



Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



JULY 2011 NEWSLETTER

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

THE CREEDS

Wherever truth abides, there falsehood desires to intrude. The devil opposes God. Cain opposes Abel. Pharaoh opposes Moses. Saul opposes David. The religious leaders oppose Jesus. Saul opposes the first Christians. This universal truth since the fall into sin is the reason why Martin Luther once said: Where Christ builds His Church, there Satan builds a chapel. Which is to say, falsehood and error are never far away, always contending for your allegiance.

Already during the time of the apostles, false teachers arose within the Church and began preaching a different gospel, a different Christ, a different God. So the apostles and first Christians came up with simple creeds (i.e. confessions) about who Jesus is. The earliest creed is only three words long: "Jesus is Lord" (Romans 10:9; 1 Corinthians 12:3).

In the Early Church, more false teachers arose, including:

- ✓ Sabellius taught that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three different modes of God rather than three distinct persons in God Himself.
- ✓ Arius taught that the Son of God did not always exist, but was created by—and is therefore inferior to—God the Father.
- ✓ Nestorius emphasized the disunion between the human and divine natures of Jesus, claiming the man Jesus is not identical with the Son of God.
- ✓ Eutyches taught that the human nature of Christ was overcome by the divine, so that Jesus was of the same substance as the Father but not of the same substance as humanity.

To defend the Scriptural truth that God is triune (three distinct persons in one divine being) and that Jesus Christ is true God and true Man, against the false teachers and teachings listed above, the Early Church fathers formulated the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. These creeds state what we, as God's children, believe about Him. They were—and still are—regarded as the unanimous voice of the apostolic Church, the catholic (i.e. universal) confession of the one true faith, and the orthodox (i.e. true) affirmation of the Triune God as He has revealed Himself to us in Holy Scripture.

This is how our Lutheran Confessions state this truth:

Right after the time of the apostles, and even while they were still living, false teachers and heretics arose [Titus 3:9-10]. Therefore, *symbols* (i.e. brief, concise confessions) were written against the heretics in the Early Church. These symbols were regarded as the unanimous, universal Christian faith and confession of the orthodox and true Church. They are the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. We pledge ourselves to these symbols, and in this way we reject all heresies and teachings that have been introduced into God's Church against them.[Formula of Concord, Epitome, Summary 3]

Sadly, there are many post-modern Christians nowadays who like to say "deeds, not creeds." Not only is such a confession contrary to Holy Scripture (which desires us to confess our faith *and* walk in a manner worthy of our calling), it is also hypocritical. After all, the phrase "deeds, not creeds" is itself a creed, a statement of what they believe.

Simply put, *confession* is the natural outgrowth of *faith* in Christ. "For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved" (Romans 10:10). So join the one holy Christian and apostolic Church in confessing God as triune and Jesus Christ as true God and true Man, as we do in the Creeds. That is one of the many joys that is ours in Christ!

Pastor Mumme



Church Architecture 101

Week of Pentecost 3

Sun, Jul 3, 9:00 am - Divine Service
Sun, Jul 3, 10:30 am - Bible Class
Sun, Jul 3, 11:30 am - Elders Meeting
Sat, Jun 9, 8:00 am - PATHways

Week of Pentecost 4

Sun, Jul 10, 9:00 am - Divine Service
Sun, Jul 10, 10:00 am - Thrivent Meeting
Sun, Jul 10, 10:30 am - Bible Class
Sun, Jul 10, 1:00 pm - Council Meeting
Tues, Jul 12 - Higher Things Youth Conference
Wed, Jul 13 - Higher Things Youth Conference
Thur, Jul 14 - Higher Things Youth Conference
Fri, Jul 15 - Higher Things Youth Conference
Sat, Jul 16, 8:30 am - Men's Bible Breakfast
Sat, Jul 16, 10:00 am - Altar Guild Meeting
Sat, Jul 16, 11:00 am - Ladies Aid Meeting

Week of Pentecost 5

Sun, Jul 17, 9:00 am - Divine Service
Sun, Jul 17, 10:30 am - Bible Class
Mon, Jul 18, 6:15 pm - VBS
Tues, Jul 19, 6:15 pm - VBS
Wed, Jul 20, 6:15 pm - VBS
Thur, Jul 21, 6:15 pm - VBS
Fri, Jul 22, 6:15 pm - VBS
Sat, Jul 23, 8:00 am - PATHways

Week of Pentecost 6

Sun, Jul 24, 9:00 am - Prayer & Preaching
Sun, Jul 24, 10:30 am - Bible Class
Tues, Jul 26, 7:00 pm - Book of Concord Study
Sat, Jul 30, 8:00 am - PATHways

Week of Pentecost 7

Sun, Jul 31, 9:00 am - Divine Service
Sun, Jul 31, 10:30 am - Bible Class

Baptized into Christ

Kayla Mae Marks, daughter of non-member Joy Anderson, was baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ on June 25. May our gracious Lord continue to feed and strengthen Kayla all her days.

You see and hear these words from time to time. However, do you know what they mean? Below is a summary of the parts of our church architecture.

Chancel — The chancel is the area at the front of our church building where the altar, pulpit, and baptismal font are located (from the front pew to the front wall). The inner part of the chancel is called the sanctuary. Here our Lord Jesus comes to us and gives us forgiveness, life, and salvation through His Word and Sacraments.

Narthex — The narthex is the main entrance area. Here the elder on duty is stationed, the ushers hand out bulletins, the greeter greets members and visitors, and worshipers can hang coats and find basic information about our congregation.

Nave — The nave is the area in our church building containing the pews. It is where the congregation gathers to worship and pray. The word *nave* is Latin for "ship" (i.e. navy), reminding us that Christ casts out the net of His Gospel and thereby calls us into the ship of His Church.

Sanctuary — The sanctuary is the inner part of the chancel, the area around the altar between the communion rail and the front wall. The word *sanctuary* comes from the Latin word *sanctus*, which means "holy." Christ's true body and blood are distributed to God's people from the sanctuary.

Sacristy — The sacristy is the room where the sacramental vessels, linens, and supplies are kept. It is also where the sacramental items used in Baptism and Communion are prepared and cleaned up. Our sacristy is located between the chancel and the pastor's study.

Vestry — The vestry is the room where the pastor and his assistants keep their vestments and prepare for the worship service. Our vestry is the same room as our sacristy.

Contact Information

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Bible & Lutheranism Studies

Sunday Bible Class

Topic: Isaiah

When: Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.

Where: Luther Hall

Men's Bible Breakfast

Topic: Job 11-14

When: Saturday, July 16 @ 8:30 a.m.

Where: Cracker Barrel (Weber & I-55)

Book of Concord Study

Topic: Formula of Concord, Article I

When: Tuesday, July 26 @ 7:00 p.m.

Where: Luther Hall

July Birthdays

04 Penny Behning
06 Dan Richerson
11 Michael Weaver
13 Andrew Fox
15 Laurie Drovitz
17 Kevin Olifirowicz
18 Giovanni Data
21 Kelly Stewart
23 Carey Zeller
25 Gail Fiolka
28 Taylor Jordan
29 Isabella Cruz
31 Kerry Murray



July Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Mike Dobbs
06 Adam Dobbs
07 Niki Kranich
15 Moira Delaney
22 Justin Kreier



July Wedding Anniversaries

12 Dan & Nicole Richerson
14 Paul & Joan Sturm
17 Jim & Carol Kuroski
22 Steve & Valerie Sychowski



Thrivent Financial

Divine Shepherd is one of sixteen churches represented within the Greater Naperville Chapter. We are fortunate to be able to request funds to cover the needs of members and the community. After the request is submitted and approved we still have the responsibility to report back to the Chapter the Results of the Event along with any receipts for hands on or check from a fund raiser. Last week I was told if the Results and receipts are not received in a timely manner the Chapter would delete our request and award it to another requestor. Do we want this to happen? I hope not. Please let me know when the event your requested funds for is over so I can complete the paperwork along with any receipts and forward it to the Chapter, unless this is done the requestor will not be reimbursed.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans with Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a concert featuring Christian Singer/Songwriter, **Mark Schultz**. Mark is a Dove Award winner, platinum selling artist that has become one of Christians Music's most acclaimed singer/songwriter. Mark has also earned the top spot on Billboard magazine's Christian Adult Contemporary songwriter list. The opener for the concert will be Christian Artist, **Lynn Stoneking**. Ticket for the concert are available NOW through tickets.com. The concert will be held on **Saturday, August 20 at 7 p.m. at The Hemmens Cultural Center, 45 Symphony Way, Elgin, IL 60120**. Special offer to ALL Thrivent members. Please use coupon code 1411 to receive \$5 off each ticket you order. Tickets are \$15/\$17/\$25.

The next meeting will be held on **July 10** after church service.

Coins for CareNet

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Coins for CareNet drive here at Divine Shepherd. Your donation will help local moms in unplanned pregnancies with counseling, resources, and parenting support, and will help save lives right here in our neighborhood.

Library News



Used Book Sale

All libraries Do It – As a devoted reader, it's hard for me to let go of any book but all libraries have to clear the racks now and then to make room for newer items. There is one shelf of books with Red Dots on them. Did you donate one of these books? You can have it back if you like. Any unclaimed books will be either sold or donated at the end of August.

New books - The first two books were donated by Ladies Aid

1. *People's Bible Commentary Isaiah 2* by John A. Braun – the newest addition to the People's Bible Commentary set includes an introduction to Isaiah, easy to read text with explanations, scripture and commentary on the same page, maps and charts. Book is a great read and coincides with our Sunday Bible study.
2. *A Theology to Live By: Practical Luther for the Practicing Christian* by Herman A. Preus. 230.41PRE. This is a hard book to put down. Everything you need to know about living and being a Lutheran. Anyone curious about Martin Luther needs to read this book.
3. *Blessings and Prayers for Expectant Moms: A Devotional Companion* by Rachel C. Hoyer. 242.6431HOY
4. *People's Bible Commentary Daniel* by John C. Jeske 221.7JES
5. *People's Bible Commentary Ezekiel* by Keith B. Kuschel. 221.7KUS
6. *The Lutheran Difference: An Explanation & Comparison of Christian Beliefs* by Armand J. Boehme. 230.41BOE
7. *Faith Alive Student Bible* 220.52 STU BIB ESV
8. *Songs for the Masses: Living as God's Children Volume One – Thrivent*. 782.25 SON. Beautiful guitar and voice. Tracks 11-20 are instrumental versions of the previous 10 songs. Song lyrics included on insert.
9. *Echelon The Te Deum Sessions – Thrivent*. 782.27 ECH. Song lyrics included on insert. This upbeat Rock Band style music is sure to lift your spirits. Instrumental tracks included for all songs. Truly enjoyable.



10. *Charlton Heston Presents The Bible: Passion* VHS. 232.96BIB
11. *Charlton Heston Presents The Bible: Jesus of Nazareth* VHS 232.901 BIB
12. *Charlton Heston Presents The Bible: Genesis* VHS. 222.11BIB
13. *Charlton Heston Presents The Bible: The Story of Moses* VHS. 222.12 BIB

To purchase books, make donations, or have any questions please see **Gail Fox** or any of the Elders.

Christian Education

VBS - July is the month for our VBS program. This year our program is "Joseph, local boy makes good". We will be studying the life of Joseph and how God protected him when others wanted to harm him. We will also learn about Joseph's talents, also a gift from God. Please bring your children, grandchildren nieces, nephews, and neighbors to join us.



VBS volunteers needed - We will need many hands to help with our VBS program. We need helpers for pre-school, Press Core, (our center guides), craft helpers and general hands. If you can give one night or all five your help is greatly appreciated. Look for the Press Core sign-up sheet in Luther hall, and please see JoAnn Wrezinski if you can help with crafts or pre-school.

Summer's Last Blast – The last weekend of the Park District outdoor events ends, on August 27 with a fabulous fireworks display adjacent to our parking lot. The Christian Education department will sponsor a family night on this evening with games for the kids, a potluck snack buffet, and a campfire. More details to follow.



Dates to remember
VBS – July 18 – 22
Summer's last blast fire-works – August 27
First day of Sunday School – August 28

JoAnn Wrezinski, Chairperson

Ladies Aid



The annual rummage sale was a success due to the organizational skills of **Lori Mumme** and to those who donated items, sorted, worked the sale and/or cleaned up. **THANK YOU!** All unsold items were donated to the Salvation Army.

Manna gift cards are great for every day purchases, eating out, gift giving, gasoline purchases, kids going away to college or a way to help provide some basics for those at Divine Shepherd in need. Order cards through Ladies Aid and you will have them one week later. While there is no extra cost to you, our congregation benefits by receiving a percentage of your purchase. It is that easy, and you are helping our church in the process. **July order dates are the 10 & 24.**

Ladies Aid is selling a variety of greeting cards (birthday, anniversary, get well, praying/ thinking of you, baptismal, and sympathy) in Luther Hall before and after services. Cards may be purchased individually or a box of twelve.

All women are encouraged to attend the **July 16** meeting in Luther Hall at **11:00 a.m.**

P.A.T.H.ways Health/Fitness

If you are interested in living healthier and/or getting into better shape please join us the second and fourth Saturdays of each month in Luther Hall. We will be meeting on **Saturday, July 9, 23 & 30** at **8:00 a.m.** Contact **Lori Mumme** or **Terri Kreier** for additional information.

Kitchen

You are welcome to use the kitchen; however, the Ladies Aid asks that you return items to the place marked for them. Also, please ask **Talma Krause** before you bring in items, which will remain in the kitchen, such as utensils, plates or bowls. Please remember to take all containers home. If they are not marked and/or left for more than a week, they will be disposed. Thank you.

Youth Project

Higher Things is only 2 weeks away! As part of the conference, the youth will have an opportunity to assist with a service project to help Lutheran World Relief. We will be assembling personal care packages that contain the following:

One bath-sized towel (approx. 52" x 27"), preferably dark color

Two bath-sized bars of soap (4-5 oz each), any brand, in original packaging.

One adult-sized toothbrush

One sturdy comb

One metal nail clippers

If you can help us with any of these items, we would appreciate it. The items need to be **NEW** items in original packaging. Items should not bear any religious, patriotic, or armed forces symbols or messages. A designated box is in the Narthex. Items can be donated through **July 11**, and we will take them to Bloomington-Normal with us when we leave on July 12.

Sunday Treats



Do you enjoy treats and fellowship after Sunday services? If so, please consider signing up to bring treats on any given Sunday(s). The signup sheet is posted on the Luther Hall bulletin board. Ladies Aid only provides drinks, not 'goodies' when no one has signed up for a given Sunday. Monetary donations are accepted to defray the cost of drinks/supplies.

Bulletin Covers

The 2011 July - December bulletin cover chart is posted in the narthex. Sign up for any open Sunday(s) to celebrate a special occasion or to honor/remember someone. Cost of bulletin covers is \$10. See **Karen Moritz** for details.

I Am Your Church Budget

Through me, families are launched in marriage, persons are baptized, and the young are trained in Christian character.

I provide a Preschool and youth activities for your children (VBS & Sunday School).

I provide music to enrich your worship and preaching services to help you live more nobly.

I heat and cool your church and school buildings and keep them in repair for your comfort and use.

I reach out to your community and country, preaching, teaching, and healing in Christ's name.

I help to train ministers in seminaries and I provide assistance to those who retired after years of faithful service to God through the Church.

It is through me that the sick and spiritual strength, the troubled and the discouraged are steadied. I go out into the wide world, preaching the Gospel in every language. I carry the Word to people of every race, color and clan.

I am your BUDGET. Believe in me; support me that I may carry on in your name. With your help, I make possible all of these services. As the budget, I am **YOU AT WORK**.



However, I do need your help. I do need your support. Without you to support me, I am helpless. You are my foundation, my supporting walls.

I am your money, your prayer, your concern - translated into action. **I can only do what you, through sacrifice, make it possible for me to do.**

Church Budget Report as of May 2011

	Actual	Budget
Expenses	\$69,538	\$68,681
Income	\$72,134	\$64,964

Prayer Chain

Several of our women are part of a church prayer chain. If you (women or men) would like to join them in praying for our congregation's special needs, please contact **Nadine Parmenter** at **815-436-4809** or **Pastor Mumme**.

Important Phone Numbers

Church office: 630-759-5300
Preschool: 630-759-3995 (Sue Kuhnert)
Pastor Mumme: 815-676-4444
Prayer Chain: 815-436-4809 (N. Parmenter)
Newsletter info: 630-759-3188 (Karen Moritz)
 (Due July 25th)

I Believe God Will Guide Me

In Your unfailing love You will lead the people You have redeemed. In Your strength You will guide them to Your holy dwelling. Exodus 15:13 NIV

I believe my life is in God's hands and keeping. I believe He has a plan and purpose for my life and that He is leading me in a path that will fulfill that plan and purpose. I believe it is a good plan, a right plan, and the best plan. I believe there is not a better, higher, or wiser way for me to live or way for me to follow. I believe God knows exactly what He is doing and that He will bring things into my life at the exact time they are needed. I believe He wants me to follow Him with praise on my lips for who He is, with thanks in my heart for what He does, and with obedience in my steps for what He asks me to do. (Roy Lessin)

Independence

People who live in the US enjoy many freedoms. On Independence Day, these freedoms and the fight it took to receive them are remembered. Even though this day is called Independence Day, Americans enjoy numerous freedoms only because of the actions of others. The independence Americans enjoy is dependent on the selfless actions of those who fought for freedom in times past and in world conflicts today.

We also enjoy the selfless freedom that Jesus willingly gave on the cross to pay the price we owe God for our sins.

Holy Spirit, empower us to depend on the power of Jesus, our SAVIOR, In Whom we find Independence from the condemnation we deserve for our sins. Amen (Portals of Prayer)