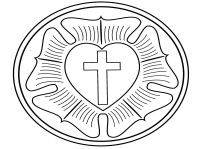


Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



AUGUST 2011 NEWSLETTER

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

Coram Deo

It was an honor to accompany six of our congregation's youth to the Higher Things youth conference on the campus of ISU in Bloomington-Normal this past month. 1,229 youth from 148 church groups in 25 US states and 4 Canadian provinces attended this four-day conference, one of three conferences put on by Higher Things this summer.

The schedule was packed with 10 worship services, 4 plenary sessions, 6 breakaway sessions, good meals, lots of walking, close of the day devotions in the dorms, and plenty of opportunity for entertainment and fun, including a water park, talent show, rock climbing, various sports, and much more.

This year's theme was *Coram Deo*. *Coram Deo* is a Latin phrase that means "before God" (i.e. in His presence, before His face, under His reign). The main question posed to the participants was this: How does a sinner stand *coram Deo* (before God)? **"Can mortal man be in the right before God? Can a man be pure before his Maker?"** (Job 4:17).

On our own, we stand *coram Deo* (before God) in our sin and shame. The Law rightly condemns us, for all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. In disobeying God, the first Adam brought sin and death to all humanity. So God sent a second Adam—Jesus Christ—to pay the penalty for our sin, redeem us, and win our salvation. Whereas Adam brings sin, death, and condemnation, Christ brings forgiveness, life, and justification. He won these on the cross and delivers them to us in the Divine Service. God does not rehab the sinner. He kills and makes alive. He drowns the Old Adam and raises up the new Man—Christ in us—that we might stand before Him in righteousness and purity.

And so, in Christ, life *coram Deo* (before God) is a restoration of what God intended when He made man in the beginning. By grace through faith for Christ's sake, we stand before God righteous, justified, holy.

What's more, we stand *coram hominibus* (before man) as those who bear Christ's name, who confess His saving work, and who love and serve our neighbor in the various vocations in which He has placed us.

The ramifications of life *coram Deo* (before God) and *coram hominibus* (before man) for the youth were driven home as they attended six breakaway sessions of their own choosing from a list of 49 topics, including dating, marriage, feminism, manhood, world religions, baptism, Christ in the Old Testament, various Scriptural books, creation, apologetics, modern heresies, vocation, internet use, addictions, movies, music, homosexuality, suicide, and sanctity of life issues.

The ramifications of life *coram Deo* (before God) and *coram hominibus* (before man) for you are driven home each Lord's Day in the Divine Service, where your faith, hope, and love are strengthened by Christ's forgiveness. What's more, Bible Class and Sunday School, as well as personal devotions, help you and your children grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for sending our congregational youth to this conference. As they are growing up in a world that increasingly denies Christ, rejects truth, and preaches tolerance, opportunities like this are indeed a blessing. I pray the seed of God's Word that was planted in their hearts at the Higher Things youth conference, and continues to be planted in their hearts regularly here at Divine Shepherd and at home among their families, will spring up and bear abundant fruit. So that, what the Apostle Paul said of Timothy may also be said of them: **"From childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus"** (2 Timothy 3:15).

Coram Deo. Coram hominibus. We stand before God righteous for Christ's sake, and we stand before our neighbor as instruments of Christ's love and service. What a joy and privilege this is!

Pastor Mumme

AUGUST Calendar

Week of Pentecost 8

Sun, Aug 7, 9:00 am - Matins
Sun, Aug 7, 10:30 am - Bible Class
Sat, Aug 13, 8:00 am - PATHways

Week of Pentecost 9

Sun, Aug 14, 9:00 am - Prayer & Preaching
Sun, Aug 14, 10:30 am - Voice of Care
Sat, Aug 20, 8:30 am - Men's Bible Breakfast

Week of Pentecost 10

Sun, Aug 21, 9:00 am - Divine Service
Sun, Aug 21, 10:30 am - Bible Class
Tues, Aug 23, 7:00 pm - Book of Concord Study
Sat, Aug 27, 8:00 am - PATHways

Week of Pentecost 11

Sun, Aug 28, 9:00 am - Divine Service
Sun, Aug 28, 10:30 am - Bible Class & Sunday School
Sun, Aug 28, 11:30 am - Congregational Picnic

Bible & Lutheranism Studies

Sunday Bible Class

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

Men's Bible Breakfast

Topic: Job 15-21
When: Saturday, August 20 @ 8:30 a.m.
Where: Family Square Restaurant

Book of Concord Study

Topic: Formula of Concord, Article I
When: Tuesday, August 23 @ 7:00 p.m.
Where: Luther Hall

Baptized into Christ

Isaak Gerald Johnson, son of non-members Darrin & Colette Johnson, was baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ on July 31. May our gracious Lord continue to feed and strengthen Isaak all his days.

Asleep in Christ

The Rev. Paul F. Huxhold, the founder and a longtime member of our congregation, fell asleep in the Lord on July 22 and was given a Christian funeral and burial on July 27. We thank God for calling him to faith, feeding and strengthening him his whole life, and for calling him into the Office of the Holy Ministry to preach the Gospel and distribute Christ's gifts. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

August Birthdays

01 Karlene Grelck
02 Katie Dobbs
02 Alicia Kreier
02 Charlotte Weberling
04 Dan Data Jr.
05 Carolynn Mazurkiewicz
06 Jessica Gay
06 Nicole Richerson
08 David Grelck
10 Ruth Wroblewski
11 Sierra Birdsell
13 Lynn Henricks
13 Valerie Sychowski
14 Jonathan Stewart
16 Otilie Stroh
17 Caleb Mumme
17 Terri Kreier
18 Elaine Bambule
18 Greg DeWitt
19 Mary Braasch
19 Ruth Martinez
20 Sean Demetrio
20 Bobbie Koritzke
22 Tom Page
23 Dorothy Marrera
23 Bill Tilker
23 Matthew Wise
25 Nicholas Henricks
25 Courtney Nurczyk
28 Kathy Wilson



August Baptismal Anniversaries

11 Andrew Fox
16 Giovanni Data
19 Gail Fiolka
20 Kristena Johnson-Wise
27 Caleb Mumme



August Wedding Anniversaries

04 Steve & Otilie Stroh
07 Alan & Karlene Grelck
12 Jeff & Valarie McClain
18 Mike & Denise Peters
24 Brian & Jaime Data
26 Larry & Wendy Jordan
26 Bryan & Michelle Schilling
28 Greg & Christa McClain
28 Dennis & Karen Weed
30 Pastor & Lori Mumme



Ladies Aid

The \$1,200 profit from the recent 'rummage sale' was given to the general church fund and divided equally between debt reduction and the scholarship fund.

Items that were not used for the recently sent military boxes were donated to the American Knights, a local organization that sends 'goodie boxes' to military personal and helps local Veterans.

Recipient names are needed for boxes that Ladies Aid will be mailing out in early November. Any of the following items may be placed in the 'military box' in Luther Hall: wrapped crackers/cookies, tuna, instant soup, individual coffee packets/ powdered drink mixes, tea bags, peanut butter and jelly, canned or prepackaged fruit cups, beef jerky/Slim Jims, cereal/ granola/energy bars, non aerosol bug spray, sunscreen, gallon and quart sized zip top bags, toiletries, socks, small notebooks, pens, pencils, entertainment items – cards, dice, small games, puzzle books, current magazines, international phone cards, and/or monetary donations. NO CHOCOLATE.

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. **August order dates are the 7 & 21.**

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

There is no meeting in August. All women are encouraged to attend the **September 17** meeting in Luther Hall at **11:00 a.m.**

Thrivent Financial

Remember when Thrivent Choice Dollars came into being? We were told this would be better than the original Care In Congregation funding but did we really know.. We now know it is better and thanks to all the members who made a faithful choice to donate their Choice Dollars to Divine Shepherd. At the end of 2010 Choice Dollars totaled \$1,426. and as of July 12, Choice Dollars totaled \$1,588. Since then we have purchased gift cards through the Manna program to be available to congregational members who need a helping hand. The Thrivent members continue to work on ways to help our congregation. Thanks again to all.

Thrivent will again sponsor the Oktoberfest luncheon. Save the date of **October 23**. More information forthcoming.

Shirley Norling, Congregational Advocate

Sunday School



The Elders will help kick off the 2011-12 Sunday School year with the annual picnic on **August 28** at **11:30 a.m.** It is a great time to get together and enjoy good company and good food. Please bring meat to grill and a dish to pass.

We will be looking for some volunteers to help assist and lead some of the classes. We anticipate this year to again have Pre-School/ Kindergarten; 1st and 2nd grade; 3rd and 4th grade; and 5th to confirmed and beyond as classes. Again, all are welcome to come and enjoy Sunday School while parents are encouraged to stay and enjoy lively conversation and insight during adult bible study.

Vacation Bible School

The Board of Christian Education would like to thank all who helped and supported this year's VBS. This is not a small undertaking and the support of the congregation with time, money, and prayers was a great part of making this year's program a success. One seed planted can grow to a mighty oak in the Lord.

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 game night on this evening with games for the kids, a potluck snack buffet, and a campfire. See **Joann Wrezinski** for more details.

Youth Choir to Start



We are looking to form an all volunteer youth choir to sing throughout the year and for special occasions. Practice dates and times will be determined by the participants and will no longer be a part of Sunday School. We are looking for Youth of all ages under 18, who would be willing to sing and/or provide instrumental accompaniments. Our hope is to utilize more intricate musical pieces that may encourage musical literacy and hope to find pieces that the youth will enjoy singing. If you are interested, please look for the poster in the narthex and sign your name or email **Terri Kreier** at tkreier@comcast.net as soon as possible.

Library News

Red Dot Clearance – There is one shelf of books with Red Dots on them. Please take one home to keep but this is only for books marked with RED dots on them. All red dot books will be either sold or donated at the end of August.

New Adult books

1. *Blessings & Prayers for Those with Cancer* by Karen Boerger and Annetta Dellinger. 242.4 BOE. 2 copies available.

2. *Creation From God's Perspective: In The Beginning GOD* by Joel D. Heck. 231.7 HEC
3. *Lutheran Service Book* – Concordia Publishing 264.041322034 Reference Section

New Children's Books

1. *Colors I See in Church* by Julie Stiegemeier, illustrations by Kathy Mitter. J242.6. Children's story board book.
2. *The Real Story of The Flood* by Paul L. Maier, Illustrated by Robert T. Barrett. J222.11 MAI.
3. *The Real Story of The Exodus* by Paul L. Maier, Illustrated by Gerald Taylor. J222.12 MAI.

New Teens & Young Adults

1. *Luther The Graphic Novel: Echoes of the Hammer* by Susan K. Leigh, Illustrations by Dave Hill. YAB920LUT. Biography of Luther's life in Comic book format. Written for teens/young adults.
2. *C.F.W. Walther Hero of Faith* by Gerald Perschbacher YAB920WAL. Follow the life of the young pastor, first president of the seminary and later in life as a writer. Editor & publisher.

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

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, August 13 & 27 at 8:00 a.m.** Contact **Lori Mumme** or **Terri Kreier** for additional information.

Bulletins

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

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 sign up 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.

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 August 29)

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 of. Do not use dishtowels to wipe up spills; there are rags under the sink. Thank you.

God’s Plan

When things do not seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, He will give you great gifts. You may get what you wanted, however just not in the way you imagined. We do not always know what God’s plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best. (Pastor Buttke).

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd = That’s Relationship!

I shall not want = That’s Supply!

He makes me to lie down in green pastures = That’s Rest!

He leads me beside the still waters = That’s Refreshment!

He restores my soul = That’s Healing!

He leads me in the paths of righteousness = That’s Guidance!

for His namesake = That’s Purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death = That’s Testing!

I will fear no evil = That’s Protection!

for You are with me = That’s Faithfulness!

Your rod and Your staff comfort me = That’s Discipline!

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies = That’s Hope!

You anoint my head with oil = That’s Consecration!

My cup runs over = That’s Abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life = That’s Blessings!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord = That’s Security!

Forever = That’s Eternity!

Face it, God is crazy about you!



“The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not want.”

Psalm 23:1, NRSV