



# 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**

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**Rusty Restorations**  
**Men's Bible Study**  
***Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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**AFTER THE 9AM  
SERVICE**

*Please plan to attend!*

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church & School  
Early Childhood Center  
Invites you to our 5<sup>th</sup> 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	13th	Kevin Burg Randy Greenwaldt Shirley Landis Joni Rohrbauck Charlotte Waddell	22nd	Eric Seifert Darrel Baker
3rd	Tanner Wempen				24th
5th	JoAnn Rolfsmeier Keaton Ohlsen Roger Urbanec			25th	Kathy Roling Hudson Tobin
6th	Kathleen Tennyson	14th	Connie Hedeen	26th	Linda Rausch Marlene Kullbom
7th	Doug Brandt	15th	Caden Butler Joel Halvorson	27th	Sabrina Johnston
8th	Alivia Seifert	16th	Trista Radensleben	28th	Gary Suckut
9th	Lane Miller Jack Mitzel Charles Wilburn	17th	Doug Hill Kendrick Larson	29th	Byron Pistora Lynn Seifert
10th	Erica Anderson	18th	Tina Uecker Everett Buhler Jennifer Seemann	30th	Cheryl Brandt Connor Dobbs Rob Grass John Miller
11th	Walter Fredrickson	20th	Jaden Mitzel Curtis Hanson Jair Larson	31st	Willow Anderson Levi Reiprich Sharon Jensen
12th	Hannah Ambrose Mark Stelter Aaron Tennyson				

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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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4th	<b>Mike &amp; Debbie Burgee</b>
7th	<b>Bruce &amp; Kathy Swan</b>
13th	<b>Lloyd &amp; Carol Jung</b>
23rd	<b>Jeff &amp; LeAnne Dyer</b>

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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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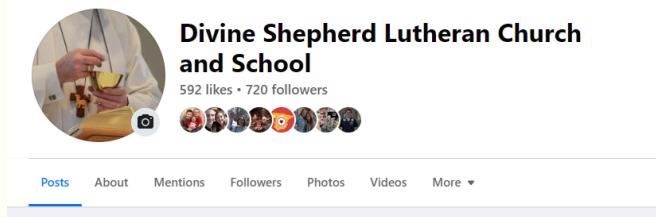


# Important Church Information

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

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

Church Email: [dslcsecretary@divineshep.org](mailto:dslcsecretary@divineshep.org)



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# JANUARY EVENTS

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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

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10th	Church Council Meeting 6:00 pm
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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