



# Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



## September 2022 Newsletter

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

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. **John 10:27-28**

Dear Sheep of the Divine Shepherd:

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:1

There has always been a question that arises within congregations throughout Christendom: When a member has left the area should they transfer their membership to a congregation in the area they now reside? Before we answer that question let us ask an even more important question. What should you first do if you move away from the area and can no longer attend Divine Shepherd? **Should you find a congregation or a place to live first?** If you have no choice on where you are moving, (prison for instance ☹️) then that question is a moot point. Yet, if you are moving because of retirement or for some other voluntary reason, I would strongly suggest that you make certain that you are able to attend a confessional Lutheran congregation in that area. If not, you should simply change your plans. Please speak to me if you are planning to move and I can assist you in finding a congregation. The proper course of action is then to speak to the pastor of the congregation that you plan on attending, letting them know that you are still a member of this congregation and that you would like to transfer your membership from Divine Shepherd to the congregation where you are presently living. This will insure a seamless transition of spiritual care for you and your family. The reverse holds true as well. If you return to this area, there can be a seamless transfer back to Divine Shepherd. Transferring your membership will also entitle you (with permission from your pastor) to have baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc.. performed at any LCMS congregation as well as allowing you to receive the Lord's Supper from any LCMS congregation.

One of the difficulties that pastors and elders must deal with on a somewhat frequent basis is when a member moves away yet doesn't transfer their membership. Please understand that this presents a challenging position for the pastor and the congregation. God commands his pastors: Acts 20:28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. It is easily evident that it is impossible for the pastor to fulfill this obligation when a member lives far away and cannot receive Word and Sacrament from him. This gives your pastor a heavy heart because he is not able to do that which God has called him to do. When a pastor fails to do those things required of him it is a sin. It certainly is forgivable, but it's a sin, nevertheless.

I know very well that it is very difficult to leave a congregation you have called home for most, or all your life. Yet, the important thing is not the building, not the location, not the fact that you grew up there, not even the pastor or the people that you are leaving behind. What is important is Christ giving you His gifts of Word and Sacrament every week and that you are under pastoral care. Please consider the importance of this matter and plead with those you love to transfer their memberships if they have not already done so.

On an exciting note, I am overjoyed that our brothers and sisters in Christ have recently become members of our congregation – **Heidi Boehm, Rick Otto, Cynthia Rose**, her children **Clarisse** and **Jonathon**, and **Jim & Pam Viscariello**. If you have not introduced yourself to them, please do so and welcome them. Also, I would

like to remind you that we will be starting Bible Class on Sunday mornings beginning September 11th . We will be studying the book of Jude and then move on to 1-3 John. I look forward to seeing you all there.

God's blessings to you all!

Listen to Jesus,

Pastor Zimmer

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## The Fifth Commandment and 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 Fifth Commandment we are reminded that we are to honor God's gift of life.

### The Fifth Commandment

*You shall not murder.*

#### What does this mean?

*We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.*



The Christian steward understands that God has placed a high value on life. He created life and He preserves life. Most important of all, He redeemed our lives in the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. His gift of life is important to Him and to us as His children.

“Here,” writes Raymond Olson in *Stewards Appointed*, “he (the Christian steward) is entrusted with maintaining in word and action the value God has placed upon life. He is to maintain this value within his own attitudes and to act accordingly in all areas of human activity. This value which God has placed upon life is understood most clearly when we recognize that man has been created in God's image. This means that he is the best of God's creation. Since he holds this preeminent place in creation, it follows very naturally that the person who is in this world in the service of God should be greatly concerned about the value of man's life in contrast with the rest of creation.

We may understand very well that we are responsible for the growing things of the earth and the treasures under the earth. We may understand without much difficulty that the wealth which comes out of the resources of the land is a part of the stewardship of man. But this Commandment is God's way of reminding us that we have a stewardship which goes beyond the material, and into the realm of the very life of human kind”.

“The sum total of this commandment,” says Martin Luther in *The Large Catechism*, “is this: We shouldn't hurt anyone, first, by our hand or by our actions; furthermore, we shouldn't use our tongue to talk a person into hurting someone else, or put him up to it; again, we shouldn't use or agree to any ways and means of harming someone else; and finally, we shouldn't be hostile to anyone in our hearts, nor so angry and full of hate that we wish him harm”.

We are concerned about the lives of others and also about the gift of life God has entrusted to us. Our life belongs to God. “You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). “We violate this commandment also by failing to exercise our God-given responsibilities in behalf of life. That means our own life, too. God here enjoins good care of our bodies and of the lives and the quality of life of friends, neighbors, and enemies as well,” writes Robert Kolb in *Teaching God's Children His Teaching*, Martin Marty adds that this is a hard commandment to fulfill.

“Basically we are loveless. We are self-centered, not people-centered. But Jesus is Love. His love redeems us from self-love and lets us begin loving people as He did. You can never know real love until you know Jesus. For in Jesus God shows and gives His kind of love. And His kind of love is the only kind that has a sacrificial and a redemptive concern for all people. Grow in the love of Jesus Christ, your Lord, and you will ‘love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be the sons of your Father who is in heaven’”.

God’s stewards understand and live by the fact that God’s gift of life, born and unborn, is precious. Our desire is to value this gift as God does.

**Suggested Reading for Stewardship Champions.**

The Fifth Commandment in *Luther’s Large Catechism*

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**Week of September 4-10**

Sun Sep 4, 9:00 am Divine Service  
 Sun, Sep 4, 10:05 am Fellowship  
 Mon, Sep 5, Labor Day

**Week of September 11-17**

Sun, Sep 11, 9:00 am Divine Service  
 Sun, Sep 11, 10:05 am Fellowship  
 Sun, Sep 11, 10:30 am Bible Study  
 Mon, Sep 12, 7:00 pm Elders Meeting  
 Tue, Sep 13, 1:00 pm Women’s Bible Study  
 Sat, Sep 17, 3:00 pm Wine/Chocolate Social

**Week of September 18-24**

Sun, Sep 18, 9:00 am Divine Service  
 Sun, Sep 18, 10:05 am Fellowship  
 Sun, Sep 18, 10:30 am Bible Study  
 Mon, Sep 19, 7:00 pm Council Meeting

**Week of September 25-30**

Sun, Sep 25, 9:00 am Divine Service  
 Sun, Sep 25, 10:05 am Fellowship  
 Sun, Sep 25, 10:30 am Bible Study



**September Birthdays**

- 06 Amy Edgar
- 06 Kevin Pape
- 09 Nicholas Stewart
- 16 Mark Drevlow
- 19 Spenser Fox
- 23 Judy Yuenger
- 25 Pam Viscariello



**September Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 01 Aubrey Learnahan
- 07 Linda Asche
- 07 Emily Zimmer
- 11 Matthew Wise
- 19 Barb Potempa
- 23 Diane Bronson
- 25 Mary Braasch
- 26 Kevin Pape
- ? Scott Collins



**September Wedding Anniversaries**

- 25 Jim & Pam Viscariello

**Updates**

**Heidi Boehm, Rich Otto, Cynthia, Jonathan & Clarisse Rose, Jim & Pam Viscariello** were welcomed into membership on August 28,

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**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**

## 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.

## 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 sign-up sheet is posted on the Luther Hall bulletin board.

A container for monetary donations (to defray the cost of drinks and paper products) is on the countertop in Luther Hall. Thank you.



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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. Remember to donate your second quarter choice dollars

## Ladies Aid

WINE AND CHOCOLATE SOCIAL is coming back on **September 17 at 3:00 p.m.**



Join us for games and 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 wine or drink. Coffee and juice will also be provided. Your favorite finger-food and chocolate will round out snacks for the afternoon. The larger the group the more fun it will be. Divine Shepherd assumes no responsibility for the consumption of alcohol.

Ladies Aid recently donated profits from the rummage sale, \$500 toward the new church sign and \$500 to the paint striping of the parking lot.

Now is the best time to join Ladies Aid at our next meeting on **October 15**. 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 & 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?

## Follow Us on Facebook

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. Facebook: [fb.me/DSLcbolingbrook](https://fb.me/DSLcbolingbrook)  
Twitter: @dslc60440

## Raise Right

Shop with Raise Right (new name) cards are available throughout the year for everyday expenses and gifts for any special occasion. Next order dates are **September 18, October 16, November 6 and 20, and December 18.** 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. RaiseRight 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. (See back page for more information).

### *Your Organization:*

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*Your Coordinator:* **Lisa Cruz**

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[RaiseRight.com](http://RaiseRight.com)

*Your Enrollment Code:* B2LD2C7A55973

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I wish for you  
Comfort on difficult days,  
Smiles when sadness intrudes,  
Rainbows to follow the clouds,  
Laughter to kiss your lips,  
Sunsets to warm your heart,  
Gentle hugs when spirits sag,  
Friendships to brighten your being,  
Beauty for your eyes to see,  
Confidence for when you doubt,  
Faith so that you can believe,  
Courage to know yourself,  
Patience to accept the truth,  
And love to complete your life.

### God Bless you!

I ask the Lord to bless you  
As I prayed for you today  
To guide you and protect you  
As you go along your way ...  
His love is always with you,  
His promises are true,  
No matter what the tribulation  
You know He will see you through  
So when the road you're traveling on  
Seems difficult at best  
Give your problems to the Lord  
And God will do the rest.

## Labor Day Prayer



Lord, from the beginning, You set a pattern of work and rest for us to follow. Thank You for providing me with meaningful work as well as set times of rest. Rejuvenate my spirit so I might approach my work refreshed and ready to serve You. For those you are unemployed or under-employed, I pray that You would prove Yourself faithful in providing for all their needs. In Jesus' name. Amen

(Portals of Prayer)

One day at a time  
is all we should be dealing with.  
We can't go back to yesterday  
and we can't control tomorrow,  
so live for today.

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