

DIVINE SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FAITH

ALONE +

JUNE 2024

One of the most frequent questions I get from people is, “what is God’s will for my life?” This question can be brought on by frustration over the current situation. It can be caused by graduation or a move or some other life change. It can be brought on by God leading us through His Word.

I always appreciate the question. It shows a willfulness to be led by God. It shows a trust that God is actively working in our lives. When that question comes because of time in God’s Word it shows an attentiveness to God’s mission and will being done among us and through us.



Take Abram (Abraham before God changed his name) for example. God spoke to Abram. Abram listened. God’s will for Abram and for countless others was done. Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him. Genesis 12:1-4a

What God did not do for Abram was fill in all the pieces and tell Abram in detail what He had planned. Abram, GO! And He did. He packed everything and everyone and headed out on a journey where he did not know the destination. When the time was right God filled Abram in on more of His will.

Discerning God's will for our lives is grounded in His Word. He talked to Abram but for us He speaks through His Word. God's will for our lives is guided by Hebrews 11:1. Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. We are guided by Matthew 28:20. God has promised to be with you always. We are guided by Romans 8:28. He has promised that all things work together for the good of those that love Him. Trusting in His Word and promises, we make decisions for our future and the future of our families.

When we are seeking God's will for our lives is there only one right decision to make? No. You have many talents and gifts. You have many vocations. You have many choices in how and where to serve Him. Consider your options. What will be best for you and your family? Which choice will I be really good at? How can I glorify God with my choices? After you have answered those, continue to pray and be in God's Word so His Holy Spirit can continue to guide you. Then, make your decision trusting in God that He will take care of you and provide for you all you need.

As you work through that process remember what Dr. Luther writes about the third petition of the Lord's Prayer. "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Wherever you end up remember this. "And when He (God) strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will." We have freedom in Christ when mapping out our future. Stay in His Word. Seek direction in prayer. Make the decision. God will keep His promises to you wherever you end up. Seeking God's will for me and you and Divine Shepherd,

Pastor Randy





VBS

June 3rd- June 7th

Want to help out by donating? Check out the Food items list on the bulletin board and sign up to donate food!

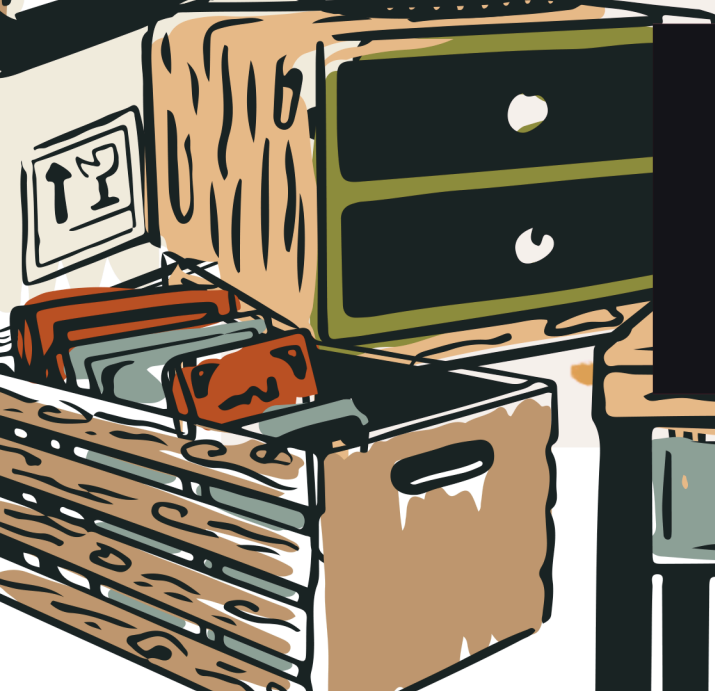
DSLCL Youth Rummage Sale



June 14 5-7pm
June 15 7am-12pm

730S Wedgewood Dr
Black Hawk, SD 57718

**You can donate
your loved items
starting Monday,
June 10.**



All proceeds benefit DSLCL Youth Ministry

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1st	Kiersten Dyer Cortney Fegueroa Jeff Kaleda Linda Vermundson
2nd	Jane Lundin
5th	Alan Bartling Adam Bartling Lennox Burbach
6th	Jozie McKinstry
7th	Sarah Sutton
10th	Scott Cleland
14th	Madison Dyer Tom Soule
15th	Debbie Burgee Marilyn Larson Adam Liffengren
16th	LeAnne Dyer Darla Senger
17th	Joni Mercer

18th	Cayden Jundt
19th	Grace Lawrence
22nd	Ava Croyle Jeff Eisenbraun Sheila Hedeem
24th	Lillian Halvorson Judah Roberts
25th	Maxine Hill
26th	Kayla Thompson
27th	Kassidy Rohrbauck
28th	Lyle Larson
29th	Jay Fredrich
30th	Jerry Nelson

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

5th	Logan Brunmaier Kim Geidel
6th	Andy Eisenbraun Jenny Eliason Nancy Rohrbach
7th	Jackson Geidel Hunter Hahn Randy Wombold
8th	Bailie Lapcinski Dusty LeFebre David Peck
11th	Pastor Al Sutton
12th	Lloyd Jung
13th	Shane Geidel
15th	Ayden Anderson
16th	Kaitlyn Portlock
17th	Audrey Scott
19th	Tyler Ringwald

20th	Lou Schroeder
21st	Susan Burgee
23rd	Dick Rolfsmeier
24th	Sara Delaney Austin Geidel
25th	Juliet Swain
26th	Dean Johnson
27th	Grace Doorn Vonda Sturzenbecher
29th	Theron Dobbs Hailey McCune
30th	Jerry Swane

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JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2nd	Wally & Diana Leipold
7th	David & Barb Swane
9th	Chuck & Shirley Landis
12th	Randy & Dawn Wombold
13th	Scott & Erin Norman
14th	Mel & Bobbi Geidel
23rd	Jim & Kathy Roling
28th	Pete & Nancy Laber

*Happy
Anniversary*



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1st	Doug & Cheryl Brandt Cliff & Monica Leins
11th	Jaden & Megan Mitzel
14th	Eric & Connie Hedeem
16th	Wayne & Lori Marks
17th	Pastor Dennis & Joni Mercer
18th	Pastor Al & Sarah Sutton
20th	David & Karen Bartling
25th	Justin & Ashley Buhler
27th	Jordan & Jenna Burbach Pastor Randy & Vonda Sturzenbecher
28th	Stece & Dawn Ristau Gary & Marilyn Suckut
30th	Andy & Linda Eisenbraun

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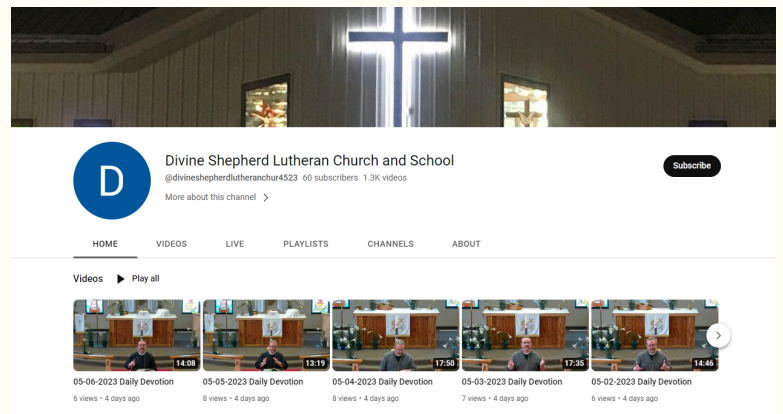
Happy Anniversary

Important Church Information

Announcements will be read 5 minutes before church every Sunday.
Announcements can be sent to the church secretary 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**.

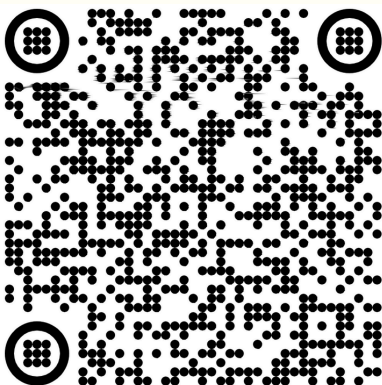
8:00 am services are livestreamed. You can find current and past services and daily devotions on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube.



Church Secretary Office Hours: **Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am-3:45 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.

JUNE EVENTS

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3rd-7th	Vacation Bible School
14th-15th	Youth Rummage Sale

The church secretary will be out of the office from June 17th-21st. Please let her know of any important information before the 13th for it to be included in the announcements.

Church Secretary Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

8:00 am-3:45 pm