



**DIVINE SHEPHERD LUTHERAN  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**AUGUST 2025**

## **A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Summertime often results in lower attendance, lower offerings, and quieter times in many congregations. With the departure of our long-time pastor these conditions seemed likely to occur at Divine Shepherd in the summer of 2025. But DSLC has not fallen into the trap of the summer doldrums. Attendance at Sunday services has increased, if only by a small number. Offerings and gifts have not declined. All church committees and boards meet regularly and are making plans for the future, and numerous physical plant projects have continued on schedule.



The Call Committee has submitted to the District Office the results of the congregational survey and 8 nominations for pastors. These nominations, which were all from congregation members, will be reviewed, and additional nominations will be added by the district office. It is expected that the list of candidates will be provided to the call committee by September 15th. At that time the committee will review each candidate on the list. Information regarding those candidates selected for further consideration will be shared with the congregation as allowed by the call process, likely in October. Please continue to keep the Call committee in your prayers.

As you may have noticed, additional parking spaces have been designated for handicap parking. This was a decision made after the change to one Sunday Service. More people means more cars, and thus more requests for handicap parking spaces.

# A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



The American Disabilities Act(ADA) stipulates that 1 handicap parking space is required for every 25 parking spaces available. There are nearly 90 parking spaces at DSLC if all parking areas are utilized fully. That means we are required to have 4 permanent handicap spaces designated as such. The additional spaces, of which there are six, are considered handicap spaces only on Sundays. They may be used as regular parking Monday through Saturday. Signage will soon be posted to indicate this exception. When and if we return to 2 services, the 6 additional spaces will no longer be designated as Handicap Parking.

In His Service,

**Rick Rathert**  
**Congregation President**  
**DSLCS&S**

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<b>1st</b>	<b>Linda Kramer</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Mason Geigle</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>Diane Falin Pastor Dennis Mercer</b>
<b>8th</b>	<b>Linda Eisenbraun</b>
<b>9th</b>	<b>Jessica Grant</b>
<b>10th</b>	<b>Dawn Wombold</b>
<b>12th</b>	<b>Jeff Falin</b>
<b>14th</b>	<b>Nancy Laber Denny Mather</b>
<b>15th</b>	<b>Bruce Swan</b>
<b>16th</b>	<b>Karen Pistora Valerie Thompson</b>
<b>19th</b>	<b>Amber Horsley</b>
<b>20th</b>	<b>Steve Ristau</b>
<b>21st</b>	<b>Macy Koepp Elizabeth Sutton</b>

<b>22nd</b>	<b>Brooks Buhler Dan Lawrence</b>
<b>23rd</b>	<b>Chris Brandt</b>
<b>25th</b>	<b>Rob Phillips</b>
<b>26th</b>	<b>Hannah Reiprich</b>
<b>29th</b>	<b>John Harmon Hayden Kaleda</b>
<b>30th</b>	<b>Dennis Beckham Jim Delaney</b>

**\*Is your birthday or anniversary not listed? Please let the Katie B. know and she will add it to the list!**

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Zane Johnson Amelia Phillips Jessica Schmidt
2nd	Braxton Curlee Cliff Leins
4th	Ray Block Joe Lapcinski
5th	Ashley Buhler Susan Guthrie
6th	Mazee Goff Randy Kramer Tyler Portlock Tyson Radensleben
7th	Audrey Andelt Allen Cracco
8th	Fawna Geigle
10th	Diana Leipold
11th	Levi Brunmaier
13th	Kellie Hanson
14th	Colter Jundt Jeff Vermundson
15th	Ethan Maas

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16th	David Bartling Jim Green Connie Green
17th	David Grant
18th	Bill Venohr
19th	Becky LeFebre Abbie Maas
20th	John Rohrbauck Jolene Schmidt Carol Smith Michael Tataryn
22nd	Davis Dathe Matt Hahn
24th	Gail Greenwaldt
25th	Faith Hedeem
26th	Sandi Davis Barb Swane
28th	Tanya Hahn
29th	Nathan Halvorson Megan Mitzel Nancy Laber

# AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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<b>6th</b>	<b>Rob &amp; Colleen Phillips</b>
<b>9th</b>	<b>Aaron and Kathleen Tennyson</b>
<b>12th</b>	<b>Dick &amp; JoAnn Rolfsmeier</b>
<b>17th</b>	<b>Kevin &amp; Connie Burg</b>
<b>19th</b>	<b>Dean &amp; Rebecca Johnson</b>
<b>20th</b>	<b>Dale &amp; Jolene Schmidt</b>
<b>21st</b>	<b>Ron &amp; Judy Uecker</b>
<b>24th</b>	<b>Jay &amp; Cindy Fredrich</b>
<b>28th</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Sara Delaney Lyle &amp; Marilyn Larson</b>
<b>29th</b>	<b>Randy &amp; Linda Kramer</b>
<b>30th</b>	<b>Earl &amp; Janell McKinstry</b>
<b>31st</b>	<b>Rick &amp; Connie Rathert</b>

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<b>2nd</b>	<b>Shane &amp; Kimberly Geidel Gary &amp; Linda Vermundson</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>Pete &amp; Jenny Eliason</b>
<b>6th</b>	<b>Doug &amp; Maxine Hill</b>
<b>10th</b>	<b>Daren &amp; Becky LeFebre</b>
<b>20th</b>	<b>Alan &amp; Heidi Aker</b>

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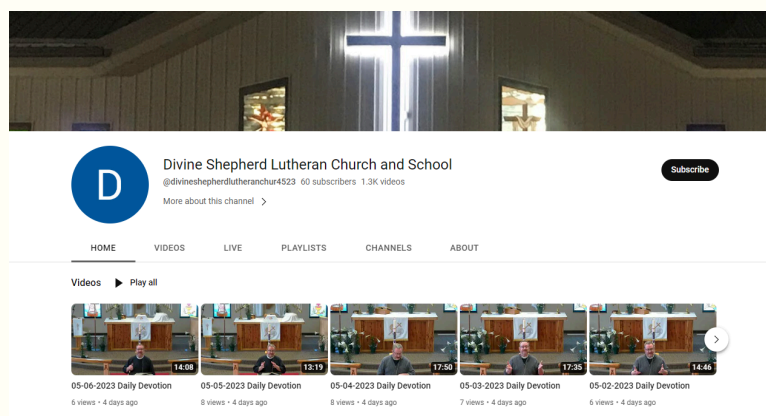


# Important Church Information

Announcements can be sent to the office manager by noon every Thursday. Please email her at [dslcsecretary@divineshep.org](mailto:dslcsecretary@divineshep.org) or call **605-787-6438**.

Any information about church events and services can be found in the announcements that are handed out at each service as well as on our website: **[divineshep.org](http://divineshep.org)**.

Sunday services are livestreamed. You can find current and past services on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube.



Office Hours: **Monday-Friday 8:00 am-2:30 pm**

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# AUGUST & SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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## AUGUST

9th	Rusty Restorations 7:30 am LWML 9:00 am
12th	Call Committee Meeting 6:00 pm
18th	Elders Meeting 6:00 pm
23rd	Rusty Restorations 7:30 am  Ron & Judy Uecker's Anniversary Party @1102 Parkwood Rd. Rapid City 1-4 pm
30th	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary Reserved
31st	Sanctuary Reserved

## SEPTEMBER

9th	Church Council Meeting 6:00 pm
13th	Rusty Restorations 7:30 am LWML 9:00 am
27th	Rusty Restorations 7:30 am