



# Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

## September 2021 Newsletter

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



### Dear Sheep of the Divine Shepherd:

Is anyone among you sick? Did you know that you have the gift and promise from God to be anointed with oil by the Pastor when you are sick? This is not something that the church invented or is somehow associated with just the Roman Catholic Church. It is given from the Word of God itself as a comfort and consoling practice.

In the book of James, we read: James 5:14-16 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders (pastors) of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power.

When the Pastor is visiting the sick or distressed, he will not only give words of comfort but will also give you the opportunity to confess your sins. If you then desire to be anointed with oil according to the Word of the Lord, then the following words will be spoken: (Name), You have confessed your sins and received Holy

Absolution. In remembrance of the grace of God given by the Holy Spirit in the waters of Holy Baptism, I will anoint you with oil. Confident in our Lord and in love for you, we also pray for you that you will not lose faith. Know that in godly patience the Church endures with you and supports you during this affliction. We firmly believe that this illness is for the glory of God and that the Lord will both hear our prayer and work according to His good and gracious will.

The Pastor anoints the sick person on the forehead while saying: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life  everlasting. Amen

The pastor then concludes with prayers and if applicable, the Sacrament of the Altar. If you desire to have this rite applied to you when you are ill, or in the event that you become ill, please let the Pastor know and he will be honored to perform this for you.

Also, if you have any additional questions regarding this practice, please speak with me.

**LTJ,**  
**Pastor Zimmer**



## September Birthdays

- 06 Amy Edgar
- 06 Kevin Pape
- 09 Nicholas Stewart
- 16 David Dobbs
- 18 Elizabeth Parmenter
- 19 Spenser Fox
- 20 Linda Shurhay
- 21 Stephen Dobbs
- 23 Judy Yuenger
- 29 Mary Polerecky



### Week of September 5-11

- Sun, Sep 5, 9:00 am Divine Service
- Sun, Sep 5, 10:15 am Fellowship
- Mon, Sep 6 Memorial Day

### Week of September 12-18

- Sun, Sep 12, 9:00 am Divine Service
- Sun, Sep 12, 10:15 am Fellowship
- Sun, Sep 12, 10:30 am Bible Study
- Mon, Sep 13, 7:00 pm Elder's Meeting
- Tue, Sep 14, 12:00 pm Altar Guild Meeting
- Tue, Sep 14, 1:00 pm Krause Internment
- Tue, Sep 14, 1:15 pm Women's Bible Study
- Sat, Sep 18, 10:00 am Ladies Aid Meeting

### Week of September 19-25

- Sun, Sep 19, 9:00 am Divine Service
- Sun, Sep 19, 10:15 am Fellowship
- Sun, Sep 19, 10:30 am Bible Study
- Mon, Sep 20, 7:00 pm Council Meeting
- Wed, Sep 22, 7:00 pm Choir Practice

### Week of September 26-30

- Sun, Sep 26, 9:00 am Divine Service
- Sun, Sep 26, 10:15 am Fellowship
- Sun, Sep 26, 10:30 am Bible Study
- Wed, Sep 29, 7:00 pm Choir Practice

## Bible & Lutheranism Studies

### Sunday Bible Class

Topic: Second Peter  
 When: Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.  
 Where: Luther Hall

### Women's Bible Study

Topic: First Peter  
 When: Tuesday, September 14, @ 1:00 pm  
 Where: Luther Hall

## September Baptismal Anniversaries

- 01 Aubrey Learnahan
- 01 Barb Potempa
- 07 Linda Asche
- 07 Emily Zimmer
- 11 Jessica Gay
- 11 Matthew Wise



## Asleep In Christ

**Levi Fox**, our beloved brother in Christ and a longtime member at Divine Shepherd, fell asleep in Christ on August 26. Levi was given a Christian funeral at Divine Shepherd Church on August 30 and interred at Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Lemont. He and Joan were blessed with nearly 64 years together and a loving family.

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

## Talma Krause Interment

**Talma Krause's** ashes will be interred in the South church flower bed in a brief service, on Tuesday, September 14 at 1:00 pm. Please attend if you are able.

## Choir Practice

Choir practice will resume on **Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m.** Anyone high school or older are encouraged to join. All are welcome to lend their voices in praise to our Savior, Jesus Christ. Many voices make for beautiful music.



## Bible Study, Offering Collection

Sunday morning Bible study is returning. We will be studying Peter's 2<sup>nd</sup> letter. Pastor encourages everyone to attend, especially those who hold a position of leadership. Also, at the last meeting the Board of Elders and Pastor have decided to begin using the hymnals during the Divine Service. A newly formatted service folder has been created by Pastor. Offering collection will resume as well. This will begin **September 12<sup>th</sup>!**

## Ladies Aid

Now is the best time to join Ladies Aid at our next meeting. Our efforts for this meeting will be focused on the programs for the coming year.

- Do we want to sponsor social get togethers? (Soup suppers, restaurant dinners, Wine and Chocolate Socials, etc.)
- Projects around the church—what needs to be done
- How to make the best use of the rummage sale proceeds
- Any new ideas?

Join us for the meeting September 18 at 10:00 am,

## Trustee's Corner

If you can clean the church the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of each month, please contact me.

Thank you to everyone who helped maintain the flower beds. Can you spare an hour or two to help maintain the church flower beds?

Also, if you or you know of anyone who would like any of the old tables, also see me.

*Kelly Stewart, Trustee*

## Thank You

A big thank you to **Keith Fox** for donating the solar lights along the south walkway and for the mulch used in the flower beds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## 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:** 583-880-9532  
**Prayer Chain:** 630-251-7860 (Bobbie Light)  
**Newsletter info:** 630-759-3188 (Karen Moritz)  
*(items are due September 27)*

## Altar Flowers



The 2021 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 on the flower charts.

**Ruth Ogden** will do two altar bouquets for \$25-\$30. If you sign up, **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.

## 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. Monetary donations are accepted to defray the cost of drinks and paper products, which are supplied by Ladies Aid.



*Funny Name. Easy Fundraising.*

Shop with Scrip cards are available throughout the year for everyday expenses and gifts for any special occasion. Next order date is September 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 Ais projects possible, and best of all they do not cost members anything beyond the face-value amount. Script 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.

*Your Organization:*

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*Your Coordinator:* **Lisa Cruz**

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### 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.

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Twitter: @dslc60440



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"The light of God surrounds us  
The love of God enfolds us.  
The power of God protects us.  
The presence of God watches over us.  
Wherever we are God is and all is well."

### 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)