage sale. We will receive (20 cents per pound). As you know clothing is heavy, so we are looking forward to receiving a good amount to use for our church projects. In addition, you can also include gently used/clean material items such as table linens, bedding, pillows, curtains, throw rugs, towels, shoes, purses, belts, and jewelry (place jewelry in a small separate bag).

Just gather your items and bring them to church anytime. Leave them in Luther Hall. Dates for drop off are any Sunday in September/October before/after services, **Tuesdays 9-11:30 am, Tuesday, September 22, 9am-4pm or Saturday September 26, 10am-2pm.** If you need other accommodations for drop off, please contact Karen at office@ds-lcms.org

When all has been gathered there will be a convoy to carry the collection to Super Saver where we will be paid based on the number of pounds we collected. We are hoping to collect 2000 pounds. Remember, clothes are heavy, so the more we have the more money will be available for church projects this year.

It was also decided to publish our own directory (sans pictures). It will be a booklet like our Sunday bulletin. Included will be your family names, birthdays (month/date, not year), wedding and Baptismal anniversaries, home address, phone numbers (both home and cell) and email addresses. If you have changed any of your information, or you do not want certain information listed, please email the church office at office@ds-lcms.org with the changes. In a few weeks, a hard copy will be available for you to make any other changes before we publish the directory.

Ladies Aid meeting is held the third Saturday of each month at 10:00. You are automatically a member, so please join us in September.

Asleep in Christ

William Tilker, our beloved brother in Christ and a longtime member here at Divine Shepherd, fell asleep in Christ. He received a Christian funeral. Bill was blessed with a loving family and involved in many church groups.

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."
[Revelation 14:13]*

Thank You

A sincere, heartfelt thank you to everyone who came to my birthday party, for the flowers and many cards received with your good wishes. You are all incredibly special. Thank You.

Ruth Wroblewski

Special Thanks



Ongoing thanks to our cleaning crew — **Anne Drevlow, Jerry Koempel, Kevin & Teresa Pape, Barb Potempa, Dan & Nicole Richerson, and Judy Yuenger** for all the time and effort, they put into cleaning on their assigned weekends each month. If you can ever give an hour, it is always appreciated.

Many thanks also to everyone for maintaining the church grounds. The flowers/shrubs are a beautiful addition to the landscape.



**THRIVENT
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The Thrivent Group meets on the second Sunday each month after divine services. Come join us. The next meeting is September 13 at 10:05 am.

Please let the office know if you have a policy or account with Thrivent Financial. Thrivent offers action team grants for various projects and events and we would love to utilize every opportunity we can (only Thrivent members can apply for these wonderful

Thrivent members are encouraged to donate their Choice Dollars to Divine Shepherd each quarter. These dollars are used to support various church/member's needs. Thanks.

Important Phone Numbers

Church office: 630-759-5300

Pastor Zimmer: 563-880-9532

Prayer Chain: 630-251-7860 (Bobbie Light)

Newsletter info: 630-759-3188 (Karen Moritz)

(items are due September 28)



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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- Windows Phone
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- You can still use MyScripWallet.com and will receive updates when you can no longer use it.



Shop with Scrip (Manna) cards are available throughout the year for everyday expenses and gifts for any special occasion. You can order using the current paper form found on the cabinet by Luther hall's outside door and given to Lisa . Future order dates are **September 20, and October 18.**

Pre-purchased cards are available after Sunday services 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. They pay 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.

Your Organization:

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church – Manna

Your Coordinator:

Lisa Cruz

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shopwithscrip.com

Your Enrollment Code:

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Benefit Mobile

Sign up via 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 and can be used immediately. You may also send these as a gift to an email account.

Manna/Script Rebates

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 email at dslcmanna@yahoo.com.

Amazon Smile

Go to smile.amazon.com, select Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bolingbrook as your charitable organization, begin each of your purchases at 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!

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** or **Pastor Zimmer**



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. Here is where you'll find us:

Facebook: fb.me/DSLCholingbrook

Twitter: @dslc60440

Altar Flowers

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 flowers of your choice for \$25 (please give her a 2-3 weeks heads up) or the florist for \$40, \$45, or \$50 for two bouquets, (subject to change). If you sign up, **Karen** will contact you to get your price range, 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 or you may leave them at church for the following Sunday or for pastor to take to homebound or hospitalized members.



Church Library

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

Words to Live By

When your head hits the pillow at night, remind yourself that you are alright, you are doing a great job. Be patient with yourself and remember that big things are achieved not all at once, but over a period of time.

Anonymous

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)

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)

