

**DIVINE SHEPHERD LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

OCTOBER 2025

DIVINE SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CLASSICAL ACADEMY

Weeks One Through Four

We have officially started the second year of the academy. There are two kindergarteners, two 1st graders, and three 3rd graders. I will be going on maternity leave starting October 20, unless baby girl comes sooner. We have a great substitute coming in until I come back in January. Curriculums for 3rd and K/1st have split this year, which means the two groups are learning different extracurriculars. 3rd grade is going more in-depth in their Bible studies as well as learning about mammals, Greek myths, and the states/capitols.

Week 1 K/1st grade learned about the tea plant and how there are different types of tea. They learned where in the world the tea plant is grown and what the different types of tea plants are used for. We visited The Spice & Tea Exchange to see firsthand the difference in tea and even got to try some herbal tea. We ended the field trip at a park where we had a picnic lunch and enjoyed the beautiful day. 3rd has started reading Farmer Boy and this week was mostly spent remembering what it means to be back at school.





Week 2, we visited Terra Sancta because it used to be a working monastery. The boys were blessed to have a tour led by one of the sisters who used to live and work there. They learned about St. Benedict and what daily life was like for the sisters. They were in awe about the size and grandeur of the church on campus. During the week, they read a book about ancient monks and how the monks transferred books like the Bible to “paper” for the average person to read. The students made “ink” using raspberries, vinegar, and salt. They were amazed that it actually worked and they were able to paint with it. 3rd grade started their Greek myth studies and also seem to enjoy learning about each individual state and where the state is located.

Week 3 has been one of the more memorable field trips. We had a tour of the Crazy Horse Memorial and the boys kept talking about how huge the carving is and will eventually be. They liked collecting rocks that have been blasted off the mountain as well as learning that there isn't one picture of Crazy Horse. The sculpture is based off his friends' descriptions of him. The art of the week for K/1st was View of Paris from Montmartre and in music the students have started singing songs from The Sound of Music.



Week 4 the boys went to the KOTA Territory News studio. They learned about the green screen and how to do the weather report. They got to sit where the news anchors sit during the news cast.





Rusty Restorations
Men's Bible Study
Every 2nd & 4th Saturday

Join us for a hearty breakfast at **7:30 am.**

Bible study will follow at **8:00 am-9:00 am**
focusing on the book of Timothy led by
Pastor Dennis!

**All Men of the Congregation are
Invited!**

**VOTERS
MEETING
OCTOBER 19TH
10:30 AM**

Please plan to attend!

Divine Sheperd Lutheran Church & School

Trunk or Treat



Friday, October 31st

5:00 pm-6:30 pm

7308 Wedgewood Drive, Black Hawk, SD 57718

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Veterans Day Luncheon

November 11th
11:00 am



Veterans and their families are welcome to join the Divine Shepherd Academy for a Veterans Day Luncheon! Please come to eat and share your experiences with the students! Memorabilia may be brought in as well.

If you would like to contribute pictures to a slideshow to be played during the meal, please send them to dslcsecretary@divineshep.org or bring in physical pictures to be scanned in the office for our slideshow.

Please RSVP to the church office by November 3rd
dslcsecretary@divineshep.org
605-787-6438

DIVINE SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH &
SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO OUR

ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER

Saturday, November 15th
4:30 pm-7:00 pm

Free Event!
Turkey Dinner with all the
fixings!



7308 WEDGEWOOD DRIVE
BLACK HAWK, SD 57718

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Karley Halvorson Colleen Phillips
3rd	Becky Eisenbraun
4th	Sabre Anderson Winston Severson
5th	Wally Leipold
6th	Mike Reiprich Kevin Eisenbraun
8th	Dawn Ristau Betty Warrick
10th	Alan Aker
13th	Marshall Norman
15th	Chris Liffengren
16th	Faun Harmon Maria Kitchens
18th	Becky Portlock
19th	Scot Dobbs

22nd	Willa Block Scott Gahm
25th	Hannah Aker Emily Peck Justin Smith Joe Miller
26th	Hudson Burbach
27th	Elizabeth Dathe
28th	Alexis Portlock
29th	Tami Gahm Jaden Weber
31st	Mavrik Lapcinski

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Jacob Rohrbauck
2nd	Mahrie Butler Gary Price Jakob Thunen
3rd	Carter Ringwald Leocadia Reher Mikayla Kullbom
4th	Garrett Vermundson
5th	Norah Severson
8th	Melissa Peck
9th	Connie Burg Liam Weber Kimberly Johnson
10th	Ashleigh Wenzel
11th	Dean Halvorson
12th	Elodie Reher
13th	Travis Karr
16th	Adelaide Reher Melissa Seifert

18th	Greg Roling
20th	Kyra Ringwald
22nd	Doug Petersen Judy Uecker
25th	Jodi Lawrence Walt Ricker
28th	Jennifer Koepf Susie Venohr
29th	Brad Halvorson
30th	Samantha Dobbs Kathy Swan

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

8th	Matt & Tanya Hahn
14th	Randy & Gail Greenwaldt Joe & Megan Lapcinski
25th	David & Kellie Hanson
26th	Ray & Ruth Reynolds

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



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9th	Herman & Darlene Wahl
16th	Byron & Karen Pistora
28th	Jeremy & Melissa Seifert
29th	Thomas & Danni Reher
30th	Dale & Mary Heidelberger

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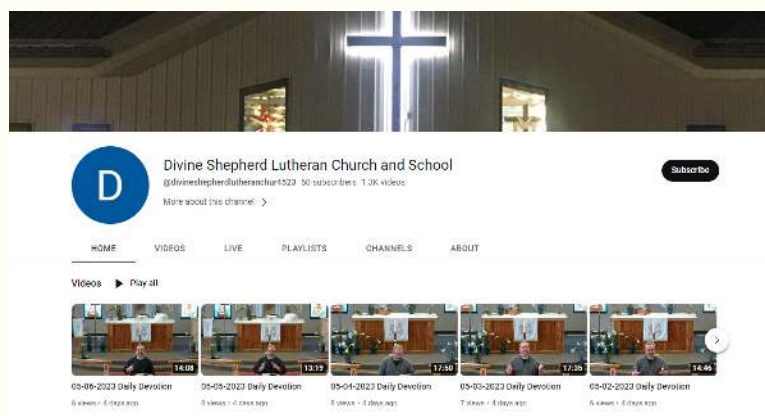


Important Church Information

Announcements can be sent to the office manager by noon every Thursday. Please email her at dslcsecretary@divineshep.org 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.

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**

Church Phone: **605-787-6438**

Church Email: dslcsecretary@divineshep.org



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OCTOBER EVENTS

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6th	Elders Meeting 6:00 pm
11th	Rusty Restorations 7:30 am LWML 9:00 am
14th	Church Council 6:00 pm
18th	Gideon Roling Birthday Party at DSLC 11:00 am
19th	VOTERS MEETING After service
20th	School Board Meeting 6:00 pm
22nd & 25th	Volunteer for Food Pantry
25th	Rusty Restorations 7:30 am
26th	LWML pie, crafts, and jams table available after church, free will donation
26th	BH Circuit Reformation Service Our Savior, Hill City, SD
31st	Trunk or Treat 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

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3rd	Elders Meeting 6:00 pm
8th	Rusty Restorations 7:30 am LWML 9:00 am
11th	Veterans Day Luncheon with the DSLC Academy 11:00 am
11th	Church Council 6:00 pm
15th	Annual Harvest Dinner 4:30 pm-7:00 pm
22nd	Rusty Restorations 7:30 am
26th	Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30 pm