Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church and School Newsletter

January 2026

A blessed Nativity of our Lord and Epiphany to you!
"I am thankful in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Phil 1:3-6.
Merry Christmas!

First, Joni and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your Christmas cards and gifts, and your constant words of support and encouragement. It is such an honor for us to serve you here at Divine Shepherd. We are truly thankful for all of you, and it is a tremendous blessing to be your pastor. I pray that the light of Christ, which has come into our world to save sinners such as us, will continue to shine brightly in your hearts throughout Christmas and into this new year. As we look to Epiphany, we see clearly that Christ came for all – that His light is here not just for a select few, but that He is the glory that was revealed to the nations, to the Magi who came from afar to worship Him.

Continue praying that the Lord of the harvest would call men to serve in His Church. We continue to pray that He will answer our prayer for a senior pastor, and He will! God is gracious and merciful. As I have said before, He already knows who that next pastor will be, and we only need to trust in Him that His good and gracious will be accomplished for the good of all the saints here at Divine Shepherd.

For this new year, be in God's Word. Be where Christ is for you, at Divine Shepherd, in Word and Sacrament. God is faithful to His people. I pray that you have a safe, prosperous New Year filled with every blessing from above. Remember your baptism!

Your obedient servant in Christ,
Pastor Mercer

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

JANUARY 25TH

AFTER THE 9AM SERVICE

Please plan to attend!

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church & School
Early Childhood Center
Invites you to our 5th Annual
For the Kids Legacy Banquet

Saturday
February 28, 2026
5:00 pm
to
8:00 pm

Location: Angel's Catering and Receptions

12340 Jenter Rd Summerset, SD 57718
Located behind Summerset Hotel and Suites

Join us for a Fun Filled Evening of Entertainment Including Dinner, Silent Auction, Live Auction, Music, Speaker, Fellowship and Childcare.

To Purchase Tickets ($50.00 each) or for more information
Call Katie A. 605-791-1131
To sign up for Childcare Contact Katie A. 605-791-1131

January Birthdays

2nd	Karen Vermundson
3rd	Tanner Wempen
5th	JoAnn Rolfsmeier Keaton Ohlsen Roger Urbanec
6th	Kathleen Tennyson
7th	Doug Brandt
8th	Alivia Seifert
9th	Lane Miller Jack Mitzel Charles Wilburn
10th	Erica Anderson
11th	Walter Fredrickson
12th	Hannah Ambrose Mark Stelter Aaron Tennyson

13th	Kevin Burg Randy Greenwaldt Shirley Landis Joni Rohrbauck Charlotte Waddell
14th	Connie Hedeen
15th	Caden Butler Joel Halvorson
16th	Trista Radensleben
17th	Doug Hill Kendrick Larson
18th	Tina Uecker Everett Buhler Jennifer Seemann
20th	Jaden Mitzel Curtis Hanson Jair Larson

22nd	Eric Seifert Darrel Baker
24th	Justin Buhler
25th	Kathy Roling Hudson Tobin
26th	Linda Rausch Marlene Kullbom
27th	Sabrina Johnston
28th	Gary Suckut
29th	Byron Pistora Lynn Seifert
30th	Cheryl Brandt Connor Dobbs Rob Grass John Miller
31st	Willow Anderson Levi Reiprich Sharon Jensen

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

February Birthdays

2nd	Lincoln Andelt Steve Curlee Colton Hedeen Carol Jung Tanner Sumption
3rd	Ashley Brunmaier Joseph Hoffman
4th	Jackie Baker Lori Oerlline
5th	Beth Audette
7th	Colter Lapcinski
8th	Holden Burg Tessa Halvorson Jayce Marks Randy Mosel
9th	Gary Vermundson
10th	Knox Mitzel
15th	Laura Felkey Jillian Mayer
16th	Aathan Dobbs Cassondra Miller Shirley Sweezy
17th	Titus Wempen
18th	Ron Johnson Trace Koepp Dana Reiprich Aaron Sutton Reagan Brunmaier
21st	Ivan Burandt
22nd	Brynlee Delaney Reagan Spence
23rd	Mike Burgee Pete Eliason Carson Phillips Huxley Radensleben
24th	David Hanson Earl McKinstry
25th	Esmae Brandt Ruth Roling
27th	Rick Rathert Ron Uecker
28th	Mark Bollinger

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January Anniversaries

4th	**Mike & Debbie Burgee**
7th	**Bruce & Kathy Swan**
13th	**Lloyd & Carol Jung**
23rd	**Jeff & LeAnne Dyer**

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February Anniversaries

12th	**Walt & Mary Ricker**
14th	**Davis & Abby Dathe** **Troy & Jennifer Seeman**
15th	**Mike & Dana Reiprich**
22nd	**Andrew & Josie Wagner**
24th	**AJ & Abby Kelly**
29th	**Eric & Lalenia Seifert** **Bill & Valerie Thompson**

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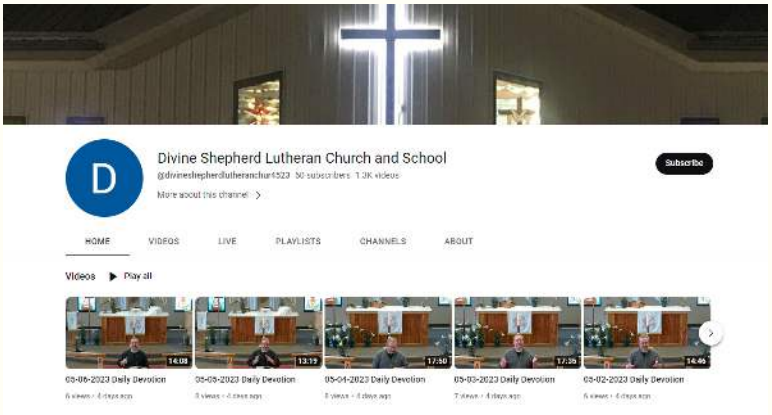
Important Church Information

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**

Give today! Use this QR code or go to divineshep.org and click "Give Now" to start Online Giving.

January Events

JANUARY

5th	**Elders Meeting** **6:00 pm**
7th	**Quilting Group Resumes** **9:00 am** **Epiphany Vespers Service** **7:15 pm**
10th	**Rusty restorations 7:30 am** **LWML 9:00 am**
13th	**Church Council Meeting** **6:00 pm**
20th	**First Adult Catechism Class** **7:00 pm**
22nd	**Pizza with Pastor School Event** **4:30 pm**
24th	**Rusty Restorations 7:30 am**
25th	**Voter’s Meeting after service**

FEBRUARY EVENTS

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2nd	**Elders Meeting** **6:00 pm**
10th	**Church Council Meeting** **6:00 pm**
14th	**Rusty restorations 7:30 am** **LWML 9:00 am**
17th & 24th	**Adult Catechism Class** **7:00 pm**
28th	**Rusty Restorations 7:30 am** **Annual Divine Shepherd Lutheran Schools Legacy Banquet** **5:00 pm-8:00 pm** **at** **Angel's Catering and Reception**