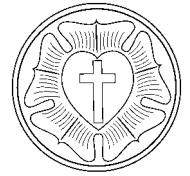


Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER

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

Renewed!

You live a wearied life. You work long hours. Then you come home and have to deal with dinner and dishes, the kids' homework and activities, mowing the lawn, a trip to the store for groceries, fixing the kitchen faucet, sorting through the mail, and paying the bills.

And if the pressures of work and home aren't enough, you also have to deal with your sinful flesh. The unkind word you spoke. The grudge you are holding. The covetous desire for more and better and bigger things. The lust, envy, greed, and pride that are never far from your heart. As you well know, the battle wages on day in and day out. The devil does not grow weary in tempting you. The world does not grow weary in enticing you. Their troops are always fresh and their weapons always find their mark. But you, on the other hand, do grow weary. Your sinful flesh wants to waive the white flag of surrender and indulge in the temptation of the moment. But in your struggle against the Old Adam, in your weariness during the battle, do you think that God has forgotten you, that your way is hidden from Him?

Isaiah has some good news for you: **"They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength"** (Isaiah 40:31). You have been *renewed* before! In fact, you received **"the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit"** (Titus 3:5) in Holy Baptism. It should come as no surprise, then, that by returning to your baptism daily in the drowning of your Old Adam you will also find a *renewal* of your spirit, faith, and strength as the New Man—Christ in you—emerges.

The Hebrew word "cha-lif" (translated above as "renew") actually means to "exchange." Remember the wonderful exchange Christ has made with you? He has taken your filthy rags of unrighteousness and given you the white robe of His perfect righteousness. He has taken your weariness and given you His strength.

"Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden," says Jesus, **"and I will give you rest"** (Matthew 11:28). Christ is the answer to your weariness. Therefore, weary one; *renew* your strength in Christ's words of absolution, in the proclamation of His Word, and in His body and blood. For in these and these alone will you find the rest, forgiveness, and strength your weary soul so desperately needs.

And while you are at it, reach out in love to those around you who are weary. Those weary from busy lives or full schedules. Those weary from long work days or endless searching for employment. Those weary from troubled marriages or quarreling families. Those weary from medical problems or tight finances. Reach out to them in their need. Listen to their plight. Offer a helping hand. And don't be afraid to pray with them and for them.

And then look a little closer at those whom God places in your path, for you might just see something more. Those weary from the weight of their own sinful nature. Those weary from guilt and shame over some past sin. Those weary from trying to do the impossible by pleasing God with their own works. Reach out to them in their need as well. Listen to their plight. Remind them of the rest, forgiveness, and strength you have in Jesus Christ as a free gift by grace. And then invite them to come to church and hear God's Word with you.

The Apostle Paul writes: **"Let us not grow weary in doing good"** (Galatians 6:9). You need never grow weary in doing good, for Jesus Christ continues to *renew* you through baptism, absolution, gospel, and supper for that very purpose. Day in and day out He bears you up with wings like eagles so that you can run to your neighbor in need and not be weary, so that you can walk in the way of the Lord and not faint. In Christ, you now face work and home and even your own sinful flesh with the rest, forgiveness, and strength He so abundantly provides. All because He has *renewed* you!

Pastor Mumme



May Birthdays

Calendar of Events

Week of Easter 5

Sun, May 2, 9:00 am	Matins
Sun, May 2, 10:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun, May 2, 11:30 am	Elders Meeting
Wed, May 5, 4:30 pm	Youth Catechesis

Week of Easter 6

Sun, May 9, 9:00 am	Divine Service
Sun, May 9, 10:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Tues, May 11, 1:15 pm	Women's Bible Study
Wed, May 12, 4:30 pm	Youth Catechesis
Thur, May 13	The Ascension of Our Lord
Fri, May 14, 7:00 pm	Murray Baby Shower
Sat, May 15, 9:00 am	Men's Bible Breakfast
Sat, May 15, 10:00 am	Altar Guild Meeting
Sat, May 15, 11:00 am	Ladies Aid Meeting

Week of Easter 7

Sun, May 16, 9:00 am	Divine Service
Sun, May 16, 10:30 am	Confirmation Reception
Tues, May 18, 9:00 am	Pastor @ Circuit Meeting
Tues, May 18, 7:00 pm	Book of Concord Study
Thur, May 20, 7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Sat, May 22	Cruz & Murray Baptisms

Week of Pentecost

Sun, May 23, 9:00 am	Divine Service
Sun, May 23, 10:30 am	Congregational Meeting
Sun, May 23, 10:30 am	Sunday School
Sun, May 23, 11:00 am	Bible Class
Sun, May 23, 11:30 am	Spring Picnic
Wed, May 26, 11:00 am	Pastor @ NICL Study

Week of Holy Trinity

Sun, May 30, 9:00 am	Divine Service
Sun, May 30, 10:30 am	Bible Class
Mon, May 31	Memorial Day

04	Mike Stache
04	Alaina Ziesemer
09	Edna Cordero
10	Sally Stewart
12	Ray Brieschke
12	Maggie Sychowski
13	Elizabeth Leslie
15	Adam Mumme
15	Shawn Murray
16	Connor Delaney
16	John Henricks
16	Barb Potempa
19	Justin Kreier
22	Lois Baumann
23	Gregory Mazurkiewicz
26	Matt Data
26	Bobbie Light
27	Anthony Camis
27	Dennis Weed
29	Jolene Schultz
31	Keith Fox

May Baptismal Anniversaries

02	Ceili Delaney
02	Pastor Huxhold
02	Larry Jordan
02	Kyle Jordan
03	Kelli Olifrowicz
03	Laverne Stephens
11	Pastor Mumme
13	Edward Cruz
15	Don Fiolka
15	Maggie Sychowski
16	Ryan Stache
17	Alaina Ziesemer
25	Adam Mumme
27	Robin Wise



May Anniversaries

06	Tom & Ginny Page
12	Steve & Michelle Skowron
20	John & Lynn Henricks
23	Chuck & Teri Novy
25	John & Bobbie Light
27	Jim & Carey Zeller
29	John & Melissa Buoncore

Bible & Lutheranism Studies



Sunday Morning: We are studying Paul's letter to the Ephesians. We meet in Luther Hall at **10:45 a.m.**, following the Sunday School opening.

Women: We are studying Jesus' parables and their application to our daily life and faith. We meet in Luther Hall on **Tuesday, May 11 at 1:15 p.m.**

Men: We are studying Revelation. We meet this month at Cracker Barrel (Weber Road just north of I-55) on **Saturday, May 15**, beginning at **8:30 a.m.**

Book of Concord: We are studying Article XXIII of *The Augsburg Confession* and *The Apology* (pages 46-47, 210-218). We meet in Luther Hall on **Tuesday, May 18** beginning at **7:00 p.m.**

Baptized into Christ

On April 11 **Luciano Christopher Data**, son of **Brian & Jaime Data**, became a child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray God's richest blessings as he grows in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



New Members

On April 11 we received **Melissa Buoncore** and her daughter **Sophia** into membership via profession of faith. Melissa was confirmed at Saint Matthew Lutheran Church in Lemont. Welcome to our church family! Her address is 21826 W. Junction Dr., Plainfield, IL 60544.

Confirmation Sunday

Please mark **Sunday, May 16** on your calendar as Confirmation Sunday, when four of our youth will confess their faith publicly and receive the Lord's Supper for the first time.

Senior Potluck



The Fellowship and Welfare Board is hosting a Senior Potluck on **Saturday, May 22 at Noon** in Luther Hall. This will be a "Pot Luck" and every-one is asked to bring a dish to pass! As always, fun and fellowship provided!

Christian Education

VBS is coming! This year's VBS is scheduled again for the **July 12-17**. This year's theme is "What's in the Water?". It will be an exciting, fun-filled learning experience for everyone involved. Please look for volunteer opportunities to come.



The last day of Sunday School is May 23, with a picnic to follow Sunday School and Bible Class that day. Look for details to follow.

Church Flower Beds



If you would like to help maintain the flowerbeds and/or make a monetary donation for flowers/mulch/etc., please see **Carol Kuroski**.

Ladies Aid

Manna gift card order dates are **May 9 & 23** with pickup on successive Sundays. These gift cards are great for every day purchases, birthdays, confirmation, graduation, and vacations.



The annual Church Resale, of gently used items, is scheduled for **Friday, June 11 (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)** and **Saturday, June 12 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**. We have had tremendous help and support for this event the past years, and hope that it continues. Many volunteers are needed for set up, the day of the sale, and clean up. Signup sheets will be posted in Luther Hall in May. We accept all donations of household/ kitchen items, clothing, books, videos, etc. I only ask that you notify me on larger items such as furniture, and computers, etc. Thanks for all the support and donations that you are willing to give to help our church. We are in need of 12 folding tables. If you have one and are willing to loan it to us for a week, please contact Lori. For more information contact **Lori Mumme** at **815-676-4444** or lorimumme@comcast.net.

Ladies Aid is hosting a baby shower for **Kerry (Cruz) Murray** and **Payton** on **Friday, May 14** at **7:00 p.m.** in Luther Hall. Please sign up on the sheet posted in Luther Hall if you are attending and/or bringing a treat. See **Bobbie Light** or **Robin Wise** for gift ideas.

All women are encouraged to attend our next meeting on **May 15** at **11:00 a.m.**

Coins for CareNet

This month we will once again celebrate the wonderful gift of Motherhood! CareNet Pregnancy Services of DuPage is a local organization that helps moms in unplanned pregnancies with counseling, resources, and parenting support. You can help by participating in Coins for CareNet. On Mother's Day (**May 9**) you will have the opportunity to pick up a baby bottle, fill it with change, bills, or a check, (made payable to CareNet) and return it to church before **June 20**. Your change will help hundreds of women and save lives right here in our neighborhood.

Bulletin Covers / Altar Flowers

The 2010 flower chart and bulletin covers chart are posted in the narthex. Sign up for any open Sunday(s) to celebrate a special occasion or to honor/remember someone. Cost of two bouquets is \$40, \$45, or \$50. Cost of bulletins 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). Why not sign up with a friend? **Empty slots means no treats.** To enable our diabetic members to enjoy these treats, please consider supplementing some of the "sugary goodies" with crackers/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/paper products, which are supplied by Ladies Aid.

Preschool News



Mothers Tea is Friday, May 7. Moms come at Noon and bring their favorite tea cup or mug.

Bike Day is Monday, May 24. The children should bring their bikes and helmets to school.

End of the year program and graduation is Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m. A cake and punch reception will be held in Luther Hall after the program.

An all school family picnic is Wednesday, May 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please bring your own drinks and a blanket to sit on.

Thank you to all congregational members who helped support the waffle breakfast. With your help we raised \$330.00, which will be matched by Thrivent, for a total of \$660.00.

God's Blessings to all and have a safe summer.

Sue Kuhnert, Director

Important Phone Numbers



Church Office: 630-759-5300
Preschool: 630-759-3995 (Sue Kuhnert)
Pastor Mumme: 815-676-4444
Prayer Chain: 630-251-7860 (Bobbie Light)
Newsletter info: 630-759-3188 (Karen Moritz)
 (articles due May 24)

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 **Bobbie Light** at **630-251-7860** or **Pastor Mumme**.

Treasurer's Report as of 3/31/2010

	Budget	Actual
Income:	\$32,132	\$35,048
Expenses:	\$35,019	\$33,621
Mortgage Balance:		\$154,150

Crafters Paradise

“Crafters Paradise”(a juried craft and folk art sale sponsored by Bethany Lutheran Church Ladies Guild) is looking for exhibitors to participate in their 21st annual show to be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 13 at 1550 S. Modaff Road in Naperville. The space is 8’x10’, tables are provided, and the cost is \$35.00 and a donated item of a \$10.00 value. Deadline is June 1. Please call 630-357-2946 or 630-961-2030 for information.

Trustee's Corner

SPRING IS HERE!!! Projects need to done. Please volunteer when help is needed. Some may take only an hour or two while others may take a few hours to complete. Whatever time you can give is appreciated. If a weekday or evening is better than a Saturday for you, that's fine. Just let me know so things can be ready for you.



THANK YOU to all who helped clean out the garage and other chores on Saturday April 24. It was good to get these things done.

WHERE-O-WHERE have the chairs gone? I am still looking for a desk chair that was donated to us and six (6) padded folding card table chairs. Also the snow blower and a tamper are missing. If anyone knows where they are please let me know.

There is still a need for people to set up, take down, and clean up Luther Hall for Bible classes, dinners etc. Sign up on the sheet in Luther Hall. For more details contact me.

If you have something to donate for a sale or other doings (the rummage sale in particular) just don't drop it off at church, contact someone in charge first. It has been reported that items have been left outside the garage door. Please do not do that. Things for the rummage sale will be accepted only one (1) week before the sale.

If you see something that needs repaired or improved you can call me at **815-609-5720**, email at mrmagoomeyer@sbcglobal.net or leave a signed note in my mail box.

Mel Meyer, Head Trustee

Mother's Day



If God has given you the blessing of being a mom, He has given you the promise that you will not be alone in doing it. You are the everyday hero, and He is the divine power that will give you everything you need the moment you need it. May His grace, peace, blessings, and love surround you this Mother's Day, making you feel as special and exceptional as you truly are.

Memorial Day



Dear Father, we remember those who have served our country with honor and devotion, especially those who have given their lives. We praise You for all the blessings that we enjoy as a result of their sacrifice, including peace, liberty, security and the freedom we have to worship You. Please stretch forth Your caring arms to preserve those who are now serving in the military. Support them and their families in times of danger and protect them as they face the unknown. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. [Portals of Prayer]